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CAMP HIGHLANDER HIGHLIGHTS

The first activity for the campers at Camp Highlander was a sight seeing trip in and around Highlands which included Dry Falls and Bridal Veil Falls. All of the boys walked under Dry Falls and the bus and trucks took them for a ride under Bridal Veil Falls, which spills across the highway. Some of the boys had never an experience like this and they wanted to stay and go through the falls again.

The first night Mr. Ben Wax had a "Session" with the campers in the Recreation Hall located in the middle of the top of the mountain, and he introduced them to all of the staff members and gave them a little history of the camp, and the rules and regulations by which the campers must abide. As a night cap a "Torch Parade" was held all the way down the mountain to the canoe lake where "Mr. Troubles" was buried in a six foot hole. It was a very impressive ceremony at night.

There was a group singing in the dining hall last week, and as a result of this activity, Kelly Crais, counselor for cabin 9, found out that Gary Messina did not know the words to his favorite song, "Dixie." Kelly proceeded to teach his "prize" camper the words and when Gary auditioned for the campers and staff, his own rendition was, "Look way don yonda' in the land of, ah---ah (stuttering), cotton? Land where I was born,---in Dixie? Who rah, who rah, who ray." These opening lines led to encore upon encore, and finally to the immortalization of Gary "Clutch" Messina.

TRANSYLVANIA MUSIC CAMP OPENS

Transylvania Music Camp has opened its 26th season with the largest enrollment in history.

More than 210 boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 will begin six and one-half wks. of intensive training and performing publicly in various musical organizations. Another 60 college-age musicians will enroll Sunday for the first advanced division of the camp.

Advanced division students, all of whom have played in college or conservatories, will perform as the Brevard Music Center Philharmonia. Their concerts will be here each Sunday evening and in Asheville Monday evenings.

Each of the other campers, who come from 24 states, will be placed in a musi-

cal organization. One of them, the Transylvania Symphony Orchestra, will play all Sunday afternoon concerts through July 29. The Hill topper Symphony Orchestra and Hilltopper concert band will play concerts each Wednesday evening and the Transylvania band will play each Tuesday evening.

Each of the musical organizations also has faculty members playing in them. Music Center Director James Christian Pfohl believes it gives young musicians confidence to play alongside their teachers as well as a chance to observe first-hand how professionals perform.

All of the students here will also be competing for places in the Brevard Festival Orchestra, which will play weekend concerts after the camp closes from August 10th to the 26th. Each of these winners will also perform individually in recitals during early August.

Mrs. Grace Hardie, of Clearwater, Florida, left Tuesday. She has been visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Newton G. Hardie for several weeks.

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