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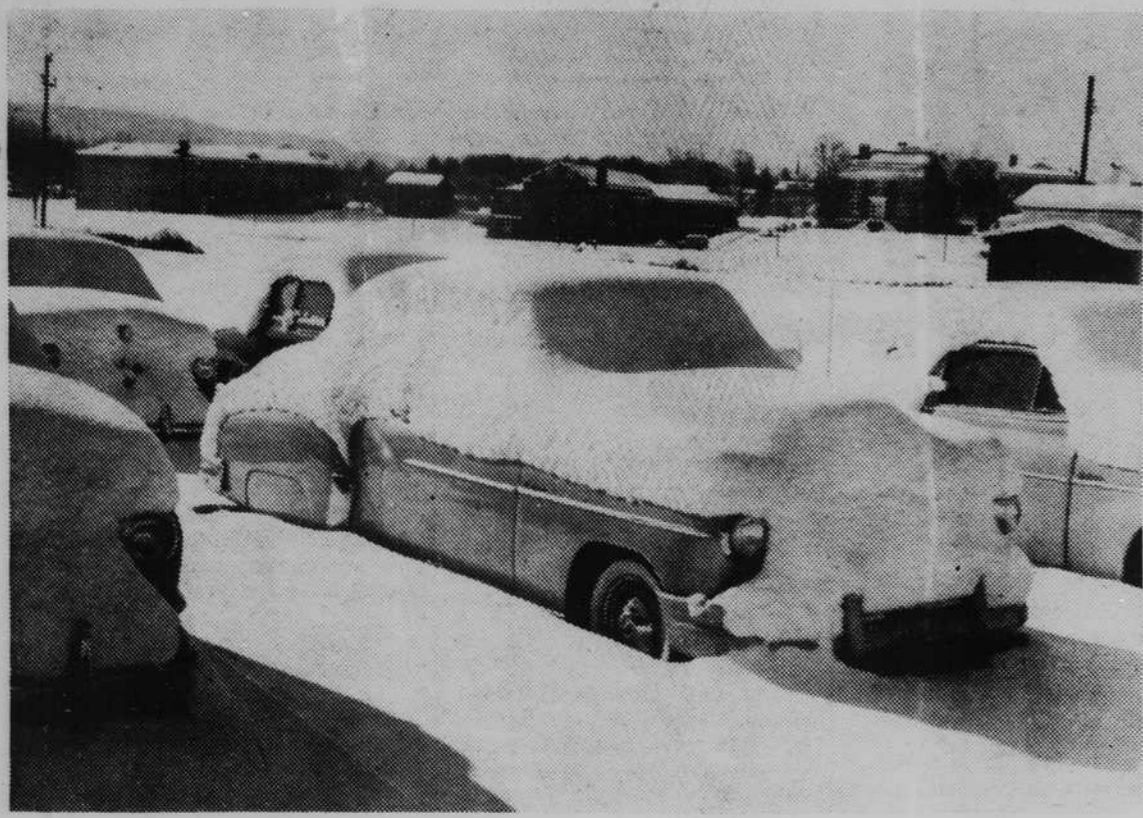
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PARKED CARS IN WINTER WRAPS made a unique snow scene here in Brevard last week end. The beautiful campus of Brevard college can be seen in the background under a blanket of eight inches of snow. (Times Staff Photo)

Transylvania Is Experiencing Worst Winter, Record Of 22 Below Recorded

SERIES OF FIRES NOTED IN COUNTY

Sunday Blaze At Brevard Laundry Most Serious. Others Minor Ones

Since the weather turned extremely cold last Saturday, the Brevard volunteer fire department has answered a number of alarms. The most serious was a fire in the boiler room of the Brevard Laundry and Coal company shortly after noon on Sunday.

The firemen were able to keep the blaze from spreading to other parts of the buildings, however damages were estimated by company officials at several hundred dollars. Business operations of the company were not hampered by fire, it is reported.

Early Monday morning the firemen were called to answer an alarm at the residence of Dick Zachary on Turnpike. There was a slight, back-draft explosion in an oil stove, but damages were kept to a minimum.

About 8:15 Tuesday morning the local fire-fighters were summoned to put out a burning kitchen wall in the Holden residence behind the home of B. W. Trantham on West —Turn to Page Eight



BREVARD'S MRS. WEATHERMAN, Mrs. Bobby Hoyle, is pictured above assisting her husband by measuring the depth of the snow on Sunday morning. In their front yard on Probart it was eight and three-quarter inches deep. At higher elevations, Transylvania had a snowfall up to 14 inches over the past week end, while the mercury dipped to a record low of 22 degrees below zero. (Times Staff Photo)

HEAVY SNOWFALL CLOSES COUNTY'S SCHOOLS 5 DAYS

Many Minor Accidents Reported. Cold Weather Will Continue

ROUND-UP MADE

Arctic weather in Brevard and Transylvania since last Saturday has brought the heaviest snowfall and the coldest temperatures to this area in many, many years.

In fact, the low of 22 degrees below zero this past Monday morning was probably a record, but complete files are not available. And this low reading was followed by 15 below the following morning. A warning trend was noted Wednesday when the mercury dropped to only six below, Bobby Hoyle, the official weatherman reports.

The snowfall last Saturday stymied traffic, business and the many social events on the calendar. Depths ranged from eight inches in the lowlands to 14 or more at higher elevations.

Schools have been closed all this week and at noon on Wednesday Supt. Wayne Bradburn announced that they would not reopen until Monday, Feb. 24th.

Should weather conditions cause another delay in the opening of the schools, it will be announced Sunday afternoon over WPNF.

Mayor B. H. Freeman reports that the present cold spell is very similar to the one in 1941, when many of the town's water mains were frozen.

Transylvania motorists were —Turn to Page Four—

Two Pedestrians Killed In Auto Mishap At Pisgah Forest On Tuesday Evening

Alfred Capps And Claud Collins Fatally Injured. Warren Was Driver

Two pedestrians were killed in an auto traffic mishap near the Olin Mathieson Chemical corporation Tuesday night about 7:40 o'clock.

According to Patrolman Bill Sawyer, who investigated, the two men were listed as Alfred Capps, and Claude Henry Collins, both of Pisgah Forest.

The driver of the car, which is said to have run over the two men, was Charles Alonzo Warren, of R-1 Pisgah Forest, who works at Olin.

Walking with the two men who were killed were George Landers and his sister, Mrs. Alberta Collins, the wife of one of the victims in the accident.

Warren told the patrolman that he was driving with his wife and child around 40 to 45 miles per hour when he ran up on the four persons walking down the highway. He spotted them just after meeting a car going in the opposite direction.

Warren stopped immediately, offered his help and then called the ambulance and officers from a nearby service station.

Landers, who was walking in front of the group, said he grabbed his sister, who was directly behind him, and threw her into the snow along the highway.

Capps and Collins were walking behind Landers and Mrs. Collins.

The patrolman said that the two men were "dead on arrival".

A coroner's inquest was held following the accident by Donald Lee Moore, and the jury recommended that Warren be held for further investigation by Grand Jury.

Patrolman Sawyer reports that he is indicting Warren on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Funeral arrangements for the two victims of the accident are incomplete at this time.

Politics Warming Up

Claude Melton Announces For Sheriff, Primary Set May 31

As politics gains momentum in Brevard and Transylvania, Claude E. Melton today announces that he will be a candidate for sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary on May 31st.

The incumbent, Sheriff "Scott" Dillingham, has already announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Other county offices subject to election on May 31st include the clerk of court, one member of the board of education, house and senate.

Other announcements are expected in the near future.

In his announcement, Mr. Melton issues the following statement: "This is my first venture into the political field. I have held no political offices or jobs, either selective or appointive, and I am not affiliated with any particular groups within the Democratic party, which in my opinion, leaves me free to give fair and impartial law enforcement to each and every res-

ident of Transylvania county.

Mr. Melton, an electrician by trade, is now serving his second term as commander of the Lewis Earl Jackson post of the VFW. He is a member of the American legion and his religious preference is that of the Methodist faith.

He is 40 years of age and was reared in Transylvania and educated in the local schools. He is married to the former Addie B. Rhodes and they have one child. A veteran of World War II, he served for 40 months in the Pacific theatre with the rank of sergeant. He saw combat duty with the 165th Infantry regiment, participating in campaigns of Northern Solomons, Eastern Mandates, Okinawa, and was awarded the Purple Heart for combat wounds due to service.

GOP PRECINCT MEETS SLATED

Chairman King Reports That Sessions Will Be Held On February 28th

Transylvania county Republican precinct meetings are to be held in the respective precincts on February 28, at 2 o'clock P. M., or at whatever time designated by the precinct chairman in his precinct, provided the meeting is held not later than February 28, Eugene King, Sr., the chairman, reports.

The purpose of these precinct meetings will be to elect precinct officials and to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican county convention, which will be held in the court house in Brevard on Saturday afternoon, March 1, at 2 o'clock.

Officers Of First National Bank Renamed At Meet

At the organizational meeting of the board of directors of First National bank this week Edwin Fincher, former president of the Haywood county bank, which has just merged with First National, was named to the board.

Other directors of the consolidated bank include: Canie N. Brown, Robert Bunnelle, John M. Carroll, George H. V. Cecil, Burnham S. Colburn, Charles F. Johnson, R. H. McDuffie, E. D. Mitchell, Charles D. Parker, J. Aaron Prevost, E. Bretney Smith,

Julian B. Stepp, J. A. Woodcock, Jr., and Jonathan Woody.

The officers of all five banks were re-elected. Charles D. Parker is president of the consolidated bank, and Jonathan Woody executive vice president. In addition, James E. Robertson was named assistant cashier and manager of the Installment Loan department in Asheville.

Other officers of the Brevard bank who were reelected are as follows:

Ralph J. Duckworth, vice president; Melvin Gillespie, cashier; and Rowell Bosse and Mrs. Henry Henderson, assistant cashiers.

James C. Hicklin was named manager of the installment loan department in the Brevard office.

Water Colors By DuBois On Display At Brevard College

An exhibit of water colors by Professor Kenneth DuBois is now in progress at Brevard college.

The paintings are being exhibited in the faculty lounge of the Campus Center building. Some 17 paintings are included in the group, most of them being landscapes.

Professor DuBois heads the art department at Brevard college and has had wide experience in painting and restoring paintings, as well as in the teaching field.

The paintings will be on exhibit for two weeks. The public is cordially invited to attend.

McKenzie Will Go To Wilkesboro

Rev. Frank McKenzie, rector of St. Philip's Episcopal church here, is resigning on March 15 to go to the St. Paul's Episcopal church in Wilkesboro.

The Rev. McKenzie has been rector here for the past three years. He came to Brevard from the Burke County Mission at Morganton.

A congregational committee is now seeking a new rector as a replacement.

State Senator Spencer Bell Will Discuss NC Judiciary Here Friday



J. SPENCER BELL

J. Spencer Bell, of Charlotte, will discuss the North Carolina Judiciary at a luncheon meeting here Friday of the Brevard League of Women Voters. It will be held in Gaither's at 12:30 o'clock.

Mr. Bell is an attorney and a state senator from Charlotte. He is chairman of the North Carolina Bar association committee on "Improving and Expediting the Administration of Justice."

Senator Bell is well qualified by training, experience and dedication to discuss this subject, according to League officers.

He has been in a number of fights on public matters in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county, but is considered a man who always keeps discussions centered on the issues. He was chairman of the Charlotte - Mecklenburg planning —Turn to page Five

WPNF Sets World Day Of Prayer Program, Service On Friday

LITTLE THEATRE TO PRESENT PLAY

Performances Are Set For Friday And Saturday Nights At The College

The Brevard Little Theatre is presenting its second play of the season this Friday and Saturday when they give the mystery, "The Mousetrap" in the auditorium of the Brevard college campus center building.

The play will be given both evenings at 8 p. m.

Single admission tickets are being sold by the seniors of Brevard high school. The proceeds will be applied to their fund to take a trip to Washington, in the spring.

Admission will also be by season tickets.

The Agatha Christie mystery is —Turn to Page Five

Station Manager Reviews Log Of Special Shows During Coming Week

On Friday the World Day of Prayer will be observed here and across the nation, and WPNF will bring a special program commemorating the event at 9:30 that morning.

Appearing on the program will be Mrs. Harold Siniard and Mrs. James Mellwain. Bobby Hoyle, station manager, invites listeners to hear this Civic hour program.

He also reminds citizens of the town and county that there will be a community-wide "World Day of Prayer" service that afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the new Brevard Methodist church.

Other Programs

The schedule for the Farm and Home hour for the coming week is as follows: Thursday, Carolina news; Friday, Extension forestry; Fred E. Whitfield; Monday, county agent's office; Tuesday, Soil —Turn to Page Eight

FEWER LICENSES SOLD IN COUNTY

Same Situation Exists Across State. Patrolmen Issue Warning

Mrs. Harold Norwood of the Carolina Motor club office reports that there has been a rush for auto and truck tags since the deadline for displaying them Monday midnight.

As of February 18 she had sold a total of 4,164, as compared with 4,359 the same date in 1957. This is some 195 less than last year and is expected because of the new auto financial responsibility act that requires motorists to have insurance.

The same situation is reported throughout Western North Carolina and the rest of the state.

Patrolmen Bill Sawyer and Jack Cane remind all motorists that it is illegal to travel without the new 1958 plates.



A PORTION OF THE cast for the Brevard Little Theatre play, "The Mousetrap" is pictured above as they rehearse for the production on Friday and Saturday. From left to right they are, seated, Mrs. Kathleen Ormand, Charles Norlander and Mrs. Jean Dixon.

Standing are Ray Burgin, right, and Director Robroy Farquhar. The play is a mystery by Agatha Christie and will be presented in the auditorium of the Campus Center building at the college on both evenings at 8 p. m.

(Times Staff Photo)

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 20 — Lions club to hold ladies night at Cedar Mtn. community center at 7:00 o'clock.

Friday, Feb. 21 — Community-wide World Day of Prayer Service at Methodist church at 3:30 p. m. Brevard Kiwanis club to meet at Gaither's at 7:00 o'clock. Little Theatre play at college at 8:00 o'clock. Ace of Clubs meets 7:45 p. m.

Saturday, Feb. 22 — George Washington's birthday. Post office to close. General delivery window open 11:30 until noon. No delivery of city or rural mail. Second performance of Little Theatre play at college at 8:00 o'clock.

Sunday, Feb. 23 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Feb. 24 — Schools scheduled to reopen. Rotarians meet at Gaither's at 7:00 o'clock. Brevard high school P-TA meets at 8:00 p. m. Music lovers club meets at 8:00 at Mrs. Julius Sader's.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Ace of clubs meets at 7:30 p. m.