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WHITMIRE FAILS FOR BIG AMOUNT

Files Petition in Bankruptcy—Liabilities \$65,000 More Than Assets

ERECTED 30 HOUSES HERE DURING PAST TWO YEARS

Assets Listed at \$95,000 and Liabilities at \$160,000—Meeting Date Set

Listing his liabilities at a little more than one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, and assets at \$95,000, J. L. Whitmire, Brevard builder and former banker, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy last Friday, before the clerk of the United States District court in Asheville. For the past two years Mr. Whitmire has been engaged in building houses in Brevard and adjacent territory, and his bankruptcy is said to be the largest failure ever recorded in the town's history.

Of the amount of Mr. Whitmire's indebtedness, \$106,295.15 is listed as secured claims. The amount of unsecured debts is given as \$44,797.83. Accommodation paper, that is, notes which Mr. Whitmire endorsed for others as accommodation, but which is held against him, is one of the interesting items in the report, amounting to \$6,621.00 of the total indebtedness.

As assets, Mr. Whitmire listed the sum of \$80,840 in real estate, and \$9,957.99 in notes due him. His debts, according to the statement filed with the court, amount to about \$65,000 more than his assets.

Mr. Whitmire erected two business houses and twenty-eight residences in the town and just out of town during the two years in which he operated. Three houses on French Broad street, one on Caldwell, one on Broad street, four on Maple street, five on Park street, one on Gaston street, two on Varsity, three near Cherryfield, five in North Brevard, one on Turnpike and one on Whitmire street.

The two business houses erected by Mr. Whitmire are the Whitmire Motor company building and the adjoining block on Gaston street.

Mr. Whitmire is a native of the Cherryfield section, and was assistant cashier in the Pisgah Bank, before it retired from general banking business and entered the industrial banking business. In addition to these houses and business blocks, Mr. Whitmire owned in the entirety or in part, several farming tracts in the county. His failure came as no surprise to the community, as it has been known since the money market began to "tighten up" at the first of the year that Mr. Whitmire's building activities were becoming more and more difficult. Operating under the plan of financing through mortgage companies, when these mortgage companies stopped lending money on buildings, the plan of operation was stopped.

The bankruptcy directly affects a large number of people in the community with whom Mr. Whitmire had transactions, and is, therefore, of unusual interest to the public.

George B. Craig, of the United States court, has set September 17 as the date for first meeting of creditors of Mr. Whitmire. The meeting will be held at 3:30 o'clock, at the county court house in Brevard.

TAR HEEL FARMERS ENJOY STATE MEET

Young Farmers See Something of Their State—Much Interest Shown

By J. A. Glazener
Twelve members of the Brevard chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers attended the state camp at White Lake last week. Here they came in contact with members from ten other schools and had a delightful time. There was something to occupy their minds all the time and to help them enjoy the camp life. They engaged in baseball, volleyball, playground ball, swimming and boating.

On Thursday of last week the local boys journeyed down to the coast to take a little peep at the great Atlantic for the first time. It was a trip they will long remember.

Friday night was stunt night at the camp and stunts they did pull. It was entertaining and amusing to see and hear some of the things that the Young Tar Heel Farmers from all over the state put on that night. To make a long story short, the boy taking agriculture, or who ought to be taking it, and fails to attend the state camp at White Lake is missing one of the best things that has ever been offered the farmer lad. This camp is owned by the Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina.

The local boys who attended the camp last week are as follows: Arthur McCrary, Albert Meece, Carol Davis, Albert Lyday, J. C. Lyday, Hubert Batson, Walter Glazener, John Collins, Tom Grogan, Walter Shipman, Grady Shipman and Max Wilson.

FLEETWOOD HOTEL WORK IS STARTED

Planned To Complete the Big Structure By Next February

LARGE CROWDS GATHER TO SEE WORK BEGIN

Of Great Interest to All People in Western North Carolina

(Hendersonville Times-News)
With light from a large bonfire flooding the top of Jumpoff mountain and with a crowd of spectators present, work on the Fleetwood hotel, which was suspended in May, 1926, was resumed at 11:25 o'clock Monday night.

"Let's go," shouted G. W. Buchholz, general contractor, to Walter Pressley, superintendent, as he ran from his automobile to the entry of the hotel where Mr. Pressley had been perched on a steel rafter awaiting the word for which all Western North Carolina had waited three years.

Mr. Buchholz's order to Mr. Pressley came fifteen minutes after the deed of record had been filed at the courthouse, while in the courthouse tower, the county bell broadcast the news to the town and county that this unique step was in progress in the office of the register of deeds, P. S. Ramsey had come to the courthouse by arrangement officially to accept the deed for recording as the final step in the two years of negotiations. About 20 minutes later the ringing of hammers on steel and the laying of brick, marked the necessary demolition and the actual resumption of construction work at the hotel site.

It wasn't a slight transaction at the courthouse. Some time, in fact, was required, and the record which goes down there contains some 9,800 words, according to estimates made by A. Y. Arledge and Mr. Ramsey. The deed itself is not lengthy but the mortgage incorporated in this instrument goes to make up the size. Actual recording of the deed was in progress today.

From there, the group of spectators followed the principals in the transaction to the top of Jumpoff mountain, and watched work get underway.

All day yesterday people had been traveling to the top of the mountain, "to see what they could see." Late into the night the mountain top was being visited by some who doubtless went up expecting to see building in progress. But it was only the small number who knew directly of the recording of the deed and a few who had been apprised of the conclusion of the transaction at Asheville, where the deed was signed about seven o'clock last night, that went to the mountain top to witness the colorful little ceremony which enabled Russell B. Smith and associates to remain within the letter of the contract, as well as the spirit of it, by which they benefit under the \$500,000 city bond issue, to be used ultimately as collateral in bonding the project.

Brevard Man Decorated for Bravery



For his bravery in attacking a large force of bandits who were besieging a garrison of Marines in Nicaragua, Lieutenant Hayne D. Boyden, a U. S. Marine from Brevard, N. C., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. While a leader of a two-plane patrol, he discovered a superior force attacking the Marine outpost at Ocotal. He dispatched the other plane for aid and then boldly attacked the bandits single-handed. The medal was conferred on the flyer at Quantico, Va., by Major General Smedley D. Butler, who is shown congratulating the North Carolinian. At the same time, Gunnery Sergeant Millard T. Shepard of the Marines, shown at right, was awarded the Navy Cross for his work as a flyer in Nicaragua.

BREVARD SCHOOLS ALREADY AT WORK

Eight Hundred Pupils Enrolled — 77 Taking New Commercial Course

Eight hundred children are in the schools of Brevard, being the largest registration in the history of the town. There are 350 in the High school and 451 in the Elementary school here. Heavy registrations are reported from all other schools in the county, and when final tally is made it is believed this year will show a decided gain in attendance over any other year in this county.

With a reduced number of teachers, it is reported that every school room is crowded. Notwithstanding all the details incident to school opening, it is reported that each school is well under way with its actual work, and progress is noted in even the first week of the school year.

The new commercial course, added this year to the Brevard High school, is proving the most popular class in the county. Seventy-seven pupils have enrolled for shorthand, typewriting, and bookkeeping. Among this group are many boys and girls who graduated last June but are going again this year in order to take the commercial course.

Children in the Elementary school are delighted with the sanded playgrounds in the rear of their buildings, and are making good use of this important work that was done by the Parent-Teacher association. The front lawns of the buildings are much more attractive this year, the Woman's Bureau having done much work in beautifying the school grounds.

NELSON LECTURING TO THE MEMBERS OF MASONIC LODGE

Mr. Jeff Nelson, lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Masons, is spending the week in Brevard, giving instruction to members of Dunn's Rock Lodge. Sessions are held every day and each evening. All Master Masons are invited to attend the lectures.

ROSMAN SCHOOLS GIVEN BIG BOOST

Largest Enrollment in Town's History—Fine Teachers Are Employed

Rosman schools opened Monday morning with one of the largest enrollments in the history of the school. Many of the patrons of the school were present at the opening exercises, thereby evidencing interest in their children and the welfare of the school.

Featuring the opening exercises was a forceful and timely address on the subject "We," by county superintendent of schools, S. P. Verner. This was followed by short talks from several others, J. M. Galloway, representing the board of education; Principal G. C. Bush, Rev. W. N. Gillespie, J. F. Corbin, Mr. Moore and others. The program opened with devotionals by Rev. W. E. Rufty, pastor of the Rosman Methodist church.

The faculty of both the high school and the elementary school is said to be comprised of an unusually fine teaching corps, and present indications point to a successful year.

The following comprise the High School faculty for the present year: Principal and History, G. C. Bush; Science, W. E. Black; English and French, Miss Ida M. Armstrong; Agriculture, J. F. Corbin; Mathematics, Miss Jessie Amick; Home Economics, Miss Dorothy Lumley; Science and Latin, A. B. Enos; Music, Miss Dorothy Allen.

The Elementary School faculty includes: Seventh grade and coach, Arthur K. Moore; sixth grade, Miss Edna White; fifth grade, Miss Lucile Dryman; fourth grade, Miss Lillie Black; third grade, Miss Iris Wilkerson; second grade, Miss Annie Davies; first grade, Mrs. Nina B. Whitmire.

ROUTINE BUSINESS AT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

County Commissioners meeting Tuesday transacted routine business.

Good Luck, College Boys and Girls

We hope you win everything that is offered in the various Colleges and Universities you have selected. Keep old Transylvania to the forefront all the time.

YOUR HOME PAPER

Will be pulling for you all the time, and herewith extends an invitation to each of you to write articles for The Brevard News, and tell the home folks about your college and the work you are doing. All of us would be intensely interested in these articles.

THE BREVARD NEWS NINE MONTHS FOR ONLY ONE DOLLAR

Following its usual custom, The Brevard News makes announcement that all boys and girls of the county attending school away from here may have the paper sent to them each week during the nine months for the low price of only One Dollar.

PLEASE DROP IN AND TELL US GOODBYE

The Brevard News wants to publish an article next week, giving the names of the young men and women who are going away to school, and the name of the college or university they have selected. Please give us this information, to the end that not one single name may be omitted.

BREVARD LOSES IN RAILROAD ACTION

Only Mixed Trains To Be Operated In Future—Drastic Change of Schedule

MANY FAMILIES CAUSED TO MOVE IN SHAKE-UP

No More Shop Work Here — Brevard Become a Mere R. R. Station

Changes made by the Southern Railway company, operating the Toxaway line from Hendersonville to Lake Toxaway, has changed schedules in such manner as to cause several of Brevard's best citizens to move either to Hendersonville or Asheville. Beginning today, only mixed trains will be operated, it is said, one leaving Toxaway early in the morning, reaching Brevard about 8:40 o'clock.

The train will leave Hendersonville at 12:30 and arrive in Brevard at 2:35.

This schedule makes it impossible for the train crews to live in Brevard and operate the trains.

H. C. Ranson, leading churchman and secretary of the Methodist Sunday School, is leaving this division to take work on the main line of the Asheville division. His family will move to Asheville. He has been an engineer on the Southern for the past 30 years, and has been on the Toxaway division for a long time. Both Mr. Ranson and his wife are active in all religious, civic and club work of the town, and their removal to Asheville is considered a distinct loss to this community.

H. C. Aiken, T. C. Bryson, W. R. Lyster, Claude Cantrell and Lee Dalton are other members of crews immediately affected by the change of schedules on the line. It is not announced whether any or all of these men will take runs on other lines, or remain with the Toxaway division. These families mean much to Brevard, where all of them are important factors in the community life.

This plan of change was adopted a year ago, and at the insistence of a committee of Brevard men, officials of the Southern rescinded their orders and permitted Brevard to remain as the central point. It is said, not officially however, that so much freight is hauled by truck, and practically all passenger travel now is by automobile, that the Southern was operating at such a loss here that the change had to be made. MORE MORE . . . MORE . . .

SUGGEST SHIPMAN FOR NEXT CONGRESS

Asheville Times Carries Story Giving Prominence to Brevard Banker

Asheville Sunday Times carried an article on the political outlook in the Tenth Congressional district, concerning the next democratic nominee to contest with Congressman George M. Pritchard for the congressional seat in the election one year from now. The Times article suggested several names, or told of several men whose names are being mentioned in connection with the democratic nomination for congress.

Among these names there is one of particular interest to Transylvania county. It was stated in the article that Thomas H. Shipman, Brevard banker and former president of the State Bankers association, is being talked throughout the district as a candidate to go to battle against Pritchard next year. Wm. E. Breese is quoted in the article as forwarding many reasons why Mr. Shipman should be the choice of the democrats in the Tenth district as democracy's standard bearer.

Others mentioned in the article were former Congressman Zebulon Weaver, W. W. Neal of Marion, Felix Alley of Waynesville, and one or two others. Transylvania county has never had a county man elected to congress. This district has always been represented by men living in Buncombe county, with the exception of the terms of Grant of Henderson, and Moody and Crawford of Haywood. With these exceptions, Buncombe county has had all the honors insofar as the congressional toga is concerned.

NO CONCERT GIVEN ON LAST SATURDAY

Many people were disappointed last Saturday afternoon when the band failed to give a concert on the square as had been announced in last week's paper. Nor was there any picture made of Brevard. Mayor T. W. Whitmire, who authorized the announcement that the band would play and the pictures taken, expressed regret Saturday that many members of the band could not attend the concert, hence the necessity for postponing the event.

An unusually large crowd had gathered for the concert and to be in the Brevard pictures that were to be made.

START AGITATION FOR POOL AND PARK

Woman's Bureau Undertakes Measure of Great Interest to Town

WOULD MEAN MUCH TO TOWN'S TOURIST TRADE

Other Matters Planned—New Method of Creating Interest In Flowers

Several matters of interest to the Women's Bureau and dealing with the welfare of the community were discussed at the September meeting of the Bureau held Monday afternoon before an enthusiastic group of members.

The matter of establishing a municipal swimming pool for the use of residents and tourists was discussed, and in this connection the suggestion was made that the Rexall company has built swimming pools in other towns with the provision that this company receive all admission fees. A committee was appointed to investigate this matter to find out under what conditions similar arrangements might be made with this company to erect a swimming pool in Brevard. The following investigating committee was named: Miss Katherine Griffin, Mrs. L. B. Haynes and Mrs. Beulah Zachary.

The suggestion was made and discussed regarding the matter of the Bureau holding a garden pilgrimage instead of the annual flower show staged by this organization each summer. The nature of this event would feature a visit to the individual flower gardens of different residents of the town instead of gathering a variety of flowers into one display room. It was obvious that there were a number of advantages of this method of displaying the growing flowers over the customary flower show plan. The matter was discussed at length but definite action was deferred until a later meeting. In connection with the flower garden question, a paper on "Personality in the Garden" was read by Miss Alma Trowbridge.

A discussion was entered into regarding further beautification of the school grounds and it was decided to expend the majority of the energy and funds on beautifying the front lawns surrounding the school buildings, leaving the beautifying and equipping of the rear premises to the Parent-Teacher association, which organization is planning this as its major project for the coming year, it is understood.

At the conclusion of the meeting, lemonade and wafers were served by a committee of members.

W. W. Ray, for 13 years living at Lake Toxaway, a conductor on the line, is moving his family to Asheville, and he is taking work on the main line.

All shop work will cease here, and the shopmen will have to work elsewhere. This means additional loss to the town.

Taken as a whole, this change in the operation of the railway is just about the hardest blow this town has had in a long time.

HOOSIER MAN MOVING TO WAYNESVILLE HOME TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. John Watson moved Wednesday to Waynesville, where Mr. Watson could be nearer his work, he being an official of the Hoosier Engineering company. The work on the lines of the Carolina Power and Light company, which is being done by the Hoosier people, is now in the Waynesville vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have occupied the W. E. Shipman home on Caldwell street here for the past several months, and have made numerous friends in Brevard.

COUNTY TAX SALE HELD WEDNESDAY

But Little Property Purchased By Individuals at the Delinquent Sale

T. E. Patton, Jr., sheriff and tax collector of the county, sold all the property that had been advertised for 1928 taxes at public outcry Wednesday. The sale had been set for Tuesday, but so many citizens were in the office making payment of their taxes that Mr. Patton, after selling one piece, postponed the sale until noon Wednesday, giving the people another day for payment, and many citizens took advantage of the opportunity and paid their taxes.

The county bid in all of the property with the exception of 18 tracts, which were bought by individuals. Much of the advertised property was embraced in lots in various real estate developments of the county. With this sale, these lots will be eliminated from future sales, as the county now may sell the lots to individuals.

Mr. Patton and his deputies have worked hard on the collection of the taxes, thereby reducing the sale of property to a minimum. The lots in real estate developments made the list look much larger than it really was, insofar as the unpaid tax proposition is concerned.