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**TAX REDUCTION WANTED;  
NOT A MERE SHIFTING**

For once in the history of North Carolina the press of the state seems to be utterly disgusted with the legislature, due, of course, to the apparent inability of the members of that body to agree upon a plan of operation of the public schools. The prevailing opinion of the state has been for a reduction in taxes, and this can come only through curtailment of expenditures and increasing service for less cost. This idea has not seemed to have been entertained, however, at Raleigh, where the whole four and one-half months have been devoted to a plan of SHIFTING taxes rather than REDUCTION of taxes. Reduction was, and is, the first thought of the state, while there would be some shifting, of course, in order to even up the costs of government between the various enterprises and institutions of the state.

The Charlotte News suggests a sacrifice of some of our boasted progress, if necessary, in the reduction of expenses, which, after all, is the only way to reduce taxes. The Charlotte paper says: "The crying need is not for a shifting of the school tax burden, but a reduction in the outlays for this service, even if it entails a loss of that progress which is proving so expensive."

Commenting upon this statement, The Gastonia Gazette says:

It looks as if the members of the General Assembly had been hearing this cry for a lowering of expenses from the people long enough for it to sink in. All the revenue measures that have been so far proposed have done nothing but shift the burden. There has been no real reduction in taxes. The same amount of money is still to be spent. There has been no cut.

What the folks want to see is a reduction in some of the high priced costs of government in Raleigh and in the counties of the state, a reduction in the cost of schools, local expenses, boards, commissions, and all other unnecessary overhead.

It is all right to have expensive luxuries as long as one can afford them. Ten years ago, we were buying many things that we could not buy today. We went on a spending spree so far as schools were concerned and we must get over it. School costs are essential and we must have them, but schools as good as we have ever had can be maintained at less cost, and teachers' salaries will not have to be materially reduced. There can be elimination of unnecessary teachers and subjects, and there can be doubling up occasionally. Less expensive equipment, less costly transportation, buildings, etc., will help bring the costs of schools down a bit.

**NOT GOOD FOR YOU TO  
"DRIVE" ANY ONE OUT**

If you have it in mind to try to "drive" some one out of business, we suggest that you take half an hour off, and walk the streets of Brevard, and count the vacant business houses already here. And as you look upon them, just remember this: Each and every such vacant business house or office means just that much loss to YOUR OWN BUSINESS. And remember, then, this further fact: THAT EACH FELLOW YOU HELP TO CLOSE IN THE FUTURE, MEANS JUST ONE LESS CUSTOMER FOR YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

So, if you have no regard whatever for your fellow man; even if you are the most calloused, hateful and hating man on earth, you should have sufficient intelligence to know that every time you drive some one to the wall, you are robbing your own cash drawer of so much money.

Then, too, if there is such a man in Brevard, you must be a lonesome Devil. Most of the men here love to work together, for the good of all. Those who do not like it quite as well as others, have learned, however, that no one man can succeed in a town unless others about him are succeeding. Community life is of such structure that there is an immutable law which says that all must rise together, or fall together. The whole community is skating on thin ice, and if one man falls through the whole bunch is going tumbling in after. One Big failure here would start the ball rolling which would unwind it to the bitter end.

Don't rock the boat just now. Big Boy, or you may be the first to make the splash. And the water is so cold that it makes goose bumps just to look into its icy chilliness.

**A CHANCE TO MAKE  
SOME READY MONEY**

Can you make baskets?  
If so, there is a man in Atlanta who wants 500 baskets just as soon as they can be made. The basket must be made by hand, of rattan, or hickory splits, and must be made 8-1-2 inches long, 7 1-2 inches wide, and 1-2 inches deep. The strips that it is made of may be 3-8 of an inch to 1-2 inch wide, and the man needs 500 or more at once.

If there are any people in the county who can make this kind of a basket, they can get full information from Roscoe L. Nicholson, postmaster at Brevard. But it is necessary that the work be done at once. Mr. Nicholson will be glad to tell you all about the man who wants the baskets.

**AN OPEN LETTER ON  
WATER QUESTION**

To the Citizens of the Town of Brevard:

The writer hereof has observed that statements are being sent out endeavoring to collect water rent at the rate fixed by the New Water Ordinance.

Doubtless our new Town Officials have not had the opportunity to investigate the validity of the New Water Ordinance and the statements above referred to were likely mailed out without their instructions.

It cannot be successfully denied that the deed executed by the Brevard Water Company protects its original stockholders from any raise in water rates that does not conform to or conflicts with the terms of the deed.

But there is another side to the question. Before the Town could purchase the franchise and assets of the Brevard Water Company it was necessary to raise funds to do so, and the first step in the move, necessarily was, a contract between the Water Company and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Brevard to sell and purchase. Now where is that contract and what was its terms? Did it protect the citizens of the Town from overcharges in water rates?

Necessarily the next step was a petition by the citizens of the Town petitioning the Board of Aldermen for an election authorizing the Board to issue bonds to raise funds with which to buy out the Water Company. Where is that petition and what were its terms? Did it protect the citizenship against excessive charges of water rates?

The next step to raise the required funds was necessarily the call for an election authorizing the Town to issue bonds, where is that call? Did it protect the right of the citizenship against excessive water rate?

I have heard it said that the rates to be charged were fixed or limited as appears from the minutes of the Board of Aldermen in connection with said matter but some of the Board of Aldermen who were then serving, inform me that it was provided in the call for election that the charges for the use of water should never exceed One Dollar per room per annum for residential property.

The stockholders of the Water Company are protected in their deed against charges above a certain amount. Let us suppose that the Town Officials failed to protect the citizenship generally in the rates to be charged for water. Can the New Water Ordinance discriminate between its citizens who were members of the Water Company and those who were not and impose a different rate for the use of water? I know of no law or equity that will for a moment allow discrimination between the citizens of a municipality.

I observe from statements received that under the New Ordinance that the rate on a one room house or two room house even though the house may be supplied with water from an outside opening are the same as that for a six room house, even though there may be water or an opening in each room, hence, under the present ordinance a poor widow woman who lives in a one room hut is charged the same amount per month for the use of water as a rich man who lives in a six room mansion. This is certainly a gross discrimination and the ordinance should be at once amended so as if possible no discrimination should be had.

Under the present distressing times even if legal, is it the proper time to raise the rate on a necessity to create more revenue?

Our new Mayor and Board of Aldermen are men who have the interest of our Town and citizenship at heart and who want to and will do the right thing and it is the duty of each and all of our citizens to at once confer with the gentlemen, both individually and collectively and let them know their sentiments in the matter, so as to assist them to do the right thing as the public servants of our Town and its citizenship.

Hoping that this water ordinance may be amended and adjusted so as to be satisfactory to all and without any discrimination to a single one, I close this article.

D. L. ENGLISH

**AS TO SCHOOL FUND**

Editor Brevard News:  
Because of questions which have been asked me recently and statements which have been made by respected and respectable citizens of Transylvania, I wish to make a public statement to the citizens of the county in regard to the condition of school finances on June 30, 1929, when I retired from the superintendency of the county schools.

For the school year 1928-1929 the county commissioners borrowed for the board of education, against that year's school budget, \$75,000.00, for which a tax anticipation note was issued. This note was payable July 3, 1929. The total amount of funds with which to pay the note had not

been collected when it was due and so the note was renewed.

The county commissioners had extended the time for the payment of the 1928 taxes to September 1, 1929, the settlement with the tax collector being made about the first of October, 1929. From July 1, 1929, to the time of the settlement in October the tax collector placed to the credit of the school account \$58,642.26. This represents the amount that was due the school fund in cash as of June 30, 1929, in addition to the cash balance on hand at the close of the school year.

The school year ending June 30, 1929, closed with a cash balance of \$34,806.90 in the Treasury. To obtain a true statement of the actual financial condition of the schools at the close of the school year 1928-1929, the \$58,642.26 due the school fund in cash at that time must be added to the cash balance and from the sum the \$75,000.00 due on the tax anticipation note deducted. A brief statement is as follows:

Cash Balance, June 30, 1929—	
Cash Balance .....	\$34,806.90
Cash Due .....	58,642.26
Total .....	\$93,449.16
Due on note .....	75,000.00

Net Balance ..... \$18,449.16  
From the above statement it is evident that the \$75,000.00 tax anticipation school note could have been paid the first of October, 1929, with a cash balance of eighteen thousand dollars left to take care of the school expenses for that year up to that time.

T. C. HENDERSON.

**Pisgah Forest News**

The local boys basketball team motored to Mills River Saturday afternoon and defeated the Mills River team 18-13.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lyday and children and Mrs. H. Hedrick spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Colburn at Biltmore.

Mrs. Sid Albert, Mrs. A. B. Owens and children spent Friday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Campfield attended the Orr reunion at Big Willow Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Corn and daughter of Forest City spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Parker.

Mr. Lance of Mills River spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. J. Carter.

Mr. Jim Allison of Rutherfordton spent Sunday with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mackey received an announcement last week of the marriage of their son Frank to Miss Cora Mason of Norfolk, Va. They are residing in Norfolk.

Mrs. T. E. Patton, Jr., spent the week-end in Greenville.

Several people from this section attended the singing at Balfour Sunday.

Miss Jane Terry of Brevard was a recent guest of Miss Elizabeth McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Corn and children and Miss Irene Farmer of Spartanburg, spent Sunday with relatives in this section.

Mrs. A. B. Owen was called to the bedside of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sam Owen, at Gloucester, who had the misfortune to fall and get her arm broken Friday.

Mrs. A. Avery spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Avery at the Aston Park hospital in Asheville. Mr. Avery is reported to be getting along fine, and will return to his home here Sunday.

Mrs. Nina Snelson and daughter of Blantyre, were in this section Sunday.

Miss Ollie Lance of Mills River visited her sister, Mrs. J. Carter, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Otho Scott at Blantyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Albert and Mrs. A. B. Owen and children spent Thursday afternoon with the former's son, Mr. Jude Albert, at Hendersonville.

Mr. Howard Orr spent several days last week with his grandfather, Delius Lyday, at Turkey Creek.

Harry Sitton of Etowah, has been visiting in this section.

C. L. Corn is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Petty and daughter of South Carolina, were recent guests of Mrs. Manley Arrington.

Howard Orr is spending this week with friends at Etowah.

Miss Rebecca Patton is visiting relatives in Greenville.

Henry Mackey, McKinley Ross, C. L. Corn and J. H. Wolf enjoyed a week-end fishing trip in the Cedar Mountain section during the week-end.

A very instructive motion picture was presented to a large audience at the school house Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sentell and family spent Sunday with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Sentell, at Mt. Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Orr had as their guests Sunday: Mr. Ben Staggs, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Staggs, Mrs. Connie Staggs and children and Miss Ruth Hiatt, all of Belton, S. C., and Mrs. John Lyday and children of Penrose.

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**BOND ORDER**

Be It Resolved, By the Board of Commissioners of the County of Transylvania, State of North Carolina:

(a) That negotiable coupon bonds of said county registerable as to principal, shall be issued under authority of County Finance Act and other statutes applicable, for the special purpose of funding valid indebtedness incurred for the Constitutional school term and necessary expenses.

(b) That the maximum aggregate principal amount of said bonds shall be \$370,000.00.

(c) That a tax sufficient to pay principal and interest of said bonds as same fall due, shall be annually levied and collected.

(d) That a statement of debt of said county has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection and the County Auditor is hereby designated as the proper official to file said statement.

(e) That this Order shall take effect on its passage and shall not be submitted to the voters.

(f) That it is hereby found as a fact and determined and declared that this Board is properly and legally constituted and organized and has the power and authority to issue said bonds; that said bonds are necessary and unavoidable for the special purpose stated and the proceeds shall be applied to said purpose and to no other.

(g) That this Board will meet in the courthouse in said County at 2 P. M., June 1, 1931, for the purpose of hearing any protest against issuance of said bonds, the Board reserving the right on final passage of this order to amend same except as to maximum amount of bonds that may be issued.

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The foregoing Order has been introduced and a sworn statement has been filed under the County Finance Act showing the assessed valuation of the County to be \$9,639,000.00, and the net debt for school purposes to be \$471,746.53, and the net debt for other than school purposes to be \$1,247,968.47, all this including the proposed new bonds. A tax will be levied for the payment of the proposed bonds and interest, if the same shall be issued. Any citizen or taxpayer may protest against the issuance of such bonds at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at two o'clock P.M., June 1, 1931, or an adjournment thereof, in the court-house in Brevard.

JESS A. GALLOWAY, Clerk.

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**Checkerboard Chatter**

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Published in the interest of the people of BREVARD and TRANSLYVANIA County by the  
**B & B**  
Feed & Seed Co.

FREE 48 lb bag of flour and a 24 lb bag bag of flour at our store Saturday afternoon. This flour will be given absolutely free to two of our customers Saturday.

Recently we heard this one at our store — "He is as harmless as a glass eye."

Tomato plants, cabbage plants, pepper plants, and place your order with us now for your potato plants.

Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece we need not mention.  
For since her skirts have grown so short,  
Her calfs get all attention.

To be happy you must have the feeling that you are doing something to help the other fellow.

Hubert Batson won the five dollars in gold at our store last Saturday, and H. B. Glasener got the sack of flour.

"I hear that the foreman called you a block head last night."  
"No sir, he didn't go quite that far. He just said "pull down your hat, here

comes a woodpecker."  
Get soy beans and cow peas at our store. And all other seeds, too.

Even if you don't think that you are a worldbeater, go and do some horn tootin' occasionally.

Soon we shall be the coming generation's biggest problem.

And feeds, of all kinds, for chickens, cows, horses, hogs, sheep and dogs.

**B & B**  
Feed & Seed Co.  
Brevard, N. C.  
The Store with the Checkerboard Sign

**PERMANENT WAVES**

WITH

**LASTING CHARM AND BEAUTY**

Years of experience and our ever increasing determination to give to our customers the very best in service, material, and all those qualities which go to build a permanent and ever dependable business, can make you realize that this is the place for you to have your wave and beauty parlor work.

**COSMETICS**

Our Cosmetics are complete and dependable. We have a heavy line of Marinello and Rudemar—these two are the most nationally known and used by the larger part of the up-to-date beauty shops everywhere.

**THE**

**Nobby Shop Beauty Parlor**

POST OFFICE BUILDING

PHONE 257

**19¢ SALE**



BELOW ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY 19¢ SPECIAL VALUES

**CHEESE** Fine Flavor Aged **lb. 19c**

**TOMATOES** Full Pack **3 No. 2 Cans 19c**

<b>A&amp;P GRAPE JUICE</b> Pint Bottle <b>19c</b>	<b>SULTANA RED BEANS</b> 4 cans <b>19c</b>	<b>A&amp;P APPLE SAUCE</b> 2 No. 2 Cans <b>19c</b>	<b>DEL MONTE FRUIT SALAD</b> No. 1 Can <b>19c</b>
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**MILK** WHITE HOUSE EVAPORATED **3 Large Cans 19c**

<b>JAMS</b> (Pectin Added) ASSORTED FLAVORS lb. Jar <b>19c</b>	<b>HOMINY Canned</b> 2 cans <b>19c</b> PEACHES, Del Monte, large can ..... 19c CORN FLAKES, Sunnyfield, 3 pkgs. ... 19c PEANUT BUTTER, A&P, lb. jar ..... 19c EAGLE MILK, can ..... 19c SAUER KRAUT, Libby's, 2 cans ..... 19c LUX TOILET SOAP, 3 cakes ..... 19c	1 pkg. of PALMOLIVE BEADS and 3 Cakes PALMOLIVE SOAP <b>19c</b>
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**OLD DUTCH CLEANSER** 3 cans **19c**

**CORN** 2 No. 2 Cans **19c** | **EGGS** doz. **19c**

**OTHER WEEK-END MONEY SAVERS**

**Grandmother's PAN ROLLS** doz. **5c**

**"Sunnyfield" BUTTER** Fancy Print **lb. 29c**

**LARD** Finest Compound **8 lb. Bucket 87c**

**The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.**