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Brevard Merchants And Employees To Hold A Picnic

BIG AFFAIR WILL BE STAGED AUG. 31ST IN FOREST

All Merchants And Employees Invited. Will Hold A Fish Fry

COMMITTEES NAMED

Plans are now being made by the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce to hold a picnic in the form of a fish fry for all Brevard merchants and employees at the pink beds in the Pisgah National Forest on Thursday, August 31, starting at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The decision to hold the picnic was reached at a meeting of the committee held in the city hall here Tuesday night.

The proposal was discussed by Ed M. Anderson who explained that the merchants have around \$100 in a special fund that was raised several months ago for the purpose of staging a banquet for all local merchants.

"This amount of money will probably be adequate to take care of the expenses of a fish fry for all merchants and their employees and at that time the merchants could form a merchants association if a substantial majority of them wished to do so," Mr. Anderson said.

The committee unanimously endorsed the proposal and started making plans for the big outing.

Named on an arrangements committee were D. T. Abercrombie, chairman; Curtis Kelley, Harry Sellers, Jack Parsons, Walter Duckworth and Jack Schulman.

An interesting program is being planned for the occasion and ap—
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FRAZIER DIRECTS SOLDIERS' SHOWS

Former Brevard College Student Returns From North Africa

Philip Frazier, a Brevard college graduate in the class of 1941, was in Brevard for a short visit with friends here the first of the week, while on his 21-day furlough from North Africa, where he spent 18 months.

Frazier was in the infantry of the army, in which he was classified as entertainment director. He directed soldiers' shows which were held each week in hospitals and camps in different areas in North Africa. One show was a big minstrel that toured with a 33-piece band and 56 boys in the show. The entertainments were given for those who had just returned from the battle fronts, or who had just come over from the states to enter service or for replacements.

Frazier's home is in Greensboro. Upon expiration of his furlough he will go to Miami Beach, Fla., to the redistribution center for reassignment. He was in vaudeville shows for 14 years touring various sections of this country, and was recognized as a gifted pianist and entertainer.

Ecusta's Band And Dance Teams Enter Mtn. Folk Festival

The Ecusta string band, Western North Carolina's championship-winning band in 1943, will enter the Mountain Folk Festival to be held at Asheville September 14-16, John Eversman, recreational director of the Ecusta Paper corporation, announced today.

The Ecusta dance team, which won second place in the festival contest last year, is also planning to enter again next month. This team will be composed of 10 couples. Selections are now being made. Members of the string band are Rhett Talley, Carl Patterson, Blaine Emory and Rupert Gordon.

With Good War News From Europe Breaking Fast, Let's Plan Now To Celebrate Adolph Hitler's Downfall

On Aircraft Carrier



PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS S. S. BARNETTE, above, is on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, and has been in many important naval engagements. He has been in service since 1942, and was in the insurance business prior to entering service. He was also a former deputy sheriff of this county. He is the son of Mrs. A. W. Barnette and the late Mr. Barnette, of Brevard.

DIXON WOUNDED IN FIGHTING IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Former Resident Here In Naval Hospital In Hawaii; In Marine Service

Pfc. Vincent J. Dixon has been wounded in action in the South Pacific, according to a message received here Tuesday by his wife. The message did not state when the injury was suffered or to what extent he was wounded, although it is thought not to be serious. He is now confined in a U. S. naval hospital in the Hawaiian Islands.

Pfc. Dixon is in the marine service and has been overseas since last January, and has been in service nearly a year and a half. He was at the New River marine base for some time before going overseas.

A daughter, Patricia Juanita, was born to Pfc. and Mrs. Dixon on July 27 in the hospital here. The mother and baby are now at the home of Mrs. Dixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Runion. Dixon was formerly employed by the Ecusta Paper corporation.

Ensign S. E. Varner, Jr., who has been in Brevard with his wife and parents, left Monday for Washington, D. C., where he expects to get his orders for transfer, possibly to the West coast. He expects to stop over in Brevard again on his way out West.

Wartime Job Training Program Is Now Being Given At Ecusta Plant

A wartime program of providing job training for employees, as developed by the War Manpower Commission, is now underway at the Ecusta Paper corporation.

Four workers who took a week's instructor's course under a War Manpower Commission representative from Washington are now teaching regular classes at the plant.

These classes are limited to 10 employees and each course lasts for 10 hours. A total of 40 are given instruction each week. Over 100 persons have already taken

Public Restraint, However, Is Urged To Prevent Many Disruptions

BY IRA B. ARMFIELD Staff Writer

The war in Europe is moving swiftly toward a crisis and there is a feeling prevalent that Hitler and his henchmen will be overthrown before another year dawns. The landing in Southern France Tuesday morning of thousands of Allied troops with the avowed intention of joining other forces in the vicinity of LeMans will unquestionably hasten the day when Hitler will have no choice other than to capitulate. The German dilemma is made more acute by the plight of the German seventh army in Normandy on which the trap is being closed inexorably by Allied fighters under the command of the colorful General Patton.

Far to the East the Germans brace themselves for the Red assault on East Prussia, which already they have conceded by indication that they cannot repel. Giant sky armadas continue to spread destruction throughout the Reich. Another major peril facing the Nazi regime today is the acknowledged disloyalty of a number of the Fuehrer's former associates, both military and diplomatic. How many more of his henchmen will turn upon him on the day of the final reckoning, probably not his best informed sleuths know.

These factors definitely foreshadow the defeat of Hitler within a few weeks or months although the temperament of the man is such that he will probably resist to the last. In what manner will the Allied world, particularly the United States, celebrate the removal of this scourge? How will Brevard and Transylvania county, having contributed so notably to Victory, react? Will we go about our affairs as usual or will we give expression to the relief we feel from deep foreboding and heavy anxiety?

Many will remember the wild jubilation and the frenzied rejoicing that marked the end of World War I. Throughout this country bedlam reigned for hours; no attempt was made by anyone to restrain the celebrants. But one thing mattered—the war was over—for the moment no one had any—
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\$915.00 In Cash Stolen From Houston Furniture Company Tuesday Night

A total of \$915.00 in cash was stolen out of the safe at the Houston Furniture company store here Tuesday night and as yet officers do not have any trace of the guilty party or parties, it was learned from Chief Bert Freeman.

Entrance to the store was made through a back door and the large safe was opened by working the combination.

Finger prints were taken Wednesday, hoping to find some clue to the robbery.

Plemmons Will Run Farmers Federation

R. D. Plemmons, who for three years was employed by the Farmers Federation as field man in Haywood county, has assumed charge of the local store, succeeding Fred Monteith, who resigned to go into business with George Massey. They purchased the Tinsley grocery store on the Rosman highway, which they plan to enlarge to carry a larger stock.

Before joining the Federation, Mr. Plemmons was engaged in the mercantile business for six years. He expects to move his family here in the near future from their present home near Canton.

RED CROSS WILL HOLD CONFERENCE IN COUNTY SOON

August Session Of Aquatic School Cancelled Because of Polio

A conference of officials of the American Red Cross in the southeastern area will be held at Camp Carolina on August 30 and lasting until September 8, it was learned here today.

The annual August session of the National Aquatic school, scheduled to have been held August 20-30, has been cancelled because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis in the state.

This is the second time that the southeastern conference is to be held in Transylvania county and approximately 30 Red Cross officials from the area are expected to attend.

Harry Kenning, director of the aquatic school, is expected to make arrangements this week for the conference.

CANNERY HERE IS BUSY PLACE NOW

Public Is Taking Advantage of Facilities Afforded By This Project.

A community project that is proving of increasing value to Brevard and Transylvania county is the Transylvania cannery, which was started here in the early summer and has served 150 different families who have taken advantage of its canning equipment.

The cannery, which was established in Brevard through the cooperation of the federal government and the vocational agriculture departments of Brevard and Rosman high schools, is in charge of J. E. Ruffy, as instructor, and C. L. Simmons, as supervisor.

Approximately 3,500 cans of a variety of fruits and vegetables have already been canned. The largest number of families represented in any one day was 21, with an output of 525 cans for the day. This number is increasing day by day as more and more people use the cannery. The total canning capacity is around 2,000 cans per day.

The vegetables leading in popularity that have been canned to date are beans and corn, with tomatoes and soup mixtures leading a close second. Other canning that has been done in large quantities includes beets, lima beans, okra, blackberries and chicken. Peaches were canned in great numbers by many families during the height of the peach season.

The canning is done in tin cans, mainly No. 3s and 2s, which are provided by the government at a nominal cost per can for each user of the facilities. In addition, the user pays a small fee for use of the equipment, and also provides, prepares and packs in the tin cans her own food for the canning process. It is estimated that the cost is less and the percentage of food preservation greater by use of tin cans processed by the pressure cooker method than by glass jars.

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IN CENTER OF BALKAN CRISIS NOW



With Turkey highlighted in the Balkan arena following the diplomatic break with Germany, as indicated in black on the map, Washington sources insist that Bulgaria and Romania—and possibly Hungary—are expected to join the Turks within a short time. In fact, the break was reported as timed to suit a general Balkan program. (International)

Plan To Hold A Big Church Music Conference At Camp Transylvania Next Year, To Be First In South

UNION ELECTION POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY, 24TH

Tannery CIO Election Delayed by AF of L Getting On Ballot, Too.

An election that was scheduled to have been held yesterday afternoon among the employees of the Transylvania Tanning company here to determine whether or not they wanted to join the CIO fur and leather workers international, has been postponed until next Thursday, August 24, W. J. Clayton, a representative of the National Labor Relations board, announces.

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Church Choir Directors And Singers From All Parts Of Nation Invited

An interdenominational church music conference will be held at the Transylvania Music School-Camp near Brevard in August of next year, James Christian Pfohl, director of the music school-camp, announced today.

Dates for this conference have been set as August 9-17 and an invitation will be extended to all church choir directors and singers in the south, east and mid-west to attend.

Director Pfohl said that arrangements are now being made to secure a number of nationally known musicians to aid in conducting the 7-day conference which will be the first one of its kind ever held in the south.

"Our idea is to help build up the standards of church music," he said.

The regular season of the music school-camp will extend from June—
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W. H. Wilkie To Coach Brevard College Football Team, Practice To Start 5th

W. Howard Wilkie, a former star football player at Western Carolina Teachers College and captain of the team there in 1935, will coach the Brevard college football team this fall, President E. J. Coltrane announced today.

Practice will start on the college gridiron field Tuesday, Sept. 5, but no games will be played before the first of October.

After graduating at W. C. T. C., Wilkie coached football teams at Marshall and Valley Springs high schools until April, 1941, when he accepted a position in the laboratory department of the Ecusta Paper corporation.

He will continue to hold this position and coach the college football team in the afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. The new coach is a native of Macon county. Wilkie succeeds Robert Wilder, who resigned recently to become principal of the Clinton, S. C., high school.

Brevard college is expecting a large enrollment of girls this fall and in spite of war conditions, it is anticipated that at least 50 boys will be enrolled. The fall term opens Sept. 19th.

"We are looking forward to having a good football team and are glad to have Mr. Wilkie as our coach," Dr. Coltrane said.

SEPTEMBER 11TH TENTATIVELY SET AS OPENING DATE

Action Taken Because Of Infantile Paralysis Situation In State

NEED MORE TEACHERS

Opening date of the public schools in Brevard and Transylvania county has been postponed from Monday, August 28 to Monday, September 11, because of the infantile paralysis situation in the state, Supt. J. B. Jones announced today.

In delaying the opening of the schools for two weeks, Mr. Jones said the members of the county board of education had agreed that there might be still further postponement if the current polio epidemic had not subsided sufficiently in other sections.

"In other words, September 11 is only a tentative date," he declared.

"Even though there are no cases of infantile paralysis in this county, one case in either of our large consolidated school districts could start an epidemic in at least one-half of the county," he said.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, has requested all schools to delay their opening until the state-wide epidemic has passed. He explained that there are now over 500 cases in North Carolina and that new cases are still being reported.

"Our board of education has no idea of opening the school until the polio situation is well in hand and until the local quarantine is lifted and the board of health recommends that the schools be opened," Mr. Jones stated.

The county's teaching staff, he said, is about completed, with the—
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DR. COLTRANE IS HIGHLY HONORED

President Of Brevard College Picked To Attend A National Conference

Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of Brevard college, has been selected as one of the 25 junior college representatives in the United States to attend a conference on "Christianity on the College Campus and in the High School" to be held on the camp grounds of the American Youth Foundation at Shelby, Michigan, starting August 28 and ending September 3.

This national conference is sponsored by the Danforth Foundation, of which W. H. Danforth is president. For the past four years approximately 200 representatives from state universities and teachers colleges have attended and this is the first time that junior college officials have been invited. The expenses of the delegates are paid by the Foundation.

The main objective of the conference is for strengthening of—
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Paintings By Miss Smith To Be Shown Locally Next Week

Miss Clara Lawton Smith, of Davidson, and one of North Carolina's most outstanding artists, will exhibit a number of her paintings here next week.

This summer Miss Smith was art instructor at the Transylvania Music School-Camp near Brevard. Except for a limited amount of teaching, Miss Smith devotes her entire time to painting.

She studied art at the Chicago Art Institute, the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts and the Rhode Island School of Design.

A total of 18 paintings will be displayed here in one of Patterson's store windows and they will include oil paintings, pastels and water colors.