



**ANOTHER TRANSYLVANIA HOME** was completely destroyed by fire, when the house of Mrs. Bernice Collins burned to the ground on the Tinsley road about 10:30 o'clock last Friday night. The above photo was made just as the firemen arrived on the scene and it can be quickly noted that it was impossible for

any part of the dwelling or any of its furnishings to be saved. This was Transylvania's second big fire of '55, the first being the Fred Whitmire place at Chenryfield on January 4th, in which two men lost their lives. No one was at home when the Collins place burned. (Times Staff Photo)

## Methodists Launch \$150,000 Building Fund Drive With Dinner Wednesday

### COUNTY FREE OF HIGHWAY DEATHS DURING YEAR '54

Patrolmen Urge That Perfect Record Not Be Broken By Carelessness

By STAFF WRITER

How many in Transylvania county who travel the highways in man's most destructive mechanism will stay alive in '55? Chances are that practically everybody who drives an automobile will, but there's no reason for Transylvania's perfect record to be broken by carelessness.

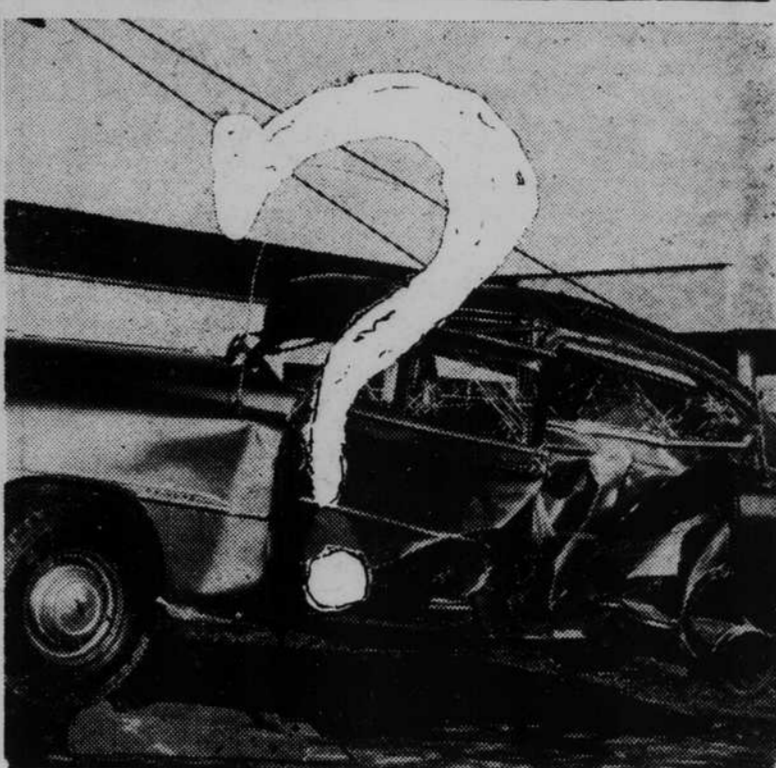
During the year 1954, not one single highway fatality occurred in this county to put a blemish on the safe driving habit that is such a source of pride to Highway Patrolmen Bill Sawyer and Jack Cabe.

Only one other county in the 22 which are included in Highway Patrol Troop E did not have a fatality charged to it — Graham county which actually did have a death. The fatal accident occurred on a private forest road and records are kept only on primary or secondary roads maintained by the highway department.

Two years ago, 1953, Transylvania had two accidents resulting in highway deaths, both of which were a little abnormal. One was caused by a woman falling from a moving car, the other a vehicle which was driven into the French Broad river.

So it looks as if Transylvania county drivers are conscious of the real meaning of the words, "highway safety." The patrolmen warn

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**WILL YOU STAY ALIVE IN '55?** Although Transylvania had a perfect record last year with no highway fatalities in this county, one of its citizens lost his life in the car above in a wreck in South Carolina. Make a New Year's resolution now to drive carefully during '55, and stay alive, Transylvania's patrolmen urge. (Times Staff Photo)

### SEVERAL HUNDRED ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND BIG EVENT

Canvass Committees Are Announced. Wells Organization Is Directing

LUTHER IN CHARGE

A loyalty dinner in the Masonic temple next Wednesday night will be the "kick-off" event of an intensive building fund drive of the Brevard Methodist church.

Several hundred persons are expected to attend the dinner, which is being sponsored by the building fund and budget canvass committees. Stress is being laid upon the fact that no charge will be made for the dinner, and there will be no solicitation of funds at any time at the meeting.

Invitations have been mailed to all members and the hostesses are following up with personal contacts.

"The dinner will afford an excellent opportunity for the entire membership of the church to gather for discussion of the building program in all its details," Rev. Douglas Corriher, the pastor, states.

The canvass is now in the organizational stage, headed by a committee of the following persons: Dr. J. F. Zachary, general chairman; Ray Hooper, canvass committee chairman; P. A. Rahn, initial gifts chairman; F. S. Best, special gifts committee chairman; Ned Medford, teams chairman; John Anderson, publications; Doyle Gillespie, arrangements chairman; Mrs. W. M. Melton, hostess chairman; R. W. Melton, canvass treasurer.

Co-hostesses for the hostess chairman are Mrs. R. H. Stamey and Mrs. H. W. Sigmon. Division chairmen are Gilbert Coan and Alfred E. Perkins. The team captains for Division A, under Alfred E. Perkins, are Thomas Ramsay, Fritz Waldrop, Harry Sellers, Sr., Jack Trantham and Dr. Frank B. McGuire, Jr. The team captains for Division B, under Gilbert Coan, are Burder Teague, A. A. Trantham, Rev. C. E. Roy, G. T. Perkins, Sr., and Harold Siniard.

The goal of the campaign as set by the committee is \$150,000, with pledges secured during this month payable over 150 weeks, starting February 7, 1955. This current canvass is an entirely new effort of the Brevard Methodist church building committee, Luke Harrison.

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### TAX BOOKS NOW IN COURT HOUSE

All Persons Are Reminded By The Supervisor To List During This Month

With tax listing time nearing the half-way mark, County Tax Supervisor Lewis Osborne urges all citizens who have not already done so to list their property, both real and personal, as soon as possible.

All the township books are now here in the office in the court house, and the office is being kept open during the lunch hour for the convenience of taxpayers.

The law requires that all property be listed during January and a penalty of 10 per cent will be imposed on all those persons failing to do so.

### Buy License Tags Now, Manager Of Motor Club Says

"Get your '55 license tags now if you haven't already done so," is the advice of Mrs. Jay Coffey, manager of the Carolina Motor club here at Coffey Buick company.

Hours are from 9:00 to 5:00 daily, and Mrs. Coffey suggests that Transylvania motorists not wait until the last day and then be forced to stand in line to purchase new licenses.

The new tags must be displayed on every vehicle by midnight, January 31st, and this year two license plates are required.

## Transylvania Landowners To Vote On Soil Conservation District Friday

County Is Last In State To Hold Referendum. Assistance Is Available

A special election will be held in Transylvania on Friday of this week on the question of organizing a soil conservation district here.

All landowners are eligible to participate in the referendum. County Agent Julian Glazener states, and nine voting places have been designated in Transylvania.

Mr. Glazener urges full participation in the election. He explains that a soil conservation district is a local organization for planning and putting into effect a program of conservation that is desired by the people.

Through the organization, the NSDA soil conservation service works with the farmers and assistance is available. Transylvania is the last county in North Carolina to organize a soil conservation district, the county agent states.

J. Frank Doggett, soil conservation specialist of State college, Raleigh, is in Transylvania this week assisting the Agricultural Workers council in educational work concerning the election.

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.

Voting places are as follows: ASC office, B & B Feed and Seed company, Farmers Federation, county agent's office, Little River community center, Dunn's Rock

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### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 13 — Fortnightly club meets, 3:30, with Mrs. B. W. Loomis. Masonic meeting in the temple at 8 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 14 — Garden club clinic at Gaither's, 10 a. m. Hospital auxiliary meets in dining room at hospital, 3 p. m. Supper and square dance at Brevard country club. Ace of Clubs meets at Gaither's, 7:45 p. m. School advisory committee meets in court house, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Jan. 15 — Brevard vs. Lees McRae, college gym, 8 p. m.

Sunday, Jan. 16 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Jan. 17 — Rotary club meets at 7 p. m. at Gaither's. VFW

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### Chief Reports

## Total Of 295 Arrests Made In Brevard During Past Year

Arrests in Brevard during 1954 averaged less than one a day, Chief E. H. Corpening announces today.

A total of 295 arrests was made, with public drunkenness heading the list. On this charge, 212 persons were arrested.

Violation of traffic laws was the second highest, with 36 persons being arrested.

Sixteen persons were nabbed for drunk driving, and there were three arrests on each of the charges

of possessing whiskey for sale and operating tip boards.

There were two arrests on each of the following charges: refusing to pay taxi fare, breaking and entering, gambling, larceny, affray, assault, interfering with officer in line of duty, running of a disorderly house, and possession of fireworks for sale.

There was one arrest on each of the following charges: bad check, carrying of a concealed weapon, larceny of an automobile, assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

In addition to Chief Corpening, other officers on the Brevard force are: P. D. Jones, Bob Fisher and C. W. Wright.

### Shrine Club Elects Officers For 1955

The annual election of officers was held at the Transylvania Shrine club monthly meeting Monday night in Gaither's Dogwood room.

The following officers were elected: W. L. (Bill) Hensley, president; D. T. Abercrombie, vice president; Roy Head, secretary; and Virgil McCrary, treasurer. T. E. Reid was elected as a member of the board of trustees for a three-year term. The other two members of the board are Virgil McCrary and John A. Ford, Sr.

The new officers were installed by Al Ream, past president. The new president announced the different committees will be appointed and announced at the next meeting which will be held on Monday, February 14th, in the Dogwood room.

### Program Highlights

## Martin Morgan Joins WPNF Staff, Another New Program Added To Log

Martin Morgan, a native of Blantyre and an experienced radio announcer, has joined the staff of WPNF, President Ed M. Anderson announces today.

He succeeds Larry Brown, who resigned to go back into work in electronics in Bristol, Va.

Mr. Morgan is serving as announcer-engineer on the evening shift at the local station and plans to make his home in Brevard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Morgan, of Hendersonville.

## Dime Board And Pony Rides Highlight Drive

The dime boards and pony rides will highlight activities in the local March of Dimes campaign here this week end, Director Alvin J. Patterson states.

The Brevard Elks will operate the dime board on the square on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at the bank on Saturday.

"We are most appreciative of the fine work the legionnaires did with the dime board last week

end, and we're looking forward to successful operation of them by the Elks this week end," Mr. Patterson declared.

On Saturday Coy Compton, of the Dunn's Rock section, will bring his ponies to town for the children to ride, and they will be on the lot between K & M Motor company and Superior Dry Cleaners on West Main street from 9:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

This is a project of the Dunn's Rock Community club, and all proceeds will go into the March of Dimes. Mr. Compton is donating his time and his ponies in the campaign, and he cordially invites all his little friends to see and to ride the ponies.

His trick pony, "Trigger," will perform several times during the

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### ADVISORY GROUP TO MEET FRIDAY

Will Make Two Important Decisions. Attendance Is Urged By Jones

A highly important meeting of the Transylvania School Advisory committee has been called for Friday night, January 14, at 8 o'clock in the Brevard court house.

Supt. J. B. Jones states that two important matters will be brought before the advisory group. Following the last meeting the board of education decided to build four new classrooms at the Straus school. Mr. Jones states that now indications point

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### Commerce Group Adopts Resolution Approving Highway 64 Relocation

Directors of Brevard chamber of commerce adopted a resolution this week approving the proposed relocation of U. S. Highway 64 from Hendersonville to Rutherford county as announced recently by Commissioner Harry Buchanan.

It was explained that the new super-highway would be a more direct route to Charlotte and to Raleigh from Transylvania county and would by-pass congested areas around Lake Lure and Chimney Rock.

Mr. Buchanan visited in Transylvania on Tuesday and pointed out that there were false impressions concerning the proposed highway. He said the new route would be of

great benefit to all of Western North Carolina.

At their meeting Tuesday night, the chamber of commerce directors adopted the following resolution, which was presented by Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., a director and Transylvania county attorney:

**Resolution**  
Whereas, Transylvania county is located on U. S. Highway No. 64, a coast-to-coast highway, and

Whereas, said highway leads east through Hendersonville and Rutherford and is the main road for travel from Transylvania county to Charlotte and Raleigh, and

Whereas, that portion of said highway from Hendersonville to

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### Annual Red Cross Meet Set Thursday

The annual meeting of the Transylvania chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in Gaither's Rhododendron room.

Plans for the coming year will be made, and election of officers will be held.

All members and other interested persons are urged to attend this important meeting.