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## TRANSYLVANIA HAS WORST CHRISTMAS FLOOD IN HISTORY

### NO 'PANIC BUYING' OF CANNED GOODS IN BREVARD YET

#### OPA Officials Threaten To Freeze Sales If Wave Of Buying Starts

National rationing officials indicated yesterday that, if necessary, they might "freeze" the sale of all canned goods to forestall any threat of widespread panic buying.

A check up here yesterday revealed that there are very few shoppers at local grocery stores who are buying more than they need or who are "hoarding."

Americans generally, reports show, are heeding the government's appeal of "no hoarding." The rationing of over 200 kinds of food items is to start sometime in February.

"No, not a single one of our customers has tried to buy unusually large quantities," one local grocer said. "Most of all of them seem to think that rationing is the best way to distribute food equally and fairly and they are cooperating."

The Brevard grocery stores have been practicing a voluntary rationing program, especially on items that are limited. "We plan to continue this practice," one merchant said.

There has been no heavy wave of grocery buying since the proposed system was announced Sunday.

### LEGISLATURE TO MEET NEXT WEEK

#### Rep. Wallace Galloway To Leave Sunday. No Plans In Mind

"The first and only legislature program that I have in mind now is to help hasten things along and to get through as soon as possible," Representative Wallace Galloway told a Times reporter yesterday afternoon.

The 1943 general assembly will convene next Wednesday and Mr. Galloway plans to leave for Raleigh this Sunday.

"No, I do not have any special local or statewide bills in mind," he said.

The legislature's major task will be allotment of the 1943-45 appropriations and protecting an increasing state revenue surplus against an almost certain barrage of requests.

"I don't know what the situation will be, but I think the state would be conserving her own interests by guarding her surplus," he stated.

"My opinion is that collections will start falling off in the near future because of the war conditions."

### Blackwell Drops Dead At Rosman On Monday

Sitting in the boiler room of the Gloucester Lumber company Monday evening, William Blackwell, age 67, fell over dead.

He had been in good health and his death was unexpected.

After working for the lumber company for a number of years, Blackwell was retired last year. He was a bachelor and the body was shipped to Newport, Tenn., for burial.

### No Extension Of Time Granted For 1943 License Tags

The Carolina Motor club's branch office here has been doing a rushing business this week in the sale of auto tags and no extension of time will be granted, Manager C. M. Douglas reports. Around 20 tags have been sold daily this week.

On and after tomorrow it will be illegal for motorists to drive without having new 1943 tags. "You can buy your tags then, but you are not supposed to drive your car," Mr. Douglas stated.

He also announced that the office would be closed until 1 p. m. on Friday.

### Ambulance Work In New Guinea



One of the major jobs of the Allied forces on New Guinea is that of getting their wounded back to bases where they can receive proper hospital care. This picture shows an ill American soldier being carried across a jungle stream on way to a field hospital by (left to right) Corps. Willey Parrish of Detroit, and Albert Perhai (shirtless), of Superior, Wisc., and an unidentified pair, hip-deep in water.

### 1942 Christmas Business In Brevard Sets A New Record; Average Increase 15 Percent

#### Bank Deposits Are Up 15 Percent And Post Office Makes Good Gain

#### ALL BUSINESS GOOD

The 1942 Christmas season business in Brevard broke all previous records, a check up made yesterday by The Times reveals.

Merchants in all lines of business reported that their Christmas sales were the "best ever." Some of them stated that they had 30 percent better volume than last year, while others reported increases ranging from 5 to 30 percent. One or two merchants had increases of over 75 percent.

According to The Times' survey, however, the average increase was around 15 percent gain over the Christmas business of 1941, a former record high.

This information conforms with a report from the Transylvania Bank & Trust company. Cashier Ralph Duckworth stated that bank deposits showed an increase of around 15 percent.

Postmaster T. C. Galloway announced that postal receipts from stamp sales for the Brevard office were 11 percent over last year.

Stamp sales for the December quarter of 1941 were \$6,146.92 and with two days left, sales for December 1942 totaled \$7,178.58, or a gain of \$1,037.66.

It is also interesting to note that since Mr. Galloway has been postmaster, annual stamp sales have jumped from around \$10,000 in 1933 to over \$25,000 in 1942.

The Christmas buying was felt in all lines of business and grocery stores, as well as those having gift merchandise for sale, did record-breaking business.

#### AT THE HOSPITAL

Patients reported Wednesday afternoon to be in Transylvania Community hospital were: George Nicholson, Mrs. Gilbert Coan and baby, Mrs. Robert Boyd and baby, Clinton McCall, Jesse Cagle, Laura Cagle, Fannie Wilson and Frank Rhodes.

### TAX LISTING TO START TOMORROW

#### All Property Must Be Listed In January. Schedules Are Given

The Transylvania county township tax listers now have their books and are ready to start listing tomorrow, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, acting county tax supervisor, stated yesterday.

A schedule of each lister is published elsewhere in this issue and Friday and Saturday property owners may list at the listers' homes.

The Brevard township schedule, however, is slightly different. Tom Mitchell, the list taker, will be in the tax supervisor's office in the courthouse every day except Sunday, from January 1st through January 31st and except on January 8th and 9th, when he will be at Patton's store at Pisgah Forest.

For the other townships, Mrs. Mitchell said the books will be in the hands of the listers from January 1st through January 10th and for the remainder of the month they will be in the office at the courthouse.

All county taxes must be listed during the month of January. A penalty of \$1 will be assessed and charged against any property owner, real or personal, who fails to list in January, it is stated.

#### Watch-Night Service To Be Held Tonight

There will be a watch-night service at the Second Baptist church of Brevard tonight at 8 o'clock, Rev. S. F. McAuley, pastor, announces. An interesting program has been planned, featuring special music and a sermon by Rev. J. A. Anderson.

All pastors and preachers and singers of the Transylvania Association are especially invited, as well as the public.

### GILREATH ADAMS NEW PASTOR OF ECUSTA CIRCUIT

#### Brevard College Ministerial Student Appointed Pastor Two Churches

Gilreath Adams, Jr., an outstanding second-year Brevard College ministerial student, has been appointed by Dr. M. T. Smathers and the bishop of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference as pastor of the Ecusta circuit which includes Oak Grove and English Chapel churches, it was announced this week.

Mr. Adams will devote most of his time to the two churches and morning and evening services will alternate at each church every Sunday.

The new pastor was licensed to preach last year and his appointment as pastor of the newly formed Ecusta circuit was made a few days ago. Rev. J. R. Bowman formerly served as pastor of these churches.

Mr. Adams' home is Charlotte. He is the son of the late Rev. E. G. Adams and his mother is religious education director of the Hawthorne Lane Methodist church in Charlotte. His grandfather, Rev. L. A. Falls, twice served as pastor of the Brevard Methodist church.

"I am glad that Mr. Adams has received this appointment," Dr. E. J. Coltrane said. "He is a smart, outstanding young man."

### NOTED ARTIST TO SING HERE SUNDAY

#### Verena Peschl Will Give Program For Benefit Of Hospital Auxiliary

A musicale and tea, featuring solo selections by Miss Verena Peschl, an outstanding contralto singer from New York, will be given Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Samuel A. Bullock, on 105 Park avenue here, by the Women's Auxiliary of the Transylvania community hospital.

The Auxiliary has agreed to purchase a much needed oxygen tent for the hospital and this is the first in a series of entertainments that are scheduled to be presented.

Miss Peschl, guest artist, is a native of Switzerland. She has had a distinguished career in musical centers abroad.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Henry Carrier, chairman of the Auxiliary, will be in charge and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey will discuss the need for the tent. Mrs. Ludwig Straus is in charge of arrangements. A free will offering will be taken.

#### COMMUNION SERVICE

Communion service will be held at the Presbyterian church here on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour for worship, announcement has been made by the pastor, Rev. E. Ashby Johnson. It is urged that all members attend.

#### STORK COMES TO SEE

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Levy a son on December 23, at Mission hospital, in Asheville.

### New Year's Day Will Be Working Day In Brevard

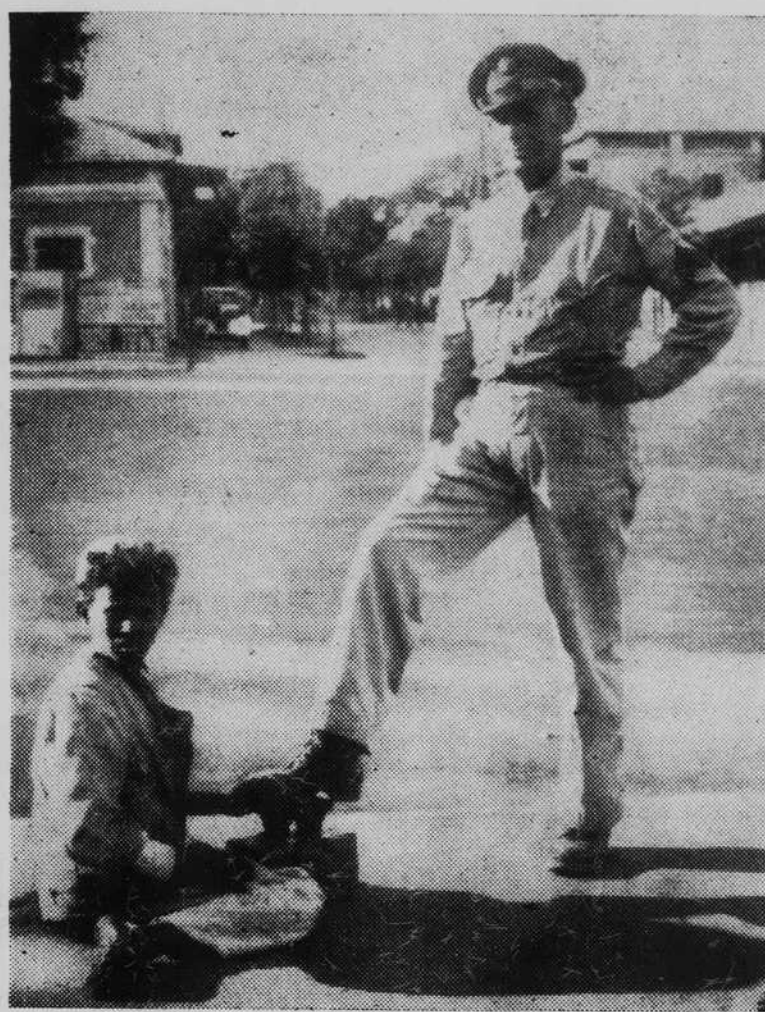
Transylvania will start the New Year off tomorrow by working! All of the stores in Brevard will be open and the industrial plants will continue operations. The bank, however, will be closed.

Officers report that the Christmas season was the quietest ever. Only a few drunks were arrested and there were no reports of highway accidents.

Among other social functions during the holidays, a dance was given at the Country club Saturday night and service men were invited to attend free.

Brevard and county schools will open next Monday morning and Brevard College opens Tuesday afternoon.

### Sgt. Sims Gets Shoes Shined In Africa



Shown above is a recent photo received by The Times a few days ago. It is believed that the picture was made in Cairo, Egypt where Sgt. Eck Sims has been located. According to a letter to his mother, Sgt. Sims spent Christmas in the Holy Land.

### BOTTOMLAND AND ROADS FLOODED FOR THREE DAYS

#### Travel Resumed. Lower End Town Of Rosman Flooded. Rainfall Heavy

#### BUSES ARE HALTED

Highway travel throughout the county was resumed yesterday as water from one of the worst floods ever experienced in this section at Christmas time began to recede rapidly.

Rain started falling last Sunday morning at 6:45 o'clock and fell continuously over the county and most of Western North Carolina for three days.

By Tuesday morning a number of important highways were flooded in different sections, rich bottomlands were covered and the lower end of the town of Rosman was flooded.

The water continued to rise until late Tuesday afternoon when traffic was blocked on the Greenville, Hendersonville and Asheville highways.

Buses were unable to maintain schedules and the 58 young men who were to leave here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for army examination at Camp Croft, S. C., didn't leave until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Buses that were to take them to the camp were unable to get here from Hendersonville and had to go a long ways before reaching Brevard.

Weather reports show that during the 63 hours of continuous rainfall a total of nearly 8 inches fell here. The river at Rosman rose 10 feet before receding Tuesday night.

The Davidson river, as well as most all small streams and the French Broad, overflowed and much bottomland was covered.

However, it is reported that no serious damage resulted in this section.

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### Escaped Gangster Captured In Chicago Tuesday Was Believed To Have Been Here Last Week

### WAR IS CHANGING COLLEGE COURSES

#### Higher Institutions Must Convert or Else, Coltrane Makes Statements

Postwar economics, meteorology, and Commando training have converted the college campus into a highly technical proving ground for young Americans, Dr. Eugene J. Coltrane of Brevard College, said today.

"The collegiate picture has swung far toward technical war," he said.

#### One Of Oldest Women In County Died Monday

Funeral service was held Tuesday morning at the Dunn's Creek Baptist church by Rev. Cleveland Reece for Mrs. Rachel McGaha, who died from a stroke of paralysis at the home of her grandson, Bert Alexander, in the Little Mountain section Monday noon.

Mrs. McGaha was 90 years old and had been in good health. She was well known and lived a long, useful life.

She is survived by three children, Andy McGaha, of Brevard, Joe McGaha, Cedar Mountain and Mrs. Connie Kerns, of Skyland.

#### Basil (The Owl) Banghart Said To Have Come Back To Get His \$2,000

Citizens throughout Transylvania county were glad to learn Tuesday afternoon that Basil (The owl) Banghart, one of the chief lieutenants in Roger Touhy Chicago gangster crowd, was arrested by FBI agents under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover in Chicago.

Touhy was arrested at the same time and several of the gang were shot by FBI men.

Local citizens believe that Banghart was in the county last week to get \$2,000 which he allegedly left in the East Fork section in 1934. Officers were hot on the trail, but no definite proof was obtained. According to local officials, it is believed that Banghart hid the \$2,000 somewhere in the East Fork area.

Before being captured in Baldimore in 1934, officers chased Banghart into this county and captured two of his cars, a truck and some guns which he left behind.

Later that year he was sentenced at Asheville to serve 32 to 36 years after being convicted for participating in the \$105,000 Charlotte mail truck robbery.

He and Touhy were also convicted and sentenced to 99-year terms for kidnapping John (The Turn To Page Eight

### TIMES SPONSORS A BABY CONTEST

#### Annual Baby Derby Announced. First Born In County Gets Awards

Who will be Transylvania county's first born babe of 1943? This infant and his or her parents will receive a number of valuable and useful prizes.

Details of The Times' annual baby derby are announced on page fifteen of this paper.

The following prizes are being offered: a free portrait of the baby when he or she is 6 months old, by Austin's Studio; two tickets to the local theatres by the Co-Ed and Clemson Theatres; knitted baby sweater, Patterson's store; baby blanket, Belk's store; bed side lamp, Abercrombie Furniture company; box of nursery necessities, Long's Drug store; solid gold ring, Parson's Jewelry store; quart of milk for 2 weeks, Transylvania Dairies and 1 year's subscription to The Times.

The rules provide that the parents must reside in the county. Entries must be made by January 9. Day, hour and minute of baby's birth must be given and name of attending physician.

All parents who feel that they are eligible are invited to enter this contest.

### Parkers To Open A Radio Repair Shop

Harry and David Parker, of Sylva, have purchased the equipment of the Sledge Radio shop here and tomorrow will open a new radio and electric repair shop in the building on Caldwell street formerly occupied by the Sledge shop.

The new firm will be known as Parker Radio and Electric shop.

The owners and managers are brothers and are experienced radio and electric appliance repair men. Harry was formerly connected with the Massie Furniture company at Sylva and the Canton Radio Supply at Canton, while David has had experience in the business as well as an electrical course.

### Outstanding Record Is Made In Liquidating Old B & L Ass'n.

Liquidation of the old Brevard Building & Loan association was completed last week and, believe it or not, the stockholders were paid a grand total of 146 percent on their investment, which is undoubtedly one of the best liquidation records ever made in the state.

After 31 years of operation, the stockholders voted on December 1, 1937 to liquidate voluntarily and orderly. Jerry Jerome was appointed liquidation agent and A. F. Mitchell attorney, with J. S. Silversteen president of the association.

### Farmers Could Increase Income \$200,000 By Raising Hogs With Corn Grown, County Agent Says

#### By J. A. Glazener

If 40 per cent of the corn produced in the county were fed to hogs, allowing 12½ bushels for each 225 pound hog from a thirty pound pig, it would fatten out 6,000 head. At present market value of hogs, this would mean a gross income to the corn farmers of better than \$200,000. It is a rather far distant goal, but not impossible to reach.

The average corn yield for Transylvania County for 1940-41 was 189,550 bushels, according to the North Carolina Agricultural

Statistics. Forty per cent of the nation's corn crop is the general amount fed to hogs. This per cent of the county's two year average yield would give 75,820 bushels of corn. The general farm value of corn here in the county has been thought of as \$1.00 per bushel. This valuation can be greatly increased by marketing the corn to hogs. Based upon information gained through feeding demonstrations conducted all over the state; the following can be expected:

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