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MAYOR WHITMIRE NAMED PRESIDENT

Great Meeting Chamber of Commerce Designates Group Work

MILLER SELECTED AS THE VICE PRESIDENT

New Board Pledges Best Support To Brevard for the Coming Year

With Mayor T. W. Whitmire selected as president, and T. G. Miller named as vice president, the Brevard Chamber of Commerce enters upon the year's work, fully confident that 1929 will be by far the biggest year in the growth of Transylvania county. Election of officers and directors was held Tuesday evening and a large crowd of intensely interested citizens was present and took part in the election and in the business of the evening.

A board of directors was named, as follows:

J. S. Bromfield, W. W. Brittain, Frank D. Clement, Ralph R. Fisher, O. L. Erwin, Walter Hart, Jerry Jerome, Hinton McLeod, R. L. Nicholson, T. G. Miller, T. H. Shipman, John W. Smith, Fred Johnson, Alex Kizer, T. W. Whitmire, E. P. McCoy, Fred Miller, A. H. Houston, James F. Barrett, S. M. Macfie, S. R. Joines, O. H. Orr, Dr. Chas. L. Newland, C. C. Yongue, J. M. Allison.

A new program was adopted whereby these directors are divided into three groups, to work for this community along the lines in which each one is most interested. Brevard's income is derived from three sources: agriculture, industry and the tourist business. Therefore, those men who are interested in agriculture and stock raising were placed on the agriculture group; others who believe the establishment of industries here will do more for this community than any other activity, were placed on the industrial committee. Finally, those who are interested in the tourist business were placed in charge of that work for the next year.

The following directors will serve on the respective committees:

Agricultural Group
C. C. Yongue, chairman; T. G. Miller, Ralph R. Fisher, W. W. Brittain, O. H. Orr and S. R. Joines.

Tourist Group
J. S. Bromfield, chairman; James F. Barrett, Jerry Jerome, Hinton McLeod, R. L. Nicholson, S. M. Macfie, Fred Johnson, Fred Miller, F. D. Clement, E. P. McCoy and Alex Kizer.

Industrial Group
Thos. H. Shipman, chairman; O. L. Erwin, Walter Hart, A. H. Houston, J. M. Allison, J. S. Bromfield, S. R. Joines, T. G. Miller, S. M. Macfie and James F. Barrett.

Finance Committee
J. M. Allison, chairman; J. S. Bromfield, T. H. Shipman, O. H. Orr, A. H. Houston and T. G. Miller.

James F. Barrett was named chairman of the advertising and publicity committee, and will work with each group in preparing publicity and advertising for the groups. Miss Mattie Lewis was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the office will be kept open all day every day in the week.

A vote of thanks was extended the retiring president for the faithful work he has done, and this vote included the board of directors which served during the year 1928.

CRAWFORDS LEAVE FOR JAPAN WORK

Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Crawford left Brevard on Tuesday for a month's visit to various churches in this state and other sections of the Southland, before sailing for Kobe, Japan, on February 15, where they will be engaged in evangelistic mission work, going under the auspices of the Southern Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Crawford has most successfully filled the pastorate of the Brevard Presbyterian church for the past four years, and it is with regret that the members of his congregation and many other friends of the church and the community. The good wishes of the entire community go with the popular pastor and his equally popular wife in the success of their new undertaking in the foreign mission field.

KIWANIS TO MEET AT THE NOON HOUR

Members of the Kiwanis Club are notified that the meetings have changed back to the noon hour, beginning today (Thursday). The meeting will be called to order promptly at 12:15 and adjourned promptly at 1:15. It is hoped that all members will be present, and witness the first meeting under the direction of the new president, Frank D. Clement.

CUP TO BE OFFERED FOR BEST EFFORTS

Kiwanis Club To Give Loving Cup To Deserving Member

TO CREATE INTEREST IN BREVARD CITIZENSHIP

Award To Be Made By Presidents of Various Civic Organizations

To the man or woman who renders the greatest service to Transylvania county during the year 1929 will be given a loving cup by the Brevard Kiwanis club.

The directors of the club last week decided to make this offer, and the selection of the winner of the cup is to be decided by the heads of various organizations of the county, each president of the various clubs and civic organizations to have a vote in the selection.

The service that wins the coveted prize may be just one great act, or it may be a service that is felt in the county throughout the year.

It is believed this plan will cause the people of the county to look more closely at the work of those who are trying to do something for Brevard and Transylvania county, and on the other hand, it is the opinion of many people that such plan will cause citizens of the county to take a greater part in serving the community.

The awarding of the loving cup will be made at the first meeting of the Kiwanis club to be held in 1930.

FUND FOR CATTLE BUYING IS URGED

Among the greater propositions advanced for this county's progress at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday was that of providing a fund of \$50,000 or \$100,000 by the county, to be loaned to the farmers for the purpose of purchasing livestock. The plan was presented by R. R. Fisher, and embraced the further provisions of creating a live stock commission, composed of men who know the value of a dollar and the value of stock, to pass upon all loans.

Thos. H. Shipman, of the Brevard Banking company, expressed approval of the plan, and it is expected a bill will be presented in the present session of the general assembly authorizing the county commissioners to issue bonds for the purpose of raising these funds.

It is believed that this plan would work wonders for the farmers of the county, as it would enable them to stock their farms with revenue producing cattle.

LOCAL INVENTOR TO DEMONSTRATE

James H. Connor, Brevard's inventor of a fire alarm and burglar system, is making arrangements for a public demonstration of his invention in the near future.

The tests given this invention have proved entirely satisfactory, the alarm and burglar system being equipped and so arranged for perfect operation in any home or business house desiring protection against fire or burglary. The system of operation is very simple and inexpensive, once installed, guaranteeing lifetime protection. Mr. Connor claims for his invention that it will always be ready for use and accurate, that no electricity is required and there is no fluid to freeze. The alarm may be made in a home or public building, and given across the street or in another block.

Mr. Connor states that he will be glad to sell out his right to this invention at a very low price and retain a royalty, since he has two other inventions which he is now engaged with. Mr. Connor's home is in Brevard, living at 319 Whitmire street.

PUSHELL TO FACE FEDERAL CHARGES

Luther Pushell, one of the most widely known business men of Brevard, has been indicted by Federal court on the charge of improper use of mails, in connection with the failure of that concern several months ago. Charge is made that statement of the condition of the business of the firm as sent through the mails were erroneous, and it is upon this technical charge, it is said, the indictment was returned.

Friends of Mr. Pushell have expressed the opinion that the errors responsible for the indictment can be most easily explained to the court, when trial is had in April. Pushell's Department Store, before and since the bankruptcy proceedings, has enjoyed a splendid patronage in this community, but the firm felt keenly the depression that followed the deflation of the real estate boom here, and it is said by officials of the company that the inability of many customers who had charge accounts in the store to pay their bills promptly caused the firm to experience embarrassment.

Hon. Lewis P. Hamlin



Brevard man named as leader of the republicans in the legislature. Mr. Hamlin is one of the most popular men in this section and his selection to this post of honor brings joy to his hundreds of friends in Transylvania county.

County Commissioners Transact Much Important Business Monday

Many interesting matters of importance to the county were acted upon by the county commissioners in the sessions Monday and Wednesday of this week. Among them being the ruling in connection with the papers served by Rural Officer Eck Sims and Constable Wood. It was decided by the board that as Mr. Sims is on salary he should receive no fees for serving papers, either civil or criminal. Mr. Sims is to make settlement with the board at an early date for such fees received.

In the case of the constable, it was declared by the commissioners that as the sheriff is on salary basis he should serve or have served all papers coming to his office with no fees going to anyone. Former County Attorney Martin presented a bill for his services, and this was met with a demand from the commissioners for a settlement of back taxes collected by him. In this matter there was somewhat of a misunderstanding, and a friendly suit will be entered that the matter may be legally settled.

The work done by Alvin Owen, who for the past month has been taking the jail prisoners to the county home and doing needed work there was given praise. It is said Mr. Owen and the force he took with him have done much to improve the property of the county. This work was declared finished, and will not be pursued in the future. As it had been announced that a committee was to appear before the board and ask for reinstatement of the county farm demonstrator and home agent, a large number of prominent farmers came to the board meeting and protested against employment of the farm agent and the home demonstrator. This matter is disposed of permanently until there is sentiment among the farmers for a continuation of the work.

FRANK CLEMENT IS PLACED AT POST

Frank D. Clement, one of Brevard's best known men, was installed president of the local Kiwanis club at a largely attended meeting last Thursday evening. Rev. Wallace Hartsell was installed vicepresident, Rush W. Whitmire, secretary-treasurer, and T. H. Shipman, district trustee. The following were installed as the board of directors: Jim Barrett, Brown Carr, Julian Glazener, Ashley Houston, Pat Kinzey, George Lynch and Charler Newland.

Retiring president, Thos. H. Shipman, made report of the year's work, which is indeed a remarkable record under the circumstances that have prevailed here during the year. Mr. Shipman was given a rising vote of thanks for his great services to the club, and through the club to the community, while the new president, Mr. Clement, was given a great ovation as he assumed the new office and honors.

THANKS GIVEN TO FORMER LEADERS

Newly elected officers and directors of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce in meeting Tuesday night expressed appreciation for the efforts of the men who have had the lead in progressive movements here in the past, and a vote of thanks was given each of the former officers of the organization.

Particular mention was made of the work of Wm. E. Breese, R. W. Everett, L. P. Hamlin, H. A. Plummer, Jos. S. Silverstein, C. E. Lowe, J. H. Pickelstimer and Dr. Thos. H.

HOGS, COWS AND THE CALVES CALL

That the Agricultural Department of the Brevard High School is engaged in preparing for the future of this county is fully demonstrated in the summary report made by Julian Glazener, of the department of agriculture in the High School. This report shows that the boys in the agricultural class are raising hogs, chickens, cows, calves, and are growing corn, potatoes and other crops. All this work is being done under the supervision of Prof. Glazener, and the boys are engaged in the various pursuits as a part of their study in the High School course.

The following summary shows something of the magnitude of the work being done by the class in agriculture:

"Hogs for breeding 16; hogs for pork, 36; cows, 1; calves, 3; hens, 65; baby chicks, 600; capons, 50; corn, 60 acres; potatoes, 10 acres; legumes, 5 acres; snap beans, one acre; other truck crops, one acre; celery, 20 one-tenth-acre plots.

"The above is a summary of the detail report mailed to the State Department of Vocational Agriculture on December 28, 1928."

Several important news items and communications have been omitted from the paper this week on account of lack of space.

BELOVED CITIZEN IN SUDDEN DEATH

Chas. E. Orr, Popular Citizen and Banker, Buried In Brevard Cemetery

HAD GONE TO FLORIDA TO RECUPERATE HEALTH

Was Postmaster Two Terms and Represented Great Jennings Estate

Funeral services for Charles E. Orr, who died in St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday, January 1, were held at St. Philips Episcopal church, Brevard, Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rector Harry Perry. Interment was in Gillespie cemetery.

Mr. Orr, who had been in ill health for sometime, went to Florida a week previous to his death, accompanied by Dr. C. L. Newland, seeking renewed health in the Sunshine State. Reports reaching his home in Brevard told of his improved condition after reaching the Florida city, but late Tuesday afternoon the sad news of his sudden death was received by his family here. Mr. Orr had been actively identified with the life and growth of this community for over a period of 28 years, coming to this section from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a member of St. Philips church, a director of the Brevard Banking company, and a member of the state highway commission, and was actively in charge of the R. J. Jennings property in this county.

Mr. Orr is survived by his widow and three children, one daughter, Rowena, and two sons, Edmund and Booster.

Active pallbearers at the funeral were: J. S. Silverstein, R. W. Everett, William Henry, C. C. Yongue, R. H. Morrow and T. E. Patton, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were: T. H. Shipman, W. S. Ashworth, W. W. Croushore, E. P. McCoy, R. L. Nicholson, J. M. Allison, S. M. Macfie, F. D. Clement, and T. W. Whitmire.

One of the largest crowds said to have ever assembled here for similar purpose was in attendance at Mr. Orr's funeral, attesting to the high esteem in which he was held in the community. All business houses closed during the hour of the funeral.

QUARREL AT LAW GETS ATTENTION

Adding interest to the meeting of the county board of commissioners last Monday was the appearance of Wm. E. Breese, who, in his interpretation of the special act of 1927, said the present number of county commissioners, which is five, is unlawful and asked to know how the commissioners were to determine the legally constituted board, which should, in his opinion, be composed of only three members.

County Attorney Fisher, when interviewed on the matter, said he believed the board is properly constituted under provisions of the act.

The act as introduced and put through the legislature by the former representative, Mr. Wilson, is as follows:

"An Act Increasing the Board of County Commissioners of Transylvania County from Three to Five.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

"Section One—That the Board of County Commissioners of Transylvania County be and it is hereby increased from three to five members, and E. J. Whitmire and C. C. Yongue be and they are hereby appointed to serve on said board until the First Monday in December 1928.

"Section Two—That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with provisions with this act are hereby repealed.

"Section Three—That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

"Ratified this 9th day of March A. D. 1927."

It is not known just what bearing this difference of opinion among local attorneys will have upon bond issues that may be sought by the present board. There is possibility that a decision from the Supreme court will be necessary before it is finally determined whether the board in this county shall consist of five members or of three members. All five members elected in the November election are now serving on the board.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT IS NOT CONFIRMED

Mrs. Oliver T. Crary, formerly of Brevard, now of West Asheville, was reported as being seriously ill in the French Broad Hospital Asheville, late Wednesday afternoon, a victim of poisoning, according to the reports current here. Every effort made by The Brevard News to substantiate the rumor met with veiled statements, therefore this paper is unable to give an accurate account of the affair other than to say that at nine o'clock Wednesday evening Mrs. Crary was reported to be resting easy.

PLUMMER'S GREAT STORE IS COMING

Leading Store To Re-open In Former Stand In Erwin Building

PLUMMER'S SUCCESS IS PRIDE TO HIS FRIENDS

Greatest Floor Space With Biggest Stock Ever Offered In Brevard

Announcement in this issue of The Brevard News that Plummer's Department store is to more than double its capacity for business will come as great news to the people of this town and county. At present Plummer's store is occupying the Weil building at the corner of Main and News Arcade and operates the Bargain Annex one door above the store. The announcement is to the effect that Plummer's will reopen in their old stand just across the street in the Erwin building, and will as soon as the removal is in effect operate the main store in the old stand, and use the present site as the Bargain Annex. Under this arrangement, Plummer's department store will have a greater floor space and a larger stock of goods than any business operating in Brevard's history.

The head of the Plummer Company, H. A. Plummer, is one of the best known and best loved men in this community. He is recognized as one of the most enthusiastic boosters for this county. He always takes the lead in any movement for community development. He was president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce during 1927, and this section's splendid tourist patronage for that year was largely due to Mr. Plummer's efforts.

Mr. Plummer is really a traveling salesman in the drygoods line, one of the men in the \$10,000 a year class, who became interested in Brevard as a result of a business trip here selling to Brevard merchants, and several years ago he entered business in Brevard under the present firm name of the Plummer Company. It is said that he has the utmost confidence of the merchants throughout the territory where he sells goods, and many traveling men are authority for the statement that merchants will say to him, "Well, Henry, look over the stock and see what we need and send it along." In addition to the big Brevard business which he heads, Mr. Plummer is also traveling salesman for one of the biggest and most progressive wholesale drygoods houses in the country. He has just recently returned from the North where he purchased stock for the new store that the Plummer Company is opening.

H. L. Wilson, a member of the firm of the Plummer Company, is the active manager of the Brevard store. He is a popular business man of the town, having been in the Brevard Banking company employ for many years previous to going with the Plummer Company.

Mr. Plummer states that it is the intention of his concern to operate the two big stores here on the principle of not a single dissatisfied customer. Announcement of the opening date of the new store will be made in next week's Brevard News.

OLD MERCHANT IS BREVARD VISITOR

George H. Smith, Charlotte lawyer, was a visitor in Brevard last week, a guest of Mayor T. W. Whitmire. Mr. Smith will be remembered by some of the older citizens as having been in business here in 1897, one of the proprietors of the Racket Store, which was located in an old frame building where the Clemson Theatre now stands.

Mr. Smith says Brevard has had the most rapid growth of any town in Western North Carolina, and expressed surprise at the extent of paved streets, sidewalks, and the fine new buildings that have been erected since he was in business here.

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