

HISTORY OF THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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PART TWO

(Continued from Last Week)

In October of 1945, more than 10 years before the goal was to be realized, Mrs. Orr, who has served continuously as president of the board since its first organization in January of 1944, appointed a building committee to look for a new site for the library.

In the meantime, the board went on with its efforts to improve the library; its books, and its services. A "Teen-Age" shelf was placed in the library in March of 1956 and by September the board was investigating the possibility of purchasing a book-mobile. None of the surrounding counties had a book-mobile and the State Board was skeptical of approving one for such a small county. After receiving no encouragement from other counties regarding the joint purchase of the book-mobile, the Library Board purchased its own vehicle in November of 1947 at a price of \$1708.83. The book-mobile was placed on a regular schedule of 6 trips per month, covering all parts of the county.

When the library was first placed under state aid, it housed 2867 books. By the fall of 1949, it housed 5761 books. The old Chapter House had been completely outgrown, even at that time, yet no funds were available either from the local governments of the state or federal governments for construction of new buildings. On May 27, 1953, at a time when it still seemed impossible that enough funds in addition to Mr. Straus' contribution could be obtained from any source, the Board reviewed the building committee appointed some 10 years earlier and asked Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., to serve as its chairman. Under the effective and able chairmanship of Mr. Ramsey, the committee studied various plans and proposals, tested them by public opinion, and decided upon building a new library building on the site which had been the location of the library since the days when the "Chapter House" and the library had been one and the same. The committee then requested the architect, Henry MacDonald, to draw plans for a building on this site. Mr. MacDonald agreed to do so without charge. When the matter was presented to the county commissioners, they readily agreed to lease the property to the Library Board and provide heat and water for the new building.

His plans formed and approved by the library board and the County Commissioners, Chairman Ramsey then called together citizens committee of more than 50 people, representing a cross-section of Transylvania county, to lay plans for an intensive fund-raising campaign. The committee unanimously approved a goal of \$20,000.00 and launched a campaign in which every group and family in Transylvania County was given an opportunity to contribute. Hundreds of people contributed large and small amounts, the contract was let, and the handsome building which we

are dedicating here today was the result. This modern library now houses more than 8,000 books and periodicals, serves in excess of 2,000 people per month, and is capable of even greater storage and service. Its contribution to the general enlightenment and enjoyment of Transylvania County is inestimable. It reflects the highest credit upon all who have had a part in this truly splendid community endeavor.

NOTE: Most of the factual data in this history was contributed by R. L. Gash, who was county attorney when the library was first organized and greatly contributed to its organization; by Mrs. O. H. Orr, who has been a sustaining force for more than 20 consecutive years as President of the Women's Civic club and the library board, and by Mrs. E. F. Tilson, who as secretary, faithfully retained the minutes of the board of trustees of the Library.

Three Brevard Boys To Participate In Premiere Broadcast Of Oratorio

Dr. Thor Johnson To Conduct Broadcast From Cincinnati Music Hall

Transylvania County will be represented in a coast-to-coast radio broadcast of the world premier of a new oratorio, "Children of God."

Charles Bishop, Steve Hunter, and Lester Winchester, all of Brevard, members of the Berea College Oratorio Choir and students at the college, will participate in the concert performance to be given at the Cincinnati Music Hall Feb. 1-2.

Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, will direct the 100-voice Berea Choir and the Cincinnati orchestra in the concert performance. The concert is being jointly sponsored by Berea College and

the National Council of Churches.

Music for the oratorio was written by the nationally famous composer, Normand Lockwood. Dr. Clara Chassel Cooper, chairman of the Berea College Psychology Department, compiled the biblical text of the oratorio.

"Children of God" is the first oratorio written using the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Rolf Hovey, chairman of the Berea College Music Department, has trained the Berea Oratorio Choir for the February Concert. He began rehearsals last September.

A performance of the oratorio is planned for Berea on May 15.

Mr. Bishop, son of W. L. Bishop. Mr. Hunter, son of James Lee Hunter, Sr., and Mr. Winchester, son of Mrs. Leo Winchester, will also appear in the May concert.

Big March Of Dimes Singing Is Set Sunday At Enon Church

Event Honors Betty Sue Williams. Many Groups Slated On Program

The big annual singing, held each year at the Enon Baptist church to benefit the March of Dimes, is slated for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3rd, beginning promptly at 2:00 o'clock.

The singing also honors Miss Betty Sue Williams, who was a victim of polio, and Ray Telley will serve as master of ceremonies on the program.

Several outstanding singing

PISGAH CLUB TO DECIDE ON SITE

Selection Of Place For Center To Be Made At Meet In School Tues. Night

The Pisgah Forest Community Development club will meet Tuesday night, February 5, at 7:30 p. m., in the school cafeteria.

At this meeting a place will be selected as the site for the new club house. Everyone who is interested in having a community center is asked to attend. Officers will also be elected and refreshments will be served.

Personals From Blantyre Listed

BY MRS. JOHN REED

Mrs. J. H. Cochran, of Parkdale, Oregon, who has been visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cochran and family here, went the past week end to Atlanta, Ga., to visit a sister. She was accompanied to Atlanta by Mrs. C. E. Cochran and Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cochran. The elder Mrs. Cochran plans to spend the remainder of the winter with relatives in North and South Carolina and Georgia and return to her home in the spring.

R. A. Bryson, who underwent surgery in Memorial Mission hospital in Asheville last week, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Tom White was injured in an accident at Carr Lumber Co., and was in Transylvania Community hospital for a few days last week. He is now recuperating at his home.

Mrs. A. W. Davis, of Fort Valley, Ga., a former resident of Blantyre, is improving after an illness.

Mrs. Fred Hinkle, of Lake Toxaway, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave White, on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Euston Lusk and children, of Valley Hill, visited Mrs. Lusk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom White on Wednesday night last week.

groups, including the Gospel tone quartet, of Canton, Dixieland group, of Asheville, Gospelite trio, of Canton, Sluder trio, Alexander quartet and Junorettes, all of Alexander, the Ecusta quartet, and others will appear on the program.

Visit Of Mrs. Wilson, Other News Is Reported

BY MRS. PEARL BREWER

WHITEWATER — Mrs. Q. M. Wilson, of Palm Beach, Florida, is spending some time at her ranch here, and at Mt. Toxaway Lodge.

Philip Fisher had the misfortune of breaking his arm while skating on ice last week.

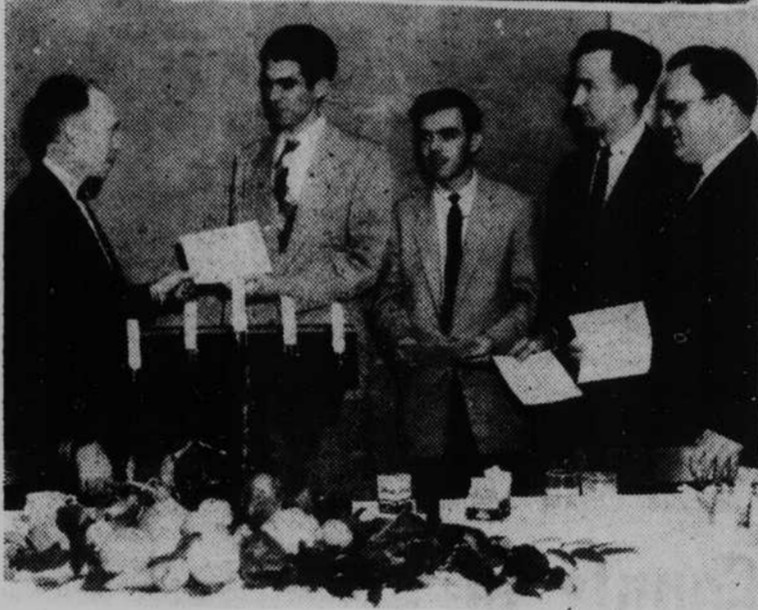
We are glad to report little Sandra Kenney as being much improved after a recent illness.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lusk, were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Grimshawe and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lyday.

Wallace Brewer made a business trip to Asheville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kizer Franks and children, of Rosman, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Franks and son, of Selica visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Luna Banther is spending some time in Brevard while her husband is undergoing treatment, following surgery at the Transylvania Community hospital last week. At the last report, Mr. Banther was slightly improved.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN of Brevard and Transylvania county were recognized by the Brevard Jaycees last Wednesday night at the annual ladies' night banquet of the organization. In the top photo, President Earl Powell is pictured at the left awarding the DSA to Henry McDonald, local architect, and on the right is Charles Osborne, who received the young farmer award. In the lower photo the president is presenting key awards to outstanding club members who are: Bill Leonard, Bobby Hoyle, Dr. John Folger and John A. Ford, Jr. (Times Staff Photo)

Outstanding Young Men Are Honored By Brevard Jaycees

McDonald Receives DSA. Charles Osborne Is The County Young Farmer

Highlighting the annual Jaycee banquet was the naming of Henry Clyde McDonald Jr., Brevard architect, as Transylvania's "Young Man of the Year" and Charles Osborne as the outstanding young farmer.

The award for the outstanding young farmer was presented by Randal Lyday, head of the agriculture department at Brevard High School and a former instructor of Mr. Osborne's. Presenting the award to Mr. McDonald was Rev. Douglas Corriher, pastor of the Brevard Methodist Church of which Mr. McDonald is a member. Rev. Corriher was also principal speaker at the banquet.

Four Jaycees received awards for their outstanding work during the past year. They were: Bobby Hoyle, station manager of radio station WPNF; Dr. John Folger, president of the Jaycees; Bill Leonard, treasurer; and John Ford, Jr., secretary.

Mr. Osborne was born in Transylvania county in 1931 and graduated from Brevard High School in 1949 where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America, a member of the dairy judging team for 4 years, an outstanding student and football player. Attending N. C. State from 1949 to 1953, he obtained his degree in Dairy Husbandry and following his graduation entered the army July 4, 1953. He was discharged in 1955, now holds the position of Battery Executive Officer with the local reserve field artillery unit and is co-owner of a dairy farm with his father where they milk 25 cows.

Mr. McDonald was born in South Carolina just under 30 years ago, is a graduate of Brevard High School, Brevard College, Clemson College and settled permanently in Brevard in 1952. Among the many buildings designed by him and his associate are the new library, the professional building which is almost completed, the campus center building now under construction at Brevard College, numerous other buildings on the local campus and here in town. A very

Mrs. Nicholson, Also Mr. Reid Honored Sunday

BY MRS. I. S. SANDERS

OAKLAND — Mr. and Mrs. Jud Plott, of Enon, honored their mother, Mrs. M. E. Nicholson, and uncle, E. A. Reid, of Oakland, Sunday with a birthday dinner for the two. Mr. Reid and Mrs. Nicholson were supper guests also Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reid and son, Tom, of Brevard, in honor of the birthday anniversary.

Frank McCall was called to Atlanta Saturday due to the serious illness of his sister, Miss Gertrude McCall. Miss McCall is a retired army nurse.

Mrs. Verda Bagwell and friends of Brevard called on Mrs. Maggie Nicholson for a surprise supper one night last week.

Mrs. Ray Sanders, of West Asheville, honored her husband, Ray Sanders, with a birthday supper given Sunday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanders.

Bobby Fisher, age 12, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fisher, of Houston, Texas, a polio victim, recently sat in his wheel chair on a street corner and took part in a March of Dimes campaign. He collected over \$400, and though tired at the end of the day, was a very proud little boy. He was accompanied by his uncle, C. W. Fisher.

Luther White, of Pickens, S. C., is spending some time here with his son, James White, and family.

Mrs. Emma Posey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meadows, of Mills River, called on Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCall recently.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeely have been quite sick at their home here but were able to be at Sunday school again Sunday.

active member of the community, he belongs to the American Legion, the Moose Lodge, the Kiwanis club, the Little Theatre, and takes time out to instruct a class at Brevard College.

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