

INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN IN SCHOOL SITUATION

Action of the county commissioners in cutting the school term to seven months created much interest throughout the county. Sentiment seems to be divided, and many there are who assert that the schools should be kept to the full nine months term, while others just as emphatically assert that the commissioners have acted wisely in taking steps looking to the reduction of expenses until such time as the county is in better financial condition.

On one thing there seems to be agreement, and that is that this county has had unusual progress during the past few years, and for this there has been heard no criticism. While this temporary situation faces the people, the fact remains, as gathered from conversations heard in all kinds of groups, that practically every one is proud of the great advancement made by the county during the past decade.

General regret is expressed over discontinuance of the farm agent's work and that of the county health officer. A member of the board of commissioners, in expressing regret over the necessity for curtailment of expenses, paid high tribute to the work done by the county health officer, asserting that Dr. Buchanan has worked wonders in the county during the short time he has been here.

On the other hand, there are those who assert that strictest economy is necessary in order to avert a taxation that would become burdensome to every citizen of Transylvania county. The fact that this county is all the time sending its money out of the county, and producing but little that brings money back into the

county, is dawning upon every one, it seems. It is in this knowledge of affairs that some citizens are working so persistently in an effort to interest some industrial plants in locating here, and making every effort to get the farmers to shipping their dairy products, and working on the sugar beet industry in ceaseless manner, so that the citizens of the county can have an income that will, in some measure, offset the amounts of money going regularly out of the county.

All the arguments, pro and con, that are heard about the situation are of the most friendly nature. There are certain problems facing the county that must be solved. In the solution of these problems there is work for every citizen to do.

The county commissioners will meet on July 28 to take final action on the suggested budget as published in this paper last week. Under the new law that budget cannot be acted upon until after 20 days from its publication. At the meeting on the 28th it is expected that all matters pertaining to the schools will be finally adjusted, and the actual program for the coming year adopted.

County Superintendent T. C. Henderson has prepared the following statement, showing the cost of operating the schools last year, and the budget as presented and asked for to carry on the nine-months term for the coming year. According to these figures, it will cost much less to operate the school for nine months this year than was spent for the eight-months' elementary and nine-months' high school last year.

Here are the figures prepared by Superintendent Henderson:

Comparison of School Budgets		
	Six Months Term	Extended Term
Total School Budget for 1926-1927	\$226,508.41	\$39,496.96
Fund from State, fines, etc.	70,238.43	815.00
County Ad Valorem Tax	\$156,269.98	\$38,654.96
6 Months Term		
Total School Budget for 1927-1928	\$126,854.65	\$36,024.27
Fund from State, fines, etc.	28,938.75	1,190.00
County Ad Valorem Tax	\$97,870.90	\$34,834.27
3 Months Term		
Net Budgets after making deductions from the State, fines, etc.:		
1926-1927	\$156,269.98	\$38,654.96
1927-1928	97,870.90	34,834.27
Reduced	\$58,399.08	\$3,820.69

Following is a statement issued by the county board of education, concerning the losses sustained to the county by reason of the action of the county commissioners in reducing the school term from nine months to seven months:

Losses	
The following will be some of the losses sustained by the county if the school term is cut to 7 months:	
Losses From the State	
Rural High School Appropriations for Rosman	High
School	\$500.00
Voca. Agriculture Fund	2,000.00
Home Economics Fund	440.00
From Equalizing Fund for 1928-1929:	
On High School Principals Salaries	933.33
On decrease in Teaching Personnel	2,000.00
Total	\$5,873.33

The greatest loss by far would be the loss of the honor of the county in forfeiting its contracts with its teachers, the certain loss of most if not all the best teachers of the county, the loss of the possibility of the pupils in all our schools completing a grade a year and therefore compelling them to have to take twice the time to complete the public school work that would be required in nine months terms, causing a loss to the pupil of one-half the time and extra cost of at least one-fourth the teachers' salaries because of the extra time required to complete the work, and the loss of the credit for our high schools by reducing them to non-standard schools.

J. S. BROMFIELD,
C. F. WOODFIN,
C. R. SHARP,
County Board of Education.

PICKELSIMER IS PURCHASING AGENT

County commissioners held a session last Monday, at which time G. F. Lyday, M. W. Galloway and A. H. Kizer were named as a committee to go over the tax listers' books and make equalization by townships. When this work is finished, it was ordered that this committee make a report to the county commissioners, who will then sit as an equalization board.

J. H. Pickelsimer was made purchasing agent for the county and all supplies for the county will be purchased through his office in the future.

A. H. Kizer, county accountant, was instructed to attend the County Government Institute to be held in Raleigh on the 19th, at which time sessions in the new state-wide county government law will be given by representatives from the governor's office.

COST-OF-SCHOOL BUSES ITEMIZED

Many tax-payers, it is said, have made criticism of the cost of operation of the school buses, and the county board of education prepared the following figures, showing cost of operation of the buses for the school year of 1926-1927:

Bus Cost 1926-1927	
7 Busses Total Cost	\$5494.04
Cost per day	31.39
Cost per bus per day	4.48
Cost per pupil per day	17
Cost per mile per day	14
Cost per pupil per mile	13
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FINE VARIETY OF SWEET POTATOES

Mrs. Caroline Thrash Dorsett, formerly of Transylvania county, but more recently from Washington, D. C., claims she is raising on her rich farm land in the Davidson River section the finest variety of sweet potatoes and cantaloupes to be found anywhere. She is expecting a master potato crop of the old fashioned Spanish and White Yam varieties, and a big yield of the Hollybrook luscious cantaloupes, some of which have been known to weigh as much as 15 or 20 pounds each.

The Buckeye field of six acres on the Evergreen Ridge farm is of sandy, loose loam on the rich farm lands of the river bottoms between the French Broad and Davidson rivers, and is said to be especially adapted to successful potato and cantaloupe growth. Mrs. Dorsett states that many predictions have been made as to the yield of her present crop of sweet potatoes, some estimating that she will realize anywhere from 800 to 1000 bushels of potatoes from her six acre field. She expects the crop to be ready for market in August, the entire production having been already engaged by the Sanitary Grocery company, of Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN

Communion services and celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour of worship. The pastor, V. A. Crawford, extends an invitation to all visitors as well as to members to be present and participate in this service.

After an absence of two weeks, the pastor was back in his pulpit last Sunday and good services were held at both morning and evening hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET AT LAKE TOXAWAY, 19-20

Announcement is made of the meeting of the Transylvania Sunday School Association, to be held with the Lake Toxaway Methodist church next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 and 20.

CREAMERY DRIVE STARTS ON 25TH

Meetings Planned For Every Section of the County—Brevard To Assist

Educational meetings relative to the proposed creamery for Transylvania county will be held during the week beginning July 25, the meetings to be for the purpose of informing the farmers of the county, and other interested parties, of matters concerning the details of a creamery operation. Many of the prominent business men of the town and county have pledged their support to the movement and have promised to be present at one or more of this series of meetings.

It is expected that a large number of citizens of the county will be in attendance at these meetings, and a friendly rivalry is on foot to see which community will show the most interest in the movement by having the largest attendance at the meetings.

The following schedule has been arranged for the series of meetings:

- Monday night, July 25, Blantyre, Tuesday, Little River.
- Wednesday, Penrose.
- Thursday, Calvert school.
- Friday, Conestee.

ALL GOLFERS AT THE COURSE TODAY

If the Weather Man is good to members of the Brevard Golf club, this day will be one of the most interesting days in the life of the local club. A mixed tournament is on the cards today, and it is expected that hundreds of people will visit the course to watch the men and women battle for the honors of the day.

CHICKASAW SECTION BEGINS THIS ISSUE

Chickasaw Camp will have a department in The Brevard News, beginning with this issue. All items of interest to the campers and to the public in general are to be found on the Chickasaw page. The Brevard News is proud to be permitted to publish this camp department, and it is hoped that other camps will cooperate with this paper in sending in news of each camp.

Chickasaw Camp is operated by Mr. George Morris, of The Memphis Commercial Appeal, who is associated with Luke Lea in the purchase of The Atlanta Constitution, announcement of which was made last week. Transylvania county is most fortunate in having so many camps located here, and Mr. Morris, being a wide-awake newspaper man with interests and influences throughout the South, is an especially valuable asset to this community through Camp Chickasaw.

ROSETIME WAS AN ENJOYABLE PLAY

"Rosetime," three-act musical comedy presented by local talent at the high school auditorium Friday evening proved entertaining and most effective, with the pretty costumes, fancy dances, peppy songs, attractive stage decorations and good acting on the part of the various performers. The play was directed by Miss Edna Yost, of Atlanta, the accompanists being Mrs. C. P. Wilkins and Miss Marguerite Robertson. It was given under the auspices of the local Parent-Teacher association. The comedy was generally considered to be well chosen and well presented, and the fact was clearly demonstrated on this occasion that unusual dramatic ability is possessed by many of Brevard young people.

Much credit is due Mrs. R. E. Lawrence and Mrs. Oliver Orr, presidents of the two parent-teacher associations, for their untiring efforts in making a success of this entertainment. The cast of characters included: Pa Perkins, Fat Kinzey; Ma Perkins, Mrs. J. B. Pickelsimer; Rose Perkins, Cornelia Norton; Jerry Hunter, Clyde Clark; J. Dillingham Jones, Ansel Fowler; Props O'Reilly, Philip Price; Babe Brunette, Annie Yongue; Jackie Deauville, Dorothy Silverstein; Percy Peabody, Dr. Carl Hardin; Squint Smith, Bill Barrett; Reba Ashworth and Nan Kilpatrick. Chorus girls were: Marguerite Pearce, Mary Wilkins, Geraldine Barrett, Agnes Clayton, Martina Pearce, Dorothy Barrett, Kathleen Lyon, Mildred Clayton, Molly Snelson, Ruth Cantrell, Almida Waters, Nancy Macfie, Betsy Hollinshead, Elizabeth Mills, Katherine Lowe Sarah Barrett. Chorus boys were: Harold Bradley, James Waters, Harry Clayton, Rufin Wilkins, Edwin English, Leon English, Guy Lowe, Marvin Yates.

O. M. Huggins



Song director with Rev. Jesse C. Owen, who has charge of the music in the revival being conducted at Rosman.

BIBLE CLASS TO MEET TONIGHT

Meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the dining room of the Methodist church, the members of the Men's Bible Class will hold a get-together and booster meeting, planning for enlarging the influence and effectiveness of the class during the summer months. Supper will be served, and after the meal a general discussion of the plans will be had.

Officers of the class are somewhat disappointed over the attendance, it is said, or lack of attendance would better describe the situation. It is remarked that since summer came some members have been absent, and this absence hurts not only those who fail to attend, but very materially affects those who do attend. It is generally recognized, it is said by many, that the influence exerted in a community by Men's Bible classes of various churches is one of the most potent and far-reaching influences enjoyed by the community, and leaders of the Methodist group to keep their class to a one hundred per cent efficiency, and this can be done, it is asserted, only when members attend regularly and lend individual effort and influence to that of their fellows.

HYDER GOES WITH THE TOASTIE SHOP

C. R. Hyder, who sold his interests in the Garrett Electric business last week, has purchased an interest in the Toastie Sandwich Shop, and, with Tom Loftis, is now engaged in operation of this popular place. Mr. Hyder has made many friends since coming to Brevard, and these friends will be glad to know that he is to remain here in business.

Alterations of the building are under way at the Toastie Shop which will more than double the room in that popular eating place. The bus station is located in the Toastie Shop, which is located directly opposite the Waltermire hotel on Broad street.

BAND CONCERTS DRAWING CROWDS

Free band concerts in the court house lawn each Tuesday and Saturday evening are proving an attractive feature of Brevard's summer program. Many of the townspeople and their visiting friends, as well as people from other sections of the county, are showing their interest in the band and their appreciation of good music by attending in large numbers these free concerts. Some are found strolling leisurely about the court house lawn during the concerts, while many more are sitting comfortably in their cars parked nearby, and enjoying the splendid music furnished by Bandmaster F. J. Cutter and his well-trained boys and girls.

In a recent communication to The News from these young Brevard boys, they state that they did not name their machine "The Spirit of Brevard," but that they consider the little yellow Ford a twin brother to "The Spirit of St. Louis."

TO BUILD HOME IN MONTICELLO

Mrs. Gertrude K. Kent and son, of Asheville, were interesting Brevard visitors to the past week. Mrs. Kent intends to start the construction of a home in Monticello on the 15th of the near future. She is a resident of Beaver Lake, one of Asheville's most popular residential sections, and Brevard is extremely honored that she plans leaving that beautiful section to become a resident of Monticello.

DUKE ENDOWMENT TO AID TRANSYLVANIA HOSPITAL

On a recent visit to Brevard, Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the Duke Endowment, delivered two addresses which were declared to be the most instructive lectures ever heard here. One address was before the Chamber of Commerce, at which time Dr. Rankin explained the conditions under which Brevard can obtain a part of the money left by the late Mr. Duke for hospital purposes. At the Kiwanis meeting Dr. Rankin spoke on "The Purpose of Sickness."

DUKE'S MILLIONS TO HELP THE SICK GREAT PURPOSE OF SICKNESS BARED

But the Community Must Do Its Part Also—Distribution Carefully Planned

"Mr. Duke was not a sentimentalist, nor a preacher; neither was he an idealist. He was a business man, a man of most practical ideas. He knew how to make money, and he knew how to spend money in order to get the greatest value out of every dollar spent for any purpose," such was the description of the late Mr. Duke, as given by Dr. Rankin, of the Duke Endowment. The doctor was speaking to the directors of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, having come here to consult with local citizens concerning financial assistance to the Transylvania hospital. Continuing, Dr. Rankin said, in effect:

When Mr. Duke was planning the uses to which he would put his great fortune, he made thorough study of the greatest needs of North and South Carolina. That his investigations lead him to look upon sickness as one of the important fields of endeavor, the fact that 30 per cent of the Duke fortune, after relatives had been provided for, was left to hospital purposes, is proof conclusive that Mr. Duke considered the care of the sick as one of the most important things in life.

Statistics show that 25 people in every thousand population are in bed

Suffering Alone Can Create Sympathy, And Nature Incomplete Without Sympathy

"The Great Purpose of Sickness," was the subject of the address delivered by Dr. Rankin before the Kiwanis club. In every section of the world there is sickness and suffering. It is something, it is the one thing, that comes to every one. Sickness is not a thing that one's neighbor experiences while oneself escapes it. It comes, sooner or later, to every body. Some misfortunes come to only a few people, but this thing called sickness visits every human being and stalks every home in the wide world.

Sickness is either with or without a purpose. Sickness is an accident, the result of an oversight in the plans of the Creator, or it is here through the design of the Creator. We are not willing to say the Creator made a mistake. With all the perfection of nature's plans, with the sun, the moon, the stars, the earth, and all things of nature working so beautifully in its perfection, we know that God made no mistake in His Creation. Then it must be that sickness is with us by design of the Creator.

But why? There have been three interpretations, three answers, to this question. One, age, the early age,

FLOWER SHOW TO BE STAGED SOON

August 17 Date Set for Interesting Event—First of Its Kind Here

According to plans formulated at the Woman's Bureau meeting Monday afternoon, Brevard's first annual flower show will be staged August 17, at which time it is expected that many ladies of the town will enter a variety of homegrown flowers for exhibition. A committee of ladies, with Mrs. R. E. Lawrence as chairman, was appointed to make final arrangements for the event.

It was the expressed wish of the committee and of the president of the Bureau that all ladies of the community cooperate in making this first flower show a success, by displaying their best varieties of homegrown flowers on this occasion. Later announcements will be made as to the details of the approaching event.

In addition to the chairman, other members of the flower show committee include: Mrs. D. MacDougald, Mrs. T. H. Shipman, Mrs. J. C. Wilke, Mrs. R. W. Everett, Miss Martha Boswell, Mrs. W. E. Brees, Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, Mrs. Beulah Zachary, Mrs. Oliver Orr.

Other matters pertaining to town beautification and welfare were discussed, among which was the eternal question of eliminating trash from the streets and sidewalks and vacant lots in the business district, and members present pledged their continued support in cooperating with the town officials toward a cleaner and more beautiful Brevard.

MAKE 662 MILES IN RECORD TIME

Edwin Saltz and Jimmie Sledge, two Brevard boys now in business in St. Petersburg, Fla., claim the distinction of making a record run in their Ford coupe to the Sunshine City, since they left Brevard Tuesday morning of last week and made the distance of 662 miles to St. Petersburg in 18 hours and 50 minutes, thus averaging approximately 35 miles per hour. The two young men issue a challenge to any driver of a "Tin Lizzie" to beat this record.

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EAST FORK SPEAKS ON SCHOOL ISSUE

Suggest Saving in Other Ways Than by the School Cut Route

(East Fork Correspondence) We feel sorry that our schools are cut down two months, while we know that if the teacher could get a hustle on and each student would put in all their time in study, the grammar grades could be made in seven months, but our high schools cannot. And if they could, the students could not get credit for it. We can't see why, (with all our county's different branches of revenue) our schools should be picked on to make up the deficiency. Perhaps it would have done as well not to bother our schools and have let the county officers' old salaries stand. If the county officers were worth spending so much time and money to secure at the old salary, we think these officers would have been content with the old salary. And if they are men who are worthy of the peoples' votes, they had rather do on the old salary than have the children of our county robbed of their school rights to pay them extra.

We can think of ever so many jobs that our county pays for that if the wages were cut down it would only effect a very few individuals, while the cut in our schools effects hundreds of children.

We could do without a county road overseer. The road supervisor could attend to that office, with the help of the township overseers. That is just one example—there are numerous others we will mention later.

Here's hoping the commissioners will reconsider and give us at least our high schools the full nine months, and the grammar schools, too, if it can possibly be done.

The Quarterly Conference of the M. E. church was very well attended. Rev. Mr. Kirk gave a fine address at eleven o'clock on Saturday morning, and the conference was immediately after lunch, which was served on the church ground. The following Sunday, Rev. O. L. Simpson, of Brevard, preached a wonderful sermon. He and Rev. Mr. Kirk exchanged appointments.

C. P. WILKINS TO ENTERTAIN FORCE

Charles F. Wilkins, district manager for the Security Life and Trust company, will entertain members of the agency force and high officials of his company at a dinner to be given in Highlands Friday night. C. C. Taylor, vice president and general manager of the company, of Winston-Salem, and W. H. Harrison, actuary, will be the guests of honor. All the agents of Western Carolina will be present in what promises to be a most successful agent's meeting. The Security Life and Trust company is a North Carolina insurance company with a splendid record to its credit. Mr. Wilkins has all of the western counties under his agency direction and maintains headquarters in Brevard. James F. Barrett, of The News, has been invited to address the meeting.