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## Proposed Lake to Extend From Rosman to Biltmore

### ENGINEERS MAKE REPORT ON GREAT WATERWAYS PLAN

Government Map Now In Office of The Brevard News Shows Project

### DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO THE BENEFIT

Gigantic Proposition Creating Intense Interest In Several States

Reports from government engineers received in Brevard indicate the possibility of erection of a dam at Biltmore which will form a great lake from Rosman to Asheville, completely covering the whole of the beautiful Sylvan Valley, and wiping out of existence all buildings along the valley from Horseshoe to Brevard. Maps showing the government's reports are in the office of The Brevard News, and are made from an investigation by engineers which cost more than one million dollars. With Knoxville as the center, the huge proposition calls for a series of locks and dams which would create 4,000,000 horsepower of electricity, control floods over a vast area of low lands and provide storage basins for water that would contain billions upon billions of gallons of water.

Waters backed up the French Broad river would cover all that area from Biltmore to Rosman, including the Mills River section, Fletcher, Arden, through Cane Creek, and reaching Hendersonville through the streams flowing by that town. In fact, the map shows that Hendersonville would be a lake city, if not actually covered by water.

Because of the heavy rainfall in Transylvania county, greater by far than in any other section of Western North Carolina, and because this is the furthest point in the proposed gigantic plan, it is believed that first work would be started on the Biltmore dam, should the government actually begin the great task. A study of the map is an interesting one, and any citizen may see at this office.

The War Department announces that report will be made to congress

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## HUNDREDS ATTEND OPENING OF RANCH

Blue Ridge Fox Ranch Center Of Attraction Over Week-End

Hundreds of people attended the "open house" event of the Blue Ridge Fox Ranch last Saturday and Sunday, despite the fact that heavy rains fell, and it is said that many more would have been in attendance had the weather been fair. The place is not now closed to the public, and any one so desiring can be shown through the ranch on any day of the week. Great interest was taken in the opening of this new enterprise, which means much to this section.

There are forty foxes on the ranch now, with more scheduled to arrive at an early date. Twenty of the bunch are the silver fox, while the others are of the blue fox family. The whole state is taking notice of the fox ranch, and the efforts of Mr. Homer E. Whitmire to make it one of the leading enterprises of the state. The fact that the United States government has classified this particular section as being in absolute keeping, climatically speaking, with Prince Edward Island in Canada, is sufficient reason for the state of North Carolina to bring its proposed fur-bearing ranch to this county. It had been planned by the state authorities to establish its ranch in Randolph county, so as to be in the center of the state. But that section being entirely unsuited to the life of fur-bearing animals, and this section being classed with the most highly favored section in North America, it is now believed that the state enterprise will be established in Transylvania county.

All people who were at the ranch on opening days report great interest in the proposition, and predict that it will soon assume proportions as a business enterprise which will place it among the leading assets of the state.

### DEER SEASON CUT SHORT ANNOUNCED BY ENGLAND

Announcement is made that the deer season in Western North Carolina will open on November 1 and close on December 31. This ruling chops off one month of the deer season here.

## EFFORTS MADE TO ABANDON DEPOTS IN THIS COUNTY

Corporation Commissioner W. T. Lee In Brevard for the Hearing

### STRONG OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL MADE HERE

Would Close the Penrose and Cherryfield Stations— Railway Criticised

Hearing was held last Thursday before Hon. W. T. Lee, member of the Corporation Commission, on application of the Southern Railway company to close the station at Penrose and at Cherryfield. Superintendent Cooper, of the Asheville Division, with his assistants were to present figures intended to substantiate the company's contention that the stations should be closed.

Opposition was voiced by several citizens, with Attorney A. F. Mitchell leading the fight. Determined opposition developed as the case proceeded, and it was brought to the attention of the commission that Brevard had already suffered the loss of several of its families when the Southern Railway company changed the "lay over" from Brevard to Hendersonville, forcing the train crews to move to Hendersonville.

Further objection was based upon the fact that people in Transylvania are trying to build up this community, and felt that it should have the cooperation of the railway company rather than be forced to suffer on account of reactionary movements as proposed. It was pointed out to the commissioner that this county voted bonds, and the tax payers are still paying interest on these bonds, for construction of the lines in this county, and the citizens feel that the Southern Railway company should not make any further reductions in its activities here, but, on the other hand, should be working hand in glove with the citizens of the county in building up business here and increasing activity of the community.

Mr. Lee took the matter under advisement, and it is expected that he will make announcement of his findings at an early date.

## GOSSIP FROM THE STATE CAPITAL IS NEWS OF INTEREST

Governor Preparing Report To Be Submitted to the Legislature

### LARGE CASH BALANCE SHOWN BY REPORTS

Governorship Race for 1932 Holding Center of Stage Just Now

Raleigh, Sept. 24—The North Carolina Tobacco Relief Association, if organization is completed and operation carried out as planned by Governor Gardner, can double the tobacco prices within a month, resulting in saving the state's growers from impending bankruptcy and bringing millions of dollars into the State, prominent business men claim. Headed by a man, such as Frank Page, Felix Harvey, or another in whom the people have confidence, it could sign up 200,000,000 pounds, about half of the North Carolina crop, within two weeks, and if held from the market two weeks, would result in twice the price paid so far this season, it is claimed.

Since North Carolina grows about one-fourth of the tobacco of the nation and one-fourth of the crop withheld indefinitely can dictate the price of the entire crop, the association, with the help of the Federal Farm Board, can practically demand its own price. The manufacturers are not taking such great profits as it seems, the big profits being in stock turnovers, and the people generally would stand for an increase of one cent a package in cigarettes, if by doing the growers were assured of double their present prices for the leaf, and the manufacturers would readily give such assurance, it is believed.

If the organization is carried out as planned, it will make this the greatest achievement of the Gardner Administration, for it will in reality save the State's tobacco growers. In accordance with the action taken at the meeting the week before, Governor Gardner has named an executive committee of the organization

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## Chamber of Commerce Is Completely Free of Debts

### COOKING SCHOOL IS GREAT SUCCESS

Large Number of Ladies Pleas-ed With Work of Mrs. Pate

Large numbers of interested ladies attended the cooking school conducted here last week under the joint sponsorship of the Bon Marche and The Brevard News. Mrs. Mae I. Pate, of the Bon Marche, is a most instructive lecturer on cooking, and many expressions were heard by the Brevard ladies commending the Asheville woman's work while here.

Among the merchants and business houses cooperating with the cooking school were the A. and P., furnishing the groceries for demonstration purposes; the Southern Public Utilities company, with the popular Kelvinator used for keeping foods fresh; the Brevard Banking company, in stressing the importance of budgeting household expenses; Pughell's and the Morris Footwear Department; Houston Furniture company, in providing the famous Hooser Kitchen Cabinet as demonstration of convenience to the housewife; the Asheville Baking company, furnishing bread for the demonstration, having a supply of the popular Butter-Krust bread for the school, and The City Market, with meats for demonstration at the school.

Wm. O. Barrett, of Asheville, had charge of the cooking school, and expressed appreciation of the manner in which Brevard people responded to the efforts put forth to stage a real cooking school here.

Miss Katherine Griffin won the grand prize, an electric iron, while the child's prize, a small electric iron, was won by Patsy Grimshaw.

### OWEN FAMILY WILL HOLD BIG REUNION

Organization of the Owen Family Reunion has been perfected by a committee recently appointed for this purpose, and the first meeting of the Owen Reunion will be held at the Silverstein school house in Gloucester on Saturday, October 25, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Organization reports, singing, speaking, a picnic dinner, and renewing old acquaintances and making new ones will be the order of the day. Election of officers will be a feature of the program of the first session.

John Owen and wife were the first family of that name to settle in these mountains, and now the name is legion. The Owen family is one of the largest and most influential in all this great section, and friends of the family expect the Owen Reunion soon to assume great proportions. All relatives, by blood and marriage, are expected to attend this first reunion, and all friends of the Owen family are invited to spend the day with their friends at the reunion.

Rev. Jesse C. Owen, grand-son of the pioneer John Owen, acted as chairman of the committee in perfecting plans for the first meeting and for the organization of the reunion. Hundreds of people are expected to attend the meeting on October 25.

### P. T. A. TO HOLD PICNIC ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

With a good crowd expected, the ladies of the Parent-Teacher Association are making preparation for the annual picnic of the organization, which will be held Friday at Rockbrook Camp. The parents and teachers are urged to meet at the Grammar School building promptly at 4 p.m. Friday. All the parents who have cars are urged to bring them along but those who don't have cars are asked to come just the same, as transportation will be provided for them.

The supper is to be served early in order that those who wish to attend church services may do so.

### BARRETT TO SPEAK AT CRUSO FRIDAY

James F. Barrett, republican nominee for the office of state senator, will formally open his campaign at a big rally to be held at Cruso, in Haywood county, Friday evening of this week. A string band will make music for the occasion. Prof. Chas. F. Owen, Haywood republican candidate for the legislature, will appear with the Brevard man, and direct his address to problems that are purely local in Haywood county. Several friends of the Brevard man in this county plan to attend the meeting. Cruso is across Pisgah Mountain from Brevard, on Highway 28.

### MEETING TUESDAY HEARD REPORT OF GLADSOME NATURE

Last Note Cancelled, Framed and Perched on Secretary's Desk

### MUCH BUSINESS AWAITS ACTION BY THE BOARD

Would Establish Colony for Writers and Authors In This County

"Brevard has the only Chamber of Commerce in the world that is completely out of debt," is the belief expressed by Mayor T. W. Whitmire, president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting of the directors Tuesday night. The last note that was owed by the organization had been paid, stamped paid, placed in a pretty frame and now perched on top of the secretary's desk in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Plans were discussed for getting down to real business for this community at Tuesday night's meeting. The body went deeply into debt during the real estate boom, when a thousand dollars was an insignificant item in the minds of the people here, and when stock was taken after the slump, it was found that the Chamber of Commerce owed considerable money. This now has all been paid off, and in addition to this, thousands of dollars have been spent in advertising the community and in bringing tourists here. "It has been a remarkable four years' work," some members declared Tuesday evening. With all debts paid, it is believed that much more efficient work can be done for the community.

At the meeting to be held two weeks from Tuesday evening, many important matters will come up for consideration and possible action. It is reported that inquiries for real estate, including farms, homes, home sites, factory sites, hunting preserves, fishing lands, and so on, are being received every day. These inquiries are to be answered. One lady is desiring suitable location, back from the main highway, where a writers' and authors' colony may be established. This would bring Brevard into print in a tremendously big way.

### FOOTBALL SQUAD IN GAME FRIDAY

Will Go To Weaverville for First Game of Season— Schedule Announced

People of the town who expect to attend the football games away from home are requested to make room in their cars for some of the players. The team is not using the school bus this year, and must find means of transportation to and from the games, when playing out of town. Word to Coach Tilson or Capt. Glenn Miller as to number of players that can be carried will be greatly appreciated.

Brevard High School will open the football season with Weaverville High at Weaverville Friday afternoon. With every position on the team being sought after by two or more huskies, prospects look fine for a winning team here. Practically the same backfield combination as that of last year seems certain to win out for positions. Although in the line several new faces are there may be a switch on Friday, showing up and working hard for place. One of the outstanding new men is Langdon English, who is making a bid for glory; Henry Erwin working hard to beat Doby Lance out of center, and other places not yet assigned, being doubtful.

Several new plays have been put to work by Coach Tilson, and with the aggressive spirit being shown by the large number of candidates, Brevard fans can well anticipate a good season.

Following is the schedule: Sept. 26—Weaverville, there. Oct. 3—Blue Ridge, here. Oct. 10—Pending. Oct. 17—Grace High, there. Oct. 24—Christ School, there. Oct. 31—Canton High, there. Nov. 7—Mars Hill, there. Nov. 14—Pending. Nov. 21—Pending. Nov. 26—Hendersonville, here.

### ALEXANDER TO HAVE CHARGE OF KIWANIS ON THURSDAY

Rev. R. L. Alexander will have charge of the Kiwanis program this Thursday at noon. The meeting will be held at Shipman's Cafe.

### MASONS TO MAKE PLANS FOR EVENT

Plans will be made at the meeting of Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge, to be held this Friday evening, for the great home-coming event to be staged in October. It is hoped to have every member of the lodge present for this great event, which was started last year and proved so tremendously successful that it was decided to make it an annual affair. Invitations are to be sent to all former members of the lodge who have demitted to other lodges, and have them present. In addition, officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina will be present for the occasion.

The home-coming event will begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 6 o'clock a dinner will be served, like that of last year, when the Eastern Star prepared a dinner that is still talked about in Masonic circles. Then, after the dinner, the Master's Degree will be conferred. Plans for the day will be made this Friday night, and all members who are interested in the work are urged to be present and take part in making arrangements for the big event to be held next month.

### BREVARD MEN ON COLLEGE BOARD

Presbyterian laymen and ministers from Brevard and vicinity are among the members of the General Committee of the King College Campaign of Completion. It was learned from the campaign headquarters in Bristol today. Rev. R. L. Alexander and J. A. Miller will represent Brevard.

Members of this General Committee will gather at Bristol next Thursday, September 25, for a big educational rally to mark the official launching of the campaign to complete the college standardization fund.

Sam R. Sells, of Johnson City, general chairman of the campaign, will preside at the session which will begin at 12 o'clock with the serving of dinner in the college dining room. A program of inspiration and education will follow.

This is expected to be one of the most important educational gatherings in the history of the Synod of Appalachia, and prominent lay and ministerial leaders will be among the speakers. Between 200 and 300 persons are expected to attend.

## South Carolina Now Paving Link to Connect with N. C. at Caesar's Head

Since work was started by the North Carolina Highway commission on the Brevard-Caesar's Head highway, the South Carolina people have revised their road-building program, and will at once begin paving the link between Marietta and the North Carolina line, at Caesar's Head, thus giving a direct completed route from Brevard to Greenville. North Carolina people are most appreciative of this activity on the part of the sister state. Heretofore, the only paved road from the south, through Greenville, was one to Hendersonville. With this link paved by South Carolina, and the completion on the North Carolina side, thousands of automobiles will come this route now, instead of going on the former route from Greenville to Hendersonville.

In telling about the plans, the Greenville News published the following article:

Contract for paving the Marietta-Caesar's Head road from end of the present hard surfacing to the North Carolina line and for relocating certain portions of the Greer highway on the mountain will be awarded at the November letting of contracts by

the State Highway department, and the project completed in time for next summer's traffic it was announced yesterday by W. A. Floyd, local member of the State Highway commission, following a meeting of that body Wednesday night in Columbia.

Decision of the commission gives definite assurance that work on the highway will proceed in the near future, and is the first official action designating the route for paving. Under the original highway act, the road was designated for surface treatment, but unofficial understanding for some months had been that hard surface would be substituted.

Floyd Secures Change Mr. Floyd's influence was instrumental in securing action for hard surfacing on the route. He pointed out that the unusually heavy traffic over the highway, especially during summer months, and the steep grade encountered on the mountain made concrete the only satisfactory and permanent surfacing.

Work will proceed immediately after contract is let in November, and paving of the lower end of the road

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