

CONSTRUCTION AT SAPPHIRE VALLEY golf course, termed a "dream" lay-out before it was even begun, reaches the halfway mark this week. The million-dollar project at Sapphire includes not only the exceptionally fine golf course but the newly decorated inn and a resort colony. Looking over the blueprints for the course in the top photograph are, left to right, Ralph H. Ramsey, Brevard attorney who represents Sapphire Valley Inn and Country Club, Inc., Harry Neely, of Highlands, general

superintendent; Jake Houck, of Hendersonville, grading contractor for the golf course; and E. E. Fraser, of Brevard, who is planting the greens on the course. The two photographs on the bottom are scenes overlooking the new course construction. At right is a portion of Hole No. 15, one of the few which can be viewed from Highway 64, when traveling towards Cashiers. The other picture shows No. 1, taken from a knoll overlooking the scenic valley. (Times Staff Photos)

Many Graduate At Brevard, Rosman, Outlook Of School System Said Bright

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OVER 4,000, PROJECTS CITED

Expenditures During Year Approximately Half Million. Breakdown Given

WORKING AT STRAUS

With graduation time in the town and county set for next week, Supt. J. B. Jones reports today that the outlook for Transylvania's school system is brighter than it has been in many years.

Enrollment is over 4,000, which is a peak number, and during past school year, approximately one-half million dollars was spent in the operation of the county's 13 schools.

Of this amount, \$345,371.00 was from state funds, and the county furnished \$143,198.00. Of the state's money, \$302,917.00, went for instructional purposes, and the next largest amount, \$22,412.00, was for transportation.

Largest expenditures of the county's part were: new equipment, \$34,148.00; debt service, \$21,955.00, and maintenance, \$21,975.00.

Supt. Jones explains that the board of education is also spending \$240,000.00 for new buildings and additions.

A total of \$60,000 will be expended for the four-room addition at Straus school, and work is now underway on this project. The new portion will be ready for occupancy by fall, and it will relieve the overcrowded conditions here at Brevard elementary school.

Plans and specifications are being drawn up by Henry McDonald, architect, for the new T. C. Henderson school.

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COUNTY NOW HAS 129 TEACHERS IN THE 13 SCHOOLS

Brevard Elementary Has Largest Staff. Slight Increase Seen

Faculty members of the 13 schools in Transylvania for the school year 1954-55 include 129 teachers and principals.

This is an increase of six over last year's total, and while it is doubtful that new teachers will be named now, additional ones can be secured during the first two weeks of school this fall if attendance warrants it, Supt. J. B. Jones, states.

There are 29 teachers in the two high schools of Transylvania and 100 in the elementary schools.

The largest teaching staff is at Brevard elementary, where there are 37 teachers, including a full-time music teacher, Mrs. Eva Gillespie. Rosman also has a full-time music teacher, Mrs. Maye Winget and Mrs. Kerstein Spicer teaches music at Straus, Pisgah Forest and Penrose schools. John D. Eversman and Charles B. Glass teach band at Brevard and Rosman high schools.

Mrs. Kate Cornue is the supervisor.

Important Meet Of Masons Slated Thursday Evening

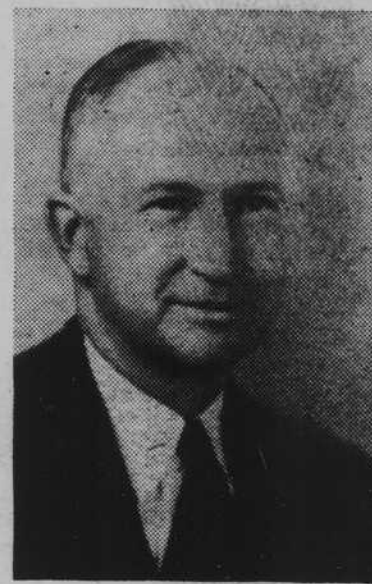
One of the largest crowds to witness the conferring of the entered apprentice degree is expected to attend an emergent communication of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge in the Masonic temple on East Main street on Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, according to announcement by Ansel Hart, worshipful master.

The master states that the lodge recently purchased a Whitco 500-watt remote control, reversible projector, especially designed for fraternal work. Following the degree, the lecture will be illustrated with the showing of 79, 35mm single frame filmstrips. The lecture for

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ROBERT T. KIMZEY, principal of District No. 1, will award diplomas to the 100 seniors at Brevard high school next Wednesday night. E. F. TILSON, principal of District No. 2, will give the diplomas to the 36 graduates at Rosman high school on the same evening.



100 IN BREVARD SENIOR CLASS, 36 FINISH AT ROSMAN

Baccalaureate Sermons Set Sunday. Various Events Are Planned

GROUPS ARE SALUTED

Large graduating classes at Brevard and Rosman high schools will receive diplomas at exercises next Wednesday night at the two schools.

There are 100 in the graduating class at Brevard, and a record number of 36 seniors will receive their diplomas at Rosman on the same evening.

Commencement exercises will be held this Sunday evening, with Rev. Keith J. Beam, Lutheran minister, delivering the sermon here, and Rev. Carl Rogers preaching to the seniors in the Rosman high school auditorium. Both events will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

Special music will be furnished here by the Brevard high school glee club and band, and the music at Rosman will be under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Winget.

This week The Times is publishing its annual congratulatory edition with pictures and stories about the 1955 graduates at Brevard and Rosman high schools and Brevard college.

Publisher Ed M. Anderson urges all readers to especially read the congratulatory messages in the paper. The Times salutes the graduates and the school officials upon this important occasion.

Brevard Exercises

The Brevard high school band will play a thirty minute concert on Wednesday night prior to the graduation exercises which will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock. The

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CAMPOREE SET THIS WEEK END

Annual Event Will Be Held At Johns Rock Camp In Pisgah National Forest

The 1955 Camporee for Boy Scouts in Transylvania county will be held at the Johns Rock camping grounds in the Pisgah National Forest on Friday and Saturday, Ranger Ted Seely, who is camping chairman in Transylvania, announces today.

The camporee is open to patrols of five to nine Scouts, Ranger Seely says, and patrols will enter the camp between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 on Friday, and they will break camp the following afternoon by 6:00 o'clock.

The Scouts are reminded by the camping chairman that they must come prepared to camp out overnight and all equipment must be carried on their backs.

The ranger recommends that they bring along plenty of cover. Included on the camporee program will be a big bonfire Friday night, instructions of various kinds on the following day as well as many other activities and stunts.

One-Day Chamber Of Commerce Drive Is Slated Next Tuesday

Final plans are being made for the big, one-day membership drive of the Brevard chamber of commerce next Tuesday, May 24, President Vernon Fricks announces.

The drive will begin with a "dutch" breakfast at Gaither's at 7:30 o'clock, and some 12 teams of directors and members will spend the day canvassing the town and county.

A goal of 225 members has been set, and the directors hope to canvass every business and industry so that a greater number of people than ever before can assist with the important work of the chamber of commerce.

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Transylvania Citizens Launch Safety Campaign At Meeting

A PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Stamey Announces Organization Of Body To Cement Relations

The formation of a president's council of leading citizens in the community is announced by Rev. Robert H. Stamey, president of Brevard college.

At a recent dinner meeting of the group in Gaither's Dogwood room, President Stamey said it would be the purpose of the organization to correlate activities between the college and the community to the mutual interest of each.

Mr. Stamey explained that such an organization could be of much value both to the community and to the college. Through it, problems of both could be solved, and long-range plans and projects could be adopted and carried through to completion.

The president's council will meet quarterly, and Mr. Stamey will announce committee members and organizational plans in the immediate future. Mrs. Iona Berry, dean of women at the college, served as acting secretary at the meeting.

In a brief summary, Mr. Stamey highlighted the progress that has been made at Brevard college during the past two years, and predicted a bright future for the institution.

It was pointed out that the budget during the past year was \$235,000.00, and that the college will end the year with a surplus. He also cited the many improvements that have been made on the campus.

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District Commander Speaks To Some 100 Civic Leaders. Plans Are Outlined

More than 100 Transylvania civic leaders heard Sgt. E. W. Jones, commander of the 38th district, outline plans for the "Slow Down and Live" campaign, which will be conducted here and throughout the nation from May 27th until Sept. 5th at a special safety meeting Monday night in the Brevard court house.

Commander Jones praised Transylvania's highway safety record, and said the county has not had a fatality since June, 1953.

He challenged the people of Brevard and Transylvania to continue their good work in the promotion of highway safety and urged them to participate in the "Slow Down and Live" campaign from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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Little Theatre To Elect Officers At Dinner Meeting

The Brevard Little Theatre's annual business meeting and election of officers will follow a dinner in Gaither's Rhododendron room Saturday night, May 24.

A social hour will begin at 7 p. m., and the dinner will be served at 8:00. Cards have been mailed to members, who are asked to have reservations in Thursday.

The following is the slate, which will be presented at the business meeting: President, Ernest Gilstrap; first vice president, Mrs. William Norris; second vice president, William Sagar; secretary, Mrs. Hale Chamberlain; treasurer, Charles Glazener; and directors, Charles Norlander, Jr., Richard Davis, Smith Conklin, Gus Grose, Mrs. Walter Hart, Mrs. F. S. Best and Mrs. Grace Perkins.

Doings in Legislature

Bill Offered In House Would Ban Absentee Voting In Transylvania

RALEIGH — The house committee on elections and election laws yesterday conducted a hearing on a bill introduced by Mrs. Ralph Fisher which would eliminate absentee voting by civilians in election of county and township officials. The bill would also boost the pay of county officials, fixing the salaries of clerk of court, register of deeds and tax collector at \$3,600 and that of the sheriff at \$4,500. The commissioners would also be authorized to pay the county jailer as part of his salary not more than \$100.00 per month.

Senator Hall offered in the senate two bills relating to the compensation of Transylvania officials

and another concerning deed registration.

The legislature on Tuesday gained the record as the second longest in recent history. In 1933 the legislators were in session from Jan. 4 to May 15. Two years earlier they set the record for the longest term and adjourned on May 25.

The senate education committee amended and approved a bill, endorsed by Governor Hodges, which would create a board with broad supervisory powers over the 12 state-supported institutions of higher learning.

With only one dissenting vote, the senate passed and sent to the

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Sapphire Valley Golf Course Termed Most Significant Project In Decades

Work Now About Half Finished; Fraser Planting Bent Grass

By FRANCES WALKER

"If God made a more natural setting for a golf course, he must have kept it for Himself," said Harry Neely, general superintendent, as he gazed across construction of the new 18-hole layout of the Sapphire Valley Golf club at Sapphire.

"Give us two years and the course will be second to none," he continued. Mr. Neely's enthusiasm and confidence became infectious because close scrutiny of the million-dollar project shows he knows what he's talking about.

The Sapphire Valley course, now about mid-way in construction, has every natural advantage imaginable. Combine these with the brains, know-how, financial backing solidly behind this gigantic resort promotion, and the result is going to be the biggest thing to hit Western Carolina tourist industry in decades.

Sapphire Valley course has been

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 19 — First Baptist church circles meet. Brevard vs. Lee Edwards nine, 3 p. m., at Camp Straus. Lions club meets at 7 p. m., Gaither's. Presbyterian women meet in church, 8 p. m. WSCS of Methodist church meet at 8 p. m. Ace of Clubs meets at Gaither's, 8 p. m. Masonic meeting in temple, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, May 20 — Garden club meets in women's residence hall at college, 3:30 p. m. Kiwanis club

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Awaiting Word

Second Round Of Salk Vaccine Is Postponed In Transylvania

Health authorities in Transylvania await the arrival of more of the Salk polio vaccine before any definite plans can be made for the second round of shots for first and second graders.

From all indications, there is little chance that the second vaccination clinic can be held before the school term ends on May 25th.

The second round of shots has been given in some neighboring counties, but it is pointed out that this vaccine was left over from the first inoculations. Transylvania county must receive an additional supply.

Miss Martha Choate, county health nurse, states that should Transylvania receive the vaccine in time to give next week, the announcement will be made over the local radio station.

Dr. Charles G. Gunn, county health officer, is in Miami, Fla., on naval reserve maneuvers. Should the clinic be set up before his return, Dr. C. L. Newland will act in this capacity.

The hold-up on the clearance of the Eli Lilly vaccine used, in North Carolina, has delayed the local program. It was not until Sunday that

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Program Highlights

Report On Work Of Hoover Group Will Be Made On WPNF Thursday

An important address on federal reorganization by former president, Herbert Hoover, will be carried over WPNF from NBC on Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, program director, John Dellinger, announces.

This public service program is the first "full-length" pronouncement on the work of the Hoover commission.

The program director reminds all listeners of WPNF of the Friday night fights from Madison Square Garden at 9:00 o'clock.

"Keep your dial at 1240 both day

and night for the latest in news and the best in music, sports and drama," he states.

Other Programs

The schedule for the Farm and Home hour for the coming week is as follows: Thursday, Farm Home administration, W. G. Proctor; Friday, Holmes state nursery, D. W. Brenneman; Monday, county agent's office; Tuesday, station program; Wednesday, Home Demonstration agent.

On the civic hour the following will be heard: Friday, Rotary club;

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