

## WANT CONTRACTS HELD TO 6 MONTHS

County Commissioners Notify School Board to Sign No Contracts For Longer Period

## UNTIL JOINT MEETING OF BOARDS IS HELD

To Discuss School Budget Before Taking Action on Next Year's Work

County commissioners in regular meeting Monday ordered a communication sent to the board of education, asking that the school officials sign no contract with any teacher for next year's work for a longer period than a six-month term, until a joint meeting could be arranged and held between the county commissioners and the board of education. It is said the county commissioners are anxious to discuss the school situation with the board of education before the county becomes a party to a signed contract for next year's school work.

When questioned as to the time of the joint meeting, county officials could give no answer, but said the joint meeting would be held at an early date.

Following is a copy of the communication sent to the board of education by the county commissioners:

"Mr. J. S. Bromfield, Chairman Board of Education, Transylvania County, Brevard, N. C.

"Dear sir:

"The County Board of Commissioners requested me to advise you that they desire to have a joint meeting with your board at an early date to discuss the budget of the Board of Education for the coming year, for the expense of the county must be reduced to the lowest possible amount.

"They further requested me to notify you not to make any contracts for the coming year for longer terms than six months, until such meetings can be had.

"Hunter Martin, Co. Attorney."  
"Very truly yours,  
"Brevard, February 7th, 1928."

## PLAYGROUNDS TO BE MAJOR MOVEMENT

Woman's Bureau Enters Upon Great Work In Recreational Field

February meeting of the Woman's Bureau held Monday afternoon was marked by an unusually large and enthusiastic attendance of members. In order to increase the efficiency of the Bureau in its civic and community work, the organization has been divided into six groups, each group consisting of 15 members, with a leader over each of the six sections. The six leaders include: Mrs. W. E. Breese, Mrs. D. L. English, Miss Florence Kern, Mrs. H. E. Erwin, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. John Maxwell. All of the groups are well organized and are doing efficient work toward the successful operation of the Bureau.

Following the routine business, presided over by the president, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, a discussion was given by Miss Florence Kern, one of the group chairmen, regarding the project which she and her group are sponsoring through cooperation and support of the entire organization, that of a supervised community playground. It is proposed to locate this supervised recreation center on the high school property, and other organizations and individuals have pledged their support toward the successful completion of this project. According to present plans, work on preparing and equipping this playground will begin immediately following the close of the present school term.

Discussion of this subject was followed by a talk by Mrs. Oliver Orr, stressing the importance of perpetuating the family fireside and the necessity of a more strict supervision over present-day children on the part of parents, as the fundamental solution of the question of juvenile delinquency and the present wave of lawlessness among the youth of the country.

At the conclusion of the program, tea and wafers were served by a committee in charge. The program at the March meeting will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Breese's group.

## CASH PRIZES FOR BEST POTATO CROP

In order to stimulate interest in the great money crop of Irish potatoes, the Brevard Banking company has announced an award of \$50 in cash prizes to be given farmers during the coming season. The first prize of \$40.00, cash, will be given to the farmer growing the greatest number of bushels of potatoes on an acre of land. Second prize of \$20.00, cash, will be given the farmer raising most potatoes on a half acre of land, while the third prize will be given the one growing the highest crop on a quarter acre lot. Those desiring to enter the contest are urged to communicate with the agricultural committee of the Kiwanis Club, C. C. Yongue, chairman. This committee will have entire charge of measuring the land, judging the crops and awarding the cash prizes. It is expected that a large number of farmers will enter the contest, for they are bound to win, whether they get the prize or not, as Irish potatoes is considered a good money crop. It is hoped to make Transylvania county one of the banner potato counties in the state.

## ASKS TAX LEVY FOR 6-MONTHS' SCHOOL

Board of Education Planning for Next Year's Work—Praises Teachers

## THIS COUNTY SECOND ONLY TO BUNCOMBE

Declares Large Majority of Citizens Desire to Continue School Work

(By T. C. HENDERSON)  
At the meeting of the County Board of Education last Monday a number of important matters were before the Board. The following are a few of the most important:

Eck Sims is appointed attendance officer for the county. The teachers are to report to him any unexcused absences of school children of compulsory attendance age. He is to look after getting these children into school and look after any parent who, without lawful excuse, keeps his child out of school.

Miss Florence Kern, representing different organizations of the women of Brevard, appeared before the Board and asked for permission for the organizations she represented to do or have done certain improvements on the public school grounds of Brevard. The Board complied with the request and granted the permission asked for, with the statement that the Board is glad to have any improvements made that can be made along this line, and are pleased to have the cooperation of any of the women or the men of Brevard or Transylvania county along the line of school improvement in any way for the betterment of the schools or the improvement of school property in the town and county.

Perhaps the most important matter before the Board was the question of the extended term for the school year 1928-'29. This question came up at this time because of the fact that a number of our best teachers had asked for a statement from the Board as to the length of the school term for next year. They desired this information in order that they might know whether they could remain in this county another year or would have to accept work in other counties where they can secure positions in eight or nine months school terms.

Considerable time was spent by the Board discussing this problem from various angles. The fact was recognized that the citizens of nearly all of the districts of the county had previously voted on themselves a special school tax of various rates—70 cents in Rosman, 59 cents in

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## SUGGESTS REMEDY IN TAX SITUATION

Fears it will Become Necessary to Curtail Expenses in the Schools

## COULD ABOLISH SOME OF THE COUNTY OFFICES

Brevard Lawyer Urges Officials and Citizens Join In Solution of Problems

For some time past, Hon. Wm. E. Breese has been calling attention of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis club, and other organizations to the fact that nothing is more important just now than the task of placing Transylvania county's affairs on a solid foundation. The Brevard News asked Mr. Breese for suggestions as to the best method to pursue, while the counties of the state are adjusting themselves to the new state-wide county government law, especially with the object in view of reducing taxes at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Breese very kindly consented to offer suggestions, which are here published:

"Editor Brevard News:  
"You asked me to give you my opinion as to some relief for the tax condition in Transylvania County.

"This is a big question and would require a very long, and owing to its being of a statistical nature, perhaps a tiresome article, therefore I will not go into details and only give a brief summary of my ideas.  
"Taxes in North Carolina have increased nearly 153 percent since 1920, and in the entire United States it has increased even in excess of that, so it is costing more to run our public affairs than ever before.

"The increase in taxes therefore should not alarm us, unless the percentage of increase in taxes exceeds the percentage of increase in the actual growth of our resources and property. The Legislature of 1927 enacted what is really a Finance Law for all the counties in the State, which is a splendid method of managing the tax and money matters of our counties, and it will result in an actual decrease of taxes year by year, all things being equal, from now on, but it is hard for the first one, two and three years after it goes into effect, and it will increase our taxes this year, but will result in a yearly decrease in taxes if no additional expenses are incurred, and none should be incurred until we are better able to pay for them.

"Some relief for the present is

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## TO ARREST ALL WHO SKATE ON STREETS

Likewise People Riding on Running Boards Will Face the Judge

Roller skating on the streets of Brevard, and the habit of riding on running boards of automobiles will be stopped, according to an emphatic statement issued Monday evening by the town council. In a formal statement Mayor Whitmire gives notice that all children engaging in the pastime of roller skating on streets or sidewalks will be arrested, and any one seen riding on the running board or any other vantage point on the outside of the car will be haled into court and fined from \$5 to \$10.

Following is statement of the Mayor and ordinances covering these outlawed proceedings:

"This is the second and last notice to parents and their children about roller skates. Also about riding on the outside of any motor car while in motion. I have instructed the policemen to keep their eyes wide open as to the enforcement of these ordinances. They are the life savers of our town. No use to cry or weep after your child is brought home dead. Now is the time to look after them, while they are living. Same applies to riding a motor car on the outside or to swing off or on a moving car. We want you all to do your part in working to keep folks alive instead of cursing the ordinance that gets them killed.

The ordinances read as follows:  
"Ordinance Prohibiting Roller Skating.  
"Chapter IV, Section 29.  
"That no person shall engage in roller coasting or roller skating on any of the streets or sidewalks of the Town of Brevard, and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of five dollars.

"Section 1.  
"That it shall be unlawful for any person to ride on the outside of any motor car or to swing on and off any motor car while in motion on the streets of the Town of Brevard. That any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than ten dollars.

T. W. WHITMIRE,  
"Mayor."

prizes. It is expected that a large number of farmers will enter the contest, for they are bound to win, whether they get the prize or not, as Irish potatoes is considered a good money crop. It is hoped to make Transylvania county one of the banner potato counties in the state.

## COMMITTEES ARE TO HOLD SESSION

All committee members of the Chamber of Commerce are urged to meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms immediately after adjournment of Kiwanis meeting this Thursday evening. It is important that all committee members be present, as reports can be prepared for submission to the meeting of the board of directors next Tuesday evening. The following committees and committee members are included in this call:  
Program committee—Thos. H. Shipman, W. E. Breese and C. C. Yongue.  
Industrial committee—O. L. Erwin, H. A. Plummer and Lewis W. Hamlin.  
Agricultural committee—R. W. Everett, C. C. Yongue and J. H. Tinsley.  
Tourist committee—T. W. Whitmire, R. L. Nicholson and J. W. Cobble.  
Advertising committee—Thos. H. Shipman, James F. Barrett and E. P. McCoy.

Plans for the year's work are to be up for final adoption at the meeting Tuesday evening, and reports of these various committees must be completed in the committee meeting this Thursday evening.

## INCOME TAX MAN HERE ON THE 23RD

Federal income tax men will be in Brevard on February 23, for the purpose of assisting tax payers in making out returns for federal income taxes. Office headquarters for this district are maintained in the Federal building in Asheville, and it is understood that several Transylvania people have already made their returns at the headquarters office, which is kept open daily.

## CIVIL TERM COURT MONDAY, MARCH 5

Beginning on Monday, March 5th, a two weeks' term of civil court will be held in Transylvania county. The docket is congested with civil cases and this special term is being held for the purpose of clearing the docket as nearly as possible. There is a large amount of importance involving large sums. Most of the cases, however, are of interest only to the parties to the controversies. It should not be learned what judgment is assigned to this special term.

## PASTOR BREVARD BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. WALLACE HARTSELL

## Revival Begins at Brevard Baptist Church on Next Sunday Morning

Beginning next Sunday, Rev. W. H. Hartsell will conduct a revival at the Brevard Baptist church which promises to be one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in this section. This statement is based upon the unusual preparations being made for the series of meetings, and the whole-hearted manner in which the members of the church are entering into the campaign. During this week prayer meetings are being held at the home of the members in every section of the town. Assistance has been pledged the Brevard church by Christians throughout the county, and it is said any people from all sections of Transylvania will attend the meetings. Usually a visiting pastor is asked into the community to lead revivals, but this time the members of the Baptist church decided that the pastor, Rev. Hartsell, is the one to do the preaching. People of the town and county love Wallace Hartsell, and they know him as a devoted, sympathetic, yet uncompromising Christian leader, and it was the unanimous opinion of his congregation that he could do more for the people here in a revival than any other pastor obtainable.

It is said this revival will be the old-fashioned awakening of the spiritual power, with no frills nor furbelows. Plain preaching of the plain old gospel, and the old songs, to the tuneless appeal of which our fathers marched to their Master, will feature the revival. Great interest is being taken in this community campaign which begins Sunday.

## Notables in the Episcopal Church To Attend Convocation In Brevard

Plans are now completed and programs issued for the pre-Lenten meeting of the Convocation of Asheville Diocese of Western North Carolina, which two-day session will be held at St. Philips church, Brevard, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, February 14 and 15. The handsome new stone edifice of St. Philips church has been completed and will be used for the first time on this occasion.

The Convocation is composed of the Clergy and two lay delegates of every Parish and Mission in Western North Carolina, each of which is expected to be represented at this pre-Lenten meeting in Brevard. The Rev. Arthur W. Farnum, B. D., of Hendersonville, is Dean of the Convocation, and Mr. Harold V. Smedberg is secretary and treasurer.

The opening meeting of the Convocation will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, with the Evensong and sermon by the Rev. G. Floyd Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Asheville. Music appropriate to the occasion will be rendered by St. Philips vested choir.

## Friends Announce Coleman Galloway For State Senator from This District

To the Democrats of Transylvania County:  
Many friends of Hon. T. C. Galloway, recognizing his special fitness, superior training, unblemished character, and his true democracy, take pride in announcing him for the Democratic nomination to the high position of State Senator from this Senatorial District. Under the best plan of apportionment even the three counties in this District, the honor belongs to Transylvania county this year, and we make the unqualified statement that in Mr. Coleman Galloway, Transylvania county has a man to offer who will bring credit to this county and honor to the State.

We urge all Democrats to give Mr. Galloway their loyal support in the coming primary and election.  
(Signed)  
MANY FRIENDS OF  
HON. COLEMAN GALLOWAY.

BOUND TO COURT  
David Hamlin was held to Superior Court before Magistrate Shuford Monday morning on a charge of having whiskey in his possession. It is said that Sheriff Sitton and assistants arrested Mr. Hamlin Saturday afternoon with a quantity of whiskey in his possession. Mr. Hamlin gave bond for his appearance in court.

## LAURA ROBINSON GETS HER FREEDOM

Preliminary Trial In Justice Shuford's Court Finds No Probable Cause

## REVIS STANDS ALONE ON MURDER CHARGE

Hard Fought Legal Battle—Efforts Made To Prove a Conspiracy

Mrs. Laura Robinson was given her freedom Monday morning when a preliminary hearing was held before Magistrate F. E. Shuford, in connection with the death of her husband, Ulys Robinson. Mr. Robinson's father, Joe Revis, gave preliminary examination and his hearing will be held at the next term of criminal court in Transylvania county.

Ulys Robinson was shot on Tuesday evening, January 17, in the mountain home of Revis and Robinson in Hogback township, and died the following Sunday morning at Transylvania hospital, Coronado. Clarence Fisher held an investigation immediately after the death of Robinson and the coroner's jury recommended that both Revis and his daughter, Mrs. Robinson, be held for further investigation of the murder. In the coroner's investigation Revis was not placed on the stand, but his daughter, Mrs. Robinson, star witness in the proceedings, stated that her father, Joe Revis, shot Ulys Robinson in defense of herself and her father.

In the preliminary hearing Monday, attorneys for the prosecution, H. E. Martin represented the state and Ralph R. Fisher represented private prosecution, endeavoring to show conspiracy between Mrs. Robinson and her father in the murder of Ulys Robinson. Hamlin & Kinzey represented Mrs. Robinson and D. L. English appeared for Joe Revis. The lawyers on both sides contested every bit of ground throughout the preliminary hearing. Testimony of Virgil Hiatt, as taken by Mrs. Murray, stenographer in the coroner's investigation, was admitted as evidence when it was made known that Hiatt was a visitor in the Robinson home when the murder was committed. Rev. Roland Robinson, brother of the murdered man, was the first witness called. He told practically the same facts that were brought out by this witness in the coroner's investigation.

Tom Chandler was then called and stated he was third cousin of Laura Robinson, the defendant. The prosecution began its efforts to show the existence of conspiracy between Mrs. Robinson and her father by remarks the witness had heard Mrs. Robinson make. Chandler told of Mrs. Robinson going to his house directly after the shooting and re-

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## RAMSEY'S SPEECH TO KIWANIS CLUB

Pronounced One of Most Interesting Speeches of the Year In Brevard

D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of The Asheville Times, delivered a forceful address at the Kiwanis meeting last Thursday evening, which was pronounced one of the most helpful messages ever heard here. The speaker is considered one of the most brilliant men of the state, and is recognized as an authority on civic affairs. For years Mr. Ramsey was commissioner of Public Safety in Asheville, later serving as city manager for Winston-Salem, the state's largest city.

Journalism, however, is Mr. Ramsey's first and greatest love, so for the past several years he has been with The Times in which position he has had unusual opportunity to study conditions in Western North Carolina.

Naturally, therefore, Mr. Ramsey chose for his subject the future of this section. It is a great future, the speaker said, and will have a tremendous growth. This growth will come, Mr. Ramsey said, in spite of the fact that there is throughout this section a state of civic laziness. This inactive spirit is the result of the boom experienced here two years ago, from which the citizens haven't as yet recovered. The speaker said that the citizens are just as patriotic as ever, although not active as progressive as in the past. He predicted, however, that this laziness will soon pass away, and in its place the old punch and power will again come into its own.

Mr. Ramsey cited the large number of industries coming into the South, and told of the great increase of wealth in the Southern States. "This is the first time in the history of the nation when the South has been financially able to reimburse this great section as a playground," the speaker said.

Nature has done much for this section, it was said by the speaker, and it would be all to the good if the citizens of Western North Carolina should take a more active part in making this section a playground for the people of the whole South.  
Mr. Ramsey's address was highly appreciated by the Kiwanis club. He was urged to come again to a similar meeting the Asheville Kiwanis club in the town, and expressed interest in the rapid growth of Brevard.