

SAYS EFFORT BEING MADE TO REMOVE FERGUSON FROM JOB

Many Citizens Incensed At Action of Those Held Responsible for Effort

FERGUSON IS CAPABLE AN POPULAR OFFICIAL

Says Attack Caused By Ferguson's Refusal to Do Bedding of A Few Folks.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Brevard because of the reported efforts being made to have W. B. Ferguson, in charge of the highway work in this district, removed from Brevard. The report has it that Mr. Ferguson refused to heed the advice of certain people who have exerted more or less political influence in the county for some time, and thereby won the enmity of these people, who, in turn, set about to have Mr. Ferguson removed, it is said. It is said that high-up officials of the highway department have been in Brevard investigating the matter and the report has it that many interested citizens have "gone to bat" for Mr. Ferguson, demanding that he be kept on the job here, and that the efforts of the malcontents be frustrated.

"No better citizen or finer man ever moved into Brevard than Mr. Ferguson," was the emphatic statement made by one of the leading citizens of the town Wednesday morning, and this seemed to voice the sentiment of a large number of citizens who have expressed themselves on the matter. There is an apparent determination on the part of the citizens to take whatever steps that are necessary to keep Mr. Ferguson here and to prevent his removal.

Mr. Ferguson is considered by the highway department as being one of the most able, capable and efficient officials in the state-wide organization. Personally, he is very popular with all the citizens of the community with the exception of the few who became incensed at his refusal to do their bidding. As a citizen of the town he is highly appreciated, and Brevard could ill afford to lose him. The people in all sections of the county are appreciative of his good work on the highways and speak highly of him as being most considerate in directing the highway activities. One leading citizen suggested to the Brevard News that a mass meeting be called, if necessary, that the community might express its desire that Mr. Ferguson be left in charge of the highway work here.

BAYERS TO MAKE HOME HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bayer and their three children, of Long Island, N. Y., have taken the home of Mrs. L. B. Haynes here and plan to remain in Brevard for some time, having leased the place for one year.

They expect to be joined soon by Mrs. Norma Berry and son, who will occupy the place with them.

CAPT CHERRY HEARD BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Gastonia Speaker Praises Wilson Administration And Scores Moratorium

Despite the downpour of rain approximately 100 persons were present to hear Captain R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia deliver an address at the Court House Saturday night.

Captain Cherry was introduced to the people by Prof. John Ruffy who recalled some of the achievements of this man during the world war and since that time.

During the course of his speech, Captain Cherry voiced the sentiment that at this time it is important that the people of this country disregard party affiliations to the extent that the support the individual candidate who is best fitted to handle the affairs of the nation. He favors reducing the expenses of the operation of "the government by eliminating all useless bureaus and departments. He said that "the least governed people are the best governed people."

Reviewing the various administrations he called especial attention to that of Woodrow Wilson, whose administration during the war, one of the most notable in history.

He expressed himself as bitterly opposed to the moratorium granted to foreign nations, stating that if anything of this kind should be given it should be given to the people of this country. He cited this act and the present tariff situations as "some of the faults of the present administration," and referred to the tariff situation as it now exists as a "tragedy."

In concluding his remarks he urged that especial attention be given to the local officers and to the Congressmen and Senators who can render the most efficient service.

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES IS RECEIVED HERE

Socialist Party Has Full Set of Presidential Electors In This State.

ONLY TWO DAYS REMAIN FOR THE REGISTRATION

Plans For Holding Election About Complete; List of All Nominees.

Chairman Grady Kilpatrick, of the county board of elections, reports that arrangements for holding the election are about complete, and that both parties are busily engaged in getting their voters properly registered. The books will be open again this Saturday and on Saturday of next week. There are but these two remaining days for registration of voters. All people who have moved into the county since the election two years ago, and all people who have moved from one precinct to another within the county, must register. All young people who have reached the age of 21 since the last election must also register if they expect to vote. Those people who have not moved from their regular voting precinct, and whose names appeared on the registration books two years ago, do not have to register for the November election.

Sample ballots of the national, state, county and district tickets have been received at the headquarters of the election board. These sample ballots show the following names as candidates for the various offices. On the national ticket the following electors represent the Democratic, Republican and Socialist nominees:

- Democratic
- For Electors at Large: J. Crawford Biggs, A. Hall Johnston.
- First Congressional District: Thad Eure.
- Third Congressional District: W. W. Pearsall.
- Fourth Congressional District: Harold D. Cooley.
- Fifth Congressional District: Fred S. Hutchins.
- Sixth Congressional District: Cooper E. Hall.
- Seventh Congressional District: D. M. Stringfield.
- Eighth Congressional District: Rowland S. Pruett.
- Ninth Congressional District: B. F. Williams.
- Tenth Congressional District: John

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SIMMS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CLUB

Eck L. Simms has been appointed director of Roosevelt-Garner Clubs for Transylvania county, by C. L. Shuping, State Director. The plan contemplates the enrollment of every Democrat in the county. To every Democrat who contributes \$1.00 or more will be delivered a Roosevelt-Garner medallion designed by Gutzon Borglum.

Mr. Simms has already enrolled a large number of members and hopes to enroll every Democrat in the county in the club.

Times are hard but Eck says that an investment in Democracy today is a real investment in the future of the country.

MRS. LUKE OSTEN INJURED BY AUTO

Mrs. J. L. Osteen, of 117 Cypress street, Greensboro, formerly of Brevard, wife of the deputy prohibition administrator for the middle district of North Carolina, is a patient in Austin Park hospital, Asheville, as a result of injuries which she sustained about 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon the automobile in which she and her husband and their two young sons, Jack and Billy, were traveling, was struck by another car.

Mr. Osteen informed Federal Prohibition Agent L. G. Trexler in a long distance telephone conversation that the man who was driving the other car was arrested and placed in jail after driving the machine into the Osteen automobile on a highway near Asheville. The name of the other man was not mentioned.

Monday Mr. Trexler went to Asheville and on the return trip to Greensboro was accompanied by Mr. Osteen. Because of her injuries, however, Mrs. Osteen will have to remain in the hospital, it was stated. The extent of her injuries was not definitely ascertained here, although it is believed that she was not seriously hurt, and if Mr. Osteen was injured he failed to mention it in his conversation with Mr. Trexler.

At the time of the wreck the Osteens were en route to their home in Greensboro following a week-end visit in Brevard.

Firemen's Benefit Minstrel At High School Tonight

The Firemen's Minstrel show will be staged in the High school auditorium tonight at eight o'clock.

This promises to be the best show of its kind ever staged in Brevard. It is being given for the benefit of the local Fire Department, proceeds to be used for the purpose of purchasing helmets, boots and similar equipment of which they are in need. It is being promoted by local men and women and only local talent is to be used in the production.

A splendid program, which will out do all past performances staged

here by local talent, has been rehearsed over a period of nearly two weeks and the directors promise an excellent presentation. Phillip Price who has assisted in the production of a number of these plays here is directing. George Simpson is in charge of the musical score and Miss Margaret Barnett is directing the Girls chorus. The program includes singing, dancing and special features.

Regular rehearsals, in which the participants have made every effort to perfect their parts assure a splendid performance.

A small admission is to be charged —25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE CROPS IN COUNTY

The excessively heavy rainfall during Saturday, Sunday and Monday has caused much damage throughout this section, to crops, and highways, thousands of acres of corn and other crops being completely ruined and highways badly damaged.

The rainfall during Saturday and Sunday was in excess of 4-2 inches or more than the total normal rainfall for the month of October which is little more than five inches. Streams, and especially the French Broad river are out of bounds and bottom lands have been flooded, ruining the corn and other crops. Train and bus service could not be continued Monday although no disruptions of telephone and telegraph, light and power service were reported in this section. The three roads out of Brevard were almost impassable Monday, the French Broad had risen to the extent that the Greenville Highway was covered with water for a distance about 200 feet, and highway No. 28 remained almost impassable due to the overflow of the Horsepasture River.

BREVARD ROUTE TWO IS GIVEN EXTENSION

Rural mail route number 2 has been extended as follows:

Returning, leaves highway No. 28 at C. C. Yongue's residence, top of Gallimore Hill and goes through Neely Road to Park avenue and back to the post office.

This affords service to residents in the half mile of additional territory covered and is provided at no additional cost to the office.

W. D. Glazener is the carrier on this route.

FEDERAL COURT TO BE IN SESSION ON NOV. 14

The regular fall criminal term of the United States District court will be held in Asheville for two weeks beginning November 14, with Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby presiding. Defendants from Buncombe and McDowell counties will be tried November 14, 15, and 16; Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties, Nov. 17 and 18; Haywood and Henderson counties November 21 and 22 and Transylvania counties, November 22.

MAIL MUST GO ON MOTTO OF SERVICE

No matter what the difficulties that present themselves Uncle Sam's mail must go. And Hall Gray and Clyde Blythe, who carry the mail between Greenville and Brevard proved Monday that they are equal to emergencies.

The excessive rains which had fallen continuously for nearly three days had rendered the highway near the bridge at French Broad river on the Greenville Highway impassable. They began looking about for some way in which they might get the mail over and finally the difficulty was solved when they located a canoe. With this they succeeded in getting it over and while a bit late in arriving it came through.

WHY THE SMALL NEWSPAPER GIVEN READERS THIS WEEK

We went to the State Fair last week, and did we have a good time! We returned Monday, with nothing having been done on this week's paper, nor did we feel like doing much on Monday. Fact is, we were not feeling so awfully good Tuesday. By Wednesday we are considerably improved, but it is too late to do much on the paper this week, so we are giving you an abbreviated number in the faith and belief that you will not begrudge us the good time we had at the state fair.

We shall try to do better next week.

Yours truly,
HENRY HENDERSON,
DICK POOLE,
CARL FRADY.

P. S.—While Brantley didn't go to the Fair, he must have done something else that knocked him out of the box, for he has been just as mopey this week as the rest of us.

ELMER GILLESPIE LODGED IN JAIL

Elmer Gillespie is in the county jail as a result of a shooting affray which occurred late Saturday afternoon in which he is alleged to have shot Fields Powell in a dispute over the game laws. Powell is deputy game warden. Gillespie is of the East Fork section.

The shot fired from a 30-30 rifle struck Powell in the mouth and knocked out several of his teeth and split his mouth, half way to his ear. His injuries, while very painful are not serious.

OCTOBER 27TH WILL BE OBSERVED AS NAVY DAY

The Navy is celebrating its annual at Home day on the 27th of October and all citizens who are unable to visit one or more of the various ships or Naval Stations are urged to call on the Local Recruiting Officer and get acquainted. This day is set aside each year for the purpose of giving landsmen an insight into the workings of a ship of war. It is to show the people what their sons are doing and to have a better understanding between the boys in the service and the landsmen. The Recruiting Station in the Post Office building will be open from 7:30 to 5:30 on this day. No examinations will be conducted for enlistment.

BAPTIZING SERVICES TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

Baptizing services set for last Sunday in Cathey's Creek were postponed until next Sunday on account of the high waters. Rev. J. W. Owenby is pastor of the Cathey's Creek Baptist church will conduct the baptismal services next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, near the bridge over Cathey's Creek on Highway 28. There are six new church members to be baptized. Reports from this church indicate great work being done by the pastor and members of Cathey's Creek Baptist church, and the six new converts give evidence of the good work being done by the church.

S. C. CONGRESSMAN HEARD IN BREVARD

Congressman J. J. McSwain, of the Greenville district in South Carolina, spoke at the Court House here Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Congressman is well known in this section, is a close friend of Congressman Weaver from this district, and has done much toward getting Federal aid for the building of roads in this county. He is reported to be on the proposed cabinet of Roosevelt, and holds the position at the present time of Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs in Congress, which position he has held for a number of years.

Mr. McSwain spoke on a number of matters which are of immediate concern to the Democrats at this time. He is an eloquent speaker and his remarks were greeted with occasional outbreaks of applause from his audience.

FOUR AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED UPON IN NORTH CAROLINA

Only One of the Four Proposed Has Any Political Significance.

WOULD DISTRICT THE SOLICITORIAL SECTION

Proposed to Make Term of Sheriff Four Years Instead of Two

Four constitutional amendments are to be voted upon in the coming general election, calling for changes as follows:

First: For an amendment making the term of office of the sheriff and the county coroner four years instead of two years.

Second: For an amendment to permit any proposed change in the constitutional amendments to be voted upon at a special election rather than at a regular election as is now done.

Third: For an amendment to the constitution to protect insurance for widows and children against creditors of the insured.

Fourth: For an amendment providing for solicitorial districts.

The first is self-explanatory. The clerk of the court is elected every four years, and if a majority of the people so vote, then the sheriff and the coroner will be elected every four years instead of every two years, as at present.

The second would provide that change in the constitution, or amendments in the constitution, could be adopted at special elections instead of in regular elections. Those advocating this change point to the fact that in the general election people are so concerned with the election of officers that but little attention is given to the matter of proposed changes or amendments to the constitution.

The third would bar creditors of a man who dies from collecting his insurance money that he left to his widow and orphans. In other words, the insurance money that is paid to the widow and the children of the deceased husband could be taken by the creditors to apply on the debts that the man had credited while living.

The fourth is the only one of the proposed changes with political significance. As the solicitors are now chosen, there is one chosen from each judicial district. As the judges must be voted upon by the state as a whole, the matter of districts do not count. The majority party in the state can always elect their own members to the Superior court judgeship, because

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MORE RARE COINS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

J. P. Bowen of North Brevard does not claim that his collection of coins would be of any particular interest to the average numismatist but at least it contains some that are odd and from many parts of the globe.

There's a chinese coin nearly as large as a half-dollar, made of bronze. Ten of these are equal in value to one of our copper cent pieces. There is a hole in the center, probably so that they may be carried on a string. There is a French coin, about the size of a half dollar and worth about ten cents; several old German pieces; a Cuban Peso, which if it were genuine would be worth about 90 cents; several Canadian, Italian and British coins.

There are few really old coins in the collection, though. The oldest being a twenty-cent piece (American) dated 1875, a British 1-cent piece dated 1859 and a Canadian half-penny bearing the date of 1837.

NEED NEW TOWERS IN WESTERN COUNTIES

In keeping with its program of providing proper forest fire protection facilities throughout the state six new towers have been erected. Transylvania and Henderson counties being among the more recent additions which included towers in six western North Carolina counties.

Chas. H. Flory, assistant forester estimates that 125 towers will be necessary to carry out the primary system of protection planned by the department. To date only 27 of these have been erected, largely due to the stringency of the times but others are to be erected as rapidly as the program can be carried out. When the plans are completed the 7,000,000 acres of forest land in the state will be within range of view of a tower. Towers constructed thus far are of steel, except three which are of wood and one of stone.

The Transylvania tower is located on Sassafras mountain near the South Carolina forest service.

SAYS DEMOCRACY TO CONSUME ITSELF IF COURSE IS PURSUED

North Carolina Branch of National Economy League Is Active.

WOULD REDUCE COST OF ALL GOVERNMENT

Staggering Figures Given to Show Ever-Increasing Burden of Taxation.

Raleigh, Oct. 18—Democracy is likely to "consume itself" unless the thinking people in North Carolina and elsewhere assert themselves and demand that government give up some activities and materially reduce the present confiscatory tax levy, Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the N. C. Merchants Association, said today, in accepting a place on the Advisory Committee of the N. C. State Branch of the National Economy League. Frank Page State chairman, made the appointment. Mr. Dowell, representing several thousand merchants, said:

"The greatest period of delusive prosperity that this or any other nation ever experienced were the years intervening between 1914 and 1929. During that time nothing of a tangible nature had a sound basis of value. The inflated balloon floated on until, reaching the saturation point, the bubble burst and our economic system was paralyzed.

"Individuals and business enterprises were forced to make drastic readjustments in their expenditures. Many kinds of emergency palliatives were devised, but the one sure specific for economic recovery has not been resorted to, and until all governmental officials—local, state and national—realize that boom income ended several years ago and that government must follow the example of private business in curtailing expenditures, we need not look for a return of normal conditions.

"Everything except taxes have been deflated. Government has not only maintained its former level of spending, but government costs have increased by leaps and bounds until in this year of depression, when dollars with the masses are as scarce as hen's teeth, the cost of government will be 15 per cent greater than it was four years ago when prosperity was at its height.

"The total cost of government—federal, state and local—in 1913 was \$2,919,000,000 and this year it is approximately \$15,000,000,000. In 1913 the per capita tax in this country was \$30.24 and today it is about \$120.00. In 1913 the total income of the United States was 34 billions, of which 6 per cent went for taxes

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MAKING REPAIRS ON MILL AT CHERRYFIELD

Morgan's Grist Mill, located at Cherryfield will be shut down during the week of October 24 to 29 while repairs are being made. Operations will be resumed as soon as the repairs are completed.

MARS HILL HONORS MEMORY OF SLAVE

Many Notables Take Active Part In Foundation Day Program.

Mars Hill, October 14—(Special)—Mars Hill college departed from the usual Founders Day procedure on Wednesday (October 12), when the college celebrated the seventy-sixth anniversary of its founding with an interracial program climaxed with the unveiling of a memorial to a negro slave, who in 1856 was taken for the final payment on the first buildings of the college.

With negroes and whites participating, the day was made an occasion for promoting interracial good will and understanding. Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Blue Ridge, N. C., and author of several works on the negro in the South, was the principal speaker on the Founders Day program. He spoke on "Education the Antidote for Prejudice." Other visiting speakers were C. K. Robinson, editor of the Asheville Times, who made the main address at the unveiling of the memorial, and the Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist church (colored). Music for the exercises which comprised mainly spirituals and selections from negro composers, was provided by members of the college glee club and orchestra and the local negro choir.

Following the Founders Day exercises which were held in the college auditorium, where a section was reserved for negroes, 500 students and teachers of the college, with a

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