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## Carr Lumber Is Buying Timber Rights Of Vast Jennings Estate

## Transylvanians Ready To Observe 81st Christmas

### HOLIDAY BUYING HEAVY HERE THE PAST FEW DAYS

Needy Children Of The County To Be Aided By Local Firemen

### BUSINESSES TO CLOSE

Transylvania county citizens are all set to celebrate their 81st Christmas Day as a separate governmental unit, and heavy buying here during the past week indicates that Transylvanians will have one of the most abundant Christmases in many a year.

The outbreak of war between Japan and America threw a damper on Christmas buying and the true Christmas spirit here for a few days, but local citizens have buckled down to the grim realities and are prepared now for a 1941 Christmas celebration with the usual holiday joy and merrymaking, realizing at the same time that Christmas Days of the future may not be filled with the benefits now available.

Celebration of Christmas during a period of war is nothing new for Transylvanians, for since their county was formed from Jackson and Henderson counties in April, 1861, a total of six of those Christmas Days have occurred while the nation was at war, including the Civil War, the Spanish American War, and World War I. A few patriarchs of the county can still remember the first Christmas Day in this county which was celebrated during a period of war.

But in spite of the present war and the fact that Transylvanians are 100 per cent behind the nation's government in its prosecution of that war, citizens are going about their business pretty much as usual and this Christmas Day will not be a great deal different from Christmas Days in the past.

Although no complete roster of stores, filling stations and other business houses which will be closed Christmas Day has been available, it is expected that the majority of businesses will remain closed for the entire day Thursday. The post office will be closed all day, with the exception of two brief periods in the morning for distributing general delivery mail. The Transylvania Trust company will be closed on Thursday and Friday. The U. D. C. Library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

No churches in Brevard are planning special Christmas services, with the exception of the St. —Turn To Page Six

### ECK SIMS, WAR VET, IN ARMY

Well-Known Local Man Enlisted For Active Service On Monday

Eck L. Sims, 46, well-known Transylvania citizen and World War veteran, left here Monday for Fort Bragg to enlist for active service in the Army for the duration of World War II.

Mr. Sims was one of the first to volunteer for service in 1917, and his enlistment this week places him among the first veterans of North Carolina to join up for armed service in the present war. In the first World War he enlisted in July, 1917, and was honorably discharged on March 28, 1919. He was a member of the 115th Field Artillery, 30th Division, and spent a total of 15 months in France.

His public record in Transylvania includes service four years as deputy sheriff, Brevard policeman, register of deeds for the county four years, and he was employed by the State Highway commission from 1922 to 1936, and again from 1940 to the time of his enlistment.

Mr. Sims is a member of the local Post of the American Legion, Woodmen Camp here, and of the local Masonic Lodge. He is married and has one son, Lewis.



### TAX LISTING TO START ON JAN. 1

All Citizens Must List Their 1942 Taxes During Month Of January

Tax listing for the year 1942 will get under way in the various townships of Transylvania on January 1, a week from Christmas Day, in accordance with an act of 1939 which requires that all property, real and personal, shall be listed as of the first day of January each year. All county taxes must be listed during the month of January. County Tax Supervisor, Ralph W. Lyday, announces that a penalty of \$1 will be assessed and charged against any property owner, real or personal, who fails to list in January.

The tax books will be in the hands of the township listers from January 1 through January 10, Mr. Lyday said, and after that they will be in the Tax Supervisors' office in the court house for the remainder of the month where listings of all townships will be carried out.

For the convenience of Transylvania citizens the listing points and list takers have been designated in an advertisement on page nine of this week's issue of The Times. Readers should consult that advertisement to find the place and date most convenient for them to list.

### Many From Here To See Rose Bowl Game

Many Transylvania citizens are planning to attend the Rose Bowl football classic at Durham on New Year's day, according to a rapid survey made by The Times.

Usually very few, if any, persons from Transylvania attend the Rose Bowl game, but since it is being held so near this year—due to war conditions on the Pacific coast—a large number from the county is expected to attend.

### Red Cross War Relief Drive To Be Carried Out After Holidays

Joseph S. Silversteen, chairman of the Transylvania chapter of the American Red Cross, announced Tuesday that an organization would be set up shortly after the Christmas holidays to carry out the Red Cross war relief drive. The county's quota has been set at \$3,000 for this emergency drive.

Mr. Silversteen stated that a special meeting would be called in the near future to appoint committees for conducting the special campaign, and every effort, he said, would be made to attain the war relief quota.

### Teaching Standards In County Are Endangered

#### Holiday Greetings In Early Edition

The Times is being issued one day early this week in order that the paper may be delivered before Christmas Day and also give employees of the paper some time off for Christmas.

Greetings from many Brevard and Transylvania county business firms and individuals are to be found in this issue of The Times, expressing good wishes to the public and thanks for patronage during the past year.

The Times office will remain open every day this week, with the exception of Christmas Day.

### NO AUTO TIRES ON SALE HERE

Transylvania car owners, along with car owners over the nation, are not now able to purchase new tires for their cars, and beginning January 4, 1942, it is probable that they will have to sign a priorities card to the effect that their car is essential to their business before they can buy them. Local stores are not permitted to sell any new tires at this time.

The Brevard Tire Recapping company has not been affected by the OPM order clamping down on the sale of new tires, but they report that raw rubber is becoming increasingly harder to obtain.

The supply of crude rubber has been virtually cut off from the United States from the West Indies, due to the outbreak of war in the Pacific.

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In announcing plans for organizing for the war relief drive, Mr. Silversteen emphasized that the local chapter's production allotment for the year has been filled and shipments of the products made. Mrs. John W. Smith and Miss Elise Walker have been in charge of the production department, assisted by many local ladies, at the Red Cross workroom over the City Hall.

The local chapter will gladly receive contributions to the war relief quota now before the actual drive gets under way, it is announced.

### Jones Says High Living Costs May Cause Reversal In Field

In a special release to The Times early this week the National Education Association urged local boards of education to "help avert a serious threat to the schools" represented in the rocketing costs of living which have begun to force qualified teachers into other lines of work, cutting the quality of educational opportunity to the danger point, the release stated.

J. B. Jones, county superintendent of schools, told a Times reporter Tuesday that Transylvania schools so far have not been affected by the drain on teaching personnel by other job offerings of higher salaries but that it is becoming increasingly hard to obtain men teachers for agricultural and allied courses. He said in event agriculture teachers are drafted, no replacements are obtainable and that important phase of the public school work would have to be closed temporarily.

Mr. Jones revealed that in some instances already teachers in Transylvania have asked to be released to take other positions, but that the releases have not been granted. He emphasized that contracts cannot be terminated before the end of the school year.

In commenting upon the dangerous situation brought about by the current rise in living costs, matched by the wage prices in factories but not in the teaching profession, Mr. Jones said that it is apparent that we will have to lower the standard of teaching or raise the standard of teacher pay.

A survey shows that within the past two years factory wages have gone up 30 percent, farm income about 45 per cent, but teacher income has remained, for the most part, static. Living costs are up about 33 per cent over one year ago, the survey shows.

### Volunteer Offices Closed Till Jan. 2

Offices for the registration of volunteer workers are being discontinued temporarily until January 2, according to Mrs. O. H. Orr, because of the holidays. She said that they would be open on Friday and Saturday, January 2, 3, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and every week day thereafter, if enrollment necessitated. If not, regular open hours will be announced later.

Volunteer workers enrollment offices have been set up at the City Hall, Brevard college, and at Ecusta. Both men and women volunteer workers enlist through these offices, Mrs. Orr pointed out.

### ALLIES FORMING A SUPREME COUNCIL OF WAR IN CAPITAL

Americans, Filipinos Meeting Japs On Even Terms In Manila Fighting

#### NAZIS ARE ROUTED

The great scope of the Roosevelt-Churchill conversations for unified conduct of the war was emphasized Tuesday with a White House disclosure that the British prime minister brought a party of 80 technical experts and officials with him.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said that Sir Gerald Campbell, director of British press relations in this country, would make public the names of the entire personnel of the prime minister's party, "some 80 in number." They included Lord Beaverbrook, British supply minister.

Meanwhile jungle-toughened American and Filipino troops fought on even terms or better late Tuesday against a massive Japanese attack on Luzon island and unofficial reports said at least three Japanese transports, crammed with thousands of invaders, have been sunk in Lingayen gulf.

The Japanese attackers used air power in an attempt to ease terrific American pressure on their beachheads along the Lingayen coast 135 to 150 miles north of Manila.

Imperial headquarters said that Japanese troops have been in complete occupation of Davao on the island of Mindanao in the Southern Philippines since Saturday.

Headquarters said the Japanese occupied Davao the same day they landed. Naval units were reported cooperating closely in Southern Philippines operations where enemy casualties up to Sunday included 200 killed and 600 prisoners.

Strong Russian forces, launching another phase of the campaign to drive the Germans from the Moscow front, have hammered deep wedges into enemy lines in the important Maloyaroslavets sector 70 miles Southwest of the capital, front dispatches said.

Maloyaroslavets was the remotest German frontal position on the Moscow front when the Red army began its offensive.

British communiques reported that imperial columns now block the Axis line of retreat on the Gulf of Sirte, South of Benghazi, and asserted Axis air power has suffered a shattering blow with the destruction of 54 planes in the air and on the ground.

### BOY SCOUTS TO COLLECT PAPER

The Boy Scouts of Brevard are prepared to collect old newspapers and magazines in the interest of national defense, according to Dr. E. O. Roland, who this week urged all citizens in Brevard and in nearby communities to let the Scouts know when they have old newspapers or magazines to contribute. The Scouts may be contacted through Dr. Roland at his office.

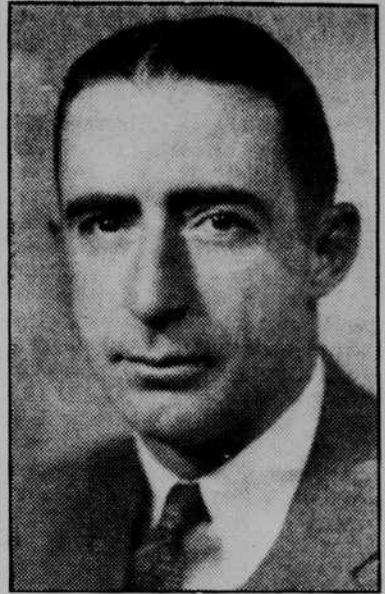
Dr. Roland urged citizens to cooperate in this drive, as old papers are used in many defense projects and are much needed.

### New Registration Law Affects 22,000,000 Men Of Nation

The path was cleared for one of the largest armies in the history of America last Friday afternoon when the United States congress enacted legislation requiring all men between 18 and 64 years inclusive to register and making those from 20 to 44 inclusive subject to actual military service.

This new service legislation will raise a fighting army of at least 4,000,000, and the millions of others subject to registration will serve in civilian defense duties.

### Insurance Man



C. M. Douglas, former publisher of The Times, has returned to Brevard after a lengthy vacation due to ill health, and is now a special representative of the Occidental Life Insurance company in Brevard and Transylvania county.

### In Another War



The picture shown here of Eck L. Sims and his pet dog was taken while he was in training at Fort Jackson, S. C., in 1917, for the first World War. This week he enlisted for active service with the army in the second World War.

### CHILDREN WILL SEE FREE MOVIE

The management of the Clemson and Co-Ed theatres, Messrs. Frank and Verne Clement, announce that a free movie for children of the county will be shown at the Clemson Theatre on Christmas morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. The picture to be shown is "South of the Border," with Gene Autrey. White and colored children are cordially invited to attend.

The free Christmas movie for Transylvania children is a custom of long standing with the Clements; they started it a quarter of a century ago.

### 1942 Auto Tags On Sale At Tinsley's

Johnny Fuller, Carolina Motor club branch office agent at Tinsley's Gulf station here has received a shipment of the 1942 automobile and truck license tags, and car and truck owners may purchase their new licenses from him.

### 16,000 ACRE AREA LAST BIG STAND TIMBER IN W.N.C.

Carr Lumber Company To Cut All But Chestnut And Hemlock

#### ESTATE FAMOUS HERE

Timber rights to the 16,000 acre estate of E. H. Jennings in upper Transylvania and Jackson counties are being purchased by the Carr Lumber company of Pisgah Forest, according to W. W. Crousehorn, general manager of the lumber company, who told The Times early this week that transactions are now being made for the rights and that operations are expected to begin early next spring.

The timber on the vast Jennings estate is the last remaining large stand of virgin timber in Western North Carolina, and Mr. Crousehorn stated that the boundary would require at least 10 years to cut out.

Chestnut and hemlock on the estate is being purchased by the Champion Fibre company, of Canton, and they will work with the Carr Lumber company in cutting timber on the tract, but under separate contract, according to Mr. Crousehorn.

When operations begin on the Jennings estate the logs will be shipped from Lake Toxaway to Pisgah Forest and to Canton by rail, Mr. Crousehorn stated.

The Jennings tract adjoins the large O'Connor boundary on which the local lumber concern is now working. When this boundary is cut out, operations will be immediately transferred to the Jennings boundary, it was pointed out.

The Carr Lumber company has been operating here for 28 years and within that period they have operated some of the largest holdings in North Carolina. The firm operated the famous George W. Vanderbilt holdings in Transylvania, Henderson and Buncombe counties, now a part of Pisgah National Forest. Last June they purchased the large Hume estate in —Turn To Page Six

### SALES HIGH FOR DANCE TICKETS

Al Dunn's Orchestra To Play For Jaycee New Year's Eve Dance

Jaycee officers announced here yesterday afternoon that the tickets for the New Year dance to be held at the country club on Wednesday night, December 31, are being sold far above expectations and that most of the tables have already been reserved.

Mrs. Frank McIntosh, chairman of the sponsors, says that the gay decorations have arrived and the club will be gayly decorated. Al Dunne and his enlarged orchestra will play for the affair.

Mrs. Fred Holt and Mrs. J. A. Macfie have charge of the tables. The other sponsors who are selling tickets are: Mrs. T. J. R. Clark, Mrs. Robert Colwell, Mrs. Robert Matthews, Mrs. Eben Morrow and Mrs. Ed Varner.

### Window Contest Prizes Awarded

Prizes for the outstanding holiday season show windows in Brevard are being awarded by The Times to Patterson's, Plummer's, and Belk's department stores. Many others received honorable mention.

First prize of \$3 is being awarded to Patterson's. A tie for second place gives prizes of \$2 each to Plummer's and Belk's.

Out-of-town judges awarded the decisions and gave honorable mention to the following: Winner's, Carlton's, Parson's, the drug stores, and Duke Power company for street lighting.

## Santa Claus Will Make His Final Visit Of The Season To Brevard Today