

NEA COMING TO TRANSYLVANIA

1947 Construction Expenditures Set Record

\$643,175 SPENT AND 91 PERMITS ISSUED IN YEAR

Case Says Final Amount Expended For Building Would Be Million Dollars

MANY NEW HOMES

Construction expenditures in Brevard during 1947 soared to an all-time peak of \$643,175, an increase of over a quarter million dollars above the 1946 figure of \$391,465, according to the year end statement released yesterday by A. M. Case, city building inspector.

A total of 91 permits were granted during the year, Mr. Case reports, and of this number 41 were for new residences. "The above amount is estimated on the applications for permits and the total costs of all expenditures for construction in the town will far exceed the high figure of \$643,175," the building inspector said. "This is due to the fact that it always costs more to build or repair than a person first thinks," he stated.

The largest permits were for the two new school buildings in the amount of \$309,000. Construction work at the college totalled over \$75,000, and other large permits were: new cafeteria \$14,000; Legion memorial building \$9,500; three new business buildings \$17,500; and one new recreation center in colored section \$5,000.

The construction of the 41 new homes was authorized at an estimated cost of \$176,000, and a total of 22 permits for repair of residences, amounting to \$34,475 were issued.

"If the final amount spent in Transylvania during 1947 were known, the figure would exceed a million dollars," Mr. Case stated.

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SCHOOLS RE-OPEN, ATTENDANCE GOOD

Repair And Repainting Work Continues. Fluorescent Lights Installed

All public schools in Brevard and Transylvania county reopened Monday after being closed for two weeks for the Christmas holidays, and good attendance was reported.

"As far as I know, there are no epidemics of any kind of diseases in the town or county, and attendance is holding up especially well for this time of winter," Supt. J. B. Jones said yesterday.

"Our repair and repainting work in the schools continues," he stated, "and the painters did a lot of work over the holidays at Rosman high school." It was also reported that fluorescent lighting was installed.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 8—Jaycette meeting, Gaithers cafeteria, 6:45 o'clock. Community council, courthouse, 7:30. Masonic meeting, Masonic hall, 8:00.

Friday, Jan. 9—Kiwanis club meeting and installation of officers, 7:00, Bryant house.

Saturday, Jan. 10—Music lovers club meets with Mrs. J. M. Allison. Basketball game, college gym, 7:30.

Sunday, Jan. 11—Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Jan. 12—DAR meets with Mrs. J. M. Allison.

Tuesday, Jan. 13—Parent-Teachers association meets in high school, 3:30. Installation of Jaycee officers, Gaithers cafeteria, 7:00.

Wednesday, Jan. 14—Annual Merchants association banquet, Country club, 7:30.

Early Morning Fire Does Major Damage To Rose's Store Here; Bitter Cold Handicaps Firemen

Principal Speaker



ED ELLIS, president of the North Carolina Junior chamber of commerce, will be the principal speaker at the installation meeting of the Brevard Jaycee officers here next Tuesday night in Gaithers, cafeteria.

ELLIS TO SPEAK AT JAYCEE MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

"Man Of The Year" To Be Announced At Installation Meeting

Ed Ellis of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Junior chamber of commerce, will be the main speaker at the Brevard Jaycees' installation of officers Tuesday night, 7:30 p. m. at Gaithers, cafeteria. All Jaycees and their wives or girl friends are urged to be present for this banquet event which will inaugurate a new year of activity of the club.

A feature of the occasion will be the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to the "Man of the Year" for 1947. An impartial committee, composed of civic leaders in town, has taken the list of nominees and selected the man who, in its opinion, has contributed most to the community during the past year. Mayor S. E. Varner will make the presentation.

Chas. F. Himes, manager of the Pisgah Candy company, will be installed as president, succeeding Cecil Hill. Russ Poole is the new vice-president; Bob Bolt, secretary; and Frank Ferrell, treasurer. New directors are Doyle Wells, George Perkins, Marse Grant.

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Police Department Here Has Been Extremely Busy, Report Reveals

According to a report made by the Brevard police department this week, a total number of 475 arrests have been made in the city during the last 10-month period. Public drunkenness was the highest charge with 339 arrests made.

Chief B. F. Banther reports that 124 calls were made to the department during the same period, and due to investigations of these calls, many of the arrests were brought about.

A total of \$3,982.91 in fines and costs was paid to Mayor's court from these cases, and of the total 83 were appealed or bound over to Superior court, the chief said.

Loss To Building And Contents Will Probably Reach Several Thousand Dollars

The worst fire here since the Pierce-Moore hotel was practically destroyed in February, 1945, occurred early Wednesday morning in Rose's 5, 10 and 25 Cent store. Insurance Adjustor H. H. Bobb, of Greenville, S. C., reached Brevard Wednesday afternoon and stated that it would be impossible to determine the amount of damage both to the stock of goods and the building until the arrival here Thursday of the salvage representative from Atlanta, and the officials of Rose's stores, from Henderson. Damages are expected to exceed several thousand dollars.

The fire alarm was turned in at 6:15 a. m. by Mrs. Martha Flax Lawrence, Night Officer Ashley Dickson, Roy Jones and others, and within a few minutes members of the Brevard volunteer fire department had laid three lines. More than an hour of bitter fighting was required before the firemen could bring the fire under control and at 8:30 Fire Chief Merrill declared that the blaze was completely out.

"We were seriously handicapped by the extremely cold weather, but every man in the department did a magnificent job," the fire chief stated. He further declared that several of the men suffered frost bitten hands and feet, but no serious personal injuries were sustained in the blaze.

Because of the nature of the merchandise in the store, Chief Merrill said they deemed it necessary to remove the goods.

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MERRILLS HAVE FIRST BABY IN '48 IN COUNTY

Winner Of Times Baby Derby Arrives 3 Hours After Birth Of Year

A seven-pound boy, Ronald Everett, born to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Merrill New Year's morning at Transylvania Community hospital, is the winner of The Times' annual baby derby, as far as can be determined at press time.

The baby was born at 3:00 Thursday morning, and Dr. Julius Sader was the attending physician. The father is employed independently at his home in Penrose. This baby is the first child of the Merrills.

Another entrant was Beecher Carl Allison, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allison, of Brevard, in the hospital.

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MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE TO BEGIN HERE JANUARY 15

Mrs. Mildred Scott To Direct Campaign To Raise \$1,925

Plans are nearing completion for the 10th annual March of Dimes drive in Transylvania county which will be officially launched on January 15, under the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Scott, county chairman, a goal of \$1,925 will be sought to be used in the fight of the dread disease, which was begun 10 years ago by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

At a meeting of the drive committee here recently, it was explained by the chairman that the increased goal for Transylvania is \$635 more than last year, has been set by the National Foundation because of the fact that more has been spent in Transylvania county during the past years, than has been sent to the national organization.

A square dance at the Brevard Country club will be given Friday night, January 16, the first public drive for funds to launch the campaign. Music will be furnished by the Ecusta string band, and "Speedy" Jones will be caller.

The annual President's ball which is the climax of the drive each year, will again be held at the Country club on Saturday night, January 31, with music by Eva Boatwright and her all girl orchestra. Dancing will be from 9:00 until 1:00, and reservations may now be made by calling the club, telephone 565. Mrs. Scott announces that all reservations must be made before noon on Friday, January 30th.

Working with Mrs. Scott in the \$1,925 drive in this county will be Walter McNeely, in the upper part of the county, Mrs. Cecil Hill, who will be in charge of school donations, Mrs. Fred Holt, who will solicit industries, Marse Grant and Boyce Walker, men's division, and Bill Jordan, dance chairman.

Club Sponsors Drive

The drive is under the sponsorship locally of the Business and Professional Men's Association.

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Routine Business Is Discussed By Board

Routine business matters were taken up by the county commissioners at the regular meeting Monday in the court house here.

A petition, signed by a number of citizens, was presented to the board. It requested that the commissioners take necessary steps to have the road that intersects the Island Ford road about one-half mile above the Selica school and extending about one mile to the property of Frank Brown added to the county road system for maintenance by the state highway department.

An offer was received and accepted from J. M. Allison for the interests of the town and county in lots 3, 4, 9, 13, 14 and 17 in the Maple Grove subdivision.

Farmers Must Sign Compliance Reports

Approximately 400 farmers in Transylvania have not signed their 1947 compliance reports, and cards were mailed out to them this week by the AAA office here urging them to do so immediately.

It is imperative that all farmers on the program make this report and sign their 1947 application for pay in order that they may receive the check for the past year in the AAA program, the secretary said.

Approximately 500 Transylvania farmers have signed the 1947 compliance report, it is stated.

Planning For NEA Convention



DON ECK, secretary of the National Editorial Association, of Chicago, left, and Ed M. Anderson, publisher of this newspaper and vice-chairman of the convention planning committee, right, are shown above making plans for the NEA convention in North Carolina to be held in May at Pinehurst. A tour of the state and a visit to Transylvania with dinner at the Ecusta P per corporation, will climax the event. More than 400 publishers from 44 states are expected to attend the convention.

State Secretary To Make Main Address At Annual Banquet Of Brevard Merchants Wednesday

CARL RICKER IS FATALLY INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Vehicle Overturned On Rosman Highway Tuesday Night. Hamilton Driver

Carl Ricker, 27, of Rosman, suffered fatal injuries when he was thrown from the car in which he was riding Tuesday night about 9:30 o'clock, as the vehicle left the road at the Bryson curve on the Rosman highway, traveling some 60 yards and turning over after striking a ditch. The driver, Coman Vance Hamilton, of Penrose, was uninjured. He was lodged in the local jail by Patrolman H. M. Morrow, who investigated the accident and placed a charge of operating a motor vehicle in a reckless and dangerous manner resulting in the death of one man. Hamilton was released on a \$2,000 bond Wednesday morning.

Patrolman Morrow stated that when he arrived at the scene of the accident, Hamilton was dead.

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To Install Coltrane As Governor Of Carolinas District Of Kiwanis

The "ladies' night" program of the Brevard Kiwanis club, originally scheduled for Friday night Jan. 9, has been called off due to unavoidable circumstances, the directors announce today, but the club will meet at the Bryant House on Friday for the installation of Dr. E. J. Coltrane as governor of the 91 Kiwanis clubs in the two Carolinas.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 o'clock and all members are urged to attend.

Dupre Rhame, of Greenville, S. C., former governor of the Carolinas district, will have charge of the installation, at which time he will present the gavel to Governor Coltrane. Mr. Rhame will also install Herb Hennig, of Darlington, S. C., as district secretary of Kiwanis clubs.

President Straus Will Also Participate On Program. Many To Attend

W. L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants association, will make the principal address at the annual banquet of the Brevard Merchants association at the country club next Wednesday evening. The function will start at 7:30 o'clock and the president, Jack Trantham, will preside. Around 150 people are expected to attend.

Harry H. Straus, president of Ecusta, has accepted an invitation to make a talk on the economic outlook and he has also been asked, since he in recent months made a trip to Europe, to give his impressions on the need and probable outcome of the proposed Marshall plan.

Invitations have been issued to leading industrialists of the county and other prominent citizens. Eighteen members of the county 100-bushel corn club will also be guests of the association. At this time they will be awarded certificates showing they are members of the state 100-bushel corn club by County Agent J. A. Glazener and the five highest will receive \$100.

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MANY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS TO VISIT IN COUNTY

Six-Day Tour Of State To Be Climaxed At Ecusta Plant

SCHEDULED IN MAY

Plans have been completed for more than 400 newspaper publishers, representing 44 states of the nation, to hold the 1948 National Editorial association convention at Pinehurst on May 6, 7 and 8, followed by a six-day tour of the state and to be climaxed with a visit to Transylvania county, where the delegation will be feted at a dinner and a tour of the Ecusta Paper corporation.

The NEA, composed of 5,600 weeklies, semi-weeklies and small dailies, will be the guests of the North Carolina Press association, and the North Carolina department of Conservation and Development is assisting in making arrangements for the extensive tour, which is designed to show the important newspaper folk of the country the advantages of North Carolina from the coast to the mountains.

First Meet In State

This is the first time that the National Editorial association has ever met in North Carolina, and Ed M. Anderson, publisher of the Times and four other weeklies in WNC, who is vice chairman of the committee making convention arrangements, states that it is indeed an honor for the state to have the group convene here. "So anxious are other states to get the convention that bids are made years ahead of time," Mr. Anderson said. Last year Texas had the convention and claimed that they received over \$500,000 in public relations.

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ALDERMEN LIMIT NUMBER OF TAXIS

Chief Dan Merrill Submits Report Of Fire Losses In Brevard Last Year

Considerable discussion was given by members of the town board of aldermen Monday night to a number of municipal matters.

At the board's request, the operators of taxi cabs in Brevard were present at the meeting to discuss the number of vehicles which they may operate in the town. It was agreed to limit the number to 32, until the operators could furnish proof that additional ones were necessary. The allocations were as follows: Siniard 2, Corn 8, Martin 10, Burgin 3, Safety Cabs 5, Mooney 2, Bailey and Gardin 1 each.

Chief Dan Merrill submitted his report of fire losses suffered in Brevard last year, amounting to \$11,268.82 on both buildings and contents.

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Appreciation Is Expressed For Dimes On Board

The Lions club committee in charge of the Christmas Dime board has finished tabulation of the money contributed and wishes to express its appreciation to everyone who contributed, Lewis Alexander, chairman of the committee, states.

All money raised by the dime board, which was kept on the Square during Christmas, will be used for club projects in Transylvania county, and the greater portion will be used in the club's work among the blind and in the Cub Scout workshop.

Used tools are badly needed in the workshop, and any persons having ones they wish to contribute may do so through any member of the Lions club.