

## Transylvania County In Line to Get Large Portion of Federal Aid Money

### GOVERNMENT TO SPEND HUGE SUMS ON FOREST ROADS

National Forests in This County Due for Big Share of Funds

### GREATEST U. S. SCENIC HIGHWAY WOULD RESULT

Hard Surface Road from Caesar's Head to Pisgah Would Enrich This County

Transylvania county stands to win much from the Federal government's relief fund for road construction, providing we have leadership here able to make proper effort to obtain the proportionate part that this county should have.

The fund of \$116,000,000 appropriation by congress for road work is divided as follows:

Federal aid to highway systems, \$80,000,000. Of this amount the state as a whole would come in for its share.

The items of particular interest to Transylvania county are in the following provisions.

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| Highways in National Forests         | \$3,000,000  |
| Roads and trails in National Forests | 3,000,000    |
| Roads in unreserved public lands     | 3,000,000    |
| Roads and trails in National parks   | 1,500,000    |
| Total                                | \$10,500,000 |

There is, then, a sum of ten millions of dollars to be spent in no place except in national forests and parks. This places Transylvania in splendid line for receipt of a large part of this fund. It means that hard-surfacing of Highway No. 84, which runs through the Pisgah National Forest, could be accomplished now, if proper effort is made to obtain this county's great proportionate part of this Federal fund. It means that trails could be built throughout the forest reserve. It means that sufficient activity could be started here that would absorb practically all idle labor in this section.

But the great good is not confined to this immediate relief for the unemployed. South Carolina is paving that link of highway from the Greenville road to the state line, this side of Caesar's Head. North Carolina is now hard-surfacing 284 from the state line into Brevard. With the government completing this link by hard-surfacing this great highway on through Pisgah National Forest, connecting with Waynesville, the nation's greatest scenic highway would be completed. Starting at the foot of the mountain near Greenville, climbing to Caesar's Head, passing through Cedar Mountain, following the winding way down by Dunn's Rock, crossing the Sylvan Valley, passing through Brevard, and then beginning the climb through Pisgah National Forest to the top of Pisgah Mountain, and on into the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, this highway would soon become the most

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## BANK EXAMINERS TO REPORT SOON

Individual Depositors Asked to Call at Bank for Statements Saturday

Examiners in charge of the affairs of the defunct Brevard Banking company expect to complete their work in the bank some time next week, and then as soon as reports can be made up, submitted to proper authorities and given the o. k., complete details of the affairs of the bank will be filed with the clerk of the court.

Depositors who had accounts in the savings department were called upon last Saturday and Monday to take their pass books to the bank for verification of accounts.

Individual depositors are asked to call next Saturday and Monday, and get their statements. Same hours will be observed, from 9 in the morning to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Speculation is rife as to the amount that can be realized in liquidation of the bank. Some men who are in position to know about its affairs are confident that the bank can be made to pay almost one hundred cents on the dollar of deposits. Other reports are to the effect that the loss will prove to be a tremendous figure. All agree, however, that it all depends upon the man selected as liquidation agent, as to the amount that will be collected and paid to the depositors and creditors of the bank.

## FEDERAL AGENTS SWOOP DOWN UPON THIS COMMUNITY

Gathering Nearly Half Hundred Men and Women on Liquor Charges

### RESULT OF RECENT WORK OF UNDER-COVER MEN

All Bound to Federal Court by United States Commissioner Hampton

In the wee small hours of Wednesday morning, a group of government agents swooped down upon the peaceful Sylvan Valley, spread over hilltop and mountainside, and as the sun peeped its first peep of the new day over the towering peak of See-Off, the trek toward the jail house door was begun. The perfectly planned county raid was directed by Deputy Prohibition Agent J. E. Kanipe and Deputy Marshals J. M. Padgett and W. F. Swann.

United States Commissioner A. E. Hampton had just moved into his new offices on News Arcade, and throughout the morning men and women were arraigned before him, some giving bond for appearance at Federal court in Asheville, May term, while those unable to give bond were placed in the Transylvania county jail. Automobiles were chasing hither and thither, and every few minutes new arrests were made. Late in the afternoon Commissioner Hampton moved his place of business to the office in the county jail, where those who had been locked up could be given preliminary hearing without having to be brought out and across the town to the commissioner's office.

Genuine surprise was expressed when many of those gathered in the round-up were brought before the commissioner. There were men in the group that but few people in Brevard ever dreamed were dealing in any way in the liquor traffic. Those given hearings up to 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, and bound over to Federal court, are as follows:

Otto Pettitt, M. A. Pettitt, Mrs. M. A. Pettitt, Mrs. Oma Norris, Fred Smith alias Brad Smith, Emmett Reece, Mrs. Emmett Reece, Tom Lyman Galloway, Jesse Chapman, Bertha Chapman, Cole Pangle, M. N. Hensley, W. J. Owen, Lust Perry, Mrs. Lust Perry, Mrs. J. L. Platt, Sam Jordan, Hubert Clayton, Henry Collins, Bert McKunkins, George L. Orr, Mrs. George L. Orr, Mark O'Shields, Riley Pressley, Frank Fisher, R. V. Allison, Dewey Allison, Mitchell Aiken, Bobby Fisher, Bergin Ray, Henry Thomas, colored, Will Bennett, colored.

Prohibition agents were still working Wednesday night when The Brevard News went to press, and it is not known at this time whether or not there are any more arrests to be made. It is said that several men made a get-away when it became known Wednesday morning that the bout was on and the boxing furious.

While much jocular remarks were made throughout the day, it was eas-

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## MANY SENTENCED IN COUNTY COURT

Defendants in General County court were given stiff sentences during the week, Walter Pierson getting 30 days for violation of the prohibition laws, while Thomas Jordan was hired out to work at the county home for four months on charges of issuing worthless checks. J. B. Owen was given 60 days. Elzie Heath was fined \$25 for public drunkenness.

W. H. Hensley got a fine of \$15 and costs for violating liquor laws.

H. W. Barton submitted to a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and prayer for judgment was continued. This case grew out of the "celebration" on the night of the election, when great crowds of people were on the streets, and much fighting was engaged in, it is said. True bills were found against H. W. Barton and Ulysses Barton, the latter being found not guilty. It is believed that other indictments will follow in connection with the conduct of the crowds during the time it is alleged that Barton was carrying a concealed weapon. Alfred Anderson, colored, is to work six months in payment of assault with deadly weapon. Anderson was charged with slashing a colored woman across the breast with a knife.

Court will be in session Thursday.

### MASONS TO MEET FRIDAY

Regular communication of Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the lodge rooms.

## KIZER TO ATTEND RALEIGH MEETING

Board Names County Attorney Brees to Collect Back Taxes

County commissioners in regular session Monday gave up most of the day to hearing appeals for present relief, there being many more applications for assistance than at any previous meeting of the board. But little work was done except the routine, as the board is awaiting report of the bank examiners before taking action on the great financial problems facing the county.

Alex Kizer, county accountant, was named by the board as its representative to attend any meetings at Raleigh that may be necessary in drafting legislation enabling the county to refinance its indebtedness.

O. L. Erwin, chairman, was delegated by the board to value the lands held by the Champion Fibre company, lying in Gloucester township.

The tax assessors will not begin work on revaluation of the property of the county until the first Monday in February. Blanks for this work had not been received from Raleigh, and it is necessary that Chairman Lyday and his assistants have these blanks before beginning the work.

Wm. E. Brees, county attorney, was named by the board to collect all back taxes, and to receive for these services 12 1/2 per cent of such collections.

The board adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman, and it is expected that the commissioners will be called upon to devote much of their time during the next several weeks to a solution of the serious problems facing the county.

## COUNTY COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

Opened Monday Morning with Solicitor W. E. Moretz for the State

General County Court convened Monday morning, and W. E. Moretz, elected in November to the office of solicitor of the court, was sworn into office. Judge D. L. English faced a big docket, including both criminal and civil cases.

Much interest was attached to the opening of court Monday, as the county commissioners at the December meeting abolished the court by resolution, to become effective on the first of January. Another resolution was adopted by the county commissioners reducing the salaries of the judge and solicitor of the county court to \$5 a month. Several citizens were gathered about the court house Monday to see what the outcome would be. Court opened, however, and proceeded with the hearing of cases.

Reports are current on the streets that W. M. Henry, Legislative member from this county, will make effort to abolish the county court by legislative enactment. Opinion is divided as to the ability of Mr. Henry to abolish the county court here without an act that would abolish all the county courts in the state.

Judge D. L. English made no reference to the action of the county commissioners, however, and proceeded with the work of the court in usual manner.

Solicitor Moretz was highly complimented by several people for the splendid manner in which he conducted the state's business in the opening cases.

### HENRY RESIGNS AS MEMBER OF BREVARD TOWN COUNCIL

W. M. Henry, now in Raleigh as representative from this county, resigned during December as a member of the town council. No successor has been named as yet.

## BUSINESS IS GOOD IN BREVARD NOW

Business is good in Brevard—and this is no "bull."

And there's a reason for this great fact.

There is more money in Transylvania county now than at any one time since the bursting of the real estate bubble.

Merchants are selling goods cheaper than at any time since 1914, or three years before the World War.

Look at Pushell's double page!

Look at Plummer's statement!

Look at the Nobby Shop offerings!

Look at Carl McCrary's tire prices!

Read these advertisements, and then you will know why business is good in Brevard. People know to buy when bargains are floating about—and there are real, genuine bargains being offered now.

## TOWN'S NOTES HELD AS COLLATERAL BY OUTSIDE BANKERS

Brevard's Financial Condition More Critical Than Was First Thought

### TOWN OFFICIALS RESENT BREVARD BANK ACTION

Say Bank Should Not Have Put Up Town's Notes as Collateral

Developments during the week in local financial affairs resulting from the closing of the Brevard Banking company brings to light the fact that the town of Brevard is not only caught with a deposit of \$80,000.00 unsecured, but the town's notes of \$16,000.00, given to the Brevard bank, are now in other hands, and the holders are making demand upon the town for payment of these notes. While the mayor and members of the board of aldermen expressed surprise when it was discovered that no security had been put up by the bank for the \$80,000 deposits, still greater consternation and downright indignation was expressed when it came to light that the bank had "soaked" the town's notes as collateral in borrowing from other banks.

The \$80,000 on deposit was the remaining amount from the sale of bonds to Magnus & Company of Cincinnati, secured in the town's financing plan. This transaction was made in the early spring of 1929, but the sale was not completed until some time in June of 1930. At that time the bond house notified the town officials that the money was being sent to the Brevard Banking company, to be placed to the credit of the town. The town officials had an agreement in writing from officers of the bank to furnish satisfactory collateral for this money. The matter of selecting this collateral, it is said, was placed in the hands of the finance committee of the town. W. M. Henry was chairman of this committee, with Messrs. Kilpatrick and Macfie as members. It is said that Mr. Henry was delegated by the committee to arrange the collateral security with the bank.

This was never done. Mr. Henry, while chairman of the finance committee of the town council, was also a member of the board of directors of the Brevard Banking company. Mr. Henry, before leaving for Raleigh last week where he is sitting as a member of the

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## LOUIS WHITMIRE IS GIVEN PAROLE

Louis Whitmire, of Rosman, was granted parole from the State penitentiary where he has been serving time for the past three years, by Governor Gardner on Tuesday of this week. Whitmire was represented by T. Coleman Galloway, Brevard lawyer and former state senator from this district. Mr. Galloway has been working for a long time on the parole, and had the assistance, it is said, of some of the leading men and women of the county, including several officers.

Whitmire is expected to return to his home here within a few days. He was convicted in Superior court for the murder of Tom Masters.

### SOLICITOR MORETZ OPENS OFFICE ON NEWS ARCADE

W. E. Moretz, solicitor of the General County court, has opened law offices in the building formerly occupied by the Brevard Power & Light company, on News Arcade. The offices of A. E. Hampton, United States Commissioner, are now located in the offices occupied by Mr. Moretz.

### TOWN TAX ASSESSORS ARE NAMED BY TOWN COUNCIL

N. A. Miller, G. D. Shuford and Judson McCrary have been named tax assessors for the town of Brevard, with Mr. Miller acting as tax supervisor. These appointments were made in December by the town council.

## NEW BANK MAY BE OPENED HERE SOON

Plans for organization of a new bank in Brevard are being pushed as rapidly as possible, it is said, under the existing circumstances. Nothing definite can be stated just now, but the condition is such that the bank may open within the next ten days, or certain elements may be injected into the proposition which could easily delay the matter indefinitely.

All citizens are agreed that the community's recovery depends entirely upon the opening of a bank here, and because of its serious need, the hope is expressed in all quarters that all "little" things may be laid aside, and the work of organizing the bank, for the community's good, become the sole object of all right thinking and patriotic citizens.

## Request to Be Made for Local Man for Bank Job

### ORGANIZATION OF A WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Said To Be About Complete—Would Take Interest in All Public Affairs

Announcement is soon to be made, it is said, that the women of the town and county will perfect an organization of a "Woman's League," county-wide, on the plan as that operating in Buncombe county, for the purpose of taking part in public affairs of town and county. Hurried plans are being made, it is said, because of the fact that the legislature is now in session, and it is proposed through this organization to assist Representative Henry in obtaining whatever legislation is needed, and also to see to it that no legislation is enacted that will be harmful to the town and county.

Another purpose of the proposed organization of women is said to demand to know from the representative at Raleigh every bill of a local nature that is introduced at the present session, with expressed determination to inform the people of the county of such legislation before it is enacted.

It is said that the women of the town and county, realizing that homes are threatened and schools may have to cease their activities, are determined to take part in all public matters in the future, hence this organization as outlined will be permanent.

Announcement of the date of the first organization meeting will be made, it is said, within a day or so.

## DONALD LEE MOORE GIVEN NEW HONORS

Donald Lee Moore, Brevard's composer, has brought additional honors to the town in that his recent composition, "Cradle Song," will be heard over the Columbia Broadcasting system on January 20, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The "Cradle Song" will be played at that time by Emery Deutsch and the Columbia Salon orchestra, and the number will be dedicated to Miss Margaret Wilson, of West Asheville.

W. W. C. is on the Columbia chain, and it is safe to predict that all radios in this town and county will be on that station on the morning of the 20th, as the people of the community feel much pride in the accomplishments of young Mr. Moore, whose compositions are often used as features over the Columbia system.

### TO RESUME THE ROSMAN PAGE AT EARLY DATE, IT IS HOPED

On account of having to reduce and curtail and cut down on every expense possible, The Brevard News has had to drop the Rosman page for a few weeks. It is hoped that plans will soon be perfected for resumption of that part of the work. It is probable that Rosman News will start up again next week.

## SCHOOLS RESUME WORK OVER COUNTY

All schools of the county resumed work last Monday morning, following the Christmas vacation, and reports are to the effect that unusually hard work is being done in the school room. Resumption of school work, with children going and coming about their school work, has done much in causing business operations to take on greater activity than has been noted since the closing of the bank in the middle of December.

One school official has stated that the distressing financial conditions have caused a more serious thought among teachers and students, hence the noticeable hard work being done in the school room. County officials and leading citizens are constantly engaged in planning for continuous operation of the schools through the remaining term.

### NOT MEANING TO WORRY YOU, BUT PLEASE DO BEST YOU CAN

Good people, those of you who can spare a dollar—or fifty cents—or a quarter—on your subscription, will be doing this newspaper a great favor to send it in just now. It is not our intention to cut a single subscriber from the list because of inability to pay just now, for these times will soon pass away, and good times are coming. Yet, it is necessary that we have sufficient money with which to buy paper, ink, power, lights, pay the printers, taxes, insurance, interest, rent, postage, telephone, telegraph, freight, express, and a dozen other things absolutely essential to the work. So do your best, and we'll thank you.

## SENTIMENT GROWS FOR LIQUIDATION AGENT FROM TOWN

Many Citizens Express Belief That Local Man Should Be Named

### WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS

Therefore Could Render Much Greater Assistance to the People of Community

Sentiment in the town and county is rapidly crystallizing for appointment of a local man to have charge of liquidating the affairs of the Brevard Banking company. Argument is being made that the man who does this work ought to be a man who knows local conditions, local people and their ability to pay up their notes in the bank. It is being said that a man from the outside will not be familiar with conditions existing here, and cannot, in the very nature of things, exercise the patience and judgment necessary to enable the men of the community to work out of their difficulties.

It is believed that most of those who are indebted to the bank will pay up, in full, which will further guarantee a larger payment to the depositors. But to do this, practically every man whose notes are held by the bank must have time in which to work out of the hole, and make gradual payment of his indebtedness. It is argued that a man from another section will not be willing to remain in Brevard for the length of time necessary to make gradual clean-up of these notes, hence will make demands upon people that cannot be met, and which will result in loss of homes, business, ruined professions and advertised farms.

The Brevard News is publishing herewith the statements of citizens made to the paper, expressing views of others on the importance of procuring a local man as liquidating officer, or agent. These statements reflect the sentiment of the community.

### FROM MR. PENLETON

Experience is said to be a good teacher, and out of experience in three previous bank failures—some of catastrophic proportions—I am led to suggest that by all means the depositors of the Brevard Banking company organize for protection and liquidation.

The assets—whatever they be—are now ours, not "theirs." The only hope for those savings accounts and others is in a proper, patient, honest liquidation—aside from all sinister influences. This can usually better be done by a local man employed by the depositors and subject to them—as well as to the state laws. Such a man could take time, and economically settle and collect. No lawyers needed perhaps—unless in special suits.

One of those defunct allowed to run my experience paid 85 percent finally. Others some less, but all so far as I remember by local appointees paid.

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## BUREAU PLANS FOR GREATER SERVICE

Determined to Do All Possible for Progress of the Community

With every evidence of determination to resume not only its former activities for the community, but to do even greater work in the future, the Woman's Bureau met last Monday and frankly discussed plans by which the organization may best serve the interests of Brevard and Transylvania county. The bureau had intended to hold an election of officers at Monday's meeting, but this matter was postponed in order that the time might be devoted to the more important work of serving a community that is so sorely in need of just such service as the bureau is capable of rendering.

The Woman's Bureau has been of tremendous worth to the community, and because of existing conditions, and because of existing conditions, the services of this organization are more important now than ever before. Hence, it is said that the bureau will exert every influence in behalf of the community that can be brought to bear upon the section's progress.

At the conclusion of the business session Monday Mrs. Beasley read a paper on the "Legend of the State Flower—The Passion Flower"—that was greatly enjoyed by all present. It is believed that the bureau will soon enroll many new members, and officers and leaders in the movement are looking to 1931 as promising to be the banner year in history of the organization.