

COUNTY BONDS ARE BEING RETIRED BY RE-FUNDING PLAN

County Finance Being Put On Better Plane Through System of Payments

Total of \$56,000 Transylvania county bonds have been retired since the refunding plan was put in operation on July 1, 1937, according to statement made to the county commissioners Monday by County Accountant Ralph Lyday.

All expenses of the refunding plan have been paid, the report showed, and all semi-annual interest payments have been met promptly.

Under the agreement worked out with the bondholders, back interest that had accumulated was refunded at one-fourth the total amount due, and the interest rate average five and one-half percent was reduced to the minimum of one and one-half for three years, graduating over a period of years to four percent, but averaging less than three percent over the entire period.

Larger bondholders agreed to the settlement before it was put into effect, and all the small holders have since come in on the plan, with the exception of \$51,000, 45 of which bonds have not been located.

Under the plan, specific levy is made each year and any surplus accumulating over the interest payment due at the next six-month period is used to buy bonds, which are being secured at less than 50 cents on the dollar.

Civic Club Names Its Committees For Year

Appointment of committee chairmen and members was the main business of the February meeting of the Women's Civic club, held Monday afternoon in the city hall building.

The following committees for the year were named: Civics committee: Mrs. J. W. Smith, chairman, Miss Rose Shipman and Mrs. D. L. English; program, Mrs. H. J. Bradley, chairman, Mrs. J. B. Jones and Mrs. Roy Long, welfare, Mrs. J. B. Picklesimer, chairman, Mrs. H. R. Bobst, Mrs. Fred Zachary and Mrs. A. H. Harris; garden, Mrs. E. R. Pendleton, chairman, Mrs. John Maxwell, Mrs. Coleman Galloway and Mrs. Carl Hardin; membership, Mrs. J. C. Wike, chairman, Mrs. Lee Bauer, and Mrs. J. H. West; recreation, Mrs. Ralph Fisher, chairman, Mrs. C. L. Newland, Mrs. Bess W. May, Mrs. David Ward and Mrs. T. H. Hampton, Jr.; hospitality, Mrs. A. B. Galloway, chairman, Mrs. Mary Scott and Mrs. A. R. Gillespie; community project, Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, chairman, Mrs. Ralph Zachary and Mrs. Oliver Orr.

The chairmen of these committees, together with the officers, form the executive board, which meets on the Monday afternoon before each meeting on the first Monday. Officers for the current year include: Mrs. Oliver Orr, president; Mrs. J. H. West, vice president; Mrs. A. H. Harris, secretary; Mrs. Ralph Zachary, treasurer.

Decision was made by the club to assist in the Finnish drive by contributing warm clothing to be sent to the aid of Finland sufferers.

John W. Chapman Dies After Extended Illness

Friends in Brevard were in receipt of news Tuesday afternoon of the death in Charleston, S. C., of John West Chapman, Jr., who died on Monday of a heart attack. The body was brought to Brevard late Wednesday for burial here. The funeral service will probably be held at the Chapman residence here sometime Thursday afternoon, though details could not be learned before The Times went to press Wednesday night.

Mr. Chapman had been in ill health for some time, having passed through many serious attacks of illness during the past 10 years.

Surviving are his widow and a year-old daughter, Carolyn West; also his mother, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Sr., of Brevard and Charleston, S. C.

MICKIE SAYS—

TRYIN' TO WRITE ALL TH' NEWS TO YOUR DISTANT FRIEND IS QUITE A TASK—WHY NOT SUBSCRIBE T' THIS "LETTER FROM HOME" FOR HER?



BOY SCOUT WEEK

February 8th To 15th

Regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, announcement has been made by Scoutmaster Harold Norwood. The week-end camping trip planned for this week has been called off, due to weather conditions. All Scouts are urged to attend Friday night's meeting, as plans for Scout Week will be discussed.

WATER SYSTEM TO BE IMPROVED HERE

Increased Storage Space Will Be Sought On Brevard Water Shed

Plans were started Monday night by the board of aldermen for improving and extending the town's water supply. Walter Hart, county sanitarian, was instructed to secure the services immediately of a state engineer to make survey of the present water system, and to make up a suggested plan for increasing storage, improving the present reservoirs, and handling of the silt proposition.

Under ordinary circumstances, the town's water supply is adequate for all needs, with ample reserve storage, but the recent continued freeze which retarded flow at the intake, plus the wastage of water caused by users allowing spigots to remain open, nearly exhausted the reservoirs and necessitated cutting the flow off entirely on two occasions in order to have water in case of fire.

Water meters, it was felt by the board in discussing the problem, would solve the matter, but cost of installing meters on property of all users would incur a huge deficit in the water budget, and this was passed up for the time being.

The general consensus of opinion was that an extra storage basin would take care of the needs for ten or more years, and would at the same time, eliminate silt to great extent. Definite action on the matter will not be taken until the engineer from the state department has made survey of the system, and suggests plan for improvement.

SHERIFF OFFICE TO BE FOUR-YEAR TERM

Coroner Wike and Sheriff Shuford Will Hold Over Without Election

Sheriff George D. Shuford and Coroner J. C. Wike will serve two more years without the trouble of going through a primary or election, according to supreme court ruling which was handed down in Raleigh last Friday.

RALEIGH, Feb. 2—Sheriffs and coroners in North Carolina's 100 counties are serving four-year terms which will continue until December, 1942, the state supreme court held in a unanimous decision today.

Opinions next will be handed down February 28. In the sheriff-coroner case, the court held specifically that a constitutional amendment increasing terms of office of the officials from two to four years applied to sheriffs and coroners elected in 1938.

The decision reversed a finding of Superior Court Judge Leo Carr, who ruled that the Alamance county board of elections should allow an election this year for sheriff of that county.

In oral arguments before the supreme court, some attorneys had asserted that the amendment did not apply to sheriffs and coroners elected in 1938, since the referendum vote on the amendment and the election of the county officials were held on the same day.

The court, however, held that the amendment had been ratified and was a part of the state constitution on the date that county officers assumed their duties—the first Monday in December, 1938. The opinion was written by Associate Justice J. Wallace Winborne.

At Lyday Hospital

Patients reported at Lyday Memorial hospital on Wednesday include: Fred Garvin, Mrs. L. F. Cooper, Ben Wright, Spencer Chapman and Lee Springs.

Cullowhee Leader To Speak Here Sunday

Dr. Phil Elliott of Cullowhee will preach at Brevard Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it has been announced by the pulpit committee.

Dr. Elliott is head of the Religious Department at Western Carolina Teachers College, and is widely known as a church worker and speaker. For the evening hour the Baptist congregation will join with other churches of the town in the Union Church Loyalty service at the Methodist church.

BEER LICENSE CASE CONTINUED MONDAY

Petition of State Board Requested Little Rock Be Closed Here

Hearing was continued Monday by the board of county commissioners in the matter of beer license revocation for Little Rock Beer Garden and Service station on North Broad street near Kings Creek bridge.

Guy Caldwell, operator of the beer garden and service station, had been summoned before the commissioners at behest of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee of North Carolina.

Petition of the state group alleged that the beer dealer conducted a public nuisance, cited that complaints had been filed by Brevard citizens with the committee at Raleigh, and requested that the operator's license be revoked.

Caldwell appeared before the commissioners and had witnesses who testified that the place had been run in a manner which had been suggested by local officers during the past few weeks, and that to knowledge of the witnesses, gambling had not been going on there within the past several weeks, if ever, and that the proprietor, Caldwell, had not been selling whiskey.

Chief of Police B. H. Freeman told the commissioners that he had had numerous complaints about the Little Rock, and that he had recommended several weeks ago to the board of aldermen that the man's license for selling beer be revoked.

Caldwell appeared before the board of aldermen, Chief Freeman said, and told the board that he would improve the place if his license were left intact, and that he would close earlier in the evening. The chief said that he had heard less complaint since that time.

Mr. Caldwell denied that he had "kept" a woman on the premises, and there was no evidence presented to the commissioners that he had.

At suggestion of counsel for the beer seller, Lewis P. Hamlin, the hearing was continued until the first Monday in March, at which time it is plan of the board of commissioners to have a representative of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors present in line with the alleged fact in their petition that petitions and affidavits had been presented to the Raleigh office.

In checking the license application law following the meeting, the register of deeds announced that hereafter, any applicant for beer license would first be required to have license from the town (if inside incorporation) and the next step would be to make application before the board of commissioners, and not to the register of deeds as has heretofore been the case.

Brevard Boy Named On Mars Hill Roll

Tom Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Coleman Galloway, of Brevard won the honor roll for the first semester at Mars Hill College. He was one among 40 out of 850 students to make this scholastic honor.

Young Galloway, a freshman at Mars Hill, was a graduate of the Brevard high school in the class of 1939.

Camera Club Formed By Photography Fans

Al G. Kyle was elected president of the Brevard Camera club, at the meeting held Tuesday evening at the city hall.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year include: B. C. Olney, vice president; H. E. Norwood, secretary; J. H. Hollifield, treasurer.

The above named officers with the Rev. C. M. Jones, will form the board of directors. The president appointed the following committee chairmen: C. A. Schoenkecht, program committee; Nat Townsend, print committee; Roland Wilbur, membership committee.

The next meeting of the club will be held Tuesday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock at the city hall auditorium. An interesting program is being planned for this meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors.

Finnish Relief Fund Chairman Named For Transylvania County

A special account is being opened in the Transylvania Trust company this week for the Finnish Relief Fund, and contributors who desire to aid the Finns are asked to leave their contributions for the cause at The Transylvania Times office.

Former President Herbert Hoover and State Director W. T. East of Raleigh have appointed C. M. Douglas, editor of The Times as official chairman of the Transylvania Finnish Relief Fund, and a record of all contributions will be made in The Times office, and funds deposited in the bank to credit of the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc.

No concerted drive will be made in this county for funds to send to the Finns, but all people who feel that they would like to have part in the relief work for the little nation that is now engaged in an undeclared war with Russia are asked to leave their donations at The Times office.

At the Cross Roads



COUNTY ROADS ARE IN POOR CONDITION

Snow and Freeze Leave Many Side Arteries Muddy—Pavements Injured

Many of the county roads were reported near or totally impassable Wednesday, and some of the main highway links show that damage of the recent severe weather is taking toll in broken pavement.

Mail carriers from Brevard were unable to complete their routes Tuesday, although Joe Poole on RFD 2 made all his route except half mile; Harry Loftis on RFD 1 was forced to skip four miles, and the service he gave in many sections was reached in round-about fashion.

Neither of the mail carriers from Brevard arrived back in Brevard until after 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and both said they had been "stuck" in the mud on several occasions during the day.

School buses are making such of their routes off the pavement as possible, but some of the side roads are not being attempted.

The road to Rosman, US 64, is said to be badly scarred and breaking up since the freeze and resultant soft thaw, and considerable repair work will be necessitated on the stretch.

Unpaved streets in Brevard are in "soft" shape, and even some driveways into residences are avoided by delivery trucks.

Practically all of the snow and ice have melted during the past few days, and this has added to bad road conditions. In Brevard, several water users are still "frozen up", although most of the mains have been repaired and are in service.

Innumerable pipes in residences throughout the town are in bad shape due to the freeze, and many people are carrying water from neighboring homes for use.

Square Dance Saturday

A benefit square dance will be held in the former Bell's store building on West Main street Saturday night from 9 to 12 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth McCoy and Ernest McFaul are sponsoring the dance.

Jimmy Morow will call the figures and Sherman band will furnish the music.

Toxaway Road Will Be Widened and Improved

Widening and improvement of highway 64 between Lake Toxaway and the Jackson county line was started by the state and WPA forces Monday morning.

Engineer Ernest Webb said that plans call for widening the surface of the road to 18 feet, and improvement of the shoulders as well.

A rock crusher has been set up near the Lake Toxaway bridge, from which quarry the rock will be taken. Present road bed is only 14 feet, and the additional four feet of surface will be a material aid to that stretch.

Union Services Will Be Held Sunday Eve

Union services of all churches of Brevard will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, as a feature of the church loyalty campaign in progress by all denominations through February and March.

The first in the series of union services was held at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. This service was in the nature of a farewell for the Rev. Yancey C. Elliott and family, who left this week for their new home in Lincoln, where Mr. Elliott has assumed his duties as pastor of the Baptist church. The service was attended by members of all denominations of the town, and the sermon was delivered by Mr. Elliott.

Many expressions of regret have been heard by members of the Baptist church and by residents throughout the community regarding the departure from Brevard of Mr. Elliott and family for other fields of labor.

P. T. A. Meets

The February meeting of the P.T.A. will be held at the grammar school building Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A feature of the program will be celebration of Founders Day. It is urged by the president, Mrs. C. E. Buckner, that as many members as possibly can attend this meeting.

Kesterton To Preach

PENROSE, Feb. 7—The Rev. J. W. Kesterton of Dana, has been invited to preach to the Enon folks at 11:00 o'clock this Sunday. It is hoped the weather will be favorable for a good attendance.

CAR ROBBERIES GET FIVE PEOPLE JAILED

Crime Wave Broken By Local Officers—Many Stolen Articles Recovered

Walter Justus, 17, of Hendersonville, and George Pruitt, 18, of Walnut Hollow section of Transylvania county, have admitted breaking into a number of automobiles here three weeks ago, and led officers to various places where most of the loot was recovered.

The Henderson county and Transylvania county youths were placed in jail last week, and later, John Pruitt, 40, and his daughter Doris, 15, together with J. P. Reese, all of the Walnut Hollow section, were arrested and put in jail as accessories.

Goods valued at \$500 to \$600 were recovered by officers, including cameras, shotguns, pistols, flashlights, gloves, tools and other items. In addition to the articles stolen from the cars in Brevard and at Ecusta, groceries which had been taken from Mrs. Robert Meekins' store at Hendersonville amounting to around \$50 were also recovered.

Operating in Brevard, at Ecusta, and Hendersonville, the two youths made wholesale raids on automobiles, breaking locks, and glass in their rounds to gain entrance to the cars. As many as a dozen cars were broken into during one night.

Most of the stolen articles were hidden about the home of John Pruitt, father of one of the boys, and other items were hidden in sink holes, hollow logs, and creek banks in the Walnut Hollow and East Fork sections.

Two automobiles were stolen during the rounds made by the boys, both of which were recovered.

County, town, Ecusta, and highway officers have been at work on the case for two weeks and it is expected that other arrests will be made during this week.

Stamp Club Meeting

Regular meeting of the Brevard Stamp club has been postponed from Thursday night of this week to Thursday night, February 15, announcement has been made. The place of meeting will be stated in next week's issue of this paper.

C. of C. Meets 15th

Chamber of Commerce meeting has been set for Thursday evening of next week, February 15, at 7:30 o'clock. Plans for work to be done this spring and summer will be taken up at the meeting, and all people interested in the community are invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND UPPED BY FARAWAY FRIENDS

Suggestion Made That People Here Write Friends And Ask For Assistance

Two checks for The New Transylvania Community hospital came to The Times office through the mail during the week, and one of the donors who lives over a thousand miles away, suggested that letters be written each individual who is interested in the hospital, calling attention to friends in distant places to need of the hospital here.

This friend of the community had not been solicited, she said, and had only learned about the progressive step through the home paper.

"There are many people, in many sections," the friend wrote, "who would be glad to contribute to the building fund if they were approached by letter, and please make suggestion through The Times that the home folk write their friends about the work."

Funds are coming in each week, from various sources, Treasurer George Wheeler reports, and those in charge of the hospital drive are of the expressed opinion that the \$25,000 mark will be passed provided those who should become interested in the work do so at once.

Thermometer on the court house lawn showing the amount already on hand stands at \$15,000 and if letters are written as suggested by this article it is believed that within two weeks the "mercury" could be moved up near the 20-mark by donations from "outside" friends.

CEDAR MTN. MAN IN ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Richard H. Pearson Instantly Killed When Log Crushes His Body Wednesday

Richard Hues Pearson, 23, of Cedar Mountain was instantly killed in the Auger Hole section of Upper Transylvania county Wednesday morning while cutting logs.

Death was caused by a heavy log crushing the young man into a pond of water, and although the log was removed within a couple of minutes by companions, Mr. Pearson was dead, evidently from blow of the falling timber.

Mr. Pearson was employed by J. E. Bryson on a logging contract in the Auger Hole section. He was working with Walter Hamlin and Wylie Owen when the accident occurred.

His companions said that they had just sawed through a heavy spruce log, which was lying on a bank of a small stream. Pearson was on the lower side of the log, and while the men had expected the heavy piece of timber to swing around into the water, Mr. Pearson evidently misjudged its direction of rolling, and failed to clear himself. The log caught the young man full length and mashed him into the pond of water nearby. A skidder was being used a short distance away, and the log was removed within a few minutes but the blow had apparently snuffed out his life.

The body was put into a light truck and brought to Rosman to Dr. Joe Osborne, and later to the Osborne-Simpson Funeral home where it was prepared for burial.

Funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Catholic's Creek Baptist church, and interment will be in the cemetery nearby. The Rev. George Baker will have charge of the rites.

Surviving are the parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Pearson, three sisters and three brothers, all of Cedar Mountain. The sisters and brothers Faye, Ruby, Cora, Clarence, John, and Harley Pearson.

Income Tax Man Here

Aid on state income reports and intangible tax listing will be given local people on March 6 by Carl Felmet, deputy collector, who will be in the clerk of court office on that date.

Electricity Used To Thaw Brevard Pipes In Very Short Time

Many of Brevard's residents saw electricity used to thaw frozen water pipes for the first time during the past week, and marveled at the quickness and thoroughness of the job done by "Reddy Kilowatt."

Where a pipe was frozen under a street or pavement, and expense of digging into the line would have been tremendous, a heavy set of cables was attached to a part of the frozen pipe, near the residence or outside the street—another part of the cable attached to water hydrant sometimes 200 or more feet distance, and the juice turned on. After a short while, sometimes not more than five minutes, the ice was melted in the pipe line and here came the water, free and easy.

Time required for hooking the device up was in most cases far more than that consumed in thawing the pipes.

The Duke company was employed by the town to thaw pipes under the pavement, and property owners who wished pipes on private property thawed out used the portable outfit belonging to Sid Barnett's Machine shop. Several hundred dollars was the estimated saving to the town by use of the electric outfit.