

Brevard Firemen Battle A & P Super Market Blaze In Sub-Freezing Weather



BILLOWING COLUMNS OF BOILING SMOKE can be noted in the photo at the left, above, and they were choking evidence of the destructive fire in the A & P Super Market here

in Brevard last Sunday morning. Firemen can be seen throwing two streams of water into the front of the store just after the fire was discovered at 8:37 a.m. In the photo at the right, other

members of the Brevard Volunteer department are pictured battling the blaze on the left side of the building just after a portion of the wall had caved in. (Austin-Anderson Photos)

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SMOULDERING RUINS, all that remained after the fire at Brevard's A & P Super market last Sunday morning, are pictured above. Broken bricks were scattered all over the street in front of the

store after the front wall "exploded" during the height of the blaze. Damages will run into thousands in this fire which was termed Brevard's worst in history. (Times Staff Photo)

A & P Store Is Destroyed By Fire, Will Reopen In Temporary Location

Plans Announced For Building New Super Market

The A & P super market in Brevard, which was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning, will reopen in a temporary location at 43 East Main street on Thursday, February 25, it is announced today.

Plans are also underway to build a new drive-in A & P super market on South Broad street diagonally opposite the Brevard junior high school in the near future. It is expected to be completed in the spring or early summer.

The local management of A & P today expresses sincere apology for any inconveniences that their customers may encounter in the meantime.

They urge the public to trade with their super markets at Asheville, Hendersonville, Canton and Tryon.

Employees of the Brevard A & P are on paid vacation this week, but will begin stocking and readying the temporary location for business the first of next week.

Harry Sellers, local manager, said yesterday that it was impossible to personally thank everybody for their many kindnesses during the disaster, so he asked that his gratitude be expressed through the columns of The Times.

Masonic Temple Dedication Is Posponed

The public dedication of the temple of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge has been postponed, it was decided at the recent stated communication.

According to Herschel Townley, the worshipful master, the dedication was originally set for February 18th, but it is being postponed to a later date because of the illness of D. Guy Dean, who is installing a new heating system.

It is also impossible for several of the grand lodge officers to attend the ceremonies at that time.

Mr. Townley states that as soon as the work is completed at the temple and the heating system is installed, another date will be set and the public will be extended an invitation to attend the dedication.



"A SUMMER PLACE" appeared to be a misleading caption across the Co-Ed theatre last weekend in the ice and snow as Transylvania was hit with wintry's worst icy blast in many years. Note the snowbank out in front. (Times Staff Photo)

Blaze Said Worst In History Of Town And County

The A & P Super market in Brevard was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning in what has been termed Brevard's worst blaze in history.

Two adjoining businesses, Owenby Amoco station and United Radio & Television shop, suffered severe smoke, water and other damages.

No official estimate of losses has been ascertained, but damages will run into thousands. Both the A & P building and its contents were a total loss.

The members of the Brevard volunteer fire department were called out at 8:37 a.m., and Fire Chief Dan Merrill believed the blaze had been underway for some four hours before their arrival.

The alarm was turned in by the staff of the Brevard Post Office department when they saw a front window of the A & P store "blow out" from the intense heat in the building.

The firemen quickly laid three lines to the blaze in an effort to keep the fire from spreading.

Spectators by the hundreds gathered to watch them fight the difficult blaze in the sub-freezing weather.

As the firemen were fighting the A & P blaze, many volunteers assisted in removing the contents from both the service station and television shop.

Members of the department worked most of Sunday throwing water on the smoldering ruins.

Transylvania Hit By Severe Snow Storm, Schools Closed For Two Days

Brevard and Transylvania's biggest snowfall in many years caught the town and county almost completely by surprise and unprepared last Saturday morning.

Beginning about 3:00 a.m., it snowed without letting up until late Saturday afternoon.

The depth of the snowfall ranged from six to 12 inches, depending upon the elevations.

Traffic Saturday was at a standstill, and a rash of minor accidents was reported.

Town crews and highway forces worked around the clock in an effort to open up streets and highways.

Schools were closed in Brevard and throughout Transylvania both on Monday and Tuesday.

At presstime on Wednesday, snowed still blanketed the town and county, but the weatherman promised a warming trend from winter's icy grip.

Only a few telephones were knocked out by the severe weather. Citizens Telephone company officials state. While the long distance service to Asheville was impossible, the Brevard-Hendersonville lines were not affected.

Attendance was considerably off at the various churches because of the deep snowfall, and the majority of the civic and other meetings in the community were either cancelled or postponed.

Criminal Court Adjourned, Special Civil Docket Set

The February term of Criminal court in Transylvania was adjourned last Friday afternoon by Judge William K. McLean, of Asheville.

From the time The Times went to press last Wednesday until adjournment on Friday afternoon, a number of verdicts were handed down by Judge McLean, and they are carried in this week's issue.

F. Marvin McCall, clerk of Superior court, announces that a special civil calendar of court will be heard in Transylvania, beginning on February 29. This court will continue for two weeks.

Judge J. B. Craven, Jr., of Morganton, will preside.

Cases heard last Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday were as follows:

Joseph Dayton Cooper faced a charge of drunk driving and had to pay costs.

Wayne Albert Owen, who was charged with speeding, had to pay \$85.

Andrew Lusk pled guilty to failure to provide adequate support, and was ordered to pay \$70 on the second Saturday of each month.

On a charge of speeding John R. LeValley had to pay \$50 and costs. Lewis Muckelvene pled guilty to public drunkenness and was given 20 days.

Marshall Griffin pled guilty to a charge of drunk and disorderly, and was ordered to work 20 days around the jail and court house.

Reuben Clayton was found guilty of non-support and abandonment, and was ordered to pay \$10 each Saturday for five years.

Pleading guilty to larceny was Cos Banther, who was ordered to pay costs.

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Post Office And Bank To Close Next Monday

In observance of Washington's birthday, the Brevard post office will be closed on Monday, Vernon Fullbright, the acting postmaster, announces.

There will be no delivery of city or rural mail, and the general delivery window at the post office will be open from 11:30 o'clock until 12 noon.

Brevard's First Union National bank will also be closed on Monday, as will the Brevard Federal Savings and Loan association.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 18—Kwanzaa meets at Gaither's at 6:45 p.m. Lions meet at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p.m. Masons meet in Masonic temple at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 19—Aec of clubs meets at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21—Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, February 22—George Washington's birthday. Rotary meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23—Tryouts for BLT production at court house at 7:30 p.m. Brevard Junior high P-TA meets at 7:30 p.m. Aec of clubs meets at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24—Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 6:30 p.m. Catholic Laymen's Association meets at the Sacred Heart Catholic church at 8:00 p.m.

Little Theatre And Civic Groups To Present 'Mikado'

Winners In Elk Youth Contest Are Announced

The results in the local Youth Leadership contest, sponsored by Brevard Elks, are announced today by Howard Schmidt, the exalted ruler.

Winning \$50 United States Savings bonds were Douglas Israel, first place winner in the boy's division, and Martha Sader, top winner in the girl's bracket.

Second place and bonds of \$25 each go to Page Best and Linda Lance.

"The committee was very pleased with the record of accomplishments of all the applicants, and we feel that if all the counties in the country had as many potential leaders in their community as does Transylvania, our country's future is assured," declared Mr. Schmidt.

He continued by saying: "The Order of Elks is extremely proud of our youth and their programs and its National Foundation endeavors to stimulate and assist them to become the leaders of the future."

The entries of the winners of the

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The Brevard Little Theatre, in cooperation with the Brevard Civic Chorus and Brevard Civic Orchestras,

LATE BULLETIN

Due to illness in the cast, the presentation of "The Thirteenth Chair," which was slated for this week end at Brevard college by The Little Theatre, has been postponed until February 26 and 27.

tra, will combine their talents on March 17, 18, and 19, when they present "The Mikado" in the Brevard college auditorium.

Written by W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, "The Mikado" was first shown in America at the Museum in Chicago on July 6, 1885.

The plot of this comic opera is a merry one. Mack Cox, a newcomer to Brevard who is with DuPont, plays the role of Mikado, a highly moral ruler, who has issued an edict condemning to death every man found guilty of flirtation unless connubially linked.

To evade this stern sentence, the citizens of Titipu hit upon the idea of appointing one of those condemned, Ko-Ko, to the office of executioner, with the result that he could not behead the next man until he executed himself. This part is played by Charles Jolliff, active in Brevard and Hendersonville music

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