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ALL THIEVES TO BE SENT TO ROADS FOR YEAR, SAYS JUDGE

Judge D. L. English Gives Notice That 12 Months Is To Be the Minimum

PARENTS WARNED TO BE ON GUARD OVER BOYS

New Cases for Theft on Docket Shocks Court — Must Be Stopped

The man who steals anything from any one in Transylvania county hereafter, and is convicted in the County Court for it, is going to the chain gang for a period of from 12 months to two years, according to a statement made by Judge D. L. English from the bench Monday morning.

Some half dozen new cases charging larceny were on the docket Monday, and Judge English spoke feelingly of the growing tendency of white boys and young men to steal. "It is going to be stopped in this county," Judge English said, "and hereafter those brought before me and convicted of stealing may expect to work on the chain gang from 12 to 24 months." The judge recalled that 15 or 20 years ago it was a rare thing for a white man to be in a Transylvania county court on the charge of theft. "Sometimes," he said, "a low down white man would steal a horse or cow and get from five to ten years in the penitentiary. In recent years, however, the tendency has been to put small fine or 30-day sentences, and theft and thievery have grown to an enormous rate." Boys and young men have reached the point where they will steal just anything they can lay their hands on that is not too hot or too heavy to carry away, it is said by the judge.

Parents were warned by Judge English that they would do well to know where their boys are at night, because if they have been caught stealing and it is proved in his court that they were stealing, nothing under a year on the chain gang will be meted out.

COOKING SCHOOL TO DRAW CROWDS

From all indications many housewives in Brevard will soon be enjoying the comforts of electric cooking. The Southern Public Utilities company is waging a campaign this week, introducing electric ranges in the community. Miss Vera W. Howard, a household economist and electric range expert, is conducting a series of cooking classes and electric range demonstrations in the offices of the Southern Public Utilities company this Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. All the women of the community are invited to attend these classes and witness the demonstrations.

The Southern Public Utilities company observe an annual event throughout the territory served by the big Duke interests, during which time special prices and terms are given on electric ranges and stoves. This event has already been held this year, before the company entered Brevard. The three-day event now planned is being done that the people of this community have all the advantages offered during the annual event already held for other towns. That Brevard people appreciate this is a foregone conclusion, and it is believed record crowds will attend the electric cooking classes and demonstrations this Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

BAPTISTS JOIN IN WELCOME MEETING

As an expression of welcome and good fellowship, the Rev. J. H. West, new pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, has been invited by the Baptist church to conduct services in that church next Sunday evening, at which members from all the churches of the town will be present. Rev. Wallace H. Hartsell, pastor of the Baptist church, extended the invitation to Rev. Mr. West to conduct these services Sunday evening. Mr. West will preach his first sermon here Sunday morning, at the Methodist church.

It will be recalled that the Baptists invited the Rev. Mr. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to preach in the Brevard Baptist church on the first Sunday that he came here, the Methodists and Episcopal churches having no services at that hour and the whole town gathered at the Baptist church to welcome the new Presbyterian preacher. Many appreciative remarks were heard concerning this display of neighborliness, and Methodists of the town have expressed appreciation to the Baptists for planning this event for next Sunday evening.

ORDER TREASURER TO ISSUE VOUCHER TO COAL COMPANY

In Payment for Coal Purchased Recently for the County School Plants

COAL WAS ORDERED BY THE PURCHASING AGENT

School Board Chairman Asserts Coal Could Have Been Bought for Less

County commissioners last Monday adopted a resolution, ordering the county treasurer to pay the Purity Products company for coal furnished the schools. The amount was something over eight hundred dollars.

It will be recalled that the county purchasing agent purchased coal for the schools from the Purity Products company, after comparison of that concern's bid with other bids received. At the same time the school board ordered coal for the schools, but the county accountant refused to sign the voucher for the freight charges on same, because, it was said, the coal was ordered irregularly in that the order was not placed through the county purchasing agent.

Last Monday a bill for coal purchased from the Purity Products company was presented to the school board by the county commissioners. The school board had taken no action on the bill when the county commissioners announced their work completed and adjournment in order, it is said, so the commissioners adopted the resolution directing the treasurer to pay the amount of the bill to the Purity Products company out of the contingency fund, it is said, which amount is to be charged against the school budget.

It is said this bill had been presented previously to the school board officials, but they had refused to receive it or acknowledge the obligation, it is said. The voucher ordered by the commissioners had not been issued to the coal company late Wednesday afternoon.

J. S. Bromfield, chairman of the school board, made the following statement in regard to the matter:

"We received a bill, signed by C. R. McNeely, for \$808.24, for coal said to have been bought for the schools from the Purity Products company. Our board wanted to confer with the county commissioners about the matter. We did not receive the statement until nearly noon Monday, and when we tried to see the commissioners after lunch, they had adjourned, or gone somewhere, and we couldn't get to see them. We could have purchased the same amount of coal, better suited for the furnace, for \$714.57, a saving of \$93.65 over the amount of the bill which they sent in to us, and we wanted to talk the matter over with the commissioners, but were told they had adjourned their meeting at noon."

FOUR MEN SENT TO ROADS THIS WEEK

Several jail sentences were handed out in the County Court by Judge D. L. English at the November term, which convened Monday morning and took recess at noon Tuesday until Thursday morning.

George Morris drew two months on the roads for violation of the prohibition law, and is under bond of \$200 to appear at the December term of Superior Court on a charge of breaking and entering a dwelling house.

Lon Wilds was given three months upon conviction of fornication and adultery, while Gettis Wood and Guder Smith drew four months each for violation of the prohibition laws.

Many cases were disposed of with payment of fines and costs, while others were continued to future terms. Solicitor Lewis P. Hamlin worked with rapidity in disposing of the evidence in the many cases coming up for hearing.

FURNITURE FIRMS TO CLOSE MONDAY

Furniture and hardware stores of Brevard will be closed Monday in observance of Armistice Day, according to an announcement made in an advertisement elsewhere in the paper. The Farmers Supply company, the Brevard Hardware and Furniture company and the Houston Furniture company all signed the message stating that these stores will be closed Monday.

These merchants ask that their customers make needed purchases on Friday and Saturday, and co-operate with them so the merchants and their sales forces may have an opportunity to observe Armistice Day.

Lewis P. Hamlin, member of the Republican State Executive committee, is in Greensboro, attending a meeting of the committee. Some important matters were to be decided by the official group.

ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL BEGINS

Statement Issued by the President, Rev. R. L. Alexander, Gives Campaign Details

HOPED TO ENROLL FULL MEMBERSHIP IN A DAY

Churches and Civic Clubs Aiding the Regular Red Cross Committee

At noon next Tuesday, the annual Red Cross Roll Call will begin, with Rev. R. L. Alexander leading the force that is to wage this most worthy campaign in the local field. The churches and many civic clubs are working with the Red Cross committee in the campaign. The following statement issued by President Alexander gives in detail the plan of work:

"Next Tuesday, Nov. 12th the Red Cross Roll Call enrollment will start, sponsored by the American Red Cross, and the Transylvania County chapter, and we are glad to say that it is being sponsored by all the religious, civic, and social organizations of the town and county, and we feel like we will have the hearty support and cooperation of every individual in the community.

"The American Red Cross belongs to the Church, to business, to labor, to all groups, and to all people, and with the confidence born of past experience, we look forward to a firm and understanding support.

"Our Roll Call to enroll members for 1930 will be held this year from November 11 to 23, but we are endeavoring to complete plans that will enable us to bring the drive to a close the first day, and not later than the first week. Monday being a holiday, will begin the 12th, Tuesday.

"We are not begging money. We are inviting fellow citizens to participate through individual membership in support of practical humanitarian service, local, national, international.

"Roll Call workers will keep office hours at the Brevard Banking company on Tuesday for the purpose of enrolling members, and at the Chamber of Commerce the rest of the week. And the enrollment will be simplified to a great extent if all persons will drop by at these two places and enroll.

"When you enroll, wear your button, and talk Red Cross, and Talk Red Cross and wear your button, and may we all have a part in going over the top the first day.

"Remember — Tuesday, the 12th. "R. L. ALEXANDER, "Red Cross Roll Call Chmn."

WEEK OF PRAYER DRAWS LARGE CROWD TOGETHER

Annual Week of Prayer was observed three days this week at the Brevard Methodist church, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary society.

The special series of services proved both interesting and beneficial, and it is felt that they will result in the great good not only to the members of the society but to the entire church membership.

Tuesday afternoon's service was in charge of representatives from Brevard Institute, and the session Wednesday afternoon was led by the young people's society. The meeting Thursday afternoon will feature the regular meeting of the adult society in addition to the special prayer topics.

Proclamations by Mayor Whitmire

Whereas, Next Monday, November 11th, marks the Eleventh Anniversary of the signing of an armistice which brought to an end the great World War, a battle of Right against tremendously strong might, and

Whereas, This great nation of ours furnished the men, provided the materials and inspired the spirit of dauntless courage which enabled Right to triumph over Might, giving to the nations of the whole world a continuation of the right of self expression, and a still greater personal freedom among the men of all countries, and

Whereas, In that great and glorious conflict there were none braver than our own boys of Transylvania county whose courage was inherent and whose love of battle for the right is always burning, and

Whereas, We, the citizens of this county should keep always fresh in our memory the great debt we owe to these of our own boys, it is

Therefore fitting and proper that we come together next Monday morning, November 11, in the auditorium of the Brevard High school building, at 10:30 o'clock, and in one accord renew our vows to those boys, re-dedicate our lives to the great nation which these boys served so conspicuously, and in so doing give expression, as best we can, to the everlasting gratitude we owe to them for their great work in the world's greatest battle for the rights of all mankind.

(Signed) T. W. WHITMIRE, Mayor, Town of Brevard.

NEW M. E. PREACHER TO BE HERE SUNDAY

Reidsville Methodists Give the Rev. J. H. West Highest Praise

TO PREACH FIRST SERMON HERE SUNDAY MORNING

Copy of Letter and Resolutions from Former Church at Reidsville

Rev. J. H. West, the newly appointed pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, will arrive in Brevard the latter part of this week, with Mrs. West, to assume his pastoral duties for the new conference year. They are stopping for a few days with their son, the Rev. W. B. West, pastor of the Hendersonville Methodist church, before coming to Brevard, but will arrive here in time for Mr. West to preach his initial sermon in his new charge on next Sunday morning.

The Rev. Mr. West comes to Brevard highly recommended as a pastor, as a friend, and for his leadership ability, after serving four consecutive years as pastor of Main street Methodist church, Reidsville. While much regret is expressed by the membership of the local church over the departure of its former pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock, who has faithfully and ably served as pastor the past two years; still a good year is anticipated by the church membership through the leadership of the new pastor.

A letter received by the chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Brevard church from the secretary of the Board of Stewards of the Reidsville church, and the accompanying set of resolutions, show the high esteem in which the Rev. Mr. West was held by his former church members, and the regret expressed by them over his departure from their midst.

Following is a copy of the letter and the resolutions:

Chairman Board of Stewards, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Brevard, N. C.

Dear Sir: As Secretary to the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Reidsville, North Carolina, I take pleasure in forwarding here with a copy of resolutions which were adopted by our Board prior to the termination of the pastorate of Rev. Mr. J. H. West. Our Mr. West has rendered most faithful service for a period of four years. In his going we feel that our loss will be your gain. The attitude of the church and community toward him is reflected in the resolutions adopted and it is the request of the Board that these resolutions be published in your local paper. If, therefore, you will publish these resolutions, we shall appreciate it.

With every good wish for your success and very truly,

ALLEN H. GWYN, Secretary, Reidsville, N. C., Nov. 2.

The Resolutions Whereas, we the members of the board of stewards of Main Street Methodist Church, South, Reidsville, N. C., understand that our beloved pastor, the Reverend J. H. West, will terminate his pastorate with our church after four years of faithful service; and whereas, the esteem in which he is held by this board and the membership of the church justifies the highest expression of appreciation,

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ARMISTICE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED BY AMERICAN LEGION

Program To Be Given Monday Morning In High School Auditorium

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS JOINING IN CELEBRATION

Everybody Expected To Attend—Band Music and Special Numbers

The local post of the American Legion will celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the Armistice by appropriate exercises at the Brevard High School at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. The memorial occasion is with the cooperation of the churches, the schools, the American Red Cross, with the invitation extended to all civic bodies and organizations to attend and participate.

The meeting will be presided over by the Commander of the Legion, Walter Duckworth. Addresses will be made by J. S. Silversteen, chairman of the Red Cross, R. H. Ramsey, representing the Legion, Prof. J. B. Jones, a World War veteran representing the schools, and the Rev. Mr. Perry, rector of the Episcopal church and a chaplain of the Red Cross in the war. The invocation will be by the Rev. R. L. Alexander, and the benediction by the Rev. J. H. West. Music will be furnished by the Brevard band and by Mrs. H. R. Walker, Miss Puette and Alvin Moore.

It is planned to make this celebration largely educational as well as commemorative, and for this reason the hour of the meeting is chosen to coincide with the assembly hour at the High School, in order to give the pupils an opportunity to learn more about one of the great days in the history of the world. The mayor of Brevard, Hon. T. W. Whitmire, has requested the citizens to attend this memorial in his proclamation.

All members of the Red Cross are especially urged to attend this meeting, as an announcement about the work will be made at that time.

This program was arranged by conferences between the Rev. Mr. Hartsell, the County Superintendent of Education, Mr. Walter Duckworth, Mr. Silversteen, James F. Barrett and A. H. Kizer.

Veterans are asked to wear their uniforms—Civil War and Spanish-American war veterans are especially asked to attend.

ROSMAN SCHOOL FIRST LOVING CUP

Rosman Young Tar Heel Farmers entertained at chapel last Friday at which time a beautiful loving cup was presented to the school by the boys. The cup was the first that the school has won, and it is hoped that it is merely the beginning of the school entering many contests and being victorious. The cup was given by the Mountain Branch Experiment Farm at Swannanoa for the largest number of boys present at the annual Field Day meet at Swannanoa on Aug. 16th of any of the counties of Western North Carolina.

If the weather permits, the boys are going to harvest the fertilizer experiment corn on Mr. Allison's farm Thursday of this week. Each plot will be harvested, weighed, and figured up on an acre yield basis separately, and the cost of the fertilizer taken into consideration to see what analysis and the amount is the most profitable way to fertilize corn. There seems to be considerable difference from observation in the plots but the only way to tell is to put it on the scales. It is hoped that a number of interested people will be there early Thursday morning to see the work done.

MANY ATTEND BIG WOODMEN MEETING

A good delegation of representatives from Brevard attended the semi-annual convention of the W. N. C. Log Rolling association of the Woodmen of the World, which convened in Hendersonville last Thursday. Representatives from the local Woodmen Circle were also in attendance at the all-day meeting.

District manager, W. H. Grogan, Jr., of Brevard, had part on the program and introduced the visitors to the convention. James F. Barrett addressed the gathering on the subject, "As Others See You."

TO ATTEND CONVENTION AT SHELBY NEXT WEEK

Rev. Wallace H. Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, and Mrs. Hartsell, will leave Monday for Shelby, to attend the sessions of the Baptist State convention which opens there Tuesday. The pastors' conference will be held Monday, and the convention proper will be in session until noon Thursday.

SUPERIOR COURT UPHOLDS SCHOOL BOARD IN ACTION

Judge Finlay Says the School Board Not Subordinate to County

BUNCOMBE CASE TAKEN UP IN SUPERIOR COURT

Similar to Contest Between Local School Board and County Accountant

Chairman J. S. Bromfield, of the county school board, stated late Wednesday evening that the county accountant had refused to sign all vouchers presented by the school board Wednesday, except that of the telephone bill and the light bill. Included among vouchers refused signature were those for gas and oil purchased by the school board for operation of the school buses. The office of county accountant is quoted as having said that the decision in the Buncombe county mandamus case had no bearing upon the local situation.

Judge T. B. Finlay, in Superior court in Buncombe county, Tuesday granted a writ of mandamus, brought by the Buncombe county school board against H. E. Walter, county auditor, to force him to sign vouchers for supplies bought by the school board.

Judge Finlay held that the school board operates as a part of a statewide organization and under supervision of a state department, and, therefore, is not subordinate to the board of county commissioners. Members of the school board, it was pointed out by the judge, fill appointive offices and are named by the legislature, whereas, members of the county commission are local officers elected by the people in each county.

This decision has been awaited with keen interest here, because of the conditions existing between the Transylvania county school board and the offices of county auditor and county purchasing agent. For many weeks the county accountant, Mr. C. R. McNeely, has refused to sign vouchers issued by the school board for supplies that were purchased without the o. k. of the county purchasing agent. Many unpaid bills are piled up in the offices of the school board, awaiting the signature of the county accountant.

According to Judge Finlay's ruling, Mr. McNeely, county accountant and county purchasing agent, would be compelled to sign the vouchers for the school board. It is believed, however, that an appeal will be taken by the county commissioners of Buncombe county from Judge Finlay's decision, and it is intimated in local circles that the matter in this county will in no manner be changed until the Supreme court passes upon the question.

Practically the same conditions prevail in this county as those in Buncombe county. There, as here, the board of education is a democratic board, while the county commissioners are republicans, as they are here. Denial is made in both counties, however, that the question is political. It is claimed by the county commissioners that the law authorizes them to appoint a county purchasing agent to supervise all purchases for the county, and that it is necessary for the school board to make purchases through the county purchasing agent.

The school board, on the other hand, declares it is not subordinate to the county government, because it is a part and portion of a statewide governmental agency, and as such has a perfect right to conduct its own affairs without let or hindrance from the county authorities.

It is believed the appeal, if one is taken, will be rushed through the Supreme court, because of so many counties being in like condition as that of Buncombe county, where the test case started and has been heard and decided in favor of the school board.

REGULAR MEETING OF DUNN'S ROCK MASONIC LODGE FRIDAY

Regular meeting of the Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge will be held Friday night of this week. There will be the regular communication of the Masonic order.

TWO COURTS WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME

While Superior Court convenes on the first Monday in December, the County Court will be held at the same time and the docket cleared, according to statement of Judge English last Monday morning.

The County Court will be held at the same time Superior Court is in session, the County Court to be held in the jury room in the court house.

Judge English asked that notice be given that all litigants having cases set for the December term of court be present on the first Monday in December.