

## Civilian Defense Classes At College Are Continued; First Aid Work Completed

### War Bulletins

#### AMERICAN FIGHTERS STRIKE HARD BLOWS

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Feb. 18.—American fighter planes and bombers aiding in the all-important battle for the Dutch East Indies have struck damaging blows at Japanese aircraft and invasion forces in Southern Sumatra, the Allied Southwest Pacific command announced today.

Indies defense forces, meanwhile, brought down five enemy bombers out of a force of 21 planes which attacked the vital United Nations naval base at Soerabaya in two waves this morning. The news agency Aneta reported the raid did little damage to the base and caused only a few casualties. The alarm lasted an hour and three-quarters.

#### CHINESE TROOPS INVADE THAILAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Chinese troops have invaded Thailand while "heavy fighting" is raging on the Bilin river front to the south in Burma, the All-India radio said today in the broadcast of a Rangoon communique heard by CBS.

The communique said that according to "a report as yet unconfirmed" the Chinese troops on the North Burma front had crossed the Thailand frontier and were battling toward Chiangmai, 300 miles north of Bangkok and terminal of a railroad which has been converted into a base for Japanese operations.

#### RUSSIAN WARSHIPS SHELLING GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Russian warships were reported to have shelled German land positions on both ends of the long front today.

It was problematical whether the daring bombardments still were going on. Dispatches from the

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#### JOHNSON TO PREACH

The Rev. E. Ashby Johnson, of Richmond, Virginia, will preach next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service at the Brevard Presbyterian church, announcement has been made.

All members are urged to attend.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKING POSTERS

#### Ladies' Committee Promoting Poster Contest For Defense Savings

The ladies' civic organizations committee of the Transylvania county defense savings staff has begun work on a county-wide school poster contest to help promote the sale of defense bonds and stamps, according to announcement by Mrs. O. H. Orr, chairman of that committee.

Work has already started in the Brevard high and elementary schools, and some of the creative efforts of the pupils in the two schools are now being placed on display in various places in town and over the county.

Mrs. Orr said Wednesday that no prizes are being offered in this contest and that it is merely a chance for the school children to do their bit toward the national defense effort. She said that the poster work would be carried into every school in the county during the course of the year, in order that every school child may have an opportunity to participate.

Members of the special poster committee are Mrs. Lehman Kapp, Mrs. Fred Holt, and Miss Annie Jean Gash.

### Woodmen Planning An Open Meeting

There will be an open meeting of the Brevard Camp of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle on Thursday evening, February 19, beginning at eight o'clock, it has been announced by Ralph W. Lyday, secretary.

A program of entertainment has been planned, and refreshments will be served.

### Large Crowds Attending Instruction Periods At Institution

#### GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

The first series of civilian defense classes at the Brevard college civilian defense school were concluded last Friday evening upon the completion of five 2-hour classes in First Aid. Instructors in the classes were Miss Sadie North, Dr. Julius Sader, Leonard W. Roberts, Carl M. Gross, and Luke Harrison. More than 100 people were in attendance for the 10-hour course.

Another series of classes is under way at the college this week, designed for both general and particularized instruction in civilian defense work. On Monday evening Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., chairman of the county defense council, spoke to a general assembly at the college on the subject of local defense organization and control centers.

On Tuesday night two hours of general instruction about poison gas and gas masks was given by T. K. Chamberlain, assisted by W. C. Bangs, Ecusta employes. H. E. Newbury, Ecusta safety director, also participated in the discussion.

On Wednesday evening the 2-hour class period was taken up with the discussion of fire prevention, under the supervision of John W. Smith, Brevard fire chief. A demonstration was given on the control of the incendiary bomb, as used in modern warfare for igniting industrial and fuel centers.

The Thursday evening class period will be divided between instruction in fire prevention and fire fighting and general instruction relative to the air raid warning system. Ralph R. Fisher, chief air raid warden, is in charge of the latter.

The last period of the week, Friday evening, will be taken up with general instruction on blackout work in connection with air raids. The county blackout committee will be in charge of this discussion.

### SQUARE DANCE SET BY P. T. A.

The Brevard Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a square dance at the Brevard Country Club on Saturday evening of this week, from 9 to 12 o'clock, according to announcement by Mrs. E. L. Happ, of the organization.

The dance will feature a box lunch at intermission time. Ladies are asked to bring a box lunch, sandwiches, etc., and at intermission the boxes will be sold at a nominal sum to the gentlemen. The men will share the meal with the respective ladies who prepared the boxes.

Committees in charge of the square dance include Mrs. John Hudson, music; J. E. Ruffy and Kin McNeil, publicity; Mrs. John Hudson and Jack Alexander, tickets; Mrs. Jerry Jerome, box lunches; E. L. Happ, door; and Jerry Jerome, cake walk.

A small admission charge will be made for the dance.

### SMATHERS TO PREACH

Dr. M. T. Smathers, district superintendent, will preach at the eleven o'clock Sunday morning service at the Brevard Methodist church, Rev. E. P. Billups, pastor, has announced.

It is estimated that 90,000,000 persons attended basketball games in this country last year.

## Coroner's Jury Discounts Any Foul Play In Duckworth Death

A coroner's jury discounted any theory of foul play in the death of Luther Duckworth, around 50, native of Blairsville, Georgia, who was found dead on a lonely mountain trail about four miles from here on the "Lige" Allison place just before noon Tuesday. A Negro found the body and reported to local officers.

Upon investigation, County Coroner J. C. Wike said that Duckworth had been dead between 48 and 60 hours when found. He was lying face downward on a steep



### IN THE NEW LIBRARY ROOM AT ECUSTA

One of the recent additions at the Ecusta Paper corporation, Pisgah Forest, for the benefit of employees, is the installing and equipping of a library, a section of which is shown in this picture. Hundreds of books have been shelved, and reports state that an average of 45 books a day are being loaned to employees. Miss Justine Williams, librarian, is shown in back center, standing. (Times staff photo)

## Dispel Rumor Of Hiking Sugar Prices In Brevard

### TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER HERE

#### Members Of All Churches In Brevard To Attend Special Service

Annual World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday afternoon of this week at 2:30 o'clock at the Brevard Methodist church. Members of four denominations of the town will participate in the program and attend the service, which will last one hour, members of the committee in charge announced.

The theme, "The Way of Life," will be emphasized in the program, which will be in charge of Mrs. C. E. Buckner, of the Methodist church, Mrs. T. K. Chamberlain, of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Bart Charles, of the Baptist church, and Mrs. D. G. Ward, of the Episcopal church. Other members of the different churches will assist on the program, included in which will be a vocal solo by Mrs. H. R. Bobst.

The service is open to the public, and it is expected that a large number of representatives from the different churches will be in attendance.

The World Day of Prayer observance is called all over the country for February 20 by the National Council of Churchwomen.

### RITEs ARE SET FOR HART CHILD

Funeral service will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church here for Wanda Sue Hart, 2-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hart who died at the home here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock after a very brief illness. Rev. B. W. Thomason, pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. P. Billups, will officiate. Interment will be in the Glazener cemetery near Brevard.

Survivors include the parents and two sisters, Jane Ann and Billie. Osborne and Simpson are in charge of arrangements.

### Member Of Savings Staff To Be Here

Forest G. Miles, deputy administrator of the North Carolina defense savings staff, will be in Brevard Thursday to speak before the county committee of the staff, Chairman E. H. McMahan has announced.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard elementary school auditorium Thursday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. McMahan said that all members of the county committee are urged to attend.

### To Assist In Filing State Income Taxes

Representatives of the North Carolina department of internal revenue, with Jack Atkinson in charge, will be at the clerk of the court's office in the Brevard court house on Wednesday and Thursday, March 4 and 5, for the purpose of assisting the people of Transylvania county in filing intangible and income tax returns, it has been announced here.

All returns must be filed not later than March 16, the announcement stated.

## Brevard Board Of Aldermen Pass Blackout Ordinance, Effective For Duration Of The War Emergency

### ATHLETIC BANQUET TO BE STAGED AT COLLEGE SATURDAY

#### Trophies And Individual Awards Will Be Made At Annual Event

#### ALL-STARS TO PLAY

Brevard college's annual athletic banquet, which will be open to the entire student body and faculty, will be held in the main dining room in West Hall on Saturday evening of this week, beginning at 6:30, it has been announced by college athletic officials. Principal feature of the banquet will be the awarding of trophies and insignias to the year's outstanding athletic participants. Leonard W. Roberts, director of athletics, will act as master of ceremonies.

The Transylvania Times is awarding individual gold basketballs to members of the winning intra-mural basketball teams. The winning girls' team was sponsored by Misses Marjorie Craig and Ninita Gaither, and the winning boys' team was sponsored by C. H. Trowbridge, faculty sponsors. Kin McNeil, Times editor, will make the presentation of the basketballs.

Trophies for the winning intra-mural basketballers will be presented by a local jewelry store, with Carl M. Gross, manager, making the presentation.

A plaque award for the best all-around varsity boy athlete is to be presented by Alex Patterson, local business man. Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of the college, will make the award.

Block B's, or letters, will be given to boys and girls winning them in active sports so far this year. Theme of the banquet will be patriotic, and patriotic music will be featured.

Immediately after the banquet, students and faculty will go to the college gymnasium where the intra-mural boys' and girls' winning basketball teams will play members of all-star teams picked from the student body.

### REPORTS SLIGHT ON COLLEGE DAY

#### Only Few Reports In From Churches Over Western Conference

Although no reports were available Wednesday from the majority of churches in the Methodist Western North Carolina conference relative to the observance of Brevard College Day last Sunday, indications were that the Day went over well. Locally, churches in Brevard are reported to have raised approximately \$200 last Sunday for the self-help and maintenance program at the college.

Better than 400 churches in the conference participated in the observance of the Day, and the church and college officials had expected to raise at least \$10,000. A few reports in from surrounding churches indicated that the goal would probably be reached.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Plummer are in New York this week, buying spring merchandise for Plummer's Department store.

## Almost 800 Register Here In Third Selective Registration

A total of 775 men between the ages of 20 and 45 registered in Transylvania county in the third selective service registration held Monday, according to a report by Mrs. Allie B. Harlee, clerk to the local board. The board had anticipated a registration of at least 1100 men.

Mrs. Harlee said that she expected registrations to be made for at least two or three more days, due to the extremely bad weather here Monday. In many cases, it was believed, registrants were prevented from going to the places of registration because of the heavy downpour of rain which continued throughout the day Monday.

### Reclassifications Listed By Board

The Transylvania county draft board has issued the following list of reclassifications for selective service registrants in the county.

Clarence E. Morris, from 1-H to 1-B; Ralph Sloan Porter, from 1-H to 1-A; Harold Cauble, Misenerheimer, from 1-B to 1-C; Harold Meeks Aiken, from 1-H to 3-A; Samuel Ray Hillemon, from 1-B to 1-A; Robert Maxwell Killian, from 4-A to 1-A; Roy Allison, from 1-H to 4-F; William Chester West, from 1-H to 4-F.

Also, the board of appeals has classified the following two registrants: Clyde "Speedy" Jones, from 1-A to 2-A, as necessary to industry; John Halsell Lyday, continued in 1-A.

### Mayor Hardin Promulgates Rules And Regulations For Enforcement

#### PENALTIES PROVIDED

The Brevard board of aldermen, in session here Tuesday evening at the city hall, passed an ordinance authorizing blackout and air raid protection orders, rules and regulations and prescribing penalties for the violation of these rules and regulations.

Stating that the violation of blackout rules endangers loss of life and property, the ordinance sets forth that the mayor, Dr. Carl Hardin, together with the chairman of the county defense council, shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations for blackouts and air raids. The ordinance states that rules and regulations must be in writing and posted in public places and that they will be effective until repealed by the board of aldermen.

Provision of the ordinance include the appointment of special police, with identifying emblems; punishment for unauthorized sounding of warning or all-clear air raid signals; rejection of private or municipal liability during blackouts and air raids; declaration of lights as a public nuisance during a blackout, and consequent punishment for violations; suspension of conflicting rules, regulations, and ordinances; naming of a \$50 penalty, or 30 days imprisonment, for violation of rules; and the provision of independence of each division of the ordinance.

Mayor Carl Hardin, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance, has promulgated a set of rules and regulations applying to air raids and blackouts. The rules affect every possible situation which arise in this area, embracing everything from the movement of pedestrians on the city streets to the movement of railroad trains within the corporate limits of the town. A copy of these rules will be published in next week's issue of The Times.

### Masons To Confer The Third Degree

Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge will confer the third degree at a special communication which will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the lodge hall on Broad Street.

Degree will be conferred by the degree team. The Worshipful Master requests all members to attend and extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Masons.

### TO CONDUCT HORSE MULE CLINIC HERE

#### Dr. M. M. Leonard, Of Asheville, Will Give Free Examinations

A horse and mule clinic for Transylvania county work stock will be held in this county on Tuesday, February 24, County Agent Julian A. Glazener, has announced. Two separate clinics will be held, he said. One will be at the farm of E. Carl Allison, beginning at 10 o'clock, and the other on the B. & B. mill lot in Brevard, the latter beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. M. M. Leonard, veterinarian of Asheville, will conduct the clinic.

Free examination will be given all animals brought to the clinic, and in no case will farmers be obligated to have their animals treated unless they so desire. A small charge, set by the state extension service, will be made for treatments including roundworm, bot, and teeth or dental work.

The clinic is being conducted in the interest of fitting animals for better work this year in view of the enlarged farm program for national defense, Mr. Glazener said.

### Singing Meet Is Set For Sunday

The Lower District singing convention will be held Sunday afternoon, February 22, at the English Chapel on Davidson River, according to announcement by R. E. Mackey. The program will begin at 2 o'clock.

All singers are cordially invited, as well as the general public.

### Gasoline Sales Off In Brevard

Since the rationing of new automobile and truck tires became effective in early January, sales of gasoline and motor oils at service stations here have dropped approximately 25 per cent, according to a survey made of a number of local stations. Greatest drop in sales has occurred during the month of February, with no appreciable decline during the early part of January, the survey showed.

Although there is much talk of rationing gasoline to motorists in the near future, no definite date of such action has been set, and local dealers are of the opinion that it may not be necessary to ration the motor fuel due to the decline in travel by private car and, consequently, the reduction in sales of gasoline. However, the army and navy and allied national defense industries are requiring huge quantities of motor fuel, and the rationing system may necessarily be imposed, especially during the next few months when a majority of motorists will be able to travel on their present tires.

In spite of the reduction in sales, majority of service station operators here are optimistic for the future, believing that the tire situation will be taken care of within the next 12 to 18 months.

#### CLUB LEADER HERE

Miss Frances McGregor, assistant state 4-H leader, was in Transylvania county Monday of this week to hold an extended conference with Miss Annabel Teague, home agent, J. A. Glazener, county agent, and Edwin L. Shore, assistant county agent, regarding 4-H club work in this county.

### Post Office Will Be Closed Monday

The Brevard post office will be closed on Monday, February 23, in observance of George Washington's birthday, it has been announced.

The general delivery window will be open from 8 to 8:30 and again from 10:30 to 11 o'clock Monday morning.