



**THE SMEDBERG BROTHERS**, Julian K., at left, and Harold V., right, had quite a reunion here last week when Mr. Julian arrived in the United States for the first time in 51 years. He was a member of the American Consular service in Europe and the British Isles for nearly 30 years before retirement. Center is Dr. Daphne Smedberg, his daughter, who is

on her first visit to her father's native country. She had never before met her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Smedberg, of Probarie street extension. The doctor is a psychiatrist attached to the Cane Hill hospital near London. She returns home next month but her father plans to spend the summer visiting in the U. S. (Times Staff Photo)

## Annual Ecusta Picnic To Highlight July Fourth Observance In County

### BROTHERS MEET HERE FOR FIRST TIME, 51 YEARS

**Smedbergs Reunited. Daughter Of Visitor Here Is A Doctor Near London**

BY FRANCES WALKER  
When Julian Kemble Smedberg waved goodbye to the New York harbor 51 years ago, he certainly never dreamed it would be that long before he returned to this country, and even by the farthest stretch of imagination would he have contemplated a homecoming by air travel.  
Last week Mr. Smedberg and his daughter, an American who had never seen her country, flew into New York from London. They immediately entrained for Brevard to visit Mr. Smedberg's brother, Harold V., and Mrs. Smedberg. What a homecoming the brothers, aged 80 and 82, had with their sister, Miss Frances Smedberg, who's in an Asheville nursing home. Miss Frances is 92 years, but her mind, still bright as a penny, recalled her last meeting with brother Julian as if it was yesterday. It was 20 years ago when she visited him —Turn To Page Three



**DRESS REVUE WINNERS** — The two 4-H club members shown above were the winners in the dress revue recently held for all girls. Senior winner was Sarah Hunter, left, of the Busy Bee club, and Joanne Bagwell, right, of the Willing Workers club was the junior winner. Judges were home agents from Henderson and Jackson counties. A tea for mothers and adult leaders of the clubs was held in conjunction with the dress revue at Gaither's. (Times Staff Photo)

### STORES, OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEDNESDAY

**Record Number Expected Here. Holiday Dance Set Tuesday Night**

#### PATROLMEN QUOTED

Highlighting the Fourth of July observance in Transylvania county next Wednesday will be the annual Ecusta picnic at Camp Harry H. Straus, which is usually attended by more than 5,000 people. All stores, town and county offices, the bank and the post office

**TO PUBLISH EARLY**  
Due to the Independence holiday falling on Wednesday, which is press day for The Times, the deadline for news and advertising copy is being moved up to noon Tuesday and the paper will be published Tuesday night. Classifieds must be in by 10 a. m., on Tuesday, and June brides must turn in their pictures by noon on Friday of this week.

will be closed on Wednesday, and there will be no rural or city delivery of mail. However, the general delivery window here at the post office will be open from 11:00 o'clock until 12 noon.

Inns, rooming-houses, motels and guest houses are expected to be filled most of next week, as persons from the lower elevations come to the mountains for the observance in an effort to escape the summer's heat. Transylvania's highway patrol —Turn To Page Six

## Town, County To Adopt Budgets Next Monday, Tax Rates To Remain Same

### Brevard Will End Year With Surplus. Money Allocated For Storage Dam

With the new year beginning on Monday, July 2nd, town officials are busy preparing the budget for 1956-57, and they report today that the town of Brevard is in a sound, financial basis. Including some \$5,000 in Powell bill Monday, the town has over \$9,000 in cash on hand, with all old debts being paid, other than its bonded indebtedness, and these payments are current. While the town plans to spend some \$2,673.95 more than it did during the past year, the tax rate for the new year will remain at \$1.45.

The new budget will be placed on inspection for 21 days on Monday, and it will be published in its entirety next week in The Times. At the end of the inspection period, it will be adopted by the board, which is composed of Henry R. Henderson, George Justus, C. Few Lyda, W. M. Melton, and Mitchell Neely. John A. Ford is mayor of Brevard, and Thomas R. Eller is the town attorney. The county commissioners, Freeman Hayes, chairman, Dewey Burton and George Perkins, Sr., are holding special meetings this week for the purpose of working on the new budget, which they will adopt next Monday. Expenditures are expected to be slightly more than they were during the past year, when they were \$630,605.00. The tax rate of \$1.55 is expected to remain the same. Like the town budget, the county's will remain open for public inspection for 21 days after it is adopted next Monday.

**Town Budget**  
According to Mrs. Opal King, the city clerk, projected expenditures for the new year in the general fund are as follows: —Turn To Page Twelve

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, June 28 — B & PW club meets at 7 p. m., at Camp Straus. Masonic meeting in temple at 8 p. m.
- Friday, June 29 — Soil bank meeting at court house, 10 a. m. Chamber of commerce banquet, Brevard country club, 7 p. m. Concert at Brevard Music Center, 8:15 p. m.
- Saturday, June 30 — Enka vs. Ecusta at Camp Straus, 3 p. m. Concert at Brevard Music Center, 8:15 p. m.
- Sunday, July 1 — Attend the —Turn To Page Six

### Begins At 10 A. M.

## Soil Bank Program Will Be Explained At Meeting Friday

A meeting has been scheduled for this Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the county court house at which the all-important acreage reserve phase of the Soil Bank program will be explained to farmers who have wheat and tobacco acreage allotments established for their farms in Transylvania county, Marvin W. Whitmire, chairman of the county ASC committee, announces today.

At this meeting, all details of the Soil Bank program will be explained including conditions under which growers of wheat and tobacco may reduce their acreage below established allotments and earn payments by doing so. Mr. Whitmire stresses the fact that only farmers who did not plant their wheat and tobacco allotted acreage, or wish to destroy their planted allotted acreage, are eligible to participate in the acreage reserve program.

Mr. Whitmire said that it would be very important that all farmers who are considering participating in the Soil bank, or who have questions on the acreage reserve program, attend this meeting. He mentioned the fact that the deadline for signing up to participate in the acreage reserve program for Burley Tobacco is July 20th. —Turn To Page Six

### Jaycees To Cancel '56 Folk Festival

Due to the lack of response by singers, dancers and other performers for the annual Sylvan Valley folk festival the directors of the Brevard junior chamber of commerce have cancelled the '56 event here, which was slated for July 5th-7th.

This action was taken at the last regular meeting of the board. The directors felt that they could not give a festival in keeping with past performances and —Turn To Page Six

## Guy Burchfiel Installed As President Of Local Lions By District Governor

Guy Burchfiel was installed as president of the Brevard Lions club at their last regular meeting. Lawrence Leatherwood, Lions governor of district 31-A, conducted the installation of the new officers for the 1956-57 club year.

Other officers included: Jack Gravely, 1st vice-president; Mack Feaster, 2nd vice-president; Bob Andrews, 3rd vice-president; Clark Grissom, secretary; Harvey Cavender, treasurer; Frank Byrd, Liontamer; and J. D. Jones and Bob Daniels, tail-twisters. New directors were Dr. Burt Loomis and W. M. Melton.

District Governor Leatherwood spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the Lions clubs in his —Turn To Page Twelve

## Music Camp Is Off To A Successful Beginning

Preparations for the summer festival of music at the Brevard Music center got under way last week as students and faculty arrived at the Transylvania Music camp.

Two hundred campers have come from all parts of the country, from Maine to Florida and westward. When all these people start talking, they may not understand each other's accents, but when it comes to music they are in perfect agreement. Music is a common tongue, and the language they will speak all summer. As soon as trunks were unpacked, the instruments came out of their cases and campers went their separate ways to practice, some to the woods to perch on a stump, some to the auditorium for an orchestra or choral rehearsal, and others to quiet cabins away from the commotion.

This is a busy group, but to them it is a vacation. Nine weeks of hard work is to the campers heaven, for the training and education they are able to obtain is the greatest satisfaction that these young people could wish for. Here, in the cool of the mountains, young musicians from 12 to 20 are given not only the chance to swim and play tennis, but also the opportunity of learning and listening to —Turn To Page Four



GUY BURCFIEL

### WORK IS STARTED ON NEW LIBRARY

**Building Could Be Completed In 90 Days With Good Weather. Drive Persists**

The contract to build the new and modern Transylvania county library has been let to C. E. Cochran, Mrs. Oliver Orr, chairman of the library board, announces. Of the five bids received, Mr. Cochran's bid of \$18,420 was the lowest.

Following ground breaking ceremonies Tuesday morning in which the library board, the county commissioners and members of the special funds raising committee participated, Mr. Cochran and his special crew began work on the building.

Mr. Cochran said, barring bad weather, the building could be completed within 90 days. It is also reported that the most —Turn To Page Six

### STORM DAMAGE

Trees were uprooted and the roof of a large barn on the Stallings farm was blown off in the Island Ford section of Transylvania last Saturday afternoon during a wind and thunderstorm. One of the Stallings brothers said that for a while the storm reminded him of small tornado.

The principal address of Walter Smith at the annual Brevard chamber of commerce Friday night will be recorded for broadcast and will be heard over WPNF Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Bobby Hoyle, station manager announces. A prominent after dinner speaker, Mr. Smith's message will be of interest to all civic-minded citizens of Transylvania. Mr. Hoyle urges the listeners of WPNF to tune in at that time. "I am sure that even the people

### Firemen To Battle Fire With 'Fog' In Fisher Town Mon.

Members of the Brevard volunteer fire department will give a unique demonstration on fighting a fire with high pressure fog Monday night in the Fisher town section of Brevard.

Fire Chief Dan Merrill says that a house has been acquired for the demonstration, and he invites the public to see the firemen in action. The demonstration is set for 8:00 o'clock Monday evening.

## Many Expected To Attend Annual Banquet Of Brevard Chamber Of Commerce At Club Friday Night



**WALTER SMITH**, noted humorist of Rutherfordton, will be principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Brevard chamber of commerce Friday night at the Brevard Country club. A large crowd is expected to attend the event.

### Inspiring And Humorous Talk Will Be Heard. Also Brief Reports On Work

A large crowd is expected to attend the annual banquet of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, which is slated for Friday night of this week at the Brevard country club. Banquet time is 7:00 o'clock. President J. C. Gaither says the members are returning their reservations better than expectations, and he urges persons desiring more tickets to notify the chamber of commerce office adjacent to the post office by noon Friday.

Highlighting the banquet will be a humorous and inspiring talk by Walter Smith, noted humorist of Rutherfordton, who is in demand all over the nation as an after dinner speaker. Mr. Smith, a representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, interweaves humor and philosophy in his talks. He is extremely active in the religious and civic life of his community.

The topic of Mr. Smith's talk will be: "Our Civic Responsibilities".

President Gaither says that brief reports on the work of the chamber of commerce will be given, along with a report from Don Jenkins, the chairman of the newly organized industrial group in Transylvania county. Rev. Frank McKenzie, Episcopal —Turn To Page Six

### WPNF Program Highlights

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who are able to hear Mr. Smith on Friday night will want to listen to him again on Saturday, because in his talks, Mr. Smith combines homespun humor with philosophy", Mr. Hoyle states.

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

The schedule for the Civic Hour for the coming week is as follows: Friday, American Legion Auxiliary; Monday, Mathatasian Club; Wednesday, Brevard Little Theatre. —Turn To Page Six

## CAR PLUNGES DOWN BANK AT CASCADE

**Five Persons Miraculously Escape Fatal Injury. Condition Said Good**

Five persons narrowly escaped fatal injury late Tuesday afternoon, when the car in which they were riding ran off the winding road around Cascade lake, plunged down a steep 40-foot embankment and was stopped at the water's edge by a small tree.

Several persons, who were boating and skiing on the lake, heard the car crash, and because of their efforts, all five of the persons in the car, including two women, a man and two children, were rescued.

Mrs. Aileen Lewis, of Pisgah Forest, was pulled from under the overturned car by Tommy Mitchell, Gerald Banks and Doug Merrill, who were boating on the lake when the freak accident occurred.

The three men also took the children and the other woman, Mrs. Lou Ella Allison, to the Transylvania community hospital. Mrs. Lewis was unconscious until she arrived there, and like others, she suffered cuts and bruises.

Wednesday morning hospital authorities described the condition of the two women as good, and the other patients were released Tuesday. —Turn To Page Twelve.

## Local Reserves To Hold "Open House" Thursday Evening

Batteries "A" and "B" of the 315th Field artillery, U. S. Army reserve, will hold an open house at the American Legion building this Thursday night, June 28th at 8 o'clock. The open house will feature a weapons exhibit, a movie entitled "Reserve Forces Act of 1956" and an address by Capt. Thomas R. Eller.

The purpose of the occasion is to show the people of Transylvania what the reserve unit is doing and to inform the young men in the 17 to 18½ age group of the advantages of joining a reserve unit. "By joining a reserve unit under —Turn To Page Six