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## FEDERAL AID MAY BE HELD UP HERE

Reports and Affidavits Filed at Washington as to Unfair Methods

Disturbing news comes out of Washington to the effect that much of the Federal Highway aid to the state may be withheld, for a time at least while further investigation is made of the many charges that some state highway bosses are playing petty politics with road funds. It is known that many affidavits have been filed at Washington from men who have been denied work on highways simply because they belonged to a political party other than that in charge of the highway work here.

One high official in Washington has said that the government's intention was two-fold: To aid in highway construction, and to give employment to men needing work. It was not the intention of the government for any group to take these funds and play petty, peanut politics with them, it is said.

Some of these affidavits are said to be most pathetic in nature, showing that men have been refused work on the roads, although their families were on starvation, while other fellows have been given regular employment, many of them being single men and not being in particular need of the work.

The state stands to lose, it is said, quite a sum from the amount of federal aid that would come to North Carolina, unless this narrow, un-American, heartless, hateful practice is stopped. One official said that North Carolina is the only state in the union from which such charges have been received; that in no other state are there men who have stooped to this low method of playing dirty politics with hungry men and hungry families.

Affidavits have been filed concerning conditions said to exist here, affecting even the individual work of the government, as to the activities of some men in connection with the job in the Pisgah National Forest. Some of these affidavits are said to contain the information that certain men in Brevard have been designated to select those who are given jobs on the government work, although these Brevard men are in no wise connected with the government control of Pisgah National Forest. These affidavits are said to further charge that rank discrimination has been made in selection of men for the jobs in the Forest. Investigation, it is said, has been quietly going on for some time, and interesting developments are expected in the immediate future.

## BOYS GIVEN HEARING FOR STEALING GARMENTS HERE

Two young boys were given a hearing Monday before Clerk of the Court Otto Alexander, in Juvenile court, on charge of stealing hats, shoes and gloves during the basketball game here between Etowah and Brevard. The boys are said to live in Henderson county. Deputy Sheriff Wood was assigned to the case when report of the loss of the articles was made to the sheriff's department, and located the boys with their loot. Sentence is to be passed upon the young fellows some time this week.

## PREACHER POUNDING WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hartsell express deep gratitude for the splendid "pounding" given them by members of the congregation last Monday evening. An unusually large amount of good things was brought to the pasture, presented as expression of the love and esteem held for the pastor and his family.

## P. T. ASSOCIATION WILL MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Brevard P. T. A. will be held in the Grammer school building Monday afternoon, Feb. 16, at 3 o'clock.

A Founders Day program will be presented and a collection will be taken. One-half of this birthday gift is to be retained by the state; one-half to be sent to National Treasurer to be used for extension work.

A large attendance is urged. Miss Lydia's fourth grade won the book for having the largest percentage of parents present at the January meeting.

Program to be rendered follows:

Devotional Exercise—Prof. Hinton McLeod.

Song—"My Tribute"—All.

Pageant—"The Child Four Square" School children directed by Misses Aiken and Call.

"Ideals and Purposes of P. T. A."—Mrs. H. L. Wilson.

"The P. T. A. Creed"—Assembly.

"Pertinent Points about P. T. A. Work"—Mrs. Randall Everett.

"Do's of P. T. A."—Miss Sarah Keels.

"Don'ts of P. T. A."—Mrs. J. B. Picklesimer.

Since last week's issue of The News, Mrs. Henry Carrier and Mrs. P. N. Simons names have been added to the list of those providing lunches for school children. Also a nice supply of milk from Mrs. Carl Talley of Penrose, is sent in each day.

## EXPECTING BANK REPORT SATURDAY

Report of the bank examiners and their auditors as to the condition of the Brevard Banking company is expected to reach Brevard Saturday or Monday. The report has been in Raleigh for the past two weeks, being checked by the officials there. Upon its receipt here, the community will know whether it is possible to go ahead with plans for re-opening the institution. Everything is in readiness to push these plans to completion in event the condition of the bank is such as to warrant its resumption of business.

Mr. W. W. Woodley, Jr., liquidating agent of the bank, will receive the report, and file a copy with the clerk of the court, according to the regular procedure in such matters. Many citizens are anxiously awaiting this report, recognizing the fact that the immediate future of the community largely depends upon the facts that will be disclosed in this report. It is hoped that the report will be such as to show the bank to be solvent, to the end that little difficulty will be experienced in re-opening the institution.

## COTTON MILL WORK SHOWS PROGRESS

Much hard work is being done on completing the plans for starting the cotton mill. The committee in charge of this important work is doing yeoman service for the community, and it is expected that final arrangements will be made next Saturday, when Mr. B. E. Geer is expected in Brevard, and a date announced when actual operations will begin.

It has long been realized that resumption of operations of this industry is one of the most important things that could be done for the community, hence the splendid work of those who were charged with completing the arrangements. Citizens interested in Brevard and her people are urged to be in town next Saturday, so concerted action may be taken for adoption of such plans as will assure the re-opening of the mill.

## REV. W. H. HARTSELL GOING TO DURHAM

News has been received in Brevard that Rev. Wallace Hartsell, formerly pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, is to accept a call extended to him from Durham, and will soon take up work at that place. Rev. Mr. Hartsell was once pastor of the Durham church, some ten years ago, and the fact that he is being called back is evidence of the high regard in which he is held in that big city.

Mr. Hartsell has been in Kings Mountain since leaving Brevard, where reports from his work showed excellent results. He has a host of friends in Brevard and Transylvania county, who are always interested in everything that is connected with his life.

### H. C. Pendleton

H. C. Pendleton, beloved 89-year-old Atlanta citizen, died last Friday from a sudden attack of pneumonia, according to a message received by his son in Brevard, the Rev. Eugene R. Pendleton. The aged man had long been known for his strength and cheerful disposition, and was a source of great joy to family and friends. He had lived in Georgia for the past sixty years, having often been significantly honored by his adopted state.

The deceased was born in King and Queen county, Virginia, was in the Confederate Army throughout the four-years' conflict, and was wounded while serving with Lee at Petersburg, this being the only serious injuries received in the war.

### ROSMAN HONOR ROLL GIVEN FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Prof. A. K. Moore, principal of the Rosman Elementary school, announces the following students of his school who attained the honor roll during January:

Seventh Grade—Ella Mae Collins, Thelma Galloway, Beatrice Woodard.

Fourth Grade—Lucile Galloway, Ruby Glazener, Inez Pangle, Geneva Petit, Dovie White, Margaret White.

Third Grade—Effie Galloway, Eva Israel, Miriam Stewart, Frank Whitmore, D. H. Winchester, Jr.

Second Grade—Ruth Lewis, Ellen Morgan, Mariah Stewart, Gladys Whitmore.

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY AT DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH

Rev. R. L. Alexander will preach at a congregational meeting to be held at Davidson River Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members urged to attend, and visitors given cordial invitation.

### A DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Streeter Fisher announce the birth of daughter on Friday, Feb. 6.

### A SON

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Poole, on February 10, a son.

## Governor Gardner's Highway Plan Should Be Adopted, and Stikeleather Should Be Retained on State Highway Commission.

The Brevard News is convinced that the plan outlined by Governor Gardner, in which it is proposed that the state take charge of all public roads, doing away with local road boards and county control of road work, is the very best thing that could be adopted by the state. We hope the legislature will adopt this plan.

We also believe that James G. Stikeleather, present member of the State Highway Commission, should be named on the new commission to have charge of this road work. Mr. Stikeleather knows the road situation in Western North Carolina, and is intensely interested in the whole section. He is capable, fair, sincere, honest and honorable, and could, we believe, render more real service to the whole Western section than any other man in the state.

## Activities of the Legislature Reach Boiling Point In Statewide Interest

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Raleigh, Feb. 11

Representative Henry's bill, decreasing the number of county commissioners of Transylvania county from five to three, passed its third reading in the Senate last Thursday and was enrolled. It had already passed the House. The bill will become law when it is ratified and signed by Speaker Willis Smith, of the House, and President R. T. Foun-

tain, of the Senate.

Whether to enlarge or abolish the State Highway Patrol is being threshed out by the Roads committees of House and Senate, following a public hearing Wednesday. A bill to abolish the patrol has been introduced, while another, with provision for a \$1 drivers license and a \$5 chauffeurs license to support it, would increase the number to 150 or 200. Indications are that the patrol will be continued, and probably increased, but probably not more than 75 or 100 members at most.

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Although the normal session time is about half gone, not more than 35 or 40 bills, practically all of them local, have completed their course and been ratified. Bills introduced in the Senate exceed 160, while in the House the number of above 360. Committees are hard at work, however, and floor debates are expected to reach full swing this week. Appropriations committees have heard all departments, institutions and agencies seeking more money on which to operate, while Finance committees have had protests from many groups seeking to have reduced tax rates suggested in the Revenue bill. It is the usual conflict of those wanting more money and those wanting to pay less.

Four of Governor Gardner's measures have reached the hopper. The state purchasing agent bill introduced Monday night provides for a commission, of one from the educational and one from the charitable, correctional and penal institutions, an engineer of the Highway department and a director of purchase and contract, as chairman, who shall purchase all materials, supplies, equipment and services of all state departments, institutions and agencies on a competitive open bid basis. Another bill creates the office of Commissioner of Banking as a separate department, taking that function from the Corporation Commission. Another establishes a Commission of Personnel and a director, enlarging the duties of the present Salary and Wage Commission, making it more of a civil service, and extending it to the counties, cities and towns. Another bill introduced would create a commission composed of two senators and three representatives. Previously the Gardner bill, calling for a Constitutional Convention in 1933 to adopt a new constitution, had been introduced.

Another sales tax bill, gross sales tax, aimed largely at the chain stores, graduating the tax from \$15 on annual sales of \$20,000 or less to \$300 on sales up to \$300,000, above which an additional one per cent license tax would be imposed, has joined the nearly a dozen sales tax bills now with the Finance committee. They will await consideration until disposition has been made of the Budget Revenue Bill.

Two bills involving changes in the Constitution have been introduced. One would provide for electing sheriffs and coroners for four years, instead of for two years, and electing a constable for each township every two years. The other would change the Constitution so no county would have more than one Senator in the General Assembly. This would deprive Guilford and Mecklenburg of an additional Senator each, on the basis of the recent census.

Other bills of general interest introduced last week follow

### Mrs. W. A. Whitmire

Funeral services for Mrs. W. A. Whitmire, aged 84, who died Sunday morning at the home of her son, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mt. Moriah Calvert church, of which church she was a faithful member. Services were conducted by Rev. Paul Hartsell and Rev. C. K. Henderson.

Mrs. Whitmire was before her marriage to Mr. Whitmire, Miss Temperance McVay of Polk County. The deceased is survived by the following children: J. P. Whitmire of Pickens, S. C., R. F. of Calvert; J. N. and G. W. of Brevard, nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild, who remain to mourn her loss.

Kilpatrick & Son had charge of the funeral arrangements.

### INCOME TAX MEN TO BE HERE ON FEBRUARY 24

Representatives of the United States collector of internal revenue will be in Brevard on February 24, to assist tax payers in making out their annual returns for income taxes. These men will be at the Waltermire Hotel

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## ONE DOLLAR A BUSHEL FOR CORN ON YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

We will pay one dollar per bushel for corn, when paid on your subscription to The Brevard News. We also will accept chickens, eggs, butter, beans, potatoes, or any other produce, and allow market prices, when brought to us on subscription to The Brevard News.

THANK YOU, TOO.

## POTATO MEETING DRAWS BIG CROWD

## WASTE IS SHOWN IN HIGHWAY WORK

### Reasons Advanced for Adoption of Governor Gardner's Road Program

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The opponents of Governor Gardner's road bill are last ditch fighters. This bill interferes with many plans and existing arrangements. It affects many "privileges" and might upset many road machinery and bridge relationships. The counties and road districts last year spent \$1,375,000 on equipment expense and used \$908,000 in one year for gasoline, oil and grease. It cost the counties an average of \$515.00 for each prisoner on the county chain gangs, while the state supported, in 26 camps of the state prisoners under uniform supervision and balanced food at a cost of \$279.00 per prisoner. The governor's bill takes county prisoners and chain gangs off the taxpayers of the county and relieves the county of the burden of maintenance and support. In one township in North Carolina last year, out of a total tax levy of \$2,400, \$1,400 was paid in salaries, per diem and overhead, leaving considerably less than one half of the levy available for actual working and improving the roads. It is clear the county road authorities did not know, to any degree of accuracy, the number of miles of county roads in North Carolina, for the reason that in 1928 they reported 66,000 miles, when as a matter of fact the road actually surveyed and mapped totaled only 44,000 miles, and the map showing the actual mileage and its location was signed by the road engineer, superintendent, or other officials in every county of the state, except two, as being substantially correct, both as to mileage and location.

Another meeting is to be held next Tuesday evening, and all interested farmers are urged to attend and take part in these meetings. It is clearly shown that this increased yield can be realized, and all efforts are to be made to reach the 400 bushel goal.

Boylston Road is Town's Next Goal

Transylvania county has its finest opportunity just now to have the Boylston road paved to the Henderson county line, on account of what is said to be the government's desire to build trails from this road into and through the Pisgah National Forest. It is said by those who are in position to know, that the government is anxious for this paving to be done, as the Boylston road skirts the Pisgah National Forest from the Brevard entrance to the park almost to Asheville.

Plans are now being made for a joint meeting of Brevard men with Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, or the Hendersonville Merchants association, when an effort will be made to enlist that town's support in having this road work done. It has been charged that Hendersonville has opposed the completion of this road work by the state. Many citizens here do not believe that Henderson county citizens would take such position, hence the determination to have a joint meeting with the citizens of the sister county, and methods of handling county funds.

Grant absolute divorce after three years of separation, when there are no children.

Provide uniform weights and measures and require certification of employees in weights and measures division.

Investigate the Division of Markets as to the sale of poultry.

Provide a state-wide schedule of fees and salaries to be collected by clerks of Superior Court.

Provide for a tax on foreign and domestic corporations, by which it is estimated that a million dollars more will be collected from foreign corporations.

Complete the triangulation and level network of the state through the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Mrs. W. A. Whitmire

Word has been received in Brevard of a narrow escape from death or serious injury experienced by J. L. Osteen, Brevard man, now living in Greensboro. Mr. Osteen is head of the prohibition enforcement unit in the central district, and had led his forces in the capture of many violators of the prohibition law in Stokes and Wilkes counties. He was on his return trip to Greensboro when occupants of another car sideswiped Osteen's automobile, and then fired upon the officers with sawed-off shotguns.

The following is taken from The Greensboro News, and tells of the attempt made upon the life of Mr. Osteen:

It was heard here that returning to Greensboro Friday night, near Colfax, Deputy Administrator Osteen Agent Trexler and another in the fast government car, narrowly escaped death at the hands of a driver of a small roadster, who was believed to have been John McIver, escaped murderer, accompanied by a convict. It was stated that the government car was sideswiped when it attempted to pass the roadster, then as the small car sped on away one of its occupants opened fire at point-blank range with sawed-off shotgun.

The windshield of the government car, being of shatterproof glass, fortunately was some protection, but small particles burst off by the scatter gun cut and severely wounded Mr. Osteen in the face, also hurting the third occupant of