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No Spreading Chestnut Tree—But He Blacksmiths Right On



Both the "spreading chestnut tree" and blacksmiths are things of yesteryear, but John Cantrell, 71-year-old blacksmith here in Brevard on King street continues his trade just as he has been doing for the past 51 years. To supplement the horseshoe trade, which is fast disappearing, Mr. Cantrell can be noted in the left photo making beautiful andirons from wrought iron. At the right, he is shoeing the saddle horse of T. B. Lewis, of Brevard. (Times Staff Photos)

Days Of Old Recalled By "Village Blacksmith," Trade Is Fast Fading

COLLEGE TRUSTEES HOLD CALL MEETING

No Action Taken On Naming President, Moore Is Vice Chairman

A new president of Brevard college was an item of business which was thoroughly discussed by the board of trustees of the college at a call meeting Monday afternoon in Shelby. Chairman Edwin L. Jones presided.

The trustees decided that operations at the local institution would be continued as they are at the present time until the annual meeting in May here at the college.

Dean J. J. Stevenson is serving as acting president and members of the resident executive committee in addition to Dean Stevenson are: Dr. Joseph Martin, who is heading the drive for the United Methodist college advance, F. S. Best, and S. E. Varner, Sr., trustees of the college residing in Brevard, and Rev. C. E. Roy, who is head of the department of religion at Brevard college.

Other action at the meeting on Monday in Shelby included the appointment of W. B. Moore, Wadesboro industrialist, as vice chairman of the board.

Mr. Moore succeeded the late C. M. Pickets, of Charlotte.

Mr. Jones also announced that S. L. Myers, Concord hotel owner, had been nominated to fill a vacancy on the board.

The nomination must be formally approved by the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church, but is equal to election.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 20 — Lions club meeting, Gaither's Rhododendron room, 7:00 o'clock. Masons meet at Masonic temple, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, March 21 — Garden club meets at Taylor Hall, 3:30 p. m. Kiwanis meeting, Rhododendron room, official visit of district governor, 7:00 o'clock.

Saturday, March 22 — Gold Star Mothers meet at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Alice Paxton. Mr. and Mrs. Elks party begins at lodge at 6:30 o'clock. Teen-age party at NYA hut at 7:30 p. m. Talent show at college, 8:00 p. m.

Sunday, March 23 — Attend the church of your choice. Laymen committee meeting, First Baptist church, 2:30.

Monday, March 24 — Religious Emphasis week begins at Brevard college. Music Lovers club meets with Mrs. R. E. Matthews.

Wednesday, March 26 — Woodmen of World meeting at WOW hall, 8:00 p. m.

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John Cantrell Has Been Shoeing Horses Here For Over 50 Years

By STAFF WRITER

Although he's been practicing his trade for 51 years, John Cantrell, Brevard's only remaining "village blacksmith," has no plans for retiring from a vocation that is fast becoming lost in the atomic age.

Looking years younger than his 71 years, Mr. Cantrell believes that the hard work of the blacksmith has contributed largely to his robust health. Perhaps this is fortunate for horse owners, for if Mr. Cantrell retired there would be none to take his place.

The blacksmith trade, with which this current generation is not too familiar, will be practically lost in the next few years. The reason—there are so few horses to be shod these days young men are not interested in learning the trade.

Mr. Cantrell recalls that once there were four of them working together in their shop behind the present location of the theatres. Felix Norton, the late Lee Pierson and P. L. Snelson, plus Mr. Cantrell would be busy with 10 or 15 horses each day. "That was when they used to bring their lunches and wait their turns," he reminded us.

Though many a horse has been —Turn to Page Four

Urges Alertness To Danger Of Rabies

Walter F. Hart, senior sanitarian here, states that North Carolina has been designated as an acute danger area for rabies. Figures recently released by the state board of health revealed over 250 positive laboratory-confirmed cases of animal rabies and over 700 people took the antirabic treatment in 1951. This, of course, does not mean that only 250 animals had rabies in 1951. When clinical cases are considered, there —Turn to Page Four

Farmers Urged To Improve Pastures, Materials Offered By PMA Are Listed

Transylvania farmers are urged by PMA officials to take action now and improve their farms by improving their pastures.

Farmers can increase their income by doing this, local officials point out, and the conservation of land and the top dressing of pastures already seeded are stressed. Letters are being mailed out this week by the local PMA officers to all farmers in Transylvania. Complete information about the practices offered through the PMA are outlined.

Transylvania farmers can get assistance during 1952 on the fol-

TALENT SHOW IS SET AT COLLEGE

Well-Known Ventriloquist Will Appear On Program Saturday Night

A talent show of music and comedy will be held at the Brevard college auditorium Saturday evening at 8:00, according to Mary Louise Dean, president of the college chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The national honor fraternity is sponsoring the evening of entertainment by college and high school students to raise funds for sending delegates to the national fraternity convention. The convention, held this year in Gulfport, Miss., is scheduled for early April.

As an added feature for the talent show, Alex Houston, well-known Hendersonville ventriloquist, a freshman at the college, will present several of his original skits. Houston has performed over several national chain TV and radio shows. He will not enter the competition.

The two-hour program of talent —Turn to Page Four

Rotarians Intensify Efforts In '52 Red Cross Roll Call In The County

The 1952 Red Cross roll call in Transylvania county is now in full swing with the Brevard Rotarians completing the canvass of the up-town section and the industries of the county.

According to Co-Chairmen Rhea Doyle and Dr. Frank McGuire, a door-to-door canvass of the residential areas, as well as a county-wide solicitation, will be made next week, the final period of the drive.

With a goal of \$5,000, the Rotarians are making every effort to push Transylvania "over the top" again, and the co-chairmen report

SURVEY IS MADE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRANSYLVANIA

Manager Of Commission Serving Two Counties Releases Figures

Due to the numerous recent requests to Gardiner P. Bly, manager of the North Carolina employment commission office in Hendersonville, that serves Transylvania, Henderson and Polk counties, Mr. Bly has made a study of the number of unemployed in relation to the number of employed persons in non-agricultural activities in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

From the most recent figures obtainable the average employment of the employing units hiring eight or more persons in the two counties is 7,192, and the number of non-agriculture employees in non-covered employment, meaning such as county, state and employees in stores, restaurants and industry, not covered by the unemployment insurance tax are 2,777. This gives a total working force for the two counties of 9,969.

The actual claims load of persons filing and eligible to file for unemployment benefits in the two counties are 529. Unemployed persons who exhausted their unemployment insurance are 264, and the persons unemployed coming from the non-covered employment and actually seeking employment are 150. Other persons who are available for employment, and are employed at the present time, are estimated at 200, giving a total of non-agricultural unemployed 1,143. This means that 11 per cent of the normal working force in the two counties are now unemployed.

The figures used in the unemployment do not cover retired persons, persons beyond the working age, or those below working age; nor does it mean the number of students that will graduate from high school and seek employment this summer, or the total potential labor force of the two counties which means recruitable housewives and persons that have not placed themselves on the labor market, Bly says. If these factors were to be considered it would run the percentage of unemployment to the actual working force up to approximately 18 per cent, the survey shows.

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that response is good in spite of numerous other drives, income tax time, etc.

In pointing out that the work of the Red Cross is extremely important in Transylvania, the co-chairmen state that many local chapter workers are giving hundreds of hours of time, without compensation, in securing blood for use at home and abroad, entertaining veterans in hospital, teaching first aid and other services too numerous to mention. "We hope that every citizen will give, a small or large contribution, in order that the state of this county might always read 'over the top' and continue to reflect one of the finest working chapters in the south," Mr. Doyle declares.

Equalization And Review Board To Meet On Monday

The county board of commissioners will meet as a board of equalization and review on Monday, March 24.

The meeting will be held here in the court house from 10 in the morning until one in the afternoon. The purpose of the meeting is to examine and review new property returned in January.

According to W. W. Brittain, chairman of the board, the meeting will be held in the commissioners office.

Now Grading High School Athletic Field



Attracting much attention at the present time is the grading of the Brevard high school athletic field by the A. E. Merrill company. Most any time during the day scores of people can be noted watching the bulldozers and cranes at work, and before the job is completed, thousands of yards of dirt will have been moved, leveling off the seven-foot incline of the field. After smoothing and draining of the field, grass will be sown; cement foundations will be placed under the present stands; and new bleachers will be erected on the opposite side of the field. (Times Staff Photo)

Dr. Stokes Conducts Revival Here, Also Religious Emphasis Week At College, Public Invited

To Be Heard Here



DR. J. LEM STOKES, who is secretary of religion on Methodist college campuses in the division of educational institutions, will conduct a week of evangelistic services at the Brevard Methodist church beginning on Sunday morning, and also religious emphasis week at Brevard college. The public is invited to hear the services both at the church and at the college.

Noted Speaker Is Secretary Of Religion On Methodist College Campuses

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, of Nashville, Tenn., will conduct evangelistic services at the Brevard Methodist church and also religious emphasis week at Brevard college from March 23 through March 28.

According to Rev. J. Julian Holmes, local pastor, Dr. Stokes is one of the most outstanding religious leaders of this area, and during next week he will speak at the evening services at the Methodist church and at the chapel exercises at the college. The public is cordially invited to attend, he states.

He will open the evangelistic services at the church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, and again at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock, he will preach. Special music is scheduled.

Chapel exercises at the college will be held daily, Monday through Friday, at 9:50 in the mornings, and they are open to the public. The visit of Dr. Stokes is sponsored by both the church and the college.

During the week, in addition to the daily chapel periods and evening worship programs at the church, other activities are planned for worshipful meditation by the students. Early morning devotions —Turn to Page Four

WPNF Program Highlights

MacArthur's Plans For '52 Election May Be Revealed In Talk Saturday

General Douglas MacArthur is expected to make a very important talk which will possibly reveal '52 election plans before the Mississippi legislature on Saturday and this address will be broadcast over WPNF on Saturday night from 11:15 until 11:45 o'clock.

Members of the Music Lovers' club will present the Civic club program Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. On Monday the Brevard Fortnightly club will present the program, while the Brevard Wed-

nesday club will be heard next Wednesday morning.

Here is the Farm and Home Hour schedule: Thursday, Wallace Flynn, farm home administration; Friday, Carolina farm features; Monday, farm agent's office; Tuesday, Brevard vo-ag department; and Wednesday, home agent's office.

The Rev. F. M. Barnes, pastor of the Little River Baptist church, is presenting morning devotions this week. Next week the Rev. Clyde Collins, pastor of the Gladly —Turn to Page Four

DATA WILL BE USED BY STATE UTILITIES GROUP

Hearing Before Interstate Commerce Commission In Mid-Summer

LETTERS MAILED

Data to be used in opposing the petition of the Southern railway to abandon the trackage between Rosman and Lake Toxaway is being taken here today in the form of affidavits by E. H. McMahan, a member of the state utilities commission. Mr. McMahan and his secretary arrived in Brevard shortly before noon Wednesday, and the former held a conference with Willis Brittain, chairman of the citizens committee opposing the move, regarding the procedure to be followed in obtaining information to counter the railroad's proposal.

Mr. McMahan explained that a much more effective case could be presented if the commission knew in advance the nature of the testimony which opponents of the proposal would give. He plans to visit the Lake Toxaway community Thursday to obtain statements from citizens in that section. Anyone having information which he feels would be useful to the commission, and the citizens committee is invited to contact Mr. McMahan at the court house.

It is believed at this time that the hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission will be held in mid-summer. Local citizens have been assured that the hearing will take place here.

Mr. Brittain has written a number of people known to be vitally interested in keeping the line to make statements. Those from people —Turn to Page Four

RAIDS ARE MADE ON THREE STILL

Sheriff Is Recovering In Hospital From Series Of Epistaxis. Condition Better

Although Sheriff Bert Freeman is a patient in the Transylvania Community hospital, the work of capturing and destroying of "moonshine stills" in Transylvania is continued and three "beauties" were nabbed in the past week. Two arrests were also made.

The sheriff himself is suffering with a series of epistaxis (nose bleeding), and hospital authorities say his condition is much improved.

Stills nabbed by the sheriff and members of his department include a 40-gallon outfit in the Frozen Creek section with 150 gallons of beer and 10 gallons of whiskey; an 80-gallon steamer type on the headwaters of Kuykendall creek with 300 gallons of beer; and a 100-gallon job with 400 gallons of mash in the Feed Rock section. Mint Barton was arrested at the scene of the second one, and W. E. Smith was arrested at his home with five gallons of non-tax paid whiskey, the sheriff states. All three stills were ready for running, he reports.

Captain Speed Will Speak At Meet Of Laymen's Committee

Captain C. A. Speed, troop commander of the state highway patrol, will be the principal speaker at the Transylvania Laymen's committee meeting on Sunday afternoon.

The meeting will be held at the First Baptist church, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Captain Speed, recognized as an authority on traffic problems, is currently speaking at numerous civic and church meetings. It is his contention that the only way to stop the annual increase of traffic fatalities in the state is enactment of stricter laws governing speeding. Officials of the local laymen's group say his talk on Sunday will be both interesting and informative.