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TRANSYLVANIA'S FIRST BABY of 1955 is shown above shortly after his arrival at 6:33 last Saturday morning in the Transylvania Community hospital. He is Johnny Ray Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall, who reside on Caldwell street here in Brevard. Dr. Jul-

ius Sader was the attending physician, and Nurse Azilea Watson can be noted at the left. The baby and his parents received many fine prizes in contests conducted by The Times and WPNF. These are listed in a story on the back page, second section. (Times Staff Photo)

Two Men Perish In Early Morning Fire Tuesday In The Cherryfield Section

DR. ZACHARY GETS PRINCIPAL AWARD IN PRIZE MONEY

Total Of \$1,000 Is Divided Among 11 People; Successful Trade Event Ends

Dr. J. F. Zachary, of Brevard, won the grand award of \$250.00 in prize money Tuesday afternoon, when a crowd estimated at 4,000 people gathered to witness the climax to the annual trade festival, which began last October. The trade event was sponsored by the merchants' division of the Brevard chamber of commerce, of which Robert H. Plummer is chairman.

Awards of \$100.00 each were made at the same time to the following: Mrs. Charlie Patton, Sr., Mrs. Allen Smith, Mrs. Crittent Galloway, Mrs. Ernest Lance and Mrs. Odell Weaver.

The following were awarded \$50.00 each: Mrs. Henry Henderson, Mrs. Ruby Sangude, Mrs. Walter Kay, Mrs. Callie Chappell and Miss Anna Belle Allison. These awards brought to \$2,250 the amount of prize money given.

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WHEN THE BREVARD FIREMEN arrived at the Fred Whitmire residence in the Cherryfield section of Transylvania around six o'clock Tuesday morning, the above photo is what they saw. The dwelling was completely engulfed in flames, and because of the terrific heat, it was impossible for the firemen to recover the bodies of the owner of the place and Tom Bagwell until an hour or so later. Another fire photo can be found on page six, first section, in this week's Times. (Times Staff Photo)

WORST TRAGEDY IN COUNTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Rites For Bagwell Held Wednesday, Whitmire's Funeral Set Thursday

INQUEST CONTINUED

Tragedy struck early Tuesday morning in Transylvania county as two men were burned to death when a house was razed in the Cherryfield section of the county.

The men are reported to be Fred Whitmire and Tom Bagwell since they were seen together late Monday and the dwelling that was destroyed by fire belonged to Whitmire.

The bodies of the two men were burned beyond recognition. Members of the Brevard fire department and local officers combed the smoldering ruins of the fire most of Tuesday morning, trying to ascertain whether or not there were others in the house when it burned to the ground.

The blaze was discovered by a nearby neighbor, but it was impossible for him to enter the house when he made the discovery because of the terrific heat. The Brevard fire department arrived on the scene about 6:00 o'clock and the entire dwelling was engulfed in flames at that time.

The second truck was called from Brevard a little later and water was pumped from a creek some 3,000 feet away in an effort to recover the bodies in the dwelling.

All day Tuesday a steady stream of people visited the scene of the tragedy, some six miles from Brevard, near McKinney's store. This was the worst tragedy this county has experienced in several years.

Whitmire was about 45 years of age, and Bagwell, a veteran of both World Wars I and II, was about 55. Funeral services for Mr. Whitmire will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Cherryfield home.

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March Of Dimes Campaign Now In Full Swing In County, Many Events Planned

Legion To Operate Dime Board This Week. Special Envelopes Mailed Out

The annual March of Dimes campaign in Transylvania is in full swing, according to the director, J. Alvin Patterson.

The dime board will be operated on the square on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by legionnaires of the Monroe Wilson post of the American Legion, he states. On Saturday, there will also be a dime board at the bank.

Letters, containing a packet for donations, are being mailed out to hundreds of citizens throughout the county, and special requests are being made of all civic and fraternal organizations.

The Brevard Jaycees have distributed attractive *com carvis* for contributions to most of the business houses in the town and county.

Solicitations in the business section and in the industries are being planned for this week and next, and Director Patterson urges all citizens to cooperate to the limit this year in the battle against polio.

Many other events are being planned this month, and the director feels that if every citizen in every community will do his or her part, the goal will again be subscribed.

P-TA At Elementary School Here To Meet

The Brevard elementary P-TA will meet Monday night, January 10th, at 8:00 o'clock in the school auditorium.

L. F. Dixon, the general manager of the paper division of Ecusta, will be the principal speaker on the program, and all parents are urged to attend.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 6 — Methodist and Presbyterian women's circles meet, also guilds of St. Philip's Episcopal church. Lions club meets at 7 p. m. at Gaither's. Cub pack meets at Methodist church at 7:15 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 7 — Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 7 p. m. Ace of Clubs meets at Gaither's, 7:45 p. m.

Sunday, Jan. 9 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Jan. 10 — DAR meets with Mrs. Robert N. Hill III at 3 p. m. Shrine club meets at Gaither's at 7 p. m. Rotary club meets at Gaither's, 7 p. m. Brevard elementary P-TA meets at school at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Cemetery meeting at Gaither's, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 12 — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 8:30 p. m.

Last Call

To Award Music Scholarship To College, Deadline Nears

A talented young Transylvania musician will receive a 1955 spring semester scholarship to study at Brevard college offered in the annual award given by the Brevard Music Lovers club. Competition date has been set for Saturday, January 15, beginning at 10 a. m.

Any student in Transylvania county is eligible to compete in piano, voice or organ. The winner will be named by a group of impartial judges selected by Mrs. Robert Melton, chairman, and her committee.

Two Raids Made In County This Week On Stills

Two "moonshine" stills were captured in Transylvania this week.

Deputy Louis Gravley and ATU officers made a raid in the Cathey's Creek section on Monday and nabbed a 60-gallon sheet iron outfit that was being moved from a smokehouse into the woods.

The still was moved out Sunday night, but before the moonshiners could carry it very far into the woods, the officers found and destroyed it Monday.

On Tuesday Deputy Gravley and the Asheville ATU officers found another 60-gallon outfit in the Cedar Mountain section, and along with it, they destroyed some 300 gallons of beer. This still had been in operation for about a year and one-half, and more than a gallon of "white lightning" was taken in the raid.

No arrests were made on Monday or Tuesday.

Program Highlights

Alex Drier Being Heard Over WPNF, Other Popular Programs Are Carried

NBC's popular Alex Drier, who is called "the man on the go," is now being heard each evening, Monday through Friday, over WPNF, at 7:00 o'clock.

Jack Hammette, station manager, urges all listeners to hear this special program, which is sponsored by McCrary Auto Service and McCrary Home and Auto supply.

Mr. Drier is one of the nation's leading news commentators.

Mr. Hammette also announces that a special sports program is now being heard each evening at

Application blanks are still being accepted by the committee and may be sent to Mrs. Melton anytime prior to Friday, January 7th. Music teachers are encouraged to get their pupils to enter the competition.

Each student must play or sing two selections of his own choice. One must be by a composer of classics or romantic period and the other by a contemporary composer.

Courtesy Parking Plan Extended Another Year

After being in operation for the past nine months, the courtesy parking plan here in Brevard will be continued for another year.

This decision was reached Monday night, when a delegation from the merchants division of the

Annual Banquet Of Jaycees Postponed

The annual Jaycee banquet, planned for January 12th, has been postponed.

According to Dr. Frank McGuire, who is chairman of the DSA project, the banquet will be held at a later date and the "Man of the Year" announced at that time.

The Jaycees will hold a regular meeting next Wednesday, Dr. McGuire says. As usual, the meeting will be held in Gaither's Rhododendron room, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Other Programs

The schedule for the Farm and Home hour for the coming week is as follows: Thursday, health department, W. F. Hart; Friday, U. S. forestry, Ted Seely; Monday, county agent's office; Tuesday, Brevard

6:15 over WPNF, under the sponsorship of Ecusta. He urges all members to attend this important meeting, and he extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Shriners in the county.

FISHER NAMED MINORITY CHIEF

Hodges To Deliver Message To Joint Session Today; More Revenue Needed

Rep. Ralph R. Fisher left on Monday for Raleigh, where he was present for the opening Wednesday of the 1955 general assembly.

Mr. Fisher, who has represented Transylvania county in the house for six terms, was elected minority leader for the second time in succession and was assigned to the seat he occupied last year, number nine. There are 10 Republicans in the house.

Larry I. Moore, of Wilson, was elected speaker of the house and Senator Luther Barnhardt, of Cabarrus, was chosen president of the house.

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Local Shrine Club To Elect Officers Next Monday Night

The monthly meeting of the Transylvania Shrine club will be held Monday night in Gaither's Rhododendron room, beginning at 7:00 o'clock.

According to F. Brown Carr, the club president, the election and installation of new officers will follow the regular routine of business.

He urges all members to attend this important meeting, and he extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Shriners in the county.

Nine voting places have been designated, and J. Frank Doggett, extension soil conservation specialist from State college, Raleigh, will be here all next week to assist with the educational work in the election.

The referendum is being promoted by the Agricultural Workers council, and the chairman, Julian

Land Owners To Vote On Creation Of Soil Conservation District Here

Transylvania landowners will vote in a special referendum on January 14th on the creation of a soil conservation district in the county.

Mr. Glazener says that all persons, firms and corporations holding title to land or others who shall have contracted to purchase any lands lying within Transylvania are eligible to vote in the election.

The application declaring Transylvania as a soil conservation district has been approved by the state soil conservation group, Mr. Glazener states.

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Opposition To Toll Charges On Parkway Expressed Here

CUB SCOUT PACK WILL HOLD MEET

Four Boys Will Be Graduated Into Boy Scouting. Invitation Issued

Cub Scout Pack No. 1 will meet on Thursday night at 7:15 o'clock in the Brevard Methodist church basement room. The pack is sponsored by the Brevard Lions club and includes dens No. 1, with Mrs. R. F. Andrews and Mrs. Duncan Hunter as den mothers; No. 4 with Mrs. E. V. Morley and Mrs. Baxter Morris as den mothers; and den No. 7 with Mrs. A. M. Ream and Mrs. Edgar Loftis, Jr., as den mothers.

A special feature of this pack meeting will be the graduation of four cubs to boy scouting: Jimmy Garrett and Tommy Glazener of den No. 1, and Charles Stroup and Richard Swan, Jr., of den No. 4 will be presented with graduation certificates. These boys with their parents present will be welcomed into scouting by the scoutmasters and troop committee chairmen of the scout troop each chooses to join.

Awards will be presented to Cub Scouts qualifying for advancement. Another feature of the meeting will be the showing of the scout movie film, "The Trail to Citizenship."

All Cub Scouts and parents are urged to attend. Also since there are a few vacancies now in the dens due to this graduation those boys on the waiting list are invited to attend this pack meeting with their parents.

Cubmaster Duncan Hunter and the pack committee are very anxious to have two ladies serve as den mothers for a new den with seven boys already practically organized and ready to begin meeting.

Local Delegation To Attend Meetings In Raleigh Or Roanoke In Next Few Days

Civic leaders of Transylvania have expressed the opinion that proposed charging of toll fees on the Blue Ridge Parkway is at the outset, premature.

Chamber of commerce officials state that they are aware of the fact that the congress public laws specifically set out that "any service, benefit, or privilege furnished any person by the federal government shall be self-sustaining to the fullest extent possible . . ."

However, it is pointed out here that the Parkway is far from complete, and that no fees or charges should be expected by the government until the scenic drive is more usable.

Representatives of chamber of commerce and county are expected to attend a meeting to be held within the next few days either in Raleigh or Roanoke at which time opposition by various groups is expected to be voiced.

Proposed fees which are announced to be effective on May 1st of this year include: Auto, private, or motorcycle, \$1.00 for 15 days or \$2.00 per year. Higher rates are proposed for commercial vehicles.

It has not been clearly set out in the announcement whether the charges will apply to the 12-mile link expected to be completed in Transylvania county next spring and to the section at Soco Gap on U. S. 19 which leads to the Mile High and Heintooega Overlook areas.

C. M. Douglas, secretary of the N. C. Park Commission, stated that his group had received official notice of the fees in a letter from Washington dated Dec. 23, and that a meeting would be held by the commission to act on the proposal within a few days.

GAIN REPORTED AT POST OFFICE

Receipts For Year Over \$46,000.00. Total Of 154,725 Cards Mailed

Postal receipts at the Brevard post office for 1954 showed a gain of \$1,900.11 over the previous year with a total of \$46,599.16 for the 12-months' period, Postmaster T. Coleman Galloway announces today.

The total for 1953 was \$44,699.05. This does not include money orders, but the postmaster states that business was brisk in this department last year also.

Christmas cards during December, 1954, totalled 154,725, a gain of 987 over the previous year.

The receipts for December were also the largest of any month during the year, \$7,278.92. This was also a gain of \$523.53 over December, 1953.

Receipts at the Brevard post office by quarters last year were as follows:

March—\$9,680.58.
June—\$10,615.96.
September—\$12,351.00.
December—\$13,951.62.

To Install Officers At Kiwanis Meeting

New officers will be installed at the meeting of Brevard Kiwanis club at the meeting scheduled for Gaither's Rhododendron room on Friday evening of this week at 7 o'clock.

Joe T. Chiott, prominent Asheville realtor, civic leader and former governor of Carolinas Kiwanis district, will be in charge of the program.

The following will be installed for the year: President, Julian A. Glazener; vice president, Ernest F. Tilson; secretary, C. M. Douglas; treasurer, Melvin Gillespie; past president, Don Jenkins; directors, James F. Aycock, Joe Blackwell, Dr. Earl O. Bryant, Paul Frisk, Lewis Hamlin, Randal Lyday and Wm. H. Furnell.