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TO START LOAN DRIVE TUESDAY

Public Library To Be Opened Here Next Monday

BOOKS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE NOW WITHOUT CHARGES

Many New Books Ordered. Formal Opening To Be Held Soon

Effective next Monday morning, the U. D. C. library here will be converted into a Transylvania county public library with all books being available without charge, Mrs. Oliver Orr, chairman of the library board, announced today.

"After months of planning and working, we are now delighted to announce that our dream of establishing a free town and county public library has become a reality," Mrs. Orr declared.

An invitation is being extended to every man, woman and child in the county to use the library. Books may be secured and kept out for periods of two weeks.

Members of the board have arranged for Miss Annabel Teague to distribute books in the rural areas through the home demonstration clubs.

The library here will be open every afternoon except on Thursdays, from 2:30 until 5 o'clock. Mrs. Lehman Kapp is librarian and Miss Daisy Norton is assistant.

At the present time there are nearly 3,000 volumes in the library and an order has just been placed for several hundred new books.

The drive to raise funds is being continued and it is anticipated that hundreds of other books will be bought this year.

Miss Marjorie Beal, state librarian who was here a few days ago

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DISCHARGES ARE RECORDED FREE

Men Discharged From Armed Forces Should Take Advantage Of Service

The names of all men who are given discharges from military services and full information about their discharges are recorded in the office of the register of deeds here at no cost whatever to the men, it was learned yesterday.

"Yes, this is a service that we are glad to render without charge if the boys will bring their papers to the office," Mrs. Melvin Gillespie, acting register while her husband is away in service, stated.

Recording this valuable information is insurance against loss of the official papers, it is pointed out.

At the present time, approximately 50 honorable discharges in World War Two have been recorded here. Most of these are for physical disability. As might be expected, no dishonorable discharge papers are on file.

Fire Losses Here At Lowest Point During Past Year

Fire losses in Brevard last year reached the lowest point in the six years he has been head of the department, Chief John Smith said yesterday, amounting to only \$700, or about 22c per capita. The loss in 1942 was over \$800.

Chief Smith said he was very much gratified at this splendid showing and attributed it to the vigilance and cooperation of the citizens of the town generally. "Our people are becoming fire prevention conscious," Mr. Smith said, and he continued, "The fire prevention week banquet tendered the local department by the Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the splendid address made there by Jim Bailey, assistant chief of the Asheville fire department, helped to arouse our people to the danger of the fire menace."

There are at present 16 men in the local department.

CLOSE-UP OF NAZI 'SECRET WEAPON'



This being a war of "secret weapons," here is the German contribution, which is no longer a secret. It is a rear view of the much written about rocket guns used on the Russian front. Weapons of this type, on a much larger scale, are believed to line the French Channel coast for use against the Allies when they start their invasion. (International)

Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive Plans Made; To Hold Birthday Ball January 29th

Mrs. Edwin Happ Is Chairman. Quota For County Is \$420.00

Transylvania county's 1944 infantile paralysis fund campaign will be climaxed with a President's birthday ball at the Brevard country club on Saturday night, January 29, Mrs. Edwin L. Happ, chairman of the county's birthday celebration committee, announced today.

The county's 1944 quota is \$420.00 and other plans for raising money to fight infantile paralysis include a dance for colored people, march of dimes boxes, sale of lapel tabs and so on, Mrs. Happ stated.

Raymond Bennett and John Eversman will serve as co-chairmen of the birthday ball. A ticket committee is composed of F. S. Best, chairman, Jerry Jerome, Ed McMahan, Ed Happ, Ed Anderson, Roberta Bryant, Walter Straus, Raymond Bennett, Mrs. Oliver Orr, Dick Paxton, Mrs. Roberta Colwell, Ernest McPaul, Mrs. Ashe Macfie, and Mrs. Fred Holt. Music and entertainment will be under direction of Mr. Eversman.

Time and place of the dance for the colored people have not been announced. Last year this dance was held at the Burrell Motor company here.

Mrs. Paul Baker, of Brevard,

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RED CROSS PLANS ITS BIGGEST DRIVE, STARTS IN MARCH

Transylvania Chapter Is Doing Great Work For Soldiers And Families

While quotas have not been assigned to chapters in the various sections of the county, it is known that the drive in March will be tremendous due to the calls which are being made on both local and national organizations.

It is pointed out that the telephone and telegraph bill alone for the Transylvania chapter amounts to better than \$100 per month, all of which items are a service for members of the armed forces and their families.

Home service work for Transylvania chapter is done by the Rev. Ashby Johnson and C. M. Douglas with no charge for any of the multitudinous services which come under the every-day work of the

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SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Made Money Despite War-time Restrictions On All Construction

Despite wartime conditions and restrictions on building, the Brevard Federal Savings and Loan association enjoyed an exceptionally good year in 1943, a comparison of annual statements published today reveals.

First mortgage loans dropped by \$26,011.45, but total assets showed an increase of \$27,568.58 and net profits broke former records.

During 1943 the association invested \$50,500.00 in war bonds and cash in banks was increased from \$5,451.04 to \$12,095.19. Total assets climbed from \$256,108.68 to \$283,677.26.

The association's savings and investment account showed a gain of \$25,840.61.

General reserves made a gain of \$1,150.81 and undivided profits jumped from \$11,164.26 to \$16,736.76.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held on Wednesday, January 19, at 1 o'clock.

Joseph S. Silverstein is president; A. F. Mitchell, vice president; Jerry Jerome, secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Rowena Summey, assistant secretary and treasurer.

The directors are J. S. Silverstein, A. F. Mitchell, Jerry Jerome, F. D. Clement, W. D. Gash, R. W. Everett, R. H. Plummer, Fred Holt and W. L. Mull.

LAST RITES HELD FOR H. LANDRETH

Well Known Connestee Man Died At His Home Last Sunday Morning

Funeral service was held last Monday afternoon at the Landreth residence in the Connestee section for Hanford Landreth, 52, who died at his home Sunday morning, following a short illness of flu. He had been an invalid for 28 years. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Souther. Interment was in Carr's Hill cemetery.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. A. C. Landreth; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Galloway, Kings Mountain, Mrs. Will McKelvey, Brevard, and Mrs. Arthur Pearson, of Union, S. C.; two brothers, Fred and Ralph Landreth, of Brevard.

Pallbearers were Walter McGaha, Orville Mull, Anthony Trantham, U. G. Batson, E. C. Wilson and Herman Hogged.

Moore-Trantham funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Bennett Re-Elected Member Of Hospital Board Of Trustees

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Brevard chamber of commerce Tuesday night, Raymond F. Bennett was re-elected to represent the chamber of commerce as a member of the board of trustees of the Transylvania community hospital for another term. Mr. Bennett was also highly praised for his fine work in behalf of the hospital.

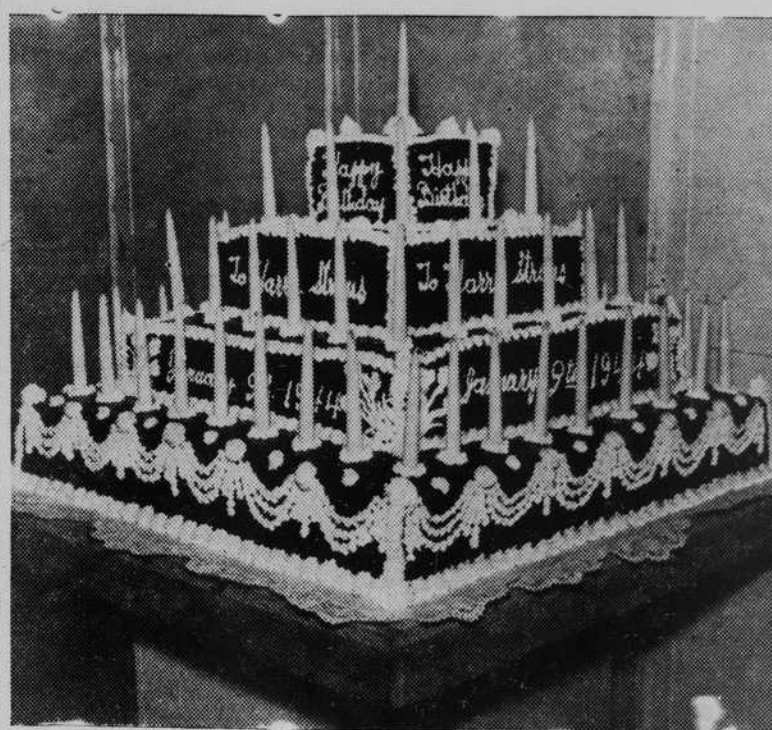
The directors voted to contribute \$25.00 to help defray expenses of the Fourth War Loan drive.

President Ed McMahan instructed the finance committee to prepare an annual budget and to present it at the next monthly meeting.

Ed Anderson announced that a meeting of the postwar planning committee would be held in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Clement have returned from a visit in Erwin, Tenn., with the latter's mother for a week.

Huge Cake Presented Straus At Party



Pictured above is an enormous cake, suitably inscribed and topped with 61 candles, which was presented to Harry H. Straus, president of the Ecusta Paper corporation, at an elaborate party given in honor of his 60th birthday anniversary in the Ecusta cafeteria last Friday evening. The cake weighed 175 pounds, was 32 inches square at the base and required four days to bake.

As A Birthday Gift, Harry Straus Fund Of \$1,500 Is Given To Local Hospital By Four Ecusta Directors

PATSY OWEN IS WINNER OF TIMES '44 BABY DERBY

Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Ray Owen Was Born Jan. 1, 2:15 A. M.

Patsy Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Owen, of Lake Tawaway, is the winner of the 1944 Transylvania county baby derby sponsored by The Times and she and her parents will receive a number of attractive and useful gifts through the co-operation of local merchants.

Patsy arrived at the hospital here two hours and fifteen minutes after the New Year showed up. She was born on January 1, at 2:15 o'clock in the morning.

The winner is entitled to receive the following prizes: a free portrait when she is six months old or older to be made by Austin's studio; two tickets to the Clemson or Co-Ed theatres; baby blanket from Belk's store; mirror from Abercrombie Furniture store; box of nursery necessities from Varner's Drug store; solid gold ring from Parsons store; quart of milk for two weeks from Transylvania Dairies; one dozen cans of baby food from Cash and Carry store; two suits or dresses cleaned and pressed from the Whiteway dry cleaners; pair of booties from Patersons; 25 pounds of baby chick

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Hospital Trustees To Name Room 112 In Honor Of Ecusta President

In recognition of the outstanding service Harry H. Straus has rendered in the establishment and operation of the Transylvania community hospital, four directors of the Ecusta Paper corporation have contributed \$1,500 to a fund that will be known as the hospital's "Harry H. Straus fund," Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., vice chairman of the board of trustees of the hospital announced today.

The gift was made in commemoration of Mr. Straus' sixtieth birthday.

"With the approval of the donors and to commemorate not only this occasion, but also all that you have done and are doing for our hospital, it is the wish and desire of our directors to designate permanently Room 112 as the "Harry H. Straus Room" and to mark it by an appropriate plaque," members of the board of trustees have written Mr. Straus.

The four friends and Ecusta directors who presented this unique birthday gift are Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem; Walter V. Landeck and Walter M. Schwarz, of New York and T. Nelson Word, of Pisgah Forest and Asheville.

"Each member of the board of trustees and the entire staff of the hospital send you our heartiest congratulations and the wish that you may long continue to live in happiness as our friend, associate and fellow citizen," the letter to Mr. Straus stated.

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WORKERS ATTEND THEATRE PARTY HERE LAST NIGHT

County's Quota Is \$346,000. To Hold Series Of Bond Rallies

TO CANVASS TOWN

Everything is now all set to launch an extensive bond-selling campaign in Transylvania county when the Fourth War Loan drive opens next Tuesday morning. Chairman Ed McMahan announced this morning.

An enthusiastic meeting of finance committee members and solicitors was held last night at the Clemson theatre here.

The theatre party, which was a kick-off meeting, was given through the compliments of the owners and managers of the local theatres. Around 100 persons attended. A picture, "We Refuse to Die" and a short Fourth War Loan trailer were shown, after which plans for conducting the drive were made, and prospect cards were distributed to solicitors.

Zone and block leaders will make a house-to-house canvass here in Brevard. In the rural areas principals of schools and various individuals will conduct the solicitation.

A series of war bond rallies will be held throughout the county and will be featured by special entertainment presented under the direction of John Eversman, short talks by leading Brevard citizens and public sales of war bonds.

The schedule for the rallies is

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PLESS OWENS IS BURIED TUESDAY

Died In Asheville Hospital Sunday Night. Service Is Held Here

Funeral service for Pless Owens, 59, who died in an Asheville hospital last Sunday, was held Tuesday afternoon at the Second Baptist church in Brevard, conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. F. McAuley. Burial was in North Brevard Oak Grove cemetery.

Surviving are one brother, Will Owens, of Brevard; seven sisters, Mrs. Exie Vick, Mrs. Lyday Melton and Mrs. Holbert Redmond, of Brevard; Mrs. A. L. Rose, of Asheville; Mrs. Claude McClure and Mrs. Woodson Rainwater, of Swannanoa; Mrs. L. J. Honea, of Augusta, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. H. D. Forster and Mrs. Genevieve Gentry, of Asheville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Claude McClure, Lyday Melton, Exie Vick, Arthur Rose, Holbert Redmond and Woodson Rainwater.

Those in charge of flowers were Mrs. Mamie Weaver, Mrs. Helen Brown, Miss Gladys Vick, Mrs. Mildred Raines, Miss Agnes Osteen and Miss Inez Smith.

Osborne-Simpson funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

Schools In County Opened Yesterday; Attendance Is Good

After having been closed since Tuesday, December 21, Brevard and Transylvania county public schools opened Wednesday morning with normal attendance, Supt. J. B. Jones announces.

All schools in the county were closed last week because of the flu epidemic and failed to open Monday and Tuesday due to weather conditions.

"Of course there are still a few children out with influenza, but I believe we can continue operations all right," Mr. Jones said.

Due to an eight-inch snow, it was impossible for buses to operate on Monday.

Rationing Two Years Old; President Commends Service That Is Rendered

War price and rationing boards all over the nation celebrated their second anniversary last week, President Roosevelt, in congratulating the rationeers on the fine job they have done in handling the wartime situation in America, said that the use of volunteer help in ration boards was as American as baseball.

By giving much of their time, local business persons have shown a loyalty to the rationing endeavor. Composing the panels under whose supervision the Brevard board works are men and women of this community who give time and exert an effort to see that the goods allotted by the board are distributed as fairly as possible.

Some women of the community have also given many hours of their time to help the employees of the board when they become rushed at such times as when fuel oil or A books are being renewed. Brevard college students help take a big load off the shoulders of the personnel by issuing their own food ration books, and the public school teachers of Transylvania county did a big job in connection with the food books, and did it well.

It was to men and women like these that President Roosevelt was speaking when he said recently

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Rev. J. R. Bowman Seriously Hurt In Auto-Bus Accident On Tuesday

Rev. J. R. Bowman, pastor of Rosman circuit of the Methodist church, was seriously injured in a head-on auto-bus collision late Tuesday afternoon on the Pickens highway just above Rosman.

The popular Methodist preacher sustained a broken leg, lacerations across the forehead and internal injuries. First aid treatment was given here at the Transylvania hospital and he was sent to the Biltmore hospital for specialized care. His condition is reported as being critical.

The accident occurred at the East Fork intersection above Rosman. Sheriff Freeman Hayes and

Chief Tom Wood investigated the accident and reported that Mr. Bowman collided head-on with a Trailways bus.

"I thought Mr. Bowman was going to turn on another road and when I realized that he wasn't, I did not have time to pull out of the way," the bus driver was quoted as saying.

Officers said they believed Mr. Bowman was slightly blinded by the sun. No one was with him in the car.

Mr. Bowman has been preaching in this county for several years and is doing an outstanding work. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.