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## CITY MAY PURCHASE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Chief B. H. Freeman's Salary Placed Back at One Hundred Dollars

The town of Brevard was presented with opportunity to really "own their own home at rent prices" at their meeting Tuesday night, when B. W. Trantham appeared before the body and made a proposition as to sale of the Harris building on West Main street.

The building, located just across from the city hall is said to be one of the best buildings of its kind in Brevard, and has three stories, the basement, main floor and upstairs. Offer was made by Mr. Trantham, representing himself and Mrs. W. H. Harris as owners, to make the property over to the town for approximately \$7200, with \$2500 of this amount to be paid by credits of taxes and street assessments.

The board discussed the matter at length, but deferred action on the question.

Contract was ordered made with R. Emmett Smith, of Asheville, to have charge of auditing the town books for the next six months at a salary of \$30 per month, this sum to also take care of the semi-annual audit, as heretofore.

Harry Patton, city clerk, was ordered to make up the tax books, and for this work be allowed \$50.

After much discussion among members of the board, it was decided that Chief B. H. Freeman's salary be raised back to the rate of \$100 per month, instead of \$90 as was ordered at the last meeting of the board. Members of the board told of numerous people approaching them during the past several days, and requesting that this action be taken.

Reports from citizens, as conveyed to the meeting by members of the board were to the effect that Chief Freeman was a popular and efficient officer and that people generally were in favor of raising the salary back to the \$100 mark. Necessity for such action was further stressed when the fact was made known that another city is seeking Chief Freeman's services and are willing to pay a much larger salary than that now being paid him by the town of Brevard. Chief Freeman has made an enviable record as a straight forward officer since coming here several years ago.

## BISHOP SAYS WHEAT IS PROFITABLE CROP

John Bishop, superintendent of Brevard Institute farm, has proof conclusive in his fields that wheat can be grown successfully and profitably in this county.

An eighteen acre tract on the well kept farm, sowed last fall in Red Fullcaster that had been graded and treated, is just about ready to cut, and will, Mr. Bishop believes, make 20 or more bushels per acre.

### BORN, A SON

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bruner of Rosman announce the birth of a son at Lyday Memorial hospital, on Sunday, June 11.

## Report Sent To College Commission By Committee Representing Brevard

Final report has been sent in by the committee working on plans for location of the merged Weaver and Rutherford college at Brevard Institute.

Realizing the importance of lending every effort possible in order to convince the educational commission of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church, South that Brevard and Transylvania county would co-operate to the fullest extent if the commission saw fit to locate the college here, a general spirit of cooperation has been shown by the citizenry in general.

While major portion of the work has been done by a committee of citizens, their task has been made easy by the widespread interest in the project, and all agencies, including the county and town, have responded fine.

The commission charged with deciding location of the school will meet on Friday of this week in Durham to make their decision as to location of the college. Offers from three places, Brevard, Weaverville and Shelby, will be tendered the commission for their consideration. Rev. J. H. West, J. H. Pickelsimer and Dr. C. E. Cunningham are expected to attend the meeting of the commission.

Making Brevard's offer outstanding as location for the junior college is the fact that the fine Brevard Institute property, representing an investment of over \$200,000 is being given outright by the Women's Department of the church, if the com-

## S. P. U. STARTS ANNUAL ELECTRIC RANGE DRIVE

Announcement is made in this issue of The Times by the Southern Public Utilities company of their annual electric range campaign, which is already started.

Already more than fifty customers in Brevard are using electric ranges, and are boosting sales for the local branch, Manager J. M. Gaines states. Attractive prices, together with new models, make the campaign just starting very interesting.

## W. M. U. MEETING IN SESSION TODAY

Cherryfield Church Host To Ladies and Ministers of Transylvania

Annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary union of Transylvania county will be held at Mt. Moriah, Cherryfield church Thursday, with the president, Mrs. M. C. Shipman, presiding.

Mrs. Edna R. Harris, of Raleigh, and Mrs. J. R. Morgan, of Wavnesville, both prominent in work of the Baptist church in this state, will be principal speakers of the occasion.

At the noon hour luncheon will be served to the delegates and visitors by members of Cherryfield church. Arrangements have been made by the ladies to care for children who attend the meeting. All ladies of the Baptist church, together with pastors are urged to be present at the meeting today.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW BEING STAGED

A campaign for new members is being launched by the Women's Exchange, announcement being made by the chairman, Miss Katherine Griffin, that a free membership will be awarded to anyone procuring five new members at fifty cents each for the season.

Miss Griffin states that sales to the amount of \$16 were made during the two weeks the exchange was open in May, and that increased interest is being manifested on the part of those taking advantage of the exchange. Additional members are needed, however, in order to assure successful operation of the community enterprise, hence the membership drive that is now in progress.

Attention is called to the fact that a telephone has been installed in the exchange rooms, and that the office manager, Miss Lillian Jenkins, observes regular hours there from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 6 every day in the week. Special orders of foods or other supplies are solicited by those in charge.

## USUAL SERVICES AT ST. PHILIPS CHURCH SUNDAY

Usual services will be resumed at St. Philips Episcopal church on Sunday, according to announcement by the rector, the Rev. Harry Perry.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry and children have been enjoying a vacation at Myrtle Beach for the past several weeks, and will arrive in Brevard Friday.

## Alternate Plan Suggested For French Broad River Reservoir

## VERNER WRITES TO U. S. CONGRESSMAN LOCAL ENGINEER IS AGAINST LARGE DAM

Advocates Series of Smaller Dams To Answer Purpose of Water Storage

S. P. Verner, who was connected in an official capacity with the U. S. Government, stationed in Panama when that gigantic canal was under construction, has advanced a plan that is attracting much attention throughout this section of the state in regard to the proposed storage dam on the French Broad River.

Professor Verner has had much experience in this line of work, and while not a technical engineer, has had oversight of major operations in several foreign countries that qualifies his plan as one of meritorious consideration. He has submitted his plan by letter to Congressman Zehel Weaver, who promises to have the matter gone into, if there is need for construction of storage basin or basins in the French Broad Valley.

Professor Verner advocates the idea of building several smaller dams on feeder streams of the French Broad, which would serve the purpose and at the same time enhance values of the rich farming section of Transylvania and Henderson that would be destroyed were a dam of the nature proposed by government engineers completed.

"The advantages of the cove-dams as compared with the one big dam on the French Broad is chiefly in the fact that the cove-dams will save thirty thousand acres of the finest land in America, and the one big dam would ruin them," the Brevard man says.

"I do not regard the damming of the French Broad as a wild dream at all, Professor Verner stated in an interview with The Times. "Mr. Roosevelt is very much in earnest in the matter of this Tennessee Valley development, and it is advisable that he be fully informed of local conditions and interests—and that soon." The text of Mr. Verner's plan follows:

1. The construction of high dams across certain tributaries of the French Broad in Henderson and Transylvania counties—chiefly the four forks of the river just above Rosman and at the extreme head of the valley. Cathey's creek, Davidson river, Little river, and Mills river; the dams to be located above the flat ridge bottom lands around the mouths of these tributaries, and to impound the waters in the deep narrow valleys below.

2. Clearing of the areas to be flooded by lakes created by the said dams. Much of this has already been done in logging operations. Much of the shrubs and small growth would be available for reforestation in their areas.

3. The dams to be designed so as to admit of ample flood control, as well

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## FISHER REUNION MEET PLANS ARE TO BE MADE

To all who are interested in the Fisher reunion, announcement is made that on Sunday June 18, there will be a meeting of the committee at Lake Toxaway Baptist church for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the reunion.

It is hoped that every member of the committee will be present next Sunday. The meeting will be held immediately after the Sunday school hour.

## U. D. C. SUMMER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NEXT WEEK

Summer schedule for the U. D. C. library will go into effect beginning next Monday. The library will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30 to 12 and 2:30 to 6:00.

Miss S. C. Parker, librarian, requests that members look through their books at home for missing library books which should be returned at once, she states.

## ROSMAN CHURCH IN REVIVAL THIS WEEK

ROSMAN, June 14—Revival services began at Zion Baptist church Sunday night with the Rev. J. E. Burt, pastor, and the Rev. W. A. Tinsley, of Ninety-Six, S. C., in charge.

Services are held each evening at eight o'clock. Beginning Thursday afternoon, services will also be held at 2:30 o'clock. The meeting is scheduled to last two weeks.

Much interest is being shown in the services, the Rev. Mr. Tinsley being well known here, where he held a very successful meeting last year.

## Rise and Fall of Bent Creek Reservoir Would Be Ruinous To Communities

The following article was written by R. H. Morrow, civil engineer of Brevard at request of The Times. Originally intended for publication last week, Mr. Morrow withheld his statement until he had talked with an official of the U. S. Geological Survey, and had made a general check-up on his calculations.

Statement by Mr. Morrow follows: It is wondered how many of the people of Transylvania county realize the real purpose, and its local effect, of the proposed dam and water storage basin on the French Broad river in Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties. This proposed development as well as the Cove Creek project are auxiliaries to the great Muscle Shoals development of the water power of the Tennessee River. In order that all power possible be developed from the rainfall of the entire section, it is necessary to build reservoirs to hold the surplus water of the rainy seasons and then draw on this surplus during the dry times in order to turn out a continuous flow of power. Consequently the water level of a lake or reservoir built for power purposes is subject to many changes of elevation.

The proposed dam on the French Broad is planned with a height of one hundred and twenty-five feet, with a contemplated draw down of sixty-five feet. With this dam located below the mouth of Bent Creek in Buncombe county, water would be backed up to near the mouth of Dunn's Creek in Transylvania. Then with only a ten foot draw down, the water level would be about the mouth of Kings Creek, leaving the bottom lands above there exposed, mostly in the form of mud flats; with the sixty-five foot draw down, the mud flats would extend to about the mouth of Mills River. Examples of this sort of scenery have been seen frequently during the past few years at Lake Summit, at Lake James, at Lake Santeetlah and other power lakes in Western North Carolina.

However, if the French Broad Valley below Brevard was the only available storage basin for the large rainfall of this section and the further development of Muscle Shoals, it would be a different matter. But all the main tributaries of the French Broad have great natural basins back in the mountains above the valley. These would be comparatively easy to acquire and develop. There would be no railroads, highways, bridges or high-tension electric lines to relocate and rebuild or do without. These reservoirs would serve not only for storage but would also act as a flood control over the valley and thus increase the value

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## LAURENCE MASON BURIED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

ROSMAN, June 14.—Laurence Mason, 13 year old son of Mrs. Claude Mason of the Gloucester section, was buried Tuesday at Shoal Creek cemetery, following services conducted at the church by the Rev. Judson Corn. Kilpatrick Funeral home had charge of arrangements.

The young fellow's death followed a serious operation which was performed last week at Lyday Memorial hospital, and from which he failed to rally. Surviving are the mother and two brothers.

## DAHIA ASSOCIATION TO MEET ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Announcement is made that the Dahia Association will hold its next regular meeting in the offices of Fred Shuford on Main street next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

All members of the association, and all people interested in growing dahlias for show purposes are requested to attend the meeting Tuesday night.

## HOLLIDAY REUNION SET FOR JUNE 28TH

The annual Holliday reunion, an event that draws many people from various sections of North Carolina and Virginia, will be held on June 25 at the home of D. R. Holliday, at Blantyre.

A general invitation is extended to all friends of the Holliday family to be present at the all-day affair, which will be featured by music, singing, and a dinner that is of the best at the noon hour. Basket lunches brought by those who attend will be spread on the lawn to make the last touch of perfection

## GIRL SCOUT CAMP ENDS SESSIONS WEDNESDAY

Annual Girl Scout camp, held at Camp Illabee for the past ten days, closed Wednesday, the forty scouts enrolled from the Brevard patrols, together with their leaders and instructors returning to Brevard.

Complete details of the standard encampment will be published in next week's paper, including roll and interesting data concerning operation of the camp, and methods of carrying on the business at a minimum cost to the campers.

## WILL LOCATE CAMP NEAR GLOUCESTER

Army Officials Inspect Property Near Mouth Of Indian Creek

Announcement has been made by the U. S. Government of plans to erect a Civilian Conservation Camp in the Gloucester section of Transylvania county, work to start on the camp within a few days.

The camp will be known as S-14, and is to be located on the Shoal Creek Road, just above the Gloucester bridge. Required material for erection of the camp will be shipped by rail to Rosman and transferred from there to the camp site on trucks, according to J. S. Bormfield, who will do the drayage work.

Tentative plans for the camp call for one of the size of the John's Rock camp on Davidson River, and will take care of 200 or more workers.

## INTEREST IS SHOWN IN DEMONSTRATIONS

(By F. F. Corbin)

ROSMAN, June 14—Good attendance and interest is being shown in the cooking and canning demonstrations held in the various communities by Miss Olga Fortenberry.

Any farmers wishing to see me concerning farm problems may meet at these demonstrations and we will have a combined home and farm program.

Schedule of meetings for the next few days is as follows:

June 15—10 a. m.—Bohoney school house.

June 15—3 p. m.—Home of Mrs. Wade Nicholson, Oakland.

June 16—2 p. m.—Old Toxaway section.

June 19—2 p. m.—Home of Louise Gillespie, East Fork.

June 20—2 p. m.—Lake Toxaway school house.

June 21—2 p. m.—Silverteen school house.

June 22—2 p. m.—Home of Walter Woodring, Diamond Creek.

June 23—2 p. m.—Home of Willie Reid, Reids Siding.

June 26—2 p. m.—Home of T. E. Brown, Gloucester.

Now is the time to save, prepare, and get ready some exhibits for the Rosman Community Fair this fall.

## FIRE PRACTICE CAUSES MUCH EXCITEMENT HERE TUESDAY

"Everybody and his brother" ran out Tuesday to follow the fire truck. It was a practice, and at the same time watered the court house lawn.

## PROMINENT MAN IS PLEASED ON VISIT

Owner of Cypress Garden Declares This Section Is World's Prettiest

Distinguished visitors at the Franklin Hotel for the past several days included Benjamin R. Kittridge of "Cypress Gardens," near Charleston, and John B. Gadsden, of Summerville, S. C.

Mrs. Gadsden is a regular visitor to Transylvania county, and is widely known here. Mr. Kittridge was on his first trip to the community and spent several days in exploring the county, which he termed as the most beautiful in all the world. He expects to return later in the season with Mrs. Kittridge and spend some time here.

Cypress Gardens are noted for their beauty and are said to rival if not exceed the Middleton and Magnolia Gardens. Located on an estate of 4000 acres, the gardens cover over two hundred acres of land, laid out on the Venetian type plan, and are said to represent an investment of over a quarter million dollars. While here Mr. Kittridge met several of the citizens who expressed the sentiment of the community in inviting to make this section his vacation land.

## DEACON DUBES TO BE SHOWN AT BREVARD HI

Plans are underway by the Eastern Star for presentation of "Deacon Dubbs," the rural comedy so successfully given by the Penrose performers at the Enon school house recently. The play will be at the Brevard high school auditorium Thursday evening, June 29, for benefit of the local chapter Eastern Star.

## MISS FANNIE HOLT IS OPTIMISTIC OF SEASON

Miss Fannie Holt, of Jacksonville and Brevard, owner and operator of Camp Keystone for Girls, has arrived in the community and is elated over prospects of a good season at her camp.

Miss Holt says that she already has more reservations than for the season last year, her campers coming this year from a wide area.

## JOINT MEET TO BE HELD HERE FRIDAY

Special meeting of the board of county commissioners and the board of education will be held on Friday of this week at which time the matter of retaining the office of superintendent of welfare will be taken up.

The two boards will sit as a joint commission to act on the matter. Other business matters will also be taken up at this meeting.

### Baby McCall

ROSMAN, June 14—Funeral services for the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCall were held at Oak Grove cemetery Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock by the Rev. J. E. Burt. Surviving are the parents and one baby sister.

## Red Cross Water Pageant To Feature Life Saving Institute; Many Enrolled

With an enrollment that exceeds that of any previous year, the American Red Cross First aid and Life Saving institute formally opened Wednesday morning, and began at once preparations for staging the annual water pageant which is among the biggest drawing cards in Western North Carolina each season.

Over one hundred had enrolled Wednesday, according to Ramone S. Eaton, director of the ten-day institute, and more people were expected Thursday. Among those enrolling this season are celebrities in aquatic sports who rank high in national and international circles.

The water pageant will be staged on Thursday evening of next week at eight o'clock, and a general invitation to the people of this section of the state is extended by Director Harry A. Kenning and Associate Director Miss Dorothy Tolleson of Peabody college, who will have charge of the pageant. Jerry MacMillan, of Cocoa, Fla., an old timer at the Red Cross institutes in this section, is also assisting in the event.

The pageant will be taken from a story of the Cherokee Indians who once roamed the hills of Western North Carolina, appropriately named "The Peace Pipe."

Scenes in the waterfront pageant will include canoeing, water sports and drills, figure swimming and other exhibitions, concluding with an elaborate fireworks scene.

No charges will be made for viewing the pageant and plenty of ac-

commodations will be provided for the great throng that is expected to attend.

Several outstanding figures in the Red Cross work are expected to attend part of the sessions held here, at least two of the national officials having signified their intentions of spending several days at Camp Carolina.

Students are from all sections of Eastern and Southern U. S., with a large number of local people attending the sessions. A special rate of \$10 per term has been made in order that local people may take advantage of the opportunity offered by the institute. This fee will cover all tuition charges for instruction in all phases of waterfront and life-saving activities.

## EDWIN PERKINS TO JOIN U. N. C. FACULTY

Edwin Perkins, who has just completed the law course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been appointed to the position of legal research in the institution of social science at the state university for the coming year.

Mr. Perkins, formerly made his home in Brevard with his mother, Mrs. A. D. Perkins, who spent the past year at Chapel Hill with her son.