

IMPORTANT BANQUET IS PLANNED

To Vote On Bond Issue April 15

WATER, SEWER EXPANSION IS TO COST 1/2 MILLION

Town Attorney Says That Expenditure Will Not Involve Tax Increase

BOOKS TO OPEN

The town board of aldermen at a regular meeting held in the city hall Monday night adopted ordinances calling a special bond election on April 25, at which time the qualified voters will decide whether or not more than \$200,000 shall be expended on expanding the water system and not over \$300,000 on extending the sewer system.

The state board of health last month, following an investigation here, ordered the town "forthwith to construct and put into operation an adequate system of sanitary sewerage and the necessary sewerage treatment plants."

The ordinances passed Monday night stipulate that a tax levy sufficient to amortize the bonds over a period of years shall be levied. Ralph Ramsey, town attorney, said yesterday that this was required by law. However, he pointed to figures which he said very strongly indicated that no net increase in the tax load here would be entailed by voting the bonds.

Since May 18, 1933, he said, the standing indebtedness of the town has been reduced \$501,255. Valuation of property in the town is now around \$4,000,000 as compared with a valuation of \$1,055,524 for year 1935-'36. Water revenues have increased from \$14,213.42 in 1940 to \$32,007.64 last year. Additional revenue is expected from the parking meters this year since they are now the exclusive property of the town.

It was also pointed out that there will be a yearly increase of property valuations of around half a million dollars a year and that as the water facilities expand they will bring in additional revenue. These data, he said, inclined him to believe that no net tax increase would be involved in voting the bonds.

Registration books will be open for the registration of voters not already entered thereon from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on March 14 and 15.

GRAVELY TO AID FILING RETURNS

Deputy Collector Will Be In Office Here On March 14th And 15th

George Dewey Gravelly, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be in his office at the post office to assist persons filing income returns on March 14th and 15th.

The office will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. on these days and the collector states that no charge is made for this service.

Assisting Mr. Gravelly will be Deputy Patrick L. Harwood. All persons whose income in 1949 was \$600 or more are required by law to file their returns on or before March 15, 1950.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Mar. 9—Republican county convention, courthouse at 2 o'clock. Chamber of commerce and Merchants association banquet, Brevard Country club, 7 o'clock. Masonic meeting at 8.

Friday, Mar. 10—Square dance in Legion building, 8:30.

Saturday, Mar. 11—Social at American Legion building, 8:30.

Sunday, Mar. 12—Attend church of your choice.

Monday, Mar. 13—DAR meeting at home of Mrs. Roy Kanipe, 3:30. Shrine meeting 7:30.

Tuesday, Mar. 14—PTA meeting and reception, high school at 3:30. Jaycee meeting at Busy Bee

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Olin And Ecusta Officials Discuss Plans For Making Cellophane Here



Pictured above are officials of Olin Industries, Inc., and Ecusta Paper corporation following a luncheon on Monday at the Ecusta cafeteria. Plans were discussed by the group for early production of cellophane here at the modern Ecusta plant, and construction on the new division is expected to start in mid-April. Officials of both firms stressed the fact that much local labor would be employed in the construction of the new unit and the production of cellophane as well. In the picture are (left to right, seated): T. Nelson Word, Ecusta vice president; Fred Olsen, Olin research and development director; Harry H. Straus, Ecusta president; Spencer T. Olin, first vice president of Olin; M. W. Acker, manager of Western Brass Mills division and a director of Olin; John W. Hanes, Olin vice president and director; R. R. Casteel, secretary, counsel and director of Olin; B. E. Bassett, Olin regional manager and director; standing: W. C. Schade, manager of product divisions of Olin; E. W. Taft, Olin treasurer; N. H. Collisson, executive assistant to Straus; George L. Dawson, regional manager of New Haven operations for Olin; Harry H. Straus, Jr., of Ecusta; W. L. Schulte, Olin auditor; Paul J. Rothbacher, Olin assistant treasurer; A. W. Hauge, Olin general auditor; R. G. Deyton, Ecusta assistant treasurer; and C. C. Tallman, Olin comptroller. (Times Staff Photo.)

REPUBLICANS TO MEET THURSDAY, ELECT DELEGATES

Fisher Announces County Convention In Courthouse At 2 P. M.

Ralph R. Fisher, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican party in Transylvania county, reminds all party members of a county convention which is planned for Thursday (today) at 2 o'clock in the courthouse.

According to Mr. Fisher the purpose of this meeting is to select delegates for the state, congressional, senatorial and judicial conventions.

Precinct meetings were held on Wednesday and delegates to the county convention were chosen.

The convention for the counties of the twelfth district will be held in Hendersonville Saturday at 2 o'clock. Lewis P. Hamlin is congressional chairman of the party in this county.

Legion Will Hold Social On Saturday

The regular monthly social for members of the Monroe Wilson post of the American Legion and their wives and the auxiliary members and their husbands will be held Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, Adjutant Charlie Disher announces.

A buffet supper will be served and the adjutant urges full attendance of both memberships. Round and square dancing will be enjoyed.

County's 550 4-H Club Members Join In National Observance, Programs Given

Transylvania county's 550 4-H club members are this week joining more than 123,000 others in North Carolina in the observance of National 4-H Club week, March 4-12.

Members of both the Lions and Kiwanis clubs last week heard programs given by 4-H club members of the progress made by the young people during 1949, and of the goals which have been set for this year. Other clubs which will have 4-H club programs within the next week are the Jaycees and the Rotary club.

Olin Officials Express Delight Over Prospects For Cellophane Manufacture After Ecusta Visit

H. HENDERSON IS ELECTED SENIOR WARDEN OF LODGE

Thomas And Fullbright Also Appointed To Post At Asheville Meet

Henry R. Henderson, 32° KCCH, and secretary of the local Masonic lodge, was elected senior warden of the lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite bodies of Asheville at the monthly meeting held in the Masonic temple, at Asheville Tuesday night.

Two other local Masons were also appointed as officers. They were: Gill Thomas, past master of Dunn's Rock lodge as master of ceremonies and Vernon P. Fullbright, as captain of the host, who is junior warden in the local lodge.

Other officers elected were as follows: Harold E. Barker, venerable master; Ernest O. Miller, junior warden; Charles C. Ricker, treasurer; Herbert Noble, secretary; William H. Woodbury, almoner.

The officers appointed by the venerable master are: Edwin Burge, expert; Glenn D. Brown, assistant expert; and Ed Sentelle, tiler.

The newly elected and appointed officers will be installed at a meeting at the Ecusta plant on Thursday.

Some Improvement Noted In The Flu Situation Locally

Improvement was noted in school attendance Wednesday, after absences of 20 to 30 per cent had been reported in the past week on account of the prevalence of flu in the town and county.

Local physicians report that there are many adult cases here and throughout the county, and attendance in churches, civic meetings and other gatherings has been sharply reduced.

LOCAL DEALERS EXPECT TO GET COAL SHIPMENT

Supply Here Is Expected To Hold Out Until Shipments Arrive

Local coal dealers said yesterday that they expect shipments of coal to start rolling into Brevard in a "week or 10 days."

Supplies were dwindling here as the coal strike ended Monday, following the signing of the 28-month wage contract by Lewis and the mine operators. Lewis ordered his 370,000 striking miners back into the pits.

Lewis was obviously pleased with the contract's 70-cents-a-day wage increase and 10-cents-a-ton hike in industry payments to the union's welfare and retirement fund.

He said he hoped "substantially all mines will resume production in whole or in part," immediately.

George H. Love, spokesman for Northern and Western commercial operators, said he hoped the contract will bring "such mutual understanding that we will do away with coal strikes in the future." He said it "gives the industry its first real opportunity for stability in the last decade."

The new contract, signed by some 75 union and operator officials, includes the whole soft coal industry. The Southern operators, who had not been included in the agreement reached Friday night, signed at the last minute.

Mrs. Alfred Berthold returned Saturday to her home in Chevy Chase, Md., after spending a week here.

Noted Magician To Bring Show Here Next Wednesday, Sponsored By Lions

Wear, master magician and his company of Wonder Workers, will present their big two-hour mystery show at the Brevard high school auditorium Wednesday, March 15 at 8 p. m. The show is being sponsored by the Brevard Lions club.

An afternoon matinee for the students will be presented at 2:20 p. m. The program will be entirely different from the evening performance.

Interested Citizens Will Discuss Outlook Thursday Night, Camack To Make The Principal Address

MELTON FARM IS PURCHASED FOR PENROSE SCHOOL

Medford Congratulated For Making Arrangements; Jones Comments

Approximately 70 acres of land, known as the Melton farm, and located above the highway in the Penrose section is being purchased by the Transylvania county board of education for the new Penrose school building.

This action was taken at the meeting of the board this week, when it was learned that the Naumkeag Steam Cotton company was not yet in a position to make a definite commitment concerning the use of a portion of the property for the school.

In a telephone conversation this week with Naumkeag officials, local board members learned that Naumkeag is desirous of cooperating in any way possible, and deeply regretted that they could not make a definite decision at this time.

"In view of the need for a new building and the fine building weather that is approaching, it was decided to make outright purchase of a site in order to save time," Superintendent J. B. Jones said yesterday.

It is understood that the excess acreage in the tract purchased is to be disposed of at public auction whenever conditions seem most favorable.

E. W. Medford was appointed to work with the county superintendent in connection with a site for the new building, and Mr. Jones said yesterday, "our hats are off to Mr. Medford for finding a site that the people of all three communities could agree upon."

"He visited his neighbors and community leaders in the lower end of the county and made a definite recommendation to the board of education," Jones continued.

"The people of the lower end of the county are also to be congratulated on letting the welfare of the pupils have greater consideration."

First Tree Farm In County To Be Dedicated Wed.

Dedication of the first tree farm in the county will be held on the E. H. Mackey farm in the Little River community next Wednesday afternoon, March 15 at 2 o'clock. To qualify as a tree farm requires good forestry management practices such as selective cutting, pruning, reforestation and other practices that would promote profitable farm forestry management.

Participating in the dedication and forestry field day will be John E. Ford, extension forester; C. C. Pettit, Jr., state district forester and representatives of the forestry division of TVA.

The public is cordially invited to attend this very important and educational field day meeting.

Several Local Leaders To Make Short Talks; To Adopt By-Laws

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Over 150 persons are expected to attend the banquet meeting at the Brevard Country club Thursday night, which is being held for all persons interested in the welfare and progress of Brevard and Transylvania county. The function is being sponsored jointly by the Brevard chamber of commerce and the Brevard Merchants association.

The banquet will get underway promptly at 7 o'clock and tickets will be on sale until noon Thursday. They may be secured from Lloyd Burhans at the Hobby and Sport shop or at The Times office.

P. M. Camack, one of North Carolina's most outstanding boosters of chambers of commerce, will be the principal speaker, and will briefly point out the opportunities now facing Brevard and Transylvania and means of utilizing them. Mr. Camack has been secretary of the Hendersonville chamber of commerce and has been most instrumental in the development of the tourist trade in that county.

"After hearing Mr. Camack speak, I am convinced that he has a timely and convincing message for every citizen in Transylvania," Jerry Jerome, who is in charge of arrangements, said yesterday.

Following the principal address short talks will be made by leading citizens of the community. Among these speakers will be Mayor S. E. Varner, W. W. Brittain, chairman of commissioners; Ed M. Anderson, publisher of The Transylvania Times; Joseph S. Silverstein, president of the Silverstein Industries; Jonathan Woody, of Waynesville, banker, and others.

John Anderson, president of the Brevard chamber of commerce, will preside, and the address of —Turn to Page Five

COUNTY PLUMBING CODE IS PROPOSED

County Board Defers Action On Request By Hart; Roads Approved

The county board of commissioners at their regular monthly meeting last Monday heard an appeal by Walter F. Hart, district sanitarian, for the adoption in this county of a plumbing code. Mr. Hart said such a measure would safeguard the health of the public and that if such a code were adopted anyone could do his own plumbing so long as it conformed to certain requirements. Such a code is said to be in operation in Henderson and other —Turn to Page Five

African Explorer Orders Two Cutters From Local Firm

Back in 1946, Paul P. Smathers, owner of the Smathers Manufacturing company here, outfitted a party with various machines of his manufacture for a jaunt into unexplored portions of Africa.

This week Mr. Smathers had a letter from the leader of the expedition, R. A. Braun, who wrote on February 9 from Bangui, in French Equatorial Africa, ordering two grass cutter outfits of the swivel type, identical to those purchased on his visit here in July, 1946.

Mr. Braun said he rotated the little cutter motor from the cutter to a seven-inch table saw and grinder outfit, where it worked —Turn to Page Five

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Local merchants have provided prizes to be awarded at both performances. At the evening show the following prizes will be given away: a table model radio, retail price \$35.00, purchased by the club; a table lamp from Belk's; a dress belt from Patterson's; a flashlight from Brevard Hardware; a card table cover from Brevard Sample store and two pairs of nylon hose from the Sample store.

Two prizes will be given at the afternoon performance, as follows: a basketball from the Sample store and a scarf and two pairs of bobby sox from Trantham's.

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