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DEPOSITORS MEET FOR DISCUSSION OF PLAN TO OPEN BANK

Committee Awaiting Passage of Necessary Legislation on Question

COUNTY AND TOWN ARE BANK'S BIG DEPOSITORS

Mitchell Presents Plan Embracing Features He Believes Are Demanded

Nearly three hundred men and women gathered at the county court house last Saturday afternoon, in response to a call by the Depositors' Committee, and discussed plans for re-opening the Brevard Banking company. Judson McCrary, chairman of the committee, presided at the meeting, and after stating the object of the gathering to be that of hearing a plan read under which the bank could re-open, called upon Wm. E. Breese to read the plan, which was said to have the o. k. of the proper authorities at Raleigh.

It was stated that a bill had been presented in the legislature enabling the county and the town to enter into the agreement with other depositors for re-opening the bank. The plan called for depositors agreeing to set aside 30 per cent of deposits to be used as capital and surplus, and to freeze the remaining 70 per cent deposits for three years, except as earnings and collections would enable bank officials to pay ten per cent of the deposits, which is to be done as the bank is enabled to do so.

Mr. Breese, who has spent much of the time at Raleigh since the legislature convened, told of the measure that had been introduced in the house by Representative Henry, and upon which the whole matter hangs. The Depositors' Committee is awaiting word from Mr. Breese, who returned to Raleigh Monday, as to the progress

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FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT CONCORD

Brevard was saddened Tuesday when word was received here that C. E. Lowe, well known in this county, had died early Tuesday morning, victim of a heart attack suffered last Saturday night. Mr. Lowe was for many years, one of the leading business men of the town, having the agency here for the Ford automobile, and was in business in the stand now occupied by the Brevard Battery company.

Leaving here about two years ago, after having sold his business to the Joiner Motor company, Mr. Lowe returned to his native home in Cabarrus county, having interests in Concord and in Kannapolis, but making his home in Concord. His health gave way before he left Brevard, and that was the main reason why he disposed of his business interests. The Lowes still owned their home on East Main street extension. While living here, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and all members of the family were popular and well liked, and their leaving Brevard was the occasion of sincere regret.

Some Brevard friends are in Concord attending the funeral.

MACFIE RESIGNS FROM LOCAL BOARD

S. M. Macfie, for the past three years chairman of the local school board for the Brevard schools, has resigned his position, and R. P. Kilpatrick has been named as his successor. Dr. Macfie has been a member of the local board for the past twelve years, and said he felt that he had given about all the time to the work that could be expected of one man.

There is now a complete new local board, Mrs. Henry Ranson having resigned when she moved away from Brevard, and Mr. Henry resigning at the time he assumed his duties as a member of the legislature. The local board now consists of Fred Johnson, R. P. Kilpatrick and Alex Kizer.

WOULD INCREASE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO 5 MEMBERS

Word comes from Raleigh that Representative W. M. Henry introduced a bill in the legislature last Friday, providing for an increase in the membership of the board of education from three to five members. The bill was referred to the committee on education.

Unofficial reports give the information that Sid Barnett, of Pisgah Forest, and Leo Cash, of Oakland, are to be named as the additional members, making the board as constituted under the new plan, as follows:

L. P. Wilson, Claude V. Shuford, J. M. Galloway, Sid Barnett and Leo Cash.

It is not known for what purpose

BILL TO AUTHORIZE FREEZING OF FUNDS OF TOWN AND CO.

Introduced By Representative Henry In the Legislature Last Thursday

BRESEE Wires CHAIRMAN BILL WILL BE PASSED

Legislation Must Be Enacted Before Officials Can Act In the Matter

BRESEE SAYS BANK BILL WILL PASS IN THE HOUSE

Judson McCrary, chairman of the Depositors' Committee, wired Representative Henry Wednesday as follows:

"Hon. W. M. Henry, Raleigh, N. C.

"Please wire immediately collect if your last bill has been passed or has chance of passing.

(Signed) JUDSON McCRARY, Chmn. Depositors Com."

No reply was received from Representative Henry, but Mr. McCrary received the following message, which he accepted as being an answer to his telegram, from Mr. Breese, as follows:

"Judson McCrary, Brevard, N. C.

"Last bank bill favorably reported. Will pass house.

(Signed) W. E. BREESE"

Brevard News Bureau Raleigh, March 11

Representative W. M. Henry introduced a bill Thursday which would give the Transylvania county commissioners the right to "freeze" county deposits in the Brevard Banking Co.

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COTTON MILL WILL START UP MARCH 23

With the carpentry work completed, painting all done, machines lined up, oiled up and cleaned up, and a shipment of cotton on the sidetracks, the Pisgah Mill is just about ready to begin operations. It is believed that a full force will be put to work one week from next Monday morning, and this is good news to several hundred people.

The Pisgah Mill, successor to the old Sapphire Mills, is under the general supervision of Mr. B. E. Geer, Greenville manufacturer and capitalist, and one of the outstanding industrial leaders of the South. H. E. Erwin is superintendent, and for the past two weeks has been busily engaged with a large force of mechanics in making repairs and additions to the mill. Organization of the new concern was effected last Saturday afternoon.

It is announced that a complete force has been engaged for operating the mill, preference being given to those who were employed prior to the closing down of the Sapphire more than a year ago. Operation of the mill will mean much to this community, and it was through community effort that the new organization came into existence and is now about ready to begin work.

NEWS RECEIVED OF DEATH OF STEVENS

News has been received in Brevard of the death of Professor Clarence D. Stevens, of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the country's great teachers of Medieval English, and a lecturer whose fame was nation-wide. Dr. Stevens and his family have been coming to Brevard for a number of years, living at the England Home and at the Stevens Cottage, on Camp See-Off.

Dr. Stevens had many friends in this community, among these being Mrs. Alice B. Harlee, with whom the Stevens family spent much time each summer.

SUGGEST WILLIAM J. WALLIS FOR BREVARD'S NEXT MAYOR

With the primary for the town election to be held next month, and the election in May, citizens are turning their attention to the selection of the governing board for the next two years.

As an indication of the interest becoming manifest in the primary and election, a group of citizens of the town handed the following "suggested ticket" to The Brevard News, with request that it be published:

For Mayor: William J. Wallis.

For members of the Board of Aldermen: S. M. Macfie, B. W. Trantham, W. L. Mull, Dr. J. H. McLean and A. B. Galloway.

Mr. Wallis, suggested for mayor, is one of the younger business men of the town, and enjoys the confidence of the entire community. He has never been active in political affairs, and the group of citizens presenting the

suggested ticket spoke highly of Mr. Wallis' qualifications for the office of mayor.

The aldermanic ticket as suggested are men well known to the community life.

In the political talk about the streets can be heard the name of Ralph H. Ramsey for mayor, while others are emphatic that Mayor T. W. Whitmire should be named to succeed himself for the town's highest office. Frank D. Clement's name is often heard in the talk about the "next mayor," while numerous men are mentioned as aldermen, some declaring that the present board should be re-elected to serve for another term.

It is expected that line-ups will soon be formed, and the list narrowed down to what will become an interesting contest.

School Bill Causing Greatest Battle In History of the N. C. Legislature

Introduction of two sales tax plans, to raise money for the purpose of state operation of the six-months' school term, and the bitter fight being waged against these sales tax plans, have combined in creating a most uncertain situation in Raleigh. One sales tax plan was to tax "luxuries," while the other plan was to place a tax on all business houses, graduating from one-fourth of one per cent to 3 per cent, as the volume of business increases. Merchants of the state are fighting these plans, and now Senator Bernard, of Buncombe county, has introduced a bill to repeal the six-months' school law enacted earlier in the session.

Brevard News Bureau Raleigh, March 11

Governor Gardner's program of re-organization of state and local government has gained much impetus during the past week by the enactment of part of his bills and test votes on others which insure their passage, that it is confidently expected that all of the measures he desires enacted will come very near becoming law. He probably will abandon one or two of his former proposals on the ground of probable improvement on the plan or that the aim has been, in part, reached by consideration of the measures.

The road measure was looked upon as the "Hindenburg line" and all agreed that if that went over, most of the other administration measures would have easier sledding. That is why Governor Gardner staked his program on this bill, and when it was enacted he was assured of practical success in most of the other measures proposed and pushed. Test votes in one or both houses on his bill providing for a Director of Personnel, his Director of Purchase and Contract measure and consolidation of three higher educational institutions as the University of North Carolina assure the success of his program.

The Local Government Commission measure, already enacted, is probably the most important and far-reaching of the entire group and will probably be felt by the people back home more than any other measure. It takes the place of the County Government Advisory Commission and the local unit authority of the State Sinking Fund Commission, putting sharp and solid teeth into the measures which restrict local unit operations. By it, North Carolina counties, cities, towns and all other units will be put on a business basis and must meet bond and note obligations, many of which may be refunded. After a period, it is destined to stop defaulting and over-spending by local units. Charles M. Johnson has been named director and other members appointed. They begin to function March 18.

Measures have been introduced affecting all but one of the elective officials of the state created by statute.

The most important, probably, is re-organization of the Department of Agriculture. By it the commissioner, after the present term expires, will be appointed by the Governor, as chairman, with four other members, including the dean of the Agricultural Department of State College and three others, named from the three sections of the state, as the Board of Agriculture. The board will handle agricultural affairs and operate the State Fair. The five test farms and research stations, however, will be taken over and operated by State College.

Another bill provides for the appointment of the members of the Corporation Commission after the present term expires. A new bill, the Governor's, has been introduced to create the Department of Banking independent of the Corporation Commission. Governor Gardner has stated publicly that he thinks the bill is sound, necessary and in the public interest and that he will urge its passage.

The main function of the Department of Labor and Printing would be taken over by the Division of Purchase and Contract proposed, and the labor activities may be provided for in some other department, probably by the next General Assembly. The Insurance Commissioner is the only elective statutory office that has not been touched by any bill up to this writing. The known ability and popularity of the Commissioner, Dan C. Boney, may have something to do with the delay, for personalities seem to have a way of entering such proposals. But, no exception is expected to be made and the "short ballot" will probably reach to all such offices—stopping only with the seven constitutional posts—Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The House has adopted and the Senate is considering the bill which provides the machinery for operation by the state of the six months school term, while the finance committees have reached the conclusion that the \$18,500,000 which is required for this purpose will have to be raised, about \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 of it, either by a sales tax or an ad valorem tax, which the original school bill, or resolution, prohibited. Many thousands, probably 100,000 of telegrams, letters and signatures, have been received by the legislators protesting against the sales tax. However, it will be inescapable if the state is to operate the six months term without an ad valorem tax, the committee says.

The two bills recommended by the Educational Commission were introduced the past week. The No. 1 bill provides for an eight months term, which educational forces say can be

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BAPTIST PASTORS ORGANIZE LEAGUE

Permanent organization of the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Transylvania county was made last Monday at a meeting held in the Brevard Baptist church. In addition to the Baptist ministers of the county, there were four outstanding preachers of Hendersonville in attendance, these being: Dr. Martin, Dr. Arthur Jackson, Dr. A. J. Hustus and Rev. Mr. Reece.

Rev. I. N. Kuykendall was elected president of the conference, and Rev. W. S. Price, Jr., was named as secretary. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the Second Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Officials of the conference express hope that all ministers of the county, together with the deacons of the churches, will attend the next meeting, which will be held in April. There is specific work to be done by this conference, it is said, and the support of all the Baptist preachers is urgently needed.

VETERANS RECEIVE MANY CHECKS HERE

Alvin Rockwood, of the local post of the American Legion, reports that several compensation checks have been received in the town and county already by the veterans who are borrowing money on their certificates in accordance with the newly enacted legislation in Washington which enabled the veterans to borrow up to fifty per cent of the amount of certificates. A new form is now being used by the veterans applying for loans and Mr. Rockwood has these necessary papers and will assist any veteran in filling out the blanks.

Dr. Carl Hardin, Ralph R. Fisher, Postmaster R. L. Nicholson and many others have been assisting the veterans in every way possible, while all notaries public of the community and justices of the peace have been taking acknowledgements of the veterans, without charge for any service. Many thousands of dollars will come into Transylvania county from these funds, and it is said that practically all of the veterans are making applications for the loans.

PRITCHARD FILES CHARGES ON WHICH CONTEST IS BASED

Charges Illegal and Fraudulent Use of Thousands of Absentee Ballots

ATTACKS METHODS USED BY OFFICIAL MARKERS

Senate Committee Will Visit State In Sifting Charges By Claimant

Hon. George M. Pritchard, former congressman, and opponent of Hon. Josiah W. Bailey for the United States Senate in the last election, has contested Bailey's election and machinery has already been set in motion to sift the matter to the bottom.

The senate committee, in charge of the contest, has requested Gov. Gardner to permit the committee to have all boxes and ballots used in the last election removed to Washington. Governor Gardner has signified his desire to be of whatever assistance possible in expediting the contest.

Pritchard enumerates many charges of irregularities, and the contest will prove most interesting to the people not only of North Carolina but to all Eastern America.

An inquiry into the election is expected to be made by a senate election sub-committee composed of Senator Moses republican, New Hampshire, chairman; Watson, republican, Indiana, and Bulkeley, democrat, of Ohio. Senator Shortridge, republican, California, is chairman of the election committee, and is understood to have authorized the investigation.

Pritchard alleges, on information and belief:

1.—That in many election precincts registrars entered on their books names of voters who did not in fact

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D. C. F. OVERDRAFT ITEM IS EXPLAINED

In the bank report which has been examined by hundreds of citizens there is an item which has caused much speculation. It is listed under the heading of "Overdrafts," existing at the time the bank closed on December 15. This item of overdraft is as follows:

"Shipman, T. H., Treasurer, D. C. F., \$1,333.63."

Speculation has been rife as what D. C. F. stands for, and what account it is that is overdrawn by the treasurer of the "D. C. F." A delegation of citizens went to see Judge D. L. English, whose opinion is often sought, and asked him what "D. C. F." stands for. The judge quickly replied:

"Why, that's easy. D. C. F. stands for Democratic Congressional Filibusters." And so that's that. If there is a better explanation, many people would like to hear it.

KIWANIS CLUB TO BE IN CHARGE OF REV. JOE WEST

Rev. Joe West will have charge of the Brevard Kiwanis meeting this Thursday at noon. The club, which meets at the England Home every other week will listen to Mr. West discuss "Better Business Standards in Brevard."

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO MEET WITH INSTITUTE LEAGUERS

Members of the Epworth League, young peoples' organization of the Methodist church, will be guests of the Brevard Institute League Sunday evening at six o'clock. These inter-league meetings are always keenly looked forward to, the B. I. boys and girls being noted for their excellent League programs.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY

The session of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian church will hold a congregational meeting Sunday, March 15, immediately after the regular preaching service for the purpose of considering church budget for the year.

LIST OF GRADUATING CLASS IN BREVARD HIGH SCHOOL

Thirty-eight boys and girls will graduate in the Brevard High School this year, according to a certified list handed to the press by Superintendent J. B. Jones. Plans are now being made for the commencement exercises, and the first thing on the program incident to the graduation of this list is the Junior-Senior banquet to be held on Friday evening, March 20. Following is a list of the names of the young men and young women who will graduate this year:

win, Freeman Gillespie, Mildred Hamilton, Faye Hollingsworth, Dixie Jones, Roy McCall, Clifford Monteth, Ashe Macfie, Eliza Nicholson, Bess Reid, John Rebecca Sledge, Dorothy Souther, Rebecca Slumey, Rachel Williams.

Ruth Bryson, Paul Black, Clarence Bowen, Marie Case, Carol Davis, Jean English, Sue Hunt, James Jones, John Halsell Lyday, Hinton McLeod, Jr., Jack Miller, Glen Miller, Craig Misenheimer, Ruth Perry, Flora Reid, Edith Sellers, Mollie Shelson, Paul Schachner, Marjorie Young.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO WOMEN

Press Agent for B. & P. W. Clubs Sets Forth Many Interesting Facts

MEN VIOLATE LAWS, WOMEN PAY PENALTIES

Women to Demand Better Enforcement of Law During Year of 1931

(By the Club's Press Agent)

Contrary to popular belief, the question of law enforcement is one that does not concern men alone. The issue is one of paramount interest and concern to women as well, and therefore demands serious consideration and action on their part, in this time of wide-spread laxity in the enforcement of laws.

Since it is undoubtedly true that down through the ages men have been and are the chief violators of law and that women have been and are the chief sufferers thereby it is not then conclusive that the solution of this all-important question lies largely within the domain and prerogative of women?

A review of conditions in the days of open saloons, and prior to the enactment into law of woman's suffrage, reveals detailed accounts of the struggles, prayers, tears and actual hardships endured by women of that time in order to further the cause of temperance and to hasten a better day for themselves, their husbands, sons and brothers. A re-reading of this particular history and events leading up to it, recalls to mind the fact that it was due almost entirely to women's tireless efforts that the 18th amendment was finally passed into law.

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STATE INSURANCE COST MUCH LOWER

Bearing out this newspaper editorial plea last week for the state to act as insurer in the Workmen's Compensation business, the following figures are given, to show what a tremendous saving could be made if the state would act as insurer, and take the business away from the insurance companies.

In North Carolina there is a \$10.00 expense constant charged on all policies with less than a \$300 premium, and in Ohio there is no expense constant charged on any policies, nor a minimum premium. Most of the policies in this state are less than \$300 premium, therefore most of companies pay the extra \$10.

Comparison of Rates in North Carolina and Ohio

Classification	N.C. Rate	Ohio Rate
Cotton — Spinning and Weaving	.82	.40
Yarn Manufacturing	.82	.30
Furniture Mfg.	\$1.61	.90
Cigarette Mfg.	.32	.18
Tobacco Rerolling	1.12	.40
Retail Stores	.33	.14
Grocery Stores	.50	.35
Wholesale Stores	.81	.20
Bakeries	1.19	.80
Electric Lt. and Power Companies	4.88	3.50
Machine Shops	2.09	.80
Saw Mills	5.91	5.50
Sash, Door, and Blind Manufacturing	2.25	.80
Planing & Moulding Mills	3.09	1.70
Office Employees	.94	.02

NOTE—A minimum premium is collected in North Carolina on all saw mills if operated only one day in the amount of \$150, plus \$10, expense constant. No minimum premium is charged in Ohio.

The above is a comparison of only a few classifications affecting North Carolina.

The Ohio State Fund has \$56,000,000.00 in assets, as of December 31, 1930.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the legislators to have the bill passed providing for the state to act as insurer in North Carolina.