

FOOD PRICES DECLINE SLIGHTLY

Many Veterans Take Farm Training In County

84 G.I.'S TAKING COURSE HERE AND AT ROSMAN HIGH

Lyday And Bales In Charge At The Two Schools. Accomplishments Cited

NAMES ARE LISTED

A total of 84 veterans of World War II are enrolled in the vocational agriculture training program under the GI Bill of Rights that is being carried on in the two Transylvania high schools, according to J. B. Jones, superintendent of education.

Of the 44 trainees enrolled at Brevard high school, there were seven members of these classes who were members of the 100-bushel corn club in the county. In addition they have acquired or bought eight registered beef type heifers and two registered beef type bulls. Many of the trainees have purchased registered and good grade breeding sows, have improved their poultry flocks and practiced rotation and cover crops on farms.

At Brevard high Randal Lyday, is vocational supervisor and he is being assisted by Merrimon H. Shuford and Paul M. Whitmire. The Farm Training advisory committee at Brevard includes Principal R. T. Kimzey, W. P. Allison, and James W. Dickson.

Record Is Made

In Rosman, of the 40 veterans taking farm training, a record has been established in that soils have been tested on every veteran's farm and in all cases possible have improved the soil by adding necessary mineral and food products. C. H. Bales, instructor at Rosman, has serving on his instructional staff, Crit Galloway.

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THE REV. PERRY TO RETIRE JUNE 30TH

Makes Announcement To Congregation On Sunday. Rector Here 23 Years

The Rev. Harry Perry, rector for the past 23 years of the St. Philips Episcopal church here, announced his retirement to the congregation Sunday morning.

His retirement is subject to action of the vestry and the standing committee of the diocese and will be effective June 30, 1948. After that time, Mr. Perry said he and his wife planned to make their home in Florida.

Mr. Perry came to Brevard in 1925 and has been the pastor for St. Philip church since that time. He is a native of England and educated in Australia and Canada. He came to Brevard from Bay St. Louis, Miss.

After the destruction of the old church here by fire in 1925, Mr. Perry built in the two following years the new edifice which now houses the congregation and is recognized as one of Brevard's most imposing structures.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 12 — Community Council meeting, 7:30, in court house. Masonic meeting, in hall, 8:00.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Scout Court of Honor, Methodist church, at 7:30.

Saturday, Feb. 14 — Music club meets with Mrs. McMahan, 3:00 o'clock.

Sunday, Feb. 15 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Feb. 16 — Presbyterian auxiliary meets at church, 3:30. WSCS meets with Mrs. W. G. McFarland, 7:30. American Legion auxiliary, Gaither's cafeteria, 8:00.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 — Rotary club, Gaither's cafeteria, 7:00. Woodmen meet, 8:00, in WOW hall.

Veterans Make Over 100-Bushel Per Acre



Pictured above are the members of the Farm Training program under the G. I. Bill of Rights at Brevard high school who made 100 or more bushels of hybrid corn per acre during the past year. Supervisor Randal Lyday reports that this is only one of the major accomplishments of his veteran-students. Members of the group are, front row, left to right: Charles L. Waldrop, Marvin Whitmire, Richard Tinsley; second row, Adrian Peek, Henry Coggins, and Al-ley Peek. Absent when the photo was made was Burder Crawford. (Staff Photo)

Schools In County Will Be Closed Until Monday Because Of Heavy Snow, More Foreseen

Fall Of Eight Inches Recorded Monday. Secondary Roads "Bad"

Because of some of winter's worst weather since 1942, the schools in Transylvania county are closed and will remain closed until Monday, according to County Superintendent, J. B. Jones.

On Monday snow fell throughout the day reaching a depth of eight inches by the next morning. Tuesday and Wednesday the weather continued bad with sleet and rain falling intermittently on Wednesday. Although no serious traffic accidents resulted from snow and ice covered highways, traffic was seriously handicapped and bus schedules were somewhat disrupted Monday and Tuesday.

The weatherman predicts no let-up, and more snow is forecast.

Secondary roads in the county are reported to be "without bottom," and all highways are still covered with great quantities of slush as a result of the snow.

While the heavy snow which fell Monday was of a clinging nature, communication lines, telephone and power lines were reported undamaged. Mail schedules were disrupted early in the week, but are now back to normal, it was reported.

Claywell Russ, of Morganton, was a Brevard visitor last week.

GRADUATION IS HELD AT COLLEGE, 34 GET DIPLOMAS

Stevenson And Trowbridge Carry Out Program. Honor Students Named

Graduation diplomas were presented to 25 members of the college graduating class and nine members of the pre-college graduating class at the mid-winter commencement exercises at Brevard college last Tuesday morning. Due to impossible weather conditions, Dr. Dwight Ware, scheduled speaker, was unable to get here, and because of the illness of President E. J. Coltrane, the diplomas were presented by C. H. Trowbridge, Dean J. J. Stevenson, Jr., presided at the ceremony.

Dr. Coltrane's farewell message was presented to the members of the classes by Dean Stevenson, who said, "Our president wishes for you the best in life, and his interest will follow you wherever you go."

Prior to the presentation of the diplomas Mr. Trowbridge spoke briefly. He is a former president of Weaver college before it was merged to form Brevard college and a beloved member of the faculty. "This is a time of joy and sorrow in the life of each of you," he said. "It is a time when you will realize the many things you have neglected to do in college and wish that you had done. But this is good, because it enables you to see more clearly how to build into your lives the things which the Master wishes for you to accomplish."

Following the presentation of diplomas, Dean Stevenson announced the students who graduated with honors. Three members of the college graduating class who made a straight A average during their two years were Jasper Dudley, Darr Wise and Wilmer Wilson. Pre-college students grad-

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Body Of L. Jackson Enroute, VFW Post Named In His Honor

The body of Lewis Earl Jackson, the first Transylvania county boy to ever be killed in action, will reach San Francisco, Calif., today and is expected to be shipped to Brevard for final burial in the next two or three weeks.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Glover Jackson, of Brevard, Lewis Earl was killed on Guadalcanal on October 25, 1942. He was a marine, serving in the first division.

Final rites, to be held on a Sunday, probably the last one in this month, will be conducted by the members of the post of Veterans of Foreign Wars here. The organization bears the name of the deceased in recognition of his supreme sacrifice. It is the Lewis Earl Jackson post No. 4309, of which Dr. Julius Sader is the commander.

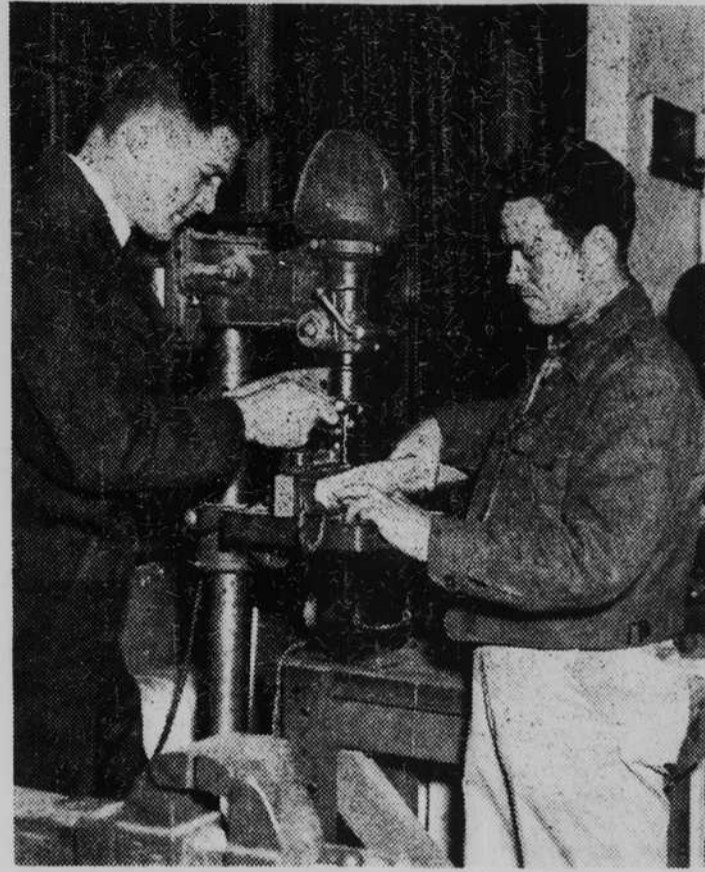
Man Admits Taking March Of Dimes Jar

J. C. Murray, of Asheville, is being held in jail here on a larceny charge as the result of the disappearance from the Pisgah Tavern Tuesday night of a "March of Dimes" jar containing between \$40.00 and \$50.00. Sheriff Bert Freeman said yesterday that Murray had confessed the theft.

Fred Hunter, operator of the Tavern said that Murray was in his place of business Tuesday night when he (Hunter) stepped into the back. When he returned, both Murray and the jar had vanished. Mr. Hunter immediately called the sheriff, who in turn got in touch with James Hensley, highway patrolman at Hendersonville, and asked him to be on the alert for Murray. The latter, it developed later, had immediately after leaving the Tavern

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Giving Farm Training To Veterans



C. H. BALES, vocational instructor at Rosman, is shown above giving farm training to one of the veterans registered in the program at Rosman high school. Joe Cantrell is pictured using the drill press in making a single-tree. A total of 84 ex-servicemen are taking farm training in the county, 44 at Brevard high school and 40 at Rosman. (Staff Photo)

Court Of Honor And Operation Of City Affairs To Climax Boy Scout Week, Displays Are Made

STOP EROSION BY PLANTING GRASS, CHAIRMAN SAYS

Wilson Makes Timely Statement Of Interest To All County Farmers

"If you want to stop erosion, put your land into grass," advises T. J. Wilson, chairman of the Transylvania county agricultural conservation program.

"But, naturally it wouldn't be practical to have all land on all farms in grass," he adds. "Other crops besides livestock and livestock products are needed in great abundance."

The chairman explains that the point he wants to make is that grasses and legumes do hold the soil and are among the most effective means of checking soil erosion. A good stand of grass or clover forms a protective cover for the soil which prevents the cutting effects of heavy rains.

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Selected Scouts And Cubs To Meet With City Council Thursday Night

Boy Scout Week in Transylvania county will be climaxed this week end with a special court of honor Friday night in the Brevard Methodist church and with a number of leading Scouts taking over the city management on Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. G. McFarland, the district chairman, announces.

Several boys will be advanced and many will receive merit badges, according to Jack Trantham, chairman of advancement in the county. Indications point to one of our best honor courts, and we especially urge all Scouts in the county, their parents, and all friends of the Scouting program to be on hand when the court opens at 7:30 o'clock," Mr. Trantham says.

During the past week, the members of the eight Scout troops, the Scoutmasters and the cubs have been putting on programs and exhibitions at various meetings, and Scout displays can be seen in Patterson's and Trantham's windows.

Scouts who will serve as city officials and employees on Saturday are: troop one—Glenn Mel-

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LOCAL GROCERS ASSERT THEY ARE ABSORBING LOSS

Beef, Pork, Lard And Other Items Decline Following Market Breaks

CUSTOMERS PLEASSED

Prices of food, mounting steadily for years under the impact of war and boosted still farther by post-war scarcities, showed a marked decline in local stores last weekend, following a sharp break in the stock and commodities markets. This will bring welcome relief to many over-taxed budgets and may answer the query when the long-anticipated decline in the cost of living will begin.

Brevard grocers, who were interviewed during a survey yesterday, all stated that the price reductions they have made in the last week were not justified by the prices they paid and represented a loss in normal profits. The slump in wholesale prices, they stated, had not yet reached down to retail levels. It was to meet the insistent demand for lower prices and to meet competition that retail prices had been cut, they stated.

The sharp break in the commodity markets Tuesday inclined some local merchants to believe that prices have not yet become adjusted and that further adjustments may take place with a trend toward still lower prices. One local grocer pointed out that, if this trend continues, reductions in such things as cereals and soap may be expected next week.

Beef And Pork Lower

One market operator reported beef and pork products low r, pork chops being down six cents a pound in the last week. Pure lard is off four cents a pound and shortening two cents. Flour at this store is off 33 cents on a 25-pound bag. Fryers are five cents a pound cheaper and hens two cents. In the last five weeks, eggs have declined from 77 cents to 57 cents a dozen.

Another local grocer said he had lowered the price of a five-pound bag of flour two cents and a 10 pound bag three cents. Shortening and pure lard were quoted

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HAMLIN ENDORSED FOR NAT'L POST

Republicans Heard Joe R. Hanley In Lincoln Day Meet In Asheville

In spite of bad weather, several Transylvania Republicans attended the Lincoln Day dinner at the George Vanderbilt hotel Tuesday night and heard Joe R. Hanley, lieutenant governor of New York, sound a plea for a return to freedom in the United States under a Republican administration. Lewis P. Hamlin, well-known Brevard attorney, and chairman of Republicans in the 12th district, was endorsed for national Republican committeeman to succeed C. R. Jones.

The annual Lincoln Day dinner for Transylvania county was called off this year, and local Republicans met with the Asheville club on Tuesday night.

Community Council To Hold Meeting Thursday Night

The Transylvania Community Council will hold its regular meeting in the courthouse here Thursday night, February 12, at 7:30 o'clock. The agenda includes a round table discussion on "Town Planning and Beautification."

During the business session to be presided over by President Lewis P. Hamlin, the group will discuss the idea of conducting a high school essay contest on the topic, "What Can Be Done to Make Our Town More Attractive."

Local Police Complete 1,329 Cases Out Of 1,373 In 1947, Chief Reports

Of the 1,373 cases investigated by the Brevard police department in 1947, a total of 1,329 were completed, Chief B. F. Banther this week reported to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C.

In this large number of cases of various kinds, a total of 1,366 persons were convicted, it is reported. "But the amazing thing about the 1947 record is the fact we failed to complete only 42 cases out of the huge number," Chief Banther stated.

Highlighting the report was the arrest of 368 persons on a drunkenness charge. All 368 were convicted, the report shows.

A total of 17 out of 18 cases of drunk driving were also found guilty during the year, and 16 out of 16 were found guilty of violating the liquor law.

The local policemen gave a total of 852 tickets for parking violation, and all 852 paid the \$1.00 fee, it is stated.

The chief said that he and his men investigated nine car theft cases and made nine arrests. "These cars were stolen in other towns, but were recovered here in Brevard," he declared.

Of the 20 cases of reported larceny, except auto theft and burglary—breaking and entering, 13 cases were completed in 1947.

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