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Whitmire Died From Natural Causes, Coroner Finds

FINAL INQUEST IS HELD HERE WED., MISSING 8 DAYS

Rosman Man Found Last Friday In Woods By A Searching Party.

BURIED LAST SATURDAY

Louie Whitmire, 47-year-old Rosman man whose body was found last Friday night by searching parties in a wooded section about three miles from Rosman, died from natural causes, according to a coroner's jury verdict rendered here yesterday afternoon.

Whitmire had been missing for 8 days and when an inquest was held on the day the body was located, officers were ordered to make further investigation to determine if there was any foul play.

Sheriff Freeman Hayes reported at the inquest Wednesday that he and other officers had thoroughly investigated the case and had found no definite evidence of foul play.

The condition of the body indicated that Whitmire had been dead for several days. An illicit manufacturing still was found nearby and officers said a whiskey jug was also found near the body.

Officers said that according to rumors threats had been made against Whitmire and this was one reason for conducting an extensive investigation.

Whitmire was born around Rosman, where he had lived for many years. For some time, he worked in the tannery there.

Funeral service was held last Saturday afternoon at the Zion Baptist church by Rev. M. E. Summey and burial was made in the family cemetery.

Whitmire is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters. The sons are Allen Whitmire, who is now in Italy; Albert, Carlyle, Frantz and Max; the daughters

TEACHERS TO MEET HERE NEXT. THURS.

Schools To Open On Monday, September 18, as Previously Announced.

All schools in Brevard and Transylvania county will open for the fall term on Monday morning, Sept. 18, at 8:45, according to previous schedule, it has been announced by County Superintendent J. B. Jones.

The teachers will have a meeting at the Brevard high school on Thursday morning, the 14th, at 10 o'clock, and will be on regular school duty from that time on, even though the schools will not open until the following Monday, Mr. Jones stated.

Mr. Jones called attention to the revised pay schedule for teachers, which will go into effect with the new school term. The first month's salary checks will be paid at the end of two weeks; the second month's at the end of five weeks; the third month's at the end of the following five weeks; and after that the regular pay schedule will be observed.

Sale Of Property For Taxes Conducted Here On Mon. Noon

T. E. Reid, county and town tax collector, conducted a sale of lands for delinquent tax payments for the year 1943 in front of the courthouse here Monday at noon.

Since no other bidders were present, the town and county were highest bidders on over 600 parcels of land and sale tax certificates will be issued this week.

Tax collections during the past year have broken all former records, and amount advertised for sale during the month of August was the lowest in many years.

State Postwar Planning Board Director To Speak In Courthouse Here Friday Night At 8 O'clock

Now In England



T. SGT. EUGENE HINKLE, son of Mrs. Alice Hinkle and the late W. H. Hinkle, volunteered in military service in October, 1942. He is now with the 9th air force troop carrier command somewhere in England. He is an aerial engineer on a C-47 and took part in the invasion in Normandy. On the following day he received the air medal for his part in the invasion. He took his basic training at Gulfport, Miss., and Douglas Aircraft, Long Beach, Calif., receiving two diplomas. He is a brother of Mrs. Jesse C. Cash, of Oakland.

A GRADUATION BANQUET TO BE GIVEN SATURDAY

Rev. E. Ashby Johnson To Speak, Madison To Preach Sermon Sunday Night

The summer graduation program for Brevard college will open this Saturday with a banquet honoring members of the graduating classes to be held in the dining hall at the college, at 8 o'clock, President E. J. Coltrane announced today.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of the Waynesville Methodist church, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Brevard Methodist church. This will be a union service and all of the churches will co-operate.

Dr. J. M. Rast, president of Lander college, will make the commencement address in the college auditorium on Thursday night.

Service Men And Women Are Slow In Applying For Their Absentee Ballots

Only about one-fifth of the county's men and women in service have requested absentee ballots for the forthcoming general election, it was learned today from Fred Shuford, chairman of the county election board.

A total of 330 applications have been received from the 1,500 or 1,600 service men and women from this county, and a large number of these have come through state headquarters.

Some of the service men and women made application by writing the board here directly, others by sending in the application form that was printed in a recent issue of this newspaper, and the largest number as a result of application cards that were distributed to them by the War department.

Felix A. Grisette To Talk On Postwar Plans. Public Is Urged To Attend

Felix A. Grisette, of Chapel Hill, managing director of the North Carolina State Postwar Planning board, will speak here Friday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse under the joint sponsorship of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce and the Transylvania county Committee for Economic Development.

Ed McMahan, president of the chamber of commerce, said this will be a public meeting and urged all civic-minded persons to attend.

"In his capacity as managing director of the state's planning board, I know Mr. Grisette will have a message that every one of us would like to hear and one that will be helpful to us in making our postwar plans," Mr. McMahan said.

F. S. Best, chairman of the county's committee for economic development, will also speak and outline a postwar program that has been set up for Brevard and Transylvania county.

Special music for the occasion will be rendered by Miss Margaret Spiro, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Melvin Gillespie.

The speaker will be introduced by Harry H. Straus, vice district chairman of the Committee for Economic Development. Ed McMahan will preside.

A NEW CANNERY SCHEDULE GIVEN

To Be Open Three Days Next Week, 10,000 Cans Filled To Date.

The Transylvania cannery at Brevard will be closed all day Saturday, and next week it will be open to the public only three days, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, it has been announced by C. L. Simmons, supervisor.

Future schedule of opening will be announced later, Mr. Simmons said, depending upon the food available for canning and other factors which might develop.

An interesting fact pointed out is that the cannery was used by representatives from eight different states, summer visitors here, in addition to those from this county and state. The states represented were Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia. Approximately 10,000 cans of various fruits and vegetables were canned during the summer, the records show.

Service Men And Women Are Slow In Applying For Their Absentee Ballots

In some instances, members of the immediate families of those in the armed forces have applied at the election board office here over Patterson's store and all families are reminded that they can make application and have ballots sent by giving the address of the service man or woman to Mr. Shuford.

Approximately 250,000 North Carolinians in the armed forces have applied for the absentee ballots.

"We would like for every man and woman in service from this county to have the opportunity of voting and urge them, as well as their families back home, to make application in time for the ballots to reach them and to be returned before the date of the election," Mr. Shuford said.

Merchants And Employees Enjoy Fish Fry In National Forest



Of course they are having a grand time, who wouldn't have? Shown above is a view of a large number of Brevard merchants, their employees and guests enjoying a delightful fish fry that was prepared and served by Pete Bikas. Approximately 225 persons attended this outing, the first of its kind ever held by Brevard merchants and plans are now being formulated to make it an annual affair.

HAMLIN HOLDS A DISTRICT CAUCUS, JACKSON NAMED

Prominent Brevard G.O.P. Candidate for Congress Has Meeting.

ASHEVILLE — Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, prominent Republican leader and former U. S. marshal for the western district of North Carolina, was appointed Republican chairman for the 12th congressional district last Thursday night at a dinner meeting of Republican leaders at the S and W cafeteria.

Mr. Jackson, in accepting the appointment from Lewis P. Hamlin, of Brevard, Republican candidate for congress from the district, predicted that if the present trend continues, North Carolina will give its electoral vote to Thomas E. Dewey by 80,000 votes and this state will elect a Republican governor.

Chairmen Are Announced In announcing the appointment of Mr. Jackson as chairman of the 12th district, Mr. Hamlin also announced various county chairmen in preparation for the coming general election.

"I was greatly disturbed above the future of America and its liberties when the first suggestion came concerning a third term, but now that a fourth term is to be attempted, I believe it is time for the lovers of liberty to bind themselves together, regardless of party, against such a perpetuation of federal power," Mr. Hamlin said.

Mr. Hamlin said that he was

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD A SHORT SESSION

At a meeting of the Transylvania county board of commissioners here Monday, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, tax supervisor and county accountant, was instructed to check a rather long list of taxes that had probably been charged in error and to make proper adjustments after completing the check.

Agnes Tucker presented a request for a refund and cancellation of beer license issued to her as the operator of the "Chicken Shack." The request, she said, was made because the town board would not authorize license. The county board approved the request.

J. B. Glazener was granted a refund of poll taxes paid last year as he had moved to Virginia and was paying taxes there, too.

Machine Room Wins Ecusta Baseball League Series; To Play An "All-Star" Club Sunday Afternoon At 3 O'clock

TO HOLD FISHER REUNION ON SAT.

Ed McMahan To Be Principal Speaker. Expect 250 People

The annual Fisher family reunion will be held Saturday, starting at 10 o'clock at Lake Toxaway Baptist church, Ralph Fisher, president of the organization, announces.

Ed H. McMahan, prominent Brevard attorney and civic leader, will be principal speaker. Lewis P. Hamlin, Republican candidate for congress, will also talk.

A picnic dinner will be spread and barbecue will be served by Sam Allison, of Brevard.

Approximately 250 persons are expected to attend, this being an annual event.

Mrs. L. F. Norton, of Oakland, is secretary and has served in this capacity since the reunion organization was formed.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

An exhibition of paintings by Aileen Frasier and Flora G. Hollingsworth will be shown at the Colonial Inn Thursday and Friday. The paintings have been on display there all week.

Merchants Vote To Form An Association, Large Crowd Attended Fish Fry In Forest

Initial steps in forming a Brevard Merchants association were taken at a big picnic held in the Pisgah National Forest last Thursday evening when approximately 30 local merchants voted unanimously to hold an organizational meeting in the near future.

Arrangements for such a meeting are to be worked out by the merchants committee of the Brevard chamber of commerce.

Despite rain and uncertain weather conditions, a large crowd of merchants, employees and guests, estimated at approximately 225, attended the picnic-fish fry, and heard Roy A. Palmer, of Charlotte, an official of the Duke Power company and president of the Charlotte chamber of commerce, speak.

After the war there will be a

PRODUCTION OF THESE CRITICAL MATERIALS GOING

Various Thin Writing Papers Are Also Being Made Out Of Flax Fibre.

SAVES WOOD PULP

The Ecusta Paper corporation, makers of a large percentage of the cigarette paper used by American manufacturers, is now making high quality, thin writing paper out of flax fibre, the same raw material used to produce cigarette paper, Harry H. Straus, president of the company, announced today.

The paper products that are being manufactured by Ecusta include manifold, air mail, pigeon mail, carbonizing and other light weight text papers. Finished products of these new lines are being shipped throughout the United States and they will be sold by leading paper merchants printers and converters of social and business stationery. The U. S. government through various agencies, is also buying a large quantity of these special papers.

Ecusta is also manufacturing a condenser tissue, a paper used in the insulation of electrical equipment used in the war effort and the production of other critical products is contemplated.

"When the supply of wood pulp, waste paper and other materials from which many paper products are made became so critical, we started work on developing ways and means of making a new line of fine, thin papers out of flax straw," Mr. Straus said.

"Within a short time we perfected manufacturing processes and are now making these papers in rather large quantities, and are thereby saving that much more pulp wood for the manufacture of ammunition containers, and other paper products necessary to keep the boys overseas supplied with food, ammunition and fighting equipment," he stated.

SQUIRREL SEASON OPENS SEPT. 15

Ban On Ammunition For Hunters Is Lifted. Quotas Are Greatly Increased.

The squirrel season in Transylvania county opens next Friday, September 15, and the deer season will open on October 15 and remain open until December 15.

Hunting is expected to increase quite a bit this season since the ban on the sale of ammunition has been lifted by the WPB. At the same time, it was announced that quotas for ammunition for farmers and hunters has been boosted.

Until December 15, farmers and hunters will have the following quarterly quotas: 150 rounds of .22-calibre rimfire cartridges, 40 rounds of center-fire rifle ammunition and 100 shotgun shells of any gauge.

The ban to hunters was lifted because animals and birds had been causing widespread destruction of crops and livestock in all sections of the nation.

The bass and brim season is also open, but the trout season closed on September 1.

Tire Quotas For Sept. Announced By Rationing Board

September tire quotas show a decrease over those of last month, according to figures released by Miss Mattie Lewis, chief clerk of the ration board here.

The passenger tire quota for September is 60 as compared with 68 for August; truck tire quota is 36 as against 33 for last month. Stove quotas for September have not as yet been released.

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