

SCHOOL TERM CUT TO SEVEN MONTHS

Health Officer and Farm Agent's Office Abolished, In Effort to Curtail Expenses

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FACE DIFFICULT TASK

Budget for Present Year's Expense Set at \$300,000—Hoped to Reduce This

Economy sat upon the throne in the county commissioners' room Tuesday, and ruled in a manner that would have brought joy to the heart of President Calvin Coolidge and a smile of satisfaction to the face of Governor Angus W. McLean, both being strong advocates of economy. It was the regular monthly meeting of commissioners, and the highlights in cutting expenses in county government were as follows:

Reduction of the school term from nine months to a seven-months' term.

Abolishment of the office of county health officer, to become effective within the next 30 days.

Abolishment of the office of county farm agent, to become effective Dec. 31, 1927.

Rejection of proposed school budget as prepared and presented by the county school board.

Removal of all telephones in county court house, except two.

Sheriff ordered to keep doors in court room in county court house locked except when court is in session.

Considerable reduction in amounts given to charity, which comes under the head of "present relief."

All members of the board were present at the meeting, which lasted until late in the evening. It is said the board has been considering these matters for several weeks, as the members wrestled with the problems confronting them. Many citizens have consulted with the commissioners in the past weeks, it is said, and several joint meetings have been held recently by the commissioners, the school board and the road commissioners, at which meetings it is said the subject of taxation and curtailment of expenses have been discussed.

Two things are said to have created the absolute necessity of curtailment now. One is the practice in the past of the county issuing bonds with which to meet deficits. The other is the unusual and almost unbelievable progress the county has made during the past few years. Many roads have been built in the county, while school buildings have been erected and equipment installed that have challenged the admiration of counties much larger than Transylvania.

But much of this progressive work has been done, it was pointed out, by money raised through the sale of bonds. Now, it is said, these bonds are falling due, and the interest bill is mounting up to a sizeable figure.

Commissioners say the time has come when it is absolutely necessary to practice rigid economy until the progress of the past few years shall have been paid for. The payment of these accounts and providing necessary revenue for carrying on the county affairs now, it is said by the commissioners, will be sufficient tax upon the people even with all the economy that can be brought into play.

The tentative budget for this year's expenses is given at \$300,000. This may be cut some, it is said, possibly as much as \$25,000. This year's levy will be considerably higher than last year, it is promised by the tax assessors and lists, yet even so, it is known that with the increased valuation of property and the higher levy, it is almost impossible to raise the proposed budget on last year's tax rate.

Under the new county government law, the budget must be ample to take care of each department, as it is no longer possible to sell bonds for the purpose of wiping out deficits. The new county government law, it is said, prohibits this practice which has been followed for so many years.

This action of the commissioners in reducing the school term from nine months to seven will lower the standards of the high schools, affecting members of the senior classes very materially. Boys and girls graduating from the Transylvania High schools will not be admitted to college on certificate from these schools. Grade A is given high schools having the nine months' term, while Grade B is given the eight months' school. A seven months' high school is not considered a Standard High school, therefore its graduates are not accepted, on diplomas, as freshmen in the colleges.

Another effect which some people dread is that of the attitude of teachers. It is feared in some quarters that good teachers cannot be secured for a seven-months' school. Doubt has been expressed by some citizens of the coming to Transylvania county of many teachers who have signed up for next year. Those teachers signed, it is said, with the understanding that the school year consisted of nine months. Whether they will come for seven months' work is problematical.

Abolishment of the county farm agent's office will cause much concern among farmers, it is thought. The same is true of the situation of the county health officer. Both these officers are close to the people, and each does work that is con-

DR. STOKES SELLS BREVARD HOSPITAL

Dr. T. J. Summey and Dr. Lynch Are New Owners—Lynch Buys Dr. Lyday's Interest

TRANSYLVANIA MOVES TO BREVARD PLANT

Dr. Summey Has Made Record In Field of Surgery—Is Transylvania Boy

As a result of a deal closed about a month ago, the Transylvania hospital and the Brevard hospital have been merged, the equipment and staff of the Transylvania hospital having been moved from Probate avenue to the building of the Brevard hospital on Broad street. Dr. G. B. Lynch purchased the interest held by Dr. Lyday in the Transylvania hospital, and he and Dr. T. J. Summey, founder of the Transylvania hospital, purchased the Brevard hospital from Dr. R. L. Stokes, moving their Transylvania equipment to the Stokes place, there being now but one hospital in the county.

Dr. Summey, head of the institution, is a Transylvania boy, who has won a name for himself in the field of medicine and surgery which has brought much credit to his native county. Dr. Lynch has been practicing here for several years.

That the equipment of the Transylvania hospital is to be second to none is evidenced by the fact that the same kind of X-ray machine that was presented to the Mission hospital in Asheville by F. L. Seelye, is being installed in the Transylvania hospital. This being the only hospital in the county and used extensively by citizens of adjoining counties also, the new owners realize their obligation to have a most thorough equipment and are working toward that end. All the latest equipment for purposes of diagnosis of cases is being installed to the end that the physicians in this county may be enabled to render the very best of medical services to their patients.

An inspection of the hospital discloses a perfectly arranged operating room, thoroughly equipped for both major and minor operations. It is the announced purpose of Dr. Summey and Dr. Lynch to add to the present building sufficient room to properly care for at least 30 patients at a time.

Dr. Stokes, who through this transaction retires from the hospital field, will doubtless issue a statement to his many friends at an early date.

OFFICERS FIRED UPON IN RAIDS

Sheriff B. J. Sitton and Clarence Fisher had an exciting experience last Friday, when they were fired upon while cutting a still in Old Foxaway. Word had been sent to the sheriff that he would get "his dose" if he came into that section, and if he did come, to bring an undertaker with him. The sheriff went, taking with him Clarence Fisher, Ulys Merrill and Frank Duckworth, instead of an undertaker. Mr. Merrill had been left to watch one place, while Mr. Duckworth had been sent back to the cars for some purpose, leaving Sheriff Sitton and Mr. Fisher alone, when they found the still. Officers heard people running and by the time they got in to the still, no one was in sight.

It was a 65-gallon copper outfit, and the sheriff says it was one of the most complete stills he has seen in a long time. Several hundred gallons of beer was about ready to be made into liquor.

While destroying the outfit, bullets began whizzing dangerously near the officers. Officers returned the fire, but were not able, of course, to see any of the attacking party. So far no arrests have been made.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR DEPARTMENTS

The following amounts were asked for in the budget estimates turned in to the county accountant by the different county departments for the year July 1st 1927 to June 30th 1928:

School Fund	\$132,705.17
(Nine months)	
Debt Service Fund	104,173.25
(Interest and maturing bonds)	
Road Fund	18,446.50
General Fund	45,296.00
Total	\$300,620.92

Just what effect the action of the commissioners will have upon the people cannot, of course, be predicted. Intense study of the situation and the long discussions of all questions involved give evidence that the commissioners realized the importance of their action. Whether this action meets with the approval or disapproval of the people is a question yet to be determined.

Dr. Jesse C. Owen



Noted Minister, who begins a series of revival meetings at Rosman on July 11th.

FRANKLIN HOTEL HAS MANY GUESTS

Dinner-Dance Brought Parties Here From Many Distant Points

That the Franklin Hotel's Fourth of July dinner-dance was a decided success is attested by the large numbers of out-of-town people who attended the enjoyable affair.

Dancing was in the spacious lobby which were decorated with flags and mountain flowers. The regular Franklin orchestra of six pieces furnished the music. The dining room tables were decorated with mixed garden flowers carrying out the colors of the day, red, white and blue.

The following party motored up from Newman, Ga., for the weekend: Messrs. H. H. North, P. B. Murphy, Thos. Cole and F. B. Cole, Jr.; Mrs. F. S. Gibson, Mrs. T. S. Parrott, Mrs. J. S. Hardaway, Mrs. H. C. Arnall, Jr., Miss Mary Goodman, Mrs. F. B. Cole, Miss May Cole, Mrs. G. M. Jones, Mrs. Mike Powell and Mrs. J. S. Hardaway.

Other guests of the Franklin were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Isaacs of Verientes, Cuba, Mr. and Mrs. Miles P. Hoffman and children of Atlantic City, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Keely, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Erwin of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hodges, Greensboro, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. R. G. A. Young, Anniston, Ala., Mr. R. G. Campbell and family, Charlotte, Mr. Geo. A. Campbell of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Daniel, Wilson, N. C., Miss Ethel Cutler, New York, Miss Josephine Kelly, New Orleans, La., Mr. J. C. Satter, Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stevens had as their dinner guests Mr. J. D. Waldrop, Miss Edith Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Eubank and Mr. J. S. Massenburg of Hendersonville. Others forming dinner parties were Mr. M. F. Wooten and party from Camp Sapphire, Brevard, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Martin, Brevard, Mr. and Mrs. Feizer of Brevard, Mr. and Mrs. Macfie and Mrs. R. W. Everett, Mrs. Macfie and Mrs. Ashe, Mr. V. P. Clement was host to Miss Wall, Miss Kilpatrick and Mr. J. Wedered. Mr. Sherman P. Hammatt, manager of the Franklin, and Mrs. Hammatt entertained at dinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Breese, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, Mr. and Mrs. David Ward, and Mrs. Virginia Rice.

WOMAN'S BUREAU TO MEET TUESDAY, JULY, 11TH

July meeting of the Woman's Bureau will be held next Monday afternoon, July 11, at 3:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. All members are urged to be present, as matters of importance are to be discussed.

"ROSETIME"

Local talent play at the High School Building Friday night, 8:15 o'clock.

Auspices PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

PLANS COMPLETED FOR TOURNAMENT

Mixed Event Creating Much Interest—Pairings Arranged and All Ready

Plans are complete for the mixed tournament to be staged on the Brevard golf course next Thursday, July 14th.

Pairings for the day are as follows: S. M. Macfie and Mrs. Harry Patton, Sherman Hammatt and Miss M. Crosby, Rev. Harry Perry and Mrs. Gazeley, Harry Patton and Miss Adelaide Silversteen, Walter Cobble and Mrs. Limerick, Roy Morrow and Miss Dorothy Silversteen, H. A. Plummer and Mrs. Sherman Hammatt, Ray Coble and Mrs. D. G. Ward, Thos. H. Shipman and Mrs. J. K. Barclay, R. W. Everett and Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, David Ward and Miss Helen Morrow, Mr. Isaacks and Miss Martha Breese, R. J. Gazley and Miss Rose Shipman, Robert Plummer and Mrs. C. E. Lowe, Tom Barclay and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Walter Hart and Mrs. S. M. Macfie, Dick Breese and Mrs. R. W. Everett, Ed McCoy and Miss Louise Barclay, R. B. Lyon and Mrs. H. A. Plummer, Guy Lowe and Mrs. T. W. Whitmire, R. R. Eagle and Mrs. Howard, J. K. Barclay and Mrs. W. E. Breese, Tom Whitmire and Mrs. Harry Perry, Edwin Lewis and Mrs. Beulah Zachary, John Smith and Mrs. Isaacks, Anthony Trantham and Mrs. Ray Coble, Dr. Summey and Miss Nancy Macfie, W. E. Breese and Mrs. H. L. Wilson, C. P. Wilkins and Mrs. McGhee.

JUNIOR ORDER HAS ENJOYABLE MEET

Music, speaking and a chicken supper provided an unusually interesting program at the open meeting of the Junior Order last Saturday night. People from all over the county were present and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Joe Mason presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers of the evening, Messrs. L. P. Hamlin and T. C. Henderson, who spoke on the subject of the Junior Order and of its great benefits to its membership and to the public in general. Joe Orr delighted the big crowd with his banjo and song. At the conclusion of the musical program, a fine chicken supper was served. Cold drinks and ice cream were served during the evening.

FOURTEEN CAMPS OPEN IN COUNTY

Hundreds of People From All Parts of the County Enrolled Here

Fourteen summer camps situated in Transylvania county have opened within the past week for the 1927 season, of which number five are for boys and nine for girls or young women. The young people in attendance at these various camps are representative of practically every southern state, as well as other sections of the country. The different camps will continue in session for a period of time ranging from six to eight weeks, the majority closing about September 1.

Some of the camps in and near Brevard have been in operation for 15 years, while others are operating this year for the first time. The three camps making their initial opening this season include, Camp Perry-Ann, Camp Cherryfield and Camp Nest, all for girls. Camp Sapphire is Brevard's pioneer camp for boys, and Keystone camp is the pioneer girls' camp of Brevard, both having been in operation for more than 12 years.

The five boys' camps, with the director of each include: Camp Sapphire, Wm. Mack Feizer, Brevard; Camp Carolina, D. Meade Bernard, Jacksonville, Fla.; Camp Chickasaw, Geo. Morris, Memphis, Tenn.; Camp Transylvania, J. A. Miller, Brevard; French Broad camp, Major H. E. Raines, Charleston, S. C.

The nine girls' camps include: Keystone camp, Miss Fannie Holt, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rockbrook camp, Mrs. B. N. Carrier, Brevard; Camp Ilahee, Hinton McLeod, Brevard; Camp Perry-Ann (Jewish), Mrs. Luther Pusell, Brevard; Connettee Cove camp, S. C. Morris, Brevard; Camp Toxaway, Miss S. J. Davis, Lake Toxaway; Camp Cherryfield, A. H. Kizer, Brevard; Camp Merric-Woode, M. Mary H. Turk, New York City; Eagles Nest Camp, Miss Carol Oppenheimer, Savannah, Ga.

MERRILL'S PIGS WEIGH IN AT 1167

Mr. Yongue to Act as Shipping Agent For Farmers—Plans Adopted

(By L. A. AMMON)

The first period of thirty-five days of feeding pigs ended last week, so Mr. John Merrill's of Little River were weighed. The 22 pigs had gained 1167 pounds at a cost of \$4.39 per hundred gain. Feed was weighed, mixed and fed according to the State ration, and besides the pigs had as good a clover pasture as one could want, which helps explain part of the cheap gains.

Hogs are now at the bottom for the year, selling for nine cents, yet you can make money feeding them out. Time for a second car to be started.

The Truck Growers' meeting Saturday agreed to sell through Mr. Yongue, and this week the order for seed will be made up. Those not present will be seen, and others, as we have not enough acreage yet. Most of the vegetables will be sold in Asheville if present plans are carried out, but Mr. Yongue promises to keep in touch with all other markets. Ten percent will be the commission, with three percent of the ten going to the organization for expenses.

Up to date I never saw such nice looking potatoes. Prospective yield is good, but some report that some are going to vine too much. A small late cabbage crop is in prospect.

Mr. Tom English reports that nitrate of soda has stopped the damage of the root louse and the root worm on his corn. One tablespoon thrown near each stalk of corn.

Boys and girls planning to attend Club Camp remember that July 12th is the date to meet in Brevard or Rosman, by 3:00 p.m. Two dollars will be the charge. Same list of things to bring as last year.

Beginning the week of July 26th, Mr. Glazener, H. C. Bates of the Bates of the Southern Railway, and local business men will start a campaign to induce the farmers to ship cream.

We think cows are high here—have just learned that we are at the bottom. Good grade Guernsey heifers just fresh are selling for \$125 up. Prospects are that high prices will last for several years, as the number of cows on the farm have been decreasing for several years. This gives a fine chance for the man who raises cows for sale, to say nothing about the cream he can sell.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN IS DRAWING BIG CROWDS

Recent reports from Cedar Mountain state that the cottages and boarding houses in that section of the county are fast filling up with tourists, and that a great many people from various sections of the county are arriving to spend the season at this popular summer resort.

The several young people of Cedar Mountain in the vicinity of Cedar Mountain and Cassa's Bend are also reported to be well liked. A few of the young people of Cedar Mountain in South Carolina and other parts of the state are taking on an air of summer vacation and enjoyment.

SUCCESSFUL DAY AT COUNTRY CLUB

Races and Jumping Contests Greatly Enjoyed—Cash Prizes Awarded

MUSIC BY BREVARD'S OWN BRASS BAND

Picnic Dinner, Plenty of Lemonade, Horse Shoe Pitching and Checker Games

Brevard's community celebration of July 4th made up in spirit and activity for any lack of numbers of people who were expected to attend the event. Racing, jumping, horse-shoe pitching and checker games were enjoyed during the morning, while Brevard's own band entertained the crowd with excellent and appropriate selections.

In the 50 yard race for boys under 14, Tom Patton was winner of the cash prize.

In the 100 yard dash for young men, Branch Paxton took first money, and Harry Clayton second.

In the three-legged race J. Verner and Arthur Bryson running to gether won first prize, and E. Stanford and Harry Bryson took second money. Jack Trantham and Harry Clayton, running together, got off to a good start, but fell over about an acre of ground and lost out. H. A. Plummer and James E. Barrett, who went so far as to have their legs tied together, failed to successfully negotiate the first step, and of course were decided losers.

In the sack race, J. Verner was first winner, and E. Stanford second. In the running broad jump, Jack Trantham took first money, Arthur Bryson second, and Harry Clayton third.

In the high jump Harry Bryson took first money and E. Stanford second.

The surprise of the day was the jumping of Beverly Trantham, father of the Trantham boy, and Ralph Fisher. The younger fellows had to exert all their energy to defeat these men who were champions themselves a few years ago.

At the conclusion of the sporting contests, which were held along the road of the beautiful Montclair, adjoining the golf course, a picnic dinner was spread and the crowd enjoyed the lunch, the pleasure of which was interfered with on account of a threatening thunder storm. It was really an enjoyable occasion and served to bring many people to the golf course for the first time, and many were heard to express surprise at the great beauty of it all, and they seemed to have a more thorough appreciation of the worth of the golf course to this section.

Walter Cobble, Rush Whitmire, H. A. Plummer and W. H. Alexander had charge of the activities and worked faithfully in making it a success. S. F. Allison presided at the free lemonade stand and dispensed the cooling drink to any and all who came, and hundreds enjoyed the hospitality of the Chamber of Commerce committee.

EVERETT WINNER HANDICAP EVENT

R. W. Everett won first prize in the gentleman's golf tournament in the big July 4th handicap event, while A. J. Isaacs, of Cuba, took second prize. Mayor T. W. Whitmire carried off the third prize, and Mr. Gazley, of Clearwater, Fla., was awarded the fourth. J. S. Silversteen won fifth for high score.

An unusually large number of people were on the course throughout the day.

COMPLETE PAVING TO MONUMENT GATE

Final touches are being put on the paving of the highway from E. E. McCoy's store at Pisgah Forest to the entrance gate of the Government Reserve, a distance of one and one-half miles. Travel will soon be made possible over this important thoroughfare, the paving of which will add much to the comfort and convenience of the numerous automobilists who visit the beautiful reservation in this National Forest section.

MRS. HENDERSON HAS VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Mrs. W. B. Henderson and Miss Helen Henderson, wife and daughter of Tax Collector Henderson, had a narrow escape from serious injury in an automobile collision late Sunday afternoon.

The accident occurred on the Taxway highway near Quebec, when the car in which Mrs. and Miss Henderson were riding was met in a head-on collision with a car being driven by a Mr. Graveley. Mrs. Henderson was thrown from the car and received several bruises and cuts. The occupants of the other car escaped injury. Both automobiles were considerably damaged.

TRANSYLVANIA POULTRY ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Transylvania Poultry association will meet at the court house in the office of the county agent, Saturday night of this week at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. A good dinner will be served, and the meeting will be a most enjoyable one.