

J. B. PICKELSIMER FILES ANSWER IN WHITMIRE ACTION

Denies Charges Made In Whitmire's Complaint—Claims Privilege of Inquiry

ENTERS COUNTER SUIT FOR \$35,000 DAMAGES

Answer Avers That Mayor Assaulted and Abused Defendant Pickelsimer

Answer to the damage suit filed recently by Mayor T. W. Whitmire against J. B. Pickelsimer, prominent Brevard druggist, was filed in Clerk of the Court Roland Owen's office last Saturday. The mayor had sued Mr. Pickelsimer for \$25,000 damages for alleged slander, and the answer denies the charges contained in the complaint, says further that the defendant Pickelsimer is the one who has been slandered, and files a counter suit against Mayor Whitmire in the sum of \$35,000.

In the answer denial is made of the charge that Mr. Pickelsimer made the statements that were used as a basis of the action brought by the mayor. The defendant Pickelsimer admits only of making inquiries concerning these reports, and claims in the answer that these inquiries were privileged and made in good faith, because both Whitmire and Pickelsimer are members of the board of stewards of the Brevard Methodist church, and the inquiries made are declared in the complaint to have been only such inquiries as would be made in an honest effort by the defendant Pickelsimer in the performance of his duty as a board member.

A counter claim is then set up, and damages in the sum of \$35,000 asked, charging that Mayor Whitmire assaulted the defendant Pickelsimer, abused him and spoke of him in disgraceful manner, accusing the defendant of being unfit to operate his business, all this being done in the presence of good and worthy citizens, and these actions on the part of the plaintiff Whitmire has injured the defendant Pickelsimer and his business in the amount asked in this answer.

Both men are prominent in the business and religious life of the community. Mayor Whitmire is owner and operator of the Waltermire hotel, owns much property in

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NO MORE VOUCHERS BE SIGNED UNLESS ORDERS BEAR O. K.

Statement By Mr. McNeely Sets Forth Emphatic Rules To Be Followed

PURCHASES MUST BE O. K.'D BY THE AGENT

Chairman J. H. Pickelsimer Backs McNeely Statement On the Matter

C. R. McNeely, member of the board of county commissioners, county accountant and county purchasing agent by appointment of the board of county commissioners, makes statement that hereafter no voucher for the county will be signed unless the purchasing agent has o. k.'d the order. This applies, Mr. McNeely says, to every department of the county government, and for every item of expense, except that of payment of school teachers, school officials and county officials which are already provided for under the law.

Supplies, repairs, material of whatever nature, and any and all purchases for the county, must, Mr. McNeely says, come through the county purchasing agent's office.

Reports were going the rounds that the schools in the county are not to have any more wood furnished them for heating purposes because, the report went, that the men furnishing the wood could not get pay for same. When Mr. McNeely was asked about this situation, he replied:

"The county stands ready to buy wood for any school in the county whenever and wherever it is needed. But the county commissioners have instructed me to get bids for all wood for the schools from reliable men in each neighborhood, and purchase the wood that can be had for the lowest figures. Teachers are urged to inform their pupils that bids for needed wood for fuel will be received, and I feel confident that the citizens of each community will make bids for such wood, thereby giving to the county its necessary fuel at the lowest possible price. Any teacher in the county, or the school committee in any school district, can get all the fuel they may need. All that is required of them is consult the office of the county purchasing agent, and the wood will be purchased at the greatest saving pos-

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COUNTY DONS DRESS OF GOLDEN HUE TO WELCOME ITS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF YEARS GONE BY

Happiness Reigns Supreme in Homes Where Reunions Are Held—Heartaches of Those Unable to Come Find Echo in the Faithful Breasts of Loved Ones Here—All Over America the People Are Thinking of Home.

Nature clothed the county in its most beautiful dress to welcome home those who have come back to their native county during this Home-Coming Week. While the numbers coming are not so large as it was hoped, the fine letters received from citizens in which they express a never-dying love for the home of their youth shows to what an extent the county is loved by all who have ever lived here.

This county is in its most gorgeous dress during October, when the heavily wooded mountains exchange their dress of summer green to that of a matchless October golden brown, announcing that Jack Frost has kissed their tender fibre and tinted their surface with the million colors and hues of Autumn. The frost of early morn gives way in the warmth of an October sun, while the gentle winds waft a wondrous welcome to all the former sons and daughters of hill and vale who have come back home for the week.

In many homes throughout the county happiness reigns supreme, whether it be in the house beautiful that sits on the hilltop, or the miniature mansion placed far back in the shaded grove, or in the mountain cabin where the bark of the faithful hound and the lowing of the lone cow proclaims that a home is located there, the happiness of the re-united knows no bounds, and the joy of father and mother in greeting son or daughter is boundless and beautiful.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the boy or girl, man or woman, who lives in a far-off place

and cannot come home during the week. Many heartaches are caused such people, and these heart throbs find echo in the bosoms of their people here, who hoped in vain that their loved ones would find some way of making the grade and coming to the old home for this occasion. Letters have been received by this paper that are piteous in expressing the appeal and urge to come home, but circumstances are such that the journey is impossible at this time. One young man wrote:

"I have received copies of The Brevard News telling of Home-Coming Week. I so wanted to come! While reading the paper and seeing the names of my people and those of my friends in its columns, I couldn't realize that I am two thousand miles away. I just seemed to feel that I was back there at Cherryfield, and the lowing of the cattle, the neigh of the unfed horses, the bleating of the lambs and the bark of my dogs came to me as clearly as in the days of my boyhood, when I started feeding the stock their evening meal. I can now see my old mother standing in the kitchen door, calling to me to give special attention to a little calf that was wobbling about the cow lot, or place some fresh straw in the bed for the little lamb that was not as strong as the other ones. There is my old daddy at the woodpile, searching for a big back log that would burn throughout the night, leaving a heaping pile of glowing embers from which to start the early morning fire next sunrise. O, how I long to be there! May God bless every one of you."

FIREMEN GUESTS OF KIWANIS CLUB

Observance of Fire Prevention Week Provided Interesting Meet

With members of the Brevard Fire Department as guests, the Kiwanis club last Thursday observed Fire Prevention Week by hearing a splendid talk from Jas. S. Bromfield, chief of the local fire department. The meeting was held at the Central Cafe, where Gus Roman had prepared a splendid dinner for the club members and their guests.

Chief Bromfield told of the new laws governing the erection of buildings within the fire zone of the twons and cities of North Carolina, and urged the Kiwanis club to lend its influence in seeing to it that these laws are strictly enforced in the future. The Brevard Banking company's building, the Clemson Theatre and the Jones Motor company's buildings are the only fire-proof buildings within the fire zone in the town, Mr. Bromfield said.

The chief urged the members of the club to assist the fire department in another way. It has been the practice here, the chief said, for some people to rush their cars into the line when the fire alarm sounds, often impeding the progress of the firemen. He plead with the members to assist in having everybody keep their cars parked to the side of the street until the trucks have all passed.

Another hindrance experienced is that of men offering to help the department in fighting a fire, often serving only as a hindrance to the members of the company. In case of need of additional help, the chief said, he or his captain would call for such help, and the greatest help the bystander can be is to stay out of the way.

Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was a guest at the luncheon. J. M. Gaines, manager of the Brevard branch of the Southern Public Utilities company, was an invited guest, and was introduced to the members of the club.

KENTUCKY HOME IS VISITED BY FIRE

The Kentucky Home, one of the most popular hotels of Hendersonville, was threatened with destruction by flames early last Saturday morning, but due to the fine work of the Hendersonville Fire department, the damage was confined to the roof and to the top story. The structure is of wood, and the fact that the firemen succeeded in saving any of the building is considered nothing short of marvelous, according to Chief Bromfield, of the Brevard Fire Department.

The roof and top story were destroyed, it is said, but the remainder of the four-story building is slightly damaged, according to Brevard men who visited the scene of the fire.

D. A. R. CONCERNED OVER ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNISTS

Speakers at District Meeting Here Advocate Removal of Red Agitators

PROMINENT WOMEN AT DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mrs. J. S. Silversteen Acted as Hostess—Much Work Accomplished

Much interest and a good attendance marked the annual district meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which convened in the Brevard Baptist church in an all-day session Monday, October 14, with the local Waightstill Avery chapter as hostess of the day. On account of the recent illness of the regent of the local chapter, Mrs. E. W. Blythe, the courtesies of the occasion were in charge of the vice regent, Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, who graciously presided as hostess to the visiting delegates.

The meeting was presided over by the district director, Mrs. J. Harden Howell, of Waynesville. Delegates were represented from the four chapters in the district, including, Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville, and Brevard. The morning session was given over to greetings, responses, addresses, musical selections; while the afternoon session, following the excellent luncheon served by ladies of the Baptist church, was taken up with reports from the various chapters and a round table discussion.

The meeting opened with piano selections by Miss Dorothy Silversteen, followed by the professional led by the pages, Mrs. Albert G. Kyle, Mrs. R. H. Ramsey, Mrs. Rebecca Blythe Glenn, Miss Emma Deaver and Miss Rebecca Patton, the latter of whom led the procession, bearing "Old Glory." Miss Dorothy Silversteen, also one of the pages, played the professional march.

The principal addresses of the day were given by the state regent, Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker, of Southern Pines, and Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, vice president general of Charlotte, both of whom, in their forcible and timely remarks, told of various activities of the state organization and of its many accomplishments, condemning also the com-

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WOMAN'S BUREAU SIGNS CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL WORK

Beautification of Local School Grounds To Be Started in November

HICKORY FIRM EMPLOYED AS LANDSCAPE ARTISTS

To Cost Considerable Sum—Women Raised the Money For This Important Work

Perfection of plans of the Woman's Bureau for beautification of the Elementary and Primary school grounds have been effected during the past week, whereby actual work of beautifying the grounds will be started on an extensive scale early in November.

Acceptance by the Bureau of plans submitted by the Howard-Hickory company, of Hickory, one of the largest and most widely known nursery and landscape gardeners in the country, gives to this company contract for the work. The contract has been properly signed by Mrs. O. L. Erwin, president of the Woman's Bureau, and the Hickory concern will send their representatives to Brevard early in November to begin the work of planting shrubbery and blooming plants around the school premises, according to their pre-arranged and accepted plans and specifications.

The plans as submitted to the Bureau for inspection and acceptance call for an extensive planting, according to the manner of expert landscape gardeners, of greenery and flowers of many and rare varieties around the school buildings and on the school lawns, and it is the belief of the Bureau members that completion of the undertaking will result in a display of the outstanding beauty spot in Brevard, and one which the entire community will be enabled to enjoy and be justly proud of.

The accomplishment of this project calls for the expenditure of a considerable sum of money on the part of the Woman's Bureau, which is made possible by the proceeds of the Children's Bazaar, which the people of the town so generously patronized the past year, and through other efforts to raise money, which the Bureau has put forth during the past few months, with the end in view of school ground beautification.

ASHEVILLE MEN TO BE SPEAKERS HERE

R. R. Reynolds and L. L. Jenkins Invited to County Club Meeting

Meeting of the newly formed County Club will be held in the court house one week from Saturday night, October 26, at 7:30 o'clock, at which the Hon. Robert R. Reynolds and the Hon. L. L. Jenkins of Asheville, will be the speakers of the evening. Mr. Reynolds is a strong advocate of the County Club organization, and is one of the outstanding democrats of Western North Carolina. Mr. Jenkins is also a great believer in the County Club work, and is an outstanding republican, now being treasurer of Buncombe county. These facts are mentioned because of the fear expressed by some people here that the County Club movement is a political movement, hence the invitation to outstanding leaders in both parties to address the meeting and show that there is nothing of a political coloring in the movement.

The meeting scheduled for last week was not held, due to a misunderstanding as to the hour. Some thought it was 12 o'clock, noon, and others thought it was 2 o'clock. President Osborne is making preparations for a great meeting to be held one week from next Saturday, and is anxious that all citizens of the county, who are interested in the county's advancement, to attend the meeting.

HATCHERY PAYS 9 PER CENT DIVIDEND

The Brevard Community Hatchery, Inc., will pay nine per cent dividends this year on a \$6000.00 investment. It will be recalled that the people put in only half the capital stock and with that as a working working unit the other half, which was accounted for with notes in the beginning, has been paid off giving the stock holders an increase of 50 per cent in stock value.

Owing to the fact that there has been some trading of stock certificates, it will be necessary for the stock holders to mail in their certificates or present them in person to Jerry Jerome at the Building and Loan office. This requirement must be met before checks will be issued. Kindly do this and get your checks at once.

C. C. YONGUE, President. J. A. GLAZENER, Manager.

MR. PEACOCK IMPROVING

Brevard friends of L. J. Peacock, Jr., will be glad to learn that he is making recovery from a recent illness which was considered most serious. With his wife and little boy, Mr. Peacock is in Lexington, having recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital. He will be able to return to Brevard about the middle of November, it is believed.

LADIES NIGHT SET FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Meeting This Thursday at the Blue Moon Tea Room—Special Program

Directors of the Brevard Kiwanis club held a meeting at the McMinn House Tuesday night, with Dr. C. L. Newland as host. The day happened to be Dr. Newland's birthday anniversary, a fact not known to the other board members, and forgotten by Dr. Newland until Mrs. McMinn brought in a birthday cake, placing it by Dr. Newland's plate. Then the fun began.

The meeting this Thursday will be held at the Blue Moon, on Broadway, and as nominations for officers of the club for the next year will be considered, a full attendance is expected.

Ladies Night will be the order of next week's meeting, the date having been changed to Monday evening of next week instead of Thursday noon next week. The dinner will be served at the Shipman camp on the Pickens highway, near Rosman.

Much routine business was transacted. The directors voted to have the president, Frank Clement, express to the mayor and board of aldermen the wish that Chief Bromfield be sent to the convention of fire chiefs to be held in Birmingham next week.

Charles M. Douglas, of The Brevard News, was elected to membership in the club.

Plans will be discussed at the meeting this week as to the time and place of entertaining the school teachers of Brevard.

ENGLISH CHAPEL PLANS BIG EVENT

Plans are perfected for a great Home-Coming program to be given next Sunday at English Chapel, on Davidson River. The program will begin in the morning, breaking at the noon hour for picnic dinner, and an afternoon session being held. English Chapel has had some of the outstanding men and women of this and many other communities as worshippers during their youth. It is expected that hundreds of people will attend the day's program, many people from distant points planning to attend.

Revival to Start Monday at Carr's Hill Church

Rev. R. R. Mahaffey, pastor of Carr's Hill Baptist church, announces the beginning of a revival meeting at that place, to start on Monday night, October 21. The pastor and his entire membership extend a most cordial invitation to all people of the community to join in these services, and other churches are asked to take an active part, to the end that Carr's Hill may have a great revival.

UNUSUALLY LARGE PEAR GROWN IN THIS COUNTY

One of the largest pears said to have ever been grown in this section was brought to The News office this week. The pear measured 14 inches in circumference and 13 inches in length, and is an evidence of the fact that it is possible to raise fruit of unusual size and variety in Transylvania county under proper care.

Masons Ready for Big Home-Coming Celebration Friday Evening and Night

All is in readiness for the great Home-Coming gathering of Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge this Friday afternoon and evening. The first session will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 6 o'clock the craft will be called from labor to refreshment, and during this period enjoy what promises to be one of the best dinners ever spread before a crowd of Transylvania county citizens.

Cards have been received from Masons throughout the county and from other sections, setting forth an expressed intention of attending the meeting. Labor will be resumed dur-

ing the evening, and the third degree will be conferred by a crack degree team of the lodge.

At the afternoon meeting there will be special work, including the reading of memorials to the brethren who have been called in death during the past year.

All living Past Masters are to occupy a seat in the East during the sessions. It is hoped to make this gathering one that will never be forgotten among men and Masons in Transylvania county, and it is believed that every member of the Lodge in the county will be present.

FOOTBALL FRIDAY TO BE A THRILLER

Action, thrills, suspense, etc. etc., plus, are offered Brevard football fans Friday afternoon of this week when the stiff eleven from Weaver-ville High meets the local Blue Devils on the Brevard High School grid.

With one victory and one tie to their credit, the locals are looking pretty good, and then, besides, there is the stigma of a 25-0 score still outstanding from last year, when the Weaver bunch completely squashed the locals on the Weaver field. No boasts have been made by Coach Tilson concerning the game Friday, but loyal fans are betting on the home team. The game will be called at 3:45, and any Brevardite who stays away from the game will miss some real football.

To add interest to the local boys' efforts, Leonard Simpson, of Simpson's Barber Shop, has offered and now has on display in his front window, a beautiful silver loving cup to be awarded to the most valuable player on the Brevard team this season, the deciding committee to be chosen from among fans who know the game and see the boys in action regularly throughout the season.

REV. WALLACE H. HARTSELL TO PREACH AT ENON CHURCH

Rev. Wallace Hartsell has been called as pastor of the Enon Baptist church, and will preach there next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The members of that church and the citizens of the community in general have been heard to express great pleasure that the popular pastor of the Brevard Baptist church is to preach at Enon on Sunday afternoons. It is expected that many Brevard people will attend the service next Sunday at Enon.

Colored Workman Given Big Verdict in Damage Case Heard Here Monday

Will Gardin, colored, was awarded a verdict of \$12,000 by the jury in County Court Monday, against the Carr Lumber company for injuries received while in the employ of the big concern. Gardin had sued for \$50,000, claiming permanent injury in the accident. The jury returned the verdict for \$12,000.

Ralph E. Fisher of Brevard, represented Gardin, while J. Bet Smith-

YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS TO FORE

Activities of Club Are Numerous—Gold Prizes To the Winners

Although the Rosman Young Tar Heel Farmers have been comparatively quiet for the past few months they have been very much awake on their respective farms back home.

It won't be long now until we will know who is going to win the corn and potato contest. The Brevard Banking company and the B. & B. Seed Store are giving \$10 in gold, each, to the winners of these contests.

The class has 500 Stark's Delicious and Stayman apple trees growing that they grafted last spring, which will be set to permanent orchards this winter.

Recently three members of the class, Robert Gravely, Bruen Huggins and Walter Glazener went to South Carolina and purchased some purebred calves, by which they hope to introduce better milking stock into the community.

The class recently sent Robert Gravely, Ralph Galloway and Claxton Henderson as representatives to the District Judging Contest at Biltmore; the boys did exceptionally well, winning third place as team in the entire district.

At present the boys are working out which will be the most profitable crop for them to grow the coming year.

This week Prof. Cline of the Experiment Station at Raleigh will be in the community assisting Prof. Corbin in putting out a test in fertilizing wheat. Recently Dr. Williams, Director of N. C. Experiment Station, visited the Rosman community to observe the corn fertilizer work going on on Mr. Allison's farm.

ers of Asheville, and W. E. Breesa of Brevard, appeared for Carr Lumber company. This is said to be one of the largest verdicts ever returned in a personal injury case in the county courts here. The case was heard in one day, the jury returning the verdict late Monday. This was the only case tried in County Court this week. The next regular term of County Court will be held on the first Monday in November.