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OWEN IS ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Population Of Transylvania Increases Despite War

ESTIMATE BASED ON RATION BOOKS ISSUED RECENTLY

Rapid Growth Anticipated After War When Housing Program Is Resumed

THREE BOOKS ISSUED

Transylvania county's population has increased 128 over the 1940 census figures in spite of the fact that the county now has around 1,500 men in the armed forces, judging by the number of war ration books four that have been issued.

Recent estimates show that most of the counties in the state have suffered a loss in population since Pearl Harbor, but this is not true of Transylvania.

The 1940 census report showed the county's population as being 12,241. To date a total of 12,369 number four ration books have been issued. Through the schools 11,701 were issued and since then 668 have been issued at the rationing board office here.

After the war when building materials are available, it is believed that the county's population will increase rapidly as new homes are constructed to house people who work at Ecusta and who are being transported from neighboring counties every day.

Harry Straus estimates that at least 1,000 new homes are needed.

Persons who have not obtained their number four books may get them at the local office any time and they can also secure number three books here now.

BOARD CONFIRMS SALE OF 6 LOTS

Sold For Approximately \$1,400. Hog Ordinance Adopted. To Get Lister

Of the more than 100 lots that the town is now offering for sale, the board of aldermen, at their meeting here Monday night, confirmed and verified the sale of 6 town lots amounting to a total sale price of about \$1,400.

These lots were sold to E. C. Mitchem, J. M. Allison, H. W. Holiday, Dr. Carl Hardin, Jason Hugins and Charlie Neubles.

Alderman Jim Waters was appointed as town appraiser to work with the county commissioner in appraising properties owned by the county in which the town is interested and to set a sale price.

An ordinance prohibiting the keeping of live hogs within certain limits in the town of Brevard was adopted and will be published next week. The ordinance becomes effective March 1, 1944.

Jim Waters, Keith Pooser and Ashe Macfie were appointed on a committee to select a list taker for the township.

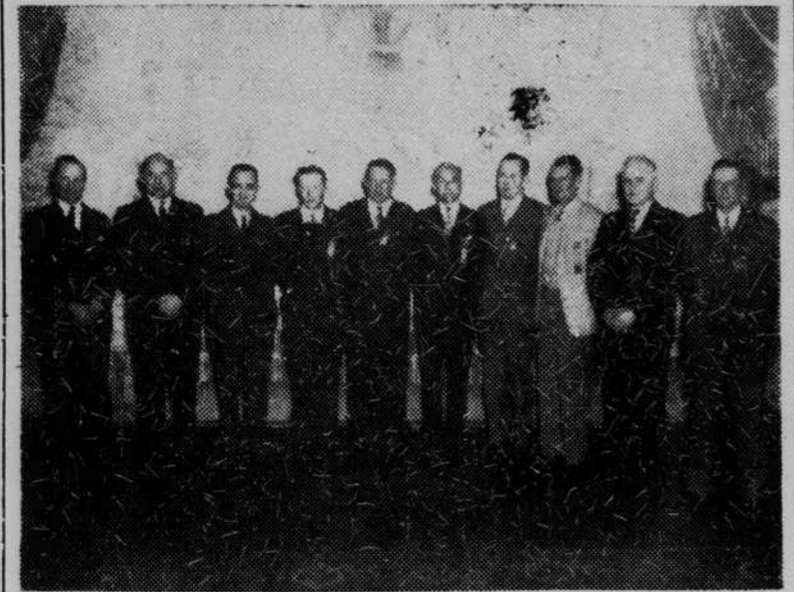
Gospel Singers To Present A Musical Program Next Tues.

The Gospel Singers of the Bethel A colored Baptist church, assisted by the Kemp quartette, will present a musical program in the Brevard high school auditorium next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock under the sponsorship of the Jaycees.

Tickets are now on sale at the drug stores here and a large crowd is expected. L. W. Bonnell is in charge of sales by Jaycee members. The local Gospel Singers have made quite a name for themselves singing negro spirituals. They have made a number of appearances in neighboring places in recent months.

"We know the public will enjoy this fine program and we invite you to attend," Curtis Kelley, president of the Jaycees, declared. Seats in the balcony are being reserved for colored persons.

Brevard Men Become 32nd. Degree Masons



Here are the 10 Brevard masons who recently passed their 32nd. degrees. Because of the large number, the class was known as the "Brevard Class". Reading from left to right, Henry Henderson, Leon English, Dewey Burton, A. M. Paxton, Jr., E. M. Collins, Jerry Jerome, Raymond F. Bennett, W. W. Duckworth, John A. Ford and Gill Thomas.

Sudden Death Of W. W. Croushorn Was Great Shock, As Well As A Loss To This Section Of State

Last Rites Held For Carr Lumber Company Manager Monday Afternoon

Funeral services for Worth Whitmore Croushorn, 59, for more than 30 years general manager and secretary and treasurer of the Carr Lumber company and prominent local citizen who died last Saturday night in Biltmore hospital, Asheville, were held at the residence at Pisgah Forest Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. Ashby Johnson, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, and Father Hyland, of Hendersonville, conducted the rites in the presence of a host of friends. The floral tributes were numerous and of exquisite beauty, testifying to the high esteem in which Mr. Croushorn was held, both locally and in other parts of the country.

The honorary escort consisted of Joseph S. Silversteen, R. W. Everett, Harry H. Straus, Henry N. Carrier, Harry Patton, Fred Holt, Robert F. Colwell, Dr. G. B. Lynch, Ashe Macfie, George Wheeler, John Hudson, Ralph Fisher, Boyce Walker, Ralph Ramsey, and Jack Driscoll, of Brevard; Charlie Smith, M. W. Gennett, M. J. Warner, L. E. Hunter, W. F. Decker, Ed Atkinson, N. R. Dindinger, John Hansen and Clarence Gordon, of Asheville; Harold Plunkett and Roy Davis of New York; C. G. Jordan, of Greenville, S. C.; Carl J. Moltz of Lake Toxaway, and T. B. Bledsoe, of Greensboro.

Active pallbearers, all employees of the Carr Lumber company, were: D. H. Orr, Ed Loftis, W. F. Short, Frank McLean, Dewey Burton, and P. A. Morgan.

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62 Registrants Are Classified In I-A And May Be Drafted At Early Date

Sixty-two Transylvania registrants have been classified in I-A by the draft board here and may be sent for induction at an early date, it was announced today by Mrs. Allie B. Harlee, clerk. Twelve were placed in 2-A, six in 2-B, and 33 in 4-F.

Those in I-A are: William E. Patterson, Charles Alexander, Harvey Daves, James Newsome, Joseph N. Poole, Frank Tallent, Thomas Mackey, James P. Hogsted, John T. Owen, W. Ansel Hart, William A. Hinkle, Herman C. Grant, Lloyd R. Bryson, Woodie O. Deason, Frank Alexander, Alvin S. Anders, Adam Russell, J. E. Cison, Ernest M. Searcy, Jesse B. Chapman, Paul C. Miller, Tolvin McCall, Robert K. Johnson, James M. Aiken, Ira W. Ray, Marion E. Elliott, Guffey Whitmire, Ollie

COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD NAMED BY COMMISSIONERS

Will Have Charge Of Operation New Institution. To Buy Bonds

A Transylvania county public library board, composed of six members, was appointed at a meeting of the county commissioners here Monday.

Representatives of the county and town boards were included on the library board and this group will meet within the next few days and organize.

This board will have complete charge of operating the town and county library which is expected to be established in the near future.

Appointed to serve on the board for two years are Mrs. Oliver Orr and Willis W. Brittain; four years, Miss Annie Jean Gash and Virgil McCrary; six years, Mrs. Earle O. Bryant and Keith Pooser.

In compliance with a ruling from the Attorney General, the commissioners passed a resolution to stop paying rent for the F. S. A. office here.

The county accountant was ordered to buy limited U. S. treasury notes in the amount of \$15,000 with the money received from the sale of the county home property.

Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, county accountant, was named as county tax supervisor and township list takers will be appointed within the next few days.

Court Of Honor To Be Held At Baptist Church Here Friday

A large number of local Boy Scouts are expected to appear before the district court of honor that will be held at the Baptist church here tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. "Each and every troop in the district should be represented with advancements at this court," Jack Trantham, chairman of advancement committee, stated.

He also extended a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Old Clothing Drive Will Be Saturday

The county's discarded or old clothing campaign to help relieve suffering and distress in foreign lands, as well as here at home, will end this Saturday and the public is urged to co-operate.

Dry cleaning establishments are serving as collection centers and clothing should be left at these places.

A check-up reveals that a large supply of old clothing has already been turned in. The garments will be cleaned and shipped to government headquarters for overseas shipment. Ten per cent will be retained for use by the welfare department and other agencies in the county.

Schools Asked To Notify Jaycees To Haul Waste Paper

In order that the Jaycees can send a truck and pick up all waste paper at the different schools, principals are being asked to notify Jaycee officials when they have sufficient quantities on hand to make a good load.

Unless they have very large quantities of waste paper, the small schools out in the county are requested to send their paper to the Jaycees waste paper headquarters here.

Salvage Chairman Howard Wyatt states that the campaign is progressing splendidly and urges everyone to co-operate with the schools and scouts.

The Jaycees are sponsoring agents for the entire county. Members of the organization are working here at nights tying up and baling the paper. Frank Bridges is in charge of the campaign for the Jaycees.

MANNA FROM SOUTH PACIFIC SKIES



A TROOP-CARRYING PLANE temporarily converted into a "delivery wagon" lands a cargo of bakery-fresh bread at an advanced Allied base in the southwest Pacific. The staff of life, unloaded by the natives of the region, is intended for U. S. and Australian troops.

T. J. Wilson Is Re-Elected As Chairman Transylvania County AAA Group; Others Chosen

MRS. J. H. WEST ELECTED TO HEAD CIVIC CLUB HERE

Will Succeed Mrs. Oliver Orr. Other Officers Are Elected Monday

Mrs. J. H. West was elected president of the Women's Civic club at the December meeting, which was held on Monday afternoon in the parlor of the Methodist church.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. West the ensuing year were: Mrs. J. B. Pickelsimer, first vice president; Mrs. D. G. Ward, second vice president; Mrs. D. J. Luther, secretary; Mrs. Mary Scott, treasurer.

Mrs. West has been active in civic and religious affairs of Brevard for many years. She was president of the Women's Civic club during the early years of its organization when it was known as The Betterment, and again was a president after its re-organization.

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A. M. Paxton, Of Rosman, Elected Vice Chairman. McCall Is Member

T. J. Wilson, prominent Transylvania farmer and livestock raiser, was re-elected chairman of the county AAA committee at a meeting here last Friday.

Mr. Wilson has held this position for several years and has devoted a great deal of time to the work. He lives near Pisgah Forest and has a highly developed farm on which he also raises beef cattle and hogs.

A. M. Paxton, of Rosman, was elected vice chairman of the committee and Richard McCall, of Balsam Grove, was elected as a regular member.

Spurgeon Owen, of Gloucester, was chosen as first alternate and James Dickson, Jr., second alternate. Mrs. Julia Westwood was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The following community committee members were chosen at meetings last week:

Boyd Community: J. L. Gash, delegate; T. F. Middleton, alternate delegate; Sam Orr, chairman; John Reed, vice of Greenville, S. C.

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ROSMAN YOUTH IS BEING TRIED ON CHARGE OF RAPE

Girl Testified Three Hours Yesterday. May Finish Case Today

SPECIAL VENIRE ORDER

Boyd Owen, 19-year-old Rosman youth, is now on trial for his life in the Transylvania county superior court on a charge of raping Pearl Jones, attractive 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, also of Rosman.

Trial of the case was started Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and three hours were consumed in the selection of a jury from a special venire of 50 men summoned last night by order of the court.

The Jones girl took the stand at 2 o'clock and she was still being cross-examined when court adjourned at 5 o'clock yesterday.

She stated that on the evening of July 22, of this year, she returned home from work at Ecusta, dressed, ate supper and went up the street with the intention of meeting her family at church.

"Owen pulled over to the side of the street and asked to take me home," she said.

The girl said she got into the car, and that Jones refused to take her home. "He pulled out a gun and threatened me if I screamed," she explained, "and then he drove up the highway, for several miles, and off on a dirt road in the woods."

She said Owen stopped the car, threw her in the back seat, tore off her clothes and raped her.

"I finally got out of the car and walked through the woods to the highway where I caught a ride

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LAST RITES HELD FOR C. R. McNEELY

Prominent Local Man Died Tues. Morning With Stroke Of Paralysis

Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at the Brevard First Baptist church for Charles Rosell McNeely, 71, who died at his home in Brevard at an early hour Tuesday morning, following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few minutes previously. Rev. B. W. Thomason, pastor, conducted the service. Interment, with Masonic rites, was held at Lake Toxaway cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Miss Leila Brooks; three sons, Robert McNeely, of Greenville, S. C., Fred and Walter McNeely, of Lake Toxaway; two daughters, Miss Carrie McNeely, of Sells, Ariz., and Mrs. William Croom, of Danville, Va.; two half brothers, Will Powell, of Morganton, and Sam Powell, of Gastonia; one sister, Mrs. Mary Dale, of Greenville, S. C.

Mr. McNeely was a native of Morganton, but had lived for many years in Transylvania county. He was a prominent merchant

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There Is More Than One 'Jerry Jerome' In The World, Times Reporter Learns

The name of "Jerry Jerome" has become an institution in Brevard and Transylvania county, but "our" Jerry is not the only one in the state.

The Times reporter was getting some superior court news this week and started chatting with a nice looking gentleman who was handling probation work in the absence of Mr. Alexander, of Asheville, district probation officer.

"And what is your name?" the reporter inquired.

"My name is Jerome," he replied.

"It is—do you know Jerry Jerome here?" the inquiring reporter asked.

"No, I don't, but my name is Jerry Jerome, too," he declared. Upon learning more about Bre-

vard's "Jerry Jerome", Raleigh's "Jerry Jerome" said that he was going to meet the telephone company manager and secretary of the Federal Savings and Loan before he left town.

He also stated that a probation officer for this district will be appointed when Alexander enters service on the 13th.

CHRISTMAS SEALS ON SALE AT OFFICES HERE

Christmas Seals are now on sale at The Times and Jerry Jerome's office here and the public is urged to make purchases at these places.

Sales in the schools are progressing fine and it is believed that the county's quota of \$500 will be reached. Funds raised are used in the fight against tuberculosis.

Practice on the Christmas program has been underway for several weeks, and it is expected to be an outstanding presentation.

'Story Of Christmas' To Be Presented At College Next Week

"The Story of Christmas", a Yuletide cantata, will be presented at Brevard college next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock by members of the college choir and glee club under the direction of Miss Gertrude Barnes, director of the department of music.

The program will last for one hour and the public has been invited to attend. Pagenity will be combined with the cantata and the instrumental trio will play Christmas carols between scenes. A total of 60 students will participate in the entire program.

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