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December Term Of Superior Court Opens Monday

99 CASES LISTED FOR TRIAL DURING TWO-WEEK TERM

May Try L. V. Jones Charged For Shooting Wife With Intent To Kill

ROSSEAU TO PRESIDE

The December term of Transylvania county superior court will open next Monday morning with 80 cases listed on the criminal court docket and 19 on the civil calendar.

This is the largest number of cases scheduled for trial in any term during the past two years.

Judge J. A. Rousseau will preside and Solicitor Clarence Ridings will be on the job as prosecutor. The term is set up for two weeks.

The most outstanding case on the docket is the one of the state against L. V. Jones, of near Brevard, who is charged with shooting and seriously wounding his wife with intent to kill. This shooting occurred several months ago and Jones is out on bond of \$2,500.00, while his wife is said to have fully recovered.

Others charged with assault are Cecil Burt, R. V. Galloway, Wayne Worley, Garland Teague, Bill Lee, J. T. Codie, Bonnie Davis, James Daves, and Turner Allison. Facing violation of prohibition charges are Millard Smith, Mrs. Millard Reese, Garland Chapman and Mrs. Garland Chapman.

Those charged with transporting are Wilbur Ledbetter, Frank Logan, Junior Edward Bronnon, Illar Lynch, Bill Bennett, Philmore Walker and Larry Harris.

Six will face larceny charges. They are Cope Kilgore, Claud Morgan Banks, Benjamin O'Kelley and Charles William Jones.

For breaking, entering and larceny.—Turn To Page Six

LEGION'S DRIVE GOES OVER TOP

Monroe Wilson Post's Membership Campaign Ends With Total of 116

During the annual membership drive, just concluded, 116 members were obtained for Monroe Wilson post of the American Legion, which was seven more than the quota, according to Ike M. Ayers, adjutant.

Included in this number are 24 veterans of World War II and there are 63 others in the county who are eligible. Mr. Ayers stated. There are a number of veterans of World War I also who are not affiliated with the post. A letter is being sent to these men by Mr. Ayers inviting them to join and pointing out the advantages of such action.

At the next meeting of the post on Dec. 19 methods of progressively enlarging the membership of the post will be discussed.

Veterans of either war who may need any service or information as such should contact the service officer, J. A. Crisp, Brevard, Mr. Ayers said.

Hardin Is Elected Head Of College Board Of Trustees

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., pastor of the Central Methodist church at Shelby, was elected chairman of the board of trustees of Brevard college at a meeting held at Hickory Tuesday, President E. J. Coltrane announced here today.

Mr. Hardin will succeed Edwin L. Jones, of Charlotte, who resigned recently because of conflicting offices which he held in the Western North Carolina Methodist conference.

O. E. Woosley, of Winston-Salem, was elected secretary of the board. Mr. Woosley is superintendent of the Children's Home and is keenly interested in Brevard college.

Ed McMahan Re-Elected Chairman Transylvania District Boy Scout Committee; Much Progress Is Made

Boy Scout Leader



ED H. McMAHAN was re-elected chairman of the Transylvania district Boy Scout committee for a third term at a meeting held last Friday. Mr. McMahan is chairman of the War Bond committee and immediate past president of the chamber of commerce.

MEETINGS OF SS ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Sunday School Association Will Meet In Four Sections Of County On 3rd

Four meetings of the Transylvania Sunday School association will be held next Sunday afternoon for the regular December meetings, which will meet in different sections of the county for the convenience of members. All meetings will be held at 2:30 p. m., and members are asked to attend the meeting at the church nearest to them, Fred Montie, superintendent, has announced.

The subject for discussion at each meeting will be "The need of co-operation in all phases of church activity." The group superintendent of each district will preside.

The four meetings will be held in the following places:

Upper district at Shoal Creek church, L. H. Thomas, presiding. Devotional, T. C. Henderson, and discussion by Rev. J. A. Anderson. Report of schools represented.

Cherryfield district will be held at the Mt. Moriah-Calvert church, with A. M. Paxton presiding. Devotional by Rev. J. E. Osteen, and discussion by Rev. S. F. McAuley. Report of schools.

Carr's Hill district will be at the Dunn's Rock church, with Ed McGaha presiding. Devotionals will be led by Rev. Clyde Collins, and the discussion by Rev. L. B. Vaughn. Report of Sunday schools.—Turn To Page Twelve

Drive Launched To Raise \$4000 To Improve Brevard College Gym

A movement has been launched by the students and faculty of Brevard college to put showers, toilets and dressing rooms in the college gymnasium immediately. President Coltrane announced today.

"For the past month a competent committee has been studying this project, consulting plumbers, engineers and contractors and the cost of this needed improvement will be \$4,000," he said.

"The board of trustees has authorized the completion of the project provided funds can be raised for this specific purpose,"

he explained.

"Mr. Ralph Edwards, of Morganton, a new member of the board, has already sent contributions amounting to more than \$200 which will be used on the project."

Dr. Coltrane said an effort would be made to raise a considerable part of the cost locally and expressed the hope that work could be started in the near future and completed by February.

College officials state that this is the most important single improvement now contemplated in the college plant.

Other committee members were elected as follows:

Jack Trantham, advancement chairman; Alex Kizer, health and safety; Verne Clement, camping; Rev. W. A. Jenkins, leadership training; W. W. Brittain, finance; R. T. Kimzey, organization and extension; Ed Anderson and Ira Armfield, publicity; Anthony Trantham, cubbing; Rev. B. W. Thompson, and J. I. Ayers, members; Horace DeBord, rural scouting; J. M. Gaines, representative of troop 1; L. P. Hamlin, representative of troop 2; C. M. Douglas, representative of troop 4; E. A. Johnson, troop 5; J. W. McGuire, troop 6 and Phillip Price, tribe 7.

It was decided that the December meeting of the committee would be held on Thursday night, Dec. 14, at which time plans will be made for 1945, and that the court of honor would be held Friday night, Dec. 8, at the First Baptist church.

Assistant Scout Executive W. C. Wall said he was well pleased with the progress made in this district in 1944 and predicted a bright outlook for the new fiscal year. The challenge now, he declared, is for an extension of cubbing and the program of scouting for older boys.—Turn To Page Six

Auto Tags To Go On Sale Friday Morning

The new 1945 automobile and truck license tags will go on sale at the Carolina Motor Club branch office on Broad street Friday morning, it has been announced by Manager C. M. Douglas. Owners of vehicles will have the month of December in which to purchase the licenses.

Only one tag will be issued this year, Manager Douglas states, and that will be placed on the rear of the vehicle. Applicants are urged to bring their registration certificate (long card) when applying for the new license. The prices are the same as in previous years. The color of the tag is tan with black figures.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE IS STARTED IN THIS COUNTY

County's Quota Is \$500. Public Urged To Help Fight Tuberculosis

Transylvania county's annual Christmas Seal sale, sponsored by the North Carolina Tuberculosis association, is now underway and will continue in progress until Christmas day, it has been announced by J. B. Jones, chairman of the county committee.

The quota for this county has been set at \$500, the same as that of last year, and Chairman Jones expressed the belief that the goal would be reached, if not exceeded by this year's sale of the little penny seals.

The county sale is carried on through direct solicitation and by letter to individuals and organizations, with enclosures of designated amounts of seals to be sold, through the school children, the Girl Scouts and other channels.

There is one big and specific reason why more Christmas seals should be bought this year than in any other year since the last world war, it is pointed out. It is in order to take care of the returning soldiers who are victims of tuberculosis. Already large numbers of World War II veterans are being sent home with tuberculosis. These patients are cared for by the government as long as they are hospital cases, but when they return to civilian life, they will in many cases create a community, state and national problem. A portion of the sales of the Christmas seals will go toward this fund.

"Every one is urged to co-operate to make this campaign a success," Mr. Jones stated. "Be sure to buy seals and use them to brighten up your letters and holiday packages."

The committee is composed of: J. B. Jones, chairman, Mrs. E. F. Tilson, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. Y. Patton, Jerry Jerome, Donald Lee Moore, Mrs. N. A. Miller, Miss Alma Trowbridge, Mrs. Paul Lollis, Mrs. Allie B. Harlike, C. M. Douglas and Ed M. Anderson.

Brevard Merchants And Clerks To Sell Bonds In Stores

Brevard merchants and their clerks will meet at the Clemson theatre here this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock to discuss plans for selling war bonds in their stores during the remainder of the Sixth War Loan drive.

Following a request made by Chairman Ed McMahan at a meeting here Tuesday night, the merchants unanimously voted to aid in the sale of war bonds by conducting sales in their stores.

A committee composed of Harry Sellers, D. T. Abercrombie, J. I. Ayers and Mrs. James Parker was appointed to see all other merchants in the town and to urge them to attend the instructional meeting today.

"We still have to sell over \$100,000 to reach our E bond quota and without your assistance we are not sure we can do it," Mr. McMahan said.

Jennie Raines Buys 26 War Bonds And Makes Sacrifices

Jennie Raines, 12-year-old girl who lives with her uncle, H. P. Hogsed, in the Connestee community, has not bought any candy, chewing gum or a ticket to a picture show since the sale of war bonds was started.

Little Jennie has saved her money and to date has purchased 26 war bonds. At a war bond rally in the Connestee school, she was the first to purchase and was given a big hand for the sacrifices she has made to save money for bonds from her allowances.

County Board Of Commissioners Made Outstanding Record During Past Eight Years, All Debts Paid

Kiwanis President



F. S. "BUCK" BEST, shown above, was recently elected president of the Brevard Kiwanis club to succeed Lewis Hamlin. Mr. Best is a prominent Brevard civic and religious leader and is assistant to President Harry Straus, at Ecusta. (Photo by Austin.)

HEAVY CHRISTMAS BUYING PREDICTED HERE THIS YEAR

Merchants Report Good Christmas Business Since Opening Last Friday

Brevard merchants are doing a splendid Christmas business, a check up yesterday revealed.

Since the opening of the shopping season here last Friday morning, the public has been buying Christmas gift merchandise and mailing packages before Dec. 1, as requested by the post office department.

"Our business during the past week has been far better than it was last year this time on the sale of Christmas merchandise," one merchant stated yesterday.

It is anticipated that buying this year will be about 10 to 20 percent over last year.

The public is impressed by the fact that Brevard merchants have large stocks of the newest and latest Christmas merchandise and gifts on display and that their prices are as low if not lower than can be found in neighboring cities and towns.

This week-end the square will be attractively decorated in the Christmas motif and plans are being made for an early visit from Santa Claus.

Persons who have not called for their free theatre tickets at The Times office are urged to do so at once.

Sixth War Loan Drive Sales Total \$82,597, Only 4th Quota Reached

A total of \$82,597.40, including \$46,864.00 in E bonds, have been sold in Transylvania county during the Sixth War Loan drive, Chairman Ed McMahan announces.

"This is less than one-third of our E bond quota and about one-fourth of our total quota of \$332,000," he said.

A bond rally will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Little River school with O. H. Orr and Mrs. Harry Bradley as speakers. The next rally will be at Lake Toxaway school on December 8th with Julian Glazener and Mrs. E. H. McMahan as speakers.

Block leaders are busy this week canvassing the town of Brevard and the merchants are planning to start sales in their stores soon.

New Board To Meet Monday. Brittain Expected To Be Named Chairman.

With a rather remarkable record of accomplishment to its credit, the old board of Transylvania county commissioners that has been in office for the past eight years, with the late A. B. Galloway and E. Carl Allison as chairmen, held its final meeting on Monday.

Contrary to what this old board found eight years ago upon entering office, the new board that will hold its first session next Monday will find the county's financial condition in splendid condition, with all current bills paid up-to-date and with \$1,670.00 in the general fund, \$25,400 in the debt service fund, \$9,000 in the school fund, \$2,000 in the old age assistance fund and a little surplus in the outside poor, aid to dependent children, welfare, health, accountant, fire protection, home and farm agents' funds. All told, the county has \$42,250.00 in the various funds, and all payments on the bonded debt of \$1,500,000 have been met. All of this has been accomplished with no increase in the tax rate.

In contrast to this condition, when the board took office eight years ago, the county owed over \$2,000,000 and was in default on much of this debt, owed \$18,000 on more or less current bills, including salaries over one year past due.

In 1937 a refunding and refinancing plan for the county's debt was worked out and since then over a half of a million dollars in bonds have been retired. In 1936 the county bonds were selling for around 19 cents and now they are bringing 96 cents.

Serving on the board with Mr. Allison for the eight years was John L. Wilson. The late A. B. Galloway was chairman of the board from 1936 to 1940 and he was succeeded by Willis Brittain. For the past four years Mr. Allison has been chairman.

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FINAL RITES FOR L. R. STATON HELD

County Resident Died After Brief Illness; Funeral Held Last Friday

Funeral service was held last Friday afternoon in Rosman for L. R. Staton, 73, who died in an Asheville hospital the preceding Wednesday, following a brief illness of pneumonia. The service was held in Rosman at the home of a son, James Staton, conducted by Rev. F. A. Raines. Interment was in Carr's Hill cemetery. Special music was furnished by the Harmon trio, of Rosman.

In addition to the widow, who was formerly Miss Annie Wilson, of near Brevard, other survivors are: two sons, Edwin and James Staton, of Rosman; two daughters, Mrs. S. K. Owen, of Rosman, and Mrs. Henry Wells, of Forest City; one sister, Mrs. Delia Powell, of Greenville, S. C.

Pallbearers were Eddie Towns, Homer Manly, Jack Fisher, Floyd Smith, Tom Stroup and Crit Galloway.

The honorary pallbearers were J. S. Silversteen, Herbert Schain, Dave Culver, A. M. White, B. B. White, J. E. White, A. H. Harris.—Turn To Page Six

Commissioners May Appoint Freeman As Sheriff Of County

Bert Freeman, popular and efficient chief of police here for the past several years, will probably be appointed as sheriff of Transylvania county to fill out the unexpired term of Sheriff Freeman Hayes, by the new board of county commissioners next Monday morning.

Several other men are being considered for this office, including Ernest Paxton, well known farmer and lumber man.

With court in session, the new sheriff will have to start work immediately.

ALL MERCHANTS IN COUNTY INVITED TO JOIN IMMEDIATELY

Committee Appointed To Contact Them. Officers And Directors Elected.

ANNUAL MEET PLANNED

Realizing that there never was a time when co-operation and organization among retailers and business men were more necessary than now, a Brevard Merchants Association was formed Tuesday night at a meeting of local merchants held in the courthouse.

A finance and membership committee was appointed to contact every merchant and professional man in Brevard and Transylvania county and to invite all of them to become charter members of this association.

The second Tuesday night in January was set as the date for the first annual banquet meeting of the association, at which time officers for the year will be elected and permanent plans made.

The initial cost of becoming a charter member is \$3.00 minimum and this will include the association charter fee and pay for the banquet. Appointed on the committee to contact Brevard merchants and professional men were Harry Sellers, D. T. Abercrombie, Mrs. James Parker, and Ed H. McMahan. Another group will be named to see merchants in other sections of the county.

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Cpl. Jack Loftis Killed On Saipan

Cpl. Jack Loftis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Loftis, of Brevard, died on Saipan Nov. 22, according to a message received here by the parents from the War department.

Corporal Loftis entered service on Sept. 20, 1942, and had been overseas in the Pacific area for several months. He was in an engineer's combat battalion of the army, and was 31 years of age.

A brother, Pfc. Edward T. Loftis, was killed in action in Italy on July 16, after overseas service of about four months.

Another brother, Richard Marshall Loftis, ARM 3c, is now in overseas service somewhere in the Pacific.