

Outlook Good
The year 1931 is history and merchants of Brevard and Transylvania county are hopeful of a much better year during 1932.

TRUCK OWNERS ARE EXPECTED FRIDAY

Brevard-Greenville Highway Attracts Many Motorists

BREVARD BREVITIES

Meet Mr. George Verdery Frady. He's the first baby of 1932 for Brevard and Transylvania county and is, incidentally, eight pounds of heaven. Frady is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Frady, of North Brevard, and was born New Year's day at 5:01 p. m. Young Frady's arrival precipitated the usual stir by virtue of the fact. The Transylvania Times published in its last issue a whole page of advertisements inserted by local merchants that offered gifts to the first white baby born in 1932. The rules were few and simple. They were: (1) Mother and dad must be residents of Brevard or its immediate suburbs. (2) Dad must bring a copy of baby's birth certificate to The Times office no later than the morning of January 6th. (3) Baby's exact hour, minute and date of birth must be authorized by the attending physician's signature. The Frady family within a few minutes of the requirements and the young man's father presented the birth certificate, fully filled in, to the desk of this writer last Saturday, January 2. Offer of the merchants presented on the special page of last week's issue commanded considerable attention there was much speculation on all sides as to the date and identity of the young miss or master that would be eligible to collect the gifts. The offer in good faith and has gone through the agreement in every detail. George Verdery Frady is fortunate in that he first saw the light of day in 1932 for business leaders the country over anticipate a better year than the past produced. They see a weakening of turmoil that has been treated in almost, and confidently point to indications that are already beginning to bear out their bit of prognostication. Young Frady came in a year that looks like it will be a Democratic year. He arrived in time to see Mahatma Gandhi taken in tow for one of the British as the inauguration of a new disobedience campaign in far away India. He got here just in time to observe arrangements for the Brevard sporting calendars in years. Altogether, Mr. Frady seemed to have come along in a mighty good year as seems to be with the last. He is the first baby born in Brevard according to reports reaching this office, George has been just as happy and well contented as his mother. The majority of the baby is just one sad thing about the whole picture. They say one of young Frady's first acts was to cast his eyes longingly at the newspaper. He is a pretty little fellow. That's a pretty good omen. You see, George's father is a newspaperman. And it begins to look like George might be interested in following in the same vocation for a livelihood. George's father should take him in hand and give him a serious talk. He should explain just what the newspaper business really is. He should warn him of the age old saying that once you get a smell of printer's ink you are never again immune from working in a print shop. He should advise George to listen to words of advice from someone old enough to know better. For I can think of a lot of things more pleasant than slaving in a newspaper office for a livelihood. But then maybe George would be wiser. I'll bet that boy knows enough already not to become doomed to the life of a newspaper man. He should grow up and become city editor of a morning newspaper in some metropolitan place. Think what a life his wife would have to endure. Think of the life his children would have to endure. George would be wiser to go to work in the early afternoon before his children come home from school and come home from work around 3 a. m. when they awake for breakfast and then be compelled to answer

COUNTY BODY OF FARM 5-10 PLAN FORMED

Julian A. Glazener Elected chairman of the Organization

Organization of the Transylvania county working committee of the Western North Carolina 5-10 year farm movement was effected Saturday afternoon in Suflected Saturday morning in the court house. J. F. Corbin, of the Roman school, presided over the first part of the meeting. Julian A. Glazener was elected chairman of the organization, after which he assumed his duties as presiding officer. This committee, which operates in connection with the Western North Carolina regional farm committee, which meets in Asheville each month, has for its chief purpose the working out of satisfactory solutions of the farmers' problems in this county. In this connection a county survey will be made within a short time to ascertain the amount of farm products produced, sold and consumed in Transylvania county and also concerning the purebred livestock.

An interesting and helpful discussion entered into at the meeting resulted in the conclusion being reached that the outstanding needs of the Transylvania farmers was for the addition of time in the soil and ways of procuring a profitable market for the farm products. Plans were also formulated for a mass meeting of farmers, business and farm women from all sections of the county to be held at the court house some time in January. The purpose of this meeting is to make plans for organization groups in the local communities. Eighteen of the 32 members of the working committee were present at Saturday's meeting, which proved altogether profitable and promising for the future outlook of the farmers of the county.

Town And County Schools Resumed After Holidays

Schools of Brevard and Transylvania counties opened Monday morning, following a two week vacation for the Christmas holidays. A good enrollment of students was reported on the first day, and present indications point to a successful year for the remaining months of the school term, according to Supt. J. B. Jones' statement. The majority of the teachers who were out of town at their homes for the holidays report a very pleasant vacation, and not expressing regret at being back at their post of duty again. Miss Sarah Keels, a popular teacher of the Brevard high school, has been quite ill since returning after the holidays, being threatened with pneumonia. It was also decided to affiliate with the Maryland Truck Owners association, just as the North Carolina association has already affiliated with the Virginia and South Carolina associations. The officers and members of the association make little or no effort to conceal the fact that one of the underlying purposes of the association is to organize the truck owners so that they can combat the attempts being made by the railroad to put them out of business. They admit they had a close call in the 1931 general assembly when the railroad lobby advocated a referendum which, if enacted, would have put the trucks out of business. The truck owners maintain that whatever sentiment there is against trucks and truck transportation as a result of an inadequate knowledge of the facts on the part of the public, and are determined that from now on the public will be given the real facts. That is one reason for the inauguration of the monthly magazine.

Glazener Named On Farm Group

At the regional council meeting of the Western North Carolina 5-10 year farm movement held in Asheville Monday night leaders of the county were appointed to carry on the work as outlined in furtherance of the farmers' problems. H. A. Osborn, of Canton, was named chairman of the council, L. H. McKay of Hendersonville, vice chairman, and E. T. Erickson, of Banner Elk, secretary. Among the committee chairman appointed at this meeting was Julian A. Glazener as chairman of the farm crops, vegetables and livestock committee, representing Transylvania county. Mr. Glazener is also chairman of the working committee of the Transylvania county division of the regional farm movement.

Honored for Safest Air Record



Lieutenant Richard F. Whitehead, left, of the U. S. N. Reserve Aviation Base at Floyd Bennett Field, New York, is shown as he was presented the Herbert Schiff Memorial Trophy by President Hoover at Washington. Whitehead's squadron is the 1931 winner of the trophy which is awarded annually to the navy squadron that accomplishes the safest flying record for the past year. Admiral William Moffitt, chief of naval bureau aeronautics, is seen center.

TRUCK OWNERS JAPS MARCH OPEN OFFICES SOUTHWARD

Those in State Establish Central Clearing House at Raleigh

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—Full time offices were opened here yesterday by the North Carolina Truck Owners association, with former State Senator W. P. Horton of Winston in charge as full-time secretary of the association, it was announced here yesterday following a meeting of the board of directors held yesterday. The election of R. S. Koonce of Raleigh, as vice-president of the association was also announced, as well as the election of two field officers, one in the eastern part of the state and the other in the western part.

R. S. Koonce of Hendersonville, will be field representative for the association in the eastern half of the state, while Bailey T. Groome of Charlotte, will represent the association in the western half. Groome will also edit the monthly magazine to be published by the association, "Motor Transportation in North Carolina." The first issue will be published the latter part of this month with an initial circulation of 2500, representing the present membership of the association. The association is hoping to greatly enlarge its membership within the next several months to include a majority of the 5600 truck owners in the state.

A committee composed of R. S. Koonce of Raleigh, and R. S. Barrow of Burlington, was appointed to work out plans for closer co-operation and union between the franchise and contract haulers with a view to bringing both into one organization. It was also decided to affiliate with the Maryland Truck Owners association, just as the North Carolina association has already affiliated with the Virginia and South Carolina associations. The officers and members of the association make little or no effort to conceal the fact that one of the underlying purposes of the association is to organize the truck owners so that they can combat the attempts being made by the railroad to put them out of business. They admit they had a close call in the 1931 general assembly when the railroad lobby advocated a referendum which, if enacted, would have put the trucks out of business.

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COMMITTEE IS SELECTED FOR BOOKS' AUDIT

O. L. Erwin, L. V. Sigmon and A. H. Kizer Are Picked for Work

Several matters of importance to the welfare of Transylvania county were transacted Monday at the regular January meeting of the board of county commissioners. The meeting was presided over by Chairman O. L. Erwin. A committee consisting of O. L. Erwin, L. V. Sigmon and A. H. Kizer was authorized to audit the tax books of Sheriff T. E. Patton, Jr., for settlement of taxes for 1930 upon completion and acceptance of which taxes for 1931 will be turned over to the sheriff and tax collector.

A petition was presented to the board relative to the state highway commission closing 1-2 highway leading from Quebec station to state highway No. 28 at the Beck place, as soon as the commission has constructed and opened to public travel the road near the residence of B. T. Whitmore.

It was ordered that the county clerk, Mrs. Sadie S. Patton of Hendersonville, to act as court stenographer for 1932, at a salary of \$10 per day during time of service, providing the other county officers would take a similar reduction, and inasmuch as the county commissioners had heretofore agreed upon a 40 per cent reduction.

Resolutions were adopted relative to making some arrangement whereby the Pisgah Mills, which have been closed several weeks, could be re-opened, thereby relieving the county from the expense of temporary relief to many of the mill operatives.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—Three important new moves in the Far Eastern diplomatic situation resulting from Japan's occupation of Manchuria were made yesterday. They are:

1. The French and British ambassadors met with Secretary of State Stimson and it was indicated by the three powers represented they would act in unison to prevent war in the Far East and protect their interests. There were intimations the three powers were planning new representations to Japan.

2. Ambassador Katsuki Dehouchi of Japan, acting on instructions from Tokio, officially expressed to Stimson his government's deep regret at indignities inflicted on American Consul Chamberlain by Japanese soldiers. The state department indicated the incident was not closed.

3. American Consul General George C. Hanson at Harbin reported to Stimson he had asked Chinese authorities there to protect American lives and property from rioters. He said six Russians and one Chinese police had been killed and more than 20 Russians wounded in street fighting. Stimson left a meeting of the (Continued on page five)

Safe Robbed at Hendersonville

HENDERSONVILLE, Jan. 6.—Entering the office of E. R. Sutherland, local insurance man, in the Jackson building, at some time between 5 and 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a safecracker or safecrackers opened the safe, apparently with the combination, but obtained only about \$5. Mrs. R. R. Aheige, secretary, left the office about 6 o'clock and Mr. Sutherland entered it about 7:30 o'clock. Upon opening the safe, he discovered that the drawers had been pried open, and that \$5, all the cash in the safe, had been stolen. Papers in the safe were not taken. The thief apparently entered the door of the office, which has been locked, and opened the safe with the combination. Drawers in the safe were then pried open. When Mr. Sutherland entered the office the safe door was closed and he opened it with the combination. Money in the office had been deposited during the afternoon, and only \$5 remained in the safe.

In Democratic Limelight



In the Democratic limelight are these two men, Franklin D. Roosevelt, above, governor of New York and outstanding candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of Transylvania and Ralph Fisher, former county attorney, were given two to five years each in the state prison and fined \$5,000 and costs. S. Silverstein, chairman of board of directors of the closed Brevard Banking company, was fined \$5,000 and costs; and three other defendants—A. M. White, S. E. Owen and W. L. Talley, former county commissioners—were fined \$1,000 and costs each. These sentences were imposed following their conviction for conspiracy to defraud the credit of Transylvania county, while Picklesimer, White, Owen and Talley were also convicted of misapplication of the county's funds. In this case prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs. Judge Sink also ordered that the defendant Fisher be disbanded from practice of law in this state. All the defendants appealed.

HEART STROKE IS FATAL FOR N. C. OFFICIAL

Gardner Praises O'Berry As Patriot and Public Servant

GOLDSBORO, January 6.—Captain Nathan O'Berry, 73, treasurer of the state of North Carolina, died at his home here early today 30 minutes after suffering a sudden attack of angina pectoris.

"In my generation the state has not had a more patriotic or valuable public servant," said Governor O. Max Gardner, who added that he would not appoint a successor to Captain O'Berry until after the funeral on Thursday except in case of an emergency.

Captain O'Berry was prominent in the service of his native state, and in manufacturing, educational, and political circles. He was born in Tarboro on January 26, 1856. He moved to Goldsboro shortly after he became of age and organized a concern to market the products of the long leaf pine.

Aside from being state treasurer he had many other public interests. He was a member of the state prison commission, of the board of trustees of Peace Institute for young women, at Raleigh, a director of the State hospital, and a former alderman of Goldsboro.

Presbyterians Are Given Evergreens; Beautify Grounds

Added attractiveness to the grounds surrounding the Presbyterian church and manse have been made during the past week, due to the planting of evergreens, shrubbery and blooming shrubs in artistic arrangement. The plants, which are valued at around \$75, were donated by Mr. Pons, of the Ponshurst Nursery, West Asheville, as a freewill offering to the local church. The shrubbery was set out on the church grounds under the supervision of the Mrs. T. H. Shipman and John Verner, and are a pleasing addition to the premises.

HIGH TRIBUNAL LIKELY TO ACT UPON 8 CASES

Were Tried Last August And Argued In Raleigh In Past December

FOUR WERE FINED; OTHERS SENTENCED

With indications that the state supreme court might hand down its opinion in the Brevard and Transylvania county bank cases Friday, or at an early date anyway, interest in this town and county has again been revived. The cases have been followed closely in Transylvania county and throughout the state since their trial in Transylvania county superior court in August. The appeals were argued before the state supreme court last month. Eight officials of the defunct Brevard Banking company and county officials were convicted and four of them sentenced to serve terms in the state prison by Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, who presided. The other five were fined. The cases have been followed closely in Transylvania county and throughout the state since their trial in Transylvania county superior court in August. The appeals were argued before the state supreme court last month. Eight officials of the defunct Brevard Banking company and county officials were convicted and four of them sentenced to serve terms in the state prison by Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, who presided. The other five were fined. The cases have been followed closely in Transylvania county and throughout the state since their trial in Transylvania county superior court in August. The appeals were argued before the state supreme court last month. Eight officials of the defunct Brevard Banking company and county officials were convicted and four of them sentenced to serve terms in the state prison by Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, who presided. The other five were fined.

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The charges were the overgrowth of a \$100,000 note issued by Transylvania county on September 13, 1930, the proceeds of which were deposited in the Brevard Banking company. The state contended the note was sold to bolster a tottering bank.

J. Will Pless, Jr., auditor of the eighteenth judicial district, was aided by Felix Alley, of Waynesville, in the prosecution of the case, while defense counsel included Lewis P. Hamlin, D. L. English and W. E. Brees of Brevard, Jones and Ward, Merrimon, Adams and Adams, and Johnson, Matthews and Rollins, of Asheville.

The transcript of record, filed with the supreme court last November, (Continued on page six)

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