

HEROIC ACT SAVES YOUNG GIRL'S LIFE

Lessie Morris Fell Over Toxaway Falls, to Pool 75 Feet Below, Last Sunday

VAN WALDROP FOLLOWS HER OVER PRECIPICE

Quick and Courageous Act Brings Girl From Churning Waters—Was Almost Drowned

Lessie Morris, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris, of Cherryfield, is in Transylvania hospital, suffering from the effects of a harrowing experience of last Sunday. The young girl, who is about 14 years of age, was playing with friends on the rocks at Toxaway Falls last Sunday afternoon, and lost her footing on the slick rocks, fell into the stream and was washed down the first stairs of the noted falls, into the swirling pool 75 feet below, where the waters are churned in one of this section's most noted waterfalls.

Frantic and frightened, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Van Waldrop with whom the Morris girl was playing, called to Mr. Waldrop, telling him that "Lessie had been washed down the big falls." Mr. Waldrop, a friend and neighbor of the Morris family, rushed to the head of the falls, and could see little Lessie being tossed about in the swirling pool below. Realizing that he could not make his way around the rugged mountainside in time to save the young girl who was spending the day with his children, he sat down on the brink of the high cliff over which the water falls, and turning loose all holds, slid to the bottom and rescued the little girl.

The victim was rushed to the Transylvania hospital, where it was feared for some time that she could not survive the awful shock and the injuries received in the fall. Reports from the hospital, Wednesday, however, were to the effect that the condition of the child was greatly improved. When Mr. Waldrop brought her from the water, he applied first aid treatment for drowning, and succeeded in getting the water from the child's lungs. It is thought this quick action on Mr. Waldrop's part saved the young girl from death by drowning.

Mr. Waldrop's heroic deed, his utter disregard of the danger confronting him in going over the high falls and saving the child who was in his care for the afternoon, has brought forth many exclamations of admiration for the quiet farmer who has never before been in the limelight. When newspaper men called to see Mr. Waldrop on Tuesday, he was ploughing corn on his fine farm near Cherryfield.

"It was all I could do," Mr. Waldrop said, when asked about his almost matchless act. "The little girl had gone along with us at the invitation of our children. She would have been drowned in another moment. I couldn't take the time to go around the rough mountainside to reach her, so I just sat down and slid over the falls, into the pond where she was sinking again. That's all there is to it."

But that isn't all there is to it, if John Smith and other interested citizens can have their way. There is a Carnegie medal given for heroic deeds, and plain Van Waldrop, Transylvania farmer, is a hero if one ever lived in the world. Proofs of the man's heroic act are being prepared, and a full account of his courageous deed, along with these proofs, will be submitted to the proper authorities and a request made for his recognition, to the end that he may be made recipient of the medal that goes to only those who show that they are willing to jeopardize their own lives in an effort to save the life of another.

In the meantime the people of Transylvania county have already crowned Van Waldrop a hero; they are proud of him. Folks here appreciate bravery and courage, and it is freely asserted that no braver act has ever been performed by any one here than that of Farmer Van Waldrop, who went over the famous Toxaway Falls to save his neighbor's little girl from certain death.

Star Mail Route Is Being Sought

Wednesday night a delegation of Brevard citizens met with a delegation of Greenville citizens at Caesar's Head, and perfected plans for waging a campaign of the establishment of a star mail route between Greenville and Brevard. Congressman Zehle and Congressman McSwain of South Carolina were in the meeting.

Large numbers of people on the proposed route are not getting adequate mail facilities, it was proven, mail being delayed 24 hours and long because of the round-about way it is now sent. The proposed route will also give Brevard a mail service many hours in advance of the present schedule.

MANOR FAMILY HERE FOR THE SUMMER

H. C. Manor and family, of Dunsmuir, Fla., have moved in Brevard and will be at their summer home on Long Cove until next October. Mr. Manor has been coming to the mountains every summer for a number of years, and says he is always glad to get back to Brevard.

PROF. J. B. JONES IS NEW PRINCIPAL

Committee Selects Carolene Man to Succeed W. W. Hanaman in High School

HAD FOUR COURSES IN SUPERINTENDENCY WORK

Said to be Capable and Especially Well Qualified for High School Work

Prof. J. B. Jones, of Carolene, has been selected as principal of the Brevard high school, succeeding W. W. Hanaman.

The local school committee met last Saturday afternoon to consider the numerous applications for the superintendency of these schools. After a prolonged and careful consideration of all applicants, the committee reached an agreement in favor of Prof. Jones.

Mr. Jones is a young married man, 35 years of age. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and expects to receive the M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina this summer. He has had, it is said, four major courses for superintendents at Columbia University. He has had eight years experience; five as high school principal at Carolene, North Carolina, and three as superintendent of Henrietta-Carolene schools, which consist of one high school and two elementary schools, all of which are on the accredited list.

Mr. Jones is reported as being one of the most capable young school men in the state, unusually strong, and who will render acceptable service; one whose community work has been unparalleled and whose school work has been crowned with success. He has the reputation of being a young man of excellent character and good judgment, who knows how to get along with folks and is a hard worker. Furthermore, he actually makes the schools minister to the cultural and recreational needs of the community, takes a great interest in the community socially and religiously, and has always been successful, it is said, in gaining his ends through tactful leadership with the result that good will and a total lack of friction characterize the attitude of teachers and patrons and a high standard for the schools is maintained.

ALL BREVARD IS PROUD OF CLAYTON

Friends of Joe Clayton, of Brevard, will be interested in knowing that he has signed up with Valdese, in the Western North Carolina league, and will play ball with that aggregation during the present season. Brevard is proud of the record Joe Clayton has made as short on the Varsity team of Wake Forest. The local boy was unanimously elected by the coaches of the state for All-State short stop.



JOE CLAYTON Brevard boy who has made reputation on athletic field, has signed up with Valdese team.

The greatest honor coming to Clayton so far in his college career is that of being given a berth on the all-Southern baseball team. This is a great distinction, and is the source of much gratification to all the young man's friends in Transylvania county.

Chattanooga, in the Southern league, owns Clayton, and he will report there upon completion of his college work next spring. He is now in his third year at Wake Forest, taking law, and will finish next year. He had many flattering offers for this year, and his friends are gratified that he selected Valdese because they can see some of the games in which Clayton will star.

Young Clayton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clayton, and spent last week-end here with his parents.

SINGING CONVENTION ENJOYED BY HUNDREDS

Singers and music lovers of the county enjoyed another great day last Sunday, when an unusually large number of people gathered at the county court house for an all-day singing convention. Rev. Z. I. Henderson and other interested leaders from every section of the county were present. The singing was held in a south a big hall for a regular day that the convention is always held.

Five Generations of Henderson Family



Reading left to right, upper row: Miss Donene Lee, aged 12, and her mother, Mrs. Maude Lee, aged 30. Lower row, reading left to right: Mrs. Leila Lill, aged 48, who is Mrs. Lee's mother. Next, Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, age 67, mother of Mrs. Lill, and then Mrs. Millie L. Henderson, age 89, mother of Mrs. Miller.

In the accompanying picture are shown "Grandmother" Henderson, together with her daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, and great-great-granddaughter, five generations of the Henderson family, all of whom are residents of Transylvania county.

Of the descendants of "Grandma," who are living, there are eight children, thirty-nine grandchildren, sixty-eight great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. Nearly all of these are living in Transylvania county.

Among "Grandma's" living children are two ministers, one county superintendent of school, one tax collector, and the others are filling important and useful positions in the county. All of these, with one exception, are citizens of Transylvania county, and he owns a considerable amount of real estate in the county.

Following are the names of the living children of Mrs. Mellie L. Henderson. Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, Mrs. J. Elizabeth Reece, W. B. Henderson, Mrs. R. Louisa Miller, Rev. J. K. Henderson, T. C. Henderson, C. W. Henderson, Rev. Z. I. Henderson.

HENRY GILLESPIE RETURNS TO HOME

Caused Friends Much Concern By Sudden Disappearance—Was Sufferer From Cancer

Henry Gillespie, of Cherryfield, caused his family much concern last week when he disappeared from home without giving anyone any indication of his intentions to "take a few days off" and rest up a bit. Mr. Gillespie has hundreds of friends, and when it was reported that he was missing from home large numbers of men joined in a search for him that extended all over Western North Carolina and into sections of South Carolina.

Mr. Gillespie left home Wednesday night of last week, and on Saturday afternoon returned home from the head of Meigs River section with Mr. Vernon Neill and Eck Sims. Mr. Gillespie has not been in the best of health for some time, suffering from cancer on the face, and it has been known by his family and friends that he was very despondent at times, fearful of the final effects of the cancer. Because of this known condition, friends feared that the sufferer had committed some rash act.

Search for the missing man included the dynamiting of the French Broad river at places where searches thought they had trailed Mr. Gillespie. Family and friends were overjoyed when Mr. Gillespie returned home with the two men who came with him.

First reports given out when Mr. Gillespie was missing were to the effect that he was in trouble over financial matters. Friends of the man state that he is now in a very good financial straits at all, and that his despondency was caused by his physical condition.

The well known man is at home now.

SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD AT ST. PHILIPS CHURCH

Special services will be held at St. Philips Episcopal church next Sunday, it being the occasion of Whit-Sun Day. The following order of services for the day will be followed: Morning prayer, 8:00 a. m. Holy Communion, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer, 11:00 a. m. The following services will be held at 11:00 a. m. on Sunday, June 5: Morning prayer, 8:00 a. m. Holy Communion, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer, 11:00 a. m.

INSTITUTE ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Twenty-five Graduates Receive Diplomas—Dr. Bond Preached—Baccalaureate Sermon

THORNWELL HAYNES IS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Superintendent Orr Succeeded by Dr. Winton—Opal Goodman Gets Scholarship Honor

Twenty-second annual commencement of Brevard Institute concluded Tuesday night, when diplomas and certificates were awarded to the 35 young men and young ladies completing the various courses of instruction offered, the address to the graduates on this occasion being made by Thornwell Haynes, of Brevard.

The opening program of commencement week was presented Friday night with a piano recital by the more advanced pupils of the music department. The program, which consisted of solo parts, duets, trios and quartets and selections by the school chorus, was well rendered in its entirety and reflected credit on the ability of the pupils and on those who trained them.

A second musical recital was presented Saturday afternoon when members of the department who were less advanced pupils performed in their various selections, all of which were well rendered.

On Saturday night was held the annual recitation and declamation contest by members of the four literary societies, namely, Ross, Adelpian, Taylor and Lanier, with two contestants from each of the four societies. A gold medal is awarded each year to one girl and one boy winning in this annual contest. Decision of the judges awarded first honor among the girls to Pauline Curtis, of the Adelpian society, and first among the boy contestants to Ansel Fowler, of the Lanier society. Other contestants on this occasion were Lita Brooks, Adelpian, and Lorene Short and Pearl Gaston, of the Ross society. Clyde Clark was the second representative of the Lanier society, while Jack Wiley and Cecil Hefner represented the Taylor society. All rendered unusually well their respective selections, and so difficult and so close was the contest that the judges spent almost thirty minutes in rendering their decision.

Following this feature of the evening's program, all present were invited to view the exhibits of the various departments of the school, including domestic art, commercial, carpentry and printing, all of which displayed the fine character of work accomplished by the Institute pupils during the year.

Commencement Sunday dawned under unfavorable conditions, with a heavy rain and thunder storm which continued almost until the hour for the morning services to begin, but the sky was clear and beautiful at the conclusion of the services.

On this occasion the Institute choir occupied the choir loft and rendered two beautiful and fitting anthems, in keeping with the inspiring sermon to the graduating class by Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the First Methodist church, Morganton.

Rev. Mr. Bond, in his baccalaureate sermon, proved an able speaker, holding the strictest attention of the students and the entire audience.

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ANTI-TYPHOID CAMPAIGN IS ON

Attention of the public is directed to the schedule of anti-typhoid treatments to be given, free, by the county health officer, Dr. S. E. Buchanan. This is a very important work, and the county health department is carrying it to every part of the county. It is expected that every community will respond to the opportunity of free treatment.

Dr. Buchanan has made hundreds of friends since coming here, and already his work has been so extended that he is on the "go" all the time. His services have been in constant demand, and being in love with his work, Dr. Buchanan has rendered such services that the people are deeply impressed with his earnestness and his interest.

The schedule appears in an advertisement on another page in this issue of The News. It is suggested that readers keep the copy of the paper so they will know the date and place where they can meet Dr. Buchanan.

Telephone Girls' Narrow Escape

Wednesday afternoon it is said, a group of telephone girls were playing on the city wires. An electric light pole caused the girls to come in contact with a live wire, which caused damage to the telephone system. It is said that the girls were rescued by a fireman who climbed the pole and cut the wire. The girls were taken to the hospital and are recovering from their injuries.

EXPLANATIONS OF COUNTY TAX LAW

Executive Secretary of County Government Executive Committee Sends Out Letter

COMMISSIONERS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR TAXES

New Tax Books Cannot Be Turned Over Until All Past Taxes Are Fully Paid

Raleigh, May 28.—Administration of the fiscal affairs of the counties is not affected by the injunctions brought in a few counties prohibiting the advertisement and sale of land for taxes; the only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for the year 1926, but the administration of fiscal affairs beginning July 1 will not be affected by those injunctions, according to a letter on this subject sent to the members of the board of county commissioners in the various counties by Charles M. Johnson, executive secretary of the County Government Advisory Commission.

Mr. Johnson has discussed this matter carefully with Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the commission, and with the Attorney General. The opinion, therefore, represents the deliberate judgment of those officials on the effects of the injunction.

The statement also calls the attention of the county commissioners to their responsibility under the new legislation in the matter of making a settlement for all uncollected taxes including taxes derived from the sale of land, before the tax books are turned over to the sheriff in October.

If the books are turned over to the sheriff on the first of October before settlement for the taxes of the previous year is made, the county commissioners are reminded that under the act they are personally liable for the amount of taxes due by the sheriff.

The letter is as follows: "In a few counties injunctions have been brought by taxpayers to prohibit the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for this year. The question has arisen as to the effect that these injunctions may have on the County Government Acts, beginning with July 1, when we go into the next fiscal year.

After studying the Acts carefully and discussing the matter with the Attorney General and the chairman of the County Government Advisory Commission, it seems to be very clear that the only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement

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NEW FORD CAR IS SOON TO APPEAR

Henry Ford has officially announced that a new car is soon to be on the market. Just what the new Ford will be, of course, not known at present, but promise is given that the new models will soon be on the market.

Following is a telegram received by the Lowe Motor company, telling of the new model:

"Detroit, Mich., May 25.

"Low Motor Co.,

"Brevard, N. C.,

"Starting early production entirely new Ford car, announcing Thursday new model, superior design and performance to any now in low priced light car field. Mr. Henry Ford states new model recognizes that present condition make further refinement in motor car construction desirable. New model has speed, style, flexibility and control in traffic more costly to manufacture but more economical to operate. Model '27' will continue important part of factory production for ten million owners requiring replacements and service. No information about details until you receive plan for your part in supplying public description.

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