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## Banks of Brevard Enlarge Their Scope of Activities

### Pisgah Bank Sells Commercial Business to Brevard Banking Co.

### PISGAH INDUSTRIAL BANK IS ORGANIZED

### Brevard Now Has Third Largest Bank in Western North Carolina

In order to give the people of this county a still wider banking service, the Brevard Banking company has purchased the checking and commercial business from the Pisgah Bank and the Pisgah has been reorganized into the Pisgah Industrial Bank. Through this transaction, the Brevard Banking company becomes the third largest bank in Western North Carolina, with resources of more than one and one-half million dollars, while the Pisgah Industrial Bank has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

The Pisgah Industrial Bank will handle long-time loans, which can be paid back in monthly, semi-monthly or weekly payments. The loan plan of the new bank is based on 50 weeks for re-payments of money borrowed from the bank. For instance, if the sum borrowed is fifty dollars, it can be paid off at the rate of one dollar per week, or two dollars every two weeks, or in monthly sums that will liquidate the loan at the end of the fifty-week period.

Plans for this great change have been before the officers and directors of the two banks for some time. Every detail was worked out to its logical conclusion before any announcement of the change was made. Under the new arrangement, while each bank is separate and distinct from the other, yet many men are stockholders in both banks. In addition to enlarging the field of service for both banks, the new arrangement removes any cause whatever for any friction that might arise in the future between the banks and thereby cementing the financial interests of the county into a common cause in the service of this community.

All checking accounts and all commercial paper of the Pisgah Bank have been removed to the Brevard Bank, and there is a full page advertisement in this issue of The News, extending a welcome from officers and directors of the Brevard Banking company to all these new accounts.

The Pisgah Industrial Bank is rapidly shaping its affairs so as to begin its operations in its new field, and this institution, in a full page advertisement in this paper, invites those who desire to obtain loans under this plan of operation, to call upon them and discuss the matter with Mr. Oliver H. Orr, cashier and manager of the Pisgah Industrial Bank. This institution also asks for time deposits, on which they pay interest, and for savings accounts which are also interest bearing to the depositor. In addition to this service, the Pisgah Industrial Bank will also handle insurance in all branches, an insurance department having been added to the institution. Officers and directors of the two banks remain the same as in the past.

It is believed this new plan will prove of untold value to the community, in that this section now has an unusually strong commercial bank in the Brevard Banking company, while the Pisgah Industrial Bank will provide a splendid service for the community that a commercial bank cannot afford to offer.

Following are the officers and directors of the Brevard Banking company: Thos. H. Shipman, president; Jos. S. Silverstein, vice president; Miss Annie L. Shipman, cashier; directors—Jes. S. Silverstein, W. S. Ashworth, R. W. Everett, C. C. Yongue, C. E. Orr, W. M. Henry, Thos. H. Shipman.

Officers and directors of the Pisgah Industrial Bank are as follows: J. H. Pickelsimer, president; L. P. Hamlin, vice president; W. H. Croushorn, vice president; Oliver H. Orr, cashier; directors—J. H. Pickelsimer, L. P. Hamlin, O. H. Orr, J. L. Whitmire, Rush Whitmire, W. W. Croushorn, R. L. Nicholson, H. A. Plummer, C. R. McNeely, Dr. E. S. English.

### T-W. OWEN MEETS MOST TRAGIC DEATH

Friends in the community were shocked on learning of the recent tragic death of Tillman H. Owens, a former resident of Transylvania county and a resident of the State of Oregon the past 21 years, who took his own life by firing a bullet through his temple, being temporarily crazed, it is said, over grief caused by the death of his son, Abie Owens, which occurred only a few hours previous to the father's senseless act. The double funeral service was held at their home in Oak Point, Oregon. The son, Thomas Abiam Owens, better known as Abie, was only 13 years of age and died as result of typhoid fever.

## PASSING OF MCCOY GRIEVOUSLY FELT HERE

Following an illness of three weeks, death came to Thomas Calhoun McCoy Sunday morning at his home in Asheville, death being due to heart failure. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, the services at the cemetery being in charge of the Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. McCoy had long been a member. Active pallbearers were members of the Masonic order, among the number of which was Lewis P. Hamlin, Brevard attorney. Mr. McCoy, who was 64 years of age, was prominent in business and political circles in Asheville, having been a former chairman of the Buncombe County Republican Executive Committee, and for 15 years was deputy collector in internal revenue, and was elected Congressman from the Tenth North Carolina District. During the past several years he has been engaged in the mica mining business in Macon county. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner and a member of several Asheville clubs.

Among the five surviving children is E. P. McCoy, of Pisgah Forest. Several Brevard friends and fellow Masons attended the funeral services of Mr. McCoy in Asheville on Monday.

## LEANS WON BATTLE AFTER HARD FIGHT

The most interesting and exciting game ever played on the Brevard High School court was played Friday night between the fat and lean women of Brevard. After a hard fought game the leans won by a score of 22-14. The first half was very close and when the whistle blew the score was tied 6-6, but in the last half the leans gained the lead and kept it to the end. Mrs. S. M. Macfie and Mrs. Walter Duckworth, and Mrs. H. Walker did the scoring for the fats, while Mrs. Ed Loftis and Miss Helen Morrow starred for the leans.

The fats were attired in pink bloomers and white middies, while the leans wore purple bloomers and white middies. Besides affording amusement to both the players and spectators, this game was a credit to the forwards and guards on both sides. The game was gotten up and played for the benefit of the Hospital Guild.

The line-up:  
Fats: Fats, Macfie, Shipman, Maxwell, Duckworth, Teague, Walker.  
Leans: Zachary, Morrow, Loftis, Shipman, Aiken, Deyton.  
Substitutes for fats: Kilpatrick, McLeod; referee: Mr. Misenheimer.

After the spectacular game of the fats and leans, the Brevard High School boys played the Brevard Institute boys. This was by far the fastest game that has been played this year. The Brevard Institute boys won by a score of 30-21. The game was well played all the way through, but the Brevard High School boys did their best playing during the first and last quarters. Atwell starred for the Brevard Institute. Scruggs and Mitchell did the best playing for Brevard High.

## LEON ENGLISH GIVEN NEW HIGH HONORS

Leon English has recently been honored at the University of North Carolina, having been initiated into the Wigwag and Masque club of that institution. Mr. English was one of seven selected out of a cast of 38. This club makes a specialty of musical comedies, and it is considered an honor to be a member, as one must first play in one of the productions and be selected for membership in the club from the cast.

## CAPTURE STILL AND 8 GALLONS BOOZE

Sheriff B. J. Sitton, Charlie Jimison and Eck Sims destroyed a still this week at the head waters of Woodruff Creek near Old Toxaway. They later found eight gallons of liquor near a man's home, and arrested him.

## BOARD MAY CLOSE H. S. AUDITORIUM

Chairman J. S. Broufield, of the county school board, says there is a probability of the board closing the High School auditorium to all public affairs, except such as held by the school officials and teachers. This drastic course is threatened, it is said, because of so much damage that has been done the school property by these attending basketball games and other forms of entertainment held in the school building.

The matter will come before the board meeting next Monday and it is a foregone conclusion that the board will stop all use of the High School building for entertainment unless assurance is given that no repetition of past conduct will be permitted. Several leading business men, in discussing the matter late Wednesday, were emphatic in their denunciation of conduct on the part of boys and young men which makes such a drastic move necessary. Quite a lot of damage has been done the school property, it is said. Many young men who are not in High School at all are said to have been most ungentlemanly in their conduct at games and entertainments.

The High School auditorium is the only place in Brevard where community entertainments and basketball games can be held. It would be most unfortunate if the board should close the school to such, it is pointed out, yet it is said there is nothing else for the board to do if the county property is to be safeguarded. Many citizens advised members of the board to close the building, unless the people of the town would show sufficient pride in the school building to give the property proper treatment.

Monday's meeting will be awaited with interest.

## RAMSEY TO SPEAK THURSDAY NIGHT

Hon. D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of The Asheville Times, will be principal speaker at the Kiwanis meeting this Thursday evening. For many months the program committee has been making efforts to get Mr. Ramsey here for an address to the club. He is one of the most highly educated men in North Carolina, and is in great demand throughout the South as a speaker. Officials of the club are especially anxious that every member of the organization be present at this meeting. Asheville newspapers are devoting much space to this county, and it is known by many citizens here that Mr. Ramsey feels keen interest in this section.

## KIWANIANS STUDY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

While much interest was created in the meeting of the Kiwanis club last Thursday evening, results were somewhat disappointing, however, according to expressions heard from several members. The program was arranged with a view to a discussion of public affairs, in which the question of taxes and assessments was touched upon, resulting in a series of varied talks which failed to get the club far in its study of public affairs.

Opinion was expressed by some members that too much public money is being expended in the educational department, it being shown that 47 1/2 cents out of every dollar of taxes paid go to the educational department.

It was agreed that Transylvania county is in fine shape, financially, but it seems to be the desire of many citizens that county officials be given more assistance in the future than they have had in the past. This was expressed by club members that business and professional men, farmers and all groups of citizens should lend every aid to the county officials in working out the destiny of the county. First and foremost, it was said by some, the county should "cut every corner" in the way of expenditure of public monies until the debts for the many great improvements be materially reduced, to the end that taxes may likewise be reduced.

Transylvania county has made unusual progress during the past five years, and the cost of these improvements, added to the accumulated debts contracted in the past, must be wiped out as rapidly as possible, it was pointed out, if this county is to enjoy a real healthy growth in the future.

Some members of the club expressed the opinion that such subjects ought not be brought up in the meeting of the Kiwanis club, while others were just as emphatic in the assertion that any question which affects every man, woman and child in Transylvania county should have full right of way in the meetings of the club.

It was said the time is coming, in fact is here right now, when the citizens of the county MUST give of their best thought to public affairs, to the end that such public affairs shall be so conducted as to place the least possible burden upon the citizenship.

After all, the meeting was so interesting that an extension of time was voted and the meeting lasted nearly two hours.

## COURTY TEACHERS IN REGULAR MEET

Henderson's Address Shows High Standard of Transylvania Teachers

### PROF. SHORE SPOKE ON "PROFESSIONAL GROWTH"

Every Teacher in the County Holds Standard North Carolina Certificate

An unusually interesting meeting of the Transylvania division of the North Carolina Educational Association was held in the Brevard High School auditorium Saturday morning, with teachers from all sections of the county in attendance.

The meeting was opened with devotional led by Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, taking for his subject, "We are laborers of God," and speaking on character building among school children. After the singing of several songs, Prof. M. H. Shore, principal of the Brevard Elementary School, spoke on "Professional Growth." Mr. Shore emphasized the fact that the profession of teaching is a calling, and suggested several ways in which teachers might grow in their profession, such as, attend summer school, take extension work, read professional magazines, enroll as a member of the county and state associations, have a hobby, be true to their better selves.

Henderson's Address The principal feature of the meeting was the paper read by Supt. T. C. Henderson, comparing the teachers of Transylvania county today with those of five years ago.

Following is Mr. Henderson's paper: Quite a few teachers of Transylvania county in the past were poorly prepared for the great work of teaching, a number of them being unable to secure even a "county third grade certificate." Partial third grade certificates were issued to this class of teacher. A number of these had not completed the seventh grade in the elementary schools. These untrained teachers, conscientious though they were, would, with few exceptions, get in to a rut, hold their noses to the grindstone and laboriously grind away.

A little poem which I clipped from The Journal of Education illustrates this class of teacher.

If your nose is close  
To the grindstone rough  
And you hold it down  
There long enough  
In time you'll say  
There's no such thing  
As brooks that babble  
And birds that sing  
THESE THREE will all  
Your world compose—  
Just You, the Stone  
And your darned old Nose.

A good number of the early teachers of the county, however, were well qualified, well trained, and were excellent teachers.

Within the last few years considerable progress has been made along the line of teacher training. Teachers' Reading Circles have been conducted, County Institutes and Summer Schools held, while numbers of our teachers have attended Summer Schools at different colleges and universities in North Carolina and other states. At present teacher training is being carried on through various activities of the Transylvania Local and in an Extension Course which is being conducted here by the University of North Carolina.

The advance we have made in the last few years in the qualification of the teachers of the county may be illustrated by a comparison of the certificates held by the teachers now and five years ago.

High School Principal or Superintendent	28	23
High School Teacher, Class A	6	5
High School Teacher, Class B	17	4
High School Teacher, Class C	6	1
Grammar A	4	1
Grammar B	11	3
Grammar C	8	3
Primary A	3	1
Primary B	4	5
Elementary A	18	11
Elementary B	17	35
Elementary C	0	10
Provisional A	0	3
Provisional B	0	4
County Second Grade	0	7
Per cent above the Elementary Class	65	25

Every teacher in Transylvania county this year holds a standard State Certificate. Five years ago there were 24 non-standard certificates held by our county teachers. Today there are in the county 65 teachers who hold certificates above the Elementary class. Five years ago there were only 24 teachers in the county who held higher class certificates.

As our county raises its standard and our teachers continue to grow in literary and professional training, the State in like manner continues to advance its standard for certification. Within a very short while, it is quite certain, the State will require the equivalent of two years college training for the lowest standard certificate, and the High School certificate will be issued

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## January Building Permits Largest In Town's History

## SHOULD SEND BOYS TO REFORMATORY

What to do with juvenile cases in this county is giving the county authorities no little concern. Under the law, children under 16 years of age who violate the law must be tried in the juvenile court over which Clerk of the Court Roland Owen presides. Even when found guilty, the juvenile court can do nothing because the children cannot be sent to the county jail, and there is no other provision made for such cases in this county.

The county commissioners instructed the county attorney, Honorable H. E. Martin, to communicate with Governor McLean regarding this situation, and following is a copy of the letter which has been sent by the county attorney to the governor:

Honorable A. W. McLean,  
Governor of N. C.,  
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir: The town of Brevard and the County of Transylvania have been the victims of robberies and house plunderings, committed by the young boys of the community, under the age of 16 years. They are reported to the juvenile court, and as there is no place to send them, the judge has to turn them over to their parents on good behavior. In many cases the same boys have been up before the court several times. The lectures given by the court seem to do no good. The judge does not know what to do with them, and the community has requested the Board of County Commissioners to write you concerning this matter, and find out what can be done to bring a stop to this situation. As you know, this is a summer resort, and many houses are left vacant all winter. Then when the owner comes to spend the summer, he finds his house has been plundered. All that can be said to him is that the offenders were under the age of 16 years.

We will appreciate your advice as to what to do about this situation, and oblige.

Very truly yours,  
HUNTER E. MARTIN,  
County Attorney.

Governor's Reply Governor McLean replied to Mr. Martin as follows: Mr. H. E. Martin, Attorney at Law, Brevard, N. C.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of January 5th, I beg to advise you that the State has two Reformatory Schools, the Stonewall Jackson Training School and the East Carolina Training School. I would suggest that in order to relieve the situation concerning which you wrote me that the Juvenile Court Judge send some of these boys to Reformatory Schools, who are guilty of breaking into houses left vacant during the winter.

Under the law a boy under the age of sixteen can be sent to Reformatory Schools by the Juvenile Court Judge. Yours very truly,  
A. W. McLEAN, Governor.  
Raleigh, Jan. 23, 1928.

## CRAWFORDS RETURN FROM MONTH'S VISIT

Rev. V. A. Crawford, pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian church, makes the announcement that he has returned from his month's vacation and that regular services will be held at the church next Sunday morning and evening.

## SINGING CONVENTION AN ENJOYABLE EVENT

Transylvania County Singing convention, which meets at the county court house every fifth Sunday, was largely attended the past Sunday by an enthusiastic group of singers from all over the county. Song leaders from the various singing classes in the county took active part in the program, and one of the most enjoyable occasions ever held by this organization was reported by many of those in attendance.

## MOTTSMAN MOVES TO NEWS ARCADE STAND

H. Mottsmann, proprietor of the Brevard Cleaning company, moved this week into the News Building on News Arcade next to the postoffice. For several years Mr. Mottsmann has been doing business on Main street, and states in his advertisement that he is moving into the new location to get more room for his growing business. The addition of this business to the block on News Arcade completely fills the business house in the News Building.

## Mull Building Business Block on Corner of Broad and Jordan Streets

### MAYOR WHITMIRE HAS MADE SEVERAL SALES

### Real Estate Transactions In January Second Best in Brevard's History

Records show that more building permits were issued during the month of January than in any other January in the history of Brevard. More real estate sales have been recorded during this January just closed than in any year, with but one exception, since Brevard was incorporated.

These great facts were brought out at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday evening.

Among the recent transactions which mean much to the future of the town was the sale of two corner lots on Broad street, just opposite the Houston Furniture store. T. W. Whitmire and Thos. H. Shipman sold these lots to Mr. M. A. Mull, who is already engaged in clearing the lots, and will erect two business buildings thereon. Actual work will start at once, as Mr. Mull is under contract to have the corner building completed by June 1.

Mayor Whitmire purchased the Mull Filling station, at south edge of the town on the Rosman highway, and sold this property to J. E. Loftis, who will operate the business in connection with his other places.

Buildings all over town are going up now, and it is a source of great satisfaction to the people of this section. It is said by traveling men who visit Brevard regularly that there is more building activity and better business in Brevard than can be found in any town its size in Western North Carolina.

## AUTO ACCIDENT ON ROSMAN ROAD

A near-serious accident happened at Mull's Filling Station, on the Rosman road early Tuesday evening, when a car going toward Rosman failed to take the curve and went head-long into the ditch alongside the highway. A group of people from Virginia, on their way to the lumber mills at Pickens, received cuts and bruises when the car left the highway, and were given treatment at Transylvania hospital. One lady, more seriously hurt than others in the party, is still in the hospital.

Occupants of the car gave their names as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller and two children: R. S. Kelly, Frank Hurst and Miss Doris Raper. Dan Merrill was working on the wrecked car Wednesday and members of the party stated that they would go on to Pickens as soon as repairs were made and Mrs. Miller was able to leave the hospital. Heavy fog was given as the cause of failing to negotiate the curve, the driver saying he could not see very far ahead of the car. The accident occurred about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening.

## HOSPITAL GUILD ELECTS MRS. ERWIN

A called meeting of the Hospital Guild was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Monday afternoon, with Mrs. D. L. English, chairman, presiding. Mrs. H. L. Wilson acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Duckworth. It was reported that \$70 had been cleared at the benefit basketball game, and it was noted that another entertainment at popular prices be put on at an early date.

Mrs. H. E. Erwin was elected treasurer, and the following committees were appointed: Ways and means, Mrs. Hinton McLeod, chairman; Miss Rose Shipman, Miss Martha Boswell; constitution and by-laws, Mrs. R. V. Neel, chairman; Miss Florence Kern, Mrs. E. W. Blythe; hospital equipment, Mrs. Ralph Zachary, chairman; Mrs. David Ward, Mrs. H. E. Erwin.

## AMMON DOING WELL AT HIS NEW POST

Word comes from L. A. Ammon, who recently assumed management of the farm of Cullowhee Normal School, that he and family are now well settled in their new home and are enjoying life in that pleasant community. Mr. Ammon states that he has many farm problems to work out, but that he is eating three square meals a day and sleeping well at night. Mr. Ammon further states that he is glad to see so many good things coming from the soil in this section, and hopes the people will get up and do things instead of talking about their taxes and other troubles.