

FOREST FIRES BURN 13,000 ACRES WOODLAND IN COUNTY

Cuban Government Official, Former Student At Brevard Institute, Is Visiting Here

Says Cuba Is Behind America And Democracies In War 100 Percent

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Dr. Lorenzo Delgado Diaz, former governor of the important Matanzas province of Cuba and at present the president of the nationalist party in Matanzas, traveled 2,000 miles to pay his respects and gratitude to Brevard and the former Brevard Institute, which he attended in the early 1930's, but more important than that, he brought a message from Cuba to the American people who are now in the midst of a dire war emergency.

Dr. Diaz sat across a restaurant table—where once he sipped soft drinks and milk shakes while a student at Brevard Institute—and told a news reporter "Tell your people I bring this message to them, both from myself and my people in Cuba—if you work hard, if you trust in God and sacrifice, ultimate victory in this war is yours."

As short and as simple as that, his message was, but with a world of meaning behind it. He elaborated:

"If the democracies and we who are sympathetic to the democracies are to attain victory in this war, everyone must be in complete accord, with but the one aim of victory in view. I realize that the change from peacetime to war is a drastic one, but, nevertheless, that complete change must be made before our efforts will be rewarded."

Dr. Diaz is not speaking through his hat when he talks about what it takes to attain victory. After attending Brevard Institute for two years, during which time he kept in close contact with political forces back in his home country, he went back to Cuba only a month or two before the national revolution.

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STUDENT RECITALS ARE PLANNED HERE

Piano Pupils In Public Schools To Give First Recital Monday

The piano pupils of Alvin Moore and Mrs. Hague Padgett will present their first of two recitals in the Brevard high school auditorium on Monday evening, April 13, at eight o'clock, it has been announced. The recitals, featuring piano students of the public schools, are annual commencement events and are well attended.

Guest artist for the first recital will be Donald Lee Moore, who will play several solos.

The following pupils will be heard in piano selections: Nannie Sue Tinsley, Hilda Norwood, Elaine Orr, Betty Jo Parrish, Johnny Wedge, Dorothy Plaut, Clara Jean Parrish, Joanne Newland, Miriam Merrill, Dorothy Osborne, Christine Link, Alex Kizer, Jr., Jo Anne Poole, Travis Waldrop, Betsy Brittain, Betty Crary, Mary Alice Hollifield, Beverly Ann Wright, Ruth Gaines, Henry MacDonald, Mary Jane Newland, Fay Dellinger, Mary Ann Ramsey, Wylma Pooser, Johnnie Hensley, Frances Walker, Roland Mull, Patsy Austin, and Mozelle Bryson.

Marshals for this and other commencement events are selected on the basis of scholastic standing. They are: Melba Siniard, chief marshal, Louis McAuley, Jim Kanipe, Wiloree McGuire, Lucille Merrill, Ben Thomason, Franklin Tankersley, Henry McCormick, Miriam Merrill, and Mildred Orr.

Miss Wylie, Former Missionary, To Speak

Miss Roberta Wylie, a missionary recently returned from Africa, will be at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Brevard on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, April 11. She will bring an interesting message concerning missionary activities. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Lorenzo Diaz



(TIMES STAFF PHOTO)

REVIVAL SERVICES TO GET UNDERWAY

College And Methodist Church Cooperating In Special Services

A series of revival services, sponsored jointly by Brevard college and the Brevard Methodist church, will begin next Sunday evening, April 12, with services at the church at eight o'clock, and will continue through the following Sunday, according to announcement by Rev. E. P. Billips, pastor. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Herman F. Duncan, of Elkin, assisted by Rev. J. B. McLarty, of Belmont, who will be in charge of the singing.

Services will be held twice daily, it was announced. Morning services will be held at 9:50 o'clock in the college auditorium, and evening services will be conducted at eight o'clock at the church. Special services for children will be held in the church each afternoon at 3:45.

Rev. Mr. McLarty will speak to the Youth Fellowship at the church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

RITES ARE HELD FOR GREENWOOD

Funeral service was held last Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Rocky Hill Baptist church for J. S. Greenwood, who died Thursday morning in the Transylvania community hospital here after a brief illness. Rev. W. H. Whitlock officiated. Interment was in a cemetery in Andrews.

The survivors include the widow and a number of close relatives.

CLUB MEET SET

The Penrose Community club will meet on Thursday evening, April 16, at 8 o'clock at the school building. C. M. Douglas will be the speaker. It is urged that all members attend.

TAR HEEL FRONT IN WASHINGTON

About Winder Harris And Others

By Robert A. Erwin and Frances McKusick
(Staff Correspondents)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8—“Who ever heard of a North Carolinian being elected to Congress from Virginia? Don't be foolish, Winder. You'll just be sticking your neck out if you run.”

This was the advice William C. (Buck) Harris, of Raleigh, ranking Superior Court Judge in North Carolina, gave his newspaperman brother when Winder told him the Norfolk, Va., Democrats wanted him to be their candidate to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Colgate W. Darden, Jr., who entered the Virginia gubernatorial race and subsequently was elected and took office as Governor.

But Winder Harris disregarded

THIRTY-FIVE FROM HERE BE INDUCTED IN ARMY SATURDAY

Call Is For White Youths; Three Of Number Are Volunteers

GO TO FORT BRAGG

Thirty-five Transylvania county selective service registrants will leave here next Saturday morning, April 11, for induction at Fort Bragg, it has been learned. All of those called to report on April 11 are white youths, but a call for Negroes will be made later this month, it is understood.

The local draft board has released for publication the following names of registrants “who are about to be inducted.” The first three of the group are volunteers.

Clarence Gravelly, Brevard; Paul Eugene Orr, Brevard, Route 1; Kenneth King, Brevard; James H. Sledge, Brevard; Samuel Eugene McKelvey, Brevard, Route 1; Samuel S. Barnette, Brevard; Harry Pickelsimer, Brevard; Arthur H. Sentelle, Brevard, Route 2; Vernie Chappell, Rosman; James J. Butler, Rosman; Howard C. Galloway, Rosman; Bert Wilson, Pisgah Forest.

Van Summey, Brevard, Route 2; Arthur Gillespie, Brevard, Route 1; Reid Stamey, Cedar Mountain; William M. Case, Brevard; Claud Burrell, Rosman; Durham Lee Thorne, Brevard; George Lance, Rosman; John H. Lyday, Brevard; Ralph Sloan Porter, Fayetteville; Wm. M. Owensby, Brevard; Lawrence Rufus Owen, Brevard, Route 1; Doyle Chapman, Pisgah Forest, Route 1; Jack Yeatman Hunter, Atlanta, Georgia; Robert Nicholson, Brevard; Claud Lusk, Sapphire.

Ray Hilemon, Pisgah Forest; George Truett Henderson, Brevard; Jock Norwood, Spartanburg, S. C.; Sunday Godfrey Hedrick, Pisgah Forest; Harry Clayton, Brevard; John W. McMinn, Brevard; Laymon R. Valentine, Brevard; Berry Edward Brittain, Brevard, Route 1; and John Wright Rudder, Miami, Fla.

BROTHER OF LADY HERE WAR VICTIM

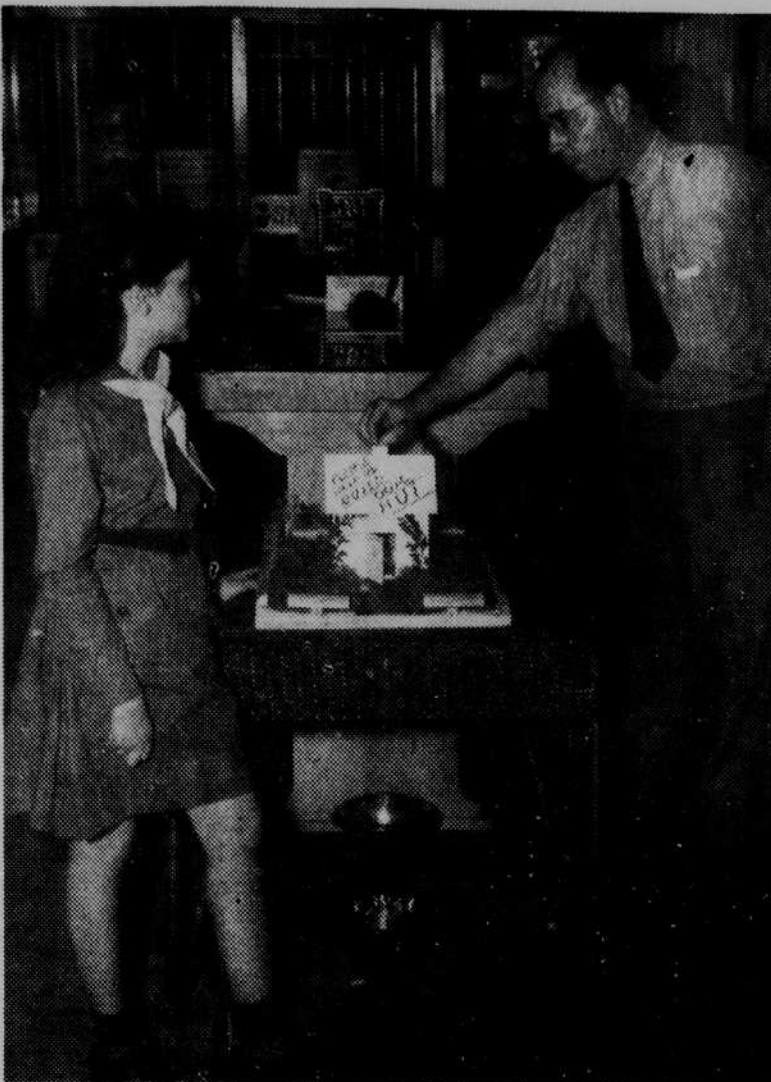
Lee Long, 42, Killed Last Week By Enemy Action Off Carolina Coast

Mrs. N. A. Miller, of Brevard, was informed last Saturday that her brother, Lee Long, 42, was killed last week by enemy action in the Atlantic. He was on a Standard Oil tanker which was torpedoed off the North Carolina coast. The body was brought ashore at Morehead City and was shipped to Cliffside for burial on Monday afternoon.

Long had been with Standard Oil for several years and had recently been working on a tanker delivering oil to the allied countries. He attended Brevard institute here.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Miller; three brothers, A. G. Long, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Glenn Long, New York City, and Rev. Dan Gold Long, Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Miller attended the funeral service at Cliffside Monday afternoon. Interment was in the Long family plot there.

RAISING FUNDS TO BUILD HUT



The Girl Scouts of Brevard, with the help of other interested organizations, are getting ready to build a hut in Franklin Park. As a part of the drive, a number of Scouts have built hut banks and placed them in various business houses in town. Shown here is Hugh Hollifield dropping a coin in the hut-bank in the Transylvania Trust building. Dorothy Plaut, left, Scout who built the bank, is looking on. The Women's Civic club has donated \$25 to the fund, and the Moose Lodge has voted to sponsor the campaign to raise funds for the hut. (Times staff photo).

Davis' Hen Goes Into Double Work

A New Hampshire Red hen in the flock of Harold Davis, of Brevard, can be cited for doing her part in the national defense effort to increase egg production.

Mr. Davis went out to gather the eggs and found that the patriotic fowl had laid an oversized egg. Upon breaking the egg he found another normal sized egg within it. Two shells, two whites, two yolks—that's what Mr. Davis calls overtime production.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET SATURDAY

The Transylvania county Republican convention, for the purpose of nominating the county ticket and to elect a county chairman for the next two years, will be held at the Brevard courthouse on Saturday afternoon, April 11, beginning at 2 o'clock, according to announcement by Ralph R. Fisher, county chairman.

Precinct meetings for electing delegates to the county convention will be held in the various precincts on Friday afternoon, April 10, at 2 o'clock, Mr. Fisher said.

FOWLER THRU AIR TRAINING

Earl Fowler, son of Mrs. E. V. Fowler, of Brevard, and a graduate of Brevard college, has finished advance carrier pilot training at the Opal Locka naval air station, Miami, Florida, and has come home for a brief furlough before going into active service with the naval air force.

Young Fowler entered training in May, 1941. Prior to his entering the naval training station he was employed at the Ecusta Paper corporation plant at Pisgah Forest.

BULLETIN

Professor Fritz Straus, official of the Ecusta Paper corporation, died suddenly in Hollywood, Florida, about two o'clock Wednesday morning, it has been learned here.

Professor Straus, head of the chemistry department at Ecusta, was vacationing in Florida. Funeral arrangements had not been announced here Wednesday night.

Music By Local Men Published

The publication of a musical composition for piano and voice, written and composed by Clyde K. Osborne and Donald Lee Moore, both of Brevard, was announced this week by the Galaxy Music corporation, of New York City. The music was written by Mr. Osborne, and the words are by Mr. Moore. Title of the piece is “Oft in the Twilight.”

Mr. Moore has already had a number of musical compositions published, some of which have become nationally famous. Mr. Osborne has also written a number of creative compositions.

COLLEGE DRAMATIC GROUP TO PRESENT PLAY ON SATURDAY

Twelve Are Cast In Three-Act Comedy Hit, “Sixteen In August”

PUBLIC IS INVITED

The Dramatic club at Brevard college will present its annual spring production in the college auditorium on Saturday evening, April 11, beginning at eight o'clock. A lively comedy in three acts, “Sixteen In August,” written by Dorothy Bennett and Link Hannah, will be produced with a cast of twelve characters under the direction of Miss Lucile Smith, dramatic coach. Students, faculty, and townspeople are invited to the performance.

Dramatic club members cast in the play, which is an amusing exposition of the conflict between today's easy-going teen-age youngsters and their parents, include Jean Bennett, of Brevard; Douglas Brooks, of Greensboro; Philip Grazer, of Randleman; Norma Lee Ashby, of Miami, Fla.; Ruth Watkins, of Wadesboro; Paula Smathers, of Brevard; Harleston McIntosh, of Brevard; Catherine Edgeworth, of Asheville; Mary Alice Tinsley, of Brevard; Kathleen Wilson, of Brevard; Caryll Lewis, of Nashville, Tenn.; Bob Elliott, of Forest City; Ernest Star, of Greensboro; Anita Jobe, of Rutherfordton; and Elsie Barnhill, of Enfield.

Playing the lead roles in the production will be Jean Bennett and Kathleen Wilson, female, and Philip Frazier and Douglas Brooks, male.

Tickets for the performance are being sold by members of the Dramatic club and will be on sale at the door Saturday evening.

FIREMEN WILL MEET

Regular and auxiliary Brevard firemen will have a dinner meeting in the dining hall at Brevard college on Thursday evening of this week, beginning at seven o'clock, John W. Smith, fire chief, has announced.

All members of the two groups are urged to attend.

FOURTEEN FOREST FIRES REPORTED IN COUNTY IN 5 DAYS

Blazes Now Reported To Be Well Under Control; No Casualties

DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE

With more than 13,000 acres of woodland already burned over in Transylvania county since last Friday, prospects of controlling the ravage forest fires were good late Wednesday, fire wardens and forest officials said. A total of 14 separate fires have been reported in the county since last Friday, and as far as could be learned late Wednesday, only two, possibly three, of these fires were still burning. These were reported in the Buck Forest area on Little River and near the South Carolina line, in Frozen Lake, and in Lake Toxaway.

J. B. Fortin, district forest ranger, told a reporter Wednesday afternoon that government forest lands had been clear of fire since Tuesday morning and imminent danger of other fires breaking over into the forest lands was immediately past. However, the weather remained dry, with light winds, and the danger is not yet over, he emphasized.

Scarcity of men to fight fires has been the chief bugaboo in this section, forest officials and wardens said. No more than 25 men have been available for any one fire, with the exception of Buck Forest, where 50 men were reported late Tuesday to be battling the devastating fire in that area. Fighters were still at work there Wednesday, but unofficial reports coming from the fire-front indicated that the blaze was pretty well under control. The areas burning in Frozen Lake and Lake Toxaway are not nearly so large, but extensive damage has been done there also.

No casualties have been reported but Monday afternoon a number of buildings on a summer place belonging to a Dr. Davis were damaged.

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RITES THURSDAY FOR MRS. SIMONS

Well Known Local Lady Died In Asheville Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral service for Mrs. P. Noble Simons, of Brevard, who died in an Asheville hospital Tuesday afternoon, will be conducted from St. Phillip's Episcopal church here Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Harry Perry, rector, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Seagle, of Bat Cave. Interment will be in the cemetery at St. Pauls in the Valley, two miles from here on the Greenville highway. Pall bearers will be Thomas Wylie, Charles McJunkin, A. G. Galbraith, John Hudson, R. L. Gash, and Curtis Kelly.

Mrs. Simons was the widow of the late P. Noble Simons, retired cotton broker, and had made her home here for a number of years. She was an accomplished musician and was widely known throughout the South as an organist and pianist. She had served as organist for both the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches in Brevard. She was a member of the Presbyterian church here and was a member of the Brevard Wednesday club.

Mr. Simons was killed in an automobile accident in Brevard two years ago.

Mrs. Simons had been in declining health for some time, but had been critically ill for only four weeks.

No close relatives survive. Osborne and Simpson, funeral directors, are in charge of arrangements.

MEMBERS TO MEET

At the close of the preaching services next Sunday morning at the Brevard Presbyterian church, there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of making out annual reports, adopt a budget for the coming year, and to attend to such other business as may be brought before the meeting, church officials have announced.

Dr. W. H. Morgan, of Asheville, will preach.

Brevard Girl Is Making Good In Broadway Stage Show Business

Miss Beulah May Zachary, leader in Brevard's first and successful little theatre movement, is now on Broadway, New York, as assistant stage manager for the Music Box, managed by Sam H. Harris and Irving Berlin.

Miss Zachary has been doing costume and stage setting work in New York and other cities for the past three years, and has had active charge of several productions in New England theatres.

Production now showing at the Music Box is “A Kiss For Cinderella,” starring Luise Rainer, Ralph Forbes, Cecil Humphreys, Victor Morley, Roland Bottomley, and other prominent players of stage and screen.

Luise Rainer, star in the production in which the Brevard girl is an official, is making her first appearance on Broadway, but has played leads in Reinhardt Theatre,

London, and other show spots of Europe. Since coming to America Luise Rainer has twice won the Academy Award in motion pictures, and has played opposite William Powell in “Escapade”; also “The Great Ziegfeld,” and “The Good Earth.”

Miss Zachary graduated from Brevard high school, and Salem College, at both of which she was a leader in dramatics. She later took her post graduate work in dramatic arts at Schenectady, and directed several summer groups. While teaching at Brevard grammar school Miss Zachary organized the Little Theatre, which was successfully operated for two years, until she left for New York.

She is a daughter of Mrs. Beulah Zachary and the late Attorney W. Y. Zachary, who was a leader for years in political and civic circles in Brevard.