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**Extending Brevard's Limits.**

The question of extending the limits of the town of Brevard by a vote of the citizens of the town in the municipal election on Tuesday has loomed up as quite a big issue with strong points for and against extension.

While the News is inclined to the extension movement it readily recognizes the merits of the argument of those in opposition but believes that were the question of enjoying town conveniences involved as well as extending the limits little opposition would have developed.

The opposition contends that the town is not able to make first-class streets throughout its present territory embraced by the town and therefore should not assume further obligations. This is true as to street improvements but the same holds good in all towns and cities, only the more important thoroughfares receiving attention. The opposition contends that too much farming land would be embraced by extension and that but comparatively little improved property would be included. The News can't see the merit of this argument since the edges of the town in many directions have been fringed with highly improved property.

Brevard, just like a baby coming into the world, is here and must be cared for. The obligation clearly rests with those who enjoy the benefits of town life and conveniences whether they live within or without. Should the question of extension resolve itself into a decision as to whether those outside the town should enjoy the conveniences of water and light then there would be a general desire for extension so as to embrace those now living on the town's edges. The News can't see why any man living on the edge of the town with all its conveniences and a street leading close to his door should clamor for inclusion in the city family and thereby increase his taxes unless through compunction in evading an obligation of support.

The outsider enjoys the privilege of being near the town churches and public school; enjoys the town's water at a rate so reasonable that a protest has not been raised. He enjoys streets and roads to his door on the city's edge yet bears not his portion of the expense in keeping them up. His interests are almost identical with those living within the city and it is a matter of choice with most of them that they don't reside nearer the heart of the town.

An enlargement of the town would mean more money for its public school, which outsiders attend and which is sadly in need; it would mean more police protection; it would mean better fire protection and a consequent decrease in insurance; it would mean an increase in property values, for prospective buyers would have the assurance of benefits which the town would be under obligations to grant; it would mean cheaper water and better streets and it seems nothing but reasonable and just that those who have shared these advantages to an appreciable degree should be willing to shoulder their part of the burden of the government which they live to enjoy.

The News accords to every man

the right to reach his own conclusions in the light that is afforded him and appreciates the fact that Mr. Galloway, who has a communication herein on the subject of extension, has his good reasons for not wanting to be annexed, yet we believe that his views would have carried more weight and influence had they been expressed in more logical rather than such bitter terms. He calls the movement for extension "town-ring rottenness," but fails to back up his charge. He terms the building of a sewer line as "bad management and poor business policy," but does not undertake to prove such.

We must take into consideration the fact that the business and professional men with popular acclaim invited the "million dollar foreign corporation" and as a means of encouragement donated a site for which the people cheerfully gave \$6,500. In the face of this the town could do nothing but furnish the industrial plant with the necessary water for which it will receive pay, and make preparation for taking care of the sewage. Such action was imperative and had it not been necessary for the tannery better sanitation would have necessitated such an investment at an early date by reason of the number of sewer lines that empty into Brushy creek, which passes the tannery.

Mr. Galloway feels that the "scheme" if carried out will be costly to the democratic party of the whole county and that such will be buying political birth right too cheaply."

If democracy stands for nothing more than this and this is the price required for its downfall she surely is built on a weak foundation which the shifting sands of a growing and progressive community will undermine sooner or later and in our view the sooner the better if this represents its strength and its support depends upon enlarging the town of Brevard and building a sewer line for an enterprise that will guarantee a gigantic pay roll for the community.

The News has as great contempt for "ring" rule and political machinations as any person but can not see the justness of Mr. Galloway's claims and regrets that he didn't justify more of his charges, believing that he would have rendered the opposition to extension greater aid if he had conched his views in milder and more logical terms.

**Meeting of Weekly Press.**

The Western North Carolina Weekly Press association, which was organized a little more than a year ago, will be the guest of the Marion Chamber of Commerce on May 18 and 19 upon the invitation of Editor S. E. Whitten of the Marion Progress. The boys will leave Asheville on the Friday afternoon trains at 1:55 and 3:45 and will leave Marion on Saturday at 12:48.

The association is open to invitations for its quarterly meetings and that from Marion being the only one in hand, the News as president of the association feels that it acted in accordance with the wishes of the boys in gladly accepting the invitation to visit Marion as its guests.

The program committee is arranging an interesting program and the boys are anticipating a good, profitable and enjoyable meeting.

**Increasing Crop Acreage.**

The Brevard Banking company has received about twenty per cent of the post cards it sent out to tax-payers in the county in the endeavor to increase crop acreage. These cards generally show an increase and the bank is anxious that those receiving cards promptly fill out and return same. The cards were stamped therefore no additional postage is necessary and only two minutes would be required to fill out and give this valuable information. The News will later give a survey of the contents of these cards.

**MISS KERN BUILDING**

E. H. Norwood is building for Miss Florence Kern a six room summer cottage near her present place in West Brevard.

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**RIGID OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION OF TOWN**

To the Voters of Brevard:

The Board of Aldermen in ordering an election on the question of extending the corporate limits of the town of Brevard is asking your indorsement of the most unfair and unjust piece of "town-ring rottenness" that has yet been heard of. They ask you, by your vote, to tie hard and fast the hands of those residing within the territory to be annexed while they proceed to plunder our pockets to the tune of something like five thousand dollars a year.

I have not been called upon to advise the town authorities in connection with the administration of their official duties, and if I had been I should have had to decline the honor for lack of ability to offer the necessary advice, but I would suggest that if the town board had seen to it that the street assessments, taxes and water rents had been collected and then judiciously expended they would not find it necessary to raid the adjoining territory to procure funds with which to pay the interest on the indebtedness.

One has but to look over the territory at present embraced within the town limits to see that the town has proven itself incapable of properly maintaining streets and sidewalks within its present limits. Then why assume further liabilities and incur additional expenses? Not that the board believes that the territory to be annexed would be benefited but that they may squeeze from these people money to help pay debts of the town's own making, to help make good the deficit occasioned by bad management and poor business policies, such as the spending of six to eight thousand dollars of the people's money to build a concrete sewer line for the exclusive benefit of a million dollar foreign corporation.

I would appeal to the citizens and voters of the town to stop this wasteful expenditure of their money, and also to stop this scheme that has been started the sole object of which is to squeeze more money out of your neighbors and friends and nothing to offer them in return.

This is a condition without parallel in the history of North Carolina of a town usurping personal rights and privileges of citizens and could not be justified in any conceivable view of the case.

We know when we have had a square deal. We also know when our neighbors are trying to slip the noose around our necks while they think we are sleeping.

If this scheme is carried out as intended it can end in nothing but political discord and bitterness; conditions which democrats in Brevard and Transylvania county can ill afford to create or tolerate. I would say to those back of this scheme, beware, lest you sell your political birth-right too cheaply.

Respectfully,

M. W. GALLOWAY.

Brevard, N. C.  
Apr. 24, 1917.

"Seek and ye shall find" through the Diversified column.

**BIG IMPROVEMENTS IN HENNING INN SECTION**

Considerable improvements have been made this spring in the Henning Inn section. This dilapidated structure of many years standing is undergoing improvements to the tune of about \$2,000 and will be converted into real attractive and commodious quarters by the new owner, Judge G. A. Shuford of Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Sledge expect to occupy it about May 1 and run a boarding house under the name of the "New Henning Inn."

Mrs. W. A. Johnstone has had improvements made on her place, some repairs on the house and is contemplating giving it a coat of paint.

The McMinn cottage opposite Mrs. Johnstone's home, also the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora L. Jones, which recently passed into possession of Noah M. Hollowell, has undergone repairs and W. S. Price, jr., has just completed giving the building a refreshing finish of paint and kalsomine as a result of which another eyesore has been made into a very attractive cottage.

The improvements on these buildings have given that section of the town quite a tony and attractive appearance.

**DR. CHAPMAN TO BUILD**

Dr. C. D. Chapman is planning to build a ten-room house with basement opposite the home of Roscoe Nicholson and the new home of J. S. Silverstein. Plans now in the making by E. H. Norwood call for a building 35x50 feet with a story and a half and basement.

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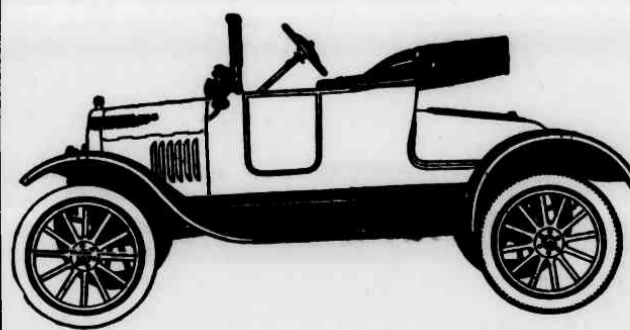
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