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THAT MATCHLESS SPIRIT OF BREVARD.

Of course there are differences of opinions among the citizens of Transylvania county, and there is also a strong tendency on the part of these fine citizens to stand up for what each one thinks is right, regardless of the cost.

Last Thursday night a small group of citizens, representing the Chamber of Commerce, went to Asheville to broadcast for Brevard over WWNC.

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SUPPOSE THE SYLVAN VALLEY SHOULD BE WASHED AWAY!

Just suppose that floods should come in such force as to wash all Rosman away—every home and every store and every factory there, drowning many of the people and driving the balance to the bleak mountain sides.

Then, with all this accumulation of human life and property within its destructive embrace, continue its way on down the valley, completely sweeping everything with it, and washing the dead forms of men, women and little children along on its bosom, and take all these prized possessions away from us, carrying them in a mad torrent on down the windings of the French Broad river—a final, irrevocable loss.

Can you imagine the desolation, the suffering, the heartaches? Well, if flood waters should do all this, the damage and the loss would be but a small fraction of just such loss and suffering now being experienced by the people in the Mississippi valley.

The Franklin Press says:

"When the mail arrives these days the post office sounds like a brooder house. Thoroughbred baby chicks are coming in 1, the hundreds. When these chicks begin laying each cheap ought to bring in about one dollar."

Now if Julian Glazener lived in Franklin he would have a big hatchery there, and save all the money Franklin sends away for baby chicks.

CONFIDENT OF ULTIMATE SUCCESS.

Quite a number of Transylvania boys and girls are graduating from the county high schools at this time, many of them will enter colleges and universities next fall.

The boys and girls of Transylvania county are fortunate in having inherited that strength of character which marks the mountain people as unusually strong folks, strong in their opinions, strong in character, strong in determination.

May fortune's best smiles and God's greatest love attend our boys and girls who are at this time saying good-bye to their old county school room, and who, before long, will step out into a new world.

JERRY'S LETTERS OF COMMON SENSE.

It may be coming tales out of school to publish Jerry's letters to members of the Kiwanis Club, yet there is so much good philosophy and common sense in these communications that The News is willing to run the risk of violating the proprieties in order to pass along to our readers some of Jerry's sound reasoning.

Dear Kiwanian: And as the members are coming in late, and, not only that, some are just not coming at all. Are you getting tired of hearing me say this so often? If you are, let me know, because I will continue to say these things until you say something and show me some action.

Begin now to do what you think you can do. Don't wait for someone to hold your hand. Step out. If you are blessed with an intelligence at all, you'll realize and be amazed to discover that in a short time you are as competent as those who already occupy the field.

Over Kiwanis and its work, And the burden on the others just because you're prone to shirk? Do you ever think for instance Of a hint you might suggest, That'll help along the program, Thereby adding to its zest? Do you think the club would function, if each member did as you? Think it over and get busy— Let us see what you can do. "Jerry—Secretary."

Mayor John T. Wilkins of Hendersonville, and J. Allan Rhoades, and numerous other good citizens of our splendid sister city contributed much to the success of Brevard's hour on the radio last Thursday night by sending in messages of encouragement and good will.

Let'er rain! We'd be willing to wade the mud puddles and swim the lakes along News Arcade in order to get a good rain.

THE PRAYER CORNER

GRADUATION

Do you know what the word Graduate has come to mean? Ask a fond father or mother, whose son or daughter has just received a diploma from high school, academy or college when the word Graduate signifies, and they will say, "Why they are through." Through? As if education were a Dismal Swamp and the lad or lassie had just scrambled out to firm land again.

A far different idea lies hidden in the noble word Graduate—an idea of the vast hill of learning, broadly based on the common world of everyday things, and rising by fair terraces to a golden terrace until it reaches that golden cloud which shines from mortal eyes the throne of God.

To Graduate, to receive a degree is to ascend only one step toward the summit. There are many grades, up to which we must graduate. It is a hill of many degrees, this hill of learning, and what are we to think of people who say of a graduate, "He's or she's through?"

Let me give our graduates from the High School this year an incident from the life of Bruce Barton that will help them to take the first step (for it's but a first step) wisely and well.

"In solemn procession," he said, "we went up to the Chapel to hear Prexy deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon. Only one sentence in it staid with me. He was talking about the Adaptability which Education ought to give; how the truly educated man or woman should be able to create his or her own world, regardless of circumstances; how

"The mind is its own place, and in itself Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."

"This is the sentence I remember, 'I have travelled very widely,' said Thoreau, in Concord." That is a fine true thought. Every town is the universe if you have eyes to see it. Brevard is the universe, if you have eyes to see it; the sun and stars shine for its exclusive benefit, and God has exercised all His ingenuity in arranging its hills and streams and woods. Every street has every kind of people—that there are, or will have, and over a period of twenty-five years will be the scene of almost every tragedy and comedy that has occurred in the relations of men and women from the beginning.

Remember that no education is adequate to the needs of life, of your life, which does not produce decision of character, courage, self control and perseverance. And these you can and will find IN BREVARD, as you climb step by step the hill of knowledge, till you reach at last that golden cloud which hides from mortal eyes the Throne of God.

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, the true light which lighteth every one that cometh into the world, we bless Thee for the free and noble spirit that is breathing with quickening power upon the educational life of our day, and for the men and women of large mind and loving heart who have made that spirit our common possession by their teaching and example.

Do Thou reward Thy servants with a glad sense of their own personal worth as teacher of the race, and in the heat of the day do Thou show them the spring by the wayside that flows from the Eternal silence of God, and gives new light to the eyes of all who drink of it.

Bless particularly the dear girls and boys that have completed their work and are to go forth to the active pursuits of life, whether at home or in business. Grant that they be not slothful in business but honest, industrious and manful in every good word and work, remembering that Thou rejoicest in every good and thorough thing that we do. Nothing which is beautiful or true is small in Thy regard.

Grant that these youths look not for that success which lieth upon the surface of life, but for that which is in the depths. In every thing may they glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy Mercy, attain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

MANY GOOD COLORED PEOPLE IN BREVARD.

It is to be hoped that the conduct of the Allen and Kemp negroes last Saturday night will not cause people to gain the impression that the colored people, as a whole, in Brevard are bad people. It has been remarked freely during the past few days that there are some of as good colored citizens in Brevard as can be found any where. In fact, it is asserted by some of our leading white citizens, the negro colony in Brevard is far above the average.

Many negroes have been heard this week speaking bitterly of the few colored folks who are in the toils of the law so often. Of course the conduct of the few always reflects upon the innocent in any group. That is why The Brevard News is especially anxious that the good citizens among the colored people not be condemned because of the conduct of a few members of their race.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

This is just a reminder of the fact that next Sunday, May 29, at 10 a.m., is the time when all singers and music lovers are invited to be in your places in the court house in Brevard, for the purpose of spending the day worshipping the Lord in song.

WE THANK YOU

Editor The Brevard News: I just want to thank you and your paper for the way you are lifting up and holding up the County of Transylvania, and our mountain country of Western North Carolina.

We have pure water and pure air; the seasons are not extremely hot or cold as they are in the north or far south, but just fine all the year. We have as fine and intelligent people as can be found in the world. They are a home loving people, kind and considerate of each other, and true to their principles.

I am thankful that the children of today have a better opportunity to get an education than we of the older folks had when we were children. I am proud of the North Carolina school of today. Good schools and good roads are the life of any community. All of these things I am proud to see—it is something we older folks did not have fifty years ago. Only a few people fifty years ago could get an education in our Western North Carolina mountains.

But things have changed now—for the better. We have the finest country to be found anywhere, and we must let folks know about it. If we have something we want others to see we must let them know what we have for them to see.

Give all a kind welcome to our fine country and they will come again and be one with us and one of us, for again—no people in the world have any better or finer place in which to live than we in Transylvania county.

Truly yours, J. M. PATTON, Brevard, N. C., R-2.

LAWRENCE TAKES FRIGIDAIRE AGENCY

R. E. Lawrence has been appointed local representative for the Frigidaire company. A public demonstration of the great machine will be held in the Salander Tea Room on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

An editor wrote a clever paragraph in which he referred to "wild oats." The linotyper made it read as wild as a wild cat.

At Cornelia, Ga., is a monument erected to the apple. But why neglect "Peaches?"



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