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FREEMAN AND BROMFIELD ARE RE-ELECTED BY NEW COUNCIL

BOARD CONSIDERS APPLICATIONS FOR OTHER POSITIONS

Dan Merrill Retained as Driver and Care-Taker of City Fire Truck

BOARD ORGANIZES AND NAMES GROUP CHAIRMEN

Election of Freeman, Bromfield and Merrill Approved by Citizens of Town

Election of B. H. Freeman as chief of police; James S. Bromfield as fire chief; Dan Merrill as driver of the fire trucks, and consideration of numerous applications for other positions marked the first meeting of the newly elected town officials last Thursday evening. Mr. Freeman has been serving as chief of police here for almost five years, and has made an enviable record in the office. Mr. Bromfield is considered one of the most able fire chiefs in the state, having served Brevard in this capacity for a number of years, and his reelection to this post meets the approval of the citizens of the town. Mr. Merrill has given most satisfactory service in capacity of driver of the fire trucks and care of same, and his re-election is also pleasing to all who have expressed themselves on the question.

All other employees of the town are continuing in their respective places while applications for the several positions are being considered. Mayor Ramsey stated Wednesday that further action will be taken on the applications for these positions at an early date. In the meantime, all employees will be retained in their places until such action is taken.

It is also announced that no one will be named to succeed T. Coleman Galloway as attorney for the town, this legal work to be done by the mayor, with assistance and advice of the aldermen, dispensing with the services of an attorney for the town, and the saving of the salary provided for such services.

It is said that many applications have been received for positions to be filled by the mayor and board, especially for the place of town clerk and tax collector, street foreman, and members of the police force. These applications are being considered by the officials.

Naming of the standing committees and organization of these committees with chairmanship selections, was an important part of Thursday night's meeting. Detailed information on this phase of the council's work is to be found elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

COOKING SCHOOL BREAKS RECORD

As an indication of the splendid conditions existing in Brevard, the cooking school conducted on Monday and Tuesday afternoons by the Southern Public Utilities company exceeded both in interest and in numbers attending the sessions that of last year's event. Monday afternoon there were 88 ladies present, while Tuesday afternoon's crowd was swelled to 83. Miss Bernice Lower, home economist of the Edison General Electric Appliance company, was in charge of the demonstration, and the ladies attending the sessions declared that they gained much valuable information on the subject of cooking with electricity.

Manager J. M. Gaines, of the Southern Public Utilities company, and his assistants in the Brevard office, expressed gratification at the fine reception given this annual event. "It doesn't look like there is any depression about here, judging from the interest shown in the cooking school, and the number of electric ranges we are selling," Manager Gaines said.

Mrs. Charles M. Douglas won first prize at the opening day's session, being awarded an electric waffle iron, while Mrs. E. B. Pendleton won the prize at the second day's meeting, she being awarded an electric iron. Several smaller prizes were given to the ladies attending the school sessions.

INTEREST AROUSED BY FORD CARAVAN

Much interest was shown in the appearance here Tuesday afternoon of the "Ford Caravan," showing some twenty types of Ford commercial deliveries and trucks. There was a truck for every purpose, it appeared, and many favorable comments were heard from the large crowds gathered about the streets to inspect the showing. This is the first time that such a demonstration was ever held in Brevard.

The parade was held under the auspices of the Joines Motor company, local Ford dealers.

OLD BOARD PASSED WATER ORDINANCE BEFORE RETIRING

Many Citizens Attend Board Meeting, Urge Repeal of The Ordinance

MARKED INCREASES ARE PROVIDED IN NEW LAW

New Board Inherited Serious Problem as Result of Action in Adopting Ordinance

Monday night's meeting of the town council was featured by a delegation of citizens protesting the recent ordinance passed by the old board, which greatly increases the water rate in the town of Brevard. It will be recalled that this ordinance, introduced in the heat of the recent campaign, was severely criticized by many citizens, and its publication was met with a threat to "go to court" in an effort to keep the town from enforcing the higher rates. It is said that the ordinance passed third reading and was ratified by the old board in its final meeting after the town election, and held just prior to that board's retirement and the new board's induction into office.

It is not known what action the new board will take on the question. The ordinance is not the new board's. The new board inherited it from its predecessor. Mayor Ramsey is said to have requested the town clerk to prepare full information on the subject—the amount of revenue brought in under the old rates; the amount of water rents now in arrears; the amount of the deficit in the water department each year, together with the amount of anticipated revenue under the provisions of the ordinance just passed.

Claim has been made that the water department has not been self-supporting for a number of years, and that levies have had to be made against property in order to make up the deficit in each year's operation of the water system. Further argument is made that when the old rates were adopted, years ago, there was no sewerage system in connection with the water department; that this system has since been added at great cost.

Citizens interested in the proposition declare that the town entered into a solemn contract with the owners of the water system to charge certain rates, and never more than those certain rates, and that the town has no right, legal or moral, to increase these rates as proposed in the ordinance adopted by the retiring board. The question was discussed at length in the meeting Monday night, and the mayor and board members sought all information obtainable on the question. It is being considered by the board.

Report was made by H. H. Patton, clerk, that the town had borrowed \$12,000 on short time notes to be used in payment of interest and installments due on the town's bonded indebtedness. This financing was made necessary because of the sum of money which the town has tied up in the Brevard bank, which closed on December 15, and because of the further fact that taxpayers declare their inability to pay 1930 taxes.

Next to the question of finance, it is said that the water question presents the most difficult problem to face the new mayor and board.

LOCAL MEN DRAW FOR U.S. GRAND JURY

B. E. Nicholson of Brevard, and George Merrill of Penrose, are serving on the Federal Grand Jury now serving the Federal court being held in Asheville, with Judge E. Y. Webb, presiding. Edgar Reid and R. S. Boyd, also of the county, are serving on the regular jury, while W. M. Henry, who had been summoned as a juror, had to return to Raleigh to finish out the summer session of the legislature. Cases involving citizens of Transylvania county will be heard on the 19th of this month.

There is a heavy docket to be tried, and a large number of cases are against citizens of this county, due to the activity of Federal officers in rounding up alleged violators of the prohibition laws.

Of great interest in this term of Federal court is the banking situation and it is expected that many true bills of indictment will be returned against former bankers for alleged violations of the banking law. The fact that two citizens of this county are serving on the Grand Jury makes this question of still greater importance to the people of Transylvania.

Y. T. H. F. BOYS TO MEET SATURDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Brevard chapter Y. T. H. F. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Brevard High school Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

NEW BOARD NAMES COMMITTEE HEADS

Suggested That List Be Retained for Future Use By Citizens

Standing committees were appointed by Mayor Ramsey last Thursday evening, and each committee organized, naming its chairman. Because of the importance of these standing committees in the town government, and the convenience it would provide for the citizens to know the name of the chairman of the committee having charge of any particular part of the town's business, it is suggested that this list be clipped and pasted up or placed in some easily found place, to serve when it is necessary to confer with town officials.

Following are the various committees, with the chairman of each group:

Water and Sewer—Clyde Ashworth, chairman; F. D. Clement, William Wallace.

Lights—S. M. Macfie, chairman; T. H. Galloway, F. D. Clement.

Streets—William Wallace, chairman; S. M. Macfie, Clyde Ashworth.

Finance—F. D. Clement, chairman; T. H. Galloway, F. D. Clement.

Sanitation—Clyde Ashworth, chairman; S. M. Macfie, William Wallace.

Franchises—T. H. Galloway, chairman; F. D. Clement, Clyde Ashworth.

HOUSTON COMPANY BEGINS BIG EVENT

Beginning next Saturday, the Houston Furniture company will inaugurate another sale of the famous Hooser Kitchen Cabinet, one of the most popular pieces of furniture to be found in the home today. The Houston company has held many successful sales of this very necessary household article, but announces that the offering this year contains greater inducement than that marking any sale in the past.

Readers of The Brevard News are urged to read the advertisement of the Houston Furniture company on another page, and study the offering being made in this sale event.

TOURISTS COMING IN LARGE NUMBERS

As an indication of the large number of tourists already visiting Brevard, the Brevard Battery company had on its floors one night last week foreign automobiles valued at more than fifty thousand dollars. Tags on the cars represented eight states, these being New York, New Jersey, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The large storage space of the Brevard Battery company was almost completely filled with these cars, many of which were kept here for several days. Mr. Hart, manager, reports new cars being stored here every day now, and he believes that the coming summer will be the banner tourist season in many years.

WARD'S BARBER SHOP IN NEW QUARTERS UP STREET

Announcement is made of the removal of Ward's Barber Shop from its former location in the Clayton Building to the building adjoining the Joines Motor company, in the room formerly occupied by English Brothers Shoe Shop. Mr. Ward has stated that his business required larger space, and as he conducts a new-stand in connection with the barber shop, he stated that it was necessary to become more centrally located.

Ward's is one of the most popular places in the town, with the combination barber shop, news stand and cigar store.

BUT FEW PEOPLE INTERESTED IN GIFTS OF \$5 GOLD PIECES

Who said times are hard in Brevard? Last week the B. & B. announced that a five dollar gold piece would be given away on Saturday. While the store was crowded all day long, but few people said a word about the gold piece. After a while the \$5 in gold was awarded to Hubert Batson. The B. & B. concern is to give away a 48-pound sack of flour and a 24-pound sack this coming Saturday. Better see them about it.

President Jerry Jerome to Announce Standing Committees Next Thursday

Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, scheduled for this Thursday night, has been postponed one week, and will be held on Thursday night of next week, owing to other meetings being previously scheduled for this Thursday evening. President Jerry Jerome will announce appointment of the regular and special committees, and the work of the organization will be outlined at this meeting.

It is reported that every business house in the town, without a single

BANK COMMITTEE RACING WITH TIME

Signatures of Depositors to the Agreement Being Obtained Rapidly

Renewed interest is being taken in the work of re-organization of the Brevard Banking company, as the numbers of depositors to sign the agreement show marked increase. The committees have been greatly enlarged with the volunteer services of numerous citizens, and men are going out in teams now in search of depositors, procuring their signatures to the agreement.

There are but a few days left in which to complete the work, it is pointed out, and whatever is done must be done within a short time. B. W. Trantham, director of the work, with headquarters in the Joines Motor company's place, while expressing gratification over the progress already made, points out the danger of delay just now, and urges every citizen who wants to see the bank reorganized to offer his services in the work.

Some men are now working hard who have spent weeks and weeks in the task of obtaining signatures to the agreement. Because of this display of loyalty and willingness to serve the community, it is pointed out, other citizens should be willing to give a day or two in the work which means as much to one citizen as to another.

It is not known what action has been taken at Raleigh, nor is it known whether the stockholders have succeeded in raising the \$85,000 necessary to be placed in the institution in event it is re-organized and re-opened. Assurances have been given, it is said, by some of the stockholders and men formerly active in the bank's interests that the \$85,000 will be on hand by the time all other details are worked out.

It is now a race with the clock, as the time limit is almost at hand, and if the work is completed, there is no time to lose.

CLUB CHAIRMEN TO SERVE DURING YEAR

Mrs. Lodema Roberston, president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club, has announced committee chairmen for the various standing committees in the organization, and assigned to each committee the task of preparing a program during the year. Following is a list of the committee chairmen, with the month designated for each group to have charge of the meeting:

Committee on Membership—Miss A. I. Trowbridge, chairman, in charge of the September meeting.

Committee on Legislation—Miss Martha Boswell, chairman, in charge of October meeting.

Committee on Scouts—Miss Jeanette Talley, chairman, in charge of November meeting.

Committee on Emblems—Mrs. Flax Lawrence, chairman, in charge of December meeting.

Committee on Education—Miss Launa Clayton, chairman, in charge of January meeting.

Committee on Health—Mrs. Maude English, chairman, in charge of February meeting.

Committee on Public Relations—Mrs. Sarah Morris, chairman, in charge of March meeting.

Committee on Personal Research—Mrs. Mary Joines, chairman, in charge of April meeting.

Committee on Publicity—(Not announced.)

Committee on Conventions—Miss Reba Ashworth, chairman, in charge of May meeting.

SKIPPY HIMSELF COMING TO THE CLEMSON NEXT WEEK

Hold your breath, fellows, for Skippy is coming to town. He is to be at the Clemson Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, and it is safe to predict that every boy and girl in the community will want to see Skippy on the screen. Jackie Cooper is playing "Skippy," while Robert Coogan, brother of Jackie Coogan, plays Sooky Wayne. Mital Green is in the cast, playing Eloise, and so on throughout the whole get-up.

The Eastern Star is sponsoring this picture, having charge of the ticket sale.

M. E. DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO BE IN SESSION HERE TWO DAYS

COLLEGE FLAPPER FLATTERS FATHERS

Old Timers Stepping About To the Light Fantastic as of Olden Days

Of all the flappers that ever flapped in a flapping town, the aggregation to be seen at the High School auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week will take the flapper cake. The occasion is a presentation of "The College Flapper," and the men of the town have turned flapper for the day to give their interpretation of the word "flapper."

The Woman's Bureau is sponsoring the play, which is one of the most elaborate affairs ever staged here, and the proceeds from the play are to be spent in the interest of the town and in a manner that only the Woman's Bureau can spend money advantageously for the town. It is believed that every seat in the house will be sold for both shows, Thursday evening and Friday evening. Seats may be reserved at Long's Drug Store at no advance in price. The men taking part in the affair are doing good work in assisting the Woman's Bureau in an effort to obtain necessary funds for carrying on the good work of the town. Brevard owes a great debt to the Woman's Bureau, and it is believed that Brevard will discharge much of that obligation by attending in full force the presentation of "The College Flapper."

BREVARD BASEBALL NINE TO PLAY BEACON SATURDAY

Brevard's aggregation of ball tossers, under the management of Lawrence Holt, will journey to Biltmore Saturday afternoon where they will engage Beacon Mills in the first game of the season. Brevard, with five other teams of Western North Carolina, make up the Western Carolina Industrial League, the season to begin Saturday and last until September.

RALEIGH STILL IN SERIOUS DEADLOCK

Raleigh, May 13.—The House and Senate battle over the revenue bill continues as bitter as ever, with the chance of compromise agreement as far away as in the early days of the session. People have stopped making any prediction, guess, prophecy, or any statement that might be taken as meaning that the speaker knows anything at all about the legislature.

The MacLean bloc in the house promptly killed the Senate proposal to levy a 20 cent ad valorem tax to augment the \$10,000,000 equalization fund for operation of schools. This was done Tuesday.

Representative Henry, of Transylvania county, returned to Raleigh Monday, to remain here until something is done. People are literally worn out, while leaders are at a loss to know how next to turn.

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We shall thank you, one and all, for your immediate response.

VISITS BREVARD FOR FIRST TIME IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Mrs. Ed. Greene, of Cleveland, Ohio, was in Brevard last week, visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Randall W. Everett. Mrs. Greene came often to Brevard years ago, but last week marked her first visit here in twenty-five years. Mrs. Greene's husband is vice president of the Union Trust company of Cleveland. Mrs. Greene had spent the winter in Florida and came through Brevard to visit Mr. and Mrs. Everett, and to visit old scenes in the county.

SPECIAL MEETING W. O. W. TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT

A special meeting of Camp No. 116 Woodmen of the World will be held Monday night in the Masonic Hall. Features of the evening will be the initiation of candidates into the organization. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the initiation work.

Local Woodmen and Woodmen Circle members are looking forward to the District Convention which will be held in Canton on May 28. Many delegates from Brevard are expected to attend the gala affair.

200 MINISTERS AND LAYMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND MEETING

Rev. G. T. Bond Will Open Conference With Sermon Monday Night

REV. D. M. LITAKER TO PRESIDE AT SESSIONS

Entertainment of Visitors To Be Feature of the Annual Gathering

Two hundred ministers and laymen are expected to attend the Methodist Conference of the Asheville District, to be held in Brevard next Tuesday and Wednesday. There are 27 charges in the district, with more than half a hundred churches. The regular pastors on the 27 charges are assisted in their work by 22 local preachers. Eight superannuated ministers live in the district. Lay leaders from each of the charges, with lay workers, are expected to attend the conference in addition to the pastors, the local preachers and the superannuates.

Rev. G. T. Bond, pastor of the West Asheville church and one of the outstanding preachers of the Western North Carolina conference, will preach at the Methodist church here Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching services will also be held Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the morning; Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock; Wednesday morning at 11, and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. B. Trimble, of the Central church at Asheville, and Rev. Walter West, pastor of the Hendersonville church, will be among the visiting ministers to fill the pulpit here during the sessions of the conference.

Ladies of the Methodist church here will serve lunch to the visitors at the church on Wednesday, and the Brevard Institute will have all visitors at the institution for lunch on Tuesday. Some forty or fifty visitors will remain in Brevard Tuesday night, and will be entertained in the homes of Brevard people.

Rev. D. M. Litaker, presiding elder of the district, will preside at the sessions. Many noted educators and men high in the affairs of church work will be in attendance.

Following is a list of the ministers and their charges in the Asheville district:

Acton, T. A. Groce; Asbury Memorial, J. C. Higgins, Jr.; Biltmore, J. N. Hall; Central, H. B. Trimble; Haywood Street, T. F. Higgins; Hillside Street, J. F. Armstrong; Oakley, G. D. Herman; West Asheville, G. T. Bond; Black Mountain, E. C. Widenhouse; Brevard, J. H. West; Candler, D. V. Howell; Emma and Elk Mountain, W. E. Ruffy; Fairview, O. B. Mitchell; Flat Rock, M. E. Leftwich; Fletcher-Mills River, H. F. Duncan; Hendersonville, W. B. West; Hot Springs, R. H. Caudill; Ivy, J. S. Mitchell; Flat Rock, M. E. Leftwich; Marshall, S. C. Weatherly; Rosman, J. M. Green; Saluda-Tryon, O. L. Robinson; Sandy, G. L. Lovett; Swannanoa, J. H. Green; Weaverville, A. P. Ratledge; Weaverville Circuit, H. R. Cornelius; Chaplain, Oteen Hospital, L. W. Colson; Associate Sunday School Editor, O. L. Simpson.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL CONCERNS ARE BEING HELD

Stockholders of the Transylvania Tanning company were in annual meeting here Tuesday, and a similar meeting was held by the holders of stock in the Toxaway Tanning company at Rosman on Wednesday. Among out-of-town financiers attending the meetings are Messrs. M. Dworetzky and Albert Schain.

MISS GERALDINE BARRETT IS REPORTED IMPROVING

Reports from Miss Geraldine Barrett, who was operated on three weeks ago, are to the effect that she is making some progress in recovery. She has not made sufficient recovery to be able to reply to the many highly appreciated letters and cards received from Brevard friends, but expresses deep gratitude to all who have remembered her.

EFFORT TO BRIBE SENATORS CHARGED

Raleigh, May 13.—The Senate has appointed a committee to investigate charges that efforts had been made by certain parties to bribe and corrupt members of the Senate in matter of luxury tax, sales tax, and the school bill. The committee is given broad powers, and began work Wednesday, holding its first session. Hotel men have been summoned to appear before the committee, with register books and other data, in an effort to place the blame upon lobbyists who have, it is charged, made effort to bribe state senators.