

A PORTION OF THE CROWD on hand to welcome Santa Claus to town last Friday afternoon is pictured above. In spite of threatening skies, the streets of the business section were lined with spectators, and Santa tossed candy to his little friends from atop the big fire truck. Leading the parade was the Brevard high

school band, followed by the beauty queens from Brevard high school and Brevard college. Ole Santa returns to Brevard this Friday afternoon and Saturday, and he'll be visiting in all the stores and giving candy to boys and girls. (Photo by Austin's)

Brisk Christmas Business Expected, '57 Shopping Season Officially Opens

EMPLOYMENT IS UP, WAGES ARE AT HIGH FIGURE

County Ranks Right At The Top In State. Commission's Report Revealed

Average employment in Transylvania county during the second quarter of 1957 amounted to 3,293, a gain of 0.6 per cent over the previous quarter, a report of the Employment Security commission of North Carolina, reveals today.

Total wages paid in this county, according to the commission, reached \$3,087,819, with an average weekly wage of \$72.13.

In North Carolina, the report noted that the monthly average of insured workers in the second quarter reached 827,300, a rise of almost 7,000 from the first quarter level. However, second quarter insured employment lacked 1,200 attaining the level of the same quarter of 1956.

Insured workers in the second quarter had gross earnings totaling \$663,250,000, a gain in wage payments of 3.4 percent, or \$22 million over the first quarter.

The average weekly earning of the insured worker group in the second quarter this year was \$61.67. This was \$2.11 more than in the second quarter of 1956.

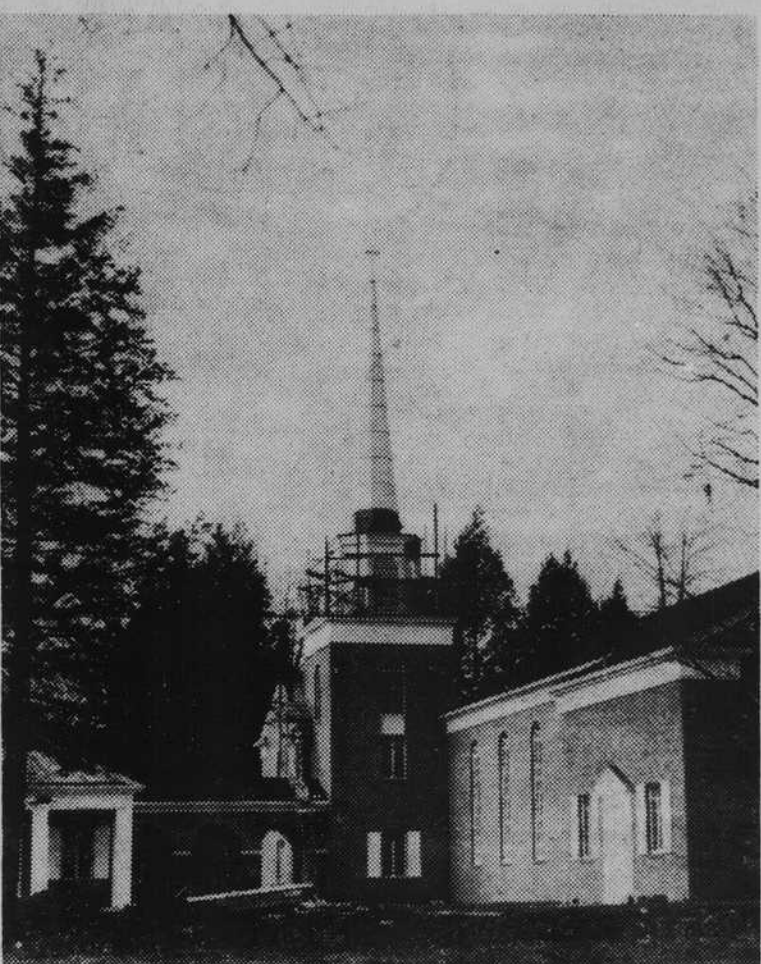
LOCAL FIREMEN FIGHT FOUR FIRES

Shiflet Residence, Contents Badly Damaged By Blaze Late Sunday Afternoon

The Brevard volunteer fire department answered four alarms last week end.

The first three were minor blazes, with only slight damages, however, the fourth, a fire in the attic and upper rooms in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Shiflet on Maple street late Sunday afternoon, did several thousand dollars worth of damage to the dwelling and its contents. The fire is believed to have originated from faulty wiring in the at-

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THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH, located opposite Brevard college, is nearing completion. The formal opening is being planned for the second Sunday in January when an "open house" will be held in the afternoon and a series of celebrations will begin that evening. On this coming Sunday, the membership will be canvassed in an effort to raise the '58 budget. (Times Staff Photo)

BREVARD STORES WELL STOCKED, SANTA RETURNS

"Trade At Home" Is Urged. Schools To Close On December 20th

COLLEGE ON 14th

The tempo of shopping in Brevard has noticeably "stepped up" with the arrival of the Christmas shopping season, and a survey this week indicates an expected brisk business.

Santa Claus arrived in Brevard last Friday afternoon, and he will be here each week end visiting in the stores and giving candy to boys and girls.

The multi-colored lights have been turned on in the business section of Brevard, and stores are well stocked with gift merchandise.

Officials of the merchants division of the Brevard chamber of commerce say that sales volumes this year should exceed previous years.

Employment is at an all-time high, and businesses and industries are expected to pay good bonuses, a practice of many years' standing.

Members of the merchants' committee join with the chamber of commerce officials in urging citizens to shop at home because the stores have abundant stocks of holiday goods in sufficient variety to satisfy every urge and purse.

They all point out that by shopping at home citizens avoid the hazard of travel and help to create a festive atmosphere that all can enjoy.

Transylvania's schools will close on December 20th for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on January 6th. Brevard college closes on Dec. 14th, and the students will return on January 2nd.

THANKSGIVING WAS SAID QUIET

Many Attended Union Service. Homecoming Held At The College

Thanksgiving was quietly observed in Brevard and Transylvania last Thursday.

The day was marked with family gatherings and church services.

A large crowd attended the Union service here in the Presbyterian church and heard Rev. W. A. Kerr, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, deliver an inspiring Thanksgiving message.

A goodwill offering was taken for the Transylvania Community hospital.

According to law enforcement officers, the day was extremely quiet, and there were no accidents reported.

Homecoming was held at Brevard college last Thursday, and the activities were said highly successful. Transylvania's schools had a holiday from last Wednesday until Monday.

Planning, Zoning Board Reappointed

The planning and zoning board for the town of Brevard was reappointed Monday night by the aldermen at their regular December meeting.

Clayton Gardner is chairman of the planning and zoning board, and other members are as follows: Bill Norris, Charles Pickelsimer, Ben Patterson and Odas Crisp.

Mayor Bert Freeman and Alderman Jack Bryant are ex officio members on the zoning board.

An ordinance was passed by the Town board which provides that in every case in which the municipal water supply shall be cut off and service discontinued, whether for reason of defective spigots or other fixtures or by reason of non-payment of water rents, a charge of \$10.00 will be made for cutting water off and on.

Civil Calendar Of December Term Of Superior Court To Be Tried Next Week

Total Of 11 Cases On The Docket. Judge Hugh Campbell Will Preside

Trial of the civil calendar of the December term of Superior court in Transylvania county will begin Monday morning at 10 o'clock here in the court house.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell, of Charlotte, will preside, and there are some 11 cases to be heard.

Two motions, Henrietta Revis vs. Cecil Queen and Marshall Gillespie, administrator, vs. W. A. Morgan and Southern Railway corporation are on the calendar.

One annulment, Anna W. Sprott vs. James Gordon Sprott is also slated on Monday.

Cases on the trial docket are as follows: Jonathan Woody vs. Maud Pickelsimer, et al; U. G. Reeves vs. N. C. State Highway and Public Works commission; Sally McCall vs. Crate McCall; Paul Shatley vs. John McKay; George Owen vs. Henson Owen; Marshall Gillespie, administrator, vs. W. A. Morgan and Southern Railway; Edna O. Teague vs. Fred Teague; and Lee Roy Wilson vs. William J. Fitzpatrick and Carolina Industrial bank.

Marvin McCall, clerk of court, reminds all jurors called to serve next week to be in the court room promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The jury list is as follows:

John Edward Eades, Andrew Wood, Dewey Burton, Lee Nicholson, Leona Mae Pressley, Wiley Meece, Hubert Holden, Bruce Caswell, James A. Parker, Fred Thomas Owenby, Cornelius Hunt, Virgil A. Merrill.

Thomas E. Brotherton, Vance W. Frady, LeRoy Rackley, Coleman Lyday, A. W. Tucker, Edith York; Mrs. F. L. Cansler, Leonard T. Fanning, A. E. Tinsley, James B. Coltrane, Jr., Boyce Bishop, Charles Johnson.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 5 — Methodist and Presbyterian women's circles to meet. Bloodmobile at Brevard college 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Episcopal Christmas bazaar, parish house, 3 to 9 p. m. Lions club meets at Gaither's, 7 p. m. Degree team meeting in Masonic temple, 8 p. m.

Friday, Dec. 6 — Episcopal bazaar, 7 p. m. Ace of Clubs, 7:45 p. m. Art exhibit and reception at Brevard college, 8 p. m. Junior class play at Brevard high school, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Dec. 7 — Alpha Beta Gamma national council meets at Brevard college, 11 a. m.

Sunday, Dec. 8 — Attend the church of your choice. Civic chorus presents "The Messiah" at First Baptist church, 4 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 9 — Civil term of court begins, 10 a. m. DAR chapter meets at Gaither's, 3 p. m., with Mrs. Thomas Barclay III hostess.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Ace of Clubs meets, 7:30 p. m.

Get Medical Benefits

Du Pont First Company To Be Covered By New Type Policy

Employees of the new Du Pont silicon plant here are the first to be covered by a new type extended benefits policy just originated by the Hospital Saving association of Chapel Hill, it is announced today by Mrs. Madeline Murray, Transylvania county group representative.

The new type policy, which gives benefits up to 730 days, went into effect for Du Pont on December 1st.

The Du Pont company was offered the new policy first because they were instrumental in formulating the stipulations and types of benefits.

Mrs. Murray explained that the home office of Du Pont in Wilmington, Del., spent much time and effort in research that went into the extended benefits medical coverage offered. They worked the plan

out first with the Blue Cross organization of Delaware.

In North Carolina they asked Hospital Savings to offer the same type of benefits and it was only just recently that the details were worked out and the policy made available.

Mrs. Murray stated that her company was extremely happy to be first to offer such extended benefits medical coverage that would mean so much to persons suffering from cancer, heart disease or any ailment that required a long recovery period.

"This is something radically new in hospital insurance," she pointed out.

The extended benefits medical coverage rates are in addition to the regular Blue Cross-Blue Shield

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"Gas War" Again Hits Community

Check-up in the Brevard area Tuesday night showed that a "gas war", which started late last week, is going strong and "regular" gas was down to 22.9c in some places, 23c, 24c and 25c in others.

High test gas is also "in the battle", and others are standing "behind the lines." Some stations have high test only 4-cents difference per gal, while others have 10-cents and 11-cents higher for the greater octane rating.

Monday's low noted was 24.9c, but as the battle raged the price fell at some places to 23.9c and at others to 22.9c.

Moore, Kilpatrick Form Funeral Home Partnership

The partnership of Donald Lee Moore and Chester Kilpatrick in the Moore - Kilpatrick funeral home is announced today. J. E. McGaha is the associate.

The formation of the Moore-Kilpatrick Mutual Burial association, as authorized by the North Carolina secretary of state, is also announced.

Mr. Moore, who has operated the Moore funeral home here since 1930, said that he was indeed happy to have Mr. Kilpatrick as his partner and Mr. McGaha as his associate.

Mr. Moore, a prominent composer, also serves as coroner of Transylvania.

Mr. Kilpatrick will graduate this month from the Cincinnati College of Embalming. He is a graduate of both Brevard high school and Brevard college, and prior to entering the embalming school, he served for two years in the United States navy.

Mr. McGaha, a licensed funeral director, has had some 17 years experience in mutual burial work.

Bloodmobile To Be At College 11 To 3 Today

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Brevard college on Thursday, December 5, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., according to Rev. Frank McKenzie, chairman of blood recruitment for the Transylvania chapter.

He states that both college students and staff as well as townspeople are urged to give blood on Thursday.

Volunteers from the local chapter will staff the bloodmobile in addition to its regular personnel.

AUCTION ON SATURDAY

The Rackley Jewelry store on West Main street will be sold at public auction on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 12 noon, Sheriff "Scott" Dillingham announces. Persons desiring to buy a part or all of the contents of jewelry, sporting goods, etc., are invited to attend the sale.

The Weather

Last week's weather showed no drastic change. Days were mostly mild, and nights cold. The week end showed the deepest drop, when the temperature edged down to 14 degrees. Only .19 of an inch of precipitation was recorded. Daily readings are as follows:

	High	Low	Pre.
Wednesday	60	27	0
Thursday	58	48	.10
Friday	65	49	.09
Saturday	55	28	0
Sunday	53	14	0
Monday	63	21	0
Tuesday	52	22	0

Program Highlights

WPNF Now Carrying College Cage Games, Hamrick Is New Announcer

WPNF is now carrying play-by-play descriptions of leading college basketball games, and the next one will be the State - Wake Forest game on Thursday night from Winston-Salem. Airtime is 7:45 o'clock, and Ray Reeves, outstanding sportscaster of the Tobacco network, will describe the action.

Bobby Hoyle, station manager, says that WPNF is happy to again bring listeners these outstanding games, which will feature Carolina national champions last year.

Glenn Hamrick, native of Forest City and an experienced radio announcer, has joined the staff of Radio Station WPNF, President Ed M. Anderson announces today.

He succeeds Joe Price, who has accepted a position on a Raleigh station, where he formerly worked. Mr. Hamrick, after completing his high school studies in Forest City, studied radio and radio broadcasting at the United Television and Radio corporation.

Prior to coming to Brevard, Mr. Hamrick was an announcer at

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WAYNE BRADBURN

Bradburn Elected To Head United Fund, County Nearing Goal Of '58

Wayne Bradburn, superintendent of schools in Transylvania county, was elected president of the United Fund organization here at the annual meeting of the board of directors Monday night in Gaither's Dogwood room.

He succeeds A. J. Loeb. Other officers named at the meeting included the following: M. L. Herzog, first vice president; Frank L. Yarbrough, second vice president; C. M. Douglas, secretary; and Melvin L. Gillespie, treasurer.

James M. Wulpi was re-elected executive director.

The following persons were named to fill the vacancies on the board: Leslie S. Grogan, Robert O. Baker, Charles L. Russell, Rev. Ben Ormand, Don M. Jenkins, Rev.

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