

WOULD HAVE P. & N. BUILD ITS LINES THROUGH COUNTY

Denied Right to Build Lines Through Winston, This Route Is Next Best P. & N. TRYING TO REACH THE LARGE COAL FIELDS Effort Made 17 Years Ago To Get Railroad Along This Route

C. B. Wilson, formerly of Brevard, but now living in Abbeville, S. C., makes suggestion that Brevard has a possibility of securing the lines of the P. & N. through this county and on to Knoxville. It is pointed out that inasmuch as the Interstate Commerce commission has denied the P. & N. Railway company the right to extend its line via Winston-Salem into the coal fields, that the next best route would be by Brevard, through Knoxville, and into the coal fields by that route.

Read Mr. Wilson's suggestions: Editor The Brevard News: As a former resident and a frequent visitor at all times, I can see two opportunities that I am afraid are going to waste. The only route from this part of the state to Western North Carolina, that you can go now without detouring is by Pickens-Roman-Brevard on to Asheville and other points. I have myself directed a number of tourists passing from Florida going north via Brevard, as they all hate and dread detours. If the proper publicity were given this in filling stations at Augusta and other points south I am sure would bring numbers of tourists through Brevard.

But that is only a drop in the bucket. I note that the I. C. C. has refused the P. & N. permission to connect up their lines north, and they are now looking for another route to the coal fields, and the best route I know of is by Brevard on to Knoxville, Tenn. There has been a great deal in regard to this in The Brevard News lately. What would Brevard do with a trunk line railroad. Is it worth while trying for, or will the citizens sit idly by and watch a nearby town get it? Possibly 17 years ago I was one of a delegation of citizens sent from Brevard to Knoxville, hoping to stir up interest in this same road. This was during prohibition days and we sure had a good time, but even in those days with all the good beer and that Knoxville and Weaverville could furnish we failed to get action. I can hear Mr. T. H. Galloway now as he was telling those folks of all the good things that were on this side of the mountain if they only had a way to get them across. Well, we did not get the road built then, but those folks knew Brevard was on the map, and as we marched up from the depot on our return Mr. C. C. Yongue remarked that even his children knew him, and Mr. T. W. Whitmire, your present mayor, perched himself upon a soap box in front of Allison-Macfie Drug store and told them all. He was not sure but he was most certain that he could hear the whistle blowing. Wouldn't it be fine if these things could come true now (I mean the beer too).

PROMINENT MAN IS CALLED IN DEATH

R. H. Zachary Passes Away at Age of 70 - Sick But Very Short Time NUMEROUS FRIENDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE AT BURIAL Was Outstanding Citizen, Actively Engaged In Business and Civic Affairs

Friends and relatives throughout the county were shocked and saddened on learning of the death of Ralph H. Zachary, aged 70 years, which occurred at his Brevard home early Friday morning, following a week's illness with bronchial pneumonia. Funeral service was held at the Zachary residence Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, of which Mr. Zachary was a member. Interment was in Gillespie cemetery. Mr. Zachary was a native of Transylvania county, being a direct descendant of Jonathan Zachary, a white settler of Cashiers Valley. He was a member of the Brevard Methodist church, took an active interest in all public affairs, and in 1900 was elected representative of Transylvania county on the democratic ticket.

P. T. ASSOCIATION ENDS YEAR'S WORK

Work of the High School Parent-Teacher association for the present year came to a close Monday afternoon with the final meeting held at the school auditorium, which was well attended by parents and teachers. The meeting opened with several selections from the High School orchestra, after which Superintendent J. B. Jones led devotional exercises, making an impressive talk, in which he told of the conflict between the adults and the youth of the present day, and stated among other things as a solution of existing social problems, a more thorough early training of the youth of today and constructive criticism on the part of the parents to the school authorities. This feature of the program was followed by the routine business, included in which was a vote of the association to federate with the state and national parent-teacher organization, a decision for the members to sell cut flowers during the summer to increase the treasury fund, and the appointment of a nominating committee as follows: Mrs. A. E. Hampton, Mrs. S. M. Macfie, Mrs. J. B. Jones. The meeting was concluded by an enjoyable and instructive program rendered by members of the domestic science department, telling various phases of the general subject of menu making. The following took part on the program: Mollie Snelson read a paper on "Well balanced diet"; Dorothy Southern on "Proteids"; Ada Hedrick on "The importance of a milk diet"; and Marie Case on "Vitamins". The girls taking part on the program wore the dresses they had made in the sewing class. A demonstration of the work of the sewing class was shown in the domestic art room following the meeting. KEPT PIANOS IN TUNE DURING YEAR Among the outstanding objectives of the Elementary and High School Parent-Teacher associations for the year was their sponsoring the tuning of the pianos in both of the Brevard schools. All of the pianos have been recently tuned in both schools at the expense of these two organizations.

RONDTHALER HERE FRIDAY EVENING

To Make Address To Graduating Class of Brevard High School CLASS DAY EXERCISES PROGRAM THIS EVENING School Year Closes Friday Night - Sermon Last Sunday By Rev. Wilds

BREVARD TO TAKE PART IN PAGEANT

Brevard is to take part in the Rhododendron Pageant to be staged during Rhododendron week in Asheville, June 4, to 9, and will present a complete episode in the pageant. The cast will be made up entirely of Transylvania men and women, and rehearsals will be held here in Brevard. This action was taken at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, that organization joining with the Woman's Bureau, the Business and Professional Women's club, the Fortnightly club, and other civic organizations whose members assured the promoters that their organizations would assist, but refrained from committing such organizations until meetings could be held. Miss Edith Russell, of Asheville, was present and gave a brief outline of the pageant to be presented, and told of the advertising features of the event. Four towns—Sylva, Waynesville, Brevard and Weaverville—will join Asheville organizations in staging the pageant. There are five episodes, and each town will present a complete episode. But little other business was transacted at the meeting, except routine matters, which were referred to President Bromfield and the secretary for attention. President Bromfield appointed Jerry Jerome, John Smith and H. A. Plummer as a committee to work with other organizations in the matter of the Rhododendron festival. The ladies appointed Mrs. Beulah Zachary, Mrs. D. L. English, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, Mrs. Fred Zachary, Mrs. R. R. Fisher, Mrs. David Ward and Mrs. Hugh-R. Walker as the finance committee. The cast will be selected from the various organizations of the town. It is expected that Mrs. O. L. Erwin will have charge of all casting, with the assistance of all those interested in advertising Brevard.

ECK SIMS NOT TO SEEK POSITION

Eck L. Sims makes announcement that he is not to be a candidate for sheriff on the democratic ticket this year, and states that he is supporting Ed Patton for the place. Following is Sims' letter: "Brevard News: "On account of my present work, and for general harmony, and other reasons, I am not in the race for sheriff this year. "I wish to see Ed Patton (T. E. Patton, Jr.) receive the nomination for sheriff, and urge all of my friends to support Mr. Patton for the nomination and election. Mr. Patton needs no introduction to Transylvania county. His record in County Treasurer speaks for itself. "Respectfully, "ECK SIMS."

SHUT-INS TO BE GUESTS OF MAYOR

Big Banquet Planned For Saturday Night In Honor of Aged Citizens Mayor T. W. Whitmire is planning an unusual banquet for next Saturday evening, when he will have as his guests about one hundred aged people of the county at a dinner to be served in the corner room of the Waltham Hotel building. "We have had banquets for everybody else. The Kiwanis club banquets every week; the Chamber of Commerce holds frequent meetings about the festive board; our churches have suppers; family reunions enjoy big picnic dinners, and I just want all the old folks of the county who get to none of these other banquets, to come with me Saturday night and let us all enjoy a real banquet," the mayor said. Rev. Wallace Hartsell, Rev. A. L. Aycock, Rev. Vernon Crawford and Rev. Harry Perry have been asked to have charge of the work of finding those in the county who would want to come to the banquet. These ministers are calling upon all other ministers of the county, and all citizens in all sections, to co-operate with them in finding the "shut-ins" who would like to attend the banquet. The mayor says it matters not about one's station in life. He wants all men and women who do not get to go out much, and who have not had the pleasure of attending a picnic or a banquet in years, to be there. All inmates of the County Home are to be guests at the banquet, so as to get the old folks away from their isolated home for an evening, that they may once again mix and mingle with others. It is expected that at least one hundred guests will be present. All readers of this paper who know of an aged person who might enjoy this banquet are urged to communicate with Mayor Whitmire or with any of the ministers of the town. A radio will be installed for the occasion, and the guests will be privileged to hear some good radio concerts in addition to the big banquet. Effort is being made to get Mr. E. B. Clayton, the 99-year-old citizen, to be present and make a talk.

NO REVALUATION BEING PLANNED?

In a special meeting of the county commissioners held Wednesday, Chairman G. T. Lyday was appointed as chairman of a committee to hear all complaints about taxes and assessments, and meetings of this committee will be held next week, beginning Monday morning. Other members of the board will act as committee members, and at least three members of the board will be present at all hearings. The matter of revaluation was discussed, and the appointment of the committee from the board is taken to mean that the commissioners do not favor the idea of a new revaluation. The matter of economy is said to have entered into the discussions of the subject, and it was deemed more economical to have the board endeavor to straighten out all kinks in the assessment tangle than to have a new revaluation. Many citizens have been heard to express the opinion that nothing short of an entirely new valuation of taxable properties will be satisfactory to the citizens of the county. Several matters were given attention by the board in the special meeting Wednesday, and many other tax disputes are on file, to be acted upon next week.

COUNTY TO BECOME BIG STOCK CENTER

Much interest has been aroused in the shipment of cattle from Brevard, the last car of which contained 67 steers bringing the sum of \$7,145.25. This lot was sold from the Glen Cannon Farm, known as the Clough place. The steers were fed by J. C. Orr, said to be one of the most thoroughly experienced stock men in this county. W. L. Aiken shipped the lot, and expressed the opinion when asked about the greater possibilities of stock raising here, that there is no finer place in the world for raising stock than right here in Transylvania county. Mr. Aiken expressed the opinion that within the next few years there will be many carloads of cattle shipped annually from Transylvania county.

LADIES NIGHT AT CLUB ON MAY 17

Ladies, the Kiwanis club will entertain you once again at the regular meeting on Thursday evening, May 17. This was declared at a recent meeting of the board of directors. Those who have had the pleasure of attending these meetings will know something of what is in store for the wives of the Kiwanians. It is planned to hold this meeting at some point in the country, and that old stand-by, Sam Allison, will have charge of preparing the dinner.

SUGGESTS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Democrats Preparing for Precinct Meetings To Be Held Next Saturday DICK ZACHARY URGED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE TICKET Ed Patton's Name Suggested For Nomination For Sheriff of County Of interest to the citizens generally and to the democratic party in the county more particularly, is announcement in today's Brevard News of a suggested county ticket to be placed in the field this year for the various county offices. The announcement is signed by "Many Tax-payers," and includes the following suggestions: State Senate: Hon. Coleman Galloway, Mr. Galloway is a well known attorney of Brevard, and is popular among the citizens not only of this county, but throughout the Western part of the state. Legislaure: R. H. Zachary, Jr. Mr. Zachary, known all over the county as "Dick" Zachary, is one of the most popular young men in Brevard. He is a son of the late R. H. Zachary, who was active in his party here for many years. Young Mr. Zachary, in the event he stands for this nomination, will be taking his first part in a political campaign in which he is one of the principals. He is highly educated, a business man of great ability, and is, perhaps, one of the most widely known young men in Transylvania county. Sheriff: T. E. Patton, Jr. Mr. Patton, better known as "Ed Patton," is now completing his third term as county treasurer. Results of previous elections have shown Mr. Patton leading his ticket in every election in which he has been a candidate for office. He is a son of Capt. T. T. Patton, and lives at Pisgah Forest. Register of Deeds: J. L. Whitmire. Mr. Whitmire is well known and has many friends in the county. He was, for several years, assistant cashier of the Pisgah Bank, and is now an official in the C. P. Wilkins insurance company. Mr. Whitmire is a former resident of the Cherryfield section, and still retains his membership in the Mt. Zion Baptist church, where he is an active worker. Tax Collector: W. B. Henderson. Mr. Henderson is present tax collector, serving the first term in this office since its creation. He is a very popular man, known throughout the county, where he has lived all his life. His home is in Quebec. Coroner: Dr. J. B. Wilkerson. Dr. Wilkerson lives at Rosman, and has many friends in the county. County Surveyor: T. B. Reid. Mr. Reid has been county surveyor in the past. He lives at Oakland, in the upper end of the county, and is a very popular citizen of the community. County Commissioners: B. W. Trantham, J. T. Harrison, W. C. Glazener, Carlos Lyday and W. M. Henry. Mr. Trantham is a merchant in Brevard, and is at present a member of the board of aldermen in this town. Mr. Harrison lives at Sapphire. Mr. Glazener is a resident of Rosman; Mr. Lyday lives in the Penrose section, while Mr. Henry is a citizen of Brevard. All these gentlemen are well known throughout the county. This announcement is especially interesting in view of the fact that precinct meetings will be held this coming Saturday, at which time the democrats of the county will discuss their choice for candidates for the various offices, and name delegates to attend a county meeting to be held in Brevard the following Saturday.

E. B. HAMILTON IN RACE FOR SHERIFF

E. B. Hamilton, well known contractor and builder, is making announcement in this week's Brevard News of his candidacy for Republican nomination for the office of sheriff of the county. Mr. Hamilton, while always an active worker for his party, is making his first request for support in obtaining an office. Friends of Mr. Hamilton who were instrumental in causing him to enter the race, assessing that his party loyalty, his splendid standing as a citizen and his acquaintance over the county combine in making him a formidable contender for the place.

KIWANIS CLUB IN SPLENDID MEET

Loy Thompson, furniture manufacturer, had charge of the meeting of the Kiwanis club last Thursday evening, and conducted one of the most interesting meetings of the year. Mr. Thompson rapped on the citizens of this section who are discouraged and dissatisfied, and succeeded to give a comparative statement of the advantages and disadvantages of living here, and at the conclusion of his talk, all members more fully appreciated the great advantages of living here. Ralph Ramsey, Brown Carr, Pat Kuczek, C. C. Yongue and President Shippman contributed much to the program with short but most interesting talks.

ONE-THIRD OF ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE CATHOLICS

Figures Prepared By The Christian Herald Show Big Catholic Gains TWO-THIRDS DIVIDED AMONG ALL OTHER GROUPS Catholic Membership Shows Large Total of 16,735,691 In The United States More than one-third of all church members in the United States belong to the Roman Catholic church, while the other two-thirds are divided among 24 general bodies, such as Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc. The Josiah Baileys, and others like him, who laugh at the idea of this country becoming Catholic, will do well to study the following figures, which were assembled and made public last week by The Christian Herald: Churches in the United States gained 573,000 new members during 1927. The total enrollment in these churches was 48,594,163. The increase over 1926 was almost 100,000. The greatest gain was made in the Catholic group, composed of Roman, Polish and American Old Catholics, which added 183,889 members for a total of 16,854,691 communicants. Of this number 16,735,691 were Roman Catholics. The Methodists, divided into 16 bodies were second with a gain of 160,910 while 20 bodies of Lutherans gained 67,879. Others in order of gain, were Disciples of Christ, Baptists, Latter-Day Saints, Oriental Catholics, Menemites, Reformed Brethren (Dunkards), United Brethren and Adventists. The only groups registering decreases were the Presbyterians and the Friends. The census result follows: Roman Catholic, 16,735,691. Methodist Episcopal, 4,592,004. Southern Baptist, 3,765,001. National Baptist, (negro), 3,263,869. Methodist Episcopal (south), 2,567,962. Presbyterian, U. S. A., 1,885,727. Disciples of Christ, 1,481,376. Northern Baptist, 1,481,376. Baptist, 1,392,820. Protestant Episcopal, 781,692. Lutheran, (Missouri synod), 645,845. Latter-Day Saints, 567,319. African Methodist Episcopal Zion, 500,000. United Brethren in Christ, 396,846. Jewish Congregations, 357,135. Reformed in U. S., 351,926. Evangelistic Synod of North America, 336,118. Negro Methodist Episcopal, 310,000. Church of Christ, 317,937. Norwegian Lutheran, 294,227. Greek (Hellenic) Orthodox, 285,000. Lutheran Augustana Synod, 224,529. Evangelical Church, 217,935. Russian Orthodox, 200,000. The census disclosed that consolidation of churches has decreased the number of ministers. There were 217,204 at the start of 1928, almost 1,500 less than a year previous. The number of churches in the country was set at 235,991, or 1,470 less than in 1926.

FESTIVAL TO BE STAGED MONDAY

On Monday evening, April 30, at 8:00 o'clock, the gymnasium classes of Brevard Institute will present a May Festival on the campus of the Institute. From a primitive period the revival of vegetation, which marks nature at this period has been celebrated with various ceremonies from time immemorial. May 1st has been a gala day in Britain, France and Germany. In recent years the custom has been revived in the schools and colleges of the United States. The program will include talk dances, maypole dance, dance of the nations, minuet, and many other features incident to a May Festival. Costumes appropriate to the various characters will be worn by the 75 or more students taking part. The event is directed by Miss Alberta Tarr. The public is invited to be present on this occasion. There is no admission charge.

TAX COLLECTIONS ONE-THIRD MADE

Tax Collector Henderson's office is being swamped with tax payers during the closing days of the year before the deadline is drawn. The list of unpaid taxes must be ready to present at the county commissioners at the first May meeting ordered to advertise for sale of property upon which the taxes have not been paid. Up to Wednesday evening just a little more than one-third of the taxes had been paid, according to Mr. Henderson, leaving much work to be done in the few remaining days before the deadline day comes.