



"THIS OLD HOUSE" goes up in flames next Wednesday afternoon. Located at the lower end of the Brevard college quadrangle, the structure will be burned down in a series of "controlled blazes," and the public is cordially invited to see this unique bonfire. Dan Merrill, chief of the local department, says

that all types of fog streams, including high pressure fog, will be used to quell the blazes. Members of the Western North Carolina Firemen's association are also being invited to the demonstration, and there will be a roped off section for spectators. (Times Staff Photo)

## Political Kettle Begins To Warm Up, Second Candidate Out For Mayor

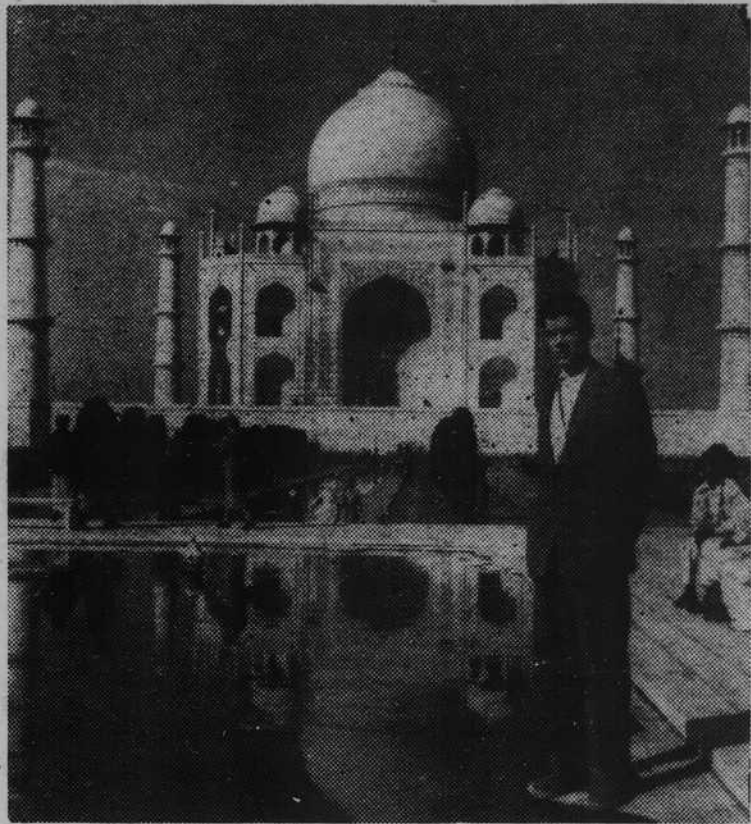
### RED CROSS DRIVE IS SHORT OF GOAL IN TOWN, COUNTY

Approximately \$1,500 Needed To Reach Quota Of \$5,165, Chairman Says

With one week to go, the Red Cross Roll Call in Transylvania county is approximately \$1,500 short of its goal of \$5,165.00, Charles F. Himes, the chairman, reports today.

Mr. Himes says the county has never failed to reach its goal and a final "all-out" effort will be made during the coming week to raise what is needed this year.

The chairman urges all persons who have not contributed in the '55 Roll Call to send their checks to Mrs. Robert Duckworth, the co-chairman in the Brevard area, or to Charles L. Russell, the co-chairman at Ecusta, or to Treasurer Alex Kizer.



EDWARD H. JOHNSON, JR., of Lake Toxaway, is pictured at the Taj Mahal at Agra, India. Young Johnson is on a 97-day cruise around the world on Swedish American Line's new motorliner, M. S. Kungsholm. A junior at Rosman high school, he is enjoying his trip around the world with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Richardson from Atlanta, Ga. Ed, who is 16 years old, is staying out of the second half of his junior year, but hopes to make up the semester during the summer term. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Johnson, of Lake Toxaway.

### SHARP, GRAVELY IN COMING RACE, OTHERS TO FILE

Ford Could Not Be Reached For Comment. Board Members Are Undecided

DEADLINE APRIL 15TH

Talk around town is politics as interest in the general election on May 3rd begins to mount.

In the election Brevard voters will choose a mayor and a town board of aldermen.

This year the primary has been eliminated, and only a general election will be held.

Two men have filed for mayor, however, at noon Wednesday there were no candidates for the board. Several of the present aldermen are expected to file, and it is rumored that others will make the race.

Deadline for filing is April 15th, and the filing fee for alderman is \$5.00, while the fee for mayor is \$10.00.

C. R. Sharp this week announces his candidacy for mayor.

A local building contractor and a member of the present board of aldermen, he becomes the second person to announce for the office.

On February 17th, George Dewey Gravelly, Brevard accountant, announced that he would make the race for mayor.

It could not be learned on Wednesday whether or not Brevard's present mayor, John A. Ford, would be a candidate for re-election.

In addition to Alderman Sharp, other members of the present board are: Henry R. Henderson, Few Lyda, Dr. E. O. Roland and Joe H. Tinsley.

Mr. Sharp's announcement can be found on page eight, first section of this week's newspaper.

Registration books will open on Saturday, April 16th, and books will be kept open each day for seven days, excluding Sunday, for the purpose of registration of any new electors. The challenge day is April 23rd.

### SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY AT NOON

Teachers And Principals To Attend 71st Convention In Asheville This Week

The schools of Transylvania county will close Friday at noon in order to permit teachers to attend the 71st annual convention of the North Carolina Education association in Asheville, which gets under way Thursday.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, former president of the Greater University of North Carolina, U. S. senate, and most recently United Nations mediator for India and Pakistan, will be main speaker. President Naurine Walker of the National Education association will also be a featured speaker.

Dr. Graham will speak at the opening session Thursday evening; Miss Walker will speak Friday night.

More than 2,500 are expected to attend the convention, including a large number from Transylvania.

The meeting will conclude Saturday with a morning meeting of the delegate assembly, when delegates from the 188 local units will discuss the business of the association and hear state committee reports. Newly elected officers from the six districts will be installed at the close of this session.

### Burning Smudge Pots Cause False Alarm

Members of the Brevard fire department answered a "false alarm" at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The blaze turned out to be two burning oil drums in a vacant lot on Carver street. The owner of the property was attempting to save his blooming peach trees from the freezing weather.

Someone saw the fires from a distance and turned in the alarm. Incidentally, the temperature was 21 degrees.

## Survey Reveals Council-Manager Form Of Government Popular In Small Towns

Poll Of Newspaper Editors Carried. Plan Said More Efficient And Economical

By STAFF WRITER

The council-manager form of government is being used just as effectively in North Carolina towns with a population of less than 5,000, as it is in the cities, according to a survey conducted by the Southern Pines Pilot.

When the voters of Southern Pines were preparing to make this decision Mrs. James Boyd, editor of The Pilot, wrote newspaper friends throughout the state asking them how the city manager-council type of governing had affected their municipalities.

Practically without exception they attested to its efficiency. Editors wrote that the people would never return to the mayor-council type where nobody had time to be boss and waste of the taxpayer's money was predominant. They also pointed to the fact that this eliminated in most part the influence of political bosses.

When Mrs. Boyd published these replies from 29 editors, in towns large and small, it must have convinced the people of Southern Pines, who voted overwhelmingly to make this change. A recent article appeared in The Times in which the city manager cited the progress and improvements made in that town during the first year of its operation.

#### Cities In Poll

The towns and cities represented in Mrs. Boyd's poll were Washington, Winston-Salem, Durham, Fayetteville, High Point, Chapel Hill, Kinston, Raleigh, Fuquay Springs, Charlotte, Lexington, Sanford, Greenville, Asheville, Marion, New Bern, Burlington, Wilson, Goldsboro, Gastonia, Reidsville, Hickory, Kings Mountain, Monroe, Lumberton and Dunn.

Readers of The Times would perhaps be interested in reading excerpts from letters written by the editors who publish papers in the smaller municipalities.

The Daily Times, Burlington: Pardon this informality, replying to your letter of April 1 on the

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### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 24 — Fortnightly club meets at 3:30, Gaither's Dogwood room. B & PW club meets at 7 p. m., Gaither's Rhododendron room. Cub Scout Pack 1, 7:15, Methodist church. Masonic meeting in temple, 8 p. m.

Friday, March 25 — Cub Scout Pack No. 2, 7 p. m., Lutheran church. District Boy Scout committee meets, 7:30, at Gaither's.

Sunday, March 27 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, March 28 — Rotary club meets at 7 p. m., at Gaither's. VFW and auxiliary meet at clubhouse, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, March 29 — Lecture at Brevard college, 8 p. m.

### Fighting Polio

## Completing Plans To Give Salk Vaccine To School Children

Plans are being rapidly formulated for administration of the Salk polio vaccine to all first and second grade pupils in Transylvania county on or about April 18th. Dr. Charles Gunn, the health officer, reports.

Dr. Gunn urges all parents to sign the permission slips for their children and return them to the teachers. These slips must be in the health office by March 25th so that the order for the vaccine can be placed.

The health officer also makes a plea for volunteer workers to assist with the three clinics when the vaccinations are given.

The first is scheduled at the Transylvania hospital on or about April 18th, with the second one week later. The final clinic will be held one month later in this voluntary program.

### Robbers Enter Two More Concerns Here

The series of robberies continues in Brevard, throughout the state and across the nation.

Two concerns, Self-Serve Laundry and Sarratt's cleaners, were broken into here in Brevard Monday night and only a small amount of change was taken at each place.

Chief E. H. Corpening points out that these robberies were of the same pattern as others in recent weeks. A back window was broken and the latch to the door was lifted. Apparently, the robbers were looking only for money.

SBI agents are assisting the local police department in the investigation, and two suspects are being questioned today.

### Program Highlights

## Awarding Of "Oscars" To Be Heard Over WPNF, Local Persons On Air

For the third consecutive year, NBC will bring filmland's "Night of Nights" to American listening and viewing audiences. With Bob Hope as master of ceremonies for the second time since the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has opened the doors to its annual ceremonies of the awarding of "Oscars"—WPNF will bring its radio audience the proceedings starting at 10:30 o'clock. The affair will continue approximately an hour and a half. The date is March 30.

As in the past, the RKO Pantages theatre in Hollywood will be the setting for this top event of the year and the nominees in the vari-

Mrs. J. F. Leete is in charge of recruiting members and others interested in carrying out the work. Mrs. Paul Lollis is responsible for having a sufficient number of registered nurses to aid in the program, and Mrs. Ashe Macfie heads the nurses aide group.

#### EPISCOPAL SERVICE

The United Thank offering and a corporate communion will take place this Sunday morning, March 27, at 11 a. m., at St. Philip's Episcopal church, Rev. Frank McKenzie announces. The rector reminds all Episcopalsians of this event.

## Bell's Books Of Cherokee Legends Now Published

By STAFF WRITER

High atop Rainy Knob the Cherokee used to stalk deer and the wise men related to the children the ageless fables of the Indian tribe. Centuries later from this same Rainy Knob, high in the Sapphires country, comes a collection of Cherokee legends, "John Rattling-Gourd, of Big Cove," by Corydon Bell.

The book was published March 15th by the MacMillan company of New York City. It is dedicated to the Cherokee boys and girls on the Qualla reservation.

Mr. Bell selected 24 of the most popular Cherokee legends and illustrated them with attractive black and white drawings of Indians and their animal friends. They have such enticing names as "How Deer Got His Antlers," "Why Possum's

"Tail is Bare," "How Terrapin Beat Rabbit," "How Owl Got His Spotted Coat," and "How Turkey Got His Beard."

Coincidental to the season Mr. Bell begins his collection with these words: "It was springtime in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Dogwood bloomed in white layers on the lower mountain slopes, and where the cold sparkling waters of Ocmulgee river tumbled noisily down from the high peaks, slender service trees shook out their pale long-petaled flowers."

Old John Rattling Gourd is a man of fiction only since the Cherokees no longer have a tribal storyteller. In the beginning of the book Old John is approached by five Cherokee children en route home from school. He begins by telling the legend of how the world was made. Throughout the rest of the collection he smiles and agrees to

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### Reward Offered For Recovery Of Flags At The Country Club

A reward of \$25 is being offered by the Brevard country club for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of stealing flags and markers on the Brevard golf course.

Manager E. E. Fraser reports that new ones were put on the course last week and in a day or two one disappeared.

The property is posted and will be patrolled in the future to prevent vandalism.

Persons caught driving cars on the fairways at the country club at night will be prosecuted the manager warns.

### RESPONSE POOR AT DOG CLINICS

Law Requires Annual Vaccination Of Canines, Senior Sanitarian States

Response at the dog clinics in Transylvania has not been what it should have been, Walter F. Hart, senior sanitarian of the Transylvania-Henderson district health department, announces today.

Mr. Hart reminds all dog owners that the law requires that they have them vaccinated for rabies, and clinics are being conducted by Dr. Verne C. Hill and Elam Galloway, the county rabies inspector, in all the communities of the county.

The schedule for the coming week is as follows:

- March 24, Lake Toxaway, McNeely's Store, 1-3 p. m.
- March 24, Lake Toxaway, Barton's Store, 3-5 p. m.
- March 26, Quebec, M. O. McCall's Store, 2-5 p. m.
- March 29, Gloucester, Silversteen School, 1-3 p. m.
- March 29, Balsam Grove School, 3-5 p. m.

### Season Changes

## Spring Greeted With Heavy Rain, Cold Wave Hits Here



### Winds Blow Over Chimneys And TV Aerials. Warmer Weather Is Forecast

Short spring, wasn't it?

The balmy season officially began at 4:36 a. m. Monday morning, amidst rain, drizzle and fog. It still gave promise of being spring-like until Tuesday afternoon when Mr. Winter came back with a walloping thud.

The high for Monday was like spring, 65. The low for Tuesday night was a wintry 21, Jack Huggins, Brevard weatherman reported.

A heavy downpour of rain Monday night and early Tuesday morning amounted to an official 2.41 inches.

It seems that the vernal equinox, high-sounding scientific name for change of season, happened during a rainy season. Rainfall had been recorded here practically every day for the past week.

The weatherman says not to give up hopes for spring. She's still shy but will become a little bolder as temperatures begin to rise Thursday.

Proof that spring has come was seen in the hundreds of colorful blooms displayed in the bulb show Wednesday afternoon at the Dunn's Rock Community Center.

### Doings in Legislature

## House By Decisive Vote Kills Bill To Limit Use Of "Whammy"

By STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — The house by a decisive vote killed the bill which would have imposed restrictions on the use of the "whammy." The legislative "clinch" was applied to the measure, which means that a two-thirds vote will be necessary to revive the bill.

A vote will be taken today by the house agriculture committee on the bill to require vitamin enrichment of corn meal. A parade of speakers urged adoption of the measure, which was offered by Rep. Grace T. Rodenbough, of Stokes.

The joint appropriations subcommittee rejected a motion to meet in secret and agreed to operate under a "gentlemen's agreement" with the press, under which reporters would refrain from reporting things

committee members asked them to omit. The group boosted the appropriation for the state commission for the blind by nearly \$200,000. This action was suggested by D. S. Coltrane, budget director.

Senate judiciary committee 1 approved a bill, already passed by the house, which would require hinges and latches to be removed from abandoned ice boxes and refrigerators. It is designed to protect children from suffocation, a type of accident reported frequently in recent years.

The house passed and sent to the senate an omnibus bill appointing members of boards of education in 95 counties, including Transylvania. Those named in this county were Harry F. Morgan and Homer N. McCall, each for six years.