

W. B. HENDERSON WILL NOT SUPPORT GOV. AL SMITH

Popular Tax Collector of Transylvania County Takes Stand in Presidential Matter

POSITIVELY REFUSES TO SUPPORT SMITH

Mr. Henderson is an Ardent Prohibitionist and Objects To Al Smith As Presidential Candidate

W. B. Henderson, tax collector for Transylvania county, and one of its outstanding citizens, in this section, makes it known through this issue of The Brevard News that he will not support Al Smith for president. Mr. Henderson is an ardent prohibitionist and a Baptist in about the same degree of feeling that he is a democrat. Al Smith's yet inclination seems to be more than Mr. Henderson can stand, therefore he makes the following statement concerning the presidential campaign:

Brevard, N. C., Jan. 17, 1928. "Fellow Democrats of Transylvania County,

"My Dear Friends— "Several of my friends have asked me if I were going to be a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Collector this year. So I deem it necessary to make a public statement at this time.

"I have been voting the Democratic ticket for forty years, and I love the principles of this great party—one of which is freedom to think and act according to the dictates of our conscience so long as our freedom does not infringe upon the rights of others.

"I mean to vote the Democratic ticket in the county and state this year if we nominate good moral, efficient men, but I cannot support the man for president whom it seems now our party means to nominate; and for this reason I can't ask my party to nominate me again for the place I am holding by its suffrage.

"I am a bitter foe to the liquor traffic, and I think that instead of modifying our laws against the whiskey evil, we should stand together as a mighty army to put it down.

"I remember—and many other people in the county, if they will express themselves, will verify what I say—when the government distillery was in operation in our county and the public barroom was on Main street of Brevard, many men were seen in our town feeling and staggering under the influence of whiskey. When E. S. Walrick, editor of the first newspaper in Brevard, 'The Transylvania Pioneer,' wrote against these evils some young men went in to the printing office and threw the type out into the streets. I have been in Brevard almost every day for nearly a year, and I have not seen a drunk man on the streets during that time. Then should we say prohibition is not effective?

"It is true the prohibition law is being violated. But so is the law against stealing, against carrying concealed weapons, against murder, and, in fact, against every law upon the statute books; but this does not signify that they should be repealed. Then why should we have the greatest piece of legislation that has ever been incorporated into our organic law destroyed just because our officers have not been able to prevent its being violated? I for one should be ashamed to let my children know that I had voted for a man who would dare to drive the entering wedge that would finally cause the repeal of our prohibition laws. So I am for this reason against Al Smith, Jim Reed and Gov. Ritchie for president.

"Another reason why I shall not again ask the good people to elect me is this: Because the taxes are very high this year on account of the heavy bonded indebtedness of the county, there is a great deal of complaint; and while I do not think that any one would think it wrong if any responsible for this condition, a large amount of the complaint seems directed toward me. The County Commissioners, the Road Commissioners, the Board of Education, and every man and woman who voted bonds for the railroad or a special tax for our public schools, or signed a petition for grading a road or loaning money to the state for hard-surfacing a road are responsible for the debt which

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AUTO LICENSE MUST BE BOUGHT AT ONCE

Rural Policeman Eck Sims is authority for the statement that auto owners must procure license tags at once for their cars or else leave such vehicles at home. Mr. Sims says that only approximately one-third of the car owners of Transylvania have secured licenses, and that running a car or truck without a 1928 license is a violation of the state traffic laws, punishable by a fine of \$50 and costs or 30 days on the roads, or both.

It is understood that a number of people have ordered tags within the past few days, and others have not been furnished with necessary blanks for application to the state department. Mr. Sims states that he has a surplus of the required blanks and will be glad to assist anyone in procuring a license.

BROMFIELD NAMED C. OF C. PRESIDENT

Mayor T. W. Whitnire Chosen as Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce Body

WILL RETAIN PRESENT QUARTERS FOR THE YEAR

Breeze Brings Up Vital Question of Taxation Which is Given Due Consideration by the Body

James S. Bromfield, one of the most prominent business men of Brevard, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting of the directors held last Friday evening. Nearly every member of the board was present, and Mr. Bromfield's election was by unanimous vote.

Mayor T. W. Whitnire was elected vice president; Lewis P. Hamlin was elected treasurer, and Miss Mattie Lewis was named secretary of the association.

A heated discussion arose over the selection of headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce. A vote was taken by the directors on three locations—the present headquarters, Mr. Clement's building on Caldwell street, and a room in the Postoffice building, owned by Bob Lawrence and J. S. Silversteen. An overwhelming vote was cast in favor of retaining the present headquarters, and a letter received from the Woman's Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, urging the directors to retain the present quarters, was largely responsible for the decision of the directorate.

W. E. Breeze made a most interesting and instructive address on the subject of taxation in the county. This question is never a very welcome subject for discussion, yet it was pointed out in the meeting that it is a question of such direct interest to the community that the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce must give serious thought to it.

HOMEMAKERS TO MEET AT PASTORIAL TUESDAY

Homemakers class of the Brevard Baptist church will meet at the Pastorial next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Wallace Hartsell and Mrs. E. T. Raines will be hostesses for the occasion.

HARRIS RETURNS TO BREVARD "TO DIE"

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, former well known Brevard people, who have been making their home for some time in Barboursville, Ky., have returned to Brevard and are now at their home on Johnson street. Mr. Harris, in talking with a representative of The News in regard to his future prospects, said that as yet he had not formed any definite plans, but that he had come to Brevard "to die here."

ELEMENTARY P.—T.

Regular meeting of the Elementary Parents-Teachers association will be held at the school building next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All parents and friends are urged to attend.

INSPECTOR RATES LOCAL SCHOOLS UP

State Inspector of High Schools, A. B. Combs, of the North Carolina Department of Education, visited the two high schools in Transylvania county, at Brevard and Rosman, on Monday, and expressed gratification at finding both schools so well organized and the quality of work of such high standing. The type of institution, system of records and grading also came in for a share of praise from State Inspector Combs.

All teachers of the two High school faculties were found by Mr. Combs to meet the requirements for state accredited schools. According to the State's rating, both of the Transylvania High schools are in Great II Class A. Mr. Combs stated that both schools meet all requirements for admission to the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, with the exception of one matter of length of school term. With the addition of one more month to the year's school term, making it nine months' term, Brevard High School would then be eligible to enter the AA Class, according to Mr. Combs' statement. The belief is expressed that the Brevard High School will be able to attain this goal by another year.

MUCH INTEREST IN BASKETBALL GAME

Much interest and curiosity on the part of the people of the town is being created over the approaching basketball game for the benefit of the hospital, which will be an event of January 27. The game is scheduled for that date and will be something out of the ordinary, and everybody, young and old, are requested to reserve the date, if they want to enjoy a portion of real fun and enjoyment.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Bill Fetzer wishes to express through this paper his great appreciation to the Brevard fire department and people of Brevard for the assistance and efficient services rendered him and his family at the time of the burning of his home several weeks ago.

Candidate For The State Senate



"Pat" Kimzey announced this week by his friends for the State Senate. Article in adjoining column.

PROF. F. J. CUTTER VINDICATED ON CHARGES OF SEDUCTION

F. J. Cutter was thoroughly vindicated late Wednesday afternoon in a hearing before Magistrate D. L. Rayner on a charge of seduction brought by the parents of a young girl of Brevard.

It was alleged in the complaint that Prof. Cutter, band leader of the Municipal Musical force, raped a fourteen-year-old girl. Feeling against the band master was very tense until the hearing before Magistrate Rayner. There was no evidence offered connecting the congenial German with the charge, and when his attorneys made motion for a non-suit, attorneys for the

prosecution joined with the issue and absconded the motion to set Mr. Cutter free of all charges.

Every one familiar with the case has been loudly praised for their activities, and even the defendant and his attorneys stated that those who agitated the prosecution were well within their bounds in bringing the case before the court.

The good sense of the people of Transylvania county was fairly demonstrated during this agitation, because there was at no time any threat of violence, and the case was permitted to run its course through the court of law.

EXCLUSIVE STORE FOR THE LADIES

Mrs. Lawrence To Open The Nobby Shop in the Postoffice Building

Brevard will have an exclusive ladies' ready to wear store, which will be opened at an early date in the Postoffice building. The new concern will be known as The Nobby Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Flax Andrews Lawrence. A complete line of the latest creations in ladies' ready to wear apparel and millinery will be carried, and new goods will be added to the stock at frequent intervals. The management is working in cooperation with a most exclusive up-to-date firm, and will be assisted in buying in the Northern markets by capable and experienced buyers.

Mrs. Lawrence is particularly fitted to carry on successfully this line of work, in that her previous training and experience have been along the line of home economics and a study of the clothing field.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Lawrence was Miss Martha Flax Andrews, who was educated at Columbia University in New York City. During her three years as student there she majored in the study of home economics with special training in clothing. After leaving Columbia, she spent eight years of acceptable service as home demonstration agent in Robeson county. Here she won great honors for herself and made an enviable record which was expressed in numerous state papers, and The Robesonian, which never seemed to finish the story of her praise and service. The regret of her co-workers because of her resignation from this position was expressed in a silver loving cup.

While in the service of the state department, she was offered many honorable positions and promotions, including the position of district agent and assistant state poultry specialist. These she declined in order to finish plans she had laid out in Robeson county.

Mrs. Lawrence is the daughter of George W. Andrews, of Mt. Gilead,

MRS. M. E. GILLESPIE PASSES TO REWARD

Mrs. Lawrence Well Known and Loved By Entire Population of the County

News of the death of Mrs. Martha E. Gillespie, which occurred at her home in Brevard Monday night, came as a great shock to her host of friends and relatives in Transylvania county. Mrs. Gillespie, who was in her 90th year, had been in her usual health up to within a few hours of her passing away, death being due to heart failure. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Wallace Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church. Interment was in Gillespie cemetery.

Mrs. Gillespie had been totally blind for the past year, but her affliction in no way reacted on her disposition, for she was known by her many friends throughout the county as a woman of most lovable character and cheerful disposition. She was born in Transylvania county and had lived here all her life. Her name has been in the church roll of the East Fork Baptist church for almost 50 years, and she had been a faithful member until failing health of her later years befell her.

Mrs. Gillespie's husband, C. M. Gillespie, died about 24 years ago. Surviving are three daughters and one son, including Mrs. W. W. Gravelly, of East Fork, Mrs. A. C. Garren, of A-ville, Miss Janie Gillespie and J. T. Gillispie, both of Brevard. In addition there are 18 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, there having been five generations of this family living up to the time of the death of Mrs. Gillespie.

one of the state's most successful business men, and she has a number of brothers prominent in business affairs, one of whom is Dr. George Reid Andrews, of the Federal Council of Churches in New York City, two years ago. Mrs. Lawrence has affiliated herself with civic and religious activities, and has assisted materially in the various activities of the town, which her presence, training and experience have made possible.

"PAT" KIMZEY IS

Friends of Young Brevard Attorney Present His Name As Candidate for State Senator

AN INDEPENDENT AND RESPONSIBLE TO ALL

Kimzey Won't Let His Way Through Chicago And His Friends Are Instantly Proud of Him

Friends of William "Pat" Kimzey, better known in local and law circles as Pat Kimzey, have sent a communication to The Brevard News announcing that the Brevard lawyer will be presented to the voters in the Democratic primaries as a candidate for the State Senate in this 32nd senatorial district. This senatorial district is composed of three counties, Transylvania, Haywood, and Jackson, and it has been the custom of the past to have in the senatorial district one representative from each county.

Mr. Kimzey is one of the most popular young men of Transylvania county. He was born and reared on a farm near Brevard, and graduated with high honors in the Brevard High School. He obtained his college education at Davidson, where he was given high honors in scholastic work, and won his letter in athletics. Mr. Kimzey is a self-made man, having made his way through college by working as traveling salesman through vacation periods in order to make money with which to pay his college expenses. After graduating at Davidson, Mr. Kimzey was engaged for two years in a military school in Mobile as instructor. He studied law at Cumberland University, Tennessee, and in 1926 formed a law partnership with Lewis P. Hamlin, which the two members of the firm have built into a very lucrative practice.

Mr. Kimzey has a fair for public service, and his friends predict for him a bright future in politics and statesmanship. Pat is an ardent democrat, his forebears on both sides of his family having been active in democratic affairs for many years in this section. His friends claim, however, that ardent democrat that he is, he will make an ideal representative, in that he is fair, broad minded and absolutely independent.

Republican friends of Mr. Kimzey, who have been interviewed, have stated that the district, being so overwhelmingly democratic, it is a foregone conclusion that a democrat will be selected for the post, and these Republican friends have expressed the utmost confidence in Mr. Kimzey, if he is successful, and are firm in the belief that he will truly represent all the people of his district.

It is not known whether Mr. Kimzey will have any opposition, nor would he admit, when interviewed and told of the activities of his friends in his behalf, that he would accept the nomination even if tendered him. His friends, however, are confident that he will respond to the call to his party and be guided by the wishes of Transylvania democracy.

Due to the fact that it has not yet been possible to make complete adjustments and repairs on the auditorium of the Brevard Methodist church, since the damage caused by a fire two weeks ago, announcement is hereby made that both morning and evening church services next Sunday will be held at Clemson Theatre. The morning service will convene at 11 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30.

Since the Sunday School annex can be well heated both Sunday School and Epworth League will be held in the usual places, the former at 9:45 in the morning and the latter at 6:30 in the evening.

It is expected that this arrangement for the church services will be in effect for only the one Sunday, since the repairs on the church will be completed during the coming week, it is said. Officials of the church express great appreciation to E. D. Clement for his courtesy in offering the use of the Clemson Theatre to the church at this time.

METHODIST SERVICES BE HELD AT CLEMSON

At a meeting of the board of stewards held in the church Tuesday evening, it was decided to hold Church Night at the church on Tuesday night, January 24, on which occasion all members are urged to be present. Ladies of the Missionary society will serve a bountiful supper for the occasion. Dr. Ashley Chapell, of Central church, Asheville, and Presiding Elder J. F. Kirk, will be the principal speakers. Reports on the progress of the church will be made, and an enjoyable get-together meeting is anticipated.

At the conclusion of the business session of the stewards Tuesday night, refreshments were served through the courtesy of J. B. Picklesimer, chairman of the board.

CALLED MEETING OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

A meeting is called for the Library Committee to meet at the U. D. C. Library Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

GRAND SESSION AT KIWANIS CLUB MEET

1927 Bids Farewell To the Club While 1928 is Introduced To the Big Crowd

DINNER HELD IN WALTERS DINE ROOM

More Than 100 People Attend Ladies' 1928 Session of the Kiwanis Club—A Great Meeting

Kiwanians observed Ladies night at the Walters hotel Thursday evening, at which more than one hundred members, their wives and sweethearts joined in the celebration. It was pronounced by all the most enthusiastic and most enjoyable meeting ever held by the local club. President Shipman and Messrs. Kendall Everett and Frank Clement, of the program committee, were highly complimented on the success of the meeting.

Character of the meeting was a farewell given by 1927, and greetings from 1928. Fred Miller represented the Old Year, and was addressed as Father Time. Little Miss Dorothy Everett represented the glad-some New Year, and both speakers captivated the hearts of the big crowd.

Fred Miller, as 1927, delivered the following message to the club:

"Gentlemen: "As you are gathered about the festive board, celebrating the coming of a New Year, that of 1928, I have a word to say to you. Not for all the world would I spoil your fun and frolic on this great occasion and more especially in view of the fact that your ladies are with you, yet I cannot be cast aside without a word of protest as you take unto yourselves a new love. Just twelve short months ago you took me, at that time something new, as you pledged your faith to me, as you will pledge your faith to my successor here tonight.

"I am the year 1927—and that has been used—and mistreated and abused. I am now dead to all the world, and can never live again. You had me for a whole twelvemonth, and it is in regard to your treatment of me that I speak here tonight, as a ghost of the past that will rise to haunt your memories for time to come.

"Some of you treated me kindly while I was with you, although you neglected many opportunities that I brought to you. Most of you utterly failed to use me as you should have done. Some there are here tonight who are glad that I am dead to the world, little knowing that with my passing, you, too, are just one year nearer the dark and silent grave which has come to house me.

"Now you have taken another bride—The New Year of 1928. What are you going to do with this new toy of yours? There are 365 bright, brand new days in this year, and five of these have already witnessed their sunsets. How Time does fly! The town you live in, the county which you claim, the state of which you boast, all are looking to you, watching you, to see what you do with the days that go to make this New Year which you profess to love. The ladies who have honored you with their presence here tonight have a right to expect the very best there is in you in your service to them and to theirs during this New Year.

"What are you going to do with the children I gave to you, the new born babes of 1927, the new enterprises started, the endeavors that I brought into your community? I am dead, you say. Not so! I shall live as long as Time lasts, and I shall expect a full accounting, some day, of everything that came to you while I held the spotlight of the world.

"May the God of Good Fortune guide you, and the Queen of Accomplishments mark your efforts of this New Year with that great and glorious sentence of 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

"Yours in deepest love, "THE YEAR 1927, Past and Gone."

At the conclusion of the message of the dying year, little Miss Everett came skipping into the banquet hall as "New Year," and in quaint manner delivered her message, which follows:

"Hey Kiwanians, I greet you! (Continued on page four)

J. I. CRAWFORD GOES WITH BREVARD

J. I. Crawford, of Canton, accepted a position with the Banking company as chief accountant. Mr. Crawford comes to Brevard with extensive experience, and was chosen by the board of directors of the Brevard Banking company as chief accountant. Mr. Crawford is a member of the Scottish Rite Lodge, No. 100, of Brevard. Many friends of Brevard, Transylvania county, and the community will be glad to see him come to Brevard.