

SIX FESTIVAL ARTISTS ARE SIGNED

Superior Court To Open Here Next Monday

CRIMINAL SLATE HAS 101 CASES, ALL ARE LISTED

R. C. Banther To Be Tried For Murder Of His Brother Last December

ROUSSEAU PRESIDES

A total of 101 cases are on the criminal docket of the April term of the Transylvania Superior court which convenes here next Monday, April 3.

According to the clerk, N. A. Miller, most of the cases are of a minor nature. There is one murder trial on the docket, it being the shooting of Robert V. Banther by his brother, R. C. Banther. The homicide occurred Saturday night, December 10, on the Crab Creek highway.

More than one-third of the cases on the docket involve whiskey, with more than 25 persons being charged with drunk driving.

The court is scheduled to last for two weeks, but early adjournment is foreseen. The civil cases will be heard Wednesday, April 5, the clerk reports.

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, will preside over the April term, and Clarence Ridings, of Forest City, will prosecute.

Cases on the criminal docket follow:

- Abandonment: Gladys Lance. Forgery: Ernest Moore. Driving auto after license revoked: Daniel Lawrence Miller, Marvin Palmer. Destruction of property: Leonard McCall. Carrying concealed weapon: Albert Price, Jr. Having in possession gambling devices: V. L. Tinsley. Giving worthless check: Roy Wolfe, W. O. Leonard. —Turn to Page Four

BAPTISTS TO HOLD CONFERENCE SAT.

Vacation Bible School Will Meet At Turkey Creek Church

The Daily Vacation Bible School conference of the Transylvania Baptist association convenes at the Turkey Creek Baptist church in an all-day session on Saturday, April 1, with Mrs. Alcovia McCall presiding.

All pastors, Sunday school superintendents, DVBS principals and workers are urged to attend this carefully planned Bible school conference, Mrs. McCall says, and each representative is asked to bring sandwiches for the noon hour lunch. The host church will serve drinks.

The program is as follows:

- Morning Session 10 to 10:15 — Song, Scripture, Prayer, Rev. C. E. Blythe. 10:15 to 10:30 — The Vacation Bible School Meets Definite Needs. 10:30 to 10:45 — Registration of —Turn to Page Ten

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Mar. 30 — Methodist circles meet, 3:30. Lenten service at St. Philip's church, 8 o'clock.

Friday, Mar. 31 — Square dance in American Legion building, 8:30.

Saturday, Apr. 1 — Census taking begins. Music Lovers club meets with Mrs. J. B. Pickelsimer, 3 o'clock.

Sunday, Apr. 2 — Attend the church of your choice. Buffet supper at Sacred Heart church, 7 o'clock. Brevard college glee club sings at Methodist church, 8 o'clock.

Monday, Apr. 3 — Superior Court begins, 9:30 a. m. Firemen to give demonstration, 7:30.

Tuesday, Apr. 4 — Book and Plate club meets at home of Mrs. Robert —Turn to Page Four

The Officer Passes His Test



MRS. BEULAH BURGIN, driver's license examiner with the Highway Safety division who is here every Friday, is shown above giving SGT. M. A. NELSON, Brevard officer, his examination, which he passed with flying colors. The examiner urges all drivers in the N through Q category to come in immediately for their tests. (Times Staff Photo.)

Drivers In N-Q Category Are Urged To Take Exam, State Examiner Is Here Every Friday

Mrs. Burgin Says Failure To Pass Does Not Prevent Driving Vehicles

Transylvania motorists whose last names begin with N, O, P and Q have been slow in reporting for examination for renewal of their driver's licenses, according to Mrs. Beulah Burgin, driver's license examiner who is here at the court house every Friday.

Although one-half of the period has passed in which persons in this category are to be examined, only about one-fourth of those who must stand examination have reported to the local station, Mrs. Burgin says.

The N through Q period started January 1st and will continue through June 30th.

"To avoid the last minute rush, come in now," Mrs. Burgin urges drivers in the N-G category. She explains that if a person fails the examination that this does not prevent him or her from driving and that another chance is given after the person had studied the part which was failed.

Mrs. Burgin, who is the first regular woman examiner in North Carolina, is in Hendersonville on the first three days of each week; Tryon and Columbus on Thursday; and, in Transylvania on Friday. She began driver's license examiner work in 1944, and has been in this area since January, 1947. She and her husband, who —Turn to Page Four

JUDGE ENGLISH PRACTICES LAW HERE 50 YEARS

Is One Of WNC's Oldest Attorneys; Brief Biography Written

By STAFF WRITER

Having opened his law practice in the old Cooper building in March, 1900, Judge D. L. English is observing this month 50 years of active practice at the half-way mark of the 20th century.

"During this time I guess I've handled about every kind of case there is," Judge English said. Since his serious illness in 1947, he has refrained from taking court cases, but the elderly attorney still keeps regular office hours and takes care of routine legal matters for his clients.

It is believed that Daniel Leon English is one of Western North Carolina's oldest lawyers, with only George H. Smathers, of Asheville, having a record which surpasses his by many years.

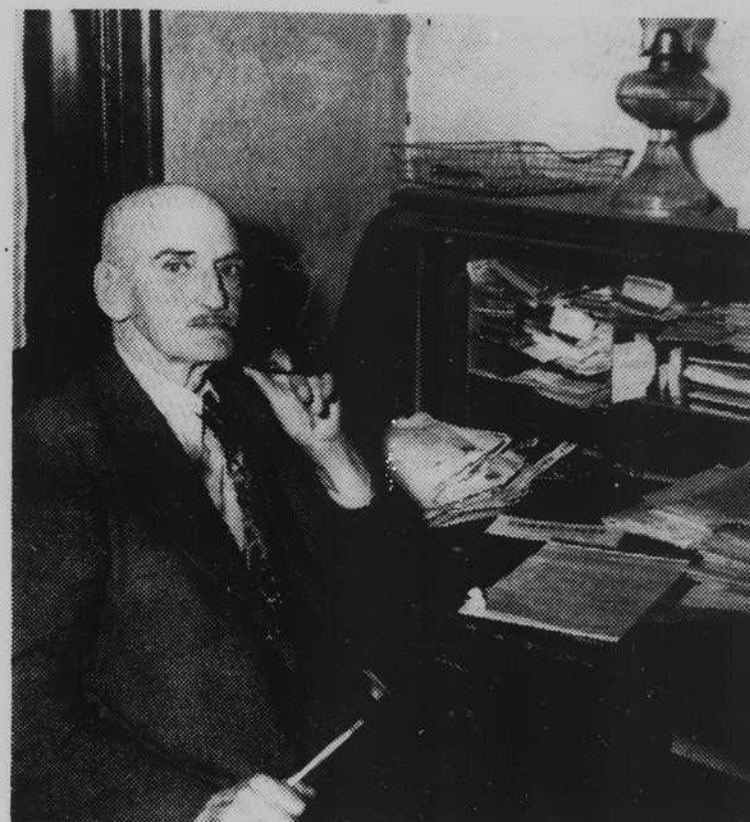
Judge English was born at Davidson River near the present site of English chapel. He studied law with W. A. Gash and Will Pless, Sr., and secured a two year law course at the University of North Carolina in six months. "I had to finish in a hurry," he said, "before my money gave out."

Judge English got his familiar title of judge by being appointed to this position in 1928. He was judge of general county court, which tried all criminal cases which did not have to go before a jury. He was re-elected, but this judgeship was abolished by the general assembly in 1931.

The elderly attorney has the distinction of being one of the first lawyers to be given his state bar examination by the Supreme Court of North Carolina. This was on February 22, 1900.

When asked if he didn't have a statement to make after a half century of practice, Mr. English —Turn to Page Five

Practices Law Here For 50 Years



D. L. ENGLISH, above, prominently known as "Judge English," this month completes a half century as an active attorney in Brevard. Born in 1872, Judge English began law practice here in March, 1900, and was associated for a short time with Judge H. G. Ewitt. When he has any reading to do by artificial light, Judge English says he prefers illumination from the ancient oil lamp shown on the desk above. (Times Staff Photo.)

Earl Aiken Is Employed As Director Of The Chamber Of Commerce, Merchants Group

Named Director

Will Assume Duties On April 1; Sees Opportunity For Area



EARL L. AIKEN, of Shelby, was chosen by the directors of the Brevard chamber of commerce and the merchants association as the new executive director of both organizations. He will assume his duties April 1.

RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON

Rhea O. Doyle returned home Sunday after spending a week on business in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Doyle flew to Washington on Thursday and accompanied him home.

LOCAL Political News IN BRIEF

ALLISON TO MAKE RACE

E. Carl Allison, well known farmer of this county, is announcing this week as a candidate for the legislature in the Democratic primary in May.

Mr. Allison served on the county board for eight years, four of which he was chairman. He said it was his ambition to serve the people as capably and diligently as he could.

The house seat is now occupied by Ralph Fisher, Republican. Mr. Allison, who ran against Mr. Fisher in the last general election, is the first Democrat to offer for the place in this primary.

ALEXANDER WITHDRAWS

Otto Alexander, who formerly filed as a candidate for clerk of the superior court, this week announces that he is withdrawing from the race. Mr. Alexander says that since making the an —Turn to Page Four

Census Taking Begins In Town And County On Saturday, School Held

Census taking in Brevard and Transylvania county will begin on Saturday, April 1, according to Harry Sample, district supervisor.

The 14 enumerators, who will make the canvass, are taking a five-day training course this week at Valley Springs high school at Skyland, and the course will end tomorrow.

On Thursday afternoon of this week the local enumerators will take some four or five sample enumerations, which will be checked by the school executives and the —Turn to Page Ten

Pressure Too Low To Cope With Major Fire; Demonstration Slated

Dan Merrill, chief of the fire department, in a letter to The Times states that under present conditions the local department would be unable, owing to low water pressure, to cope with a major fire. The firemen have arranged a demonstration next Monday night on the square at 7:30 o'clock to show the actual condition of the water supply. The text of the letter follows:

"The board of aldermen have called an election for next month on a water and sewer bond issue. As chief of the fire department of Brevard I am, of course, intensely interested in fire protection for our town. This bond issue, as I see it, is so important to the future of our town that we should all get behind it and see that it carries.

"I do not want to alarm people unduly, but from a fire-fighting standpoint we just do not have any water in Brevard. Pressure is so low on the hydrants in the busi —Turn to Page Four

Anderson Elected Vice President Of Dixie FM Network

Ed M. Anderson was elected first vice president of the Dixie FM network at an annual meeting in Greensboro a few days ago.

Ray Furr, manager of WIST in Charlotte, was chosen as president; Gaines Kelley, manager of WFMY, Greensboro, second vice president, and Mel J. Warner, of Rocky Mount, secretary and treasurer.

The Dixie FM network is made up of 14 stations in the Carolinas. At the annual meeting, April was designated as FM month in North —Turn to Page Ten

Half-Way Mark Is Reached In Annual Red Cross Roll Call In Transylvania

Half-way mark had been reached in the Transylvania chapter Red Cross roll call Wednesday, it was revealed by Jerry Jerome and C. M. Douglas, finance chairmen of the drive.

Reports indicate that response is good and that the quota will be reached during the coming week. Effort is being made to end the roll call Saturday, April 8.

The uptown business section response has been on a par with last year, the workers state, and industry is also showing good interest, preliminary reports indicate.

Junior Red Cross reports from school children will not be in until the end of next week. The juniors are participating in the enrollment in lieu of a later individual membership drive.

An unsolicited contribution was received, the chairman stated on Wednesday from the Elks club, which brought the uptown quota nearer its goal. Several checks have also been received from former residents who are interested in the local Red Cross.

The workers state that they con —Turn to Page Ten

CONCERTS TO BE HELD AGAIN HERE DURING MID-AUG.

Elaborate Plans Are Being Formulated For Fifth Annual Event

IMPROVING FACILITIES

Six young American soloists, who have achieved considerable fame in the musical world, have been signed to appear jointly with the 70-piece symphony orchestra on the programs of the fifth annual Brevard Music festival August 11, 12, 13 and August 18, 19 and 20.

James Christian Pfohl, festival director, and Mrs. Frank G. Carr, president, this week announce the solo artists for Brevard's outstanding musical event. They are Eugene List, pianist; Julien Patrick, baritone; Norma Heyde, soprano; Margaret Thuenemann, contralto; Paul Makovsky, violinist; and William Hess, tenor.

Chorus Of 100 Voices

Plans are to again include a rehearsed chorus of more than 100 voices on the festival program. In addition to other selections this chorus will appear in the presentation of Verdi's "Requiem" at the closing concert along with a quartet composed of Miss Heyde, Miss Thuenemann, Mr. Hess and Mr. Patrick.

Expanded facilities at the music camp, including additional parking area, are expected to contribute to a larger and better festival, which has already achieved the name, "Outstanding Summer Musical Event of the South."

In commenting on the excellent reputations of the artists for this year's festival, Mrs. Carr has pointed out their achievements in the musical world. "It is also well —Turn to Page Five

HOSPITAL GUILD SEEKING MEMBERS

Letters Will Be Mailed Out; Checks May Be Sent To The President

Letters soliciting memberships in the Transylvania Community hospital guild are now being prepared and will be mailed out to citizens next week, according to the president, Mrs. H. F. Finck.

In announcing the annual drive for members, the president makes a strong appeal for response to this drive. "We are the only organization that gives time and efforts toward making the patients and facilities at our hospital more comfortable," she stressed.

The goal of the guild at this time is to secure a sufficient amount of funds to buy new slipcovers for the furniture in the waiting room at the institution.

Regular memberships in the guild are only \$1.00, and associate members are \$5.00 each. Persons who are not contacted may send their checks to Mrs. Finck.

College Glee Club Will Give Easter Concert Sunday

The Brevard college glee club, under the direction of Bruce Livingston, will present "The Crucifixion," by Sir John Stainer, for its Easter concert at the Brevard Methodist church Sunday evening, April 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

Soloists are: Michael Haddock, of Charlotte; Jerry Crawford, of Greensboro; Ann Holton, of Charlotte; Bob Hauss, of Shelby; Mack Lassiter, of Charlotte; Bettylou Boykin, of Fairview; Betsy Ross, Pleasant Gardens; Loise Stratton, of Reidsville; and Max Robinson, of Gastonia. Mrs. Louise P. Miller will accompany the glee club at the organ.

The members of other churches in Brevard and Transylvania are invited to attend this special Easter program.