



A VIVID EXAMPLE of what persons in rural areas can do to aid in fire protection can be noted in the photograph above. On Christmas day the Brevard fire department was called out to put out a blaze on the watershed. The firemen dropped one hose in the open reservoir; pumped the water through the truck to gain pressure; and, then quickly extinguished the brush blaze. Fire Chief Dan Merrill suggests that people in rural areas have small ponds near their homes that can be used in case of such an emergency. (Times Staff Photo)

## January Term Of Superior Court In Transylvania Opens Monday Morning

### TAX LISTERS ARE BUSY, BOOKS IN TOWNSHIPS NOW

Will Be Brought To Court House Next Week. Osborne Cites Law

Tax listing will be continued in the various townships of Transylvania through Monday of next week, and afterwards, the books will be here in the court house, Lewis Osborne, tax supervisor, reports.

Tax listing began on Tuesday, and the listers had a busy day, Mr. Osborne says.

During the month of January, all county property and farm reports must be listed, and penalty for failure to do so is required by law.

The tax listers for the various townships are as follows:

- Mrs. Clyde Wilson — Dunn's Rock.
- Allen McCall — Gloucester.
- Herbert Fisher — Hogback.
- L. F. Lyday — Boyd.
- A. M. Paxton, Sr. — Eastatoe.
- George Shuford — Little River.
- J. L. Gillespie — Cathey's Creek.
- Miss Avarie Glazener — Brevard.

### NEW YEAR'S IS QUIET IN TOWN

Shooting At Rosman Reported. No Accidents Occurred On County's Highways

The New Year's week end in Transylvania was quietly observed, with a "Sunday-like" hush being noted in the community both on Sunday and Monday.

There were no traffic accidents in the town and county and Transylvania, for the second straight year, had a perfect record of no fatalities on the highways during '55.

Stores, town and county offices were closed on Monday, which was the last day of the Christmas vacation for school children.

Saturday night James Hendricks, of Rosman, was shot in both legs by Roger Owen, of Lake Toxaway, in front of the Rosman high school about 11:00 o'clock. According to Deputy Sheriff Clyde Hubbard, Owen ran after the shooting, but gave himself up Sunday, saying it was all an accident.

He was released on a \$3,500 bond. The condition of the accident victim, who is in an Asheville hospital, is said to be good, following an amputation of his left leg. He was shot with a high power. —Turn to Page 10

### Few Marriages Reported In Transylvania County

The decrease in marriage licenses issued in Transylvania county during the past year could mean that the local lovebirds are finding it more exciting to go to neighboring South Carolina to tie the knot.

Paul M. Whitmire, register of deeds, announces the issuance of 40 licenses here during 1955, while his office issued a total of 51 the year before. —Turn to Page Five

### Big Year Reported At The Post Office

The year 1955 was a big year at the Brevard post office, and the '55 Christmas business was "rushing", a report released today reveals.

Money order sales during the past year were up \$1,487.38 over 1954. The total for the year was \$48,086.54, as compared with \$46,599.16.

Sales by quarters during 1955 were: 1st — \$9,870.61; 2nd — \$10,884.33; 3rd — \$12,636.44; and 4th — \$14,695.16.

From Dec. 10th through the 25th, a total of 158,754 two and three cent Christmas cards was mailed at the Brevard post office. This was an increase of 4,029 over 1954, when 154,725 were mailed. —Turn to Page Ten



A CHECK FOR \$1,500 is being presented to Ed B. Garrett, left, chairman of the Transylvania Youth association by Raymond F. Bennett, right, president of the Brevard Athletic and Recreation association to be used for purchasing equipment for the new Teen-Age center here. The center, which will be located in the Sledge house on Jordan street, is being readied for opening by the middle of this month. Along with the \$1,500 donation to the Teen-Age center, the athletic body gave \$2,900 to other groups and organizations for recreational and entertainment purposes in Transylvania. (Times Staff Photo)

### JUDGE SUSIE SHARP TO PRESIDE, CIVIL DOCKET SET FIRST

Session Follows On Close Heels Of December Term. Calendar Released

IN SECOND SECTION

Another term of Superior court, the second within less than 30 days, is scheduled to open in Transylvania on Monday morning, January 9th.

There are two unique features of this January term of court:

First, it will be presided over by a woman, Judge Susie Sharp, of Reidsville, who becomes the first woman to hold court in this county.

Second, the trial of the criminal and civil dockets will be in reverse order.

Usually, criminal cases are heard first, however, in this January term the civil docket is scheduled for the first week, with the criminal slate scheduled for the second.

The December term of court was one of the busiest ever held in Transylvania. There were more than 400 cases on the criminal docket and many of them were disposed of.

Clerk of Court Marvin McCall reports light dockets for this present term of court, and the criminal slate will be announced next week.

The heavy December term was due to the fact that the July-August term of court last year was cancelled.

The civil calendar can be found on page three, second section, in this week's Transylvania Times.

### NORRIS BABY DERBY WINNER

Infant Girl Born In Hospital New Year's Prizes Are Awarded

Wanda Sue Norris, who first saw light of day in Transylvania Community hospital at 4:10 p. m., New Year's Day, is the county's first baby and winner of The Times baby derby.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard Norris, of Route 1, Penrose, the infant weighed seven pounds and one ounce. She was the third child born to her parents.

Dr. R. L. Stricker, the attending physician, said both the mother and baby are getting along nicely. They have already returned to their Penrose home.

The Norris infant is the winner of the baby derby also sponsored by Radio Station WPNF.

The Transylvania Times list of prizes and their donors are as follows:

A baby high chair by Pearlman's.

Two passes for the parents for a month by the Clemson and Co-Ed theatres.

A quart of milk for two weeks by Southern Dairies.

A baby bathtub by Brevard Hardware Co.

A portrait of the child when six months old by Austin's studio.

Two chicken dinners for the parents by Gaither's restaurant.

A pair of baby "Jumping Jack" —Turn to Page Ten

## Brevard High Has Largest Number In Western Band Clinic, Best Scores Made

Tommy Jones Tops Other WNC Competitors. Director Highly Pleased

Nineteen Brevard high school band students have qualified for the Western Carolina clinic, to be held at Cullowhee January 27th and 28th, the largest number of any of the 11 other bands in WNC to be represented.

Brevard players made an unusual showing at the auditions held in Hendersonville in December. Local players were first with 19 selected for the clinic; Asheville was second with 17; Hendersonville had 15, and Waynesville had 14.

With a possible 200 point maximum Tommy Jones, flutist in the Brevard high school band, made a score of 175, the highest grade made by any of the more than 100 students who participated in the auditions. The second highest grade was made by Martha Sader, flutist, of Brevard, with a score of 174. The third highest grade was made by Gail Bonnell, Brevard baritone player with a score of 167.

First chair positions were earned by Tommy Jones, Agnes Hamilton, Gail Bonnell, Wilma Jean Metcalf and Ronnie Keller.

In addition to the above, members of the BHS band who qualified for the WNC band clinic are: Malinda Bangs, Connie Brewer, Carol Youngusband, Lynne Opie Smathers, Lorraine Emory, James Opie Wells, Sara Hunter, Martha Wallin, Nancy Jane Norlander, Onald Sprouse, Thea Schulze, Jackie Richards and Leonard Potat.

The group will be accompanied to Cullowhee by the Brevard band director, John D. Eversman. Harold —Turn to Page Five

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 5—Methodist and Presbyterian women's circles meet. Lions club meets at Gaither's at 7 p. m. Cub scout Pack No. 1 meets at 7:15 p. m., Methodist church. Masons meet at 7:30 p. m., in Masonic Temple.

Friday, Jan. 6—Kiwanis club meets at 7 p. m., at Gaither's. Ace of Clubs meets at 7:45 p. m., at Gaither's. Brevard college basketball at gym, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Jan. 7—Brevard college basketball, 8 p. m. —Turn to Page Four

### Drive Opens

## Dr. Boyer And Mrs. Wallis To Head March Of Dimes Campaign

The 1956 March of Dimes in Transylvania county and across the nation is being launched this week.

Co-chairmen Dr. Norman Boyer and Mrs. William Wallis say that the fight against polio is far from over. Thousands of people still suffer from the crippling disease, and many more will be stricken before the Salk vaccine becomes fully effective and available to all.

Harvey L. Cavender is treasurer of the '56 March of Dimes drive in Transylvania, and other officials as announced by the co-chairmen

### Sale Of '56 Tags Reported Rushing

The sale of '56 license plates in Transylvania is described as "rushing" by Mrs. Harold Norwood, local agent, whose office is located in the L & H Appliance store on Broad street.

Tags went on sale Tuesday morning, and the relicensing period runs through February 15th.

Mrs. Norwood reminds all motorists to get their license plates early, and avoid the long lines later. Office hours are from 9:00 to 4:00 o'clock daily.

## 10 Top Stories In Transylvania In '55

The 10 top news stories in Transylvania county during 1955 as picked by the staff of The Transylvania Times follow below. The staff also made a month-by-month survey of important headlines, and this story is on the front page of the second section. The 10 top stories are as follows:

1. First Transylvania County United Appeal Fund organized and exceeded its goal of \$22,500.00.
2. Brevard College received half of a million dollars from H. A. Dunham estate and the college launched a \$700,000 new building program.
3. First Baptist church in Brevard completes \$205,000 building and First Methodist church oversubscribes \$150,000 building campaign.
4. Salk vaccine shots given to school children in county to prevent polio.
5. Continued progress made by Transylvania county rural development program, with Dunn's Rock community winning first place in county and second place in WNC.
6. Successful drive conducted to raise funds to construct a County —Turn to Page Ten