

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY ASSURED FOR COMING YEAR

Pay Taxes Now and Get Relief For Next Year Is the Slogan

SEC. C. M. JOHNSON GAVE VALUABLE INFORMATION

Citizens Concerned Over 20% Penalty Added On All Advertised Property

"Pay this year's taxes and have a new revaluation for next year," seemed to be the consensus of opinion of business men, farmers and professional men at the conclusion of a most interesting meeting held Tuesday evening in Brevard. The meeting was called at the instance of several citizens and county officials for the purpose of hearing Mr. C. M. Johnson, secretary of the county government advisory committee, who had been asked to speak on the new county government laws. Many people took part in the discussions or asked questions concerning the laws, and much valuable information was given by Mr. Johnson.

It was brought out at the meeting that the sum of \$300,000 must be raised through the collection of taxes this year for the purpose of meeting the year's expenses. So far only \$87,000 have been collected, the tax collector reported, leaving some two hundred and thirty thousand dollars to collect in the month of April. Whatever of the amount of this year's levy that remains unpaid of the \$300,000 must be added to next year's budget, which would increase the tax rate for next year just that much.

Heretofore, it was pointed out, the county commissioners have been issuing bonds for whatever amount needed to pay the year's expenses, that is, the amount needed after collection of taxes had been made. It was said this method has been pursued for 27 years, and it is due to the fact that much of the county's indebtedness has been piled up. The new county government act placed all counties on the pay-as-you-go basis, and it is this switching from the old method of issuing bonds for current expenses to that of paying as the county goes which causes such a hardship in this the first year under the new plan.

It is a foregone conclusion that a new revaluation of all property will be made for the coming year. At the meeting Tuesday evening it was plainly shown that much of the criticism of the tax situation is due to the high valuation placed by the assessors and county officials on the property in the county, many cases being on record where it is claimed that discriminations have been made. In the new revaluation these discrepancies could be adjusted, it was pointed out.

Reduction of county expenses was another subject that was given serious consideration. It was plainly evident that every curtailment possible will be made in the coming year's operating expenses to the end that the tax burden can be reduced by every possible penny. In this phase of the discussion on the matter reducing the schools to a six-months' term was once again presented for consideration as one way in which to reduce the expenses. Some there were who believed this method ought to be adopted while others were just as emphatic in their belief that such a course would really cost the county money.

The six months' term it was shown costs this year the sum of \$127,363.62, including the \$16,000 that is to be paid on school bonds and interest. The extra two months cost \$24,991.94. The county gets \$26,000 now from the equalization fund from the state. Should the county cut off the extra two months, this amount would be reduced to \$13,000, causing the loss of a like amount to the county. Advocates of the eight months' term use these figures to prove that the extra two months cost the county only \$11,000. Other means of expense reduction were discussed, and it is an assured fact that expenses will be reduced in some manner, to just as low figures as possible.

Concern for the property owners whose property must be sold for taxes was expressed. There is a twenty per cent penalty added to the taxes of those who fail to pay and whose property is advertised for sale.

According to figures presented by Auditor Kizer, the taxes for this year are to go for the following purposes: General Fund, \$45,183. From this sum all the county officers are paid their salaries; the jail, the courts, county home, and all general county expenses, are maintained from this general fund.

Schools—6 months' term: \$127,363.62. Out of this sum there is paid on the school bonds and interest the sum of \$16,000.

Two months' extended term: \$24,991.94. Debt service fund: \$111,673.25. This fund is for payment on matured bonds and notes and interest on bonds. Roads: \$9,043.03.

ELECTION BOARD NAMED FOR COUNTY

Mrs. Wilson and Loftis Will Constitute Board of Elections This Year

When Wm. E. Bruce has returned from Raleigh, where he attended a meeting of the state board of elections held in the Capital City last week. The Brevard lawyer is a member of the state board.

Messrs. N. A. Miller, Thomas J. Wilson and Terrell T. Loftis were named by the state authorities as the county board of elections for Transylvania county. Messrs. Miller and Wilson are democratic members of the local board, and Mr. Loftis is the republican member, it being the rule to name two democrats and one republican to each county board of elections.

WANT ALL PARENTS AT NEXT MEETING

High School Association Doing A Great Work For Schools of County

A meeting of unusual interest was that of the High School Parent-Teacher association held Monday afternoon at the school auditorium, with the president, Mrs. John Maxwell, presiding.

Various committees were appointed and plans discussed for the success of the organization. A committee to frame the by-laws and constitution was appointed with Mrs. Bates Patton as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Fred Johnson and others to be chosen by the committee. It was decided to urge the attendance of all parents throughout the county at the next meeting, and the following committee was appointed to make arrangements for their attendance, as follows: Mrs. Beulah Zachary, Mrs. T. L. Snelson, Mrs. Ralph Fisher. It was announced that the Domestic Science department will have an exhibit of the work of the students at the April meeting.

An interesting and instructive program was carried out by some of the high school students and teachers, and was generally pronounced a thoroughly enjoyable program. Following devotionals by O. H. Orr, four three-minute talks were given by Lillian Jenkins and Beulah Mae Zachary on the subject "My Ideal Teacher," and by Helen Sitton and Margaret Patton on "My Ideal Parent." Mrs. M. H. Shore spoke on "Character Building Through the Teaching of History," while Miss Fagan spoke on "Character Building Through the Teaching of Mathematics."

BLUE RIDGE TAKES GOOD GAME FROM BREVARD

Brevard Institute and Blue Ridge opened the baseball season here Tuesday afternoon in an exciting game which was enjoyed despite the rain of football weather prevailing. The game had been set as a seven-inning affair, but was tied, 6 to 6 at the end of the seventh and had to go into the ninth in order for supremacy to be decided. Final result was 8 to 6 in favor of Blue Ridge.

WOODMEN PLAN TO ATTEND REVIVAL

All members of the local Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle are requested to take notice that members of the two organizations will attend in a body the revival meeting at the Methodist church on Monday night. It is expected that a large delegation will attend this service, and all members are requested to be at the Woodmen hall at 7:20 o'clock, so as to march in a body to the church and be there in time for the opening service at 7:30. Special seats will be reserved for the delegation.

COBBLE'S STORE IS SOLD TO TRANTHAM

Announcement is made of the sale of "Cobbles," one of the most successful stores in town, to B. W. and A. A. Trantham, and the place of business will be operated as "Trantham's." The store is located on Main street, and is an exclusive store for men and boys, and enjoys a splendid patronage. Mr. Cobble, well known and popular here, has not announced his plans for the future.

The new owners of the store, Beverly and Anthony Trantham, need no introduction to the business life of the community. They were connected with Plummer's Store up to the first of the year, and have played an active part in the business life of the town for many years.

WOMAN SWALLOWS POISON TABLETS

Said To Have Attempted Suicide Rather Than Give Up Her Child

Waters, wife of a man who was confined to a hospital for several weeks, was found dead in her room on Monday afternoon, in an effort, it is said, to end her life. Quick work on the part of those who rushed the woman to Transylvania hospital, and the ready response of Dr. W. M. Lyday who treated her, it is said, saved the life of Mrs. Waters.

It is said Mrs. Waters gave as the reason for her rash act the fact that her husband, J. N. Waters, had threatened to leave her and take the baby with him. She is said to have feared that she could not bear the thought of giving up her little one, and preferred death to such a fate.

There are fifteen grains of the deadly poison in two tablets of bichloride, sufficient to cause certain death, it is said, unless treatment is given at once.

The Waters family lives west of the railroad and are well known here.

LARGE NUMBER OF MASONS AT MEET

W. F. Randolph, of Asheville, Was Principal Speaker at the Session

With every seat in the lodge room occupied, and members sitting on the floor, Masons of Transylvania county enjoyed the first "Red Letter Educational" program last Friday evening. W. F. Randolph, secretary of the Scott's Rite bodies in Asheville and one of the most popular Masons of the state, was principal speaker. John W. Neely, also of Asheville, but a native of Transylvania county, made a short talk that was highly appreciated. Several other visitors were present, all of whom added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Dr. J. F. Zachary, Senior Warden, read a paper on "Time," which was thoroughly enjoyed. The paper explained the part "Time" plays in Masonic circles.

Jerry Jerome, secretary of Dunn's Rock Lodge, read a paper on "What is Masonry?" This paper was rather unusual in its presentation of Masonic principles and activities.

The educational secretary read a paper on "The Age of Masonry," which claimed that Masonry is the oldest organization in existence today, and the one organization that has adhered strictly to its first purpose and fundamental principles throughout centuries, being the same in every age and in every clime and country.

Similar meetings will be held every three months, in keeping with an order received from State Educational Secretary Wicker, of the Grand Lodge, and the local educational secretary and officers of Dunn's Rock Lodge hope to make the meetings as interesting as possible.

KILLIAN SLASHED COBB WITH KNIFE

Conaly Killian, colored, was arrested Saturday night charged with assault upon Henry Cobb, also colored, and was given preliminary trial in Mayor Whitmire's court Monday morning. It was in evidence that Killian slashed Cobb with a knife across the throat, which came dangerously near the jugular vein.

Mayor Whitmire bound Killian over to Superior court under a bond of five hundred dollars.

REV. MR. HARTSELL RETURNS TO HOME

Rev. Wallace Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, returned Monday from Stoval, near Oxford, where he conducted a successful revival meeting last week. Rev. Mr. Hartsell reports that the meeting was largely attended at each service and that much interest was manifested, with about 20 conversions resulting from the week's series of meetings. On the past Sunday morning Mr. Hartsell preached at the Clarksville, Va., Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Hartsell states that he will be back in his pulpit next Sunday for the regular morning and evening services.

CLASS IN PHYSICS TO VISIT BARNETT

Members of the physics class of the Brevard High school will visit Sid Barnett's machine shop at Pisgah Forest on Thursday morning, in order to learn at first hand the mechanical side of the study of physics in which they are now engaged.

Mr. Barnett has kindly consented to show the class through his shop, and to give any information possible that he and his expert mechanics will be able to furnish to increase the knowledge of the students in the study of machinery and its different methods of application.

WILL ADVERTISE TAXES DURING MAY

Only One Month Left Before Tax List Will Be Published — Big Rush

Time for payment of state and county taxes is at hand, according to Tax Collector W. B. Henderson. The new law requires payment of taxes before the first of May, and the advertisement of property for sale in the month of May. The date set by law for the sale of property for taxes is that of the day Monday in June.

Only a very small portion of the 1927 taxes have been paid, Mr. Henderson says, and now only four weeks remain in which the taxes can be paid before the property will be advertised. The law provides that the tax collector shall prepare, during the month of April, a complete list of all property upon which taxes have not been paid. This list is presented to the county commissioners on the first Monday in May, and at that time the commissioners order that all such property be advertised for sale. This advertisement must appear once a week for four successive weeks, and the property offered for sale at public auction on the first Monday in June.

It is expected that a rush will be made upon the tax collector's office during the first days of April. Mr. Henderson reports that many have paid within the past few days, as the people realize that the crowded conditions of the office during the last days of April will prove a great inconvenience to people who visit the office at that time. He expects the citizens to pay at once, so as to avoid the rush all those who wait until the last days are most certain to experience.

HOSPITAL DAY SET FOR EASTER MONDAY

Election of Officers and Shower for Hospital Will Be Features of the Day

At the regular meeting of the Hospital Guild Friday afternoon plans were discussed and committees appointed for Hospital Day, which will be observed Easter Monday, April 9. The annual meeting of the County Hospital committee with election of officers will be held at the Brevard Baptist church at 2 o'clock, where a short program of general interest will be given by visiting specialists. At the Transylvania hospital at three o'clock a special program on maternity will be given, speakers to be announced later. The regular shower will be held from three to five.

All checks turned in to the hospital at the shower will be spent directly by the hospital staff, but a record of both money and material donated on Hospital Day will be kept on file by the Guild for inclusion in their annual report. Money paid through the Guild will be spent on some definite equipment to be chosen in consultation with the Transylvania staff. As their personal offering for Hospital Day this year, the Guild will furnish a kitchen shower and Mrs. G. B. Lynch will assist in the selection of articles.

General equipment most needed at the hospital at the present time includes a single bed sheets, single bed blankets, towels, pillow cases, glasses and dishes. Anyone desiring to donate special hospital equipment is advised to consult with some member of the Guild or the hospital staff. Canned fruits and vegetables and other produce make very acceptable gifts for Hospital Day.

HOME-COMING DAY OAK GROVE CHURCH

On the First Sunday in May a home-coming event will be staged at Oak Grove Baptist church, and the pastor, Rev. Z. I. Henderson, and members of the church are busy arranging a suitable program. All present members of the church, all former members who are away and all former pastors are being invited to attend the event. A picnic dinner will be served, and it is expected that a most enjoyable event will be experienced.

DR. MADDRY SPEAKS HERE NEXT MONDAY

Dr. C. E. Maddry, director general of the \$1,500,000 Centennial Educational campaign of the Baptist church, will be the principal speaker at a meeting to be held at the Brevard Baptist church on Monday evening, April 2, at 7:30 o'clock, to which the public is invited.

Prior to this meeting and address by Dr. Maddry, there will be held a meeting for all the Centennial campaign workers of the county, which will convene at the local church at 6:30 o'clock.

A call meeting of the Fannie Heck Circle of the Baptist church will be held at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. This will be a very important meeting, and all members are urged to be present.

VICTIMS OF WRECK IMPROVING NICELY

Prof. Henderson's Leg In Plaster Cast — Several Weeks In Hospital

YOUNG MOORE NOW IN CHARLOTTE SANATORIUM

Julian Glazener Improving Rapidly — Sanford People Treating Men In Fine Manner

Transylvania county's injured citizens, victims of an automobile wreck one week ago, are, according to reports, recovering as rapidly as possible. Messrs. T. C. Henderson and Julian Glazener are still in the hospital at Sanford, while Donald Lee Moore is in the Charlotte Sanatorium at Charlotte. Several people from the county have visited the injured men since the accident happened. A telegram received Wednesday afternoon by W. B. Henderson, brother of T. C. Henderson, from the Sanford hospital authorities reads: "Henderson and Glazener doing fine."

Mr. Henderson has a dislocated hip and fractured arm, with several minor bruises and cuts. His leg is in plaster cast, and it will be several weeks before he will be able to leave the hospital to be brought home.

Mr. Glazener is improving more rapidly, and friends expect him to be able to make the journey home within a week or two.

Young Mr. Moore, whose knees caps on both legs were badly burst and broken, will be confined to the hospital for some time. He was brought to Charlotte at the suggestion of the Sanford hospital staff in order to have advantages of a more thoroughly equipped hospital for treatment of his injuries.

The accident occurred last Wednesday evening near Sanford, as the three men were on their way to Raleigh to attend the convention of the superintendents and teachers of the state. Young Moore had won a place on the all-state orchestra and was to have appeared in concerts in the Capital City.

It is said Mr. Henderson was driving the car at the time of the accident; that a car in front of him and which he was attempting to pass, swung out into the highway in order to turn off to the right onto a side road; that a bus was approaching from the opposite direction, and Mr. Henderson's car met the bus head-on, both cars going at a rapid rate. Mr. Henderson's car was completely demolished in the smash-up.

Transylvania county was shocked on receipt of the news, which first appeared in The Brevard News last week. Large numbers of extra copies of this paper were sold, so intense was the interest here in the accident.

The Kiwanis club at Sanford, it is reported, has been most attentive to the Brevard men who are in the hospital, as both Messrs Henderson and Glazener are members of the Brevard Kiwanis club. Word has been received also from fraternal organizations in Sanford that these, too, have ministered to the patients. The Sanford hospital staff has placed this county under obligations to members of the staff for the splendid treatment and many courtesies accorded the Brevard men.

GREAT REVIVAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

Revival services at the Brevard Methodist church, which started with the morning service last Sunday and will continue for two weeks, are being well attended and the interest is apparently increasing with each service. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock, is conducting the special series of meetings, and is preaching strong, convincing sermons, with a special appeal to both church members and those outside the fold.

A cordial response has been given to the various invitations of the speaker for those desiring a deeper Christian experience, and the plain, outspoken message of the age-old gospel truths, as delivered by the popular pastor, are well received by his hearers, and give promise of resulting in much good to the church and to the community as well.

Featuring the service next Monday night will be the presence of the members of the local Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle, who will sit in a body in specially reserved seats. Members of other churches of the town are attending the meetings each night, in response to a special invitation from the pastor for all denominations to attend and join in the revival.

Services are held each night at 7:30, and the special series will conclude with the Sunday night services on Easter Sunday.

GETS THIRTY DAYS ON COUNTY ROADS

Hubert Clayton was given a sentence of thirty days on the county roads for reckless driving, at the conclusion of a trial in Magistrate Shuford's court last Saturday morning. Officer Eck Sims made the arrest, and offered the evidence upon which the man was convicted. It is said the car which Clayton was driving was going in a very reckless and dangerous manner over the streets and along the highways.

G. T. LYDAY NAMED BOARD CHAIRMAN

Pickelsimer's Resignation Accepted And Veteran Member Is Elected

NO SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED YET

Former Chairman Resigned In February — No Action Taken At Time

In session last Monday, the county commission voted to accept the resignation of former Chairman J. H. Pickelsimer, and declared the office of chairman vacant. G. T. Lyday was elected to the office of chairman of the board. The newly elected chairman is not new to the office, however, having served many terms as chairman of the board of county commissioners in Transylvania county.

Mr. Pickelsimer, who was elected to the board in the November election of 1926, along with A. M. White and Mr. Lyday, was selected as the chairman of the board at the first meeting held by that body. Messrs. Pickelsimer and White are republicans and Mr. Lyday is a democrat. At the last session of the general assembly a bill was passed increasing the membership of the county board to five members, and Messrs. C. C. Yongue and E. J. Whitmire were named in the bill as the new members. Both these gentlemen are democrats, and the addition to the board changed the political complexion of the organization.

During the latter part of February, Mr. Pickelsimer tendered his resignation as chairman and as a member of the board. The resignation was not accepted at the regular March meeting of the board, but was accepted at Monday's meeting, which was an adjourned session of the first meeting.

P. H. GASTON NAMED AS NEW FARM AGENT

Said To Be One of Best Equipped Men In State — Coming First of July

P. H. Gaston one of the foremost farm demonstrators of the state, was selected by the board of county commissioners at Monday's meeting for the post of farm demonstrator in this county. It is known that the board had been trying to obtain Mr. Gaston's services for some time, believing him to be the best man for the place that can be found.

Mr. Gaston is a native of Lenoir county, and it is known that the Gastons have been among the most successful farmers in the state for many years. The new demonstrator comes to this county with the very highest recommendations, it is said, and the board expressed great satisfaction in being able to employ him.

Mr. Gaston will begin his duties here on July 1.

NEGRO WOMAN HITS OFFICER ECK SIMS

Rosa May Stewart, tall, strong and black, struck Officer Eck Sims across the head with what the officer believes to have been a stick, with such force that the officer was knocked to the ground. Mr. Sims had been called to Greasy Corner late Saturday evening where a fight was reported in progress. The negro woman and Dock Ferguson, a negro man, were fighting. Mr. Sims rushed in to part them, and caught the heavy blow that Rosa May had directed at the head of her antagonist.

The negroes were brought to town, and Rosa May didn't want to register at Mr. Merrill's jail, it is said, and as a protest began fighting Mr. Sims again. The officer had reached the point by this time where Rosa May's onslaught was no longer considered funny, so he proceeded to lay the tall dark damsel out via the fall dark dandelion a couple of doses of Mr. Sims' effective medicine. Rosa stopped her foolishness and went on like a good girl.

SPECIAL SERVICE BY PRESBYTERIANS

Announcement is made by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, pastor of the Davidson River Presbyterian church, that a very important Congregational Meeting of that church will be held next Sunday morning, April 1, at 11 o'clock. The presence of every member is urgently requested at this service.

BREVARD HIGH IN FIRST GAME TODAY

Brevard High baseball team will journey to Hendersonville this Thursday afternoon, meeting in its first game of the season. A large crowd of fans and friends will accompany the locals on their trip and root for the boys.