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DEBT PAYING PLAN NOW IN OPERATION IN TRANSYLVANIA

Oliver H. Orr at Pisgah Bank To Certify Checks, Which Will Be for \$5.00

MOVEMENT SPONSORED BY MINISTERS OF TOWN

Plan Expected to Be of Tremendous Value—To Circulate Like Money

Brevard will begin circulating the "Golden Rule Debt Paying Plan" check this week, as a result of action taken at a mass meeting held in the court house Tuesday night. The call for the mass meeting was issued by the Amsterdial Association. Mayor Whitmore presided at the mass meeting, and Rev. Walter West and Noah Hottelwell, of Hendersonville, were invited speakers, giving first hand information as to the operation of this plan, Hendersonville having had the plan in effect for the past month.

Checks of 50 denomination will be issued by Oliver H. Orr, of the Pisgah Industrial Bank, to any citizen of the town or county who will deposit five dollars. The check cannot be cashed by Mr. Orr until 25 endorsements have been entered upon the back of the check. This makes one five dollar bill pay \$125 debts, or purchase that amount of merchandise. The checks are good only in Transylvania county, and no one is expected to keep the check in his or her possession more than 24 hours.

It is believed the plan will be of tremendous value to the town and county, as it will enable the people here to clear up their indebtedness to one another, and provide a substitute for money, an article that is somewhat scarce about here just now. The principle of the plan is to keep the checks going. As soon as a man goes to the bank, deposits \$5 and obtains this certified check from Mr. Orr he is expected to pass it along

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HUNDRED MEN NOW AT WORK ON ROADS IN PISGAH FOREST

Minimum Wage of 30 Cents an Hour Being Paid on That Job

GOOD WAGES ESSENTIAL TO SOUND CONDITIONS

Citizens Express Hope That State Highway Commission Will Make Increase

More than one hundred men are already employed on the highway work being started by the United States Government in the Pisgah National Forest, and just as soon as tools can be purchased and other details worked out, another group will be put to work.

Mr. Charles L. Dunn, in charge of the work in the National Forest, is optimistic about the improvements to be made in the roads and trails. Mr. Dunn announced that decision has been reached to pay the workers a minimum of 30 cents an hour, it being the government's policy now to not only improve its roadways, but offer relief to the jobless, and there is not much relief offered in low wages, hence the decision to make 30 cents an hour the minimum. This, too, is in keeping with President Hoover's assertion in the very beginning of the spread of economic depression—that the wage level should be kept up.

Many citizens express hope that the state highway commission will follow suit, and make 30 cents the minimum on the state work. It is pointed out that good wages make good times, and low wages are of but little use in creating good conditions, even when there is no depression or lack of employment.

One camp is being maintained in the Pisgah Forest, while many men come from miles about to work. On one job, Mr. Dunn reports, the government had not received working tools, and the men were so anxious to begin work that they brought their own tools and started the job.

Laws To Better Safeguard All Public Funds Offered in the House

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The special judge act now in effect has been introduced again, providing that the governor shall appoint four special judges, two from the east and two from the west, and may, if necessity exists, appoint two others, one from the east, the other from the west, to assist the 20 regular judges of the Superior Court.

The Guilford county court clerk incident, in which W. M. Cant was sentenced for using funds from Confederate veterans pension checks, is doubtless responsible for the bill which requires the state auditor to furnish annually lists of all pensioners to the Bureau of Vital Statistics and to check the pension rolls with the register of vital statistics "to prevent wrongful collection of pensions."

A move to prevent mob violence is seen in a bill which would require that a person charged with a capital crime or attempted rape be confined in a jail of another county than the one in which the alleged crime was committed or in the state penitentiary.

Two worthless check law amendments have been introduced, one limiting the punishment for issuing a worthless check not over \$50 to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, and another to make it unlawful for the officers issuing or serving warrants to act as collecting agents for the payee named in the check.

A bill to better safeguard city and county funds deposited in banks or other depositories, by requiring a surety bond, or government, city or county bonds, or other security approved by the State Sinking Fund Commission, as collateral, has been dropped into the hopper.

An illegal punch board or slot machine is defined in a bill introduced as one which does not produce or give to the person putting in coins a return in market value every time a coin is placed in it.

The General Assembly, which is now getting down to business, turned aside Monday night to celebrate the anniversaries of the births of General Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. Friday night the members and their wives were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bland at a reception at the Sir Walter Hotel and Thursday in joint session the members heard an address by Mark Sullivan, internationally known writer, who spoke at the Prens Institute at Chapel Hill that night.

Senator John A. McRae, Mecklenburg, introduced a bill in the Senate which is the established and recognized uniform extradition law, approved by the committee of the American Bar Association. It would establish a uniform method of extraditing fugitives of the law in one state who had sought refuge in another.

Your Town Needs You

Urgent call is issued by town authorities for people to make immediate payment of water rents.

It is, in fact, an appeal to the patriotism of the citizens of the town.

The town's credit and good name may suffer, if this appeal is not heeded.

Interest on town bonds were due on January first, and through strenuous efforts of town officials an extension of time for a few days has been granted.

If this interest is not paid, the town defaults, and serious consequences might result.

Water rents are now due—some of it past due. These sums will save the town, hence the appeal of the town authorities to the citizens to make immediate payment.

Let every patriotic citizen give this matter immediate attention. Town Clerk H. H. Patton will gladly explain the circumstances to any citizen.

The need is urgent. Ready response is imperative.

TODAY is the proper time, and the patriotic citizens who pay water rents NOW, will be rendering the town of Brevard a really big service.

EFFORTS MADE TO OPEN COTTON MILLS

New Plan Negotiated by Mr. Silversteen, Well Under Way Here

Negotiations for the purchase and operation of the Sapphire Cotton Mill are progressing in a manner most satisfactory to those who are making effort to complete the details. Several citizens met Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at the call of Jos. S. Silversteen, and held conference with Messrs. Norwood and Geer, of Greenville. A plan was adopted by this group which, if it materializes, the mill will be in operation within the next few weeks.

Mr. Norwood is a banker of Greenville, while Mr. Geer is best known as a textile manufacturer. All citizens in the group were highly elated over the prospects, and especially pleased that the plan, if adopted by the community, which places Mr. Geer as president of the Sapphire Mill.

A committee composed of H. A. Plummer, A. H. Houston, O. L. Erwin, F. E. B. Jenkins and James F. Barrett was appointed to work out details of the plan, and, with Messrs. Norwood and Geer, complete the plan. This committee will, it is believed, complete its work within a few days.

Many expressions of gratitude to Mr. Silversteen for his interest in this work have been heard since the meeting, for it is said that the entire plan was conceived and started on its course by him. Re-opening of the mill would provide employment for many people who have been without work for more than a year.

LOCAL MANAGER IS LEAVING BREVARD

W. H. Underwood, for the past four and one-half years manager of the Main street store of the A. & P. company, has resigned his position, and will soon leave Brevard. H. E. Moffitt has been named to succeed Mr. Underwood, and is now in charge of the business.

Mr. Underwood is not decided as to his next place of business, as he is considering two or three offers that he has received. The Underwood family will be missed in Brevard, especially in the Methodist church and in Masonic circles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Underwood are active members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Underwood is a Mason, while Mrs. Underwood is active in Eastern Star work. She is also an active club woman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have many friends in Brevard and throughout the county.

TEN DOLLAR CHECK MOVES ONE THOUSAND TEN DOLLARS

Business transactions amounting to \$1,010 in 21 days resulted from the circulation of a check for \$10 on the Clarksville, Texas, Times. When it was finally received at the bank for deposit it had 101 endorsements.

Young Girl Faints from Hunger On Way to School in Brevard

A girl fainted Tuesday morning, on the way to school, from hunger.

She is in the Fourth grade, being one of five children in a home where the father has but part time work.

The girl lives in Brevard, North Carolina. This is not a story about some one in China—it is right here at home. There are others needing food, and the need is urgent.

Prof. J. E. Ruffy, principal, and Miss Josephine Clayton, teacher, gave immediate aid to this hungry girl.

It is because of such conditions as these that the Parent-Teacher association is sponsoring the movement to provide lunch and milk each day for some twenty school children. It is because of such conditions that the Associated Charities has placed

RE-ORGANIZATION OF KIWANIS CLUB

To Be Service Club With the Luncheon Features Not To Be Included

After having suspended regular meetings for the past two months, the Brevard Kiwanis club re-organized Tuesday, named officers and adopted drastic changes in its activities. The club will no longer be a "luncheon club," but will be a real service club, holding regular meetings and carrying on all activities, but with no luncheons being served.

Because of the conditions existing now, with so many people needing aid, it was decided to have no dinners served the club, yet it was believed that regular meetings of the club are more necessary now than at any time in its history. There is real service for the club to perform during these trying times, hence the determination to re-organize.

Rev. R. L. Alexander was named president of the club, with F. Brown Carr as vice president, and Ralph H. Ramsey becomes district trustee. C. M. Douglas was re-elected secretary. Following are the members of the board of directors: F. D. Clement, J. M. Gaines, Rev. Paul Hartsell, R. F. Sharp and Rev. J. H. West.

Franklin C. Keene, from the International office, and Rev. John C. Peeler of Lenoir, district governor, were here Monday and Tuesday assisting in the re-organization work. A meeting will be called at an early date, and regular meetings will then be observed.

HALT WORK WHILE BILL IS PENDING

G. T. Lyday, county tax supervisor, announces suspension of the work of revaluation here, pending action of the legislature. Efforts are being made to postpone this work to a later date.

The following letters explain the matter: Editor The Brevard News: Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. A. J. Maxwell to me relative to revaluation which explains itself. Please let this letter come out in this week's issue of The Brevard News.

Respectfully, G. T. LYDAY.

To the County Tax Supervisor: Dear Sir:

You are no doubt familiar with the provisions of the pending bills before the Legislature in reference to revaluation. I would suggest the suspension of this work pending the outcome of these bills.

There is one proposal to postpone revaluation for two years and another to suspend the work until February 15th.

Yours very truly, A. J. MAXWELL, Chairman. O. S. THOMPSON, Secretary.

JUDGE ENGLISH IS CONVINCED LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Copy of Henry's Bill Killing County Court Appears Herewith

PROVIDES \$5 A MONTH FOR COURT OFFICIALS

To Transfer All Cases in the County Court to Superior Court Docket

In a communication on the editorial page of this issue, Judge D. L. English, deposed from the bench of the General County court through legislative act, declares the act abolishing the court to be in violation of the State constitution. Intimation is made that the matter will be carried to the Supreme court for final settlement.

Judge English further declares that Representative W. M. Henry, author of the bill abolishing the county court, has not furnished the judge with a copy of the bill, nor has he sent one to the clerk of the court. The copy appearing below is, according to Judge English, an unofficial copy given him by Wm. E. Brees.

Many people in Brevard are wondering why the County Court was abolished by a legislature that is at the same time engaged in enacting legislation that will increase the number of Superior court judges in the state, "because of the congested condition of the dockets."

The bill, as handed to the press, is as follows:

The Henry Bill H. B. No. 21.

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the General County Court of Transylvania County.

Whereas, on the 6th day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine the Board of County Commissioners of Transylvania County purported to create a General County

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NO REVALUATION IS SEEN IN HOUSE

Bill Passes Both Bodies to Postpone Work Until March 15—Plan Opposed

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Revaluation of property, machinery for which has been set up and in many counties is in operation, will be postponed at least until March 15, according to action taken by both houses of the General Assembly, which devoted the last two or three days of its session to this subject.

Although revaluation probably has been the most important matter up, consideration has been given to reduction of salaries 10 per cent of all state, county and municipal employes. A Constitutional Convention in 1933 to rewrite the State Constitution and reorganization of the administrative division of the state government, bills on all of which are now before the body.

Three bills on revaluation, in view of the four-year revaluation law, were introduced, one to postpone it for two years, another to allow counties so desiring to keep their present assessments and another to postpone the revaluation until the present General Assembly gets further along on its own fiscal policy. The House passed the Neal bill postponing until April 1, but the Senate changed it Friday to March 15, and the House is expected to concur when it reconvenes this week.

The argument of many, including the N. C. Tax Relief Association, is that values were inflated at the last property assessment four years ago, the reply to which is that they are depressed now, and if the valuations were too high then, they will be too low now. It is argued that the machinery is ready to go on with the revaluation work now and that to stop even temporarily, will be expensive, to which is the answer that the machinery apparently is too costly anyway and may be reduced. Many inequalities exist now that should be evened up and much personal property should be uncovered, enough to reduce the tax on real estate, proponents of revaluation say.

Governor Gardner states that a revaluation now which would reduce the taxable valuation to anything like the figures sought by many would endanger the bonds outstanding against practically every unit and make harder refunding some of the bonds which are falling due and which the units will be unable to pay during the next few years. He proposed the two-year postponement.

Prof. Verner Speaks at Asheville League Meeting

Prof. S. P. Verner, county superintendent of public instruction and Brevard correspondent to the Asheville newspapers, was the invited speaker at a meeting of the Women's League in Asheville last Saturday. Prof. Verner spoke on the subject: "Better Schools at Lower Cost."

MANY ENGAGED IN WORKING ON PLANS FOR OPENING BANK

No New Developments This Week—Definite Information Promised

REPORT OF AUDITORS NEARING COMPLETION

Big Task Confronts the Volunteer Workers on Plans of Opening Institution

Interest in the question of banks and banking in this community, increases as days pass, and is the subject of conversation in almost every group where two or more people are gathered.

There are but few new developments since last week. Announcement is made that several conferences have been held and some work done in the movement to re-organize and re-open the Brevard bank. There has been but little talk of the proposed new bank during the past week.

In re-opening the old bank under re-organized plans there is much work to do, and it is said that many citizens have volunteered their services in performing the necessary work to get plans completed to the point of reopening. It is believed that a definite plan will be ready to submit to the depositors within the next few days. Then it will be a question for the depositors to decide as to whether or not the plan is acceptable.

Work of auditing the books and accounts of the closed bank is almost completed. People of the county are awaiting with great interest the report that is to be filed upon completion of the audit. The agent in charge cannot do much, it is said, in the work that faces him until the audit is complete and the report in his hands.

Promise is given that definite information as to the opening of the bank can be given the public next week.

AGED CITIZEN IS CALLED IN DEATH

Mills M. Bryant, of Rosman, one of the oldest and best loved citizens of the county, died last Thursday, and was buried the following day at Greenwood cemetery, the Rev. Mr. Green, Methodist minister of Rosman, conducted the services.

Mr. Bryant was 91 years of age, a Confederate veteran, having served four years in the Civil War. Prior to the establishment of the Tannery at Rosman, the deceased owned much of the land where the town of Rosman now stands, and was engaged in farming. He married Miss Ellen Bryson, and one daughter, Mrs. Jesse Bracken, was born to them. The daughter survives, but Mrs. Bryant died four years ago.

Two sisters also survive, these being Mrs. Bob Glazener of Rosman, and Mrs. Lydia Raines. Hosts of friends throughout the county and in other sections of the state and adjoining states were truly fond of their friend, Mr. Bryant. Pallbearers were: Flem Glazener, Jordan Whitmore, F. E. Shuford, Will Glazener, Elmer White and D. Butler.

GREAT RELIEF WORK BEING DONE HERE

Response to Appeal of Associated Charities Most Gratifying

Response to the appeal of the Associated Charities for food and clothing for the needy has been most generous, according to a statement made by Dr. R. L. Alexander, chairman of the group. The boxes that have been placed about the grocery stores and markets into which people are asked to place any gifts of food that they want sent to the poor, have been well filled, the food being taken up by town authorities and placed in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, from which place it is distributed to those who call for help.

Quite a lot of clothing also has been sent to the Chamber of Commerce rooms for those who are in need of wearing apparel. The offices there will be open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, from 9 until 12 o'clock, noon. People having any articles of food or clothing are asked to notify the Chamber of Commerce, and those needing aid are asked to call during these hours.

Rev. Mr. Alexander states that the greatest need just now is for potatoes and corn, or meal, and he makes urgent appeal to the farmers to aid in this work by giving potatoes, corn, meal, or other farm products. It is a big task, the officials of the Associated Charities say, to fill the needs of the community, and all people are urged to give, just as liberally as they can, of food, clothing and farm produce.