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INDUSTRIES PAY LARGE BONUSES

REA Ready To Build 75 Miles Of Power Lines

EXPECT TO START WORK ON PROJECT ABOUT JANUARY 1

State Approves Loan To Extend Memberships To 680 And Make Improvements

BURTON ON BOARD

Plans are complete to build 75 miles of line to serve 300 additional members of the Haywood Electric Membership corporation in Transylvania, Macon and Rabun counties, Ga., according to an announcement by R. C. Sheffield, general manager, at Waynesville. Work is expected to start around January 1, he stated.

The state, Mr. Sheffield said, had approved an application by the corporation for \$212,000 for a project to extend membership to 680, improve service and install communication and equipment. The loan must be approved in Washington. In addition to the extension of membership, Mr. Sheffield said that the application included a project to increase the capacity of service for approximately 130 members during the next 12 months. Also included in the application was a request for additional funds for a two-way radio communication system to be installed in the main office at Waynesville and on all trucks of the corporation.

Mr. Sheffield stated that the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation is servicing approximately 3,000 members in five Western North Carolina counties with 625 miles of lines. The Haywood Electric membership corporation was established in 1939. The corporation—
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USDA COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED HERE

McDarris Is Named Chairman, Glazener and Wilson Elected

The Transylvania County USDA Council for 1949 was organized in the AAA Office on Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 3:30 o'clock. Representatives were present from each of the agricultural agencies as follows: J. A. Glazener, extension service; J. C. McDarris, Farmers Home administration; Randall Lyday, Vocational agriculture; and T. J. Wilson, Production and Marketing administration.

J. C. McDarris was elected chairman, J. A. Glazener, vice chairman—
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 23 — Turkey shoot at Country club by Lions club, 1:00. Second Baptist church Christmas program, 7:30. Masonic meeting, 8:00. All stores remain open until 9:00 p. m.
Friday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve. Stores open till 9:00. Special church services.
Saturday, Dec. 25 — Christmas Day. All stores closed.
Sunday, Dec. 26 — Attend the church of your choice.
Monday, Dec. 27 — All stores closed.
Wednesday, Dec. 29—Rotary club meets at Gaither's cafeteria, 7:00. WOW meeting in hall at 7:30.

"Americans—Peculiar People"

(An Editorial As It Might Have Been Written In English For A Newspaper in Moscow)

What a peculiar place, America! They are invaded each year by Santa Claus and build no fortifications against him.

They put countless lights on Christmas trees and do not worry about the electric bill.

They buy all kinds of nice things in stores and then give them away as gifts.

The newspapers are full of suggestions on what people may buy instead of telling them what they mustn't.

They load their homes with presents for their children and then tell the children somebody else brought them.

They go about the streets laughing and happy and do not contemplate the miseries of their lives.

They throw away their money into big pails which are conveniently placed at street corners.

They cheerfully tell one another of all the things they would like to get, and then they go to church to thank God for what they have.

They have no conception of truth and blithely wish each other a happy new year when they know we can have no such thing as happiness.

They smile at policemen.

Everybody is always thinking of everybody else. They would even like to help us if we would let them.

OVER 2,100 PEOPLE WANT TO VOTE ON WINE, BEER SALE

Rev. W. C. McFarland Named Publicity Director At Meeting Sunday

More than 2,100 names have been obtained on petitions asking the county board of commissioners to call an election to determine whether wine and beer shall continue to be sold in Transylvania, it was revealed at a meeting of the laymen's dry committee which was held in the auditorium of the First Baptist church last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. About 100 people attended the meeting, which was presided over by Rev. B. W. Thomason in the absence of the chairman, A. M. Paxton, of Rosman.

A compilation by Melvin Gillespie showed that 2,160 people had signed the petitions with several still out, which will boost the total considerably. Only about 900 names were required to make it obligatory for the board to call the election.

It was said at the meeting that the petitions would be submitted to the board immediately and the—
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Merry Christmas 1948

To All Readers Of The Transylvania Times

FROM THE

Entire Staff

STORES HERE TO CLOSE SATURDAY, AGAIN ON MONDAY

Industrial Workers And Office Employees Share In Division Of \$100,000

PARTIES AT ECUSTA

Approximately \$100,000 in bonuses is being paid to industrial workers and office employees in Transylvania county this Christmas, a survey made Wednesday reveals.

Store employees in Brevard are also receiving bonuses and business in town is expected to be brisk during the next two days.

Santa Claus will be in Brevard again Thursday and Friday of this week and officials of the merchants association invite all children to make their wants known to him.

Stores will be open this Thursday afternoon and they will remain open evenings until nine o'clock Thursday and Friday nights. All stores in Brevard will close Saturday and Monday for the Christmas holidays.

Ecusta employees received their customary bonuses to lead the industries in the county in the overall sum paid out. Parties for Ecusta employees started Wednesday morning.

Children Rewarded

Employees of the Transylvania Tanning company, Gloucester Lumber company, Toxaway Tanning company and Gloucester Lumber company store received a bonus amounting to from one to five percent of their wages during the current year. The gross sum paid out—
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Sale Of Christmas Seals Here Totals \$499, Treasurer Says Goal Of \$700 Will Be Reached

Will Be Sold Locally On Thursday And Friday. Appreciation Voiced

The 1948 Tuberculosis Seal sale in Transylvania county netted a total of \$499.17, when the contributions were tabulated on Sunday, and according to the treasurer, Miss Dorothy Johnson, the goal of \$700.00 is expected to be exceeded before the end of the Christmas holidays.

"It is not too late to return your contribution for the seals that were mailed out," the treasurer reports, and seals will be on sale Thursday and Friday in the bank, the post office, at Ford's corner and at the Transylvania Times office. Persons wishing to contact Miss Johnson—
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CRAWFORD WINS OVER FERGUSON IN SENATE RACE

Five County District Gives Democratic Candidate Five-To-One Victory

In spite of the rain and the apparent little interest in the election, Transylvania voters chose W. H. (Gudger) Crawford, of Sylva, as the successor to the late Mrs. E. L. McKee, senator-elect from the 32nd district, by a vote of 972 to 304 over the GOP candidate, Gola—
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SMITH AND GRAY COMBINE SHOPS

Veteran Barbers Announce Will Move Into Schulman Stand In January

John W. Smith and J. A. Gray have merged the barber shops which they have operated here for many years and are now doing business in the Smith Barber Shop stand, next to Slack's on West Main street.

They have announced that immediately after the first of the New Year their shop will be moved to a permanent location, now occupied by Schulman's.

Associated with Messrs. Smith and Gray are three experienced barbers, Ernest Smith, Ed Owenby and M. E. Head.

John W. Smith said yesterday that it had been rumored around town that he had closed his shop. To the contrary, he said, he is still operating at the same place in conjunction with Mr. Gray.

Ole Santa To Arrive In County On Friday Night, Christmas To Be Quietly Observed Here

OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTEST OF CLUB HIGHLY POPULAR

Exhibits Will Be Judged Thursday Night By Out-Of-Towners

Approximately 50 entrants in the outdoor Christmas lighting contest will have their exhibits judged by a group of out-of-town judges Thursday night, according to Mrs. S. A. Bullock, chairman of the committee of the Brevard Garden club, sponsors of the event.

The three classifications are outdoor scenes, trees, doorways, and prizes of \$5.00 and \$3.00 will be—
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Many Churches Planning Special Services. Snow Is Predicted

All Transylvanians, young and old, are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus Friday night, and a quiet Christmas celebration is anticipated Saturday throughout the entire county.

On Christmas Eve several local churches and churches out in the county have planned services, but no formal service has been announced for Christmas day.

The weatherman predicts a white Christmas, and snow is expected to start falling Friday afternoon.

Several churches will have services on Christmas Eve. The Brevard Catholic church will have a Christmas mass at midnight in the Woodmen Hall. A special musical program has been planned. A Christmas pageant, "The Story of the Nativity" will be given in the Brevard Methodist church Friday night at 7:30 with special music by the two choirs. The play is directed by Mrs. Herman White assisted by Mrs. Jack Morgan and Mrs. Wilbur McFarland, with music under the direction of Pete Shiflet and Ann Smith. This program will begin at 7:00 o'clock.

The annual Midnight service on Christmas Eve will again be held—
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LAST RITES TODAY FOR LOFTIS BOYS

Brothers Were Killed During Last War. Former Brevard Residents

Graveside rites for Pfc. Edward T. Loftis and Pfc. Jack Loftis, brothers, will be held at the National cemetery, in Salisbury, Thursday, December 23, at 2:00 o'clock.

Pfc. Edward Loftis was killed in action in Italy on July 16, 1944, and Pfc. Jack Loftis died on Siapan November 23, 1944. They were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Loftis, formerly of Brevard.

George C. Peeler funeral home, Salisbury, is in charge of arrangements.

Times To Publish Next Week's Paper Thurs. Afternoon

The New Year's greetings edition of The Transylvania Times will be placed in the mails and on the news stands next Thursday afternoon instead of Wednesday evening, Publisher Ed M. Anderson states today.

"This is being done in order that the people who produce The Times may have two full days off for the Christmas holidays," he says. The Times office will be closed all day Saturday and Monday.

Kiwianians To Visit Over 125 Children Here

More than 125 children will be visited by Santa Claus this year through efforts of the Brevard Kiwanis club members, it was announced at the meeting last Friday.

Children of families who might not otherwise have had a visit from Santa Claus have been selected by a committee headed by J. M. Gaines and Edwin B. Garrett from recom—
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New Directors Of Brevard Chamber Of Commerce Hold First Meeting



Pictured above is the majority of the new directors of the Brevard chamber of commerce who met for the first time last week. The group expressed optimism as to the outlook for Brevard and Transylvania county in 1949. Members in the photo above, first row, left to right, are as follows: J. M. Gaines, Lewis P. Hamlin, Verne Clement, vice president, Jerry Jerome, John Smith, president, C. M. Douglas, recording secretary, S. E. Varner, Sr., treasurer, Mrs. Ralph R. Fisher, executive secretary; second row left to right: Ed H. McMahan, Alex Kizer, J. M. Allison, Curtis Kelley, Oliver H. Orr, Charlie Russell, Ralph R. Fisher, Lloyd Burhans, J. I. Ayers, and John I. Anderson. Other directors are: Raymond F. Bennett, Don Jenkins, H. B. Shiflet, John Ford, F. S. Best, Dr. E. J. Coltrane, George Wheeler, Ralph H. Ransey, Jr., Frank Carr, Sr., and Harry Sellers, (resigned). (Times Staff Photo)