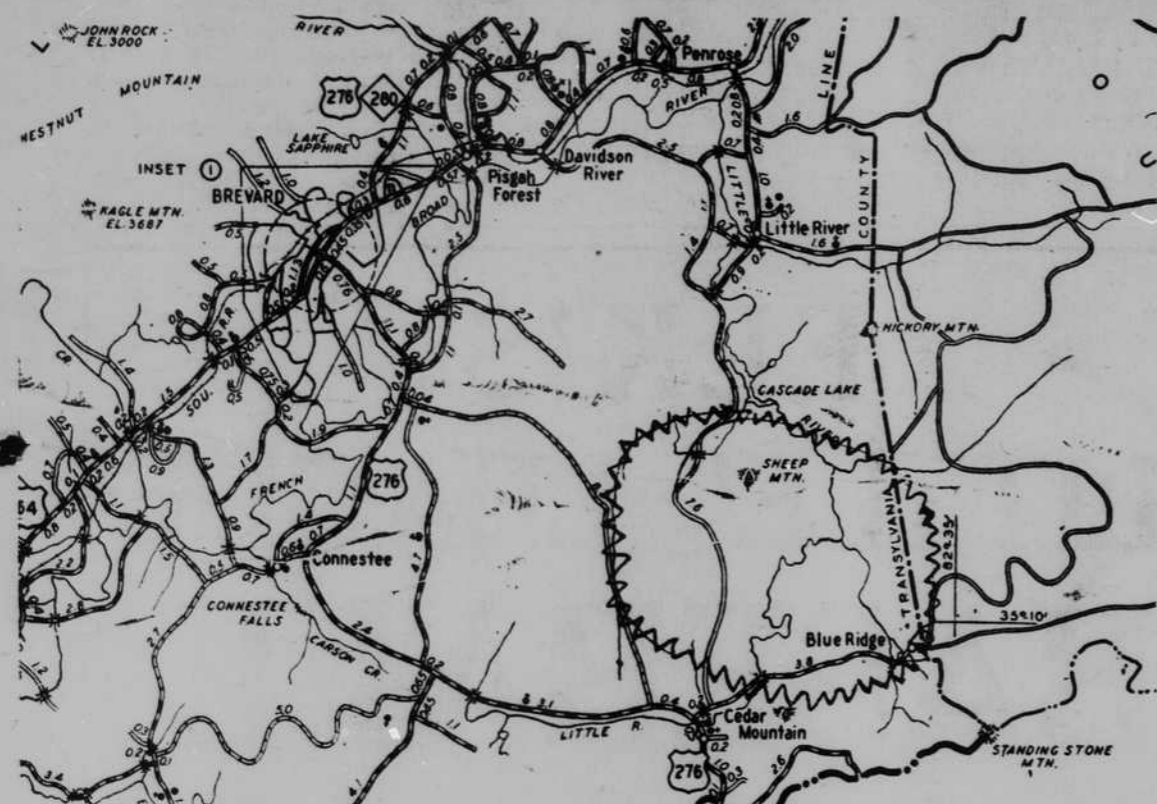


# DUPONT BUYS PLANT SITE



THE DU PONT COMPANY has purchased 10,500 acres of land in Transylvania and Henderson counties for possible future expansion of its silicon production, and the proposed plant site can

be noted within the jagged lines on the map above. This area is located in beautiful Buck Forest, some two and one half miles from Cedar Mountain.

## BUCK FOREST HAS COLORFUL, LONG HISTORY

Vast Amount Of Land Accumulated By Colonel Coxe. Background Given

BY FRANCES WALKER  
The beautiful Buck Forest property, which has been used in recent years for nothing but private fishing and hunting and the sale of timber, was once a bustling place and has enjoyed a colorful history.

The acreage was accumulated over a period of years by Colonel Frank Coxe, who among other things was reported to have fought on both sides during the War Between the States. Old Col. Coxe came to Western North Carolina from Charleston and was one of the largest property holders in this area.

He was the father of the late Tench Coxe and grandfather of Frank Coxe, of Asheville. Throughout the years most of the Buck Forest property has remained in the hands of the Coxe family.

According to Paul Roberts, who was caretaker at Buck Forest from 1928 until 1944, here was once the scene of much activity.

The old Jones Gap road, once the main highway from South Carolina into the Caesars' Head-Cedar Mountain area, was not completed until just after the Civil War. It passed by the old Buck Forest Hotel which was then one of the

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## 10,500 Acres Bought In This County, Henderson

### COUNTY BOARD GIVES NOTICE OF BOND VOTE

Election Is Expected To Be Held September 8th. Needs In System Cited

In compliance with the law, the Transylvania board of commissioners is giving public notice this week that a school bond election in the amount of \$647,000 is being called.

The date of the election is expected to be on Saturday, Sept. 8th.

The commissioners heard members of the school board tell of needs in the school system at their last regular meeting. It was explained that to provide adequate buildings and to repair existing ones, an expenditure of \$1,027,000.00 would be necessary.

Of this amount, \$647,000 will be provided by bonds, and the remainder by county ad valorem taxes in the regular budget under the heading of capital outlay.

The total indebtedness for school purposes would be \$1,086,000.00, which is the maximum allowed with the present property valuation of \$22,000,000.00.

School officials point out that

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### Expect To Build Plant In Buck Forest Area

The Du Pont Company has bought 10,500 acres of land in Transylvania and Henderson counties as a possible site for the future expansion of its silicon production, company officials announced here this morning.

The site lies on the boundary line between the two counties and is roughly bisected by the Little River. Three large parcels are included in the property and they are the Buck Forest tract in Transylvania, consisting of around 5,000 acres and owned by the Frank Coxe family of Asheville; the A. H. Guion tract of 5,400 acres located mainly in Henderson county and the Donald Rhoads tract of 139 acres.

It is understood that the proposed plant area will be located on the Buck Forest tract near Cedar Mountain in Transylvania county, about 12 miles from Brevard.

The North Carolina Highway Commission has agreed to build roads into the plant site and it appears that the main entrance to the site may be from U. S. highway 276 near Cedar Mountain.

The Crab Creek road runs parallel to the northernmost boundary and an entrance from that direction may also be desired.

Du Pont officials pointed out that the location of the site, largely in rolling timberland remote from any industrial or agricultural activity, was dictated by the extreme requirements for air purity in manufacturing hyperepure silicon.

—Best Of 62 Sites

The newly acquired site near here meets those exacting requirements and it was selected over 62 other prospective sites located in various sections of the county.

Du Pont officials said impurities in silicon are measured in parts per billion and the material could easily pick up detrimental elements from industrial smoke or particles of fertilizer in the air. The size of the site, they said, offers protection against this type of contamination.

Company officials pointed out that the land is being purchased in anticipation of building a plant initially employing about 200 persons. Future plans, it was stated, call for a still larger unit.

They stated that engineering design studies and construction cost estimates for the first plant are going forward, pending final authorization.

Du Pont developed silicon during World War II for radar purposes and since then has found many other uses for the product. At the present time, the Company has only one other plant making silicon and it is located at Newport, Delaware.

Today silicon material is used in such tiny electrical and electronic devices as transistors, diodes, and rectifiers.

Because of its extreme high purity, it sells for \$350.00 a pound. However, it is explained, a small

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## Commissioners Approve New Budget Of \$1,287,853, Open For Inspection

Tax Rate Remains At \$1.55. Various Expenditures Are Listed

An annual budget estimate of \$1,287,853.00 for Transylvania county for the year 1956-57 was presented to the commissioners Monday by County Accountant Lewis Osborne.

The new budget was accepted and ordered to be filed with the register of deeds for public inspection for a period of 21 days before it is adopted on July 23.

The proposed budget anticipates the passage of the proposed school bond issue of \$647,000.00 and not taking this into consideration the budget is slightly higher than that of last year.

The tax rate, however, will remain the same, \$1.55 per \$100 valuation.

The new budget is based on an estimated property valuation of \$22,000,000.00, which is a million dollars more than the estimated budget of the past year.

A financial statement shows that the county finished the current fiscal year June 30 with a good cash surplus in a number of accounts. In view of this cash balance, plus the anticipated increase in total valuation, it will not be necessary to increase the tax rate

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## Cosby Choir Camp To Be Dedicated Sunday

Cosby Choir Camp, Inc., at Lake Toxaway, will be dedicated in appropriate services this Sunday afternoon with the opening session to begin Monday, July 9th.

Rev. Ben F. Ormand, pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian church, will be in charge of the dedication service. He will be assisted by Dr. Robert L. McLeod, professor of Christian education at Lindenwood College.

The dedication will take place at 3 p. m., at the camp, which is located adjacent to the site of the famed old Toxaway Hotel. New dining rooms, dormitories and other structures have been built, and sev-

eral of the cottages once used in connection with the old hotel operation are also being utilized.

The Transylvania Ministerial association will be represented at the dedication Sunday by Rev. Douglas Corriher, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church.

A musical program will be furnished by the faculty and counselors from the choir camp, directed by Frank L. Pugh, camp director.

The first of two sessions for 1956 begins at the choir camp July 9th and continues for three weeks. The second session will begin on July 30 and also lasts for three weeks.

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## BOARD ACQUIRES SCHOOL PROPERTY

Church Lot Purchased At Rosman, Silversteen Donates Acre Of Land

The Transylvania board of education has purchased the Methodist church property adjacent to the Rosman schools, and at a later date a vocational building will be erected on this site.

According to Supt. J. B. Jones, an adjoining lot which is about an acre in size, has been donated to the school system by Joseph S. Silversteen.

This will give access to the prop-

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### AN EDITORIAL

## Welcome, Du Pont Company

This is indeed a Happy Fourth of July for Brevard and Transylvania county and we feel like staging a celebration that would even surpass the one which our forefathers held on that first Fourth one hundred and eighty years ago.

On behalf of every citizen of this fine county, The Times takes pleasure in extending a most hearty welcome to the Du Pont Corporation, one of the nation's largest and most outstanding industrial organizations.

We are thrilled that this gigantic company has purchased the Buck Forest property in this county as a proposed plant site, plus other property in Henderson county.

It was a great day for us when the late Harry Straus announced in 1938 that he would establish the Ecusta Paper Corporation at Pisgah Forest. It was a great day for the county when Mr. Straus announced in 1949 that Olin Industries would erect a large plant for the manufacture of cellophane. And today it is a great day for Transylvania as Du Pont is announcing the purchase of a plant site.

Both Ecusta and Olin have been happy with their location in this "land of waterfalls" and we hope Du Pont will soon start construction and that they will be most happy, too!

### Program Highlights

## WPNF To Observe Sixth Birthday On Friday, Public Service Stressed

On Friday of this week, WPNF will celebrate its sixth birthday, and President Ed M. Anderson says that this is an appropriate time to rededicate the station to serving Brevard and Transylvania county.

The president also extends thanks to listeners and advertisers for their fine cooperation and support.

"We have expanded our musical library and endeavor at all times to carry the latest hits in all types of music," Mr. Anderson stated.

News coverage and public ser-

vice messages have also been extended.

WPNF has one of the finest and most modern buildings of any station in the Carolinas. Its equipment is also of the highest quality obtainable.

The station is owned and operated by the Pisgah Broadcasting company of which Ed M. Anderson is president; John Eversman, vice president; and John Anderson, treasurer and executive director.

Members of the staff are Bobby

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## Ecusta Picnic Is Highlight Event Of Fourth In County

The Ecusta picnic, expected to be attended by more than 5,000 people, highlighted the Fourth of July celebration in Transylvania.

All stores, town and county offices closed for the day, and a record number of visitors were anticipated in the Pisgah National Forest.

Beginning the events of the observance was a dance at the Brevard country club, and special programs were slated at the different organized camps.

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 5, — Lions club meets at Gaithers at 7:00 o'clock.

Friday, July 6 — Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 o'clock. Concert at Music camp at 8:15 o'clock.

Saturday, July 7th — Concert at Music camp at 8:15 o'clock.

Sunday, July 8th — Attend the church of your choice. Music camp concert at 4 p. m.

Monday, July 9th — Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 o'clock. Shriners meet at Gaither's at 7 p. m. VFW and auxiliary meet at 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday, July 10 — Moose and Elks meet at their respective lodges at 8 p. m.

Wednesday, July 11th — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 6:30 o'clock.



PRINCIPAL FIGURES at the annual Brevard chamber of commerce last Friday night at the country club are shown above looking over the program of the evening. At the left is Ed M. Anderson, publisher of The Times and president of WPNF, who introduced the speaker. In the center is Walter Smith, of Ruther-

fordton, who made the principal address and inspired his hearers to do more and better civic work. At the right is J. C. Gaither, president of the Brevard chamber of commerce, who presided over the dinner meeting. See story on page four, first section. (Times Staff Photo)