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## County Tax Rate Reduced to \$1.69 on the \$100

### REDUCTION BRINGS JOY TO THE HEARTS OF ALL TAX PAYERS

Great Activity in Local Business Circles Already Noted Since Rate Was Named

GREAT PROMISE OF PROGRESS IS SEEN HERE

Fine Crops, National Park, A New Bank and Other Prospects in the Offing

County commissioners last Friday, with assistance and advice of Charles M. Johnson, head of the local government branch of the state administration, adopted the 1931 budget and set a tax rate at \$1.69 on the hundred dollar valuation. This is a reduction of 25 cents on the hundred dollars, and this cut in the tax rate when it had been feared that an increase would be necessary has proven of great value to the entire county. Already business conditions are improving, and there is greater feeling of optimism apparent everywhere.

The commissioners expressed appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his timely aid and assistance in adoption of the budget. Mr. Johnson spoke very highly of local conditions, declaring that it should not take this county very long to work out from under its present difficulties.

The county is feeling the beneficial effects of the state having taken over the roads and the six months' school term. The road tax of 16 cents on the hundred dollars valuation in effect last year, is now eliminated entirely, he state operation of the six months' school term, costing the county last year 59 cents on the hundred dollars, is this year less than 20 cents on the hundred to be paid by the county.

The debt service item constitutes

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### GREAT INTEREST IN LYDAY'S PROPOSAL

Large Number of People Have Written or Spoken to Man About Bank Proposition

Hundreds of people have either written to Mr. G. H. Lyday, or have been to see him during the past week, offering their services and giving their endorsement to plans outlined in The Brevard News by Mr. Lyday in re-organizing the Brevard Bank and urging action that would set free those citizens who have been sentenced, and a no! pros in pending cases. Many of the letters contain valuable suggestions as to details for bringing about a condition of restored confidence and renewed progress. The number of letters coming from women indicates intense interest in these local questions by the women of the county.

Mr. Lyday states that he has nothing further to offer this week, but will have a very definite statement to make next week. Plans for opening a new bank are so nearly completed that he does not want to issue any statement today, he says. Mr. Lyday expresses keen appreciation for the many letters which he has received concerning the local situation, and expressed belief that many more letters would be received during the coming week.

In addition to the letters received by Mr. Lyday, many communications have come direct to The Brevard News, giving full endorsement to Mr. Lyday's plan. No other statement ever issued here has caused more comment or aroused greater reaction than that given by Mr. Lyday last week through The Brevard News.

### GRIDIRON BATTLES BEGIN THIS FRIDAY

The Blue Devil football team of Brevard High School will wage its first battle of the season with Weaverville High School Friday afternoon at four o'clock in Brevard.

Players starting the game will probably play in the following line:

John Pickelsimer, center; Albert Meese and Max Wilson, guards; LaSalle Lance and "Pug" Hinton, tackles; Harold Nelson and Jack Loftis, ends; Joe Schachner, quarterback; Walter Clayton and Bill Erwin, halfbacks; Langdon English, fullback.

Coach Tilson announced Wednesday that the Blue Devils have only three open dates for football games. Seven games are scheduled. They are: Sept. 25, Weaverville; Oct. 2, Pickens; Oct. 9, Fruitland; Oct. 23, Christ School; Oct. 30, Grace School; Nov. 6, Mars Hills; and Nov. 25, Hendersonville. Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and 30 are open dates.

### VISITORS FLOCKED TO BREVARD FROM EACH STATE IN U. S.

And From 4 Foreign Countries, Chamber of Commerce Registration Shows

GREAT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY C. OF C.

Many Houses Rented and People Placed by the Officers of the Organization

That the Brevard Chamber of Commerce is an asset to the town and renders valuable service to the community is evidenced by registrations and tabulations on record at that place of business, and made public at this time by the secretary, Miss Alma Trowbridge.

The registration books for the present season, from June to the middle of September, reveals that approximately 1,000 tourists have come to the Chamber of Commerce at some time during that period and have taken advantage, in one way and another, of the free services rendered by this organization. This figure includes the visitors attending the flower show at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in August, which registration is estimated at around 500 people for the one day alone. The registrations for the month of August outnumber those of June and July combined, exclusive of the flower show visitors. These figures, obviously, do not represent the total number of tourists in Brevard during the season, since many visitors do not come to the Chamber of Commerce for registration or for information.

A check-up on the number of states represented by these registrations discloses that South Carolina heads the list with the largest number of

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### P.-T. ASSOCIATION TO PICNIC FRIDAY

First Meeting of New School Year Devoted to Adoption of Plan of Activity

Brevard Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the 1931-32 school year, Monday afternoon at the Grammar School building. The officers for the current year are: President, Mrs. S. P. Verner; vice president, Mrs. Roy Long; secretary, Mrs. A. B. Galloway; and publicity chairman, Mrs. J. E. Loftis.

The Parent-Teacher association has improved the school system of Brevard in many ways. It has created a greater interest and better cooperation between the parents and teachers.

At the meeting Monday it was planned to hold the annual picnic Friday afternoon, Sept. 25, at White Pine Camp in the Pisgah National Forest. All parents attending are urged to bring a picnic lunch for the family and one additional person.

Transportation will be furnished for those who do not have cars. The parents and teachers are all cordially invited to meet at the Grammar School building at four o'clock to go on the picnic.

The Western District meeting of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association, which is composed of 18 Western Carolina counties, is to be held in Canton Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Canton High school, it was announced last Saturday by Mrs. F. W. Veto, district publicity chairman. It is expected that several women will represent the local association at this meeting.

### RELIEF GROUP TO BE NAMED BY GARDNER

Raleigh, Sept. 23—Following a conference with leaders of various forms of industrial and agricultural activities here Friday, Governor Gardner stated that he would name five or seven persons this week as a special unemployment relief commission, directed to handle relief in the State this winter. Reports from leaders in activities in the State were made by several of the 25 persons called to the conference.

The commission will make a study and seek methods of relieving distress in the State as a result of economic depression and the resultant lack of employment. E. W. Henninger, who was in charge of the work of the unemployment commission last winter, has been named director. The task will be greater this year, Commissioner of Labor Frank D. Grist estimating that about 22 per cent of the working population, or approximately 100,000 are out of work and another 100,000 are working on part time.

### PLEADING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Editor The Brevard News:

Please give me enough space in your paper to say that every member of my family most earnestly endorses Mr. G. H. Lyday's suggestions in regard to the rehabilitation of our county. Every right-thinking citizen must surely do so. Even those who think they have been wronged cannot bear a grudge so great that they will not join in this movement. They must do so for the county's sake and their own. If there are still those whom these considerations cannot move, there is still the greatest reason to urge:

"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Yours sincerely,  
HILDA M. NORWOOD.

### ROSMAN FAIR TO BE HELD OCTOBER 9TH MANY EXHIBITS FOR SYLVAN VALLEY FAIR

Annual Community Event Will Be Staged on Rosman School Grounds

The Rosman Community Fair will be held in the gymnasium building located directly behind the Rosman High School on Friday October 9th, announced Prof. J. F. Corbin, instructor in Vocational Agriculture in the Rosman High School.

A few interested people met in the Agriculture class room of the high school Friday night, September 18 to make definite plans for the fair.

It is planned that each community in the Rosman School district will have a booth and also that in addition to these booths there will be a general collection of individual exhibits, placed together for convenience in judging. The various booths will be judged as a whole and then the individual booths separately. There will be space provided for the people to exhibit anything from wild animals to antiques.

The community booths are to be provided by the community entries themselves. Prof. Corbin urged the communities to get busy and plan, organize, build a booth, select the best on hand in order to make an excellent showing in the fair. Prof. Corbin explained that it was not his fair, nor a school fair, it is to be a community wide fair, to be given annually. He further announced that in order to make the fair a big success, a quantity of nails, prizes, ribbons and the hearty cooperation of everyone. Volunteers are requested to serve from each community. Next week workers will be drafted into service and the detailed directions regarding size and kind of exhibits given out.

### M'CALL REUNION TO BE HELD 1ST SUNDAY

Hundreds Expected To Attend —To Be Held in County Court House

Hundreds of people are expected in Brevard Sunday, October 4, when the McCall family reunion will be held in the county court house. It is said that there are more members of the McCall family than any other family in Western North Carolina, many families of this name living in each county in the mountains.

Dr. John E. Calfee, president of the Asheville Normal and Teachers' College, will preach at 11 o'clock. The program begins at 10 o'clock in the morning, lasting throughout the day, with a picnic dinner at the noon hour. Music is a feature at the McCall reunions, and quartets from many North and South Carolina towns will be heard during the day.

Following is the program:  
10:00—Song ..... Choir  
Prayer ..... Rev. J. P. Mason  
10:15—Welcome Address  
Prof. L. H. Thomas  
10:30—Special Music  
Hendersonville Quartet  
10:45—Music  
Simpson, Carolina and Little River Quartets.

11:00—Sermon . . . Dr. John E. Calfee  
Pres. Asheville Normal and Teachers' College.  
11:45—Business Session  
12:00—Special Music. Mrs. Eva Rice  
12:15—Talk . . . . . J. C. McCall  
12:30—Round Table Discussion  
NOON HOUR 1:00-2:30  
2:30—Song . . . . . W. C. McCall  
2:45-3:30—Music; Various Quartets  
Officers and committees of the reunion follows:

S. B. McCall, President; A. B. McCall, Vice President; Mrs. Seva McCall, Secretary; W. D. McCall, Treasurer; Arrangement Committee: Milford McCall, Henry McCall, and Ira Galloway. Corresponding Committee: J. C. McCall, Louise Perry and L. McCall. Entertainment Committee: Mrs. Lizzie McCall, Mrs. Lula McCall and Mrs. Leonard Thomas.

To Be Held in Brevard at Building Adjoining the B. & B. Feed Co.

The Sylvan Valley Fair, sponsored by the Brevard Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina will be held in the Jenkins building, adjoining the B. and B. Feed and Seed Co., Saturday, October the third. The fair will open to the public at 9 o'clock in the morning and remain open until Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

Citizens of Transylvania county are cordially invited to participate in the fair in order to make it a great success. Prof. Julian Glazener, instructor of Vocational Agriculture in the Brevard High School, has announced that the fair is open to everyone in the county and that it is not a school fair but a fair for anyone who wishes to contribute.

At a special meeting of the Brevard Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers it was planned to divide the fair program and arrangements into departments. The young farmers will enter their exhibits in competition with the Transylvania farmers.

John Collins, president of the local chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers, is chairman of the entire group of fair committees and will lead in the fair activities.

The fair will be composed of the following departments:

(a) Farm Crops. Superintendent, Max Wilson; co-workers, Hays Merrill, Foy Holden, Virgil McCrary and Holland Corn.  
(b) Horticulture. Superintendent, Otis Shipman; co-workers, Harold Davis, Van O'Kelly, Lamar Morgan.

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### BIG EXPANSION OF SILVER FOX RANCH

New Enterprise Having Rapid Growth—Absorbs Henderson County Ranch

Expansion of the Blue Ridge Silver Fox Ranch, at Cherryfield, this county, includes the taking over of the Silver Fox and Mink ranch of Hendersonville, operated formerly by Mr. Charlton, near Skyland. This absorption adds to the local ranch ten pairs of Silver fox and thirty pairs of mink. Mr. Freeman, keeper of the ranch in Henderson county, is now with the local concern and has moved his family to Calvert, near the ranch here.

Another shipment of 20 pairs of Silver fox from the Ozarks in Missouri reached Brevard recently, and were added to the pens here, and another of the same number will be shipped on November first, according to announcement made in Brevard this week. There are now several hundred pairs of the silver fox in the ranch here, and it is said that people living in Missouri are becoming greatly interested in the fox ranch in Transylvania county, many of them sending their fox and their money into this county.

Thomas Carr, ranch manager of the Blue Ridge ranch for the past three years, is now in Illinois, starting a new ranch there. He will return within a few months to his duties here, it is said. R. L. Hogsted, secretary and treasurer of the local concern, is acting general manager of the ranch during the absence of Mr. Carr.

### KIWANIS TO MEET TODAY AT THE ENGLAND HOME

Brevard Kiwanians will meet at the England Home Thursday at noon for the regular bi-weekly luncheon. An effort is being made by officers of the club to have as near perfect attendance for this month as possible, and all members are urged to keep this in mind. Lewis Hamlin will have charge of the program.

### ORR'S DEATH CAUSE OF GREAT SORROW TO ENTIRE COUNTY

Was Graduate of Local High School and Very Popular Here

PREVIOUS INJURIES HAD BEEN SUFFERED

Died as Result of Accident in Which He Was Shot While Hunting

Walter W. Orr, 24 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Orr of the Clough Farm, died in the Patton Memorial Hospital at Hendersonville shortly before noon last Thursday, following an injury he received from the discharge of a shot gun while squirrel hunting. Young Orr had been home for several days recuperating from injuries he received in a parachute accident at Hempstead, New York, on July 7.

Immediately following the accident he suffered from the discharge of the shotgun, he was rushed to the Patton Memorial Hospital and every effort made to save his life. For nearly three days he fought for life, but the injury was too serious and he died Thursday morning.

Walter Orr received his education in the Brevard city schools and at Brevard Institute. He was a very apt student and was very popular with both the faculty and students of the schools.

After he was graduated from school he joined the army and soon after received several promotions. He was transferred to the Air Squadron at Mitchell Field, New York. Following his parachute accident he was granted a furlough and when he was able to leave the hospital, he came home expecting to return for duty on Monday September 21.

Mr. Orr was a very promising young man. He had a pleasing personality that won him friends wherever he went. He was very popular with the young people of Brevard.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Carl Blythe at the Pleasant Grove church Friday morning at eleven o'clock. Mr. Blythe was assisted by Rev. Paul Hartzell and Rev. J. H. West. Interment was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Young Orr is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Orr, two sisters, Mrs. Alcona McCall and Mrs. Lavada Morgan, and two brothers, L. C. and V. O. all of Transylvania county.

Palbearers were: Phillip Price, Albert Kilpatrick, Charlie Corn, Jack Loftis, Tom Wood, Jr., Lloyd Allison. Funeral arrangements by Kilpatrick and Sons.

### ROSMAN BOY TAKES HIGHEST HONORS IN JUDGING CONTEST

Annual Cattle Judging Held at Biltmore Dairy for Western N. C. District

WALLACE GILLESPIE'S SCORE ALMOST PERFECT

Hoped He Will Win In State Contest—Others Here In Good Score at Meet

Wallace Gillespie, tenth grade student of the Rosman High school and member of the Rosman Young Tar Heel Farmers Association was the high scoring student with a score of 96 7-8 in the annual district cattle judging contest held at Biltmore Dairy of Biltmore, Saturday, Sept. 19th.

Four counties, Buncombe, Transylvania, Haywood and Yancey were represented in the judging contest. The fifteen schools represented were: Barnardsville, Candler, Crossmore, Cranberry, Cane Creek, Fairview, Leicester, Brevard, Mills River, Rosman, Robbinsville, Franklin, Burnsville, Waynesville and another school in McDowell county.

80 boys from the 15 schools contested in the judging. The various animals used as subjects had already been judged by experts and their ratings listed on a chart. The boys were given a record to complete. They rated the animals according to grade A, B, C or D. Ralph Galloway the second representative from Rosman won fifth place, giving Rosman the highest score of the 15 schools. He made a score of 91 7-8.

Otis Shipman and Merrimon Shuford represented the Brevard high school.

Oiver McMahan of Burnsville won second place. He and Wallace Gillespie will represent the Western district at Raleigh Sept. 26 in a contest of all high scoring schools in the state. The state winners will represent the state in a National contest at the National Dairy Show in St. Louis in October.

J. F. Corbin instructor of Vocational Agriculture in the Rosman High School said "Wallace is to be highly commended on his achievement especially since he has never had a chance to be around good cows nor was he shown cows away from Rosman during the week in which he was coached."

Mr. Corbin coached Wallace Gillespie and Ralph Galloway personally and it was only through his expert advice and work that it was possible for them to make such an excellent showing in the contest.

### COUNTY GETS AID ON EXTENDED TERM

Nearly Seven Thousand Dollars Coming to County On Its Extended Term Costs

Raleigh, Sept. 23—Transylvania county will receive \$6,628.32 from the \$1,500,000 tax reduction fund to supplement local taxes to support the two months extended school term, over and above the constitutional six months term. The total cost of the extended term in this county, based on the standard established by the State for the six months term, will be \$17,029.70, the balance of which is to be paid from local taxes.

The State Board of Equalization has found that the combined valuation of property in all the districts is \$2,737,024,233 and that a 14-cent tax rate is necessary to produce revenues sufficient to operate the two months terms, with the aid of the State's tax reduction fund. The total cost of the extended term, based on the standards fixed for the six months term, will be \$4,415,123, of which the State is to pay \$1,500,000, leaving \$2,915,123 to be paid by local taxes. It is seen from this that the State pays slightly more than one-third of the average total cost of the extended term, and in some cases it is more than half the cost.

The valuation of property in Transylvania county was fixed at \$7,429,564, which, at the 14-cent rate, will produce \$10,401.38 in local revenue, to which the State adds the \$6,628.32 to cover the total cost of the two months extended term, or \$17,029.70.

Only two counties, Guilford and New Hanover, do not participate in the tax reduction fund, since the rate of 14 cents on their taxable values in the districts produce more revenue than is needed to operate the extended term. Johnston county gets the largest amount, \$38,000. Columbus and Union getting above \$35,000 each. Graham and Hoke get slightly more than \$2,500 each.

Local authorities are expected to extend the full measure of these reductions to the taxpayers.

### GOVERNOR TO CALL NO EXTRA SESSION

Land Doped With Fertilizer Until Farmers Cannot Buy Enough

Raleigh, Sept. 23—Governor Gardner is not being stampeded into calling a special session of the General Assembly by residents of other states, or the few calls from North Carolinians, to place a legal ban on cotton planting next year. He takes the view that this State raises such a small part of the cotton that it is wise to wait for action of states growing larger quantities. He asserts that cotton land in this State is "doped" with fertilizer to such an extent that it will not grow cotton without the "dope," and that the people of the State will be unable to buy enough fertilizer next year to raise 500,000 bales.

North Carolina cannot compete with Texas and Louisiana rich cotton land and will gradually shift to other commodities, he believes. Opinion is expressed here that Joseph Daniels, Raleigh editor, is preparing, from editorial suggestions, to try to force an extra session to deal with cotton, probably with a hope of getting his pet luxury tax adopted, maybe holding out that the \$100,000 bottles tax error may be rectified by the session. But a greater need than is now apparent must develop before Governor Gardner, the last authority, will call the legislators together.

### Little Miss Scruggs

It will be of interest to the people of Brevard and Transylvania county to learn that there was born to Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Scruggs of Camden, New Jersey, a daughter, Janet Louise Scruggs, on Friday, September 11, at the Cooper Hospital.

Dr. Scruggs is a brother of Plata Scruggs of the Brevard Post Office. Dr. Scruggs is a native of Transylvania county. He left Brevard about 12 years ago to begin his medical course. At present he has a large practice in New Jersey.