



**A UNIQUE JET PROPULSION** demonstration by representatives of General Motors corporation captivated chapel audiences here and at Rosman last Thursday. Watching Stewart Horning start up the "Whirlfire, Jr.," left to right, are: David Lobdell, Harry Ballard, Ed Matheson, Sara Keller, Lynn Smathers

and Principal Robert T. Kimzey. Prior to the demonstration, Mr. Kimzey awarded prize money to Miss Smathers, first place, and Mrs. Keller, second place, in the recent Optometric society's essay contest. For complete details on the demonstration, see story on page two, second section. (Times Staff Photo)

## Du Pont Silicon Plant 90 Per Cent Completed, Safety Record Launched

### JURORS NAMED FOR NEXT TERM OF COURT HERE

March-April Session Will Open On 31st. Farthing To Preside

Jurors for the March-April term of Superior court in Transylvania county are announced today by the Clerk of Court Marvin McCall. The court will open on Monday, March 31, and the criminal docket will be heard during the first week, with the civil calendar slated on April 7th.

Judge James C. Farthing, of Le noir will preside over the two weeks term, and Clarence O. Ridings, of Forest City, will prosecute for the state. Jurors called to serve during the first week are: Willie Tinsley, Joe Lance, L. L. McCall, Ed Sentelle, M. F. Gillespie, C. A. Tinsley, James A. Goings, Robert W. Head, Lee Nicholson, Mrs. E. A. Knoth, Jack H. McCall, J. Pritchard Gash, Hattie W. McCrary, Guy L. Bryson, Jesse Wood, Charlie Wright, C. J. Reynolds, Ralph Holden, Roy E. Porter, Mrs. Ross Wilson, B. E. Holden, Mrs. Joseph Lavell, Frank Whitmire, J. I. Ayers, Mrs. C. C. Garren, Ernest G. Gilstrap, John

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**THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN, Mrs. Lehman Kapp,** seated, is demonstrating to the Library Week observance chairman, Mrs. R. E. Matthews, how to operate a small sewing machine. It was one of the odd requests that she recently received, and together with Mrs. Matthews they looked up a book on sewing and found out the answer. Once a small boy came into the library and requested a book on snake identification. With that he pulled the snake from his pocket that he wanted identified. The library has had research requests for everything from Foreign Aid to the Portuguese Man-of-War, from the African colony of Ghana to Homer's Odyssey. Since the opening of the new library the research department has been greatly enlarged. (Times Staff Photo)

### PRODUCTION RUNS BEING MADE FOR EQUIPMENT TESTS

180 Persons On Rolls. Adding Local Employees From Time To Time

#### GROGAN QUOTED

The Du Pont plant at Buck Forest "is about complete and operations are expected to start within a few months," according to the company's annual report for 1957 made to 200,000 Du Pont stockholders.

Leslie S. Grogan, manager of the new plant for the production of hyper-pure silicon, estimated that construction of the plant was "about 90 per cent" completed.

The plant manager said that production runs were underway to test and break in equipment, and that silicon produced was being used for training. He added that, as yet, no product was being shipped to customers from the Brevard plant.

"There are now 180 persons on the plant operating force," Mr. Grogan said. "We are still adding to our rolls, and for the most part we are employing local people. All of our management group from other locations have moved into the area."

The operating force has compiled the beginning of what Mr. Grogan hopes will be an outstanding safety record. The plant worked throughout a lengthy training period, or more than 200 days for the entire force, without a time-losing injury.

Besides finishing touches to the one-story brick operating building, work going on at the plant includes landscaping. Final surfacing of the entrance road and parking lot will get underway soon. A pole flying an American flag of Du Pont nylon has been erected in front of the main entrance.

The plant has a rated capacity of 50,000 pounds of semi-conductor grade and 20,000 pounds of solar-cell grade silicon annually. Semi-

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### COMMERCE BODY PUSHES PROJECTS

Need Expressed For Signs At Scenic Attractions. Clean-Up Week Urged

Additional information signs for benefit of visitors are needed in Transylvania, especially to point the way to waterfalls in the county, it was stressed at meeting of the Brevard chamber of commerce in meeting here Tuesday night.

It was pointed out that the section uses "Land of Waterfalls" as advertising slogan on all mailing pieces, but that when visitors come here they are hard put to find their way to find most of the numerous scenic attractions.

The advertising and publicity committee was requested to take the problem up with the state highway department, which is doing some of the type sign work needed here and to work out a program of getting signs up before the summer season opens.

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### Youth Group Will Have St. Patrick Day Dance Sat'day

A St. Patrick's Day dance is being planned at the American Legion building on Saturday night, March 15th, by the Transylvania Youth association.

A local dance band will furnish the music for the dance, which will get underway at 8:00 o'clock.

Arrangements are being worked out by the officials of the youth association and Mrs. Ralph Humphries, chairman of activities and Mrs. Ed Matheson, hospitality chairman.

With the opening of spring weather, more activities are being planned at the Teen Age center, and a membership drive will be conducted this spring.

## WNC Methodist Conference Launching Campaign For Funds For Four Colleges

Brevard To Get \$850,000 For Capital Outlay With Success Of Drive

Western North Carolina Methodists are organizing their answer to the question: "When our Methodist children are ready for college, will our colleges be ready for them." And Brevard is one of these Methodist colleges to which they refer.

Moving into a campaign which will reach its peak late this year, the Commission on Christian Higher Education has prepared a calendar for action as the first step in presenting the needs of Methodist colleges to 576 churches and 251,000 members making up the Western North Carolina conference.

Dr. Fletcher Nelson, minister and former college president who was chosen as full-time director of the commission, said he is pleased with the way plans are shaping up in a "quadrennial emphasis on Christian higher education" adopted in 1956.

The commission has aimed its sights at \$3,000,000 for capital funds for Methodist colleges in addition to seeking increased support for their operational expense budgets.

This minimum goal of three million dollars will be divided as follows: \$850,000 to Brevard college, \$850,000 to Greensboro college, \$850,000 to High Point college, \$200,000 to Duke Divinity school and \$200,000 to Wesley Foundations conducting youth activities for students on non-Metho-

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### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 13 — Fort-nightly club meets at 3:30 p. m., with Mrs. G. H. Lyday. Masons meet, Masonic Temple 8:00.

Friday, March 14 — Hospital auxiliary meets Friday at 3 p. m., in hospital dining room. Ace of Clubs masterpoint game, 7:45 p. m. BHS Senior class play, high school auditorium, 8 p. m.

Saturday, March 15 — Cattle Referendum, Teen Age St. Patrick's Day dance, American Legion, 8 p. m.

Sunday, March 16 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, March 17 — Tinsley rides sponsored all week by Jaycees. Rotary club meets at 7 p. m., in Gaither's. Brevard High School P-TA meets at school, 8 p. m. VFW post supper at 7 p. m., and election of officers at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, March 18 — Ace of Clubs meets at 7:30 p. m. OES meets Masonic Temple 8:30.

Wednesday, March 19 — Catholic Laymen's League meets in church at 8 o'clock.

### Foremost Authority

## Clark To Edit Naval History Of The American Revolution

Rear Admiral E. M. Eller, USN (ret.), Director of Naval History for the Department of the Navy announced today that William Bell Clark, of Brevard, had been selected to compile and edit the first four volumes of what is planned to be a comprehensive and definitive documentary history of the naval war of the American Revolution.

Mr. Clark is considered the foremost living authority upon the naval warfare of the period involved. He has devoted years to the collection and correlation of material relating to the Continental navy, the various State navies and the privateers and letters of marque,

### Jaycees Sponsoring Tinsley Shows Here Beginning Monday

The Brevard Jaycees are sponsoring the "Johnny Tinsley shows" in Brevard all next week.

They will be located at the city limits on the Greenville highway, and several groups are now selling advanced tickets for one-half price.

Proceeds derived by the Jaycees from the shows will be used for civic improvement projects, President Bobby Hoyle states.

The shows will open daily in late evening.

which comprised the beginnings of American efforts at sea.

He is the author of five books dealing with men and events of the Revolutionary naval war, and numerous magazine articles upon the same subject. His latest volume, "Ben Franklin's Privateers," published during the 250th anniversary of Franklin's birth, has been hailed as filling "an important gap in the saga of one of the wisest men this nation has produced."

Other of his books are "Lambert Wickes, Sea Raider and Diplomat," the first American captain to raid

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### GIRL SCOUT WEEK BEING OBSERVED

Funds Raised By Sale Of Cookies To Benefit Area Camp In County

"You Can Count on Her" is the theme for Girl Scout week which is now being observed in Transylvania county and throughout the nation.

In connection with Girl Scout week the 10 troops of girls in Transylvania county started the week by attending church in a body at the Brevard Methodist church, and a special mass was said for the Catholic girls at Sacred Heart church.

The mayor has issued a proclamation proclaiming this Girl Scout week for the organization which has grown from a Savannah, Ga., troop of 12 girls formed March 12,

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## New Gerber Plant In WNC Will Benefit Transylvania

The new multi-million dollar Gerber plant, which will be erected on the Asheville-Hendersonville highway some 20 miles from Brevard, will greatly benefit Transylvania county, officials of the chamber of commerce here point out.

Plans for the construction of the plant to manufacture baby food products were announced on Monday.

Among the benefits to this county will be the employment of local persons and the purchase

of fruits and vegetables from Transylvania producers. The company officials announce that approximately 700 persons will be employed in all when the plant is completed.

Daniel F. Gerber, president, said construction of the warehouse will begin as soon as possible and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of 1958. "Overall plans are being made for a complete warehouse and production facility similar to other plant locations," Gerber said.

Governor Hodges said he was informed that the long-range plans of the Gerber company contemplate the eventual construction of a production facility on the Buncombe County site similar to the multi-million dollar production plant it built at Rochester, New York in 1949, and where approximately 700

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### United Fund Head Reports At Meet

James M. Wulpi, executive secretary of United Appeal here, reported at the annual meeting of Carolinas United in Charlotte this week that Transylvania achieved its goal for 1958 in excellent style. Actually, the goal was \$26,500, and Transylvanians pledged and donated \$27,072 to be used in the work of some 17 humanitarian organizations.

At this particular time it's interesting to note that the activities of the Girl Scouts in Transylvania are

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## Killian Is New Pastor Of First Baptist Church, Background Given

Rev. William Harold Killian has announced his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church of Dixiel and his acceptance of the call to Brevard's First Baptist church, replacing Rev. B. W. Thomason, retired.

It was not immediately learned how soon the Rev. Killian will move his family here. He is married and the father of four children, one boy and three girls.

Mr. Killian was born and reared near Statesville in Catawba county. He is a graduate of Mars Hill college, Wake Forest college and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

He held a pastorate in Jeffersonville, Ind., and has been at Dixiel for the past three years. Last summer he was on the panel of speakers at Caswell Baptist as-

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REV. WILLIAM H. KILLIAN