



**BEAUTIFUL TOXAWAY FALLS**, one of Transylvania's most popular tourist attractions, is included in the sale of the Edward H. Jennings Estate to David H. Cosby, of Boca Raton, Fla. Although Toxaway Falls, which is over 3,000 feet

high is the best known, there are at least a half dozen other beautiful waterfalls on this 9,292-acre tract. Mr. Cosby plans to develop the property for homesites and the establishment of a summer camp for the training of church choirs.

## Jennings Estate At Toxaway Sold, To Develop Homesites, Choir Camp

Florida Realtor Plans Immediate Action. Some 9,292 Acres Are Involved

The Edwards H. Jennings estate, consisting of beautiful Toxaway Falls, Horsepasture and resort areas of yesteryears, has been sold to David H. Cosby, of Boca Raton, Fla., for future development.

In one of the largest real estate transactions to take place in many years, the sale includes 9,292 acres, some 14 square miles of property. Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., Brevard attorney, is handling the transaction.

In addition to the famed Toxaway Falls, there are a number of smaller falls on the property, and is said to be ideally suited for resort development. Along the Toxaway River are miles of fishing streams.

In the immediate future Mr. Cosby, a Florida realtor, plans to clear and develop about 100 acres for the building of homesites. While he does not plan to rebuild the lake, which was destroyed by the 1916 flood, a master long-range development plan is said to include this project.

Mr. Cosby expects to begin construction immediately on buildings to house an inter-denominational choir school that will be under the guidance of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and the Presbyterian Church, US.

It will be a non-profit camp under the direction of Frank L. Pugh, minister of music of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. M. Pugh is a graduate of the Westminster Choir college at —Turn to Page Four

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 3 — Agronomy school at Gaither's, 9 a. m. Red Cross luncheon, Gaither's, 12 noon. Methodist and Presbyterian circles meet. WMU meets at the First Baptist church, 3:30 p. m. Lions club meets at Gaither's, 7 p. m. Episcopal women meet in parish house, 8 p. m.

Friday, March 4 — Jaycee supper at Masonic temple, 5 to 8 p. m. Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's, 7 p. m.

Sunday, March 6 — Attend the —Turn to Page Five

### Answer The Call

## Luncheon Thursday Is "Kick-Off" Event In Annual Red Cross Drive

The 1955 Red Cross Roll Call in Transylvania will officially get underway at a "kick-off" luncheon at noon Thursday in Gaither's Rhododendron room.

Charles F. Himes, county chairman and director of the '55 funds raising campaign, urges all volunteer workers and others interested in the Red Cross program to attend the luncheon. Reservations may be made until 11 o'clock Thursday morning by calling the Red Cross

### Barber Shop Will Move Next Monday

John A. Gray, owner, has announced the anticipated removal on Monday of next week of his barber shop to the location recently vacated by the Western Auto Associate store. No service will be offered the public on that day.

Mr. Gray announced that he had recently bought out the equity in the shop of his partner, John W. Smith, but that Mr. Smith would continue to work there.

Barbers besides Mr. Smith employed by Mr. Gray are Ed Owenby and M. E. Head.

### WPNF Program Highlights

## Jaycees Will Present Special Civic Program Friday, Rotary Plans Series

Highlighting the recent Jaycee annual banquet were proposals that Brevard adopt a council-manager form of government and that civic and other organizations join forces in organizing a United Appeal fund, instead of having several campaigns each year.

These proposals, along with an account of the big Jaycee banquet for Friday night of this week at the Masonic temple, will be discussed further over WPNF on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock on the Civic hour. All persons interested in the

office here.

Joe Varner, of Atlanta, Ga., who is chairman of the Red Cross blood program in the southeastern area, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon. Formerly, Mr. Varner was the assistant director of the blood program in the eastern area with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Prior to his Red Cross work, he was a physical education director.

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## Strike At Local Tannery Is Believed To Be Ended

Picket lines at the Transylvania Tanning company were discontinued Monday afternoon, apparently ending a six-day strike of some 64 of the company's 175 employees.

There were no disturbances during the strike, and according to Joseph S. Silverstein, president of the company, there were no arguments between management and the men on strike.

Representatives of the United Construction Workers union, Di-

vision 50, of the United Mine Workers of America, had requested the local tannery to call an election, saying that they represented a majority of the employees. Mr. Silverstein informed them that such an election should be conducted by the National Labor Relations board.

Without notice and further negotiations, a strike of a number of employees was called last Wednesday morning.

However, the company has con-

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# Council-Manager Form Of Government Advocated For The Town Of Brevard

## MEDICAL CENTER PLANS APPROVED AT BALSAM GROVE

Dr. E. Gaine Cannon Gives Details On Project At Meeting Tuesday

A medical clinic sufficient to serve the needs of upper Transylvania county and the services of a full-time physician became more of a reality than a dream Tuesday night as Dr. E. Gaine Cannon, of Pickens, S. C., unfolded his plans before the Balsam Grove Community club.

Around 200 persons from Balsam Grove and adjoining communities unanimously accepted Dr. Cannon's proposal and subscribed 2200 man hours of labor to construct the clinic.

Dr. Cannon, who owns a summer place at Balsam Grove and has administered part-time to the medical needs of the area, donated the property on which to construct the building, the skilled labor and the cinder blocks. He asked the people to give their unskilled labor and the native rock.

The unique idea which Dr. Cannon proposed was that each person coming to his temporary office bring with them two rocks, to be placed in a designated area marked by a sign. The doctor said those neglecting to bring the rocks would be charged a higher fee and the money would go into the hospital building fund.

Blue prints and legal papers connected with the hospital are already being handled by Dr. Cannon. A committee composed of —Turn To Page Four



**ROBERT "BUDDY" MELTON**, Brevard realtor, is shown at the right receiving the Distinguished Service Award, presented here annually by the Brevard Jaycees, from Tom Posey, of Asheville, who is vice president of district one of North Carolina Jaycees. The award was made at the annual banquet in Gaither's Rhododendron room last Wednesday night. Another picture can be found on page one, second section, in this week's issue of The Times. (Times Staff Photo)

## FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR ROAD WORK

\$400,000 Set Aside For Additional Lane From Brevard To US 276

Allocation for road building in Transylvania and other counties of North Carolina were made at a meeting of the State Highway commission on Thursday in Raleigh.

At the meeting cost of all road building in the program was \$79,000,000.

An allocation of \$400,000 for an additional lane from Brevard to US Highway 276, a distance of 2.5 miles, was made for grading, structures and paving.

\$100,000 was also allocated for widening of two bridges and box culvert south of Brevard on US 64.

## Melton Receives DSA At Annual Banquet Of Jaycees, Publisher Makes Two Proposals In Speech

### JAYCEES TO HOLD SUPPER FRIDAY AT MASONIC TEMPLE

Proceeds Raised Will Go To Pay Tax Lien On Club For Street Dances

The Brevard Jaycees are sponsoring a ham supper at the Masonic temple in Brevard this Friday night, with the aim of obtaining funds to wipe out a federal tax lien that has been assessed against the Jaycees for accrued taxes that date back to the early 40's.

These taxes were on street dances that the Jaycees sponsored for the summer tourist trade and it was not known until recently that the tax was due on this entertainment. The Jaycee treasury was not prepared to pay several hundred dollars in back taxes.

An enticing menu to make the purchase of a ticket attractive to any individual has been prepared. Baked ham and potatoes head the list of good foods that can be purchased for a dollar.

Project chairman, John Ford, Jr., has gone all out to make this meal the best of its kind ever to be —Turn to Page Eight

### Council - Manager Form Of Government Advocated. Likes U. A. Fund Here

Robert "Buddy" Melton, Brevard realtor, was named "Young Man of the Year" here at the annual junior chamber of commerce banquet in Gaither's Rhododendron room last Wednesday night.

The award was made by Tom Posey, of Asheville, and vice president of district one of the North Carolina junior chamber of commerce.

Mr. Posey explained that Mr. Melton had been extremely active in civic and religious life of the community, as well as adding to the progress of the town and county through the building program of his agency.

Ed M. Anderson, publisher of five weekly newspapers in Western North Carolina, a radio executive and president of the National Editorial association, was the principal speaker at the ladies' night banquet, which was attended by some 60 persons.

Mr. Anderson praised the fine work of the Brevard Jaycees over the past 14 years, and he challenged them to carry out two projects that would aid in the progress of the community.

He first suggested a city-manager type of government for Brevard, —Turn to Page Five

## MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION SEEN, QUICKER ACTION

Voters Must Make Decision Following Circulation Of Petitions In Community

### IS BIG BUSINESS

By STAFF WRITER

Along with many progressive local citizens, this newspaper is strongly recommending that Brevard adopt the Council - Manager form of municipal government.

According to the experiences of other cities and towns in Western North Carolina and throughout the nation, the Council-Manager system is a far more business-like, more modern and more progressive form of town government than is the mayor-aldermen form under which Brevard is now operating.

Under the present system, it is pointed out that no employee of the town, mayor or aldermen has any final authority and that final action can only be taken at board meetings.

Often times when urgent requests are made by residents, it is necessary for them to wait as long as thirty days to obtain action.

Furthermore, under the present system a great deal of responsibility and detailed work is placed on individual members of the board and this frequently works quite a hardship on the aldermen and mayor.

In addition to that, the town has 23 full-time employees and three part-time employees, but no general manager to supervise and advise them at all times.

All of this would be corrected in a Council-Manager form of government. Under this system, the voters would elect five councilmen at large for a period of two years. These councilmen, in turn, would elect from their own group a mayor and would appoint a town manager who would be charged with the —Turn to Page Four

## CORN BANQUET SET MARCH 11TH

Lambert Is Top Producer. Dr. Collins Will Make Address At Annual Meet

The annual 100-Bushel Corn club banquet will be held on March 11th at 7:00 o'clock in the Brevard elementary school lunchroom.

During 1954 there were 41 corn growers in Transylvania who had a yield of 100 bushels or more of corn on one acre of land.

L. N. Lambert, of the Selica section, is the county's top producer with a yield of 153.3 bushels on one acre. Mr. Lambert will be awarded the handsome trophy, which is given annually by the Transylvania Trust company. Other members of the 100-Bushel Corn club will be awarded certificates, and a number of cash prizes will also be given.

Dr. E. R. Collins, who is in charge of the extension agronomy department of State college, Raleigh, will be the featured speaker of the evening on March 11th.

Tickets to the banquet meeting are now on sale by staff members of the county agent's office and also the officers of the various community clubs. They are \$1.00 each. —Turn to Page Eight

### Auto Store Now In New Location

Throns attended the formal opening last Saturday of the Western Auto Associate store at its new location next to the Farmers Federation on East Main street. Crawford W. Freeman, owner, expressed himself as being highly pleased with the reception given his new and greatly enlarged store by the public.

Tickets are now being given away for prizes which will be awarded Saturday at 5:00 p. m. The prizes are: Two Davis tires, True-tone radio, a Wizard mixer and a bicycle to some boy or girl under 16 years old. Mr. Freeman is also continuing his "Early Bird" sale with bargains in every department.

### Doings in Legislature

## House Measure Authorizes Fee Of \$.10 Daily For Fishing License

RALEIGH — The house gave its approval to a bill restoring the one-day permit for non-resident fishermen at \$1.10 and the five-day permit at \$2.60.

House Judiciary committee 2 deferred action on two bills intended to make it more difficult for persons, particularly youths, to obtain barbiturates. It was pointed out in testimony before the group that once a prescription for the drugs has been filled, there is at present no limit on the number of times it can be refilled.

James F. Bradshaw, assistant director of the SBI, told the committee that in some ways barbiturates, including "yellow jackets," are worse than narcotics.

The house education committee has turned to a study of the bulky bill which would revise the school laws in North Carolina. Many sections of the bill have been challenged and extended discussion is likely before enactment.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 15, at 10:30 a. m. —Turn to Page Eight

## Fire Season Begins, Federal And State Towers Manned

The '55 fire season in the woodlands and forests of Transylvania and the rest of Western North Carolina has arrived.

According to Ranger Ted Seely, the fire towers in the Pisgah National Forest are now being manned, and the fire season is expected to last until the middle of May.

Due to the snow and rains, the fire season is opening about two weeks later this year.

Ranger Seely explains that it's a fire season because people are beginning to take to the woods again for activities involving fires and farmers burn debris in the field.

At the same time, it's the period —Turn to Page Eight