

Local Methodists Oversubscribe Goal Of \$150,000 In Building Campaign

FIREMEN BATTLE THREE FIRES IN TOWN THIS WEEK

One House Is Destroyed And Two Others Damaged. No Injuries Are Reported

Brevard's fire fighters answered three alarms Sunday night and early Monday morning.

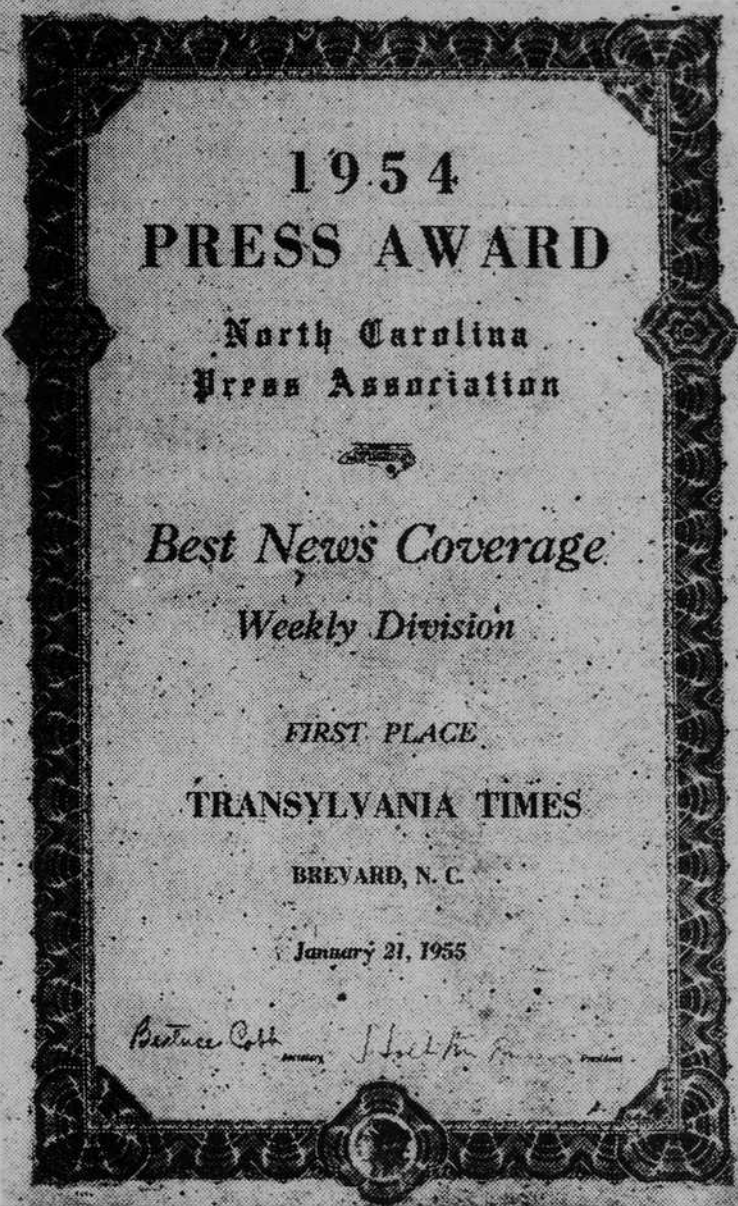
All three fires were residences, and one house was almost a total loss in the blaze. The firemen were able to save the other two houses, though damages will run several hundred dollars.

About 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening the fire fighters were called to North Brevard to answer an alarm at the Haskell Hall residence. Fire had broken out in a bedroom, and with gas masks and hose to the 200-gallon tank of water on the truck, the firemen broke into the room and brought the blaze under control before it spread to other parts of the house. No one was home at the time of the fire.

Fire Chief Dan Merrill praised the work of his men and said they did an excellent job of saving the house with the amount of water available. There are no fire hydrants in that section of North Brevard.

A two-story frame house on West French Broad street was practically destroyed by fire about 2:00 o'clock Monday morning. The house was vacant at the time of the blaze, being under repair by the owner, Mrs. J. L. Saltz. The entire house was engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived.

At 8:00 o'clock Monday morning the firemen were again called out, this time to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Armfield on South Caldwell street. A spark from a fire—
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Transylvania Times Is Awarded First Place In News Coverage In NC Press Association Contest

HOLT CONDUCTING RELIGIOUS WEEK AT THE COLLEGE

Enrollment Increase Seen In Registration For The Second Semester

A period of religious emphasis will begin Thursday and continue until Sunday morning at Brevard college. Rev. D. D. Holt, director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker.

The Rev. Mr. Holt will lead the students in chapel programs and dormitory discussion groups. He will conclude the religious emphasis period with the main address Sunday morning at the Brevard Methodist church.

Brevard college students have finished taking final examinations, as the first semester ends this week and the new semester begins.

The registrar's office at the college today indicated that 16 new freshmen can be expected for the second semester. The majority of new students will be attending un—
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Brevard Weekly Has Won 18 State And National Prizes During Past 12 Years

The Transylvania Times, Brevard's prize-winning newspaper, won first place in general news coverage in the weekly division of the 1954 North Carolina Press association contests.

The award was made last Friday night by Governor Luther Hodges at the annual banquet at Duke university, tendered newsmen in attendance at the press institute at Chapel Hill.

During the past 12 years, the Transylvania Times has won 18 state and national awards, which is more than any other weekly newspaper in North Carolina.

The general news coverage award is the most eagerly sought after by newspaper editors and publishers who enter such contests, for the primary function of a newspaper is to gather, prepare and distribute the news.

Winning first place in general news coverage is in keeping with the policy of The Times which is to publish the best, modern-day newspaper possible. Publisher Ed M. Anderson declared after the awards were made.

He said it was not only an honor for The Times and its staff, but—
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VICTORY DINNER FOR WORKERS IS SLATED THURSDAY

Pledges Still Being Received. Pastor Expresses Sincere Appreciation

NOW DRAWING PLANS

In less than a week, Brevard Methodists have oversubscribed the \$150,000 quota in the current fundraising campaign to build a new church on a site opposite the entrance of Brevard college.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the canvass committee Tuesday night, when it was reported that \$153,240.00 had been pledged for the three-year building program.

Rev. Douglas Corriher, the pastor, said members of the committee expressed extreme pleasure and sincere gratitude over the marvelous support and cooperation of the congregation, and he stated:

"We are nearer to a new Brevard Methodist church than any of us ever dreamed."

He paid high tribute to the excellent work of the canvass committee, their workers and to J. Harvie Luther, who directed the campaign for the Wells organization.

The amount pledged is above the 1955 budget of the church, which is approximately \$18,000.

On Thursday night a victory dinner for the committee members and the other workers in the campaign and their wives will be held in Gaither's Rhododendron room, beginning at 7:00 o'clock.

On Sunday evening Mr. Corriher will tell the dramatic story of the successful campaign at the regular Sunday evening worship service, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. He cordially invites all members of the—
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BOXING CARD IS SET FOR FEB. 5

Chastain - Bowman Fight To Highlight Exhibition At Legion Building Here

A boxing exhibition to benefit the March of Dimes is being planned for Saturday night, February 5th, here in the American Legion Memorial building.

The feature attraction will be an eight-round bout between Carl Chastain, Brevard's professional fighter, and Don Bowman, of Asheville, and former lightweight champion of the southeast.

Six other local amateur boxers are being matched with Asheville fighters, who are promoted by Whit Lees.

The Brevard pugilists will be selected from the following, Mr. Chastain says: Allen Jones, Boyce Lowery, Robert "Peanut" McCall, Carl Auvil, Cecil Lowery, Randall Bryson, Francis Fanning, Allen Perkins and Willard Wright.

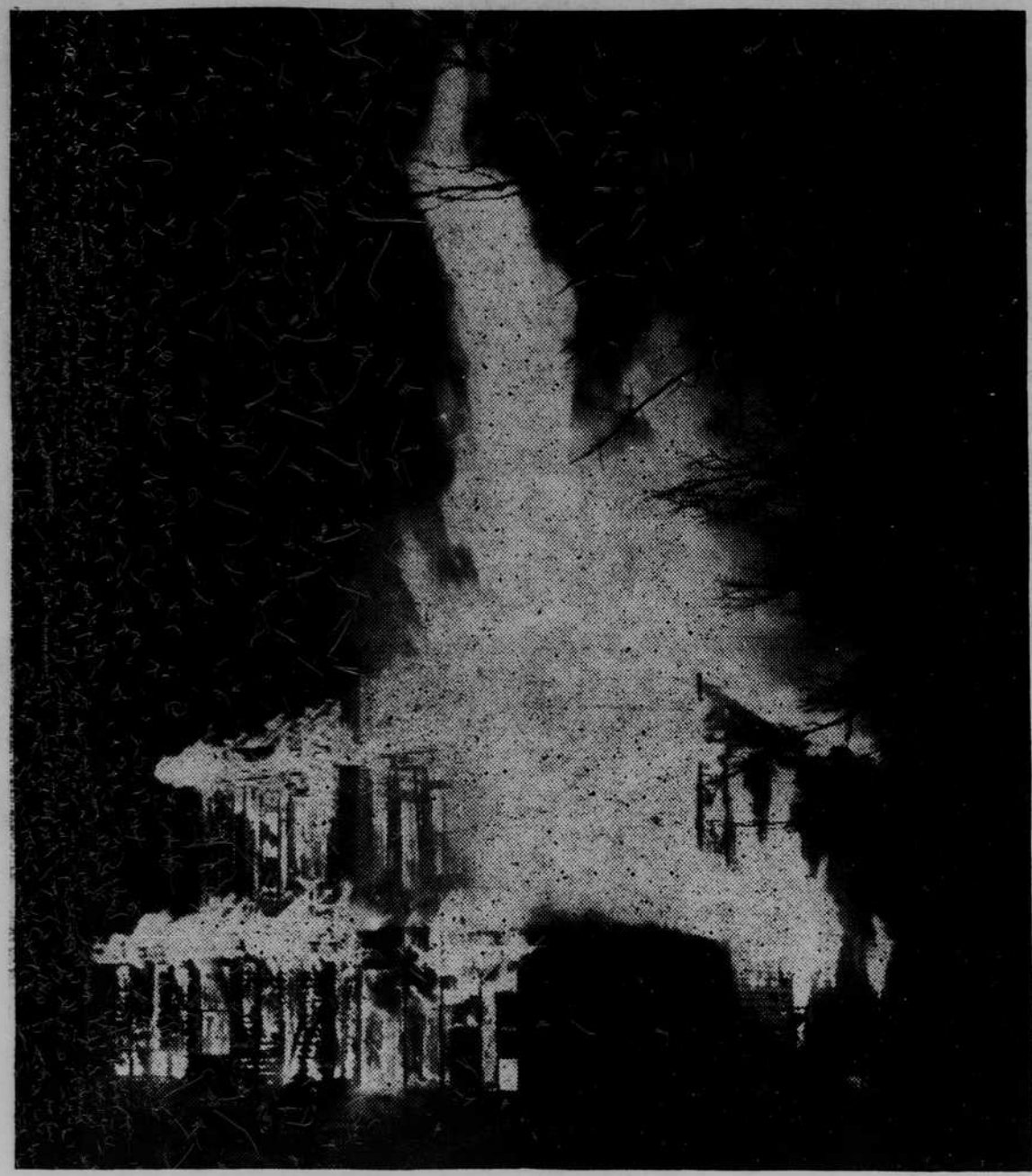
These fighters are working out nightly in the gym in the Picklesimer building, and next week the portable ring will be transferred to the legion building.

Monday Is Deadline For Purchasing Of Tags, Also Listing

January 31st marks two important deadlines in Transylvania. Monday is the last day that Transylvanians can list their property, both real and personal, without paying a penalty.

According to tax supervisor, Lewis Osborne, 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.

Mrs. Jay Coffey, manager of the Carolina Motor club office here, reminds motorists that '55 license plates must be displayed on every vehicle by midnight, January 31st. This year two tags are required, and Mrs. Coffey urges all citizens who have not bought their licenses to do so before Tuesday.



IN SPITE OF THE TEMPERATURE being 22 degrees, Brevard's volunteer fire-fighters had a hot time battling the blaze above at 2:00 o'clock in the morning on Monday on West French Broad street. The house, which was a total loss,

was engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived. No one was living in it at the time of the fire, and the house was under repair by the owner, Mrs. J. L. Saltz. (Times Staff Photo)

Halfway Mark Reached In March Of Dimes Drive, Many Events Planned

Radio Show And President's Ball Set This Week End. Mothers' March Mon.

With less than a week to go, Transylvania has reached the halfway mark in the '55 March of Dimes, Campaign Director Alvin J. Patterson states today.

Many special events are planned in the polio drive during the next few days, and Mr. Patterson urges the public to attend them and to support the March of Dimes campaign.

A big radio show is scheduled from the American Legion building for Friday night, and a plea is made for all singers and musicians in the county to give their time and their talent on this four-hour show to be carried over WPNF.

The American Legion will stage the annual President's Ball Saturday night, with proceeds going into the March of Dimes.

Music will be furnished by Brevard's own band, "The Solitaires," and admission will be \$1.50 per person.

There will be a special singing at the colored community center on Saturday night, beginning at 9:00 o'clock, with many out-of-town singers featured on the program. Cornelius Hunt, who is in charge, announces.

On Sunday a goodwill offering for the polio drive will be taken at the Fifth Sunday singing here—
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Fortnightly club meets in Gaither's Dogwood room, 3:30 p. m. B & PW club meets at Gaither's, 7 p. m. Methodists' victory dinner, Gaither's, 7 p. m. Benefit basketball game, Brevard college, 8 p. m. Masonic meeting in the temple, 8 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 28 — Brevard high vs. Flat Rock, college gym, 7 p. m. District Boy Scout committee meets, Gaither's, 7:30 p. m. Talent show at American Legion building, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Brevard college vs. Spartanburg Jr. college, college gym, 8 p. m. President's Ball at the American Legion building—
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At Road Meet Jake's Cove Route Proposed In Relocation Of Highway 64

Approximately 150 persons attended a special road meeting last Friday afternoon, which was called by Commissioner Harry Buchanan for the purpose of discussing the proposed relocation of Highway 64 from the Transylvania county line to Highway 276 at the entrance of the Pisgah National Forest.

The commissioner explained that he had withheld the letting of the contract to build this road, since he had received 11 written protests from property owners along the proposed route.

Mr. Buchanan also explained that the right-of-way engineers would contact all property owners and that written protests were not necessary to recover damages.

Athletic Group Will Meet Monday Night

The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Brevard Athletic and Recreation association will be held next Monday night, January 30th.

According to the secretary, John Eversman, the meeting will be held in the Brevard high school library, beginning promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

President Raymond F. Bennett urges all directors to attend.

Doings In Legislature Senate May Adopt Rule Authorizing Committees To Hold Secret Meetings

The rules committee of the senate was expected yesterday to receive from a sub-committee a report recommending authority for closed committee meetings in some form. Rules permitting any house committee to hold closed meetings on the vote of a majority of the committee have already been adopted. Final passage of bills to

repeat the 1953 "secrecy law" is still pending. Members of the insurance industry in North Carolina appeared before the joint finance committee to resist a proposal to have their tax upped from one to two and a half per cent of their gross premium receipts. It is estimated that such an—
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HIGH SCHOOL WILL HAVE SPECIAL TEA

Proceeds From P - TA Event To Go Toward Buying Of New Library Books

A silver tea will be featured at the regular meeting of the Brevard high school P-TA for February. This special event has been set for Tuesday evening, February 14, according to the president, Mrs. H. W. Sigmon.

The proceeds derived from the silver tea will go toward buying new books for the high school library.

Mrs. E. F. Tilson will speak on the purpose of Founders Day.

Ecusta To Add Three College Scholarships

Three tuition scholarships have been added to the Ecusta scholarship program, it is announced today by industrial relations manager, E. B. Garrett. The scholarships will begin with the 1955-56 school year.

Scholarships of \$200 each will be provided each year for two children of Ecusta employees for the two-year course at Brevard college. One scholarship of \$400 will be awarded each year to a Brevard college graduate for two additional years at an accredited college or university. Selection of applicants to receive—
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Mercury Drops To Record Low Of 12 Degrees For Year

Brevard had a record low of 12 degrees for '55 Wednesday morning, Jack Huggins, the official weatherman here, reports.

However, the mercury was down to 10 on December 7th, he stated, and present forecasts are for continued cold weather through Friday.

Last Friday night Transylvania experienced its second snowfall of the week, when from two to five inches were recorded in various sections of the county. With the temperature dropping way below freezing each night and the highs during the day in the 30's, the blanket of snow covering the county is disappearing very slowly.