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INDICTED, TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY

County Being Held In Icy Grip Of Winter

BREVARD BREVITIES

Christmas is in the air. In fact, regular Christmas weather has been felt this week. First snow flakes floating lazily down together with sleet and sharp winds that turned rain into sleet served to give people a grim sort of way that the time to purchase winter attire was at hand. The cold ground combined with sleet to give a reminder to buy new shoes. Winds that chilled to the bone was a reminder that overcoats were excellent. And so on these first blasts, and the intensity of the weather was an excellent tonic for more brisk business. Then, too, folks are beginning to get the idea of buying their places of business during the week and replaced them with the red and green of Christmas. Special electrical effects have been prepared in many windows; pine boughs or trees have been attractively arranged in others and the smiling face of old Santa Claus is in evidence almost everywhere one wants to look. There has been some talk of placing a Christmas tree on the public square this year and this is a good idea. It will buy more than anything else could. Then, someone has suggested that Brevard merchants follow in the footsteps of other towns and have a Christmas tree on the public square by placing Christmas trees at intervals all along either side of the main thoroughfare. These dainty little trees are usually lighted electrically at night and produce a most beautiful effect. The idea this year is being met most effectively in Hendersonville and some other neighboring places. A shopper forgets depressive thoughts while in the trading area and is prompted to buy more freely than is otherwise the case. Dollars might not be as plentiful this year as in years gone by but the 1931 dollar will buy more than it has been in the habit of buying, too, and don't let that important fact escape your notice.

More of a tendency this year toward buying and presenting useful gifts, it has been noted, and this, after all, is a good thing. Splendid work is being done by the Brevard Transylvania County just now by relief agencies in the solicitation of money, food and clothing. An effort will be made to buy more necessities and deserving families be provided for during the cold, disagreeable weather. One charity football game has already been played and a substantial sum realized from the contest. Another will be played tomorrow in Hendersonville for the same worthy cause.

Happenings this week at the December term of Superior court reminded one grizzled old man of an old good one the other day, a rather severe jurist sat on the bench of a Mid-Western court one winter several years ago. An elongated son of the law took the witness chair and looked meekly about at his surroundings. He was charged with violation of some minor law in his county and at some court attaches speculated, his sentence would not exceed six months. But they were in for a surprise, just as they had been in for surprises all afternoon during which time the stern jurist had proceeded with the sordid business of "showing down" upon defendants facing the court. In this case, after careful deliberation, the judge thundered:

"Five years!"

Of course the grizzled, meek-faced man almost tumbled out of the chair.

Near one of the exits a spectator whispered to another:

"Gosh, Hank, that judge don't mind his case, he uses other people's time, does he?"

POTATO VINE BLOSSOMS
FENYAN, N. Y.—A potato vine blossomed late late late in the garden of George Barden, and Mrs. Hatley Arms strong picked a rose from a vine in her back yard.

FIRST SNOW, SLEET FALLS THIS SEASON

Mercury Takes Tumble as Frigid Blast Is Felt This Week

WEATHER CHANGE IS BOOST FOR BUSINESS

Old Man Winter made his presence felt in Brevard and Transylvania county in no uncertain terms this week. His icy breath was in evidence everywhere. After a rather unseasonable fall, the sharp blasts of winter caught many unprepared for the snow, sleet, rain and knife-like winds that descended upon this town and section last Tuesday before noon. All afternoon snow flakes, accompanied by either rain or sleet, fell spasmodically. Before nightfall the ground was covered with a crusting of ice and by Wednesday morning the eaves of houses, barns, sheds, buildings and like structures dripped long icicles. Trees were a solid mass of ice and some were so heavily laden that limbs split from their trunks and came crashing to the ground. Some telephone and other wires were weighted down by their icy load.

Motorists who had neglected to fill their radiators with liquids destined to prevent radiators from freezing during the winter, cursed their thoughtlessness or their cars as they had a dickens of a time getting to work. Some of the cars were weighted down by their icy load.

The merchants were not complaining one bit over the sudden turn the Weather Man had decreed for all North Carolina. Instead, they were to be observed bustling about their places of business, wrapping parcels, answering telephones or punching cash registers. All in all, the cold snap was a distinct boost for business.

Full merchandise that had remained on shelves or tables because the weather did not warrant wearing a heavy coat or heavy underwear, began disappearing yesterday as patron after patron shopped and left stores with big bundles under their arms.

County Teachers Gather Saturday

December meeting of the Transylvania County Teachers' association will be held at the Brevard high school building Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 o'clock. This meeting was postponed from the regular meeting date on account of the teachers' salaries being somewhat delayed.

HISTORY COURSE LEADS CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 9.—A course in European history from the fall of the Roman empire to modern times is the most popular at Harvard college this year, with an enrollment of 749 students.

HEN FOUND INSIDE FISH PROVINCE TOWN, Mass., Dec. 9.—Ulysses Simmons claims to have found a fully-feathered hen in the stomach of a 40-pound codfish.

OLDER GIRLS ADVISED TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL UNTIL PRESENT

UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS OVER COUNTY HAS BEEN IMPROVED

"The schoolroom, not the employment office," is the place at the present time for girls of school age, even though they are eligible for working papers, Miss Jeanette Talley, chairman of Girl Scouts Community committee, declared in a statement issued today to local Girl Scout Troop leaders, as the first step in a campaign to keep older girls in school during the unemployment crisis. The campaign, Miss Talley said, has the endorsement of the president's organization on unemployment relief, with which the national Girl Scout organization is officially co-operating.

Miss Talley explained in her statement that the matter of the

Take Oath As U. S. Senators



Here are five of the 13 Democrats and three Republicans who took the oath in the United States senate when congress convened Dec. 7. (1) J. Hamilton Lewis, Democrat of Illinois, who defeated Mrs. Ruth Hanna Bynum; (2) John H. Bankhead, Democrat of Alabama, who defeated colorful Tom Hefflin; (3) L. J. Dickinson, Republican of Iowa, former congressman and leading figure in farm relief; (4) Mrs. Hattie Caraway, Democrat of Arkansas, who was appointed to succeed her late husband, Senator Thaddeus H. Carter; (5) Harens A. Coolidge, Democrat of Massachusetts, who is an avowed opponent of prohibition, and says if he is related to Calvin Coolidge neither he nor the former president ever bragged about it.

WELFARE WORK SATISFACTORY

Work of Raising Money, Food and Clothing for Poor Is Started

Splendid response is reported by the various solicitors for the Transylvania Welfare association in their canvass of the different townships throughout the town and county during the past week. The canvass was started Friday of last week and complete returns of the campaign are expected to be in the hands of the general chairman, A. H. Kizer, some time this week. The drive is being made for money, clothing, produce of all kinds and, in fact, anything that can be of use to the needy and unemployed in the community. Mrs. H. E. Perkins, chairman, assisted by Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. A. H. Harris, are in charge of the general soliciting committee for Brevard township, which includes Brevard and Pisgah Forest.

Those assisting in the solicitation in Brevard, in addition to the general committee, include: Mrs. Lottie Duckworth, Mrs. A. R. Gillespie, Mrs. Mac Allison, Mrs. W. S. Price, Mrs. Beulah Zachary, Mrs. H. L. Wilson, Mrs. H. E. Erwin, Mrs. Beddingfield and Mrs. John Maxwell.

The following solicitors are (Continued on page six)

Farm Meeting Is Arranged in Asheville

A get-together meeting of farmers, vocational agriculture teachers, home demonstration agents, editors and business and civic leaders from all over Western North Carolina will be held at the Plaza theatre in Asheville next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Julian A. Glazener and J. P. Corbin, vocational agriculture teachers in the Brevard and Rosharon schools, respectively, are sponsoring the movement in this county and are prevailing upon as many as possible of the farmers, business and civic leaders of the county to attend the meeting in Asheville next Monday.

The principal speakers at the get-together meeting will be Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, and Charles F. Collier, its agricultural editor.

The general purpose of the meeting is to educate the city and town business men to cooperate with the farmer to build better agriculture and help create markets at home and abroad. The two speakers of the occasion will explain how the world famous "Minnesota plan" can bring a new era of agriculture prosperity to this mountain region, and how parts of it can be applied here.

The meeting is sponsored by The Asheville Citizen, The Asheville Times and radio broadcasting station, WUNC.

Foreclosure Sale To Be Conducted Here on Saturday

Tax foreclosure sale of land in Transylvania county will be held Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock at the courthouse, by W. E. Breese, county attorney.

This sale will follow publication of foreclosure notices for the past four weeks in The Transylvania Times. Many pieces of land are involved.

WILL PAY DIVIDENDS

The Brevard Building and Loan association will pay dividends to the stockholders of the association before the first of the year, according to announcement of Secretary Jerry Jerome. These semi-annual dividends are paid by the Building and Loan each year just before Christmas time, and are always looked forward to with delight by those entitled to payment.

PLAY CHARITY SCRAP FRIDAY WITH H'VILLE

Picked Brevard Aggregation to Clash With Henderson Eleven

A second football game, the proceeds of which will go to charity, will be played tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock—this time at Hendersonville. A strong team will be selected to represent Brevard from players of the season just ended that represented Brevard high school, Brevard Institute and an aggregation of self-styled "All Stars," composed of business and professional men of this town who played on the gridiron in other years.

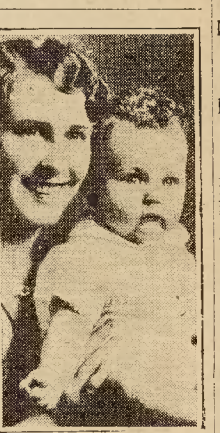
Brevard's eleven will clash with still another strong squad made up of players who were seen in action for Hendersonville high school the past season, Blue Ridge School for Boys and former college men who covered themselves with glory on the grid.

Fifty per cent of the proceeds from the game will be applied to relief work to be conducted in Transylvania county and the remaining fifty per cent will be used for relief work in Henderson county. Admission to the game will be twenty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students and children.

The Brevard team will be coached by Bill Petzer, coach of William and Mary college, and Coach Tilson of Brevard high school, Ralph James, of the Blue Ridge school, will coach the Hendersonville team. Jerry Jerome, president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, and Ruffin Wilkins, are arranging the local end of the game. Tickets have already been placed on sale in Brevard and Hendersonville.

The charity game will be sponsored by the Herbert M. Smith post, No. 77, of the American Legion, Hendersonville, and the Brevard Kiwanis club.

Most Charming



Mrs. Leo Doyle and her young son, Douglas, shown here, were selected as the most charming "mother-and-child" combination in Tacoma, Wash., by a committee of Tacoma newspapermen. Leo Doyle, the proud husband and father, makes it unanimous by agreeing with the newspapermen.

POLICE FORCE CHANGES MADE

Church Morris Replaces J. P. Deaver on Night Duty in Brevard

Several important changes and matters of business pertaining to the welfare of the community were attended to at the regular December meeting of the city board of aldermen held Monday night at the city hall, and presided over by Mayor R. H. Ramsey.

Changes made in the police force included the transfer of J. P. Deaver from night police duty in Brevard to full time duty. Church C. Morris replaces Mr. Deaver as policeman on night duty. B. H. Freeman remains as chief of police and day policeman of Brevard. T. E. Snellson, who has served as patrolman of the watershed heretofore, presented his written resignation to the city officials to go into effect Dec. 7.

Upon acceptance of this resignation, the aldermen then appointed Mr. Deaver to fill this vacancy.

It was decided by the city fathers that the firemen observe regular monthly practice of fire drills, taking the engine out at stated intervals and going through regular fire fighting observance.

The town voted to pay one-half of the expense of skimming colored lights in the business district during the Christmas holidays, and to furnish a community Christmas tree to be placed on the business square. The lights will be strung by the Southern Public Utilities Co., sharing the other half of the expense.

The town aldermen include: S. M. Macle, William Wallis, Frank D. Clement, T. H. Galloway. All city officials were present at Monday night's meeting with the exception of Mr. Ashworth.

Bridge Erected 30 Years Ago Is Razed by State

ROSMAN, Dec. 9.—One of the oldest landmarks around Rosman was removed last week when the old Eastatoe bridge, crossing the river near D. L. Glazener's store, was torn down by the bridge crew of the State highway force.

This bridge was erected more than 30 years ago. A few years ago a new steel bridge was built above the old wooden bridge and the old one was condemned. The used for light traffic, as it was a nearer route to Rosman.

HEAVY DOCKET BEING WORKED UP AT COURT

Many Cases Are Disposed of by Submission Early This Week

MURDER TRIAL WILL COMMAND SPOTLIGHT

The trial of Tal W. Pettit and Arthur Pettit has been set for Monday following their indictment Tuesday by the Transylvania county grand jury at the December term of court. The inquisitorial body returned true bills charging the pair with the murder of Jesse Masters, in 1926, near Kosman, and for which crime Louis Whitman served four years until his parole.

Indictment of Tal Pettit and Arthur Pettit, his nephew, has come as the highlight of the current court term. Judge Sipe charged to the jury, Judge W. H. Will Bless, Jr., is representing the state at the December term of court.

C. A. Mull is serving as foreman of the grand jury and others called for jury duty are Walter Hinkle, L. E. Powell, R. A. Gillespie, J. O. Ledbetter, Henry McCall, W. M. Brittain, J. C. Orr, J. Frank Hayes, W. C. Fontaine, H. E. Shipman, J. D. Morgan, H. N. Blake, Madison Allison, Clyde Case, E. R. Bishop, J. D. Morgan, J. L. Gravelly and Lewis Moore.

An outstanding case of Tuesday was that of Lyle Galloway and J. B. Owen, who entered submissions to charges of larceny and breaking and entering. They were sentenced by Judge Sipe to serve from three to five years in the state penitentiary on one count. They also received a suspended sentence of from five to ten years on the other count. Austin M. Call, who received a trial before a jury in connection with the same case, was acquitted.

The docket of criminal cases to be disposed of at the December term of court is one of the heaviest. (Continued on page six)

Interest Is Shown In Farm Program

ROSMAN, Dec. 9.—Next Monday night, Dec. 14, is the time when farmers and others will go to Asheville to the Plaza theater to assist in organizing Western North Carolina for an agricultural development program and hear Mr. Murphy and Mr. Collier, who will tell how in Minnesota, pessimistic people were changed to optimistic, thriving communities. Every person who will be asked to take his car and carry other people to this meeting. Those who will go or furnish cars are asked to get in touch with J. P. Corbin. The party may be organized and leave Rosman as a body Monday evening.

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