

## Ecusta Contributes Total Of \$20,334.26 In Second Hospital Drive

### Fear Religious Leaflets May Be Axis Propaganda

#### MASONIC OFFICERS BE INSTALLED HERE ON FRIDAY EVENING

A. M. Paxton, Jr., Will Be Installed As Worshipful Master

##### OFFICERS ARE LISTED

Elected and appointed officers for the year 1942 of the Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge No. 267 A. F. and A. M. will be installed at the annual installation service, a public ceremony, to be held at the Lodge Hall on Broad street Friday evening, beginning at eight o'clock. W. C. (Bill) McConnell, of Asheville, District Deputy Grand Master of the 39th District, will preside over the service. He will be assisted by Dr. J. F. Zachary, member of the local Lodge and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 38th District.

A. M. Paxton, Jr., of Rosman, will be installed as Worshipful Master. Others to be installed include L. Paul Beck, senior warden; D. R. Boyd, junior warden; A. N. Jenkins, treasurer; Henry R. Henderson, secretary; D. H. Winchester, senior deacon; T. E. Reid, junior deacon; Arley L. Morris and Stewart Campbell, stewards and Edward McKay Collins, Tyler.

Following the ceremonies refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Order of Eastern Star.

Officers and members of the local lodge have been requested to meet in the Lodge Hall at seven o'clock to prepare for the services.

#### TO MAKE CLOCK CONTEST AWARD

Members of the Lions club have announced that all persons having stubs in the clock guessing contest may present the winning stub or stubs to Donald Lee Moore, secretary, before noon Friday of this week. The clock stopped at 3:41, and all persons having a stub calling for that time are eligible for a division of the first cash award.

The directly opposite winner or winners will be those having stub or stubs at 9:41. Lions will meet at the Moffitt House Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in their regular dinner meeting, it was announced.

#### Brothers From Here Enlist In The Navy

Two Brevard youths, Hale, Jr., and Harold Siniard, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Siniard, left Asheville Monday for service in Uncle Sam's Navy. They will go first to Raleigh, and thence to Norfolk, Va., for their initial training.

#### LIBRARY CLOSED

The U. D. C. Library will be closed during the entire day on Thursday, January 1, according to announcement by Miss Annie Jean Gash, librarian.

#### Urge Enrollment Volunteer Work

Volunteers for enrollment for service in civilian defense work are badly needed in Transylvania, according to Mrs. O. H. Orr, volunteer service committee chairman, and Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., county civilian defense council.

Beginning Friday, January 2, offices for enrollment will be open at the city hall in Brevard, at Ecusta, at Brevard college, and at Rosman, hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. The office at Rosman, at Fisher's Barber shop, will be open only on Friday from 2 to 7 p. m. this week, and again Monday, Wednesday and Friday of next week.

All citizens of the county are urged to enroll for one or more of the many volunteer services at one of these enrollment offices.

#### New Masonic Head



A. M. Paxton, Jr., above, will be installed as Worshipful Master of the Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge at installation services at the Lodge Hall on Friday evening of this week. (Photo by Austin).

#### LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. BROOKS

Aged Transylvanian Died At Her Home Near Here Sunday Morning

Funeral service was held last Monday afternoon at the residence for Mrs. L. W. ("Aunt Delia") Brooks, 90, who died at her home in Cherryfield Sunday morning, following an illness of several weeks. Rev. B. W. Thomason, pastor of the Brevard First Baptist church, officiated. Interment was in the Calvert cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks was one of Transylvania county's oldest citizens, and was the last remaining member of her family, with the exception of one brother, O. L. Erwin, of Brevard. Her husband and four children preceded her in death a number of years ago.

Pall bearers were Lamar Lewis, Fred Johnson, A. K. Lewis, W. M. Deavor, Flem Brooks and Furman Brooks.

With the exception of five years spent in Brevard before her marriage, Mrs. Brooks had always lived in the same home in Cherryfield. She was beloved by all who knew her. She possessed a keen sense of humor even to her last days, and was a delightful companion for her many friends and relatives who visited her frequently. Her general health was remarkably preserved for one of such advanced age.

Osborne-Simpson funeral home had charge of arrangements.

#### GRAVELY SAFE

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gravelly have received word that their son, Private Paul W. Gravelly, who is stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is safe and well.

#### Mrs. Hardin Gets Bonus Da Award

Santa Claus, a little belated and minus his whiskers but with a heavy bank roll on him, came to visit Mrs. Carl Hardin last Saturday night.

Mrs. Hardin was the lucky winner of the \$105 Bonus Da award at Plummer's department store.

#### Tire Rationing Board For This County Nominated; Recaps Go

Nominations have been made by the chairman of the civilian defense council here, the chairman of the county commissioners, and the clerk of court for a board of three men to act as a tire rationing committee to serve during the period of a shortage of crude rubber now being experienced. Nominated were Randal W. Everett, Henry N. Carrier, and J. O. Wells. Governor Broughton will make the final appointments to the board, but it is expected that he will appoint all of the nominees.

#### AMERICAN TROOPS WITHSTAND STRONG PRESSURE OF JAPS

Stalin Tells His Warriors To Clean Out Crimea Region of Nazis

The war department said Wednesday American and Philippine troops continue "strong resistance, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy" in the fierce battle for Manila.

The communique was unusually terse and in its general terms told of "heavy pressure on all fronts with extensive use of dive bombers and armored units."

British empire troops have taken the offensive against the overwhelmingly more numerous Japanese forces in the Malay peninsula, a communique of the Malaya command announced.

Heavy fighting took place south of Adegabia Tuesday and considerable damage was done to the armored forces of German General Erwin Rommel, the British announced.

Rommel used the full strength of his tank forces and strong infantry elements in a determined effort to prevent a British sweep around his Southern flank the communique said.

Premier Joseph V. Stalin ordered the Red army to drive the Germans entirely out of the Crimea and it was responding with a slashing westward drive from the recaptured towns of Kerch and Feodosiya.

Stalin dispatched his personal congratulations to commanders of the triumphant Soviet forces advancing across the Crimea to the relief of besieged Sevastopol, the important Black sea naval base.

"The Crimea must be liberated from the German invaders and their Rumano-Italian underlings," he declared.

#### BAPTIST PASTORS, COMMITTEE MEETS

Moderator Calls Important Meet Of Transylvania Association

A meeting of the executive committee of the Transylvania Baptist Association, together with all pastors of the churches has been called at the First Baptist church in Brevard next Monday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Matters of importance to the work of the church will be discussed, it was announced by the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Underwood. He said that the executive committee, in session several weeks ago, requested that all pastors meet with the committee.

Mr. Underwood said that this meeting would be vital to the carrying on of the work of the churches in the county, and it was urged by him that every member of the committee and every pastor be present.

#### NORTON IS SAFE

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Norton, of Brevard, have received word that their son, Richard, is safe and well after the disaster at Pearl Harbor on December 7.

Young Norton is attached to the aircraft carrier, Enterprise.

#### Citizens Indignant Over Distribution Of Matter In County

##### CITIZENS HERE REACT

Many Transylvania county citizens were indignant over the distribution of small leaflets by a person or persons here this week in which it was urged that "the sword is the way of the Devil" and that America should lay down arms in the present war, according to the prophecies of the Bible.

Most people into whose hands the leaflets, 3 by 5 inch sheets printed on both sides, were placed were of the opinion that they were the work of religious fanatics, but others were outspoken in their belief that this leaflet distribution is a direct attack upon citizen morale by fifth columnists working in behalf of the Axis powers. Some of the leaflets were turned over to the local police department for investigation, but they were not able to trace the direct source of the leaflets.

##### Work of Fanatics

Rev. B. W. Thomason, pastor of the First Baptist church here, said he was of the opinion that the leaflets were being distributed by religious fanatics but that, if they were, it definitely tended to weaken the morale of the citizenry in the present total war effort. He said all religious groups ought to stand 100 per cent behind the government in the prosecution of this war and that there is no place at the present time for the type of religious procedure as exemplified in the distribution to the public of such printed matter. The leaflet quoted various passages from the Bible to show that religion has no place in war.

Dr. Carl Hardin, mayor of Brevard, commenting upon the distribution here of the leaflets, warned citizens who might have any part in the distribution, under the impression that they are doing a religious work, not to be misled into doing the work of Axis agents or other fifth columnists. He said everyone should beware of strangers who pose as solicitors for any cause or agents for any religious or civic organizations, and above all that the war should not be discussed with strangers.

##### Cannot Tolerate

"We cannot tolerate anyone who would confuse and disorganize us with propaganda against this war," Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., chairman of county civilian defense council, said upon being informed of the distribution of the leaflets in the county. "Let us guard against propaganda, whether it comes from the enemy or from mis-guided religious fanatics or others among us. Those who spread such propaganda are dangerous. Let us watch for them and report them to the proper authorities. Our cause is a just one, and we will not permit such persons, regardless of who they are, to divert and weaken us in our united effort to win this war, and win it speedily," he concluded.

##### GRIFFIN YOUTH UNHEARD FROM IN THE PACIFIC

Harold Griffin, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin, of Brevard, Route 2, who is stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii, with the United States Navy, has not been heard from since the Japanese attack on December 7, according to Mr. Griffin, who said this week that his son was in the habit of writing at least once a month.

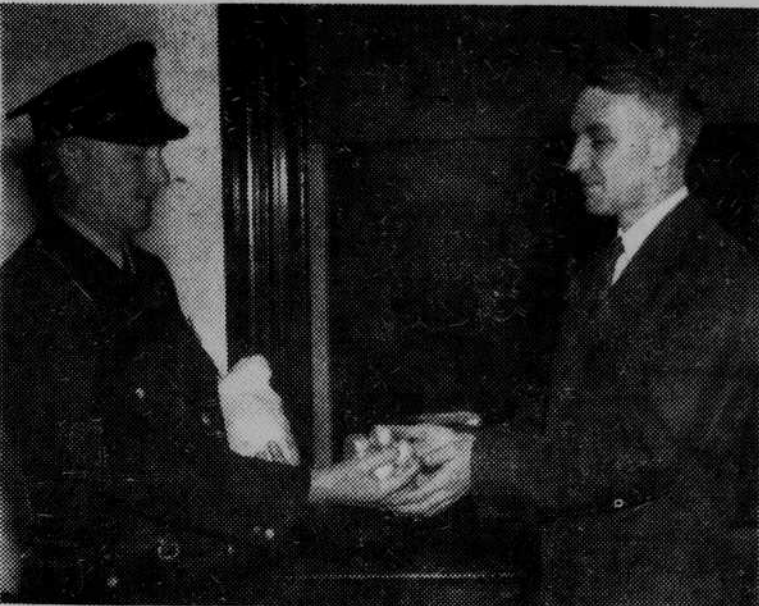
Mr. Griffin said that no reports from the Navy had indicated that he was listed as missing.

##### Blackout Chairman Gives Information

J. M. Gaines, chairman of the blackout committee of the local civilian defense council, announces that, in case of an emergency, individuals are responsible for blacking out their homes and that the utilities company is only responsible for turning out street and public lighting.

Mr. Gaines said that plans are being made to fully organize Brevard and Transylvania county for blackouts in an emergency.

#### Cannon Balls For The Japanese



No, they're not actually cannon balls that Brevard Policeman "Gil" Thomas is shown here handing to Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., chairman of the county civilian defense council, but they will help win the war. They are balls of tinfoil which Policeman Thomas recovered from empty cigarette packs left on streets here. He turned over 20 pounds of the precious foil to Mr. Ramsey last week, and now he is busy gathering more. (Times Staff Photo)

#### 1942 Baby Derby Being Sponsored

A number of Brevard merchants are sponsoring a Baby Derby this year, and to some lucky child and its parents will go many useful gifts. First baby born in the county after midnight, December 31, will be declared the winner.

Firms participating in the Derby include Austin's Art Shop, Belk's, Parson's, Nantahala Creamery, Transylvania Times, Long's, Cash & Carry, Co-ed and Clemson theatres, and Patterson's.

Rules of the contest, together with prizes offered by the firms, may be found on the back page of this week's issue of The Times.

#### WEST BREVARD HOME BURNED

Fire, believed to have caught from a defective flue, completely destroyed the frame building in West Brevard last Sunday evening in which Matthew Bailey, Negro, and his family were living. The house is said to have belonged to a Mr. Armstrong.

When first seen the fire had gained such headway that flames were already blazing out of the roof. The building was too far from a water main for the fire department to have aided in putting out the blaze.

None of the occupants of the house were at home when it caught fire, it is reported.

Loss was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

#### Places Closing For New Year Holiday

The Brevard post office and the Transylvania Trust company will remain closed during the day January 1, it has been announced. The post office will be open for two brief periods in the morning to give out general delivery mail.

All grocery stores in town will remain closed for the day on January 1, also, but it is understood that the majority of other business places will remain open.

#### Reclassification Draft Group Will Be Carried Out Here Soon

Draft registrants in Class 1-H, deferred on account of age, are to be re-classified, under instructions received by the local draft board. The board plans to start reclassification this week of these men 28 years of age or older.

Class 1-H is made up only of men who, except for their age, would have been ordered up for physical examinations. Men over 27 who are married or for other reasons are unavailable were placed in their proper classifications regardless of age.

Most of those to be reclassified, therefore, are available and will be inducted, provided physical ex-

#### MEN WILL ASSIST REGISTER TRUCKS

##### Committee Named By Defense Council To Help With Work

A committee has been named by the local civilian defense council to assist in securing complete registration of all trucks and buses in Transylvania county, Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., civilian defense chairman, announced Wednesday.

Members of the committee are W. W. Brittain, chairman, Julian A. Glazener, and W. A. Wilson. Named to assist the committee are Henry McCall, of Lake Toxaway, Carl Queen, of Balsam Grove, Clyde Hubbard, of Brevard, Route 1, Loren Crow, of Rosman, Floyd Myers, of Pisgah Forest, and William C. Bennett, of Oakland.

Truck and bus owners in the county have all received cards from the Motor Vehicle Department, Raleigh, requesting certain information about trucks owned by individuals. Not all of the truck owners in the county have returned these cards filled in, and the purpose of the special committee, it was emphasized, is to assist these truck owners in filling out the cards and completing registration.

The services of all trucks and buses may be needed in an emergency during the war; therefore, all owners of such vehicles are asked to cooperate in the effort. All members of the committee listed above will gladly assist in completing registration.

#### Urges People Help Defeat Axis Powers

In a communication to The Times this week, Mayor Carl Hardin urged the people of Brevard and Transylvania to look forward in the new year to fulfilling more than the ordinary duties of a citizen by helping in the work of retrieving liberty and freedom of man from the barbarous fanatics who would wipe these ideals from the face of the earth. He urged that everyone do all possible to bring about the complete defeat of the Axis powers and the restoration of peace, liberty and justice in the world.

#### EMPLOYEES MAKE GENEROUS GIFTS IN SECOND DRIVE

Building Superintendent Says Structure Be Completed In 6 Weeks

##### EQUIPMENT IS ORDERED

Information has just been released by the Transylvania community finance committee that employees of the Ecusta Paper corporation, of Pisgah Forest, have contributed a total of \$10,167.13 in the drive for funds for the new \$100,000 community hospital now under construction. This total contribution by the employees is being matched by an equal contribution from the corporation, according to announcement by Harry H. Straus, president. This will make a total of \$20,334.26 to be contributed by the employees and the corporation. In a previous drive Ecusta and its employees contributed \$4,849.

##### Straus Commends

Mr. Straus commended employees of Ecusta for their splendid cooperation in the drive for what he termed an "extremely worthy cause" and said it was the corporation's hope as well as the employees' that the hospital will be administered for the good of the people of Brevard, Pisgah Forest, and the whole of Transylvania county. This contribution by Ecusta and its employees brings to a total the amount needed for constructing and equipping the hospital, including present pledges, committee members said.

The hospital is being constructed by Fiske-Carter construction company, of Greenville, S. C., and J. F. Tate, local superintendent, said that he expected the hospital to be completed within four to six weeks from now. It is expected to be occupied immediately after completion.

##### Equipment Ordered

Order for the bulk of the equipment has already been placed, according to members of the hospital committee. The equipment order, amounting to more than \$10,000, included surgical instruments for the delivery and operating rooms, general equipment for the wards, and furniture for the lobby.

#### Sunday School Meet Be Held At Toxaway

The regular meeting of the Transylvania Baptist Sunday School association will be held at the Toxaway Baptist church on Sunday, January 4, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and closing at 3:30 sharp, according to announcement by Fred Monteith, associational superintendent.

Mr. Monteith urges all pastors and Sunday School superintendents to attend this first meeting of the new year. Each one attending will be given an allotted time for a short talk.

He said that he was looking forward to a full hundred attendance at this meeting.

##### NO KIWANIS MEETING

The Brevard Kiwanis Club will not hold their regular meeting this week, it has been announced by the club officers.

#### ROSMAN W.O.W. TO AID THE RED CROSS

Members Will Gather Iron, Paper, Give Returns To Red Cross

Members of the Rosman Woodmen camp, in meeting Tuesday night, voted to gather all scrap iron, waste paper, and other salable defense materials in the Rosman vicinity and turn the proceeds of the sales over to the Transylvania county Red Cross war relief fund as their contribution to the county's \$3,000 quota. They also voted to buy defense savings bonds with funds now in the Woodmen treasury.

The Women members will canvass each residence in Rosman in the near future, gathering the scrap iron and waste paper, later taking it to a central point. The Woodmen and Women Circle members there will take the lead in the work, and the two organizations will secure other volunteers to help with the project.