

12,000 ACRE AREA OF PISGAH FOREST IS RAVAGED BY FIRE

Organization Is Completed For War Bond Campaign

Has Been One Of Worst Fires In County's History

PLEDGE-SIGNING TO BE HELD MAY 4-9

County & Community Committees Are Named By Chairman McMahan

PLAN PATRIOTIC RALLY

Beginning with the month of May and continuing for the duration of the war, citizens of Transylvania county and of every county in the nation will be asked to buy war bonds and stamps on a monthly quota basis, Edward H. McMahan, chairman of the local war savings staff, announcing Wednesday, and plans have already been formulated for a whirlwind pledge-signing campaign in the county, beginning May 4 and closing May 9. Transylvania's quota for the first month had not been designated Wednesday evening. However, the national monthly goal has been set at \$1,000,000,000.

In the town of Brevard, the pledge campaign will be carried out by the Kiwanis club, the Lions club, and the Women's Civic club, with C. M. Douglas, J. I. Ayres, and Mrs. O. H. Orr representing the respective organizations in that endeavor. Citizens will be contacted and asked to pledge to buy a definite amount of bonds and stamps each month in order that the county quota may be reached.

In the North Brevard area Mrs. Robert Levy, Mrs. C. L. Newland, John E. Ruffy, and Mrs. L. D. Martin will be in charge of the campaign, with Mrs. Newland as chairman of that section.

Other districts throughout the county have local community setups, Mr. McMahan said, and they will meet with an advisor from the county committee on Monday evening, April 27, beginning at eight o'clock, at designated places. The districts, with the local committees, were named by Mr. McMahan as follows:

Brevard, exclusive of the town: Julian Glazener, advisor, and Mrs. —Turn To Page Six

CHAMBER TO OPEN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Secretary Says Prospects Are Good For Excellent Tourist Season Here

The Brevard Chamber of Commerce will open its annual drive for memberships this week end, according to announcement by Mrs. Ralph R. Fisher, secretary. Due to the shortage of tires, it was stated, personal canvass for memberships will be curtailed this spring, and the membership committee urged everyone to cooperate as far as possible by sending in annual memberships without solicitation.

The commerce group here carries out a campaign of advertising at this time of the year, and Mrs. Fisher said that numerous booklets telling the story of Brevard and Transylvania county's advantages are being mailed out to all sections of the United States. She said, according to the number of inquiries received so far, the oncoming season promises to be better than usual.

Persons wishing to list their houses, rooms, hotels, boarding houses, and apartments in the new leaflet and general information list now being compiled, should get in touch with Mrs. Fisher by Saturday of this week.

Movie For Benefit Of Girl Scout Hut

The matinee showing next Wednesday, April 29, of "Always in My Heart," at the Co-Ed theatre here will be for the benefit of a fund being raised to construct a Girl Scout Hut in Franklin Park, it has been announced.

Girl Scout leaders here and members of the organized Girl Scout troop are selling advance tickets to the evening performance this week.

Mrs. Harry Patton returned home last week after spending the winter in Umatilla, Fla.

Wants Clerk Post



ELMER GILLESPIE, above, War veteran, of Rosman, is in the race for the Democratic nomination for the office of clerk of superior court. He amended his original announcing statement by saying, "If nominated and elected, I will serve the people to the best of my ability, and at the expiration of my term will gladly step down."

REGISTRATION DAYS LISTED BY JOHNSON

Men In Armed Forces May Vote Absentee In Primary Election

Registration books for the purpose of registering for the Primary and, or the General election will be open at the several voting places in the various precincts in Transylvania county on the Saturdays of May 2, May 9, and May 16, 1942, according to Fred Johnson, chairman of the county board of elections. Challenge Day will be Saturday, May 23, and the Primary election will be held on Saturday May 30. Hours on which the registration books will be open on the above days are from 9 a. m. until sundown.

This year, Mr. Johnson stated, men in the armed forces of the United States will be allowed to vote absentee in the Primary election. Full details for securing absentee vote for men in the service will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Times.

Little River School Closing Exercises

Announcement has been made that the closing exercises for the Little River elementary school will be held on Wednesday, April 29. The primary and intermediate programs will be given at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and the seventh grade graduation will be given at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The public is cordially invited to the exercises.

TAR HEEL FRONT IN WASHINGTON

Tar Heels Townsend And Martin

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Within the austere, majestic walls of the Department of Justice are a number of loyal Tar Heel natives whose daily efforts are dedicated to the cause that each man receive "equal rights under the Law"—one of the basic tenets of American democracy.

Prominent among these North Carolina sons and daughters is Judge N. A. Townsend, who ranks up near the top in the office of the Solicitor General. The Judge, in describing the portion of the state he calls "home" says simply, "I guess I'd call the whole state my home. I've lived in Robeson County, Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham—all over."

Judge Townsend, a short, stocky,

High School Issue Planned Next Wk.

Next week, The Times will publish its annual High School Commencement edition as a public service to Brevard and Transylvania county.

As last year, the issue will contain brief biographies of the seniors in Brevard and Rosman high schools, pictures of the faculty, and many other interesting features. Through the advertising columns local merchants and individuals will extend best wishes to the graduates.

Correspondents and advertisers are asked to cooperate by turning in copy as early as possible.

PLAN SERVICES MEMORY STRAUS

Memorial services for Professor Fritz I. Straus, Ecusta Paper corporation official who died of a heart attack at Hollywood, Florida, recently, will be held on the main floor of the Ecusta cafeteria next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to announcement by Ecusta officials.

In addition to Ecusta employees, all friends of Professor Straus are invited to attend the service.

7 YEARS—65 CENTS

Mrs. Clarence Smith, of Brevard, is 65 cents richer today than she has been since 1935.

Mrs. Smith bought a ticket from Asheville to Hot Springs in 1935, but failed to use it. She sent the ticket back to the bus company the other day and received the purchase price of 65 cents.

Rites Held For Charles Mull, Jr., Crash Victim

Funeral service for Technical Sergeant Charles Mull, Jr., 26, who was killed instantly in a plane crash at MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida, last Thursday shortly after noon, was held at the First Baptist church in Brevard Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The service was conducted by the pastor of a Baptist church in Concord, assisted by the Rev. B. W. Thomason, pastor of the local church.

According to Associated Press reports, Mull and a crew of six men had started off on a routine training flight from the field, when the plane crashed from about a 20-foot height. It burst into flames when it struck the ground.

Mull, who had been in the Army since 1936, was an instructor in photography. The son of Mr. and

REGISTRATION FOR OLDSTERS IS SET FOR NEXT MONDAY

All Transylvania Men Between Ages Of 45 And 65 Must Register

Final plans have been formulated by the Transylvania county draft board, and approval has been received from headquarters, for the fourth selective service registration to be held in this county and throughout the nation on Monday, April 27. Registrants will be men between the ages of 45 and 65 years, inclusive, and the registration is being carried out under proclamation of the President of the United States, through Governor J. Melville Broughton, of North Carolina, who issued a special proclamation proclaiming Monday as Fourth Registration Day in the state. Authority for the proclamation by the President was vested in an amendment to the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940.

Hours of registration will be from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. Persons who are infirm or ill on Registration Day may register at a later date, but registration must be accomplished as soon thereafter as possible.

Registration centers, together with chief registrars, have been designated by the local board as follows:

County court house, C. M. Douglas, chief registrar, W. A. Wilson, assistant.

Draft Office, Broad Street, draft office personnel, registrars.

City Hall, Alex Kizer, chief registrar.

Pisgah Forest, Patton's Store, John B. Fortin, chief registrar.

East Fork, voting booth, Loren Crow, chief registrar.

Oakland, Cash's store, L. E. Cash, —Turn To Page Twelve

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N. H. HENSLEY FUNERAL HELD

Funeral service was held at the home here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock for N. H. Hensley, 66, who was found dead near the city water tanks last Friday evening about eight o'clock. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery near here.

Mr. Hensley, who was living with his son, was found by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Hensley, according to a report by J. C. Wike, county coroner, who investigated. Death was attributed to a hemorrhage of the brain.

Survivors include two sons, Floyd and Roy Hensley, both of Brevard. Osborne and Simpson funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

DEMONSTRATION MEET

The Brevard Home Demonstration club will meet at the home of Mrs. S. A. Bullock at three o'clock Monday afternoon, April 27, according to announcement has been made by Miss Annabel Teague, home agent.

Heads Moose Lodge



GERALD SITTON, above, was recently elected head of the Brevard Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. He succeeds W. A. Balcomb at that post.

Sugar Rationing Plans Revealed

The Office of Production Administration and the Transylvania County Rationing Board have announced Tuesday, April 28, and Wednesday, April 29, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., as the dates for Trade Registration for sugar rationing. There will be three registration places in Transylvania county for Trade Registration: Brevard high school, Rosman high school, and Rosenwald high school. By "Trade Registration" is meant the registration of those who sell sugar, either wholesale or retail, institutions, and industrial users, including food service establishments. An officer, owner, or manager must appear at the high school and make application for Sugar Purchase Certificates. Information should be brought on inventories on hand, average amount of sugar received, and the amount of sales during 1941. The following will serve as high school site administrations: R. T. Kimzey, Brevard High School; E. F. Tilson, Rosman High School; J. P. Sartor, Rosenwald High School.

The dates for family registration will be Monday, May 4; Tuesday, May 5; Wednesday, May 6; and Thursday, May 7. Only one adult representative of each family will appear to register for the family. Registrations will be conducted at all elementary schools in the county. The hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. One person in each family will be allowed 8 ounces of sugar per week. A family of six can buy three pounds per week.

In order to avoid too much congestion on any one day it has been suggested that those families and firms whose names begin with "A" register as early as possible on the —Turn To Page Seven

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Democratic Nomination County Sheriff Takes The Front Seat

The race for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Transylvania county in the Democratic primary on May 30 will probably take the front political seat here for the next few weeks, with a total of three Democratic candidates having filed for that post. They are, in the order they filed with county board of elections, Freeman Hayes, T. E. Reid, and Tom Wood, Hayes has operated an automobiles sales agency here for a number of years. Reid is the manager of a local furniture company. Wood served as sheriff of the county from 1932 to 1936.

By filing a complete ticket last Saturday afternoon, Transylvania Republicans let it be known that they will be in the race for every public office to be filled in the fall election. Rufus W. Owen, of Cherryfield, is the party's candidate for sheriff. Ralph R. Fisher,

SCHEDULE SERMONS AT SCHOOLS HERE

Commencement Sermons Be Heard At Two Schools Here Sunday

Commencement sermons for the graduating classes at Brevard and Rosman high schools will be preached on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 26. The Rosman commencement service will be held at three o'clock Sunday afternoon in the high school auditorium, and the Rev. B. W. Thomason, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the sermon. The Rev. E. P. Billups, pastor of the Methodist church here, will preach the commencement sermon for the Brevard high school graduates, which will be heard in the high school auditorium at eight o'clock Sunday evening.

An outline of the complete program for the Brevard high school commencement sermon includes a Processional; invocation by the Rev. B. W. Thomason; vocal number by the high school group; solo by Alvin Moore, accompanied by Mrs. Dan Merrill; sermon; benediction by the Rev. Harry Perry; and recessional.

Marshals will be Melba Siniard, chief, Lucile Merrill, Miriam Merrill, Mildred Orr, Franklin Tankersley, Ben Thomason, Jim Kanipe, Vannoy McAuley, Henry McCormick, and Willoree McGuire.

The complete program for the commencement sermon at the Rosman high school includes the processional; invocation by the Rev. J. L. Underwood; hymn by the entire audience; announcements by E. F. Tilson; vocal selection by the high school glee club; introduction of the speaker by J. B. Jones; sermon; benediction; the recessional.

Marshals will be Vivian Glazener, chief, Ruth Gillespie, Cornelia Gillespie, Hattie Galloway, Stanley Winchester, W. B. Head, and Margaret Whitmore.

Carr Again Heads U. S. O. In County

F. Brown Carr, U. S. O. chairman for Transylvania county last year, has again been named chairman of the county committee by Governor J. Melville Broughton.

Mr. Carr is now formulating plans for the launching of this year's drive about May 11, and a county organization will be announced at an early date.

Under Mr. Carr's leadership last year, the U. S. O. quota for this county was more than doubled.

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Flames Were Not Yet Under Control Late Wednesday Evening

SCENIC BEAUTY SPOILED

Demon fire, which has been raging through Pisgah National forest since three o'clock last Sunday afternoon when a carelessly disposed of cigarette is thought to have started it, has ravaged 12,000 acres of scenic timberland in the federal timber and game preserve, and at press time Wednesday evening fires in the area were still burning uncontrolled.

District Ranger J. B. Fortin told The Times Wednesday afternoon that, if high winds did not rise, the major and original fire centering around Looking Glass Rock and across the Parkway to Big East Fork, might be brought under control Wednesday night by backfiring and using every available means of stemming it. However, a fire in the Turkey Creek section, near the Asheville-Brevard highway, had forest officials worried. It started some time Tuesday afternoon and burned fiercely for a number of hours, and at one time it was thought that a dwelling had been caught in its path. This report was not confirmed, however. Fighters believed they had the Turkey Creek fire under control until about noon Wednesday, when it suddenly broke out again in new and wider areas. Fortin said the location of this fire was strategic, and if it continued out of control, work on controlling the major fire might be lost. Additional fighters were rushed to the scene of the latest outbreak, while weary fighters patrolled the main fire along more than a 20-mile front. Minor outbreaks in other areas were not considered serious, with the exception of one near Caesar's Head mountain, which a Greenville Piedmont reported told The Times Wednesday.

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TO RECRUIT ARMY CADETS IN COUNTY

Mobile Recruiting Unit Will Be At Court House Next Week

Curbsone recruiting will be offered to the citizens of Brevard and Transylvania county next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29, when a United States Army mobile recruiting unit will visit the Brevard court house for the purpose of enlisting army aviation cadets.

Persons who have reached their 18th birthday and are not yet 27 are eligible under the new regulations for cadet training, whether they be married or single.

Applicants at the mobile recruiting unit here next Tuesday and Wednesday will be referred to the nearest aviation cadet examining board for the necessary physical and academic examinations. Complete information on other branches of the army may also be obtained at the mobile unit.

Easter Seals Bring In More Than \$200

A total of \$239.41 has been received by the local chapter League for Crippled Children, it was reported Wednesday, through sale of Easter Seals and "Bonds of Happiness."

More than 150 individuals contributions were made in response to the unique sales plan used, and donations were also made through the schools of the county. Pisgah Forest, Rosman, and Brevard elementary units were leading school contributors in order named. Rosenwald (colored) school turned in \$7.43, it was also reported.

Funds secured through the sale will be used to buy hospital supplies and special braces for crippled children of the county whose parents are unable to provide them.

STORK COMES TO SEE

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Goodwin have announced the birth of a son, Carey Jackson, Jr., born Saturday, April 18, at Transylvania Community hospital.