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## FINISHING EXPANSION PROJECTS

### Freedom Crusade Expected To Surpass Goal

#### PLEA MADE FOR PEOPLE TO PUT COINS IN BOXES

Scrolls Placed In Schools; Booth To Operate In Bank Saturday Morning

#### BUILD TRANSMITTERS

The Crusade for Freedom drive in Transylvania will be climaxed this week end, and all indications point to the county exceeding its goal.

A plea was made yesterday for all persons to drop their nickels and dimes in the special Crusade boxes, which are placed at busy shopping centers in the county, and persons desiring to send in contributions should address them to Dr. Frank McGuire, treasurer. Brevard, N. C.

Scrolls have been placed in the schools in the county, and Supt. J. B. Jones said he expected 100 per cent participation.

Mrs. Julius Sader will be in charge of the special Crusade booth in the bank on Saturday morning, the last day of the drive.

Chairman John Anderson urges all committee members to complete their canvassing right away and to turn in their funds to the treasurer.

The county's first quota was \$157.20, but James G. K. McClure, Western North Carolina chairman, has asked Transylvania to raise \$500 in the 1951 drive.

A further incentive for local people to give more liberally to the Crusade was the announcement Wednesday that three transmitters the most powerful in the world, are being constructed now to spread the truth of democracy in Asia as well as Europe.

Special donations were made at meetings of the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs last week, and Chairman Anderson today expressed his appreciation to all who gave.

#### COLLEGE LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS MEET

Methodists Holding Annual Conference This Week At Greensboro

The annual Western North Carolina conference of Methodist churches got underway Wednesday at the West Market street church, in Greensboro, and the Brevard college luncheon was one of the features of the opening day's program.

Rev. Delbert Bynum, of Murphy, who is president of the Brevard college alumni association, presided at the luncheon session. Rev. C. E. Roy, of the college, represented the administration and faculty of the institution at the luncheon and other meetings.

Some 900 ministers and laymen were expected to attend all or part of the sessions, which continue through Sunday when the announcement of pastorates will be given.

The Brevard college board of trustees, which in the past have met at the conference, will not —Turn to Page Seven

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 27—Rotary meeting at the Coffee Shop, 7 p. m. Masonic meeting in new temple, 8 p. m.

Friday, Sept. 28—District Scout committee to meet at the Duke Power company, 7:30 p. m. Brevard High vs. Ben Lippen at 8 p. m. Square dance at Legion Bldg. 9 p. m.

Saturday, Sept. 29—Final day of Crusade for Freedom. Gold Star Mothers meet for luncheon at Legion building, 12:30 p. m.

Sunday, Sept. 30—Attend the church of your choice. Fifth Sunday Singing at court house, 1:30.

Monday, Oct. 1—Commissioners meet at 9:30 a. m. Town board of aldermen at 7:30 p. m. Luther —Turn to Page Six

#### Essay Contest For All High School Students In County Highlights Newspaper Week

Is WOW Speaker



Many local Woodmen are expected to attend the semi-annual Log Rolling of the WNC district, Woodmen of the World, at Le noir Saturday afternoon and evening. Farrar Newberry, of Omaha, Neb., president of the society, will be the principal speaker at a banquet in the evening. A dance with special entertainment features will conclude the convention.

#### WILL ELECT NEW MEMBERS TO THE FESTIVAL BOARD

Ballots Are Mailed Out To Persons Buying Active Tickets To Event

Ballots were received Wednesday by all active members of the Brevard Music Festival association, who are asked to elect four new members of the board of directors.

As described by the by-laws, all persons buying active tickets have a voice in the management of Festival business by election of the new directors. They will replace Lloyd M. Burhans, Charles F. Himes, Jerry Jerome and Mrs. Eric M. Rawls.

Persons whose names appear on the ballots are Henry Carrier, James Curwin, John Eversman, Charles Glazener, Mrs. C. J. Goodwin, Mrs. Cecil Hill, Mrs. Erwin Schranz and Dr. B. A. Stevens.

Officers of the Festival association are Walter K. Straus, president; Mrs. Eric Rawls, vice president; Mrs. G. Deyton, treasurer; and Charles Russell, secretary.

All ballots should be mailed to Mr. Burhans in Brevard not later than October 5.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Parsons attended the Georgia Tech-SMU game in Atlanta, Ga., Saturday, and accompanied their son, Jack, back to Tech where he is a student.

Subject Will Be "How Does A Newspaper Light The Way To Freedom?"

Highlighting the annual observance of National Newspaper week in Transylvania county will be an essay contest open to all high school students, Publisher Ed M. Anderson, of The Times, announces.

The subject will be "How Does A Newspaper Light The Way To Freedom?"

The contest will open on Monday and will close on October 31. All entries must be addressed to the Essay Editor of The Times, and the prizes to be awarded are as follows: \$10.00 first prize, and \$5.00 second prize.

National Newspaper week is observed this year from October 1 to 8 and according to Publisher Anderson: "Our object during Newspaper week 1951 is a re-education of ourselves to the principle that the newspaper lights the way to freedom wherever there is a free press."

He continued by stating that the mission of a free press is to furnish unbiased information without fear or favor, so that our people may exercise free choice intelligently.

All essays should be neatly and legibly written, preferably typewritten, and the length should be not less than 300 and not more than 500 words.

The decision of the local judges will be final. The cooperation of the English teachers at Brevard and Rosman is solicited.

#### ARCHITECT OFFICE IS NOW OPEN HERE

O'Cain And McDonald Are Operating Firm In The McMinn Building

The first licensed architect office in Brevard was opened this week.

The firm of William H. O'Cain, architect, with Henry C. McDonald, associate, is now operating in the McMinn building and is equipped to do all designs of buildings and homes.

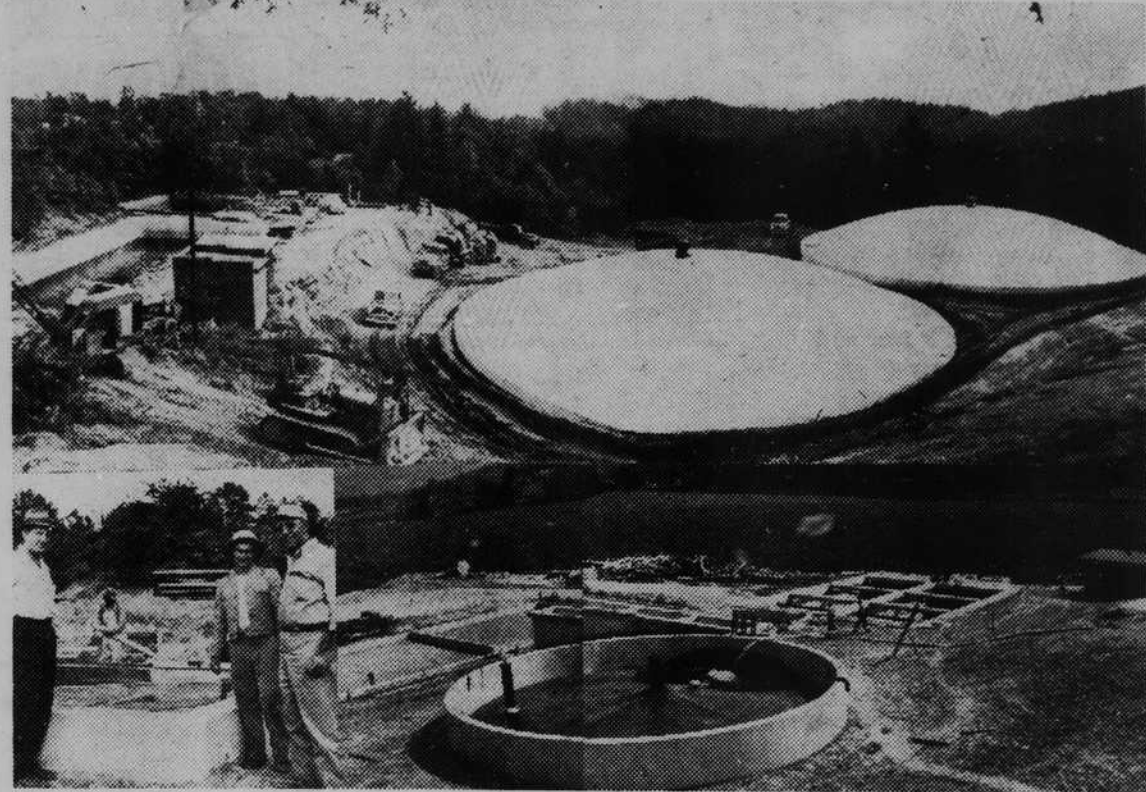
At the present time, Mr. O'Cain and Mr. McDonald have jobs in Hendersonville, Asheville, Highlands and Brevard, and they invite the public to come in and inspect their offices.

A licensed architect, Mr. O'Cain was connected with Six Associates in Asheville, for 10 years. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. McDonald, a native of Brevard, received his BS degree in architecture at Clemson college, and for the past 15 months he has also been connected with Six Associates in Asheville.

Freeman Hayes was a business visitor in Greenville Tuesday.

#### Completing Work On Giant Reservoirs, Disposal Plant



The top photo is a panoramic view of the scenic town watershed, where work is being rapidly completed on the two one-million gallon pre-stressed concrete reservoirs. At the left is the old reservoir, which is being repaired to be used as a settling basin. At lower left are pictured T. E. Wilson, vice president of the Bow Construction company, principal contractor of the water works project; L. A. Henthorn, center, resident engineer of the John J. Harte Co.; and Frank D. De Laigle, superintendent of the Bow company; as they inspect the new chlorinator house foundation. At the right is the modern disposal plant off Neely road, on which work is being rapidly completed. It now appears that work on construction on both the water and sewerage system will be finished within the next 30 days. (Times Staff Photos)

#### FINAL RITES FOR HARRY LOFTIS, 52, HELD ON TUESDAY

Was Popular Mail Carrier In Transylvania For More Than 27 Years

Final rites for Harry Simmons Loftis, 52, well-known rural mail carrier for more than 27 years for the Brevard post office, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Brevard Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. J. Julian Holmes, officiated, with Rev. B. W. Thomson, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisting. Burial followed in the Gillespie cemetery.

Mr. Loftis died suddenly Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock in an Asheville hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage, after a brief illness.

For more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Loftis carried the mail on route one and throughout this vast mountain area. He had a host of friends.

After carrying the mail last Wednesday, Mr. Loftis complained of not feeling well and was later carried to Mission hospital in Asheville where he died Monday morning.

A native of Transylvania, Mr. Loftis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Loftis and his mother's maiden name was Emma Summey.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lula Mann Loftis; one daughter, Mary Ellen Loftis, of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Roscoe Nicholson and Mrs. T. S. Wood, Sr., of Brevard, and Mrs. Courtenay Wilson, of Abbeville, S. C.; six brothers, T. J., J. E., Sr., Goode —Turn to Page Twelve

#### Scout Committee To Meet Friday Night

The regular September meeting of the district committee of the Daniel Boone council of Boy Scouts of America will be held in Transylvania on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be held at the office of Duke Power company.

In a communication to each of the committee members, Scoutmasters and other interested persons, E. B. Garrett, Jr., district chairman, stated this week:

"Did you know that because of your interest in Scouting and the future citizens of Transylvania county that 325 boys in the county are enjoying the Scouting program?"

"We could very easily make it 500 with the wholehearted support of every member of the district committee."

#### Autumn Color Parade Begins In The Pisgah, Ranger Invites Public To Drive Into Forest

#### WANT PRESIDENT TO OFFER AGAIN

Twelfth District Democratic Officials Laud Truman's Efforts For Peace

A resolution calling for the reelection of President Harry Truman to a third term was adopted unanimously at the meeting recently in Waynesville of Democratic Executive committees of the 12th congressional district.

Paul Whitmire, Transylvania county chairman, attended the barbecue but was not present at the meeting which endorsed Mr. Truman.

A copy of the resolution, which was introduced by W. G. Byers, chairman of the resolutions committee, was sent to the president. The text follows:

"At this critical period in the history of the U. S. and in this most successful and glorious era in the history of our party, the Democratic Executive committees of the twelfth Congressional district of N. C., send greetings to the people of the U. S.

"Whereas the Honorable Harry S. Truman, the great chief and leader of our party and President of the U. S. is making a magnificent and successful fight for the —Turn to Page Six

Says View From Parkway At Green Knob Overlook One Of The Finest

First signs of the autumn color parade are beginning to appear in the mountains in Transylvania and throughout Western North Carolina.

On mile-high peaks of the Blue Ridge mountains, evidences of vivid reds are showing on early turning sumacs and sourwoods. Other reds, yellow and gold, purple and orange will appear progressively as the parade moves down the slopes to full burst in October and early November.

A drive into the Pisgah National forest just now is time well spent, Ranger Bill Duncan stated yesterday. He said the view from atop the Pisgah was beautiful, especially at Green Knob overlook on the Blue Ridge parkway. This spot can be reached by turning at Wagon Road gap. "The Pink Beds are mighty pretty now, too," the ranger commented.

New roads make it easier than ever to take leisurely tours into the highest mountains of Eastern America. Newly opened links of the Blue Ridge Parkway and State highways bring within reach many points in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Pisgah and Nantahala National forests that formerly were practically inaccessible. —Turn to Page Six

#### WORK ON WATER, SEWER SYSTEMS IS ON SCHEDULE

New Reservoirs Now Being Used. Pipe Lines Are Installed

#### ENGINEER QUOTED

Little more than a year after the first contracts were let, work on the water and sewerage expansion projects for the town is nearing completion.

According to L. A. Henthorn, resident engineer, of the John J. Harte Co., of Atlanta, the water expansion program should be completed within the next three weeks, and already the town is using the two one-million gallon reservoirs. "Although these huge tanks aren't completely full, water pressure in the town is considerably increased, as no doubt many water users have found out," Mr. Henthorn declared.

The new waterlines have been installed and at the present time work is being completed on the line to the new Harry H. Straus school in Brevard. The school is now using water from a small temporary line.

Funds for the water and sewer expansion program were made available last year when Brevard voters approved a \$500,000 bond issue. The Harte company is in charge of designing and engineering, while the G. E. Moore company, of Greenville, S. C., is in charge of the work, which includes distribution of water within the city limits. William F. Bow Co., of Augusta, Ga., has the contract for erecting the two million gallon concrete (pre-stressed) reservoirs and all chlorination equipment. The Pre-Load corporation of New York City received a sub-contract to erect the gigantic pre-stressed reservoirs. —Turn to Page Twelve

#### MITCHELL NEW CLUB MANAGER

Golf Pro From Georgetown To Operate Golf Course And Clubhouse

Garland M. Mitchell, golf professional of Georgetown, S. C., has leased the Brevard country club and will take over the active management of the course and clubhouse around the 15th of October, Mayor John A. Ford announces today.

Mr. Mitchell was in Brevard on Tuesday and signed the contract, leasing the property for three years, with an option for an additional two years.

For the past two years, Mr. Mitchell has been the pro at the Georgetown Country club and he has been a professional golfer for the past five years.

During World War II he served for five years in the air corps and since that time, he has been in the Southeast, playing in a number of tournaments.

A native of Montana, Mr. Mitchell is 31 years old, is married and they have two daughters. "We are very fortunate in having a man of Mr. Mitchell's quality —Turn to Page Twelve

#### Highway Officials Inspect Proposed Four-Lane Highway

R. Gettys Browning, chief locating engineer for the State Highway commission, and W. M. Corkill, division engineer, were in Brevard last Thursday investigating into the possibility of a four-lane highway between Brevard and Pisgah Forest.

They stated that they were merely looking over proposed routes and that nothing definite had been decided and would not be decided in the near future.

"In fact," Mr. Browning said, "we don't even know whether the route will be a four-lane or a three-lane highway."

The engineers pointed out that —Turn to Page Twelve

#### Says Work On Pigeon River Highway Should Be Started By Next June

Of keen interest here is the announcement this week by L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner for the 10th District, that work on the Pigeon River road should be started by next June.

This link would connect with No. 276 at Waynesville, and when completed would be a direct and scenic route from South Carolina to Knoxville via Brevard.

Mr. Thrash also stated that he is pushing for work to start on the short link of the new road on 276 at Pigeon Gap. This is the road that goes through the apple orchards of Haywood, in traveling from Pisgah Forest to Waynesville.

His prediction for getting actual construction started on the Pigeon River water-level road was based on the fact that three crews of engineers are now in the field surveying the route from Cold Springs to the Tennessee line.

"Estimates are that the engineers will be through with their work in three months. Then the field maps go to the planning office, and three months there should finish them, and the call for bids. Without any unforeseen delay, actual moving of dirt could well be begun by next June," the optimistic commissioner pointed out.