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Civilian Defense Council Completes Organization In Transylvania

College Here Adapts Program To Defense Needs

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED AT SCHOOL WORK OUT SYSTEM

Production, Conservation, Morale Groups Report Defense Plans

MEETINGS ARE HELD

The administration of Brevard college is fast taking steps to adapt its functions to the interest of national defense and to place operation at the institution on a strictly conservative basis, according to a report released Wednesday morning by Lloyd O. Hughes, business manager.

Dr. E. J. Contrane, president, called a meeting of the faculty last Thursday morning when initial tentative plans for cooperation in the defense effort were proposed and three committees named from the staff to study the possibilities of production, conservation and morale at the college. At a meeting Tuesday night the committees presented their formal reports to the faculty and administration, and they were unanimously adopted.

The committee on conservation, headed by Mr. Hughes, reported suggestions for saving in electricity, fuel, tools, paper, water, food, gasoline, rubber tires, books and metals, all of which are directly or indirectly related to the national defense effort, they pointed out. The committee recommended that immediate steps be taken to insure conservation of these items.

The production committee, with G. H. Farley, instructor in agriculture, as chairman, issued four pertinent suggestions, including the adoption to the curricula at the beginning of next semester a practical course in physics, the setting up of a Red Cross workroom on the college campus to be operated by campus volunteers, that all available resources be used to best advantage, and that plans be made at once for the maximum food-for-defense production on the college farm.

C. H. Trowbridge, vice president of the college and chairman of the committee on morale, reported that his committee advocated the adoption of effective activity or activities on the campus which would tend to build morale. He also reported that consideration is being given to additions to the curriculum in the form of short courses, as emergency medical service, first aid, nursing, and certain techniques and fundamental theories in sciences or industries.

Other meetings will be called from time to time to carry out the revised program, it was announced.

Methodist Program Planned At Church

White Christmas service will be held at the Methodist church at 9:45 a. m. next Sunday, with an appropriate program planned by each department of church school, it has been announced.

Each person is requested to bring an article of food, or cash. The food will be distributed by the welfare department.

Morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock and evening service at 7:30 p. m.

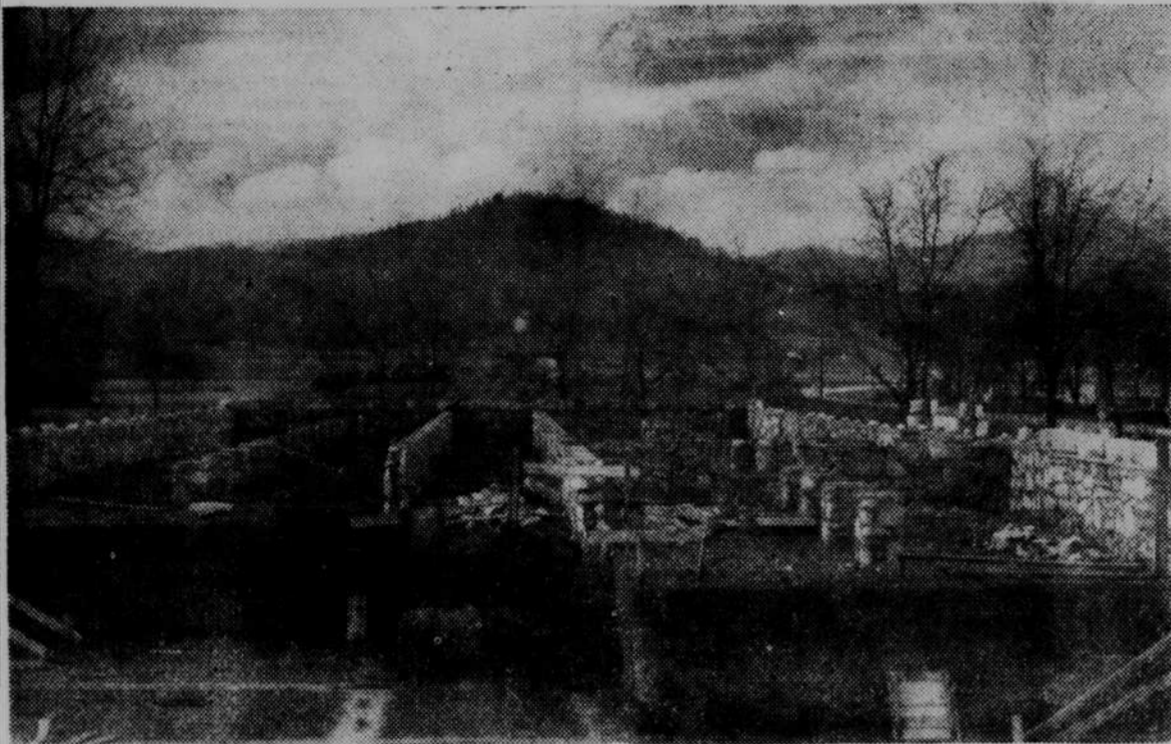
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Pisgah Forest School Building Under Construction



Shown here is the site of which the new Pisgah Forest elementary school building is being constructed just off the Ecusta highway. The foundation has already been laid, and the native stone work is now being erected. Construction work is being done by the W. P. A., and the building is being jointly financed by the county and the W. P. A. (Times Staff Photo)

TO OPEN OFFICES FOR VOLUNTEERS

O. H. Orr Announces Offices At City Hall, College, Ecusta

Mrs. Oliver H. Orr, chairman of the volunteer office and women's division service committee of the county civilian defense council, announced here Wednesday that volunteer offices are being opened Friday morning of this week at three places in the county and that others are scheduled to be opened later. Offices are to be opened Friday at the City Hall in Brevard, at the administration building at Brevard college, and at Ecusta. One will be opened at Rosman at an early date, Mrs. Orr said. Office hours will be maintained from nine o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Orr announced that the types of work which women may enroll for now include sewing, knitting, air raid warden service, messenger service, nurse's aid service, medical corps service, fire watchers, rescue squad work, emergency food and housing corps, auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, serve in bomb squad, demolition and clearance squad, and repair work. She said other branches of service would be added from time to time as the need arises.

COUPLE NEEDING HELP

A number of local citizens have reported the urgent need of food and clothes of an elderly couple who live in the country near Brevard. They are reported in destitute need at this time, and a number of citizens are soliciting clothes and food for their needs.

Those wishing to give something to this family may leave it at the Walker Insurance agency on Jordan Street, it was stated.

Pisgah Chemical Company To Start Operations Here Soon

A plant which will manufacture strategic chemical materials which prior to the outbreak of the war had been imported is now being constructed at Penrose and will be in operation in the near future, it has been learned here. Name of the concern is the Pisgah Chemical company, and it has been chartered as a corporation with a total authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

Officers and stockholders are Denton Anderson, president, Alan Smith Kipping, vice president and treasurer, and E. H. McMahan, local attorney, treasurer.

Merchants Well Stocked For Last Week Shopping

GIRL SCOUTS TO SING ON DEC. 24

Members of the Brevard Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Ashe Macfie and others, will sing Christmas carols on the court house lawn here on Christmas eve, it has been announced. The carol singing will begin at about 6:30 on Wednesday evening, December 24, it was stated.

Mrs. H. R. Bobst and Alvin Moore have been asked to assist in leading the singers. Others who may wish are also invited to help with the program.

Carrying out the impressive Christmas spirit, small candles will be lit and carried by the carollers.

Christmas Holidays Given For Schools

Christmas holidays will begin here this week end for students at Brevard college and for pupils enrolled in the public schools of the county, according to announcement from college officials and J. B. Jones, county superintendent of schools.

The Yule holidays begin at noon Thursday at the college, and classes will be resumed at the institution on Monday morning, January 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

County public school children will attend class for the last time this year on Friday afternoon. Classwork will be resumed on Monday morning, January 5.

Naval Air Stations at Corpus Christi, Texas and Jacksonville, Florida, have libraries of 20,000 books for officers and men.

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26 JAP PLANES ARE DOWNED BY ARMY FIGHTERS

Japanese Smash Into Rich Oil Fields On The Borneo Coast

SOVIETS ROUT NAZIS

U. S. army bombers destroyed 26 Japanese planes and fired fuel supplies in a heavy attack yesterday on the beach head which the Japanese established last week at Vigan on the Luzon West coast, 200 miles from Manila, army headquarters announced yesterday.

The announcement followed swiftly on an official disclosure that submarines of the U. S. Asiatic fleet had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old war with Japan, scoring successes, the details of which were not immediately divulged.

Japanese expeditionary forces smashed into three points on the oil-rich North Borneo coast Wednesday in a new flanking threat to Singapore, but British defenders applied a "scorched earth" policy in the oil fields and took up strong defensive positions.

The invasion, coupled with an increasingly serious Japanese drive southward from Thailand close to Penang in Malaya, tested to the limit the ability of the allies to defend the key Singapore naval base, but officials expressed confidence that it could be held.

Lieut. Com. Kengo Tominaga said in an interview published by the newspaper Nichi Nichi today that probably 20 United States submarines were operating in waters in the vicinity of Japan.

These submarines are in position to resort to guerrilla tactics against Japanese vessels, said Tominaga, an officer of the naval press section of imperial headquarters.

A foreign office commentator said yesterday that the British government was "in touch" with Portugal on reports that the Japanese had occupied the Portuguese Island of Macao off the China coast near Hong Kong and intimated that Portugal might be involved in the war if the reports proved true.

The Soviet government announced the rout of six German divisions from strategic Kalinin, which was recaptured, and said that Vysokoe, 40 miles to the west, also had been recaptured in the central front counter offensive.

Episcopalians Plan Yuletide Services

The customary Yuletide services will be held at St. Philip's Episcopal church, as announced by the rector, Rev. Harry Perry.

The midnight service will be held at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night, Christmas eve, which will be fully choral. An invitation is extended by the rector to people of all denominations to attend this service.

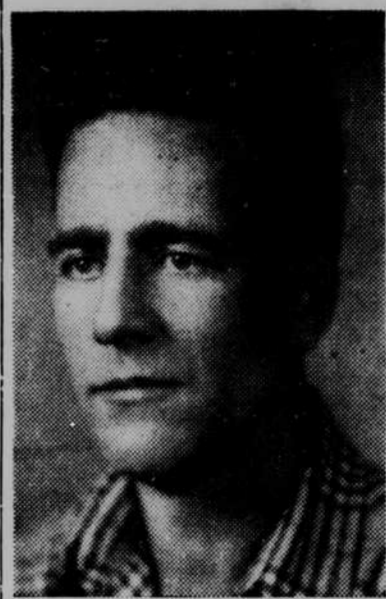
On Christmas morning at 10:30 o'clock, Holy Communion service will be held at the church, in charge of the rector.

Miss Harlee's Letter Gives Sidelights About West Coast

A sidelight of the war as it affects residents of the West Coast was revealed here this week when Miss Myrtle Harlee, daughter of Mrs. Allie B. Harlee, local draft board clerk, wrote to her mother about conditions in Los Angeles, Cal., where she is employed by a large corporation. Miss Harlee's letter said in part:

"I have joined the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America and have been attending classes at the Los Angeles college two nights a week. We had a 'black-out' tonight, so I was delayed in getting home. We had a total 'black-out' last night (Dec. 10), as

Enlists In Navy



Spencer Macfie, above, popular local young man who was a member of the Naval Reserve, has enlisted for active service with the Navy and is now stationed at Hampton Roads, Virginia. He was the first married man from Transylvania county to enlist in the Navy after the outbreak of the war in the Pacific. (Photo by Austin)

PAXTON TO HEAD MASONIC LODGE

Dunn's Rock Officers To Be Installed At January Meeting

A. M. Paxton, Jr., of Rosman, was elected Worshipful Master of Dunn's Rock lodge at the annual election of officers held last Friday night at the regular December communication.

Other officers elected included: L. P. Beck, senior warden; D. R. Boyd, junior warden; A. N. Jenkins, re-elected treasurer; and Henry R. Henderson, re-elected secretary.

Elective and appointive officers will be installed at the regular communication on Friday night, January 9, at 8:00 o'clock in the Masonic hall on Broad street.

Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge degree team will go to Cashiers Thursday night and confer the Second section of the third degree on three candidates as a courtesy to Glenville lodge.

Christmas Service At Baptist Church

White Christmas will be observed at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, announcement has been made by the pastor, Rev. B. W. Thomason. Members of the church will bring gift packages for the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville.

Merchants To Stay Open Until 9 P. M.

Beginning Friday of this week, Brevard business houses will stay open evenings until 9 o'clock through the Christmas shopping period, it is understood.

Although all merchants have not formally announced the extended business hours, it is thought that most of them observe the late closing hour for the benefit of the heavy shopping rush.

HARDIN APPOINTS COMMITTEEMEN ON BREVARD COUNCIL

Urgent Appeal Is Made For Volunteer Workers In Civilian Life

TO MEET EACH WEEK

The county civilian defense council has completely organized its facilities here in preparation for any war-time emergency, and the chairman, Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., announces a number of appointments made at a meeting of the group last week end.

Mayor Carl Hardin, who is chairman of civilian defense activities in the town of Brevard proper, named Ralph Fisher, commander of the local post of the American Legion, chief air raid warden for the town. Other appointments made by the Mayor included John W. Smith, chairman of the fire protection committee; B. H. Freeman, chairman of the police protection committee; Dr. G. B. Lynch, chairman of the emergency medical service for the town; Don M. Jenkins, chairman of the emergency public works committee; J. M. Gaines, chairman of the emergency utilities committee; and the following members of a committee for the protection of industrial plants and public buildings: W. M. Melton, Geo. W. Wheeler, R. R. Fisher, D. E. Culver, Alex Kizer, and Ralph W. Lyday; J. B. Jones, chairman of the education committee.

In announcing appointments on the various committees in town, the county council issued a call for volunteer workers and stated that volunteer workers in the women's division are especially needed at this time.

The American Legion held a meeting Tuesday night here at which they divided Brevard into four sections for air raid protection. Ralph Fisher announced the following appointments of chief air raid wardens for the various sections of Brevard, North Brevard, Pisgah Forest, Ecusta and Rosman: W. J. Wallis, South section; Fred Kilpatrick, West section; J. A. Crisp, North section; John Hudson, East section; John Ruffy, North Brevard; F. Brown Carr, Pisgah Forest; Raymond Bennett, Ecusta; and Austin Hogsed, Rosman.

Regular weekly meetings of the county council will be held each Thursday evening at 7:30 in the County Agent's office in the post office building, it was announced.

Junior Red Cross Drive A Success

The Junior Red Cross drive in Transylvania, under the direction of Mrs. Sarah K. Tilson, has gone over the top this year, with all of the schools in the county cooperating in the drive. A total of \$62.55 was contributed by the school children. Principals of the various schools acted as chairmen in collecting the money.

Schools contributing included Brevard high and elementary, Cedar Mountain, Connestee, Little River, Pisgah Forest, Selica, Rosman high and elementary, Balsam Grove, Lake Toxaway, Montvale, Quebec, Silversteen, Penrose, Rosenswald, Glade Creek.

Times To Publish Christmas Edition

The Times in a special Christmas Edition will be published early next week and is scheduled to be placed in the mail early Wednesday morning, December 24, in order that all local subscribers may receive their paper by Christmas Day.

This special Christmas Edition will carry holiday greetings from business houses and individuals in Brevard and Transylvania. All copy for this edition must be in the Times office by late Monday afternoon. Cooperation of merchants and correspondents in this matter will be greatly appreciated.