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IN THE TWO DEMOLISHED CARS shown above one Transylvanian lost his life, while another suffered minor injuries and bruises in accidents over last week end. Miss Elred Burns was the driver of the car at the left which went off the highway at Wilson's Bridge shortly after midnight last Thursday. Miss Burns was thrown into the French Broad River and was rescued by two McKelvey brothers. She has recovered from her injur-

ies and returned to work. The Nash Rambler at the right was being driven by W. H. Purnell Friday night when an accident claimed his life and that of two Buncombe county students in the car which crashed into his. The Rambler was also demolished. Inspecting the cars are Patrolman Bill Sawyer and Thomas K. McCrary, of McCrary Auto. (Times Staff-Photo)

Record Number Of Graduates In High Schools Of County, Round-Up Is Made

FUTURE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT WITH VOTING OF BONDS

Progress Being Made On Quebec School. Rosman Gym The Next Project

CONDITIONS CITED

If the voters approve a special \$637,600.00 school bond election this summer, Brevard and Transylvania county will soon have one of the best and most modern school systems in Western North Carolina.

Construction is now in progress on the new \$150,000.00 T. C. Henderson school at Quebec and when it is completed in the fall the schools of Lake Toxaway, Silverstein and Quebec will be consolidated. In addition, students residing in the area and attending Rosman elementary will be sent to Quebec. This will enable the consolidation of Balsam Grove with Rosman.

In the near future construction on a new \$90,000.00 gymnasium at Rosman high will commence. With county and state funds already available, the cost of these buildings will be taken care of and —Turn to Page Ten



ROBERT T. KIMZEY, principal of District No. 1, will award diplomas to the 111 seniors at Brevard high school next Thursday night. E. F. TILSON, principal of District No. 2, will give the diplomas to the 44 graduates at Rosman high school on the same evening.



111 SENIORS AT BREVARD, 44 IN ROSMAN'S CLASS

Baccalaureate Sermon Set Sunday. Various Events Are Planned

GROUPS ARE SALUTED

The largest graduating classes in the history of Brevard and Rosman high schools will receive diplomas at exercises Thursday night, May 24, at the two schools.

The baccalaureate sermons for both classes will be held this Sunday night.

There are 111 in the graduating class at Brevard, and a record number of 44 seniors will receive their diplomas at Rosman also, Thursday evening.

The Times this week is publishing its annual congratulatory edition with pictures and stories about the 1956 graduates at Brevard and Rosman high schools. There are also a number of congratulatory messages from local firms. The Times salutes the graduates and the school officials upon this important occasion.

Rev. Robert H. Stamey, president of Brevard college will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening to the Rosman seniors. The exercises will be at 8 p. m., in the school auditorium, and special music will be furnished by the glee club, the girls' chorus and trio. The invocation will be given by Benny Cassell and the benediction will be given by Robert Dean, both members of the graduating class.

At Brevard the seniors will hear their baccalaureate address by the Rev. George W. Julian, pastor of the Pisgah Forest Baptist church. —Turn To Page Four

"Bud" Purnell Killed In Auto Wreck, Two Other Accidents Over Week End

Property Damages Reported High. Woman Rescued From River

In automobile accidents involving Transylvanians last week end, one local man was killed and property damage in three mishaps was exceedingly high.

W. H. Purnell, of Route 1, Pisgah Forest, lost his life in an auto accident which occurred about midnight Friday that also took the lives of two teen-agers from Weaver. The wreck occurred on Highway 280 just across the Transylvania county line in Henderson county; thus, it does not mar the almost three-year safety record of no fatalities in this county.

Mr. Purnell had been working late for Six Associates in Asheville and was returning home from work. Highway Patrolmen report that the car in which the teenagers were riding apparently was traveling at a high rate of speed. It went off the right shoulder of the road just before reaching Boydston Baptist church, skidded broadside across the highway into the path of the Purnell car. Both vehicles were demolished. In addition to the boy and girl who were killed, another boy and girl received painful injuries.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Late last Thursday afternoon a car driven by Gene Hutchins crashed into the back of another, which was driven by Mrs. Cecil Smathers on Highway 280 at the Hillside road intersection.

Property damages were estimated at approximately \$800 by Patrolman Cabe, and Hutchins is being charged with following too close.

Shortly after midnight Thursday Miss Elred Burns was reported to —Turn to page five

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 17 — Presbyterian Women's tea, Gay Valley Camp, 4 p. m. Lions club picnic for Cub Scouts, Camp Straus, 7 p. m. Masons meeting in the temple at 7:30 p. m. WOW meets in hall at 8 p. m.

Friday, May 18 — Garden club meets with Mrs. F. Brown Carr, 3:30 p. m. Fish Supper in the Masonic temple, 5 to 8 p. m. Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's, 7 p. m.

Saturday, May 19 — Challenge Day. Brevard Little Theatre dinner and meeting, 7 p. m., Gaither's. Boxing Matches at the American Legion building, 8 p. m.

Sunday, May 20 — Attend the —Turn To Page Ten

In The Black

Powell Succeeds Norris As President Of The Jaycees

Earl Powell was elected president of the Brevard Jaycees at their regular meeting last week in Gaither's. He succeeds Bill Norris, under whose administration the Jaycees paid up past due taxes and began operating "in the black."

Other new Jaycee officers are Bobby Hoyle, first vice president; Elton Lewis, second vice president; Bill Leonard, treasurer; and John A. Ford, Jr., secretary. Members of the board of directors are Al Vorse-

len, Dr. John Folger, Gerald Owen, Marvin Overcash and Mr. Norris.

The Jaycees have already begun plans for the Sylvan Valley Folk Festival, which they have previously sponsored but did not hold last year. Dates announced for the Festival are July 5, 6 and 7th.

A report on the Jaycee minstrel last week end revealed that between \$150 and \$175 was made after expenses were paid. This amount will be donated to the Transylvania Teen Age Center.

Auction Sale Is Held But No One Buys Motor Court

No one bought the Pisgah Motor Court at an auction sale held last Saturday afternoon and only a small crowd attended the sale.

The court, which consists of a large home, 4 cottages and 10 motel units, was offered for sale by the Florida Carolina Land corporation.

It was established by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunter and they sold it last spring to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brennan.

Eller Is Re-Elected Chairman Of Democrats Here, Convention Held

Thomas R. Eller, Brevard attorney, was re-elected chairman of the Democratic executive committee in Transylvania at a county convention here last Saturday afternoon.

The quiet convention, attended by some 150 persons, named the following officers to serve with Chairman Eller: Mrs. Inez Whitmire, vice chairman; B. H. Freeman, secretary; and, W. W. Brittain, treasurer.

In accepting the chairmanship with some reluctance, Mr. Eller said:

"Good government is, or should be, a part of every citizen's religion. Since my announcement that I would not be a candidate to succeed myself, I have been urged to re-consider by so many people, both —Turn To Page Five

Forestry Officials To Name Site Balsam Lake

"Balsam" Lake has been proposed as suitable name for the proposed mile-high lake alongside the Blue Ridge Parkway west of Brevard by officials of the Pisgah National Forest.

Don J. Morris, supervisor, stated in a meeting of the Park Commission on Monday that there is now a Yellowstone Lake in the National Park bearing the

same name in Colorado, and that Balsam would be more fitting inasmuch as the lake at Yellowstone Falls in the Forest is at the point of the Balsam growth along the parkway.

Landscape artists from the Atlanta area office of the National Forest service will spend two weeks here in June, going over the project with members of the park commission and forest officials.

C. M. Douglas, of Brevard, Dr. Kelly Bennett, of Bryson City, and Frank Brown, of Sylva, have been named as a special commit- —Turn To Page Ten

Fish Supper Set By Shriners And Masons On Friday

Everything is in readiness for the fish supper, with all the trimmings, to be given in the Masonic temple on Friday of this week from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock, according to announcement today by V. H. Fricks, president of the local Shrine club.

Mr. Fricks states that tickets will be on sale at the door, and anyone who has not been contacted may get them at the door. All money made on the supper will be used to help pay for sound conditioning the lodge room. Tickets are \$1.00 each and children under the age of 12 —Turn To Page Ten

LOCAL MAN IS KILLED ON JOB

Hubert Hinton Fatally Injured Monday Afternoon In Chicago, Ill.

Hubert L. "Pug" Hinton, formerly of Brevard and son of Mrs. A. N. Hinton, who lives on King Street, was killed instantly while working on a construction job in Chicago, Ill., late Monday afternoon.

Mr. Hinton was a flagman on a building project and was accidentally knocked from a crane more than 100 feet high.

The body is being returned to Murphy, where the funeral will be held Thursday morning. Prior to going into construction —Turn To Page Four



MIDSHIPMAN CLIFTON B. METCALF, who is studying at the University of North Carolina on a Morehead scholarship, has been cited as the top ROTC student in the freshman class at UNC. In awarding young Metcalf a medal for this honor, Colonel R. C. Burns, who is professor of naval science, said: "The medal is awarded for outstanding demonstration of those qualities of scholastic achievement, leadership and character requisite for an officer of the naval service. Your initiative and conduct reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps."

A Third Of Grads Are Planning To Attend College

Approximately one-third of the 1956 Transylvania county high school graduates plan to attend college next fall, a survey made this week reveals.

Of the 111 who are finishing at Brevard high, 41 of them are going —Turn To Page Ten

Program Highlights

WPNF To Join In Celebration Of National Radio Week This Sunday

Radio station WPNF is proud to join with every AM and FM radio station in North Carolina for a special two-hour broadcast Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock celebrating National Radio week, President Ed M. Anderson announces today.

"OPERATION RADIO 1956" will be a guided tour of North Carolina, featuring places, people and projects. Short on-the-spot broadcasts will come from every section of the state, together with brief industrial material, all combined into

Importance Of Lunchrooms Cited. Cost Per Meal Is Extremely Low

Students in the eight elementary schools in Brevard and Transylvania county ate an average of 2,876 hot lunches daily as compared with 2,679 last year.

The cost of these lunches ranges from 15 cents to 20 cents, Supt. J. B. Jones states. Federal aid is supplied to all lunchrooms and the amount of aid is determined by the number of lunches fed daily, the type of meal and as to whether it includes milk.

"Parents and teachers alike know the importance of a balanced hot meal for children," Mr. Jones commented, "and we are all extremely proud of the fine work that is being done in our lunchrooms."

He also explained that surplus aid was somewhat more during the year.

"In serving lunches the children have not only been supplied with well balanced meals, but they have also learned by practice of good behavior at meal time and developed a taste for a wide variety of foods," Mr. Jones concluded.

Several of the smaller schools do not have lunchroom facilities, but all elementary schools will have lunchrooms when the plan of consolidation is completed.

IT'S BLACKBERRY WINTER

The last cold spell was called "Dogwood Winter". The one which began so abruptly Wednesday morning is supposed to be "Blackberry Winter." We haven't heard what the next one will be called but only join in farmers with the wish it won't materialize. Shirt sleeved men and bare-legged women sweltered in summer-like temperatures that went up to 84 on Tuesday to tumble abruptly down to a low of 49 early Wednesday.

ENROLLMENT IS TOPS FOR COUNTY

Increase Of 200 Noted Over Last Year. Costs Will Be Over Half Million

Enrollment in Transylvania county's 11 elementary and 2 high schools during the school year totaled 4,185, an increase of nearly 200 over the previous year, according to Supt. J. B. Jones.

The cost of operating the schools up to May 1, amounted to \$499,279.86, and the total operating cost for the current year will be over a half of a million dollars.

Of this the county paid \$85,195.59 and the state \$415,080.27. The capital outlay for buildings and equipment amounted to \$137,899.37, with the county supplying \$117,749.65 and the state \$20,149.72.

In addition, the county paid \$24, —Turn to Page Four

137 On Teaching Staff In County During This Year

The faculty of the county's 13 schools consists of 137 teachers and principals, plus a school supervisor and superintendent of public instruction.

Of this number 103 of them teach in the 11 elementary schools and 34 in the high schools.

With a staff of 36, the Brevard elementary school has by far the largest number. Rosman elementary is second with 22.

There are 23 members of the faculty of Brevard high and 10 at Rosman.

The number of teachers is determined by the average daily attendance.

Teachers and principals were re-elected by the board of education Tuesday night.



THOMAS R. ELLER