

The Land of Waterfalls, Mecca for Summer Camps, Entrance to Pisgah National Forest and Home of Brevard Music Festival.

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One Of County's Oldest Homes Destroyed By Fire



An early morning fire Thursday completely destroyed the Old Morris homeplace, one of the county's oldest landmarks, having been constructed in 1838. The upper photo above shows two chimneys standing, all that remained of a home that was considered the height of elegance in its day. It has been said that clay from the property was used in making the chimney bricks. Inscribed on one of them is the date of the construction. At left is a photograph of the house made several years ago by Richard Pace. It is a side view which shows at right the wide front porch that went entirely across the structure as well as the back porch at left. The Morris heirs some months ago sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owens, occupants at the time of the fire. Mr. Owen can be noted in the center, above, inspecting the ruins. (Top Pic—Times Staff Photo)



WPNF Becomes Affiliate Of National Broadcasting Company On Birthday

EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK

Morris Home Constructed Some 115 Years Ago. Had Interesting History

By STAFF WRITER
One of Transylvania county's landmarks, a house that had weathered the elements and sheltered six generations of a pioneer family, was destroyed by an early morning fire last week.
The Neill place, more recently known as the Old Morris house, on the Boylston road had been in the family since it was built in 1838 until sold some months ago to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owens, who lived in the house at the time it burned.
This house was once a showplace; there were few to compare with its elegance when it was constructed some 115 years ago. The clay for the tall chimneys, which survived the fire, was dug from the hillside behind the house, it has been said. Inscribed on the bricks for all to see was the date, 1838.
The descendants of the house's —Turn to Page Six

Services Highlight Memorial Day Here



Two special services, one at Camp Harry H. Straus and the other at Gillespie cemetery, highlighted Memorial day in Transylvania last Saturday. At Camp Straus, Eucusta officials paid tribute to Eucustans who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, and Transylvania's fallen heroes were honored at the special service in Gillespie cemetery, which is pictured above. The principal speaker was N. H. Colkisson, inset, vice president of Eucusta in charge of the Olin cellophane division. Memorial week end was quietly observed in Transylvania with no accidents being reported. (Photos by Russell)

JULY 6 IS DATE OF CHANGE, WILL BE 3 YEARS OLD

President Expresses Pleasure In Becoming Associated With Oldest Network

PROGRAMS REVIEWED

Radio station WPNF will become an affiliate of the National Broadcasting company on Monday, July 6, President Ed M. Anderson announces.
That day WPNF will observe its third anniversary and as a birthday present to its listeners the station is going NBC.
WPNF will be the sixth NBC station in North Carolina and it is believed that Brevard will be the smallest NBC community in the nation.
The National Broadcasting company is the world's oldest network. It was established in 1926, twenty-seven years ago. It is a subsidiary of RCA and has 202 affiliates.
For many years NBC programs have been tops and today the network has many of the nation's favorite shows. These include the Bob Hope show, One Man's Family, the Railroad Hour, the Voice of Firestone, the Telephone Hour, Band of America, Dinah Shore, the Red Skelton Show, Fibber McGee and Molly, Two for the Money, Great Gilday, Groucho Marx Show, The Big Story, Dangerous Assignment, Sammy Kaye, Truth and Consequences, Best Plays, Grand Ole Opry, Eddie Arnold, Theatre Guild of the Air, Dragnet and NBC Symphony.
For the past three years WPNF has been affiliated with the Mutual Broadcasting System and relations with MBS have been pleasant and profitable.
However, when the station was given the opportunity to join NBC, —Turn to Page Seven

Area Girl Scout Camp In County Will Be Established By Council

Site Is Located In East Fork Section. Negotiations Underway For Some Time

Positive action on the establishment of a permanent Girl Scout camp in Transylvania county was assured this week when the Pisgah area Girl Scout council voted to purchase the Macfarlane property consisting of 131 acres of cleared land, woodland and lake.

This means that a permanent camp for use the year-round by Girl Scouts in the eight-county group will be established here as soon as possible.

Negotiations had been underway for some time and a survey was conducted by the scout camping committee with funds being supplied by the Brevard chamber of commerce.

The property is located off the East Fork road, eight miles west of Brevard. There are no buildings except a barn and a small caretaker's house now on the property. The camping committee suggests that development be started immediately along simple, inexpensive lines. It will be necessary to drill a well and maintain a reservoir of 1,000 gallon pressure tank.

The purchase price of the property has been disclosed as \$4,300, with \$1,300 to be paid down and the remainder financed. The council now has available approximately \$3,400 which can go into the camp.

Brevard leaders and the chamber of commerce have cooperated with —Turn to Page Twelve

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 4th — WMU of First Baptist church, 3:30 in church. Presbyterian and Methodist women's circles meet. St. Ann's guild, Episcopal church, with Mrs. Smith Conklin, 8 o'clock. Lions club meets in Gaither's Rhododendron room, 7 p. m.
Friday, June 5th — Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 7 p. m. Square dance at the American Legion building, 8:30 o'clock.
Saturday, June 6th — Double header at Camp Straus, beginning at 2 p. m. Arthur Smith show in Brevard high school auditorium, 8 o'clock.
Sunday, June 7th — Attend the church of your choice.
Monday, June 8th — Red Cross —Turn to Page Twelve

Brittain Renamed To Head Unit Of Independent Businesses Here

W. W. Brittain, B & B Feed & Seed Co., has been reappointed to act as district chairman for the Brevard chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, Inc., it was announced by Don Schiman, district manager for the business organization in the 12th congressional district of North Carolina.

Thirty local independent business and professional men support the local chapter and have been recently contacted by Mr. Schiman whereupon he reported to them on

Charter Presented Scout Troop No. 2

The charter for Boy Scout Troop No. 2, which is sponsored by the Baraca class of the First Baptist church, was presented to the class president, Charles Himes, by Charles Moore, the first scoutmaster of the troop.

The presentation was made at a meeting of the Men's Fellowship club of the church Tuesday night in Gaither's Rhododendron room. Members of the troop were guests of the club at the meeting.
Charles Dunlop, chairman of the Transylvania district of Boy Scouts of America, also attended the meeting and presented various awards.

Arthur Smith, Cracker-Jacks To Hold Talent Hunt Show Saturday, June 6

Final plans for the appearance of Arthur Smith and His Cracker-Jacks at the Brevard high school auditorium on Saturday night, June 6, are being completed, and all indications point to a good crowd attending.

The big show, in which 16 local singers and musicians will compete for appearance on the Smith television program, will get underway at 8:15 o'clock, and all persons are urged to come early and get a good seat.

This TV talent hunt is being sponsored here by the Transylvania

the accomplishments and activities over the past several months of the nation-wide organization whose main object is to give the independent business and professional men of the nation representation in the halls of congress.

Mr. Schiman points out that the federation aided in the early part of the year in getting the small business committees of the congress back in operation and will be attempting in the future to get the house small business committee —Turn to Page Twelve

Early Response To 1953 Brevard Music Festival Is Reported Good

Response thus far to the drive for memberships in the 1953 Brevard Music Festival has been good and officials express pleasure over the number who have already signed up for this, the South's number one musical event of the summer season.

Mrs. E. O. Bryant, membership chairman, is being assisted in the campaign by a number of volunteers. The entire festival committee has been working with her as well as Mrs. Arthur Loebe, Mrs. Duncan Hunter, Mrs. Henry Car-

rier, Mrs. Julius Sader, Mrs. William Kirk and Jerry Jerome.

Other volunteers are expected to join this group, not only in Brevard but in nearby towns as well. A large number of the festival memberships each season are sold outside Brevard.

"But it is the support of our hometown and county that is important to the festival," Mrs. Bryant pointed out. "This is a community project and we want and need the local support," she stated further.

Tickets to this important musical series will be mailed out in July.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS BUDGET

Road Is Approved To Adoption To State System. Invitation To Buchanan

Transylvania's county commissioners studied requests of various county departments relating to the 1953-54 budget at the regular meeting Monday morning in the court house.

Discussion will be continued, Chairman Freeman Hayes states, and the budget will be opened for public inspection on June 30.

The commissioners approved one road in the Cathey's Creek section for adoption to the state system, and they also approved a petition to have another road in the same community taken off the system.

The road approved is known as the Sumney road and runs from the Gene Wilson residence to the Mrs. Doris McCall place for a distance of one-quarter miles. The road taken off the system was the Sweat Ford road.

The commissioners have invited Harry Buchanan, new district highway commissioner for this area, to join this group in the future and discuss the road situation in Transylvania.

Forest Fires Believed To Have Been Set By Prisoner Making Getaway

An extensive search is being continued in Transylvania for a convict who escaped from a road crew in North Brevard on Monday morning.

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The escapee is age 30, height 5 feet, nine inches tall and weight about 175 pounds. His hair is black and wavy. When he made his getaway, he was wearing brown prison pants, a tan shirt with a green sweat shirt underneath.

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WPNF Program Highlights

Mutual's "Game Of The Day" To Come From Columbia On Friday

Transylvania sports fans will be listening to WPNF's "Game of the Day" on Friday to get a first hand report on "Boss" Stamey, leading slugger of the Columbia, S. C., nine, which will play against Jacksonville, Fla.
A former star baseballer with Brevard high and Eucusta, Stamey is doing mighty well for himself at Columbia, and the regular "Sally" league game on Friday will be carried over WPNF. Game time is 1:25 o'clock.

CONTINUE SEARCH IN COUNTY FOR ESCAPED CONVICT

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Students Will Arrive This Week End. Variety Of Courses Offered

The 1953 summer school term at Brevard college opens on Monday, President Robert H. Stamey announces.

Students will arrive on Saturday and Sunday, and registration will be held on Monday.

"We are looking forward to a very successful summer school, since many students have expressed a desire to enroll," school officials said yesterday. In addition to college courses, pre-college work will also be offered.

A good many local students will take high school math and English, and others are invited to do so," J. Stevenson, dean of summer school, says.

College work offered includes: art, English, math, music, psychology, education, religion and social science.

The women will be housed in the new dormitory, while the men will stay in dormitory K, where Mrs. B. H. Rainville is the house mother.

Among the students to arrive on Saturday is Harry H. Cho, a Korean student, Dean Stevenson says.

Fees for the summer school term are as follows: tuition and general —Turn to Page Seven

JAYCEES INSTALL OFFICERS AT MEET

New Jaycette Group Also Takes Office. State President In Charge

New officers of the Brevard junior chamber of commerce were installed at the last regular meeting of the local club in Gaither's Rhododendron room.

Gene Ochseneiter, state president, was in charge of the installation, and afterwards, officers of the Brevard Jayceettes were also installed.

Dr. Frank E. McGuire, Brevard optometrist, is the new Jaycee president, succeeding Robert Melton. Other officers are: Oscar Smith, first vice president; Bob Gash, secretary. —Turn to Page Seven

Swimming Pool To Open Next Monday

The municipal swimming pool in Franklin park will open on Monday, June 5.

Again this summer the pool will be operated by the Monroe Wilson post of the American Legion, and no charge will be made for children up to 18 years of age.

C. F. Misenerheimer, who was in charge last year, will again direct activities at the pool. Two life guards will be on duty at all times.

On Monday, Milwaukee - New York Giant game from the Polo Grounds at 1:15 p. m.; Tuesday, Cincinnati - Brooklyn also at 1:15 p. m.; on Wednesday at 1:25 the Philadelphia Athletics - Chicago —Turn to Page Twelve