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THREE CHILDREN HURT IN WRECK

School Bus Turns Over — 18 Children Riding in the Car Narrowly Escape

One of the county school buses turned over on Highway No. 28, on the north side of Gallamore Hill, Tuesday afternoon, slightly injuring three of the eighteen school children who were riding in the bus at the time. The machine was in charge of Roy McCall.

Mr. McCall stated to The News that he was going toward Pisgah Forest, having just passed McCreary Filling Station, when a car driven by Lloyd Campfield passed him. A large truck, he said, was coming in the other direction, meeting them. In an effort to escape collision with the truck, the bus driver said Campfield cut in in front of the school bus, forcing that machine off the pavement, into the mud along the roadway. Before he could regain control of the bus it had plowed down the embankment until the tilt caused the bus to turn clear over onto its side.

Those who visited the scene of the accident expressed surprise that all the children were not seriously injured or even worse. The glass in the windows of the bus was shattered. Near the scene there is a curve, and it is believed young Campfield failed to see the approach of the truck coming the opposite direction until he had passed the school bus or was alongside of it.

Hildred Lewis, niece of Mrs. P. W. Jenks, Pisgah Forest, was the most seriously injured of the three that were hurt. She was taken to her home, where Dr. G. B. Lynch treated her.

Albert Lyday, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lyday suffered a mashed foot. Albert Meece, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Meece was hurt about the hips and left arm.

These were also treated by Dr. Lynch, and their injuries, while painful, are said to not be so very serious.

People who were passing the scene assisted in taking the children to their homes.

FORMER RESIDENT LAID TO REST HERE

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Brevard Methodist church for Miss Arza Lankford, who died Thursday afternoon in the Rutherfordton hospital, following an illness of several weeks. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Wall, pastor of the Saluda Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

Miss Lankford was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lankford. She was a native of Brevard but moved to Saluda about ten years ago, where she was a member of a prominent business firm. She was in her sixty-second year.

In addition to a host of friends and relatives in this section, Miss Lankford is survived by two brothers, one half brother and one half sister.

MAKES ARRESTS ON CHARGE OF THEFT

Mark Whitmore, of Quebec, reported to the officers early Tuesday morning that some one had helped themselves to his chickens Monday night. Rural Policeman Eck L. Sims answered the call, and Tuesday afternoon trailed the stolen chickens for about one mile, finding the chickens, he states, being cooked on the stove in the home of Erwin Phillips, at Reeds Siding.

Mrs. Phillips informed Mr. Sims that Hall Fisher, of Easley, S. C., a former resident of that section, had brought the chickens to her home. She also said, it is reported, that Fisher has been staying with the Phillips.

Mr. Sims found Fisher at Lake Toxaway, arrested him and brought him to the county jail, to be held for preliminary hearing today. The chickens were of the Rhode Island breed, and a clean sweep was made, it is reported, five eggs having been taken at the time the chickens were lifted off their roost.

Mr. Sims reports that he now has evidence for the arrest of two men who are said to have stolen thirty chickens from Mr. Whitmore one year ago, and that these arrests will soon be made. Also, the officer says, he is on the track of the thieves who stole "fish" chickens from Henry Chapman, of Quebec. Officers express their determination to put a stop to the thieving in this county.

Sallie Metcalf

Sallie Metcalf was born February 12, 1904 and died February 5, 1929, aged 24 years, 11 months and 23 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and three brothers, one sister and a host of friends. She was a member of the Second Baptist church of Tryon and lived in the faith of Christ. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. R. Robinson, of Tryon, and the remains were laid to rest in Mountain Page cemetery.

LAST CALL FOR CHARTER MEMBERS EASTERN STAR

Notice is given that those who desire to become enrolled as members of the Eastern Star, now being organized, will do well to act at once. The number that can be taken in as charter members is limited, and this limit is about reached.

Any Master Mason, or the wife, mother, sister or daughter of a Master Mason, may make application for membership in the Eastern Star.

The chapter will be organized at an early date.

For further information call or see Dr. J. F. Zachary.

FIREMEN BANQUET AT CENTRAL CAFE

Brevard's fire department staged an especially attractive banquet at the Central Cafe last Thursday evening, with 17 members of the department present, three guests and the police force of the town. Chief Bromfield acted as toastmaster, and many valuable suggestions were made as to the future of the fire department.

A committee was appointed to meet with the town officials, and go over with them the needs of the department, chief among which is the installation of a siren to call members of the department when their services are needed. Another matter discussed, or rather discussed again, was that dealing with those people who persistently crowd the streets in front of the fire truck when the department is on its way to a fire. This matter has long been a question of intense interest, but so far the discussions have had but little effect. It is hoped by the department measures will soon be adopted that will put a stop to this practice.

Jos. S. Silversteen sent the department a check for \$25 to apply on the expense of the banquet, and members of the department expressed regret that Mr. Silversteen was not of town and could not attend the meeting.

A rising vote of thanks was given Gus Roman for the splendid dinner prepared for the laddies.

FORTY - SIX DEEDS REGISTERED HERE

Register of Deeds Ira Galloway had a busy month in February, 181 instruments being filed for registration during February.

Of this number there were 31 straight deeds, showing that sales of real estate here averaged more than one deed each day for the month, including Sundays.

There were fifteen deeds to rights of way, made by property owners between the Henderson county line and Brevard. These rights of way were deeded to the Duke Power company. The largest of these deeds was that given by O. L. Erwin, et al, to the Duke Power company at Davidson River, in which nearly four and one-half acres are included in the lot. It is understood that this plot was purchased for a site for the sub-station.

Deeds for straight sales of property and those including rights of way, total 46 deeds for the month of February. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway assert this is the biggest month the office had experienced since they took charge more than two years ago. It is indicative of the tremendous activity in real estate circles here.

BEE GUM STOLEN FROM MR. COOPER

There have been many cases of theft and petty larceny reported to the officers during the past few weeks, and efforts are being made to catch the thieves.

The latest and most unusual theft was that reported by Sam Cooper of Pisgah Forest. Some one, early last Sunday morning, stole his beehive, bees, honey and all, and then broke into the mill.

Mr. Cooper is offering a reward of \$25 for information that will lead to conviction of the thieves.

Citizens generally are asked to assist the officers in apprehending the thieves who have been pliffing here-of late. Thieves have been unusually active since Christmas it is reported.

WOMAN'S BUREAU MEETS ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

March meeting of the Women's Bureau will be held next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Final arrangements for the Children's Bazaar will be made at this meeting, and a full attendance of members is desired.

Go to Sunday School somewhere Sunday.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF LOCAL LEAGUE

Citizens and Taxpayers League Speaks Plainly About Several Bills

Following is an official report of the activities of the Citizens and Taxpayers League of Transylvania made at a meeting Tuesday night and given out for publication in The Brevard News:

"A delegation representing the Citizens and Taxpayers League of Transylvania county went to Raleigh last week in the league's interest and expressed its approval of the provisions and principles of the 8-months' school bill, also the bill adding one cent extra to the gasoline tax for the benefit of our county roads, (this last bill has since passed its final readings and is now a law), both of which will materially lessen the tax burdens in Transylvania county.

"We felt that the Workmen's Compensation bill was a hoax, and therefore offered no endorsement of same. The maximums allowed in case of accident or death were, it seemed to us, entirely inadequate, and the provision that an unmarried boy or man, without dependents, could not or his estate could not recover in case of death, were sufficient to condemn any good features the bill might have carried. This last feature would, necessarily, operate against men with families getting employment, since the risk to his employer is so much greater.

"The proposed bill (which at that time had not been introduced) giving the county commissioners of Transylvania county authority to issue and sell a substantial amount of county bonds for the purpose of refunding a like amount of county debt, extending the time for payment over a number of years and thus temporarily reducing county taxes did not, for certain reasons, meet the approval of our delegation. Our objections to this bill were made known to both Mr. Hamlin and Senator Galloway and we hope same has been amended so as to merit public approval.

"We also went to our local representatives and before legislative committees on questions of local economy and were accorded very courteous and respectful hearings, but without assurance that the campaign pledges of economy would be adhered to.

"That the leaders of any community should become both so deaf and blind to community needs because of political jealousy and bias is indeed pathetic—that men elected to serve the masses and not the classes should reverse this order, of their own volition, is most pitiable.

"We know the needs of the taxpayers of the county as well as their attitude toward proposed local legislation—having heard hundreds express themselves on these matters—and it is with deep and sincere regret that we say to you that 'petty politics' has again defeated your wishes and closed the door of hope in your face.

"Committee Citizens and Taxpayers League, 'By M. W. Galloway.'

GEORGE WASHINGTON PROGRAM ENJOYED

Sponsored by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a George Washington program, unusually interesting and well rendered, was given by pupils of the Grammar grades at the Elementary school building Friday afternoon, before the student body and many of the patrons of the school.

The program rendered was particularly appropriate to the occasion celebrated, and much credit for its success is due the faculty members who directed the children and to the D. A. R. in sponsoring the movement. The program in its presentation told well the story of this great man, in music, songs, talks and playlets, and awakened in the hearts of the children as well as the adults present a finer spirit of patriotism.

The following program was presented: Star Spangled Banner by the High School orchestra; pledge to the flag and Lord's prayer led by Mrs. E. W. Blythe, regent of the D. A. R.; America by the orchestra; talk by Mrs. Blythe, pointing out the reasons for honoring and revering the name of George Washington; play and minuet by third grade children dressed in costume, entitled, "In The Days of Washington;" patriotic song by the class; play by the pupils of the fifth and seventh grade showing the proper respect for the national flag and something of its history and meaning.

EVERYBODY'S GOING TO THE BOX SUPPER SATURDAY NIGHT AND HELP THE LADIES BEAUTIFY PLAYGROUND

Saturday night is the time. The Tinsley Building is the place. A Box Supper is the event. To make a fit place for the school children to play is the purpose. Fifty cents is the cost of a box. The Elementary Parent-Teacher association is staging the event. Everyone interested in the school children are invited to attend. All women who desire to help in this great work are urged to bring boxes.

Announcement of the event has been made at meetings of the churches last Sunday, and the ministers spoke highly of the great purpose. All civic organizations have likewise made announcement of the coming event and urged their members to participate.

So long. Will see you at the Box Supper Saturday night!

GREAT ACTIVITY IN C. OF C. WORK

Great activities mark the work being done by the Chamber of Commerce during the past weeks. At the meeting Tuesday night, presided over by Vice President T. G. Miller, reports were made by the various committees, and these reports showed that each group is working all the time for the advancement of Brevard.

The Agriculture Committee has been doing splendid work, and is, perhaps, the most active committee in the organization.

The Tourist Committee told of the 20-page booklet now being printed, and of plans to send Mr. Miller out with them. It was decided at the Tuesday meeting to send the Brevard man into the Central West instead of spending his time in the South.

The directors ordered communication sent to Raleigh, urging the appropriation for the game bill, and protesting against proposed legislation to remove fishing license from those fishing in their own counties.

MANY FIRMS SEND GIFTS TO BAZAAR

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the Children's Bazaar, which event will be staged in Brevard early in April by the Woman's Bureau, assisted by the Parent-Teacher association. This feature of entertainment promises to be one of the biggest events of the year, the proceeds of which will go toward beautifying and equipping the school grounds.

Many beautiful and useful donations have been contributed to be placed on sale at the bazaar and others are arriving daily, according to a statement made by the general chairman of the bazaar, Mrs. B. F. Beasley. The majority of these donations have come from outside firms, all of which have responded most generously to the call from the committee. Local merchants have not yet been solicited, but it is expected that generous responses will also be made by them.

The following outside firms have contributed toward this cause: Montgomery Ward, Bellas Hess, Bess Candy company, Pearce-Angel company, New Port Mills, Park-Davis company, S. P. Nelson, Pinnacle Mills, Robert Johnson & Co., Swan Abram Hat company.

HONOR PITHOUD AT BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. J. L. Saltz, owner of the Waltermire Grill, honored "Pete" Pithoud, popular superintendent of the Hoosier Engineering company, Tuesday evening, with an elaborate Birthday dinner. Officials of the Hoosier company, and officials of the Carolina Power and Light company, were guests at the banquet.

The Brevard High School Orchestra, with Miss Robinson directing and Miss Call at the piano, furnished music for the occasion.

Mr. Pithoud has made hundreds of friends here since he began work on the construction of the power lines through the county. There is a large force of men under his direction, and the fact that Mr. Pithoud employs local men, and patronizes local business houses, whenever and wherever possible, first attracted the town to the fairness of the man.

Full account of the happy event will be published in next week's paper.

FATHER - SON BANQUET WAS ENJOYABLE EVENT

About thirty "Dads" and the same number of sons gathered at the Methodist church Tuesday night for a Father-Son banquet sponsored by the Men's Bible class.

Dr. J. F. Zachary, president of the men's class, presided at the festive board on which a bounteous repast was served by the local branch of the Women's Missionary society. After the invocation by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock—a general fall-to—was observed by fathers and sons alike for a period of twenty minutes, after which each young guest was introduced to the assembly by their respective hosts. Short talks were made by a number of the older men, and a very appropriate three-minute speech by Mark Taylor, expressing the thanks of the boys for honors of the evening.

BUT LITTLE DONE IN LEGISLATURE

Gas Tax Only State-wide Bill To Have Passed During Present Session

But little legislation has been enacted in Raleigh so far, and two weeks after this week the regular session will end.

The gasoline tax law, providing one cent additional tax on gas, this to go to the counties and relieve the counties of road tax, is the only state-wide measure of importance that has been passed.

As to local legislation, nothing has been done but hearings held on measures introduced by Senator Galloway and Representative Hamlin. These bills concern the consolidation of county offices.

The Workmen's Compensation bill seems doomed to defeat, its opponents succeeding in tacking on amendments, which means that more committee hearings must be held, delaying final action. The same applies to Australian ballot bill.

There is hope for final action on the school question, there being many bills before the legislature. The McLean bill, providing an 8-months' term with 40 cents maximum school tax on property, and another, providing a six-months' term with 28 cents maximum school tax on property, are being fought out in both houses.

There are hundreds of bills to be acted upon in the remaining two weeks, and it is not known, of course, whether local legislation affecting Transylvania county will be lost in the rush or whether the representatives will be able to get final action on the measures.

INCOME TAX MAN HERE NEXT WEEK

Notice has been received that C. R. Hamrick, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, will be at the Waltermire Hotel on Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, for the purpose of assisting citizens in preparing their state income tax returns.

All married people with an income of \$2000 a year, and all single persons with an income of \$1000 a year, are bound to make returns to the state. All corporations, regardless of income, must file returns. All returns must be in Raleigh on or before the 15th day of March, otherwise a penalty will be attached.

TO ORGANIZE CLUB HERE SATURDAY EVE

The Hunting and Fishing Club, now being organized in this county, will be performed at the county court House Saturday evening, when all those who have signed the organization papers are expected to attend and assist in perfecting the club, name officers and select committees, and determine the by-laws that will rule the club's activities.

Up to Tuesday noon, of this week, one hundred and three men of the town and county had signed the organization papers, and it is believed the club will prove to be one of the most popular organizations in the county, and will render real service to the community. The list contains the names of the leading men of all parts of the county, and those citizens who have not been seen are urged to attend the meeting Saturday night and join with their neighbors in forming this club.

It is expected a large crowd will attend the court house meeting this Saturday night. E. R. Galloway, game warden, has been actively engaged in perfecting this new club.

MANY FARMERS ATTEND CLOVER MEET MONDAY

Many interested farmers and others attended the "Clover meeting" at the High School building last Monday, which had been called by Julian Glazener for the purpose of giving study to clovers. Lespedeza, recently introduced into this section, was given special study. It is Mr. Glazener's intention to hold many such meetings, to the end that farmers may help one another in the study of legumes, soil, proper crops for certain soils, and all phases of questions that have direct bearing upon agriculture.

The meeting Monday was most interesting, and it is safe to predict that the next meeting will have many more in attendance than marked the first meeting, for interest in these studies is increasing all the time.

REMAINING BONDS TO BE ISSUED SOON BY TOWN

Legislation is being obtained in Raleigh to authorize the town of Brevard to issue refunding bonds in the sum of \$150,000. This money, it is said by town officials, is for the purpose of paying other bonds which will mature at an early date. It does not mean that the town is going in debt to that amount, or in any amount, for the money from these bonds will be used to pay like amount on bonds now maturing.

TOWN SORROWFUL BECAUSE OF DEATH

Passing of Rev. E. R. Welch Brings Sadness Upon Community

The community was shocked Friday on learning of the death of Rev. E. R. Welch, which occurred at the French Broad hospital, Asheville, on Tuesday following an illness of ten days from pneumonia. The funeral service was conducted in the West Asheville funeral parlors by Presiding Elder J. F. Kirk. Interment was in Riverside cemetery, Asheville. Methodist pastors of Asheville and vicinity acted as pallbearers.

For three years, from 1923 to '25, Mr. Welch served as pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, and made many friends during his pastorate here. He came to Brevard from the Chestnut Street Methodist church, Asheville, of which church he was pastor for two years. Prior to that time he had served as pastor of the Wadesboro and Lenoir Methodist churches, the congregation of the latter church giving Mr. Welch a trip to Palestine. During the World War, Mr. Welch volunteered his services, and was stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte, serving as chaplain with the rank of Captain. In the early days of his ministerial work, Mr. Welch was identified with several churches and with educational work in Oklahoma.

Mr. Welch is survived by his wife and one daughter, Elizabeth, who make their home at Biltmore.

AUTOS COLLIDE AT CASCADE CORNER

In a collision at the corner of French Broad and Caldwell Saturday night, two men were hurt and both cars damaged. Plato Pressly, of Gloucester, driving a Ford, with Roy Holden riding with him, collided with Carl Kilpatrick, driving a Dodge, Pressly was coming into town and Kilpatrick was going north, it is said, when the collision occurred.

Holden suffered the most severe injuries, being cut about the face, head and neck, the latter wound barely missing the jugular vein. Pressly was cut on the face. Kilpatrick escaped injury.

The Ford car, it is said, was turned completely around in the collision, while the Dodge was knocked off the road. Both cars are reported to be greatly damaged.

Preliminary trial was held Monday, and both drivers bound over to Superior court.

MR. CARR SPENDS VACATION HERE

Mr. Louis Carr has returned to Alamogordo, New Mexico, after having spent several days at Pisgah Forest. The big lumberman came here for the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Carr Lumber company, which was held last Thursday. At the meeting all officers were re-elected, as follows:

Louis Carr, president.
Joseph Keyes, vice president.
W. W. Croushorn, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Carr talked interestingly of the lumber operations in New Mexico. The concern here, while a different corporation from the local concern, is owned, practically, by the same group that owns the Carr Lumber company here, it is said. While in love with the West, Mr. Carr is still a big booster for this section. There is not the natural beauty in the mountains of the West that makes this section, he says.

Officials of the Carr Lumber company, in speaking of the year just closed, stated they had done a better business than they expected to do, and expressed the belief that 1929 will see a general revival in business conditions throughout the country.

DR. SEVIER TO PREACH AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Joseph R. Sevier, president of Fassifern School for Girls, Hendersonville, will preach at the Brevard Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends to attend this service.

Rev. E. G. Ledford

Rev. E. G. Ledford, pastor of the Long Creek Memorial Baptist church, Dallas, N. C., died at a Morganton hospital on Monday of last week, following an illness of several weeks of influenza and complications. Funeral services were held the following day in the church of which he had been pastor for more than a year.

Mr. Ledford was well known in Transylvania, since he was a former resident of Pisgah Forest and was pastor of the Enon Baptist church for a number of years, and made many friends during his residence in the community. He was 44 years of age and a native of Georgia.

Mr. Ledford is survived by his wife and nine children.