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C. OF C. HOLDS IMPORTANT MEET To Hold Special Election Here This Saturday

SUCCESSOR TO MRS. E. L. McKEE TO BE ELECTED

Democrats Nominate W. H. Crawford, G. P. Ferguson On GOP Ticket
POLLS OPEN 6:30-6:30

There will be a special election in Transylvania and four other Western North Carolina counties to choose a successor to the late Mrs. E. L. McKee, senator-elect from the 32nd district, on Saturday, Dec. 18.

According to Frank Duckworth, chairman of the Transylvania county board of elections, all the polling places in the county will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. The same registrars and judges will serve for the special election that served in the November general election, it is reported by the chairman.

Last Saturday W. H. (Gudger) Crawford, Sylva business man, was named the candidate for the special election by the Jackson County Democratic Executive committee. Mr. Crawford defeated E. L. McKee, 13 to 5, in the committee voting. He lost to the late Mrs. McKee by one vote in the May Democratic primary.

Republican leaders Monday nominated Gola P. Ferguson, of the Speedwell section of Jackson county, as their candidate to oppose Mr. Crawford. Mr. Ferguson is a farmer, a former sheriff and three times he represented Swain county in the state legislature, according to Lewis P. Hamlin, district chairman.

A sample copy of the ballot can be seen on page five of The Times this week.

Chairman Duckworth explains that North Carolina law does not provide for filling this important vacancy in any other way except by election. "Since the coming

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TAYLOR IS ELECTED CONSUL COMM'DER

Succeeds Ayers As Head Of WOW. Other Officers Are Named

J. Fred Taylor was elected consul commander of Balsam Camp No. 116, Woodmen of the World, at the last regular meeting succeeding J. I. Ayers. The new commander is a member of the local fire department and is head of the job printing department at The Transylvania Times.

Other new officers were also elected at the last meeting and installation will take place at the first meeting in January.

New officers are J. I. Ayers, past consul commander; J. B. Sowell, advisor lieutenant; E. H. McMahan, banker; Lewis J. House, escort; Jim Rigdon, watchman; Joe Whitmire, sentry; and C. H. Trowbridge, auditor.

Only Eight More Shopping Days 'Til Christmas, Stores Are Well Stocked, Open Thurs. Afternoon



GILL THOMAS, Brevard business man and active Mason, was elected Worshipful Master of the Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge here. He succeeds E. L. Happ and will be installed Thursday night.

THOMAS ELECTED MASTER OF DUNN'S ROCK LODGE HERE

Winchester And Parrish Are Wardens. Jenkins And Henderson Re-elected

Gill Thomas, popular Brevard business man, will be installed worshipful master of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge Thursday night, December 16th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Thomas is a salesman for the Brevard Wholesale company, a past worthy patron of the Eastern Star, member of the board of directors of the Brevard Kiwanis club and chairman of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church. He is also an officer in the lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite bodies in Asheville.

The newly elected and appointed officers will be installed by Dr. Maxwell E. Hoffman, of Asheville, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. Leon English will serve as marshal.

Other officers who will be installed are D. H. Winchester, senior warden; Ralph Parish, junior warden; A. N. Jenkins, treasurer; Henry R. Henderson, secretary; Vernon P. Fullbright, senior deacon; Joe E. Duckworth, junior deacon. The following were appointed by the master elect and will also be installed at the same time: Theodore McCrary and Briscoe Whitmire, stewards; Ansel Hart, tyler and Rev. B. W. Thomason, chaplain.

E. L. Happ, retiring master, urges all members to attend this important meeting, and a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting masons.

Brevard GI's Allotted Four More Pre-fabs, Total Of 42 Received

The Brevard GI Housing committee, Inc., has been allotted four more pre-fabricated houses which will arrive in the next few days, Cecil Hill, the executive secretary, announces today.

Santa Will Return To Brevard Saturday. Invitation Is Issued Shoppers

With only eight more shopping days 'til Christmas, Brevard stores are well stocked and local merchants are expecting trade to pick up sharply as Christmas day approaches.

To better accommodate gift seekers, local stores, with the exception of the grocers, will remain open this Thursday afternoon and next Thursday afternoon. Beginning Friday evening of this week and continuing through next Tuesday evening, local stores will remain open until 8:00 o'clock. The three nights preceding Christmas next Saturday, they will stay open until 9:00 o'clock for the convenience of the last-minute shopper. All stores here will take a holiday on Christmas day and the Monday following.

Assortments in the stores here have been larger this year offering shoppers a greater latitude of choice and several merchants report that their lay-away business this year has been brisk.

Santa Claus will be back in Brevard Saturday to mingle with the children and visit in the stores.

Speaking for the local merchants' association, which each year sponsors the Christmas trading event, President Alex Patterson yesterday repeated his invitation to all Brevard's trading area to do their buying here. Local merchants this year are doing their utmost to please shoppers in the hope that in this way they can win additional regular customers, he said.

Brevard Lions Will Have Xmas Party

The local Lions club will have their wives and sweethearts as guests at a ladies night party at Gaither's cafeteria this (Thursday) evening beginning at 7 o'clock.

Dr. E. O. Roland, president, said that while this would count as a regular meeting no business would be transacted and no formal program has been arranged.

Emphasis, he said, would be on informality and fun. A door prize will be given and a number of others will be awarded. The demonstration, he said, would be extremely active during the evening, which means that there will be a good deal of hilarity and perhaps some chagrin on the part of some members, according to Dr. Roland.

ON WESTERN JAUNT

Hale Siniard, one of the owners of Star Taxi, is on a western jaunt, having taken a party of people to California. A card received from him yesterday morning by The Times said the trip to Crescent Beach, Calif., was 3,335 miles. Mr. Siniard said they traveled through a gold mining area and saw a salt plant and lots of other interesting things.

"EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER HERE" MAYOR REPORTS

Only One Case In Court. Very Few Arrests Are Made

By STAFF WRITER
"Everything is in order in Brevard," according to reports this week by the mayor and members of the Brevard police department. A look at the court records and the number of arrests here recently substantiates their contention.

In mayor's court Monday morning there was only one case to be tried. "This isn't the first time that court recessed quickly because of the lack of offenders," Mayor S. E. Varner stated.

"Just the other day," he continued, "one of our leading citizens stopped me and said that this was the first time you couldn't buy whiskey in the city limits of Brevard," the Mayor commented.

"All these things are brought about by an efficient and alert police department," he declared. And the mayor deserves a lot of credit for a cleaner, safer and prettier town, too.

TO DISTRIBUTE TOYS SATURDAY

Members Of B & PW Club Busy Completing Project For Needy Tots

Members of the Business and Professional Women's club have been busy during the past few weeks on the toy project for needy children, and all toys donated have now been repaired and are ready for distribution Saturday, it was announced by the chairman, Dot Poole.

Each committee chairman has been responsible for workers in the shop each evening, and it has been estimated that enough toys for some 300 children have been repaired.

The Toy Shop committee today expressed appreciation to the Brevard merchants who have donated toys. It was pointed out that many of the local stores have given toys that are in excellent condition and not in need of any repair.

The chairman also stated that she wished to thank Smathers Manufacturing company and the president, Paul Smathers, for repairing the tricycles.

Letters have been sent to parents inviting them to pick up the toys at the shop Saturday. Members of the club will be on duty to distribute them at the shop located next to the post office.

Prevent Fires At Yuletide, Chief Merrill Stresses

To protect the lives of children, and grownups also, Chief Dan Merrill recommends these safety precautions for the holidays:

1. Set up the Christmas tree away from stairs and heating and lighting fixtures and anchor it securely with the butt in a pan of water. Discard all evergreens promptly after Christmas.
2. Use non-burning ornaments on trees, and room decorations and costumes that have been treated to make them fire resistive. The solution used for this purpose contains nine ounces of borax and four ounces of borac acid to one gallon of water. Application by steeping in warm solution is preferable, but dipping, brushing and spraying can also be used. The fabric then should be drained and hung up to dry.
3. Avoid all use of lighted candles. Instead, use sets of miniature electric lights that are identified as safe by the label of Underwriters' Laboratories on the wires or by carton markings. People in pageants or professionals should carry electric candles run by flashlight batteries.

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C. of C. Officials For Next Year



Pictured at the left, above, is JOHN SMITH, local barber and charter member of the organization, who was elected president of the Brevard chamber of commerce by the directors Tuesday night. Mr. Smith tied with VERNE CLEMENT, right, who withdrew in favor of Mr. Smith and was unanimously named vice president.



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Christmas Vacation Will Start In Schools, At College Friday, Special Church Services Slated

SEVERAL SCOUTS ADVANCE AT LAST COURT OF HONOR

Next Meeting Set For February 11. Will Be Held Every Other Month

Several Transylvania Boy Scouts were advanced at the court of honor here last Friday night at the First Baptist church and four boys received merit badges. A large crowd, including the Girl Scouts and Brownies, attended the meeting, which was climaxed with the showing of a technicolor film on "Orientation."

It was decided that the next honor court would be held on February 11, and that the courts would be held every other month instead of monthly.

C. M. Douglas made the second class award to James B. Brown, of troop No. 9. Lewis Hamlin made the award of first class to the following: Dean McDarris, troop No. 2; Homer Cox and Kenneth Parker, of troop No. 9.

Receiving merit badges were the following Scouts: Homer Cox, home repairs; Ray Talley, physical development; James E. Brown, swimming; and Kimsey Jackson, swimming. Rev. W. G. McFarland, district chairman, made the presentations.

Jack Trantham, chairman of advancement in Transylvania, presided over the court of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sprott and daughter, Beverly, will leave this week end for Leland, Miss., to spend Christmas with Mr. Sprott's parents.

Successful Fire Drills Held In All Brevard Schools Monday

Highly successful fire drills were held in all the Brevard schools Monday afternoon by Fire Chief Dan Merrill, it is reported today.

1949 WILL BE BIG YEAR IN HISTORY OF LOCAL GROUP

Smith Elected To Succeed Jerome. Other Officers Are Chosen

PREPARING FOLDER

Extensive and elaborate plans for promotion, publicity and general welfare of Brevard and Transylvania county were discussed by members of the new board of directors of the chamber of commerce Tuesday night at the city hall.

The meeting was highlighted by the election of officers for the new year. John Smith, well-known barber here and charter member of the organization, and Verne Clement, former state senator and active civic leader, were nominated for president. The outcome was a tie vote, and Mr. Clement declined the nomination in favor of Mr. Smith. The board then decided to name Mr. Clement vice president.

Mrs. Ralph R. Fisher, who has served as executive secretary for many years, tendered her resignation, which the board refused to accept. She was unanimously elected to serve for the ensuing year. C. M. Douglas was re-elected as recording secretary, and S. E. Varner, Sr., was named treasurer.

Others Elected
Raymond F. Bennett was re-elected as representative on the hospital board. Lewis Hamlin will again represent the chamber of commerce on the community council, and representatives to the Brevard Athletic and Recreation association are as follows: Raymond F. Bennett, George Wheeler, John Eversman, Curtis Kelley, R. E. Lawrence and Alex Kizer.

In going out of office retiring president, Jerry Jerome, said he appreciated the fine cooperation and spirit during the past year and

BOB BOLT NAMED JAYCEE PREXY

Work Of Civic Group During Past Year Is Highlighted At Meeting

Bob Bolt was elected president of the Brevard Jaycees at the meeting Tuesday night in Gaither's cafeteria. He succeeds Charlie Himes. President Bolt is superintendent of grounds at Ecusta Paper corporation.

As a Jaycee, the new president has an outstanding record. He is a charter member of the local organization, served as vice president in 1947 and secretary in 1948.

Lloyd Burhans was elected first vice president, and Ray Swink, second vice president. Russ Poole was named secretary, and treasurer is George Perkins, Jr. The members of the board of directors are J. F. Cox, Doyle Wells, John Ford, David Sams and Charles Himes.

New officers will be installed on January 11 at Gaither's cafeteria. The new president announces that Jaycees will continue their civic projects in 1949, participating

Times Will Publish Christmas Edition On Next Wednesday

Next week The Transylvania Times will publish its annual "Christmas Greetings Edition," and will feature appropriate messages from business firms, industries and individuals.