



Rt. Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl



THE SIXTH ANNUAL BREVARD MUSIC FESTIVAL IS DEDICATED TO HARRY H. STRAUS

The Brevard Music Foundation dedicated the sixth annual Music Festival to Mr. Harry H. Straus.

At the concert on August 17th, the Rt. Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl made the dedication address. Rev. Pfohl has been Bishop of the Southern Moravian Province for 25 years and is Pastor of the Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. Following is his address:

"When at some future date, there is written a history of The Brevard Music Foundation, which this evening has welcomed us so cordially to the second series of concerts of the 1951 Festival, there will surely be a chapter entitled "Transylvania's Loyal Friends", and among the names that must be given high place there, if the historian is true to facts, will be found those of Harry H. Straus and his devoted wife, Mrs. Martha Washington Straus, (recently deceased), who shared with him so intimately and sincerely his interests and benefactions in the establishment and development of this new music center in North Carolina's lovely skyland in which they had come to make their own home.

"Several months ago already, it was determined that this Sixth Annual Festival should be dedicated to Mr. Straus' memory, and on the "In Memoriam" page of the Festival Program there has been given not only a pleasing visual reminder of the genial and kindly gentleman to whom we are now paying tribute, but, with it, his own personal testimony to the value of music in the building of char-

acter, the enrichment of family life, and in the development of those cultural spiritual concerns of community and national interest which make for a harmonious and stable civilization.

"We commend to your personal and thoughtful consideration the excerpts from the letter which he sent nearly two years ago to give encouragement and to speed it on its way!"

"Transylvania Music Camp and Festival are, in my opinion, one of the greatest additions to the cultural life of Brevard and its vicinity which has been created during the last years. My support of your effort is the result of my observations of the wonderful work which is being done by you and your associates. Music plays an inexpressible part in people's lives. I assure you of my continued support of your institution during the years to come'.

"Surely they are the words of one who has learned through more than three score years of living and by the grace of God that 'A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth'—that life's greatness is not in having and holding, but in serving and sharing, and that the greatest need of our day is symbolized by the harmony and cooperative effort of a great orchestra in which each individual plays his part as the Great Conductor of Life directs and gives himself and his talents to the Glory of God and the blessing and enrichment of the life of his fellows. So let us give ourselves to this unfinished task and continue the work which has been so well begun".