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## MANGANESE MINE BEING OPENED BY EXPERT ENGINEER

Mine Located Six Miles From Town on New West Asheville Highway

### WORKING DAY AND NIGHT SINKING FIRST SHAFT

Mr. Miller, in Charge, Says This County is Rich in Mineral and Ore Deposits

Much interest is being shown in the mining operations six miles from Brevard, on the new Brevard-West Asheville highway, where operations are being carried on to determine the amount of manganese deposit in that territory, and its quality. Mr. T. J. Miller, expert in ores and mining, is in charge of the preliminary work, which has been going on for several weeks. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of about eight feet, and Mr. Miller expresses himself as being entirely satisfied with the showing of the mineral so far as his operations have gone.

Two shifts are being used, thereby rushing the work as rapidly as possible. Mr. Miller is a native Carolinian, being a native of Mitchell county where he spent his early manhood in the mines of that section. For the past 34 years, however, he has been in the West, engaged in various mining activities. He is of the opinion that this whole section is rich in mineral and ore deposits, and predicts an early activity in the mining industry here.

The place where the present work is being carried on was worked many years ago, but operations ceased for some reason. Some say it was because the money for such operations gave out, while others say there was not sufficient deposit found to warrant a continuation of the work, therefore it was abandoned.

In the event a big deposit of manganese is found to exist, it will mean much to this section, as the metal is used extensively in the automobile industry and in the steel works of the country where it is used in the process of hardening steel. The production of this metal in the United States has had a wonderful increase in the past quarter of a century. In 1900 there were only 11,771 tons of manganese mined in America while the output today is many times that amount. It is found in California, Montana and other Western states, and in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee. Steel companies in the United States buy this ore in huge quantities from Cuba, Brazil, India, Chile, Turkey and other foreign countries.

Mr. Miller has consented to examine some specimens that have been left at The News office by citizens of this county who are convinced that there is rich ore in the bowels of these big mountains. Mr. Miller is emphatic in his assertions that such minerals are here, and said that if this county were in a Western state where real mining is carried on, that but little attention would be given to the tourist business or industrial establishments, and that mining would be the chief industry.

## DONALD LEE MOORE COMING HOME SOON

Donald Lee Moore, High School student injured in the wreck two weeks ago at Sanford while on his way to Raleigh with T. C. Henderson and Julian Glazener, will be brought home today. Young Mr. Moore has been at the Charlotte Sanatorium several days, and it has been decided to postpone operation for several weeks on account of the condition of his injured knees.

Both knee caps were bursted in the accident and the knee joints are so swollen that an operation is impossible just now.

Reports from Messrs. Henderson and Glazener are to the effect that both men are improving. They remain in the hospital at Sanford, where they were taken just after the accident.

## DISPOSE OF MANY CASES ON DOCKET

Mistrial In John McKelvey Case— Jury Out For Twenty-Four Hours

### SUBMISSIONS MADE AND FINES PAID BY MANY

"Barn-Burning" Case Being Heard When Court Adjourned Late Wednesday Afternoon

Superior court convened Monday morning, and much progress has been made in disposing of cases on the docket. Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, is presiding, and his graceful conduct of the court keeps the machinery running smoothly, with a noticeable absence of tilts and subsequent delays between attorneys that have marked some terms of court here.

Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, is representing the state in prosecution of the cases. Mr. Pless is always a welcome visitor in Transylvania county, and is just about as much at home here as he is in McDowell county.

Several cases have been continued until another term, various reasons being offered for such continuances. Many submissions have been recorded, fines and costs paid, and the cases taken from the docket. Only two cases have gone to the jury, while the third one was begun Wednesday afternoon.

It is not known whether or not the murder case of Revis and Mrs. Laura Robinson can be reached at this term of criminal court.

In the case of John McKelvey, being tried on a charge of abandonment, a mistrial was ordered after the jury was deliberated for 24 hours. The case was given to the jury late Tuesday afternoon, and at a late hour Wednesday afternoon it was reported to the court that the jury was hopelessly deadlocked, and the mistrial was ordered.

Following is a list of the jury in the McKelvey case: Leon Hubbard, C. W. Henderson, D. T. Grimshaw, H. N. Blake, D. Morgan, A. L. Hardin, F. E. Carter, John Perry, John Brown, Charlie Campfield, Walter Gillespie, Nathan Chapman.

The case of Herman Kitchen vs. Elijah Owen and Richard Hoxit, in what is known as the "barn-burning case," was begun Wednesday morning and when court adjourned Wednesday evening only three of the large number of witnesses had been heard. It is said more than fifty witnesses are to be examined in this case, and some lawyers and court officials predicted that the hearing of this case would consume the balance of the week.

The Grand Jury Following are the citizens selected to serve on the Grand Jury during the present term of court:

C. K. Osborne, foreman, Jerry Burns, Luther Pushell, F. L. Wilson, Lloyd Cantrell, Roy Delong, C. S. Osborne, Claud Reed, B. M. Boyd, H. E. Shipman, I. S. Sanders, Duncan McDougald, S. R. Reed, S. A. Jones, Rufus Griffin, W. H. Grogan, Jr., Lon Gillespie, F. P. Shuford.

## ABOLISH OFFICE OF CO. TREASURER

At the expiration of the term of office of County Treasurer Ed Patton, there will no longer be any office of treasurer, as a result of the action taken by the board of county commissioners Tuesday. The office was abolished, it is said, in order to cut down expenses of county government as much as possible.

Alex Kizer, county accountant, will be required to act as tax supervisor from now on, with no additional pay for this extra work. This, it is said, is another effort to reduce expenses, and it was intimated in official circles that other work might later be placed on other county officials, in an effort to further reduce operating expenses.

It is estimated that a saving of about five thousand dollars a year is effected through the action of the commissioners.

## A Proclamation

One year ago I, as your Mayor, proclaimed Easter Monday as "Hospital Day," and gave it to you in charge to observe this day in all the years to come.

Another Eastertide is here. Some of the great souls that were with us one year ago have been called to Him who was resurrected nearly two thousand years ago and are with us no more. Their going are striking examples that we, too, must soon stand before the Great White Throne and give full account of our stewardship here in this beautiful world.

The Master gave particular instructions to His people concerning the care of the sick and the helpless. Our duty to such is plain, and our privilege to serve them is great, indeed. Our method of rendering community aid to the sick poor is splendid, in that all people are permitted to have a part in making it possible for the sick poor of our town to have the advantage of hospital treatment, surgical skill and medical attention.

Therefore, I once again call upon the citizens of Brevard to observe Easter Monday as Hospital Day, and especially urge every one to cease their usual activities from 2 o'clock till 4 o'clock next Monday afternoon, and gather with their friends, bringing such offerings as each one may desire, and lay these offerings on the altar of mercy, to be used in the high and holy purpose of restoring our sick poor to health.

P. W. WHITMIRE, Mayor of Brevard.

## DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING CALLED

Chairman Wm. E. Bruce, of the County Democratic Executive committee, makes announcement that a mass meeting of the Democrats of Transylvania county is called for Wednesday, April 18, to be held at the court house in Brevard at 12 o'clock noon.

It is expected that a good speaker from the State Executive committee will be present on this occasion and bring a message of general interest to democrats in the county. The selection of candidates for county offices will be made at this meeting, and other matters of great local importance will be discussed. This will be a very important meeting, it is said, and all democrats of the county are requested to be present.

## GRAND JURY SETS GROVER LYDA FREE

No true bill was returned by the Grand Jury in the case of Transylvania county against Grover Lyda, charged with causing the death of S. K. Morgan. It will be recalled that Morgan was brought to this county several weeks ago by Mr. Lyda, acting as deputy sheriff of Henderson county, left at the county court house here, placed in jail for the night that he might have comfort and medical attention, contracted pneumonia and died early next morning. Morgan had been an inmate of the county home here, leaving this county to go to his home in Henderson.

A difference of opinion arose as to which county was responsible for Morgan's care. The aged man had been placed in the Henderson county home, and the officials of that county sent him back to Transylvania. The trip was made on a very cold and rainy day, the sick man being brought here in a Ford car. It was charged by this county that the trip from Henderson county to Brevard caused the aged man to take pneumonia, from which he died.

At a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Shuford, Lyda was held to the court. The action of the grand jury ends the case, in that no true bill was returned in the case against Lyda.

## BREVARD STREETS AND NEW AVENUES

Streets Run East and West, While Avenues Cross, North and South

All streets running east and west in Brevard are to be named and numbered as streets. All thoroughfares running north and south are to be named and numbered as avenues.

This action was taken at the meeting of the town council Tuesday evening. There is one exception. Broad street, one of the principal north and south thoroughfares, is to be known as Broadway, instead of being called an avenue.

W. H. Harris has been engaged in marking the streets for some time, and it was because of the fact that names now given to Brevard's thoroughfares would always remain with them, that the decision came to arrange for streets in one direction and avenues in the other direction. This method of designating streets and avenues is in vogue in practically all the larger cities, and it is found to be much more satisfactory than having all thoroughfares named as streets.

Mr. Harris will push the work of marking the streets and the avenues, and it is thought that as soon as this work is completed, and the residents have numbered their houses, that the town will be given free mail delivery service.

## CHICKEN CAR TO BE AT LAKE TOXAWAY

Farmers Federation, of Asheville, will have the chicken car in the county two days this month, instead of only one day, as in the past. On Thursday, April 19, the car will be at Lake Toxaway. Heretofore the car has come only to Brevard, but on this trip the car will go to the Lake first, being there on Thursday, the 19th, and buy all the poultry there, and then will be in Brevard on Friday, April 20, to receive all poultry offered for sale here. The car will be in Hendersonville on Saturday, April 21, and it is hoped to completely load the car on these three days.

When the car was last here in Brevard, on March 23, 7,000 pounds of poultry were purchased, leaving quite a sum of money here on that date.

Prices announced for the April trip are as follows: Hens, heavy stock, the pound, . . . 20c Hens, light, the pound, . . . 17c Heavy broilers, the pound, . . . 33c Light broilers, the pound, . . . 33c Roosters, the pound, . . . 35c Mr. George Evans, in charge of the car for the Federation, expressed the hope that by the time green vegetables come in the Federation will be in position to buy all vegetables the farmers and truckers of the county can raise.

## WESLEY C. MCCALL IS COMMISSIONER

Appointed By Roland Owen to Succeed J. H. Pickelsimer on the Board

### IS PROMINENT FARMER AND SUCCESSFUL MAN

Completes Board's Re-organization—McNeely Could Not Accept the Place

Wesley C. McCall, prominent farmer and fruit grower, was named by Clerk of the Court Roland Owen as member of the board of county commissioners, succeeding J. H. Pickelsimer, resigned, Commissioner Mr. Call took the oath of office Monday morning, and was in session with the balance of the board for the two days this week.

Mr. McCall's appointment was somewhat of a surprise, except to his closest friends with whom he advised as to the question of whether or not he should accept the place. The Republican Committee several weeks ago suggested C. R. McNeely, of Toxaway, for the place. Mr. McNeely is postmaster at Toxaway and would have been forced to resign from that position had he accepted the place on the board of commissioners. He is also a big dealer in timber and lumber, and his work carries him away from the county for several days at a time. It was on account of these business reasons that Mr. McNeely was forced to decline the tender of the place.

J. F. McCall, a brother of the commissioner, was also suggested by the Republican Executive Committee, but states that his business is of such nature that it would cause him sacrifice on his part to accept the place. Friends of W. C. McCall assert that it will also be a sacrifice for him to take the position, urging him nevertheless to accept the place and give to the county the benefit of his services on the board.

Mr. Pickelsimer, who was chairman, resigned several weeks ago, since which time G. T. Lyda had been selected as chairman, and the selection of Mr. McCall now completes the board's organization.

## LAURA ROBINSON BACK IN CUSTODY

Mrs. Laura Robinson was placed in jail again and once more becomes defendant as a result of the action of the Transylvania county grand jury which returned a true bill against her and her father, Joe Revis, for the murder of Ulys Robinson. These defendants are to be tried at this term of court.

The crime for which father and daughter must stand trial was committed Tuesday evening, January 17, when Ulys Robinson was wounded with the charge from a shotgun. The trouble occurred at the Revis-Robinson home, situated on the mountainside in Hogback township, high above Horsepasture river. At noon of the following day, medical aid reached the Robinsons, who had suffered from the evening before, when the shooting took place. He was brought to the Transylvania Hospital, having to be carried on stretchers by men who waded the icy waters of the dashing mountain river. Robinson died the following Sunday morning.

An inquest was held over the body on the day of the death, and completed the following Wednesday, when both the wife and the father-in-law, Mrs. Laura Robinson and Joe Revis, were held for the murder of Robinson. On February 6, Mrs. Robinson was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate F. E. Shuford, and given her freedom. Her father, Joe Revis, waived preliminary examination and was bound to court, later being released on bond.

Action of the grand jury throws Mrs. Robinson back into the case, to appear as co-defendant with her father, for the murder of her husband.

## AYCOCK PREACHING TO LARGE CROWDS

Revival services at the Methodist church are continuing each night this week, and will conclude with the Sunday night service on Easter Sunday. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock, who is conducting the two-week series of meetings, is delivering strong, heart-searching messages each night, and the attendance and interest are apparently increasing with each service.

While the outward demonstration is not greatly in evidence, in response to the pastor's invitation to the church members and to the unsaved, still it is generally conceded that the appealing messages of the plain gospel truths, as delivered by Rev. Mr. Aycock, are not falling on deaf ears, and that much good will be evidenced in the church and community, as a result of this special series of meetings.

### BROMFIELD AND HART BACK FROM STAY IN KENTUCKY

J. S. Bromfield and Walter Hart returned Wednesday from Louisville, where they visited Mrs. Brown's father, and attended a birthday anniversary honoring the elder Bromfield.

## HOSPITAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Easter Monday Will Witness Two Important Meetings for the Hospital

### PROGRAM AT THE CHURCH AND AT THE HOSPITAL

Supporters Expected to Add Many Useful Articles to the Equipment

Easter Monday has been adopted as annual Hospital Day for Brevard and Transylvania county, and a splendid program has been arranged by the hospital committee for next Monday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of the Baptist church. Dr. John Watkins, prominent physician of Asheville, will be in charge of the program. Reports of the various committees of the work done during the past year will be heard. Annual election of officers of the hospital committee will be held at this meeting.

The program will be continued at Transylvania hospital at 3 o'clock, when Dr. Watkins will address those present on the subject, "Maternity." Discovery of some unusual cases in this county, in which neither the mother nor the newly born babe received any semblance of proper attention, is one of the causes of Dr. Watkins selecting this subject for the hospital address. It is hoped that many ladies of the town and county will be present at this meeting.

The annual shower at the hospital will be held from 3 to 5 o'clock. All donations in money given the hospital will be spent on much needed equipment. The Guild will furnish a kitchen shower, and Mrs. G. B. Lynch will assist in selecting the articles. Those desiring to make donations of articles for use in the hospital are requested to consult with Miss Martha Reed or any member of the Guild as to articles most needed in the hospital.

Friends in the county who desire to be of assistance to the hospital are interested in the statement that canned fruits, vegetables, and other such products as the hospital is using constantly, are most acceptable gifts, and of course equal in value to actual cash donations.

On account of the large number of charity cases that have been treated during the past year, there's keen interest being taken in Hospital Day next Monday. People all over the county, it seems, are just beginning to realize the great importance of the work done by the Transylvania hospital. Business men and those interested in the tourist trade and camp life activities of the town and county realize the fact that the operation of a hospital here means much to summer visitors, in selecting the place at which to spend their vacation.

Mayor T. W. Whitmire has issued a proclamation, in which he calls on the business men of the town of Brevard and the professional men and all citizens to cease their usual activities between the hours of 2 and 4 next Monday afternoon, and all join in the great work to be done on Hospital Day. The board of county commissioners, in their regular meeting Monday, adopted a resolution calling upon the people of the county to act as a unit in the great work of mercy represented through the charity work of the hospital.

From present indications, it appears that Hospital Day next Monday will be by far the most successful event of its kind ever held in Transylvania county.

### MUSIC RECITAL TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY, APRIL 13

On Friday evening, April 13, at 8 o'clock there will be a music recital given by the music pupils at the Grammar grade auditorium, to which a cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

The special feature of the evening will be the flower program and toy symphony by Hadyn, played by the children, assisted by Misses Eva Call, Lillian Jenkins, Mildred Clayton and Mr. Leon Underwood, directed by Miss Marguerite Robertson.

## WOULD SELECT MEN BECAUSE OF THEIR TRAINING FOR POST

Suggests Commissioners Be Selected Without Regard to Their Politics

### POLITICS NICE GAME, BUT EXPENSIVE LUXURY

Brevard Lawyer Says Much Ability Needed to Put the County in Good Shape

(By W. E. BREESE)  
After a careful study of the finances of Transylvania county it appears to me that there will have to be some first class business management by the county commissioners to save many taxpayers from hardship and permanent loss.

While the County Government Law of 1927 will ultimately be a benefit and will reduce the taxes, still it causes the levying and collection of a large sum of money for the first three or four years and also requires that the business of the county be run on sound, safe and economical plans. This new law puts the county on a cash basis and while that is the best, it is hard until we get the money to start paying up with.

Too little attention has been paid in the past to the huge sums of money handled by the Board of County Commissioners, too little attention has been paid to the business training and ability of the members of the board. Only men who are trained in business, trained in dealing in large financial dealings, who have shown their ability by managing their own personal business successfully are thoroughly qualified to serve as commissioners.

Every man worthwhile has a choice as to what political party he belongs to and usually takes a positive stand for one party or the other and the wishy-washy fellow is usually one who does not amount to much.

The board of commissioners should be selected because of the business qualifications, but when you select a man who has such qualifications, you invariably find that he belongs to one or the other political party.

In order to get our county on its feet financially I wish to suggest that both the political parties of this county agree to select a board of first class business men and that each political party is as equally represented on the board as it is possible to be. In other words, to select a business board and not a political board, and I for one will do my utmost to have my friends agree to this proposition.

Don't let us have any fight either in the primary or the general election for our commissioners, and let us put business before politics in the selection of these men. You would not get a lawyer to treat you if you were sick, nor would you get a doctor to appear for you if you had a lawsuit, nor would you get a farmer to put a filling in your tooth, nor would you get a banker to do your plowing and so on, for at the present day each man has a special job that he can do better than anyone else and the day of the pack of all trades has gone and past, so let's select business men to transact the county's business.

The county is a corporation and should be managed in the same manner as other corporations, that is, by a board of men who for the county are called commissioners, and who for the corporations are called directors and these men should be selected because they are trained to look after the business of managing and handling big sums of money in a safe and saving manner.

Politics is a nice game to play with a great deal of excitement in it if a man can afford to pay the price but it is not fair to the tax payers of the county to have them pay out vast sums of money simply to gratify the desire of some politician who wishes to make a name for himself and who is trying to advertise himself by getting into partisan politics and who claims that there is no son.

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## A Resolution

Whereas, The boundary lines of Transylvania county make of its people one unit in the world's population, with common common interests and responsibilities that are equally borne by each of the citizens, and,

Whereas, Whatever concerns one of this county's citizens is of deep concern to all the balance of the citizenship, and,

Whereas, The greatest care of any community is that of administering aid to the sick and the helpless of such community, and,

Whereas, Such community aid can best be rendered through assistance to the hospital where surgical aid and medical attention can be provided for those of our citizens who are unable to pay for same.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the County Commissioners in regular meeting assembled, do urge upon all the people of Transylvania county to observe Easter Monday as Hospital Day, and we do most earnestly request every citizen to meet in Brevard on next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and join with their friends in the performance of this county's sacred duty to its sick poor, bringing such gifts and donations as each citizen is inclined to offer in the alleviation of the suffering poor of our good county.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

G. T. LYDAY, Chairman

C. C. YONGUE  
W. C. McCALL

E. J. WHITMIRE  
A. M. WHITE