

Fire Fighters Called

It was 3 a.m., Tuesday morning when the wintry blast was passing over this region on the way from Texas to the Atlantic coast.

At about the same hour the flue in Melvin Leopard's house became over-heated and flames broke out in the one-story frame house.

The alert Brevard volunteer fire department was roused from downy beds and 24 brave spirits responded to the alarm. While one half the volunteers sped to Melvin's blazing house, the other half stood by in the town fire hall, in case some other flue became too hot elsewhere.

"The boys sure got here in a hurry," said Melvin, who is a guard at the prison camp at Calvert. "They did a wonderful job." All the furniture was saved, but there was considerable damage to one or two rooms in the house.

The family is living with Mr. Leopard's parents, who live in a neighboring home, temporarily while repairs are being made. The house is two miles from Brevard on the Rosman highway.

AFTERNOON FIRE

The local fire fighters were called back to this same neighborhood late Tuesday afternoon, when fire was discovered in the basement of the Allen Smith residence.

Fire Chief Dan Merrill said that the damage was slight in the Smith fire. The cause, he said was apparently from a short circuit in the electric wiring.

Mrs. Wilson To Head Brevard Realtor Board

Mrs. Sue Wilson, owner of Wilson's Real Estate agency here, was elected president of the Brevard Board of Realtors at the regular December meeting at Gaither's.

She succeeds Gil Coan. Other officers elected at the same time were: Frank King, vice president; and, Mrs. Annie K. Massey, secretary and treasurer.

Lions To Hold Christmas Party Thursday

Brevard Lions will entertain their ladies at a special Christmas night meeting on Thursday of this week.

They will meet at the Colonial Inn, beginning promptly at 7:00 o'clock.

President W. M. Melton urges all members to attend.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, December 15 — Trade Festival drawing at 10:00 a.m. in front of Plummer's. Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 6:45 p.m. Lions meet at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p.m. Masons meet at Temple at 7:30 p.m. Humane Society meets with Mrs. Ralph Palmer at 8:00 p.m. League of Women Voters meets at 10:30 a.m. at Gaither's.
Friday, December 16 — Brevard High school band and glee club Christmas program, 2:00 p.m. Brevard Vs. West Henderson in Brevard High school gym. Brevard Elementary school P-TA meets at 8:00 p.m. Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 17 — Elks dinner dance, 7:00 to 12:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19 — Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m. Brevard Little Theatre try-outs at court house at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m. United Fund directors meet at Gaither's at 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21 — Toastmasters meet at Gaither's at 6:30 p.m. WOW meets in Woodman Hall at 8:00 p.m.



NEW SITE OF TELEPHONE COMPANY — Charles Pickelsimer, Jr., general manager of the Citizens Telephone company, is pictured at the left conferring with Robert L. Daniels, architect, center, and Carl Hart, company secretary, on the site of the new home of the telephone company. This modern building, on which construction will be started in the spring, is located on East Main street, adjacent to the Masonic temple. Actually, the extensive expansion program of the local telephone company is now underway. (Times Staff Photo)

Expansion Program Of Citizens Telephone Company Is Started

Brevard and Transylvania county will have a new telephone system by late 1961, it was announced yesterday by Charles W. Pickelsimer, vice president of the Citizens Telephone company.

A new office and plant will be erected on East main street next to the Masonic temple, and a new switchboard is being fabricated by the Stromberg-Carlson Company for installation in the new building. The building and switchboard will cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

The new equipment will provide for 2,000 lines and will anticipate the telephone needs of this area for the next 10 years, Mr. Pickelsimer estimates.

Construction In Spring Plans for the building are being drafted by Robert L. Daniels, the architect, and will be completed about March 1st. Construction will begin shortly after that date so that installation of the switching machinery can begin by mid-summer. It will require three or four months to install and test the switchboard and its connections.

The cost of the switchboard is \$165,000. While the building is being constructed extensive work will be done on the company's lines through the county.

The new building, switchboard and additional lines will represent an investment of about two million dollars, Mr. Pickelsimer said.

The building will be on sloping terrain, with one story front and a two-story section in the rear. It will be of masonry construction and will be completely air conditioned.

The improvement program —Turn to Page Six

Tax Listers For 1961 Are Named, Listing Begins, 3rd

Appointment of tax listers for 1961 has been completed by Lewis Osborne, tax supervisor. With two exceptions, the listers will be the same as those for last January.

- They are: Brevard — Miss Avarie Glazener; Boyd — Mrs. Virginia Pittillo; Cathey's Creek — Nath S. Galoway; Dunn's Rock — Mrs. Betty Compton; Eastatae — Mrs. Lawrence Whitmire; Gloucester — Allen McCall; Hogback — Herbert Fisher; Little River — Mrs. Merrimon Shuford; Rosman (inside) — Mickler Lusk.

Lions Sponsoring

Questions On Eye Bank Program Are Answered

By STAFF WRITER

More eyes are needed for the North Carolina eye bank, and the Brevard Lions club has begun work on its program to help the state project.

Robert L. Daniels, chairman of the Lions eye bank committee, has received answers to numerous questions which have been asked by persons interested in making pledges of eye tissue.

The eye bank is a state-wide, non-profit organization whose purpose is to obtain, preserve and transport eyes and make them available to eye surgeons who will perform what medical science has called "the miraculous corneal transplant operation."

The first question asked is: How are eyes obtained? They are obtained by pledges made in writing, granting permission for the removal of eye tissues after death of the donor.

How soon must eyes be removed? Within one to four hours. The transplant must be made within 24 to 48 hours.

The age of the donor does not affect the use of the tissue if the eye is clear and healthy.

Eyes are not bought or sold by the eye bank. There is no charge for the bank's services.

Over 6,000 Pledges A review of the progress made in eye transplants, prepared by the state organization, explains that: The first corneal transplant was performed about 25 years ago, and the first operation in North Carolina was done in 1945 in Durham. The eye bank is located in Winston-Salem and a "round the clock" telephone and postal service is maintained there. Air lines, Red Cross motor corps, and the state highway patrol provide the speediest possible services in getting the corneal tissue to beneficiaries.

Since 1951, when the North Carolina eye bank was established, some 6,200 persons have made eye pledges on the legal forms provided for the purpose, and in the same time, a report shows, 328 eyes have passed through the channels of the bank for transplants or research.

In Brevard information about pledging will be furnished by the Lions committee, composed of Mr. Daniels, Jack Hudson, and Robert T. Gash.

Members of the county and district boards will meet regularly with agricultural agency representatives and others interested in the project. —Turn to Page Twelve

Brevard Firemen Urge Citizens To Use Extra Caution This Christmas

The holiday season is a time of extreme fire hazard and Charles L. Himes, public relations officer of the alert Brevard volunteer fire department has a word of caution to all.

Most homes will be putting extra loads on electric circuits, Mr. Himes observed, and urged that tree lighting, cooking, appliances and other electric uses be managed wisely and with concern for the maximum capacity for which the installation is rated. "A little time spent in fire prevention is a sensible safe

The Weather

The Weatherman "opened up" on Transylvania and the rest of the nation during the past week. According to Bobby Hoyle, who is in charge of the local weather station, "We had everything." Last week it was sunny and mild; Sunday it rained, snowed and sleeted, and the mercury began to drop. Tuesday the low was a windy, bone chilling 12, and Wednesday morning it was eight. Winter has arrived!

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Pre. Wednesday: 61, 28, 0. Thursday: 54, 28, 0. Friday: 46, 19, 0. Saturday: 25, 13, 0. Sunday: 46, 29, 1.46. Monday: 50, 29, 0. Tuesday: 30, 12, 0.

Yule Shopping Season In Full Swing, Trade Festival Drawing On Thursday

Directors Of Commerce Body Hear Reports

Directors of the Brevard chamber of commerce are making a final drive for new and renewal members.

The deadline for printing the ballots for 1961 has been set on Dec. 17th, and President Charles F. Himes makes a plea for all persons who have not paid their dues to do so before that time.

To date the commerce body has a membership of 195, as compared with 196 at this time last year.

Mr. Himes says there are at least 29 prospective members to be secured, and urged the directors to call on them this week.

Many reports were heard at the monthly meeting of the directors Tuesday night in the library.

Highlighting these was the one of Raymond F. Bennett, chairman of the board of trustees of the Transylvania community hospital.

He summarized his report by saying that the local hospital has had the best year in its history.

He lauded the staff, the doctors and especially the administration. —Turn to Page Six

Soil District Election Held

December 5th to the 10th was soil conservation district election week in Transylvania.

The voters in the county have chosen Glad W. Whitmire for a three year term to begin January 1, 1961.

The response from the eligible voters in the county was quite gratifying to the supervisors, and they wish to express appreciation to all who participated.

Soil Conservation district supervisors occupy a position of public office and public trust. As a member of the local board, Mr. Whitmire will assist in program planning, policy making and the carrying out of a soil and water conservation program for Transylvania county and Transylvania Soil Conservation district.

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AN UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING EVENT took place at the Brevard Methodist church last Sunday when Miss Frances Fung Kwok was received into the membership of the church. A native of Hong Kong, she is a sophomore student at Brevard College and is majoring in sociology. In the photo above, she is shown with the pastor, Rev. Courtney Ross. (Times Staff Photo)

Various Events Slated

Plans Being Formulated For Centennial Observance

Mrs. Guilkey To Continue As Tax Collector

Mrs. Margaret Guilkey will continue to fill the office of county tax collector, pending final appointment of a successor to the late Charles M. Douglas.

This development comes with a ruling by the office of the state attorney general.

The ruling, made on request of the board of county commissioners, was received yesterday from Glenn L. Hooper, Jr., assistant attorney general.

Notice of the official opinion was sent to John R. Hudson, Jr., county attorney. Mr. Hooper's opinion states: "General Statute 128-7 provides 'All officers shall continue in their respective offices until their successors are elected or appointed, and duly qualified.' In view of this provision, it is my opinion that Mrs. Guilkey may continue to serve until her successor is duly determined and qualified." His letter, in its entirety, is carried on page 2 in this week's issue of The Times.

Further plans for Transylvania county's centennial in 1961 were made at a meeting of the Historical Commission last Thursday evening.

It was announced that the first event in a series, which will extend over several months, will be an All-Church day Sunday, January 8th. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents have been requested to observe the history of their own institutions on that occasion, as well as taking notice of the county's anniversary.

The commission authorized having markers made for the churches in the county, which have been in existence 100 years or more. Formal ceremonies will be held when the markers are erected.

Contract for Pageant The contract with the John B. Rogers company, of Ohio, which will produce the pageant next summer, was approved. The arrangements are for costumes for 500 persons, lighting fixtures for the outdoor production, and a large outdoor stage which will probably be set up on the high school football field.

The pageant will present the history of the county, with emphasis on the principal events beginning with the establishment of the county by the general assembly February 16, 1801. The membership enrollment —Turn to Page Six

Program Highlights

Ole Santa Reading Letters On WPNF, Oratorio On Air

With Christmas just around the corner, WPNF urges all boys and girls in Transylvania to write letters to Santa Claus and to put them in special mail boxes at Western Auto, Varner's Drug store and Bower's.

Daily he is picking these letters up and reading them over the local radio station at 4:15 o'clock.

These programs are heard Monday through Saturday of each week from now until Christmas, Bobby Hoyle, station manager, states.

Mr. Hoyle also announces that the Brevard Civic chorus and the Asheville Symphony orchestra will be featured Sunday after-

noon over WPNF, as they present Bach's Christmas Oratorio. The program, to be broadcast from 3:30 until 5 p.m., was recorded earlier for presentation at this time.

OTHER PROGRAMS The schedule for the Farm and Home hour is as follows: Thursday, Brevard Home Ec. dept., Mrs. Glenn Burrell; Friday, N. C. Forestry, Clark Grisom; Monday, county agent; Tuesday Rosman VoAg dept., B. E. Keisler; Wednesday, home agent.

Appearing on the Civic Hour are the following: Friday, Brevard Garden club; Monday, Book —Turn to Page Six

Schools To Close Friday, Santa Returns To Town

With only nine more shopping days remaining before Christmas, Brevard merchants, who have large stocks of merchandise, are anticipating brisk business during the period.

The Fall Trade Festival of the merchants committee of the Brevard chamber of commerce, will climax the 1960 event with its final drawing on Thursday morning of this week by awarding prize money totaling \$375.

The awarding of the money will begin at 10:00 o'clock in front of Plummer's. Persons do not have to be present to win, but bonus money is given if the recipients are present at the drawing.

Acting as a stimulus to Christmas business this week and next will be the bonuses paid to employees in most of the businesses and by some of the industries.

Many of Brevard's stores are remaining open in the evenings for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Christmas Holidays: Schools in Brevard and Transylvania county will close on Friday for the Christmas holiday period. They will reopen on Monday, January 2nd.

Santa Claus returns to Brevard each Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, and he will be in his specially constructed house in front of the library from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m., to greet all of his little friends.

Next week The Transylvania Times will publish its annual Christmas edition, and it will contain greetings from the advertisers, as well as a wide variety of special Christmas messages and features.

BLT To Hold Try-Outs

The Little Theatre's next production will be "Double Deal" by Elizabeth McFadden.

Try-outs for the cast will be held the evening of December 19 at 7:30 in the county court house.

Twelve persons are needed for this play and the theater management has issued an invitation to any one interested in the theater to report at the try-out meeting.

The play is to be presented in February. It will be directed by Robroy Farquhar.

An announcement from the Little Theatre says "this is a suspense story from the rise of the curtain with an attempt at murder in a plot to thwart a love affair".

Junior Police Collecting Scrap Paper

The Brevard Junior police has started a scrap paper drive.

According to Chief "Bill" Thurston, the boys are asking all citizens to collect up newspapers and magazines and then call the police department and request pick-up service.

Two days each week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, are pick-up days, and when the boys have accumulated a cartload of scrap paper, it will be taken to Greenville, S. C., and sold.

All proceeds from the sale of scrap paper will go into the Junior police fund for their benefit.