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HIGHWAY BILL IS TO HAVE STAGE CENTER

Governor's Plan Is Being Opposed by Influential Leaders and Groups

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The highway reorganization plan of Governor Gardner occupied the center of the stage most of the past week and when the General Assembly reconvened Monday night the bill carrying out the changes advocated had not come from the committee. The result is that the bill will be the main consideration on floors of House and Senate this week, toward the latter part of which it may come to a vote.

Much oratory, argument and at times bitter arraignment were indulged in by proponents and opponents of the measure before the joint roads committee, providing for abolishing the present state commission and naming another from the state at large, and taking over maintenance of county roads.

Frank Page, former chairman, and Leslie R. Ames, former engineer, took up the cudgel for Governor Gardner's plan, while chief opponents were John Sprunt Hill, fourth district commissioner; Henry A. Page, brother of the former chairman, and E. T. Cansler, Charlotte. Two full afternoons were consumed in the public hearings in the House of Representatives. Governor Gardner, meanwhile, is throwing the full force of his office to the support of his measure. He issued a table showing how much each of the 100 counties would save by the state taking over the roads, a showing which is expected to have great weight with the folks back home.

Meanwhile, the State Highway Commission, meeting on Thursday, adopted a resolution to resign if and when the bill is enacted, the resignations to be effective at the pleasure of Governor Gardner. The contract with the State's Prison to furnish crushed stone for highway construction entered into consideration of the \$1,550,000 in construction, on which bids were opened last week. This is the first of three lettings as a result of the emergency aid fund, which makes available for North Carolina nearly \$4,000,000, to be used primarily to relieve unemployment.

INCOME TAX MEN TO BE IN BREVARD ON FEBRUARY 24

Federal governments will be in Brevard on February 24 to assist tax payers in making out their income tax reports for the year 1930. Watermire Hotel will be headquarters for these government men.

A SON

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain, a son, on last Sunday. The young man has been named Robert Willis Brittain.

"GO ON, BIG BOY, I BEAT THAT PRICE RIGHT HERE IN BREVARD," SAYS BOB

A fly-by-night agent for a big printing office was in town last week, soliciting printing for his big house far removed from here. In the course of combing work this agent called up Bob Tharp, the Plumber, and displayed his samples and told his tale of "low prices and good work," a lie that is told easily and glibly by these passing birds.

Mr. Tharp listened for a while, and then said:

"Go on about your business, young fellow. I get better prices and better printing right here at The Brevard News than you offer, and then the money I pay you for it is turned over to Doug and Henry, or the local coal man, or to one of the merchants, and kept right here in our town. Don't bother me any more, young fellow."

We thank you, Bob, and others are doing this same thing for their community, and each week, for a while, we shall record these facts and acts which mean so much from the standpoint of community progress.

TOBACCO MEETING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Tobacco growers of the county, and all those interested in the crop, are urged to attend a meeting at the Little River School house this Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Prof. Julian A. Glazener, in charge of vocational agricultural work of the Brevard High School, will be present and lead the discussions bearing upon the growing of tobacco. This first meeting will be given over to the question of bed-making and seed sowing, that the very best plants may be obtained for the crop this year.

Many people have already sown their beds, it is reported, and these are especially urged to be present and give of their experiences to other farmers who may want to plant beds.

Friday night's meeting will also be devoted to the question of Irish potatoes, and the best methods of increasing the potato yield. Prof. Glazener's work in interest of agriculture in the county is well known and highly appreciated by citizens in every section.

NEW STEAM SHOVEL IN PISGAH FOREST

Believed Two-Year Program Started Here—May Alternate Working Crew

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With receipt of a new steam shovel, and all necessary equipment for highway construction work, the Federal government will soon embark upon a program of road building in the Pisgah National Forest which may last for two years, according to word that is considered authentic. The new shovel is to begin operations on Stony Fork, Buncombe county side of the mountain, and come this way. Joe Groom, Brevard man, has been employed to operate the steam shovel, which is said to be the very latest thing in its line. The shovel is run by gas, and is of the yard-scoop size.

It is believed, from reports reaching here from Washington, that intensive road building will be done in the park area. Already forces are at work on trails and roads in other sections of the government lands. A representative from the government in Washington is said to be in the park section now, making inspection of various phases of the work now started, and that planned for immediate commencement. It has been intimated that recommendations may be made to alternate forces, that is, work a given number of men for two weeks, lay that group off and work another group for two weeks, thus passing the jobs about to as many people as possible, which is in keeping with the government's plan for relieving unemployment. It is also planned, according to information received here, to put into effect certain rules of procedure in the employment of men for this road work.

ANNOUNCE FORD AS FIRST BRIDGE PRIZE

Business and Professional Women's Club Plans Big Affair

Members of the Business and Professional Women's club of Brevard have planned an ambitious program for next Friday evening, when a benefit bridge will be given by the club, prizes for which include a brand new Ford automobile with two extra tires, and other prizes of great worth. Announcement of the auto being offered as first prize, however, has created intense interest, and it is expected that hundreds of people will attend the affair, which will be held at the Joines Motor company building, on Main street, beginning at 8 o'clock.

As an indication of the interest being taken in the work of the Business and Professional Women's club work, the Joines Motor company donated the Ford car for the prize, while the McCrary Tire company and Ed. McCoy are giving a new tire each to go with the Ford as "extras." Every one who buys a ticket to the affair will stand an equal chance to win these prizes, as the award will be made by drawing, and not by playing bridge.

The tickets are to sell at 25 cents each, the money to be used by the club for the Girl Scout movement and other work being carried on by the program of the Business and Professional Women's club. Refreshments will be served, and at the close of the evening's program the drawing will be made for the prizes, and the winners will be given their awards "on the spot."

Officers of the club in giving the information about the car and tires were unable to state the style of the automobile, expressing belief, however, that it is a coupe, and that the winner thereof will be a most highly valued person.

Prizes are on display now at the Joines Motor company's place, and include, among other valuable things, a home-spun suit from the Biltmore Industries.

Those who attend the bridge party and desire to play bridge are asked to bring their own cards. Other games will be played for those who care nothing for bridge, including checkers, and the same request is made of these—to bring their own checker boards and outfit. The 25 cent admission charge entitles all to play games and to partake of the refreshments.

GARDNER'S ROAD PLAN WOULD SAVE MUCH HERE

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Transylvania county would save \$14,490 a year on its road bill if the state takes over and maintains its roads, according to a table issued by Governor Gardner in support of his program of reorganization of the state highway commission and taking over county highways. The figures, based on the survey made last fall by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, the State Highway Commission and the Tax Commission, show this county would save in taxes the total divided into items, as follows: overhead, \$757.00; maintenance, \$10,107.00; equipment, \$2,067.00; and gas and oil, \$1,558.00.

The counties which use convicts would save \$4,967,652, while those which do not use their own convicts would save \$1,599,495, the compilation shows, or a total of \$6,567,147 for the 100 counties.

BREVARD GOES OVER THE TOP AND COTTON MILL EXPECTED TO BEGIN OPERATION SOON

Brevard has gone over the top in fine style in the matter of completing arrangements for re-opening the Sapphire Cotton Mills, and word was sent late Wednesday evening to Greenville, notifying the interested parties there that Brevard is ready to go. And this high plane has been reached only after a really hard uphill pull on the part of the men interested in opening the cotton mill. Many weeks have been spent in completing these arrangements, and the community is deeply indebted to T. W. Whitmire, O. L. Erwin, A. H. Houston, H. A. Plummer, F. E. B. Jenkins, J. H. Picklesimer, H. E. Erwin and others who have given much of their

NO REPORT YET ON THE BREVARD BANK

No report has been received by Mr. W. W. Woodley, Jr., liquidating agent for the Brevard Banking company, from Raleigh late Wednesday. It is not known what is causing the delay in the return of the report to Brevard, many people asserting that reports had been returned in cases of other banks in much shorter time than has elapsed since the report of the auditors and bank examiners sent the local bank's report away. One suggestion that is generally accepted is that the department in Raleigh has been devoting its time to those banks which have been re-opening in Western Carolina, and had not had time to reach the report of the local bank.

Rumors on the street are to the effect that Brevard citizens who were in Raleigh during the early part of this week have stated that the report will reach Brevard this coming Saturday or Monday. It is being asserted now that the report will show the bank to be solvent, even after "questionable" paper has been deducted from the bank's assets. The emphatic manner in which this assertion is being made by men who are in position to know of its affairs has caused a more optimistic feeling in business circles, and is in some measure responsible for the improvement noted during the past few days in business circles here.

WOULD SELL BONDS AND NOTES THROUGH BOARD

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The Local Government Commission takes the place of the County Government Advisory Commission in the new bill, which extends the commission's authority to all cities, towns and districts, as well as counties, without exception. All bonds and notes, as well as bond elections, will be passed upon by this body and all bond and note sales will be made through it, instead of locally. The board consists of nine members, the state treasurer, auditor and commissioner of revenue, and six named by the governor, including two county and two city officials. The bill provides strict regulations for deposits of public funds and investments of sinking funds. It permits refunding indebtedness, a provision designed to aid some of the units over approaching rough places.

Complete Information for Planting Early Vegetable Garden Given Here

As this county's contribution to observance of "Live-at-Home Week," Julian Glazener, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Brevard High school, is urging the growing of a good garden as the first step in this live-at-home program, and has worked out a table of a well balanced vegetable garden, suggesting the seeds and planting time for each, which is considered to be one of the most valuable contributions to the state-wide live-at-home program.

- The suggestions follow:
- Tender bunch beans, Red Valentine or Stringless Golden Pod varieties, to be planted May 1 to May 15.
 - Tender pole beans, Kentucky Wonder, May 15 to June 30.
 - Lima bush beans, very tender, Fordhook variety, planted May 15 to June 1.
 - Lima pole beans, very tender, Dreyer's variety, May 15 to June 1.
 - Beets, very hardy, Detroit Red or Early Eclipse, April 15 to May 1.
 - Cabbage, very hardy, Early Jersey Wakefield, March 15 to April 15.
 - Carrots, very hardy, Chantenay or Early Scarlet Horn, April 15 to May 1.
 - Sweet corn, hardy, Country Gentleman or Howling Mob, April 15 to May 15.
 - Cucumbers, tender, White Spine or Davis Perfect, May 1 to June 1.
 - Lettuce, leaf, very hardy, Grand Rapids, March 15 to April 15.
 - Lettuce, head, New York, April 1 to May 1.
 - Mustard, very hardy, Giant Curled, April 1 to May 1.
 - Okra, tender, Perkins Long Rod, May 1 to May 15.
 - Onions, seed, very hardy, Danvers Yellow Globe or White Pearl, April 1 to May 1.
 - Onions, sets, very hardy, Yellow Danvers or White Pearl, March 15 to April 15.
 - Peas, smooth, very hardy, Alaska or Ameer, March 15 to April 15.
 - Peas, wrinkled, hardy, Telephone or Thomas Laxton, April 1 to May 1.
 - Peppers, very tender, Ruby King or Chinese Giant, May 1 to June 1.
 - Potatoes, Hardy Irish, the Irish Cobbler or Beauty, March 15 to April 15.
 - Potatoes, sweet, tender, Nancy Hall or Porto Rico, May 1 to June 1.
 - Radish, very hardy, Crimson Giant or Scarlet Globe, March 15 to April 15.
 - Spinach, very hardy, Norfolk or New Zealand, April 15 to May 1.
 - Squash, very tender, Crookneck or Hubbard, May 1 to June 1.
 - Tomato, Tender, Acme or Earline, or Stone, May 1 to June 1.
 - Turnips, very hardy, Early White Milan, or Purple Top, March 15 to April 15.
- The above planting dates in the open are based upon the dates of the last killing frost in the spring, which in our zone ranges generally from April 15 to May 15.
- Use good fertile soil for the home garden; plenty of manure and some high grade fertilizer such as 7-5-5; 8-4-4; 12-4-4; plan or sow nothing but the very best adapted seed; keep the garden well watered and free from weeds and the reward in wholesome vegetables will be a great help in the Live-at-Home program.

COMMITTEE IS BUSY ON BANK QUESTION

Believed Plan Found Whereby Bank Can Be Opened and Operated

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Devoting days and nights to the efforts of finding the best solution to the problem of opening the bank in Brevard, a faithful committee has traversed the county from end to end, and examined and debated plan after plan. Practically all the afternoon Wednesday was given over to a meeting of this committee, officers, directors and stockholders in the old Brevard Banking company, depositors and other interested citizens. A plan is now being given careful study which is said to give promise of providing a way for re-opening the institution. Another meeting is to be held Thursday at which time it is said the chances for bringing the problem nearer solution are greater than ever before.

Two months have passed by now since the Brevard Banking company closed its doors, following the general crash in Western North Carolina which came about when the Central Bank and Trust company of Asheville closed. The community has suffered great inconvenience, and business has been hindered during the time that the town has been without banking facilities. Citizens have worked together in splendid manner in an effort to remedy the situation and bring about the establishment of a bank here.

It is said that great hope is placed in the outcome of Thursday's meeting of the committee and citizens.

BATTLE ROYAL NOW RAGING AT RALEIGH

Highway Bills, Pro and Con, Cussed and Discussed by Big and Little

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Two road bills were introduced last week, one carrying the governor's recommendations, the other continuing the present highway method, but with changes. Only one provision is the same in both bills—a six-cent tax on gasoline, the two cents going to the county roads, but by different routes.

General provisions in the Gardner bill are well known. It would abolish the nine highway districts and the nine commissioners, making the state a single district and the commission state-wide, with a chairman, receiving \$7,500 a year for full time, and four commissioners receiving \$10 a day while on duty. The state would take over the 45,000 miles of county highways and maintain them with two cents of the gasoline tax and a million dollars additional each year. The state would take over all highway machinery and all county convicts and use them for highway work. The counties would still have to take care of their road bonds and interest.

The other bill leaves the commission as it is, abolishes all of the county, township and district road boards, returning road matters to county commissioners. The two cents on gasoline, about \$6,000,000 a year, plus another million, would go to the counties, prorated on a basis of one-third on area, one-third on population and one-third on number of registered automobiles. Two or more counties may join as a road district.

Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, president of the U. S. Good Roads Association, continued his attack on the Gardner plan at a meeting of county commissioners in Raleigh last Thursday, when an organization was formed and a resolution adopted to oppose the plan. About 150 persons, representing about half of the counties, were present. All of them, it was found, are not opposed to the Gardner plan. Colonel Kirkpatrick opposes the whole plan, but John Sprunt Hill, fourth district commissioner, opposes primarily the plan to abolish the present commission.

Governor Gardner comes back by bringing Leslie R. Ames, former state highway engineer, Frank Page, former chairman, the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, and others to the support of his plan. He sees in it a response to the mandate of the people of the state to relieve them of as much of the tax burden as possible, improved rural roads and a better rounded state system.

SMITH TO ADDRESS THE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, had hardly reached Pinehurst before the General Assembly had a joint resolution in motion to invite him to address the joint body, and a special committee was soon on its way. On their return the members reported that Governor Smith promised to make a special trip to Raleigh Sunday, March 1, and to speak Monday night. He will be the guest of Governor Gardner while here. He took occasion to commend Governor Gardner's reorganization plan, having pushed something similar through in New York while governor. He said, however, that the Constitutional Convention proposal is a hard nut to crack.

LOOKS LIKE EXTRA SESSION FOR BODY

Not Believed Legislature Complete Its Work in the Regular Period

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While the General Assembly has been in session almost six weeks, nearly three-fourths of the usual time, doubt is expressed if the session has come to the middle point in work. The bills in the House now exceed 400, of which only 81 have been through the mill to ratification, while the Senate bills so far have passed the 200 mark, of which only 21 have been ratified. Practically all of the bills so far ratified are local, only a few being state-wide in scope or interest, except a few resolutions early in the session.

Bills introduced and of general interest follow:

Highways—Require sheriffs to distribute and collect for motor vehicle tags and list automobiles at the time for ad valorem taxes; create grade "AA" class of prisoners to work on the highways.

Legal—Permit clerks to appoint jurors to allot dower; to expedite trials in criminal cases and dispense with jury trial in certain cases; provide for 13 jurors, or alternate juror, in some cases; permit and require delivery of itemized accounts and requiring specific denials as to admission for the items; to validate deeds issued by liquidating agent of defunct banks; provide for renewal of bonds of guardians; protect money held in trust by clerks.

Agriculture—Require numbering of cotton bales by public ginners; to ask Congress to prevent sale of butter-yellow oleomargarine, regardless of tax; to place a farmer on the Advisory Budget Commission; requiring monthly reports of tobacco sales to show the amount sold for fertilizer or extracting nicotine.

Pensions—Require clerks of court to publish lists of names and amounts of pension vouchers received from the state.

Welfare—Providing for a state institution for delinquent colored girls at Efland; limiting work of women in industry to 55 hours a week; regulating the placing of juvenile delinquents and dependents in homes; permitting newspaper carrier boys to carry routes between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Taxes—Place an ad valorem tax on intangible value or corporate excess of foreign corporations; release parcels of land on which tax is paid and permit those paying taxes for others to recover; reduce penalties for non-payment of taxes from one per cent to one-half of one per cent increase a month; require registers of deeds to furnish to list-takers lists of land conveyances.

Railroads—Name a commission to investigate Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad properties to see if Norfolk-Southern Railway, lessor, is keeping up with repairs and see if traffic is being diverted via Norfolk and from North Carolina ports.

Insurance—To regulate mutual burial and mutual assessment associations; stricter licenses for insurance agents; requiring notices to clerks of court of insurance companies licensed by the Insurance Commissioner.

Fire Sales—Require those selling out fire or bankrupt stocks to file an inventory with the clerk of the court, preventing them from restocking with lower grade goods and prevent fraud in advertising such sales.

BREVARD'S EAGLE SCOUT ON THE AIR IN BROADCAST HOUR

Jack Miller, Brevard Eagle Scout, was given signal honors in the broadcasting program given by Eagles of the Daniel Boone Council over W. N. C. last Wednesday evening. Young Miller was selected for the important work of reading the Scout laws and defining them. Scott Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller.

LIVE AT HOME PLAN URGED IN COUNTY

(J. A. Glazener, Agri. Instructor)

In keeping with the request of His Excellency, Governor O. Max Gardner, the schools of North Carolina from seacoast to mountains will again join in a cooperative effort to help put across the idea of Live-At-Home in the respective communities of the state.

This is the week, February 16th, when all the teachers are being urged to carry to their communities through the pupils the vast importance of such a worthy undertaking.

I feel quite sure that every teacher in Transylvania county regardless of the subject or grade he is teaching, will see the importance of such a wholesome idea and will lend a helping hand in getting our farmers to reach the goal of Live-At-Home.

It is my purpose and desire to visit all the schools in the Brevard High school district, if not all this week, in the very near future and assist the teachers in getting before the patrons of their communities some of the outstanding needs of the county in order to reach the objective that has been set before us by our Farm Governor, O. Max Gardner.