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COURT CONVENES MONDAY FOR TRIAL OF THE BANK CASES

Removal to Another County or Jury from Another County, May Be Asked

MEN PROMINENT IN COUNTY TO GO ON TRIAL

Line-up of Legal Staff Gives Evidence of Stiff Legal Battle in the Court

Judge Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, will convene Superior court in Brevard next Monday morning. This is the regular August term, always heretofore devoted to the trial of civil cases, but was changed to a mixed term by Governor Gardner upon formal request made to him by the county commissioners. The change from that of a civil term to a mixed term was made, it is said, for the purpose of hearing criminal charges preferred against many defendants in cases growing out of the closing of the Brevard Banking company here on the 15th day of December, 1930.

It is understood that the criminal cases will be tried during the first week of court, or next week. A jury has already been drawn for service, the jury commission having drawn the jury some time ago. It is intimated in some quarters that request will be made in some of the cases to have a jury from another county, or ask for removal of these cases in question to another county.

Many of the county's most outstanding citizens are to be tried, among them being T. H. Shipman, president of the Brevard Banking company; Jos. S. Silverstein; T. E. Patton, Jr., sheriff and tax collector of Transylvania county; Ralph R. Fisher, former county attorney; J. H. Pickelsimer, C. R. McNeely, W. L. Talley, S. R. Owen and A. M. White, all members of the board of county commissioners from 1928 to 1930.

Mr. Shipman will be tried on one charge of misappropriation of funds while president of the bank, and in another case is charged with conspiracy with former county officials to place county funds in the bank for the bank's use and to the hurt of the county. Mr. Silverstein and Messrs. Fisher, Pickelsimer, White, Talley,

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SHEPHERD KILLED BY FALLING STONE

Wayne Shepherd, 37 years of age, was killed in a peculiar accident while working on the highway in Pisgah National Forest Monday afternoon. The road force was engaged in blasting projecting rocks in the plan to widen the roadway, and Mr. Shepherd was standing on top of a large rock clearing away the brush preparatory to drilling and blasting the rock. The large stone gave way and dropped to the roadbed, some twelve feet below, carrying Mr. Shepherd with it. A smaller stone which had become loose when the larger rock gave way, rolled down the embankment, and as the workman fell from the large rock this smaller one struck him, crushing his head, causing almost instant death.

The body was taken Wednesday morning to Alexander, in Buncombe county, for burial, the deceased being a native of that section and a grandson of the late Henry Shepherd, for a generation one of the biggest land owners and farmers of Western North Carolina. Short services were conducted by the Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a loyal member, prior to leaving for the Shepherd burying ground in Buncombe. A large number of Transylvania county friends, including many of the Woodmen, accompanied the body and the family to Alexander.

Surviving are the widow and five children, ranging in age from 14, the eldest, to a babe less than a year old. The children are James, William, Richard, Mattie and the baby.

AN INVITATION

We are sending out several sample copies of The Brevard News this week, and when you receive this copy please accept it as an invitation to become a subscriber to the paper. In addition to the regular news features, editorials, state news, county news and county correspondence, there are developments just now beginning that you will want to read. One dollar will bring The Brevard News to you from now until February first, next year. You will want next week's paper, on account of court beginning next Monday, so get your name and address in early.

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STATE SOON TO BE IN BUILDING GAME

And Will Take Over Outstanding School Bonds, Says Speaker

Raleigh, July 29—North Carolina, at the present rate, will soon be building all school houses and will even take over outstanding school building bonds, J. W. Noell predicted in his presidential address to the N. C. Press Association at Morehead City last week. Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the Highway Commission, said all county roads will be distinctively marked and called upon civic bodies and the press to promote highway beautification.

The fight made by J. L. Horne, Jr., Rocky Mount, as legislative committee chairman during the recent session, resulted in his election to the presidency of the association. Isaac S. London, Rockingham, was elected vice-president; Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, for the 11th time, and E. Arp Lowrance, Charlotte, was re-elected historian. In addition to Mr. Noell, who automatically becomes a member, the executive committee members elected are John A. Park, Raleigh; W. C. Dowd, Jr., Charlotte; D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville; Herbert Peale, Elizabeth City.

BILLY BROWN DIED SUDDENLY MONDAY

Death came suddenly to William Brown last Monday morning at 11 o'clock, as he sat on his porch in Brevard Park. Known to people throughout the county as "Billy" Brown, the 70-year-old man was extremely popular and highly esteemed by every one. In his younger days Mr. Brown was a printer, serving many years with the late Editor Miner in publication of The Sylvan Valley News, forerunner of The Brevard News. In later years Mr. Brown had worked at the painters trade.

Funeral services were held at the residence Tuesday afternoon with Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church to which the deceased belonged, conducted the rites. Burial was made in the Gillespie cemetery.

Five sons and five daughters survive, as follows: Tell, John, Austin, Herman and Leonard; Mrs. Charles Scroggs, Mrs. Jess Scroggs, Mrs. Joseph Currie, Mrs. Tillman Meese and Miss Thelma Brown.

CHARLEY DUNN IS NOW IN NEW WORK

Charles S. Dunn, for the past four years senior forest ranger in the Pisgah National Forest, left this week to take up his duties in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, to which he has been transferred. Mr. Dunn has been in the Department of Agriculture for the past eighteen years, during which time he has been engaged in supervising the development work in national lands. His new work is under the Department of Interior, but his work will continue in the development field. Mr. Dunn's family is at Erwin, Tenn., visiting Mrs. Dunn's mother. They will reside at Maryville, headquarters for the Great Smoky Mountain Park work.

W. P. Duncan is transferred from the Cherokee National Forest to Pisgah Forest, succeeding Mr. Dunn.

WOMAN'S BUREAU TO PLAN FLOWER SHOW

August meeting of the Woman's Bureau will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Final plans for the flower show will be made, and it is urged that all members be present to assist in the preparations for this annual event, which will be held August 19.

MANY OLD FIDDLERS TO FIDDLE FREELY FOR FAIR FOLKS FRIDAY

"Tell the folks of the town and county, and the visitors, too, that if the band cannot make music for the community, there is one group able, willing and ready to perform," said Messrs Wallace Galloway and Frank Wilson, fiddlers from Fiddlersville. "Tell the good people that the old fiddlers of the county will be on the court house lawn this Friday evening soon after supper time, with their fiddles and their banjos and their guitars, to play and to sing as did the fathers of old when brass bands were not known and pipe organs were still a pipe dream."

So the day is set, the die is cast, the bows have been rosined and the fiddles tuned, and the first free fiddlers concert of the 1931 season will be given this Friday night on the court house lawn, where the band always played. Messrs. Galloway and Wilson want all fiddlers and banjo pickers and guitar players who will take part in these community concerts to bring their instruments Friday night and cut loose. They ask all boarding house keepers and hotel

proprietors to tell their guests about the affair, and invite them to attend. They want all the citizens to pack their troubles in the old kitbag, and come along to town Friday night of this week, and hear the tunes that made the welkin ring in the good old days of yore, when the old man was a young cut-up, courting his first sweetheart and chewing his first store tobacco.

It was first decided to have the opening concert on this Thursday night, but was postponed to Friday night on account of the Oxford Orphanage Singing class coming to town Thursday night.

It is a big thing that the men of the town and county have offered to do for Brevard, this voluntary offer to provide the finest kind of entertainment, free of all charge, for the summer visitors and homefolks. Here's hoping that a big crowd will be on hand to hear these men who know their music perform on the instruments that they make talk in a language as old as the hills, yet ever new and inspiring.

Oxford Singing Class Coming To Brevard High Auditorium Tonight

Everybody to the High School Auditorium this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock!

The Singing Class from the Oxford Orphanage will be there, and a splendid recital is to be given. In the class there are ten girls and four boys, accompanied by the superintendent and one teacher. The fourteen children are well trained and drilled in the performance to be offered, but that, excellent as it is, is not the main attraction. It is not so much what these fourteen boys and girls say, recite or sing, nor is it the manner of their doing it. The strong appeal is in the fourteen boys and girls themselves, and the institution which they represent. You will see them there tonight, these boys and girls, and as you look upon them just keep in mind the fact that a few years ago each of these little ones experienced a great loss. In the case of each one of them Daddy died some time ago, or Mother was taken from them. In some instances it was both.

Down at Oxford, where the Masons of North Carolina maintain and support and operate the Oxford Orphanage, these children and many others are being trained and educated and fitted for life. Every cent of the money taken in at this concert and at all the other concerts over the state, go to the fund supporting the institu-

tion. There are no expenses attached their coming here. The children are cared for in the homes of members of Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge. The proceeds are clear.

Isn't it good that God has spared your life, so that you can still be with your little children? What a privilege, then, to be able to do something as an expression of gratitude? Buy a ticket, or several tickets, to the concert. If you cannot attend, buy the tickets, anyway. Members of the lodge are selling them, and the ladies of the Eastern Star are working hard to sell as many tickets as possible.

There are comparatively few children in the Oxford Orphanage coming from homes of Masons. Some people are under the impression that the Oxford Orphanage is for the children of deceased Masons only. This is not the fact. Any child, left an orphan, is taken as there is room available. More than three-fourths of the children in the Oxford institution are from non-Masonic homes.

Tickets have been reduced this year. For adults the price is 35 cents, and 15 cents for children. Bring your own children and attend the concert. You will enjoy it, and feel all the better for having contributed your presence and your admission fee to the great work of caring to that extent for those children whose fathers and mothers have been called away.

GREAT THRONG AT RAXTER FUNERAL

Walter Raxter, outstanding citizen in this county for seventy years, died last Thursday, at the Raxter home near Dunn's Rock, and burial was made Friday at the See-Off Mountain Baptist church where the deceased had worshipped for many years, although being a member of the Methodist church. Services were conducted by the Rev. Rogers, of Fletchers, and a great crowd gathered on the mountain to pay last tribute to a real friend. Mr. Raxter had spent much of his life on See-Off, but several years ago came down into the valley and builded his home at the edge of the mountain.

Many older citizens who have known Mr. Raxter for three-quarters of a century have paid many beautiful tributes to their departed friend, declaring that his life here has been a benediction to thousands of people who have benefitted through his constant friendly and neighborly acts.

Surviving are the widow and eight children: Mrs. Leota Lance, Mrs. Armilda Lance, Hewitt Raxter, Elzize Raxter, Mrs. Floy Neill, Mrs. Ella Lee Crompton, Mrs. Jesse Reece, Mrs. Hettie Cantrell.

JUNIORS TO HAVE BIG WATERMELON FEAST

Meeting night for Transylvania Council, Junior Order, has been changed from Thursday night to Saturday, beginning this week.

There will be no meeting this Thursday night, but the regular meeting will be held this Saturday night.

And listen: There will be a watermelon feast at the meeting this Saturday night, and all members are expected to be on hand and enjoy the meeting and the watermelon feast.

The Junior Order used to meet regularly on Saturday nights, and records show that larger crowds attended. Many members of the Junior Order live in the country, and it is hard for them to come to town any night in the week except Saturday night.

CHERRYFIELD IS NO MORE AS STATION

Cherryfield station is no more, its demise, dismissal, disruption, disintegration, dissolution, disbarment, double-distilled death having been pronounced by one Doctor Cooper, of the Southern Railway company, Asheville, North Carolina, in consultation with the faculty members of the Corporation Commission, Raleigh, in the same said and aforesaid state, E. Pluribus Unum, U. S. A., stripping the county to its B. V. D., insofar as R. R. stations are concerned.

Which is to say, that Cherryfield station is discontinued, as of August the once, according to a notice posted on the station door, and according to the station agent, J. L. Waldrop. Mr. Waldrop has also been serving as postmaster at Cherryfield, but announces his resignation has gone in to the postal authorities at Washington. Mr. Waldrop has been depot agent and postmaster at Cherryfield for the past eighteen years, and before his time Mrs. Rebecca Glazener, his grandmother, was postmistress for the forty years.

Doing away with the railroad station at Cherryfield now leaves but few stations or depots in the county, these being Penrose, Pisgah Forest, Brevard, Rosman and Toxaway.

"I WANTS TO KNOW WHAT MY NAME IS"

"Cap'n, please sir, take me to No. ... Gaston street, and let me find out who I is. Dey kin tell me dar who I is, an' I don't know who I is, an' I wanna fine out who I is, sho enuff, Boss, I do."

Night Policeman Jimmie Deaver had found a colored man in an alley between the Houston Furniture Store back of the News Arcade building. The fellow was all down and out, soaked, sot, and all but frothing at the mouth. Policeman Deaver listened to the man's plea to be taken to Gaston street, and took him there—almost. He took him to the jail house, where Gaston street is in plain view from an upstairs eastern window.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO MEET IN AUGUST

State Convention To Be Held In Asheville 11 to 13—Important Meet

Raleigh, July 29—The State association of county commissioners and county auditors meets at Asheville, August 11-13, the opening evening session being devoted to welcome and responses, the report of J. L. Skinner, secretary-treasurer, and the naming of committees.

President A. E. Cline, Cleveland county, delivers his address Wednesday morning, followed by F. P. Spruill, member of the State Board of Equalization, on "North Carolina School System in 1931"; E. B. Jeffress, chairman, on "The New Highway Commission"; and a round table discussion on "County Problems", led by Charles M. Johnson, director of Local Government. The afternoon will be devoted to recreation and sight-seeing.

Thursday morning Director A. S. Brower, of Purchase and Contract, will speak on "State Purchase and Contract in North Carolina", to be followed by Senator Cam Morrison on "Modern Government". The business will end with committee reports, election of officers and selecting a next meeting place.

The auditors meet Wednesday evening, hear from President J. A. Orrell, New Hanover, and Secretary Willis Booth, Guilford, and hold a round table discussion, elect officers and adjourn.

BREEDLOVE DEATH CAUSE OF SORROW

James A. Breedlove, aged 64, died last Wednesday afternoon, at his home at Lake Toxaway, after a lingering illness that had caused much suffering during the past four years. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Toxaway Baptist church, with Rev. J. P. Mason and Rev. S. B. McCall conducting the rites. Six young men of the community, selected by the deceased before his death, acted as pallbearers, and Kilpatrick & Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Surviving are the widow and five children, as follows: Mrs. Ira Galloway, of Brevard; Ward Breedlove, of Selica, and Carl, Fred and Jess, of Toxaway.

Mr. Breedlove was one of the best known men of the county, and had hosts of friends. He was a member of the Baptist church, and took great pride in its growth and accomplishments. He was a neighbor to all people, generous, considerate and sympathetic, and that his passing caused sorrow was evidenced by the large crowd attending the funeral services.

262 RADIO SETS IN THIS COUNTY NOW

Raleigh, July 29—Transylvania county has 262 radio receiving sets or 12.5 per cent of the families in this county had radios in 1930, as compared with 11.2 per cent of the 72,329 families in North Carolina owning radios, according to figures announced by the Census Bureau, which found that the average family in this State was five in 1921, but decreased to 4.9 persons in 1930.

Mecklenburg county has more than one radio to every four families, or 28 per cent of the families own one. Charlotte radios numbered about one to each three families. Alleghany had less than one radio to each fifty families.

BREVARD LOST TO SAYLES' TEAM 7-5

Before a handful of faithful fans who turned out to the "Booster Day" game that didn't boost, last Saturday afternoon, the Brevard ball team lost to Sayles in a seven inning affair by the score of seven-five.

With Beacon losing to Weaver-ville, Brevard still manages to be tied for top place with the count of five wins and four reverses. Enka is next scheduled, for Saturday's game at the Rayon City.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the Subscribers:

Last week The Brevard News mailed statements to several hundred subscribers whose time is out. Many of those to whom statements were mailed have replied by either sending in the money for their paper, or asking us to keep on sending the paper and promising to pay later. Many have not replied at all. Those of you who want the paper sent on will please send in your payment at once. If you received a statement last week, and we do not hear from you, we shall take it that you do not want the paper any longer, and will, therefore, remove your name from the list before next week's paper is mailed out. We shall thank you to give prompt attention to this matter. You do not have to pay all that you owe, if it is not convenient. A quarter, half dollar, dollar, or whatever you desire to send in, will be credited to your account and the paper sent on to you. But it is absolutely necessary that we hear from each one to whom statements were mailed.

NAME TEACHERS IN CITY SCHOOLS FOR THE 1931-32 TERM

Seven Old Teachers Dropped and Four New Ones Added to List

SELICA SCHOOL ADDED TO BREVARD GROUP

Local Board Subject of Criticism by Friends of Some Who Were Dropped

Seven teachers employed in the Brevard schools last year were dropped by the local school committee in election announced last Thursday, and four new ones were added, making a net decrease in the teaching force of three members. With this decreased number of teachers, one school was added to the Brevard schools in the state's consolidation plan. Selica school was abolished, and the students in that district ordered added to the Brevard schools.

Those teaching last year and not re-employed for this year's work are as follows: Miss Gladys English, Miss Elizabeth Ramsey, Mrs. E. W. Blythe, Miss Anne Lewis, Miss Lois Wike, Miss Lucile Wike, and Mrs. Pearl Brittain.

The new ones added are: Miss Nancy Macfie, Miss Ruth Waters, Mrs. T. E. Reid, and Mrs. S. P. Verner. Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Verner have been teaching in the county heretofore, but no tin the Brevard schools.

In the high school the new staff will be as follows, providing all who have been selected accept the places: Hinton McLeod, C. E. Wike, Miss Juanita Puett, Miss Sarah Keels, Miss Mary Frances Biggers, Mrs. W. P. Kimzey, Miss Janie Strickland, Ernest Wilson, Miss Jessie Conn, Miss Sherrill Bromfield, J. A. Glazener, Miss Nancy Macfie.

In the Grammar School the selected staff will be: J. E. Ruffy, Miss Myrtle Barnett, Miss Garnet Lyday, Miss Agnes Clayton, Miss Josephine Clayton, Miss Eva Call, Miss Ruth Waters, Mrs. T. E. Reid.

In the Primary school there will be: Mrs. F. P. Sledge, Miss Willie Aiken, Miss Bertie Bahard, Miss Geneva Neill, Mrs. J. E. Ruffy, and Mrs. S. P. Verner.

Prof. Alvin Moore will teach piano for all grades.

Of the above teachers, seven are citizens of other sections. Friends of Miss Ruth Waters and Miss Nancy Macfie, two of Brevard's most popular young ladies, were delighted with announcement of their selection. Change of Mrs. Verner and Mrs. Reid from the county schools to the Brevard work is likewise pleasing to their many friends.

Loss of the Misses Wike, will be

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SELICA CITIZENS TO APPEAR MONDAY

Next Monday will be a "jam-up" busy day for the people in official life in Brevard. The county commissioners will meet in regular monthly session, and the school board will also hold its regular session. An interesting feature of the school board will be appearance of a delegation of citizens from Selica section, it is said, who will appear before the school authorities and protest consolidation of their school with Brevard.

Under recent order of the state school authorities, Selica school was ordered abolished and the students of that community entered in the Brevard schools. Citizens of Selica assert that it will be impossible for many of the children to attend the Brevard school, on account of the tender age of many of the children and the distance that will have to be walked to reach the school bus.

It is said that there is nothing that the local board can do about the matter, other than to make recommendations to Raleigh. It is pointed out that it is one of the problems to be solved in the change being made from county to state supervision of schools.

In addition to the two boards in regular session, Judge Hoyle Sink will open Superior court for a two weeks' session, during which time many cases involving the county's outstanding citizens will be tried.