

SENDING MILLER INTO THE SOUTH FOR THE SEASON

Chamber of Commerce To Make Intense Campaign For Tourists

ALL CITIZENS URGED TO WRITE LETTERS FOR TOWN

American Legion Invited To Hold Meetings In the C. of C. Rooms

With nearly all members present, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce held a most profitable and interesting meeting Tuesday night. In addition to the directors, there were many members present, who took part in the planning for a greater year and better business than this section has ever known.

Report of the finance committee brought to light an interesting situation, as concerns the finances of the institution. Alex Kizer made motion that the Chamber of Commerce adopt the budget system, and follow this system in its business-like manner, which motion was adopted.

Each committee of the Chamber of Commerce is to meet, and make report to the general meeting of the body, asking such recommendations and reports as each committee finds to be the best for Brevard and this community. These meetings will be separate from the regular directors' meetings.

T. G. Miller, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, will leave shortly for a trip through the South, and work for this community's interests. He will work for regular tourists, but will make special effort to rent all the summer homes and apartments in this county to summer people. There are a large number of such summer homes and it is believed a personal representative from the Chamber of Commerce can find tenants for the season for each and every one of these houses and apartments. Those having such places that they desire to have occupied during the summer season would do well to list same with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at an early date.

Following the lead of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the local body wired the representatives in the general assembly, requesting them to vote for a bill that will relieve the summer visitors from having to purchase North Carolina automobile license during their stay in the state. The directors were unanimous on this question, expressing the belief that tourists who come into the state to spend a few weeks or a few months should not be forced to buy state automobile license here, after having purchased such license in their own states.

The mayor, who is also president of the Chamber of Commerce, was requested to enforce the laws about property owners and tenants keeping their premises clean of all refuse. The law is rigid about this, and any property owner or tenant of property who allows trash and other unsightly conditions to accumulate or arise, is liable to a heavy fine in the mayor's court. President Whitmire, while accepting the mandate, informed the directors that the town officials have already done much in the recent past to clean Brevard.

Judge Ed McCoy, of Pisgah Forest, made a splendid suggestion which, if followed out, would wonderers for this section. His suggestion was that each citizen in the town and county write personal letters to some people away from here that they know, and ask them to spend their vacation in Brevard or in Transylvania county. Mr. McCoy is of the opinion that this personal appeal would do more to bring visitors to Brevard than all other forms of advertising combined.

The American Legion was invited to use the Chamber of Commerce rooms for holding their regular and special meetings. As it is now, the Legion has no place in which to hold meetings, and the Chamber of Commerce, ever mindful of the great sacrifice made by the soldier boys ten years ago, invited them to make use of the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

President Whitmire expressed his appreciation of the fine spirit being shown by the citizens of the community in working for this section, and declared that nothing on earth can defeat a spirit like that now being shown here. He predicted the biggest season and the biggest business for Transylvania county and Brevard in 1929 that this section has ever known.

BOARD TO MEET AT THE HARTSELL HOME

Directors of the Brevard Kiwanis club will hold the regular monthly meeting at the home of Director Wallace Hartsell Friday evening. It is expected that all members of the board will be present, as the next month's program will be worked out at this gathering. Rush Whitmire, secretary, will make his report to the directors and inform them of the work that his office has done during the month of January.

LAR LOAD OF ORE HAS BEEN SHIPPED

Toxaway Mine Sends Sample To Glass Manufacturers In the East

Transylvania county's first carload of quartzite ore has been mined and shipped to a glass factory for smelting and testing. The car went through Brevard one day last week to an eastern manufacturer of glass. The mine being worked is in the Toxaway section of the county, and experts have said the veins show great promise of being among the richest deposits of this valuable mineral in the whole country. In fact, it is said, that there are but few places in North America where quartzite can be found, and local citizens are hopeful that the Toxaway section will prove to contain great deposits of the mineral.

HARD LUCK RIDES TWO LIQUOR CARS

Call For Help, and Man Called Is Deputy Sheriff Tom Wood

Old Man Hard Luck was trailing a bunch of liquor runners last Thursday morning when they attempted to pass through Brevard. There were two cars, one laden with whiskey and the other apparently acting as trailer, or look-out. The cars came from Caesar's Head way, and in an endeavor to pass Brevard without coming through the town, turned to the right to make a short cut into Highway 28 below Brevard. The cars left the pavement and soon one of them was stuck in the mud. The trouble happened right near a house, so the runners went to the house, awakened the occupants, and asked for assistance in getting their car out of the mud.

It happened that the house at which they called for assistance was the home of Deputy Sheriff Tom Wood, and he very graciously assisted the men in getting the car out of the mud, but then he informed them they would have to take them to the county hotel for a brief stay.

Many gallons of whiskey were poured into the sewer, as the crest-fallen men of the fleet looked on, and then the journey through the court house hallway, back to the jail where Chief Barnett presides, was begun.

The men were bound over to court for trial.

MUSICAL TREAT IS PLANNED AT HUT

A musical program of Schubert's compositions will be given at the Presbyterian Hut this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. The occasion is in commemoration of the 102nd anniversary of the composer's birth.

Featuring the program will be Mrs. P. N. Simons, assisted by Miss Dorothy Russell and Alvin Moore.

The following program will be rendered:

- (a) Rosamunde Impromptu, Opus 142, No. 3
- (b) Impromptu In a flat major, Opus 90, No. 4
- Unfinished Symphony Four hands piano
- Brief essay on Franz Schubert Written by Frank Damsch
- Three songs in the original German:
 - (a) Am Meer (By the Sea)
 - (b) Sei mir gegrusst (She Greets Me)
 - (c) Der Lindenbaum (The Linden Tree)—Baritone
- Two Liszt transcriptions of songs:
 - (a) Du bist die Ruh (Thou Art Repose)
 - (b) Hark, hark! the Lark (Shakespeare) Piano
- Two songs in English
 - (a) Serenade (Standchen)
 - (b) Who is Sylvia (Shakespeare) Soprano
- Marche Militaire Four hands piano

DEATH OF NORRIS IS SHOCK TO HIS FRIENDS

J. H. Norris, of Davidson River, died early Tuesday morning, at the age of 63 years, after a short illness from pneumonia. The deceased was considered a good citizen of the county, and many friends expressed sorrow at his passing.

The widow and ten children, with other relatives, survive. The children are:

Mrs. Allen Whitmire, Rosman; Charlie, Gloucester; Carl, Brevard; James, Greenville, S. C.; and Neil, George, Ruby, Myrtle, Johnnie, and Everett, all of Davidson River.

Surviving brothers and sisters are D. B. of Canton; Joe, of Pole Creek; Jasper, of Hazelwood; Spears, of Woodrow; Mrs. Mary Rogers of Canton and Mrs. Laura Hinson of Georgia.

Mr. Norris was a member of the Baptist church, and the funeral services were held Wednesday at Calvert and interment was made in the Greenwood cemetery.

GALLOWAY AND HAMLIN SPEND WEEK-END WITH FRIENDS HERE

STATE SENATOR IS PLEASED WITH THE SESSIONS SO FAR

Sees Great Reduction In Local Taxes Because of State Measures

NO JOKER IN BILL TO REDUCE BOARD NUMBER

Strong For State-Wide School Bill, Providing 40 Cents School Tax

Senator Coleman Galloway, on a visit to his family over the week-end, is positive that two statewide bills of great importance to Transylvania county will pass, as follows:

The bill providing that the state operate the 6-months' school term, with an ad valorem tax not exceeding 35 cents, possibly held to 30 cents, on the hundred dollar valuation will be passed, and that the equalization fund will then be so enlarged as to make the extended terms of two months for the counties having an 8-months' school, or the three months, in counties having the 9-months' school, will be so fairly apportioned that the poorer counties may have these advantages without the heavy burden of taxation heretofore existing.

Under the present plan, the 6-months' school tax is \$1.11 in this county and on the extended term it is 27 cents, making the school tax in Transylvania county amount to \$1.38 on the hundred dollar valuation. If this law that Senator Galloway is certain of success, does go through, then the 6-months' tax will be reduced to 35 cents on the hundred dollars and then a reduction also in the extended term cost. Not counting the extended term saving, that on the six months' term will amount to 85 cents on the hundred dollars, bringing the county tax rate down to \$1.95.

Then the one-cent additional on gasoline tax will, it is said, give to Transylvania county a saving of another 17 cents on the hundred valuation, bringing the rate down to \$1.77, whereas, it is now \$2.75.

There are other bills pending which, it is hoped, will still further reduce the rate, and it is believed that when the session ends the tax rate in this county will be reduced to about \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation.

As to local legislation, Senator Galloway stated emphatically that there is no joker in his bill to reduce the number of county commissioners from five to three in number. His bill repealed the Wilson act that increased the board to a membership of five. As to the members of the board who shall constitute the commission, Senator Galloway stated that was left entirely up to the present members as to the two who shall be dropped and the three who are to constitute the board under the new law.

An amendment, the senator stated has been made by him to his original bill concerning the consolidation of the offices of sheriff and tax collector. The original bill provided that the sheriff should collect the taxes, in addition to his sheriff's duties, and should receive an additional sum of \$2000 a year, with automobile expenses. The amendment makes definite allowance, it is said, and removes the objection in the original bill for unlimited car expense. Senator Galloway stated his conviction that his bill will effect a saving to the tax-payers of the county.

The Brevard man expressed appreciation for treatment accorded him at the state capital, but was glad, he said, to be back among his own people of Transylvania county for a brief stay.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR PISGAH BANK

Stockholders of the Pisgah Industrial Bank held their annual meeting on the 28th, and re-elected all officers and directors, as follows:

J. H. Pickelsimer, president; W. W. Croushore, vice president; L. P. Hamlin, vice president and attorney; O. H. Orr, cashier.

Directors: J. H. Pickelsimer, W. W. Croushore, L. P. Hamlin, O. H. Orr, C. R. McNeely, Rush W. Whitmire, E. A. Plummer, E. S. English, R. L. Nicholson.

The institution has had splendid success in its first year's business, and stockholders expressed appreciation for the manner in which the officers had conducted the institution. The Pisgah Industrial Bank fills a splendid position in the county, in that it takes care of those who desire small loans as well as those desiring larger amounts, the repayments to be made weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.

Oliver H. Orr, cashier and manager.

MINORITY LEADER PLAYING WAITING GAME IN THE HOUSE

Hamlin Spends Week-end In Home Town—Receives Congratulations

SAYS LEGISLATURE IS ANXIOUS FOR ECONOMY

Believes Gasoline Tax and a State-Wide School Law Assured

Hon. Lewis P. Hamlin, member of the legislature from Transylvania county and minority leader in the house, spent the week-end with his family, and received many delegations of citizens interested in proposed legislation that is to be acted upon in the present session. Mr. Hamlin expressed himself as being highly elated over the outlook for real legislation in this session, believing that the very best legislation possible would be enacted.

This is Mr. Hamlin's first time to serve in the legislature, and the fact that he was chosen leader of the minority in the house is proof of the high esteem in which the Transylvania man is held at Raleigh. But few times in the history of the North Carolina assembly has a man serving his first term been chosen as leader of his party group. Mr. Hamlin refused to comment upon this honor other than to say that he was, of course, proud of it, and would do all in his power to merit the honor that had been conferred upon him.

So far, Representative Hamlin has introduced no bills at all, and asks that The News say to the people of the county that he is anxious to hear from the citizens about proposed measures and also have expressions from the citizens on bills that have been introduced in the senate by Senator Coleman Galloway, also from this county. Mr. Hamlin said that it is his desire to work only for such legislation as the people of the county desire.

Mr. Hamlin believes that a statewide school law will be enacted whereby the state will finance most of the six-months' term, and provide an equalization fund to help those counties that have the extended term. Just what this legislation will be, Mr. Hamlin was not in position to state.

He believes that the gasoline tax measure will become a law, and that the counties will share to the extent of one cent the gallon on gasoline sales. This will, he believes, make a great reduction in the taxes paid by each county on road funds.

On local matters, Representative Hamlin said he desired to carry out, as far as lay in his power, the platform upon which he was elected by the people of the county. When asked about the bill presented by Senator Coleman Galloway, placing the office of tax collector with that of the sheriff, raising the sheriff's salary \$2000 a year, with automobile expense, Mr. Hamlin said he did not believe the bill would pass in its present form. Mr. Hamlin stated, however, that he felt the sheriff is entitled to some increase in salary if he does the work of both offices.

Mr. Hamlin expressed the belief that some changes would be made in the election laws, but was unable to predict the extent to which any reform measure might reach.

GALLOWAY AMENDS HIS ORIGINAL BILL

Senator Coleman Galloway has amended his bill concerning the consolidation of the sheriff and tax collector's office, according to a telegram received from Representative Lewis P. Hamlin.

The telegram follows:

"Raleigh, N. C. Jan. 29, 1929.

"Brevard News, Brevard, N. C.

"Senator Galloway amends bill appointing sheriff tax collector by striking out automobile expense bill. Now provides increase in salary of two thousand dollars and county to pay cost of bond in surety company. Would be glad to have expression from people as to their wishes. Bill held in committee until Tuesday."

"Lewis Hamlin."

TO DISCONTINUE P. O. AT DAVIDSON RIVER

Word has been received that Davidson River postoffice will be discontinued on February 15, and patrons of that office will thereafter be served through the Pisgah Forest postoffice and rural routes.

Davidson River postoffice has been in existence for about 75 years, and has been located in many places along the river, depending upon the residence of the postmaster. For some time now it has been located at Davidson River station, just a short distance from Pisgah Forest.

APITALIST PAYS VISIT TO COUNTY

Interested In Mineral Prospects of Transylvania County

R. E. Wood, Baltimore capitalist, is in the county this week, interested in the rapidly developing mining interests here. Mr. Wood is remembered by many people of the county as the man who purchased large timber boundaries here several years ago.

With quartzite and manganese being found in abundance in Transylvania county, many capitalists of the country are becoming actively interested in this development, and some experienced men have stated that mining may soon become a great industry in this section.

WHEN BED GETS TOO WARM, MOVING TIME

So Young Woodsman Acted In Setting Fire To Waltermire Hotel Recently

When a bed gets too warm, then move to another room.

That is the way a man at the Waltermire Hotel seemed to feel about the matter last Friday night.

A woodsman came to town, a young fellow with all the earmarks of a hard working man, and went to the hotel. He arrived about midnight and finding no one in the office, proceeded upstairs, entered the parlor, stretched out on a settee and went to sleep. He forgot to throw his cigarette away, and ere long the cushions on the settee were burning. Not liking the smell of the smoke, the young mountaineer meandered into the reception hall, found a comfortable chair, sat down in it and placed his feet on another chair, went right back to sleep, caring nothing about the fire he started in the parlor.

Lawrence Holt, who had spent the evening in Asheville, returned to the hotel about one o'clock, and discovered the fire in the hotel parlor, and looked upon the man in the hall, who was peacefully sleeping. The cushions were placed under running water, and the fire extinguished, so it was thought. The young man was taken to the county jail and the people in the hotel who had been aroused returned to their beds to sleep.

But the cushions, which had been placed in the hallway, still had smoldering fire in them, and about 5 o'clock in the morning they had blazed, and fire was eating its way through the floor and into the ceiling. The fire department was called, and because of the quick and effective work done the blaze was soon under control, although considerable damage had been done the hotel property.

Next day in Magistrate Shuford's court the young man frankly stated that he came to town, with his month's wages, proceeded to "tank up" and remembered but little that had happened. He expressed regret that he had caused damage and worry, and his sincerity was apparent.

Mayor Whitmire, proprietor of the Waltermire Hotel, was impressed by the candor and the evident regret of the young man, and interceded for him in court, asking Judge Shuford to hold nothing against him but that of drunkenness, and because of this plea, Judge Shuford fined the lad \$25 and costs, leaving off the charge of damage to property.

"I must have been soured," said the young man, "if I set fire to the settee, and then went into an adjoining room and went right back to sleep. Guess the smoke was too strong for me."

JOE REVIS AT HOME AFTER TERM IN PEN

Joe Revis, convicted nearly a year ago for the murder of Ulys Robinson, his son-in-law, and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, has returned home, having completed his sentence in nine months and sixteen days.

It will be recalled that a fight occurred in the Revis home, a lonely cabin standing high up on the mountainsides near the South Carolina line, between Ulys Robinson, his wife, Laura Robinson, and her father, Joe Revis. Robinson was shot, and had to be carried a long distance by men who waded Horsepasture River with the wounded man. He was brought to the Transylvania hospital and died a few days later.

Revis admitted the killing and pleaded self-defense, evidence being to the effect that he killed Robinson to save his own life and that of his daughter.

DUNN'S ROCK MASONIC LODGE Meets Every Second and Fourth Friday Evenings.

All visiting brethren cordially invited to attend all meetings. All members expected to attend all meetings, unless providentially hindered, or when other duties and obligations are considered more urgent than Masonry.

POULTRY TRADE IN COUNTY GROWING AT RAPID RATE NOW

B. & B. Feed Co. and the Farmers Federation Buying Big Stocks

FARMERS ARE BECOMING INTERESTED IN POULTRY

Cash Markets For Products of the Pen Creates Much Local Interest

Poultry business in Brevard and Transylvania county is destined to become one of the most interesting and profitable parts of the county's commerce. Last week the B. & B. Feed and Seed company started into the poultry buying business, advertising the fact that this concern is here every day in the year for the purchase of poultry. Many hundreds of pounds of fowl were brought to their place of business.

The Farmers Federation is announcing the fact that that concern will run another poultry car through Transylvania county next week, stopping first at Rosman, then Brevard and the last day at Hendersonville.

Good prices are being offered for poultry, and it is expected with both these well known concerns buying poultry and paying cash for same that many more people will go into the chicken business. There is no other section of the country where the poultry business can be made to pay as right here in Transylvania county, and reading of the advertisements of these two concerns will prove to the poultry raiser that here is splendid marketing facilities for all the poultry that can be grown in Transylvania county.

A. & P. BREAD WAGON FINED FOR SPEEDING

Judge Ed. McCoy, of Pisgah Forest, plays no favorites when it comes to taking care of the children who attend the Pisgah Forest school. The big bread truck of the A. & P. stores, coming through Pisgah Forest at about the time the highway is filled with Transylvania's finest children, was exceeding the speed limit, it is said, and the case came up, on arrest, before Judge McCoy.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge McCoy fined the A. & P. company \$25 and costs, adding something like \$28 to the school funds of this county.

DEATH OF YOUNG BOY SADDENS THE TOWN

Harold Nicholson, aged 18, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his father, Rad Nicholson, following an illness of three weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of his brother, George Nicholson, in Forest Hills. Interment was in Gillespie cemetery.

Surviving are his father, seven brothers and two sisters: George, Charlie, John, Robert, Tom, Raymond, Roland, Eliza and Elizabeth.

Pallbearers were all uncles of the young man, including Roscoe Nicholson, Santa Nicholson, Banks Nicholson, Calloway Nicholson, John Cantrell, Claude Cantrell.