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HIGH SCHOOL ENDS GREAT YEAR'S WORK

Commencement Week Events Draw Tremendous Crowds at Each Program

FORTY MEMBERS OF GRADUATING CLASS

Sixty-Seven Go Up From Seventh Grade to High School Work

Brevard High School closed commencement activities Wednesday night with graduation exercises and presentation of diplomas to forty graduates. Dr. D. M. Douglas, president of the University of South Carolina, delivered the address in masterful manner to the class. The noted speaker is well known in Brevard, having been pastor of the Presbyterian church here several years ago. He was introduced by Prof. J. B. Jones.

Class day exercises were held Tuesday evening, and a big crowd enjoyed the splendid program presented by the class. The class prophecy by Hayes Shipman was an exceptionally interesting and entertaining feature of the program. All numbers were well received and roundly applauded.

The commencement program Sunday evening was witnessed by an audience that packed the auditorium, many people leaving because of lack of room. Dr. C. S. McClellan preached the baccalaureate sermon, being introduced by the Rev. Harry Perry.

Last Friday evening was devoted to the final music recital of the year. The Toy Orchestra, conducted by Little Miss Helen Galloway, was the first number on this program, and, with all other numbers, drew great applause from the large number of people in the audience.

One of the most interesting events of commencement week was the program given by the Seventh grade pupils Tuesday evening of this week. Sixty-one boys and girls were in the class that next year moves on up to the High School work.

Many patrons express the opinion that this has been a great year in the history of the schools in Brevard, and many words of praise for both teachers and students have been spoken by those attending the commencement exercises.

Names of the members of the graduating class, and of the seventh grade pupils advancing to the High School work were published in The Brevard News last week, extra copies which were printed and can be had by those who may want to keep these papers, with complete programs of each event.

SENIOR PLAY AT ROSMAN ENJOYED

"Dust of the Earth" Presented in Masterful Manner by Final Year Students

Members of the Senior Class of the Rosman High School reigned supreme in the community on Tuesday evening, in the presentation of the annual Senior play, "The Dust of the Earth," a rural drama in four acts. The play was under the direction of S. H. Mings.

Bell Fisher, as Nell, "the dust of the earth," portrayed the calm sweetness and humbleness that is characteristic of a lonely, yet accomplished waif, that has been thrown upon the mercy of those who despise her.

Essie Owen, as Miss Arabella, the village newspaper, created uproars with her appearance and her continued flow of gossip.

Coy Fisher was dignified and well poised as he played the part of young John Ryder, the master of The Maples, who won the heart and hand of beautiful Nell.

James Staton, as Jerry Moore, the irresponsible youth; Helen Galloway as Elizabeth Moore, the harsh dominating sister, and John Jackson, as Old Mose, the fine old negro companion of Wandering Tom, were good in their respective parts.

The theme of the play was very sweet and interesting, and was enjoyed by the entire audience.

Cast of characters were: David Moore—of the Maple Farm Cottage—R. V. Jones.

Susan Moore—his wife—Selma Morgan.

Elizabeth—their daughter—Helen Galloway.

Jerry—their son—James Staton.

Rev. Dr. Templeton—a young divine—L. C. Hall.

Miss Arabella—the village newspaper—Essie Owen.

John Ryder—the young master of The Maples—Coy Fisher.

Wandering Tom—a mystery—Jack Nelson.

Old Mose—his companion—John Jackson.

Nell—"the dust of the earth"—Bell Fisher.

The class day exercises on Monday evening were well attended and an interesting program was rendered. The following program was rendered: Music; History, Fay Glazener;

BREVARD BAND TO BROADCAST SOON

W. W. N. C. Has Invited Local Band To Give Concert Over Their Station

Brevard's own band is soon to give a concert over W. W. N. C., Manager G. O. Sheppard having invited Prof. Cutter to bring the boys over at a time to be announced as soon as the program is decided upon. It is believed the band concert will be given in connection with the broadcasting Sunday School lesson by James F. Barrett, which is a weekly event every Saturday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

The manager of the broadcasting station at Asheville has heard of the splendid band in Brevard, and is anxious to give the local band an opportunity to play on the air. Those who have heard the Brevard band know that a real treat is in store for all who tune in on W. W. N. C. for the concert.

The Brevard band is made up of local boys, with Prof. J. F. Cutter as master. Prof. Cutter is recognized as one of the best band leaders in the country, and Brevard has long congratulated itself in being able to keep Prof. Cutter here. Several boys who had their training in the Brevard and are now holding good positions with bands and orchestras in the large cities.

Announcement will be made of the exact time that the Brevard band will give its concert on the air. There is a probability that the band will be called to the broadcasting station next Saturday evening.

LONDON MAN HERE TO EXPORT LUMBER

Ernest Paxton was negotiating Wednesday with a representative from a London lumber concern for sale and exportation of some two million feet of lumber, much of which is on the yards of Paxton's mills at Marietta, S. C. The Britisher was here with W. Granville Taylor, well known Asheville lumber dealer.

It is said that the London man spoke interestingly of revived business conditions in England, and assured the Transylvania man and others that England would use many cargoes of building materials bought in the United States this summer. Many lumber yards in this county are filled with materials, and purchase of this lumber by British concerns would mean much in bringing about great business activity in this and other Western Carolina towns.

MRS. M'KEE HEARD AT TEACHERS MEET

(By MRS. T. E. REID, Sec.) The Transylvania Teachers association held its final meeting for this school year at the Brevard High School auditorium Saturday morning April 26.

Outstanding feature of the program was the address by Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, the democratic candidate for nomination for senate from this district.

Mrs. McKee, who was introduced by Mrs. Silverstein, proved to be a charming speaker. Her subject was "Education from a Parent's Viewpoint." She was giving a rising vote of thanks for her splendid message.

Supt. S. P. Verner took this opportunity to thank the teachers of the county for their loyalty and cooperation during the school year.

The meeting was largely attended and a number of visitors were present.

COUNTY COURT CONVENES NEXT MONDAY MORNING

County court will convene next Monday morning, with several new cases on the docket. Judge D. L. English and Solicitor Lewis P. Hamlin have prepared the docket and the work will be started on time Monday morning.

ANNUAL MAY FETE AT THE INSTITUTE

The annual May Fete will be held on the campus at Brevard Institute, Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The lawn in front of Taylor Hall will be lighted for the gala occasion.

For the approval of the May Queen, Miss Viola James—and her court, there will be given the folk dances of the different nations, all to be in costume. The lords and ladies of the court will give the graceful minuet in Colonial costume.

The festival will close with the winding of the May Pole. The public is cordially invited to attend this gala affair. No admission will be charged.

Statistics, Ralph McCall; Prophecy, Inez Alexander; Poem, Nelle Robinson; Will, by Nancy McCall (read by Edith Gravelly); Gifftorian, Ralph Gillespie; Class Song.

BREVARD'S POPULATION IS GIVEN BIG BOOST IN CENSUS

Brevard made a gain of about 41 per cent in population during the past ten years, according to the official figures as released by O. L. Fitzgerald, census supervisor for this district. Ten years ago Brevard had 1,658 population.

In 1930, according to the census just closed, the population is 2,339.

This gives to Brevard one of the greatest percentage increase of any town in Western North Carolina.

It is expected that the official figures for the whole county will soon be ready to release.

Chamber of Commerce Plans Big Advertising Campaign for Tourists

In order to have still more money to spend on advertising Brevard in an effort to fill the town with summer people, the Brevard Chamber of Commerce has given up the rooms on East Main street, and the office will be maintained during the summer months in the offices formerly occupied by the Brevard Light and Power company on News Arcade. The Messrs. Pickelsimer, owners of the building are donating the use of the room without cost to the commerce body, and the clerical work will be done by members of The Brevard News force and other volunteers, also without cost, turning this overhead expense into a greater advertising fund.

President T. W. Whitmire and his finance committee will attend to all details of the finance work of the Chamber of Commerce, also and of course, without charge or cost. Various committees will each carry on its own work for Brevard and Transylvania county, and, according to plans adopted by the directors, have a working group for the community at all times, carrying on every phase of the work, with all funds being available for advertising Brevard as a tourist center, and carrying on efforts to secure industrial plants for the county.

W. H. Harris, the sign painter, volunteered to paint all necessary signs for the body, without cost.

The advertising committee was ordered to place \$400 in advertising in newspapers immediately, for the purpose of bringing tourists to Brevard. This fund will be spent in those places where the best results can be obtained for the community. Thos. H. Shipman is chairman of this committee.

J. M. Allison is chairman of the finance committee, and O. H. Orr is treasurer. President T. W. Whitmire is a member of this committee. This group will have charge of all collections for the Chamber of Commerce, and supervise all expenditures for same.

The industrial committee is busy now, making effort to land a manufacturing plant in Transylvania county.

The agricultural committee is functioning with Julian Glazener and C. C. Yongue in promoting agriculture in the county, and great results are being obtained.

With all men working hard for Brevard, with no overhead expense to carry, leaving all monies to be expended solely for tourists, manufacturing plants and agricultural advancement, it is believed the old community will make decided gains within the near future.

SAFETY MEETING OF SOU. RAILWAY

Many people from the county are planning to attend the "Safety Meeting" of the Southern Railway company officials and employees, to be held Friday night in the auditorium of the Hendersonville High School building. While the primary purpose of these meetings are to study safety methods, their scope, however, is much broader, it is said, and assume the role of get-together meetings as well. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

Superintendent Cooper, of the Asheville division, will be present. It is expected that practically all the railroad men living in this county will attend, as will several interested citizens. W. V. Cole, trainmaster, with headquarters at Hendersonville, was in Brevard Tuesday making arrangements for the coming event.

U. D. C. MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Many members of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are planning to attend the district meeting to be held in Asheville on May 3. It is requested that all members who expect to attend the district meeting to notify Miss Annie Gash not later than 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

There will be no meeting of the local Chapter in Brevard next Saturday, on account of the members desiring to attend the district meeting at Asheville. The meeting of the local chapter will be held Saturday, May 10.

MANY HAVE PAID BACK ROAD TAX

Jerry Jerome, secretary of the board of road commissioners, makes announcement that many road subjects who had not paid their 1929 road tax, have come in and paid up since publication a week ago that all such men in arrears were to be prosecuted. He has been asked to extend the time for a few days, in order to give others an opportunity of paying up before warrants are served on them. This he has agreed to do, but insists that those who would escape prosecution and additional cost must come in at once and settle their road tax.

It is believed that practically all subjects who have not settled their 1929 road taxes will pay up and not have to be prosecuted.

CHILD DIES AFTER TONSIL OPERATION

Little Billy McCrary, Favorite of All Who Knew Him, Called Suddenly

Billy, the beautiful 5-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Judson McCrary, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, from heart trouble, according to the attending physician, Dr. R. L. Stokes. The little fellow was operated on Tuesday morning, his tonsils and adenoids being removed. Later in the day he was taken to the home of his parents on Maple street. During the afternoon he ate ice cream, and was, to all appearances, doing nicely. Late in the afternoon his condition suddenly became alarming, and the end came shortly before six o'clock.

Billy was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. McCrary, and was a favorite among all the people who knew him. Unusually bright for a child of his age, Billy made friends with every one he was about. News of the death spread rapidly and hundreds of people called at the McCrary home, shocked with the suddenness of it all.

Funeral services were arranged for 10 o'clock Thursday morning, at the McCrary home, with Rev. W. S. Price, Jr., and Rev. A. L. Vaughn conducting the services. Interment will be in the Gillespie cemetery.

WATSONS WORKING FOR FRIENDS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, residents of Brevard during the construction of the big power lines through the county, are now in Orlando, Florida, and enjoying good health. A letter was received by The Brevard News from Mr. Watson, and the popular man shows his interest in Brevard by requesting information about the place which he desires for friends of his who contemplate spending the summer in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson lived here for more than a year, and everyone who became acquainted with them soon counted them as friends. They were especially active in church work, and Mr. Watson was a distinct help to the Masonic Lodge and in the Eastern Star work.

Letters have gone to them, urging them to come back to Brevard for the summer.

NEW YORK BANKER VISITS IN BREVARD

Hampden E. Tener, of Montclair, N. J., visited Brevard last Saturday for the first time in twenty-two years.

Mr. Tener was formerly owner of Chestnut Hill, now owned by J. K. Barclay, one of the most beautiful farms in the country.

Mr. Tener is president of the Irving Savings Bank of New York City, besides being interested in many other financial and manufacturing enterprises. Mr. Tener, in speaking of Brevard, stated that he had never known a place to improve so much and with substantial business houses and lovely homes as in and around Brevard. Mr. Tener was formerly president of the Shorthorn Association and is now director in the same association, and no other farm in the United States is better known than his. It is the best Short Horn cattle farm in the United States.

It is hoped that Mr. Tener's visit to Brevard means that he is interested in coming back to this section.

P.-T. ASSOCIATION TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

On May 6 the Parent-Teacher District meeting will be held in Asheville, at the Claxton school building. The sessions will begin at 10:30 in the morning.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAINED AT BREVARD INSTITUTE

Last Thursday's Kiwanis meeting was held at the Brevard Institute, where a splendid program was rendered by the students. Members of the club expressed gratitude for the fine entertainment and the splendid dinner.

PROMINENT MAN OF QUEBEC DEAD MITCHELL ENTERS SUIT FOR \$100,000

Transylvania county's board of education and others are made defendants in a damage suit for \$100,000 according to pleadings that have been filed in the General County court. The plaintiff in the case is A. F. Mitchell, administrator, and based on the automobile accident when the small son of Mr. Mitchell was killed on Highway 28, last year.

Joseph Little, of Asheville, and Wm. E. Breeze, Brevard lawyer, are attorneys for the defendants, while R. R. Fisher is counsel for the plaintiff.

SADNESS IS CAUSED BY WOMAN'S DEATH

Florence Helen Gillespie, Aged 25, Died Last Saturday Night Here

HAD BEEN ILL DURING PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS

Large Crowd of Sorrowing Friends Attend Funeral at Methodist Church

Deep sorrow was felt throughout the town and county last Sunday morning when news rapidly spread that Florence Helen Gillespie had died during the night. She had been ill for the past fifteen months, and friends everywhere had been hoping for her recovery. Because of her youth, and the many splendid qualities of womanhood, the deceased was unusually popular and well loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at the Brevard Methodist church Monday at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. West, Rev. J. P. Mason and Rev. W. E. Ruffy. The big auditorium was filled with sorrowing friends who followed the hearse to the Gillespie cemetery. The great outpouring of friends and the beautiful floral offering testified to the love and esteem in which the fine young woman was held in the county of her birth and where she had spent her life.

The deceased was born December 15, 1905, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. DeWitt Gillespie, of Lake Toxaway. Seven years ago she joined the Methodist church, and had been most active in church work. The parents and three sisters survive, with a large family connection and a great host of friends. The surviving sisters are: Mrs. Cicero Hensen, of West Asheville, and Misses Paulette and Virginia Gillespie of Lake Toxaway.

Throughout the long illness endured by the deceased, during which time everything was done that devoted parents and staunch friends could do, no word of complaint passed the lips of the young woman who was so called away in the morning of her life. Her only concern seemed to be for those who loved her and worked so hard for her recovery and her comfort. A large circle of young friends among whom she was so popular and well loved, seemed stunned by the blow caused by the death of their friend. One of these friends, in talking to The Brevard News about the going of her friend, said: "But we ought not be resentful. God wants youth and beauty and grace in Heaven, as much as He wants those who have reached old age. That is why He reaches down here and takes the fairest of our friends, like Florence. They add beauty to Heaven."

EARLY VISITORS AT THE NEW SHIPMAN COTTAGES

Although the Misses Shipman have had the Shipman Cottages re-opened but a short time, already several early visitors have registered there. From the widely separated sections represented by some of these guests, Brevard must be fairly well advertised. Among the guests are Mrs. D. M. Lutton, of Miami, Florida, and Mrs. C. W. Tompkins and Miss Alma Tompkins of Rockport, Mass. The Shipman cottages have been thoroughly repaired and repainted, and are said to be much more attractive than ever before.

JUNIOR ORDER IN CONVENTION HERE

Delegates From Many Towns To Be Here for Friday's District Meeting

Members of the Junior Order from all parts of Western North Carolina will meet in Brevard Council this Friday afternoon and evening in regular district meeting. The sessions will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Dinner will be served in the hall at 6:30 o'clock, and members of Transylvania Council are urged to bring well filled baskets, to the end that there will be sufficient supper for all visitors and members.

There is much important business to be transacted at the afternoon session. The evening session will be devoted to fraternal work. Some of the outstanding members of the Junior Order in the western part of the state will be present for the sessions. All members of the Brevard order will be on hand, it is said, to help carry on the work and entertain the visiting delegates.

The following official notice has been issued by Transylvania Council: "Transylvania Council No. 376, Jr. O.U.A.M. Brevard, N. C.

"The District Meeting of Junior Order will meet with Transylvania Council, Friday May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. and also will have a night session and all members are requested to bring a basket of eats as we will want to give the visiting members supper.

Be sure to attend and don't forget the basket.

"IRA D. GALLOWAY