



REDECORATING OF THE Nurses' dining room at the Transylvania Community hospital has been completed with the auxiliary cooperating. A group of hospital personnel is shown above as they eat their noon meal. At the left can be noted the new drapes, for which

the auxiliary purchased the material. The drapes were made by Mrs. Arthur McCrary and Mrs. Baxter Morris, of the hospital staff. The dining room was also repainted and additional lighting was installed. (Times Staff Photo)

Number Of Covered Workers Increases In County, 765 Farm Openings Reported

RESERVE UNITS WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY

Mayor Freeman Issues Proclamation On Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces day will be observed in Brevard and throughout the nation on Saturday.

The local reserve units will hold open house at the armory, the Pickens building on Caldwell street, which was formerly occupied by Du Pont.

Hours will be from 5:00 in the afternoon until 8:00 that evening.

Mayor B. H. Freeman has issued a proclamation, declaring Saturday as Armed Forces day here.

He calls upon local citizens to display the American flag on Saturday and to familiarize themselves with the achievements of the Armed Forces.

"You can honor these groups by attending and participating in the local ceremony of open house on Saturday," he declares.



CROWNING OF MISS NANCY HARRIS as Queen of the annual Junior-Senior banquet and dance last Friday night climaxed the big events at the American Legion building. Crowning Miss Harris is Jerry Cabe, who is president of the junior class. A senior at Brevard high school, Miss Harris was elected Prom Queen by the members of the junior class. During the past three years, she has been a member of the beauty court and she was Popularity Queen her sophomore year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris, of Brevard.

(Photo by Austin)

TRANSYLVANIA TOPS STATE IN GROWING GLADS

Weekly Earning Rate Here Is Also One Of The Best In North Carolina

SITUATION IMPROVED

Transylvania now has 3,350 workers in the county employed under covered employment, that is, covered by Employment Security commission benefits, and according to a recent survey, farm opening in Transylvania appear very promising for the coming season.

This survey was made by the Farm Placement interviewer for the Hendersonville area, W. D. Brackett, and it indicates that there are at least 765 farm openings in this county.

In addition, a number of Transylvania workers commute to farm jobs in Henderson county and to the numerous packing houses around Hendersonville.

The local employment office also reports that Transylvania ranks No. 1 in the state in the growing of gladioli, and the growing of pole beans and other agricultural products has become an important activity.

Mr. Brackett will be in Brevard on the next two Wednesdays, May 21st and 28th, at the court room in the court house to discuss farm openings with interested applicants.

Another bright side of the employment picture in the county is the fact that the average weekly earnings of covered workers here is \$70.89, considerably more than the average of \$59.83 for the state as a whole.

At the present time the commission is paying unemployment benefits to slightly more than 200 claimants. This is a slight decrease from the peak claim load experienced during the winter and early spring months.

Claims during the past several months have been heaviest from the lumber and textile industries —Turn to Page Eight

PARKWAY HERE BEING REPAIRED

Severe Freezes Did Considerable Damage During Past Winter

The Blue Ridge Parkway in Transylvania county, from Wagon Road to Beech Gap, may not open to travel for several weeks, it was announced here Wednesday by C. M. Douglas, secretary of the N. C. Park commission.

Severe freezes on sections of the 11-mile stretch of the scenic highway near Brevard caused complete breakdown of the base for distances of 100 to 1000 feet, and this necessitates rebuilding of the base.

Work on many of the culverts also has to be completed before other repair work can be done, it was stated in official communication from the Roanoke headquarters office. In addition, it will be necessary to re-pave the entire 11 miles. This work has been delayed —Turn to Page Eight

Car Fails To Make Curve At McCrary's, High Damage Result

Six persons were injured and four cars and a wrecker were damaged in an auto accident about midnight last Saturday in front of McCrary auto service on Broad street.

Local officers report that a car which was said to have been driven by Kenneth Anders, failed to make the curve just beyond the McCrary concern and crashed into two new cars, a used vehicle and the wrecker, which were all parked in front of the parking lot.

Others riding in the car were Helen Perry, Martha Gay Owen, Junior Bryson, Ernest Fisher and David Meece. They were all taken to the Transylvania Community hospital and were treated for cuts —Turn to Page Four

Du Pont Announces Reduction Of Prices Of Silicon, Plans Call For Larger Unit

Expansion In Market Of Product Is Predicted. Background Given

Lower prices for all grades of hyper-pure silicon were announced by Du Pont today, coincident with the start-up of the nation's first full-scale silicon plant near Brevard.

Reductions range from \$5 to \$40 a pound, retroactive to May 1, according to Dr. J. B. Sutton, specialty products sales manager for the company's pigments department.

When Du Pont pioneered production of semi-conductor silicon in 1952, the price was \$430 a pound. Solar grade silicon sold for \$190 per pound when introduced in 1956.

"The new price level is expected to broaden further the markets for silicon and lead to many new uses in electronic fields where semi-conductors are not used at present," Dr. Sutton said.

Dr. Sutton also said greatly expanded technical service facilities to assist silicon customers are now available at the new sales development laboratory of the pigments department at Chestnut Run, near Wilmington.

Prior to completion of the Brevard plant, silicon was produced on a pilot scale at the company's Newport, Del. plant. The new plant is located about 15 miles from here, where a 10,000-acre site offers protection from airborne contamination from industry or agriculture. About 200 persons are employed, though future plans call for a still larger unit.

The company also said cut rod will be standardized at approximately 1 1/2 inch diameter and 80 —Turn to Page Five

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 15 — Women of Presbyterian church covered dish supper, 6:30 p. m. Lions club meets at 7 p. m., at Gaither's.

Friday, May 16 — Hospital open house and tea, 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. Transylvania Garden club tour, 3 p. m., at Mrs. B. F. Murphy's. Kiwanis Ladies' night at Presbyterian church, 7 p. m. Missionary rally at the Church of the Nazarene, 7:30 p. m. Talent hunt program at the court house, 8:15 p. m.

Saturday, May 17 — Armory open house, 5 to 8 p. m. Last day to register for Primary.

Sunday, May 18 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, May 19 — Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7 p. m.

Tuesday, May 20 — Ace of Clubs meets at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, May 21 — Cancer health conference at Olin Mathieson health center, 2 p. m. Meeting of Catholic Laymen's association, 8 p. m., at the church.

Printing New Folders

Commerce Body Expecting Good Year, Annual Drive Is Planned

With 77 members already paid in for the year 1958, annual drive for the Brevard Chamber of Commerce has been set for the first week in June by the directors who met Tuesday night.

Headed by James C. Gaither and D. T. Abercrombie, an effort will be made to have sufficient number of canvassers to make a one-day drive for the 1958 enrollment of business and individual members.

Rollman Conducts Talent Hunt Show Here This Friday

The Western North Carolina talent hunt program will be brought to Transylvania on Friday night by Heinz Rollman, of Waynesville.

The hunts are being conducted in 10 WNC counties, and the finals are slated for Saturday night, May 24th, in Asheville's City Auditorium.

The program here Friday night will get underway at 8:15 o'clock, and all amateur singers, musicians, comedians, etc., are invited to enter.

A beautiful trophy will be awarded to the local winner, who will also appear in the finals and compete for an opportunity of winning a free trip to New York and a TV audition.

Details on the talent hunt can be found in an ad on page seven, third section, of this week's Times.

Gaither Elected Chairman Of Demos In County, Precinct Chairmen Named

James C. Gaither, Transylvania's representative in the last General Assembly and a candidate to succeed himself this year, was elected chairman of the Democratic party in this county at a convention last Saturday afternoon in the Brevard court house.

He succeeds Thomas R. Eller, Brevard attorney, who presided over the convention, which was well attended.

Other officers elected at the same time by the new Democratic executive committee are as follows: Mrs. Martha Fraser, vice chairman; Charles L. Russell, secretary; and W. W. Brittain, treasurer.

During the business session of the convention, Mr. Eller recognized the various candidates in the May 31st primary, and those present —Turn to Page Five

55% Of County's Seniors Are Continuing Education

Over half of Transylvania's graduates from the two high schools continued their formal education in 1957 by enrolling in college, business or trade schools or a nursing institution, it was learned in a survey this week.

Actually, the percentage was 55.3, and Transylvania ranked eighth in the state among the 99 other counties.

The state average was 40.7.

For 1956, the percentage of high school students continuing their formal education was 45.7.

There are no figures available as to Transylvania negro students, since they go to Hendersonville high school.

The vast majority of the white students continuing their formal education in Transylvania entered junior or senior colleges, Principal Robert T. Kimzey reports.

During the past five years, more and more graduates from the local high school have been going to college, he states.

Congressman George Shuford Visits Here

Congressman George Shuford, who is seeking renomination in the May 31st primary, visited friends in Brevard and Transylvania county Monday afternoon.

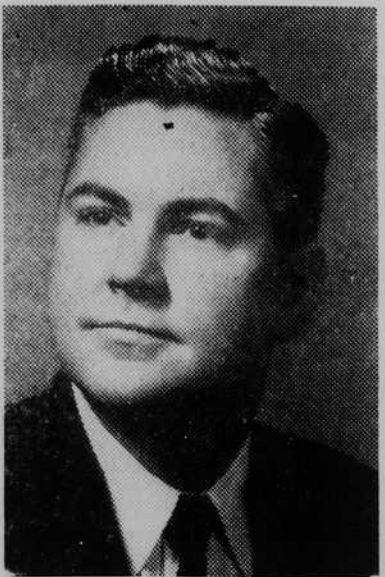
He reported that he was fully recovered from his recent eye operation and is now carrying his campaigning into all sections of the district prior to returning to Washington.

The congressman was pleased with the progress that is being made on the new fish hatchery in the Pisgah National forest, and he said he hoped that construction could soon be started on the new Army Research center in Brevard.

His office recently announced that the army had approved the site for the armory here in Brevard just off French Broad and Johnson streets.

CLUB TOURS FRIDAY

The Transylvania Garden club will go on a tour Friday, May 16th, for their regular meeting. Members are asked to meet at 3 p. m., at the gardens of Mrs. B. F. Murphy on the Greenville highway. After seeing them they will go to Mrs. S. R. Harrington's and Mrs. Brown Carr's.



JAMES C. GAITHER