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First '53 Cuttings On Carolinas' Largest Gladioli Farm



ALEXANDER P. THOMAS, left, the largest grower of gladioli in the Western Carolinas, is pictured above with the first cuttings of the 1953 season from his beautiful 1800-acre farm in lower Transylvania. At the right is W. P. WOOTEN, who supervises operations at the farm, where this year more than 28 million gladioli bulbs have been planted. Mr. Thomas also owns and operates a huge gladioli farm in Cocoa, Florida. Last year he shipped more than 400,000 dozen glads to all parts of the nation, and he expects to have an even better season this year. In addition to glads, Mr. Thomas also raises sweet and field corn and peppers. (Times Staff Photo)

Seeking Improvement Of Scenic Route From Wagon Road Gap To Mt. Pisgah

Official Action Is Taken By North Carolina Park Commission In Session Tues.

Official request has been made by the North Carolina Park commission to the state highway department and the United States Forest Service for improvement of the Wagon Road Gap-Mt. Pisgah road.

Official action was taken by the commission at its annual meeting in Waynesville Tuesday, after it was shown by a survey recently made that travel had materially increased to Mt. Pisgah, and that Pisgah Forest Inn was also attracting visitors for meals and lodging.

Seven miles of the road have been graded and widened from Wagon Road Gap to Cats Head Gap, where the paved link of NC temporary 112 connects through Candler to US 19 and 23 near West Asheville.

The commission in its resolution to the state and forest service set forth that Mt. Pisgah is one of the major tourist attractions in this area, and that with a little work the area would be made available to thousands of visitors annually, in addition to serving as fire protection artery.

Last year considerable temporary work was done by the combined effort of the forest service and the highway commission, but it was pointed out by the park commission that an all-weather surface would be most desirable, and would be a paying proposition to the state in the return of gasoline tax.

The Brevard chamber of commerce and other civic groups have been interested in the road, most of which lies in Transylvania, for more than a year, and official request has also been sent to the highway department from the local chamber.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, June 25 — Registration for life saving course, municipal pool. Masonic meeting in temple at 8 p. m.
- Friday, June 26 — Concert at Transylvania Music camp, 8:15 p. m. Square dance in American Legion building, 8:30 p. m.
- Saturday, June 27 — Last day to register for special election. Elks Little League, 10 a. m. Protest parade, 10 a. m. Pops concert at Brevard college, 8:15 p. m.
- Sunday, June 28 — Attend the church of your choice. Special service. First Methodist church, 8 p. m.
- Monday, June 29 — Rotary club meets at Gaither's Rhododendron —Turn to Page Five

Principals And Teachers Elected, Few Vacancies Yet To Be Filled

Principals and teachers for Transylvania's schools for the 1953-'54 term are announced today by Supt. J. B. Jones.

The county is expected to get at least one additional teacher for the next year, giving Transylvania a total of 118, Mr. Jones states.

There are still a few vacancies in some of the smaller schools, and these are expected to be filled in the near future, he continues.

R. T. Kintzey is principal of district No. 1, and E. F. Tilton is principal of district No. 2. F. B. Cudd will again serve as principal at Brevard elementary; Carroll R. Merrill, at Penrose; Miss Annie May Patton at Pis-

gah Forest; Mrs. Thelma Ferguson at Selma; Albert C. Shuford at Straus; Miss Geneva Paxton at Rosman elementary; C. S. McCall at Lake Toxaway; and Ethelwyn K. Mills, Rosenwald.

The retirement of Miss Sallie S. Merrill, who taught in Transylvania schools for some 40 years is announced today by Supt. Jones.

The resignations of the following teachers are also an-

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Now Completing Plans For The 2nd Sylvan Valley Folk Festival

Outstanding Artists From All Parts Of WNC Will Participate

Plans for the second annual Sylvan Valley folk festival are now nearing completion, Burder Teague the general chairman, announces today.

Sponsored by the Brevard junior chamber of commerce, the festival is to be held on the nights of July 2nd, 3rd and 4th on the Brevard high school athletic field. Time each evening will be 7:30 o'clock.

The folk festival will feature three nights of varied folk entertainment, including square dancing, string bands, quartets, acrobats, ventriloquists, ballad singers and many individual performers.

A pageant will be held with competition for the title "Miss Brevard" and a chance to represent Transylvania in the state contest.

The Jaycees, who are sponsoring the Miss Brevard pageant in conjunction with the folk festival, have secured Miss Barbara Harris.

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Fire Inspectors Surveying Brevard

A group of seven men employed by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating bureau are in Brevard this week inspecting all buildings with the exception of those housing four families or less.

Their data will be compiled in a new publication of all fire insurance rates.

The men are stopping at the Pierce-Moore hotel and remarked that they are enjoying their stay and local hospitality.

AUSTIN TRAVELS, STUDIES FOR TWO YEARS IN EUROPE

Returns To Home Here. Relates Many Experiences On Foreign Tour

By STAFF WRITER

"We traveled over most of Western Europe on motorcycles clad in jeans, and even on the continent, where oddities are not unusual, crowds gathered and gaped at us three American girls when we would first enter a town," Joan Austin said with a chuckle, as she described the highlight tour of her almost two year's stay in France.

Miss Austin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Austin of Brevard. She has now returned home after studying at the University of Grenoble, one year on a Fulbright scholarship and another on papa's scholarship.

With such wonderful experiences and a vast storehouse of knowledge gained through her French visit, it's not surprising

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WILL HONOR TWO MASONS THURSDAY

Clement And English To Receive 50-Year Continuous Membership Pins

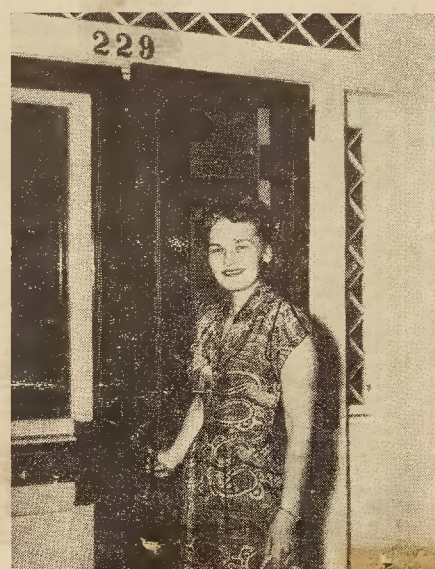
Two outstanding awards will be presented to two members of the Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge on Thursday night, June 25, at 8:00 o'clock in the Masonic temple on East Main street. This announcement comes from Theodore L. McCrary, the worshipful master.

F. D. Clement, formerly of Brevard and now a resident in Mt. Dora, Fla., and D. L. English, of Brevard, will receive 50-year continuous membership buttons.

Mr. Clement, who was made a Master Mason on April 16, 1903,

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Back Home At 229 Caldwell Street

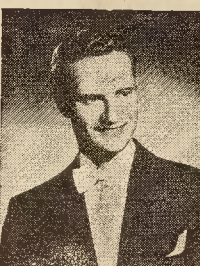


JOAN AUSTIN, who has spent nearly two years studying in France and touring Europe, is all smiles over being back home at 229 Caldwell street. Miss Austin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Austin, was granted a Fulbright scholarship for study at the University of Grenoble. After its expiration she continued for another year of work and travel, visiting most of the countries of Western Europe. (Times Staff Photo)

"Pops" Concert Is Planned At Brevard College Saturday Night

Sings Here Sunday

Public Cordially Invited To Attend. Camp Programs Are Listed



LEE CASS, bass-baritone, winner of the 1953 Walter W. Naumburg Musical Foundation award, will be the featured soloist at the fourth Transylvania Music camp concert on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The young artist made his debut in New York last November and was enthusiastically received at a recital this spring at the National Gallery in Washington, D. C.

Robert L. Stamey, president of Brevard college, and James Christian Pfuhl, music director of Transylvania Music camp and the Brevard Music Foundation, have announced a free Pops concert to be given by the Transylvania Faculty-Staff orchestra at Brevard college this Saturday for the enjoyment of music lovers in the community.

The concert, jointly sponsored by Brevard college and the Brevard Music Foundation, will be given at 8:15 on the Brevard college campus. Open house will be held in the reception room of the new dormitory of the college following the concert, and refreshments will be served.

In event of rain, the concert will be given in the college gymnasium. There will be no admission charge, and all are cordially invited to attend and to bring their families.

Cass Sings Sunday
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To Stage Protest Parade Here On Saturday Morning, Begins At 10

A parade, to protest the return of the legal sale of beer to Brevard, will be staged Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock on the high school athletic field.

Heading the parade will be the preachers of the county, with Rev. S. B. McCall, as chairman.

In an announcement this week, Mr. McCall points out that the county people should have a voice in affairs of the town since many of the high school children from out in the county go to school here and Brevard is the principal trading area for people out in the county. He also said the people out in the county were interested in

building a greater Brevard.

Rev. F. T. Rose, who announced plans for the parade last week, said there would be banners showing the name of each church or community represented.

INFANT RITES HELD

Graveside rites were held for Patricia Lynn Ball, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ball, at Oak Grove Baptist church cemetery last Friday, June 19, at 3 o'clock. Rev. L. B. Vaughn officiated.

Survivors include the parents and several aunts and uncles. Moore funeral home was in charge.

RECORD NUMBER VISITING HERE, AREA IS FAMOUS

Commerce Secretary Says Inquiries In Office Are Increasing

WELCOMING EDITION

This week officials of the town of Brevard, county of Transylvania and heads of civic organizations issue a most cordial welcome to the hundreds of campers and summer visitors as the 1953 tourist season is officially opened.

It is with the glad hand of friendship that they roll out the welcome mat to this beautiful land of lakes and waterfalls, which is recognized as a "mecca for summer camps."

Through the columns of the Transylvania Times this week many merchants and others are welcoming the campers and other visitors to town. Publisher Ed M. Anderson urges all readers to especially note the write-ups on the various camps.

From all indications, this summer will be a peak year in tourist business, and already thousands of cars are seen in the great Pisgah National Forest, as people from the lowlands come up to the mountains in an effort to escape the humidity and to see this famed wonderland of nature.

Business Better

Mrs. John Ford, the executive secretary of the Brevard chamber of commerce, states that approximately 40 per cent more inquiries are being received in her office over last year.

Drug stores, eating establishments, hotels, inns, etc., in the county, also report a sharp increase in the tourist business.

Freeman Hayes, chairman of the Transylvania county board of commissioners, John A. Ford, mayor

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HEALTH OFFICER ADVISES PARENTS

Dr. Sanders Suggests Precautions Against Polio And Childhood Diseases

Daily afternoon rest for all children was prescribed today by Dr. J. H. Sanders, Transylvania county health officer, as a precaution against over-tiredness which leaves the child susceptible to childhood diseases.

One of the major concerns of parents in the summer is polio. Rest and proper foods are two of the most important factors in keeping the child's level of resistance high against all childhood diseases, Dr. Sanders said.

Speaking specifically in regard to polio, Dr. Sanders called on parents to guard children from exposing them to excessive sun or heat. Parents should pay particular attention to diet to see that all the basic food needs are supplied.

Dr. Sanders advised that children avoid new associates and con-

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Saturday Is Last Day To Register For Beer Election

Saturday, June 27, is the last day to register in the special beer election to be held in the town of Brevard on July 7.

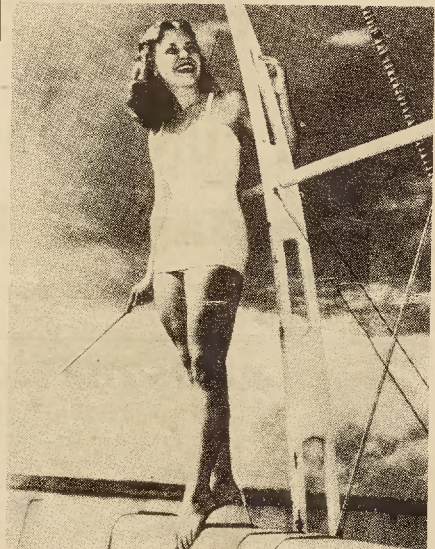
Saturday, July 4, will be challenge day.

Registration will be held at the city hall from 9:00 o'clock in the morning until 6:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, George Justus, the registrar, announces.

On June 13, the first registration period for the special election, 195 persons were added to the books, and registration last Saturday was 154.

Mr. Justus reminds all persons —Turn to Page Four

Miss North Carolina To Reign Over Pageant



MISS BARBARA HARRIS, of Salisbury, Miss North Carolina of 1952-'53, will reign over the Miss Brevard pageant, which will be held in conjunction with the Sylvan Valley Folk Festival. The gigantic event, sponsored by the Brevard Jaycees, will be staged on the Brevard high school athletic field on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.