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Appropriations For Work On River And Postoffice Building Are Sought

FURTHER EFFORT TO BE MADE TO PERSUADE GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME ITS SHARE DEBT

FISHER TO CARRY CLAIM TO CAPITAL

Board Deeply Interested in Matter of Clearing River of Old Jetties

Ralph R. Fisher was authorized by the county commissioners in session last Monday to represent the county in Washington in the effort being made to procure an appropriation from the federal government for the purpose of clearing the French Broad river of the jetties placed in the stream some fifty years ago. Mr. Fisher will go to Washington as soon as all the papers in the case have been prepared, and the petitions that are being circulated have been signed and returned to the committee. The commissioners also signed the petition to congress for this relief, and expressed belief that the effort will meet with success.

Henderson county is making preparations to send a representative at the same time, it is understood, as practically the same conditions prevail in that county. Buncombe county will, it is believed, join in the effort to obtain the appropriation from congress for this work. It is said that Congressman George M. Pritchard is impressed with the need of this work, and will, it is believed, lead the fight for the appropriation.

In addition to this appropriation, it is said that Mr. Fisher has been busy for the past several weeks in preparation of Brevard's claims for the erection of a postoffice building here. Much hope is entertained that an appropriation can be obtained for this structure. This claim will also be pushed while Mr. Fisher is in Washington.

YOUNG GIRL LOSES HAND IN ACCIDENT

Miss Mattie Prince, 16 years of age, suffered the loss of a thumb and two fingers last Friday morning as a result of an explosion of some kind, while seated before the fire in the Prince home near Quebec. Slight injuries to the face were also suffered, while a brother of Miss Prince suffered slight burns on the face. The young people are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Prince.

It is not known just how the explosion occurred, although efforts were made by the sheriff's office to determine the cause. Mrs. Prince and her children stated that a shot gun shell must have fallen from the mantel into the fire, and the wounds caused by the explosion of the shell. This explanation was not accepted by the officers, and it is believed by some who made investigation that the young lady must have had a dynamite cap in her possession, and this exploded, causing the injuries. The young man and young woman were treated at the Transylvania Hospital by Dr. George B. Lynch.

SILVER CUP TO BE AWARDED WINNER

Friday morning at the High School chapel period, the silver loving cup, which was offered at the beginning of the football season by Leonard Simpson, of Simrson Barber shop, to the most valuable player on the Brevard team for 1929, will be awarded.

Competent judges have been selected to make the decision. These judges have turned in their sealed findings to The Brevard News, to be read at the exercises Friday morning when the winner will be announced. Mr. Simpson will present the cup to the team as a whole. Coach Tilson will in turn, present the cup to the boy who is adjudged to be the most valuable player on the team.

Speculation is rife as to who the winner will be, in that the string has played excellent ball throughout the season, and the second and third string players named by the three

Highway Work To Be Urged, With Paving of Two Main Outlets

WOULD BRING FARMERS FROM AREA TO COUNTY

Ambitious Program Undertaken, With Great Promise of Real Accomplishment

Major objects adopted by the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening are as follows:

To assist in every way possible in obtaining an appropriation from Congress for clearing the French Broad river of all jetties, thereby reclaiming valuable farming lands along that stream.

To assist in preparing and laying before Congress an appeal for the government to assume a large portion of Transylvania county's bonded indebtedness in recompense for large boundaries of land which the government took from the county for public forest purposes.

To assist in obtaining an appropriation for the erection of a federal building here for the postoffice and other federal offices.

To wage strenuous campaign for highway improvement in the county, especially on the Caesar's Head and Pickens highways.

To use every effort in bringing farmers into this county from the large areas in Swain and adjoining counties where the big Mellon interests and the government are buying land from the farmers there.

This program of activity was adopted in a meeting that was largely attended by directors and members, and a quiet determination was plainly discernible among the men attending to put the program across.

Special committees were appointed to work on each project, and these committees are to begin work immediately, each group to its particular task.

Report was made to the body that the county commissioners had taken action on one of the propositions, that of the river matter, by having appointed County Attorney Ralph R. Fisher as a representative to go to Washington and present the county's claims to the government. The Chamber of Commerce gave hearty endorsement to the action of the board in this matter, and adopted a motion urging the commissioners to prosecute the matter with vigor, and obtain this relief. It was also suggested that the county commissioners employ two men to obtain affidavits from the property owners along the river, showing the number of acres of land subject to overflow, together with an estimate of the damages that have resulted from

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DR. C. L. NEWLAND IN CHARGE OF KIWANIS CLUB PROGRAM

Dr. Chas. L. Newland is in charge of the program at the Kiwanis club meeting this Thursday, which is scheduled for the noon hour at the Walmire Grill. No meeting was held last week on account of Thanksgiving, and it is believed a full attendance will be at the meeting this week. Some prominent visitors from Brevard are to be guests at this meeting.

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To facilitate the local mailing of the local

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FOLK CARNIVAL WILL BE GIVEN IN BREVARD

All Old-Time Music and Dancing Event to Attract Hundreds

Plans are being made by the Business and Professional Women's club of Brevard to stage a folk carnival here at an early date, at which time it is hoped to have the best musical talent of the mountains contest for prizes that will be awarded the winners. While the plans have not been perfected, it is known that an old time fiddler's contest will be one of the features. Banjo playing will be given a place of prominence on the program, and banjo playing and singing, and the guitar playing and singing, will also be features.

It is hoped to have all the best talent in the county entered in the various contests. Old time songs of the mountains, and the ballads that once were so popular here, will be among the chief attractions. The big event of the carnival will be the old time square dance which will be given on the evening of the day of the contests. No late music or dancing will be permitted at the carnival, it is said, the whole program to consist of the popular dances, songs, ballads and music that made the mountains ring in years gone by.

Fiddlers of the old school, banjo players and singers knowing the old ballads should be refreshing their memories of their favorite numbers. Men and women who know the old square dance, and would love to live again in the glory of the past when every foot responded to the familiar call of the Virginia Reel and the square dance, are urged to watch for announcement of the date of the carnival.

TWO ABOVE ZERO RECORDED HERE

An intense cold wave, which has been pretty general throughout the country the past week, struck Brevard and Transylvania county the hardest early Saturday morning, when the thermometer registered two above zero in Brevard, according to official records. This is said by older citizens to be the coldest weather experienced in this section in many years.

The cold wave started in this vicinity Friday and continued in its intensity throughout that day and Saturday and the most of Sunday, gradual moderation, however, being noticed during Sunday afternoon. Many people were troubled with frozen water pipes, automobiles which refused to operate, and other inconveniences incident to unusual cold weather.

Extreme low temperatures were general in many sections of the country, having come from the Northwest, where terrific storms raged, passing on down through the South, striking even the extreme Southern states along the gulf coast. It is predicted that the peak of the cold wave has passed this section, for the present at least.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT DUNN'S ROCK

HARRISON GOES ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE IN SUPERIOR COURT

Jury Selected from Special Venire of 60—Evidence Begins Thursday

OTHER CASES DISPOSED OF; MANY TO PRISON

Three Have Been Sentenced To Terms In State Penitentiary

Late Wednesday selection of a jury to try the Harrison-Hinkle murder case was completed, the jury empaneled, and announcement made that hearing the evidence in the case would begin at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The following men were selected on this jury: D. R. Holladay, Harve McCall, Will Searcy, G. W. McGaha, Robie McCall, Harry Clarke, R. L. Oats, Looie Owen, R. C. McGaha, Rush Whitmire, Tom Wood and Dock Wright. All but two or three of the special venire of the sixty summoned were exhausted before the jury was completed.

This is the only murder case on the present docket, and the court house was packed all Wednesday afternoon, even while the jury was being selected. The prominence of the two families involved has caused intense interest in the trial. A special venire of 60 had been summoned from which to select this jury.

Richard Harrison, 28 years of age, is to be tried for his life, charged with murdering John Hinkle, 42. The tragedy occurred on Sunday afternoon, March 24, of this year, near the Hinkle home in the Namur section of the county. Harrison married Miss Louise Miller a few months before the tragic event.

Harrison was a teacher in the Namur school, and Hinkle was a member of the school committee. For some time Mr. and Mrs. Harrison boarded with the Hinkle family, but changed their boarding place some time before the killing.

David Green is said to have been the only eye witness to the shooting. Harrison was arraigned late Tuesday afternoon, and the sheriff

was summoned to the special venire. The defendant has been confined in the Transylvania county jail since the day of the tragedy. When the case was called Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Harrison entered the court room with her little baby, which was born since the day of the shooting and while the husband and father was held prisoner in the county jail. With Mrs. Harrison was Mrs. E. L. Miller, a relative. They were seated by the defendant and his counsel, Wm. E. Breese and T. Coleman Galloway.

On the other side of the table sat Mrs. John Hinkle, widow of the

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NO TRUE BILL IN JOE TINSLEY CASE

No true bill was returned by the grand jury in the case of J. H. Tinsley, who had been held since the coroner's jury inquest into the death of little Aalsey Mitchell on April 19, last. The Mitchell boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Mitchell, was killed on that day when struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Tinsley. The accident occurred on the Hendersonville highway, at the distance some five miles

Few Vacant Houses In Brevard, Survey Reveals

NO TRUE BILL IN R. C. STIMSON CASE

Concord Man Not Held In Connection with Death of Miss Crane

R. C. Stimson, of Concord, was freed of all blame in connection with the death of Miss Opal Crane, St. Louis young woman, when the grand jury Wednesday returned a no true bill in the matter.

Miss Crane was in a party of St. Louis people, stopping in Hendersonville. They engaged a public service car to take them across Pisgah mountain. When nearing the Brevard entrance to the forest, their car left the highway, turned into the river, causing Miss Crane's death and more or less serious injury to others in the party.

The driver of the public service car testified that a Hudson touring car, coming from the opposite direction, had crowded the Hendersonville car off the highway, causing the fatal accident. R. C. Stimson, with several friends from Concord and with Dr. Carl Hardin, popular dentist of Brevard, went fishing that afternoon in the Pisgah Forest. Mr. Stimson was driving a Hudson touring car, and was arrested in connection with the accident. Mr. Stimson and his companions, including Dr. Hardin, stoutly maintained from the beginning that they had not passed the Hendersonville car, nor any other car after they had entered the government property, until they passed a small car on one of the creek roads after they had left the main highway.

The grand jury's action in returning a no true bill vindicates Mr. Stimson.

AUTO LICENSES GO ON SALE THE 16TH

Auto license plates for 1930 will not be placed on sale this year until December 16, giving but half the time heretofore given for the purchase of the new plates. The state department of revenue, it is said, have notified the offices of the Carolina Motor club not to place the tags on sale until the sixteenth. Heretofore the plates have been placed on sale December first.

Those people who recall the hectic days of the past, when they tried to purchase new plates during the closing days of the time set for the sale, will not wait this year until the last days. Two plates will be purchased by each car owner this time, instead of one plate, although the cost will be the same as last year. With the auto owners throughout the state having only one-half the usual time to purchase the plates, it is a foregone conclusion that the whole thing will be in a rush from the opening day till the close, with the last days presenting all but an impossible situation. Buy early, is the best advice that one can hear.

PETE BREESE ON FURLOUGH HERE DURING THANKSGIVING

Pete Breese, of The Citadel, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Brevard with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Breese, he having a five-day furlough on account of his football playing. Pete made the first string during the first two games, which were held during the Thanksgiving season.

CONDITIONS MUCH BETTER THAN EVER AT SAME TIME YEAR

Only 48 Vacant Dwellings In Total of 496 Such Houses In The Town

ONLY ELEVEN BUSINESS PLACES VACANT HERE

Survey Made to Determine Actual Conditions Existing in Brevard

No. of business houses in Brevard, of all descriptions
No. of business houses in Brevard vacant
No. of residences in Brevard, including boarding houses
No. of vacant residences

Above is a true statement of the condition of Brevard. A survey was made by the town of every house within the corporate limits of the town, and residences usually lower than the buildings. The fact is that the residence in the town is

There is no greater faith than ever in the continued growth and prosperity of Brevard. The survey did not include any of the many houses just outside the corporate limits of Brevard. It is known now that the census enumerator will find more than the three thousand population which Brevard has been claiming. One fair sized industry here would fill every business house and every residence in the town, it is believed, and would demand a still further expansion of the building program.

GOLD PRIZES FOR BEST ORATIONS

Mr. C. F. Woodfin, vice commander of the American Legion for this district, announces through the County Superintendent that the N. C. Department of the Legion offers a gold medal and \$50.00 cash first prize and \$25.00 second prize for the best original oration on the subject of "Our Flag," the contest open to 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades of the public schools. These rules apply:

1. The speeches to be composed by the pupils themselves.
2. To be fifteen minutes long.
3. The school contests to be decided before Jan. 17, 1930.
4. A County elimination contest at Brevard on Jan. 31, 1930, at which each school representative may contest.
5. A Congressional District elimination contest on Feb. 1, 1930.