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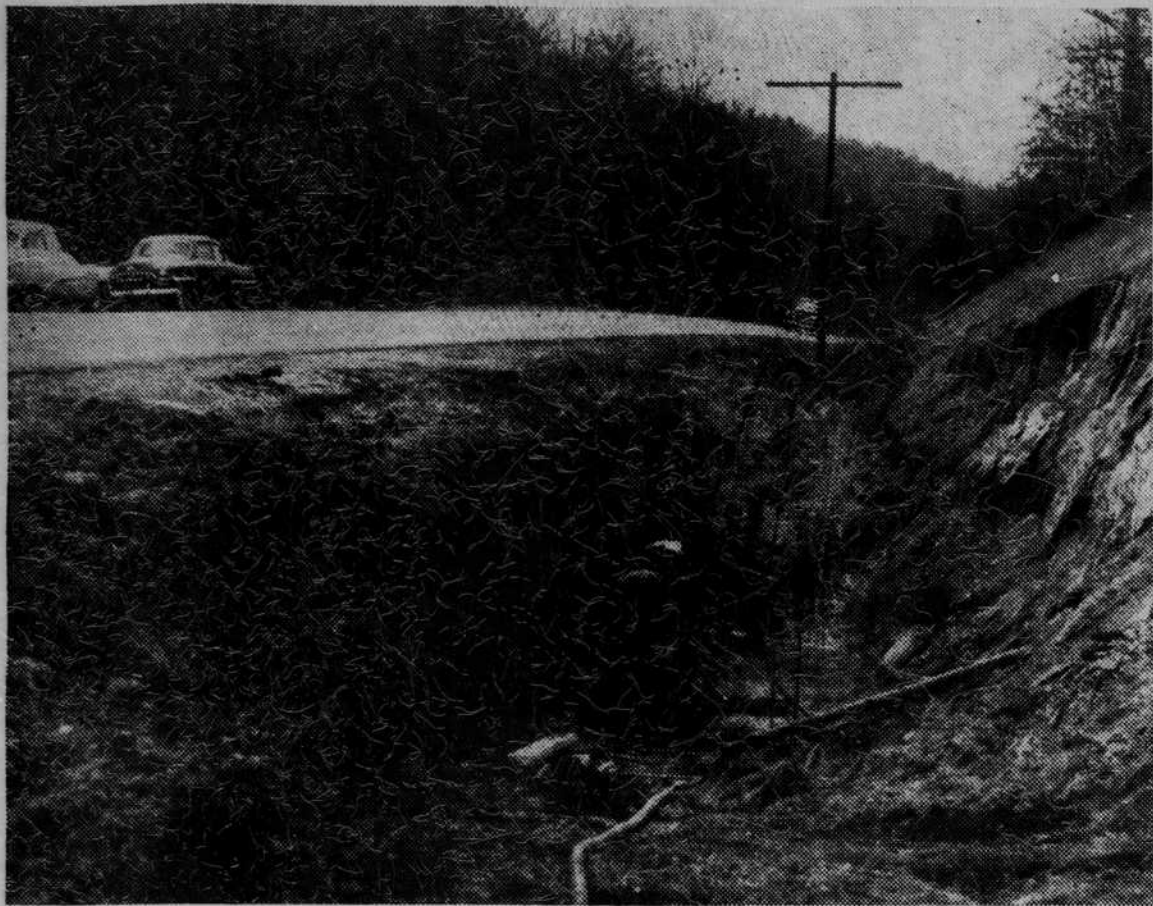
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Drilling For Manganese Ore On Highway 280



Shown above is a view of the mining activity on the Boylston highway, No. 280, where manganese ore of the purest quality has been found on the property of Mrs. R. L. Lobdell just past Little Mountain. Inside the excavation in the foreground is a complicated piece of drilling equipment which has a diamond point, permitting it to go more than a mile beneath the earth's surface. F. Y. Horner who is in charge of the prospecting feels optimistic over the possibilities of mining the ore after seeing detailed reports from his geologists. (Times Staff Photo)

Again Prospecting For Manganese In Transylvania, Reports Are Favorable

Work Now Going On Six Miles From Brevard Just Off Boylston Highway

By STAFF WRITER
In the past few weeks hundreds of inquisitive people have stopped about six miles out on the Boylston road traveling toward Asheville to satisfy their curiosity by finding out what was going on.

A large pit on one side of the highway and numerous excavations on the other give proof to the fact that prospecting for manganese is still flourishing with great activity. F. Y. Horner, formerly a West Virginia legislator, who is in charge of the prospecting, has an optimistic smile on his face this week after looking over the geologist's latest findings.

He reports that the manganese ore they have found on this property belonging to Mrs. R. L. Lobdell is of the finest quality.

Mr. Horner and his crew have recently had in operation a diamond-point drill which can go more than a mile beneath the surface of the earth. The drill has hit manganese as well as extremely hard rock which is locally called "Brevard schist."

Earlier prospecting by the Eastern Manganese company, of Charleston, W. Va., revealed that manganese ore was to be found on the Lobdell property. After some excavating this company abandoned plans for mining. Mr. Horner succeeded this group and seems to feel there is sufficient ore to warrant continuance of plans for mining. He calls the manganese ore —Turn to Page Four

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 4 — WMS of First Baptist church have home mission course, 10 a. m. St. Philip's auxiliary meets with Mrs. H. R. Bobst, 3 p. m. Alcoholics Anonymous meet at 7:30 in Tinsley building.

Friday, March 5 — World Day of Prayer, Presbyterian church, 3:30. Bridge at Gaither's Rhododendron room, 8 p. m. WOW turkey shoot in hall, 8 p. m.

Sunday, March 7 — Attend the church of your choice. Girl Scout Sunday. Power interruption 2 to 4 p. m.
Monday, March 8 — DAR meets at 3:30 with Mrs. J. M. Allison. Brevard P-TA to hear J. B. Jones speak, 8 p. m., school cafeteria.

Tuesday, March 9 — Fidelis class meets with Mrs. Clayton Gardner, 8 p. m.

Wednesday, March 10 — Evening unit of League of Women voters, Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, 8 p. m. WOW meets in hall at 8 p. m.

Plea For Funds

'54 Red Cross Roll Call Is Now Underway, Chairman Optimistic

With a goal of \$5,000, the annual Red Cross Roll Call in Transylvania county is now underway.

According to Charles L. Russell, the funds raising chairman, solicitation in industry is progressing on schedule.

Business houses in the town and county will be solicited on Friday and Saturday, Mr. Russell says, and he again urges the public to give as generously as possible.

With the need for Red Cross work greater than ever, the chairman points out that it is of utmost importance that more individuals contribute this year than ever before.

Transylvania has never failed to go "over the top" in a Red Cross campaign, and the Transylvania chapter is recognized as one of the most active in the South.

March roared in like a lion Sunday night as heavy rains, high winds and snow flurries hit the area.

However, Monday's sun brought spring weather again to Transylvania.

Snow in adjoining counties Sunday night ranged up to nine inches, but only a slight trace could be noted in the county Monday morning.

Forestry officials report six to eight inches on the upper slopes of the Pisgah National Forest, but it quickly melted away when the sun came out. However, more wintry weather is expected in Transylvania and throughout Western North Carolina as another cold wave is slowly moving across the southern states on its way to the Atlantic. The full force of the blast is due here some time Thursday, snow flurries and low temperatures are expected.

WPNF Program Revue

Radio Program Is One Of Highlight Features Of Girl Scout Week Here

Among the special events being planned here by the Girl Scouts during the 42nd birthday observance is a special radio program over WPNF on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

Since there is considerable interest in the Girl Scout movement here and with many local girls slated to be heard on the program, Jack Hammette, station manager, urges all Transylvanians to hear Saturday's show.

Of special interest to local citizens is another program over WPNF on Thursday night, when

Dr. C. L. Newland announces today that Dr. C. G. Gunn, Jr., of Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, will join him in practice here July 1st.

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Will Adopt "Courtesy Parking" Plan March 15, Details Given

On March 15th the town board of aldermen and the merchants' division of the Brevard chamber of commerce are going to adopt a "courtesy parking plan."

A special fund is being set up by the merchants, and when the plan goes into effect, the officer will drop a nickel in meters where there are violators instead of giving a ticket.

A courtesy notice will be placed on the windshield of the overparked cars, asking the drivers to return the nickel, or more, to any merchant.

The plan was presented to the board of aldermen Monday night at the regular March meeting, by Robert H. Plummer, head of the merchants' division, and D. T. Aber-

crombie, president of the chamber of commerce. A delegation of merchants also appeared with the two men, and it was explained that the plan would increase parking meter revenue and create goodwill between the merchants and the motoring public.

Mr. Plummer presented newspaper articles which told of the success of the plan in other communities. It will be given a trial period in Brevard from March 15 until June 15th. The full cooperation of the public is requested by the merchants' division and the town board.

The officials of the merchants' group and the chamber of commerce point out that if the nickels aren't returned to the fund, it will be necessary to again resort to \$1.00 fines.

The schedule for the Civic hour for the coming week is as follows: Friday, Brevard chamber of commerce; Monday, Rotary club and Wednesday, Lions club.

On the Farm and Home hour for the coming week the schedule is as follows: Thursday, Transylvania Beekeepers; Friday, State college extension forestry, Fred E. Whitfield; Monday, county agent's office —Turn to Page Five

Shuford Expects Approval Of Funds To Surface Blue Ridge Parkway Link

OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SET

Special Program Will Be Held Friday At The Presbyterian Church

Women from Brevard and other communities throughout the county will join together this Friday, March 5, at 3:30 o'clock for the annual World Day of Prayer Service in the Presbyterian church.

At the same time women from all over the world will be uniting in a prayer service based on the theme, "That They May Have Life."

The program will be given by delegates from women's organizations of the First Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches.

This service, which is held on the first Friday in Lent, began in the Presbyterian church in 1887 and became the World Day of Prayer for women of all denominations in 1927. It is now sponsored by the division of foreign missions of the National Council of Churches. Each year women from a different —Turn to Page Four

DR. GUNN TO JOIN LOCAL PHYSICIAN

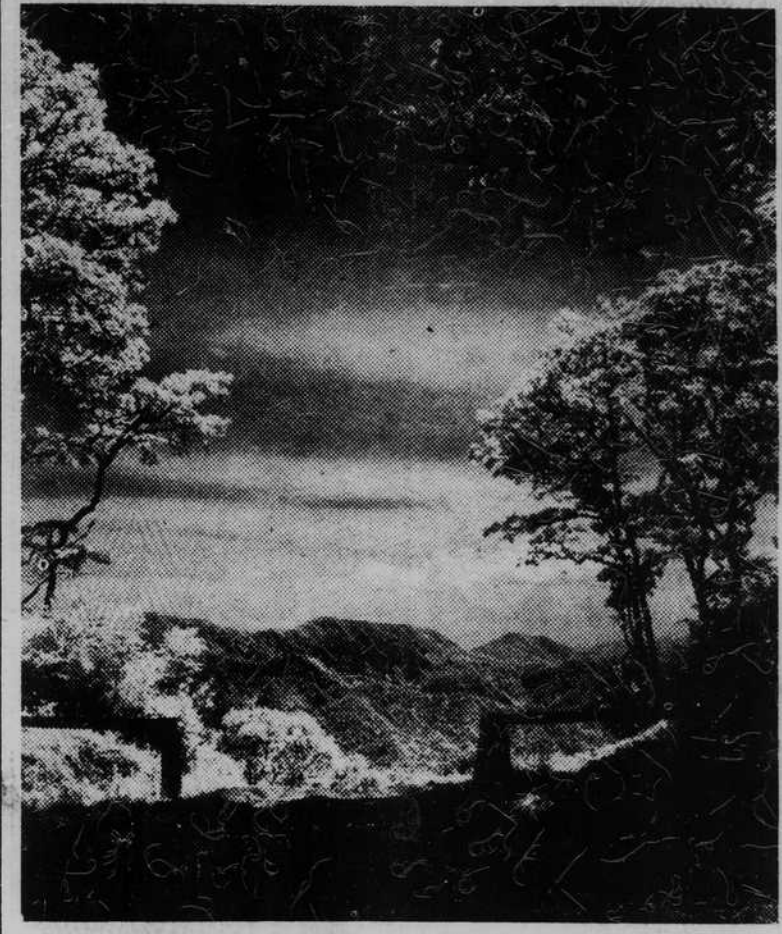
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Parkway Affords Winter Wonderland Scene



Latest reports confirm the rumor that there is a good possibility of the 11-mile Parkway stretch in Pisgah National Forest being hard-surfaced, and Representative George Shuford is optimistic over receiving funds for this work. Snow flurries on the higher slopes of the Pisgah are currently making this scenic link a veritable winter wonderland.

Appropriations Of School Board To Follow Recommendation From Survey Made By Peabody Group

LITTLE THEATRE SELECTING CAST FOR PRODUCTION

Several Roles Filled Monday Night. Rehearsals Begin Next Week

Most of the roles for the Brevard Little Theatre comedy, "January Thaw," slated for spring production, were cast following try-outs Monday night in the court house.

Gunther Baldauf, Brevard Little Theatre president, thanked all who read for roles, and he especially thanked the many mothers who brought children to try out for the two juvenile parts.

He also asked that anyone who did not return their play book do so as soon as possible since all of them are needed by the cast.

The list of characters selected Monday night are as follows: Freda, the maid, Mrs. Barbara Jones; Sarah Gage, Nancy Jane Norlander; Paula Gage, Sandra Bridges; Marge, the mother, Mrs. Carolyn Eller; Barbara Gage, Betty Gardner; George Husted, Keith Parker; Matilda Rockwood, Mrs. Nola Brennan; Mr. Loomis, Hale Chamberlain; Matt Rockwood, Ernest Gil —Turn to Page Four

Rosman Delegation Requests Gymnasium. Several Visitors At Meeting

The Transylvania board of education held a lengthy session Monday night here in the office of the superintendent in the court house. A number of visitors attended the meeting and chairman, Dr. J. F. Zachary, presided.

Following a discussion of needs in the various schools, the board decided to wait for the recommendations of the Division of Surveys, Peabody college, before making any plans to spend the bond money which Transylvania will receive.

The Peabody survey will include recommendations as to the order of the expenditure for classrooms, shops, laboratories, gymnasiums, etc.

It is estimated that this county will get slightly over a quarter million dollars from the recent bond issue for school expansion.

A delegation from Rosman appeared before the board in the interest of a gymnasium for the school. The chairman assured the group that the board realized the need for the gym and was extremely interested in gymnasiums, both for Rosman and Brevard. He said that it was a matter of money for school and other needs. It was pointed out that the Pea —Turn to Page Four

\$280,000 ASKED FOR PROJECT, TO REPAIR TUNNELS

Contractors Will Complete "Roughing Out" Route when Weather Breaks

MAJOR SCENIC ASSET

Present indications point to completion of the Parkway link from Wagon Road Gap to Beech Gap in Pisgah National Forest, thereby giving Transylvania and this section of the Western Carolinas one of the most scenic routes in Eastern America, it was learned here this week.

Representative George A. Shuford feels optimistic that he will receive favorable reaction to his request for \$280,000 to surface this route and to make necessary repairs to the Beech Gap tunnels.

As soon as the winter weather breaks, the Clements Construction company, of Lenoir, will completely "rough out" this link to the Beech Gap road, making it possible for motorists to travel from Wagon Road Gap over the 11-mile scenic stretch and back to Highway 276 at Bethel.

Richard Queen, secretary to Congressman Shuford, was in Brevard Monday and he said the House Appropriations committee and the interior sub-committee had given them a most favorable reception.

Congressman Shuford explained to the committees that thousands and thousands of dollars would go to roughing out the 11-mile link were not surfaced and necessary repair work done to the tunnels. He pointed out that the tunnels were built during the war, and that engineers now report the weather is wearing away some of the walls, and that lining is necessary.

Forestry officials and civic leaders here are unanimous in their opinion that the route is unequalled in spectacular beauty. It runs from Wagon Road Gap atop the Pisgah ledge, past Green Knob Overlook and Yellowstone falls, Silver Mine Bald and Devil's Court House to —Turn to Page Five

TOWN BOARD HAS A BUSY SESSION

Taxi Rate Schedule Approved. Norton Is New Watershed Patrolman

Uniform taxi rates will be charged by taxi operators in Brevard, it was decided at the March meeting of the town board of aldermen Monday night.

The owners of the different taxi concerns in the town presented the board with a schedule of rates, which was approved by the aldermen.

David Norton was employed by the board as watershed patrolman, succeeding H. V. Smith, resigned. At the request of a delegation of teachers from the Brevard schools, the aldermen decided to do away with two hour parking on Morgan and Gaston streets.

A request for regulation of parking and traffic on Whitmire street was referred by the board to the street committee.

Carroll Merrill presented the —Turn to Page Four

Power Interruption Two Hours Sunday

The Duke Power Co. office here has given notice of a power interruption from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday, March 7, on the Rosman highway, at Rosman, and on the REA lines south and west of Rosman.

J. M. Gaines, manager, explained that this was necessary in order to do some work which could not be accomplished while the current was on.

If the weather is cold or rainy, the work will be done on the next suitable Sunday afternoon, he stated.

Power in Brevard will not be affected, Mr. Gaines said.

GOP In Sessions

Republicans Name Executive Group, Hamlin Chosen District Chairman

Transylvania Republicans will hold their county convention on Saturday, April 10, at 2:00 o'clock in the court house here.

At a meeting of the precinct delegates and other Republican leaders here last Saturday afternoon, members of the executive committee were elected. Lewis P. Hamlin, the chairman, presided over the convention and some 50 persons attended.

Of the 19 precincts, 15 were represented at Saturday's convention, and the following were named to —Turn to Page Four

Purchase Orders For Cover Crops Now Being Issued

Marvin W. Whitmire, chairman of the Transylvania county ASC committee, has announced today that purchase orders are now being issued under the 1954 ACP program.

The purchase orders cover conservation materials to be used in the establishment or improvement of a permanent vegetative cover.

The following materials are available: ladino clover, orchard grass, fescue, mixed fertilizer, and ground limestone. Farmers are urged to call by the ASC office in the court house and receive their purchase orders.