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Brevard proper 4,857.

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PRINCIPAL FIGURES in the celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the first court in Transylvania are pictured above. The event was held at Straus school, the approximate site of the B. C. Langford store and home where the first court was held. Mrs. Mary Jane McCrary, chairman of the cen-

tennial commission, is shown in her striking outfit popular 100 years ago talking with Judge Will Pless, who was the speaker. At the left is Robert T. Gash, president of the Transylvania Bar, and at the right is Ralph H. Ramsey, local attorney, who introduced the speaker. (Times Staff Photo)

Celebration Of County First Court Held On Straus Grounds

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, was the principal speaker at the celebration held last Saturday at Straus school, marking the 100th anniversary of the first court in Transylvania.

The event was attended by a large number of Transylvanians and out-of-county visitors.

Judge Pless, Senior Superior Court of North Carolina, and a native Transylvanian, made note of historical writings concerning the formation of Transylvania county in 1861 and of the sitting of the first court in the new county.

He traced the growth of the courts in the state from a beginning of only four judges to the present day system.

"Education is the answer to crime," he declared, after reporting that he had found that 90 per cent of defendants he sentenced to jail had sixth grade or less education.

The celebration was sponsored by the Transylvania County Bar — Turn to Page Four

County School Bus Record Among The Tops In State

By STAFF WRITER

Transylvania has one of the best school bus records in the entire state of North Carolina, O. M. Alexander, safety director of the State Highway patrol said at a recent banquet honoring school bus drivers.

Mr. Alexander commended the 35 school bus drivers on their excellent record during the past year.

The safety director says a look at the Transylvania record will show how outstanding it is. The 35 buses travel a total of 1,222 miles per day and transport 3,102 children.

Over a period of 180 days of school the total mileage of the buses runs to 250,000 miles and during the past year the weather was extremely severe at times.

The percentage of Transylvania students which travel to and from school by bus is 75 per cent. Of the total enrollment of 4137 there are 3102 bus riders.

"It has been definitely established that riding a school bus in this county is safer than walking on the highways," Supt. Wayne Bradburn stated.

Of the 35 school bus drivers in Transylvania there are 31 student drivers and four adults. The records of both are equally good.

The monthly wage scale for the school bus driver is only \$62.50, which makes it difficult on a statewide basis to secure competent drivers, but Transylvania has always been most fortunate, Mr. Bradburn declared.

Committee On Better Schools Holds Meeting

The Transylvania County Citizens Committee for Better Schools met Monday night in the auditorium of Brevard Senior High School, with Rev. Courtney B. Ross, chairman, presiding over the meeting.

Committee progress reports were presented by the four sub-committee chairmen, and Superintendent Wayne Bradburn spoke briefly on the educational program currently before the state legislature.

W. P. Griffin, superintendent of the Asheville City schools, delivered the main address of the evening.

He called on the committee to realize that its function is permanent in nature and should not be considered as being active only when specific problems exist.

He said that it was necessary to have quality teachers in order to have a quality school system. This naturally involves higher salaries than are now being paid.

"You must be willing to supplement locally and not expect the state and federal government to pay it all," he stated.

"Any community can have the type of education it desires if the people are willing to pay for it," he concluded.

Chairman Ross announced that the next meeting of the committee would be held in late August.

Enrollment In Transylvania Schools Totaled 4,137, Costs Are Revealed

Enrollment in Transylvania's seven elementary schools, one junior high, and the two high schools totaled 4137 during the past year, it was learned from statistics in the superintendent's office here this week.

Total enrollment for last year was 4189.

The largest enrollment was at the Brevard elementary school where it was 795.

Enrollment for the other

schools follows:

Brevard senior high—557.
Brevard junior high—615.
Pisgah Forest—303.
Straus elementary—357.
Penrose—290.
Rosenwald—221.
Rosman high—271.
Rosman elementary—528.
T. C. Henderson elementary—200.

Total—4137.

It was also learned that 52 colored high school students from Brevard are enrolled at Hendersonville.

Current expense — \$161,914.00, capital outlay — \$85,311.00, state — \$626,381.29, for a total of \$873,606.29.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 25 — BPW meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m. Gold Star Mothers meet at Mrs. E. L. Sims at 7:30 p.m. Masons meet at Temple at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27 — Poppy Day, Brevard College Alumni luncheon at 1:00 p.m. Brevard Little Theatre annual banquet at Line Runner Inn at 8:00 p.m. Brevard College Glee Club and Wind Ensemble concert in college auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28 — Attend the church of your choice. College baccalaureate service at Brevard Methodist church at 11:00 a.m., graduation in Sims Campus Center at 4:00 p.m. Brevard and Rosman baccalaureate services in school auditoriums at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 29 — Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30 — Memorial Day. Town and county offices, banks and post office closed. Memorial Day service at Gillespie Evergreen cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Ace of Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Rosman High school graduation at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31 — Brevard Senior high graduation at 8:00 p.m.

11 Brevard Girl Scouts Awarded The Curved Bar

The Curved Bar, highest rank of Girl Scouting, was presented to 11 girls at the 1961 Girl Scout Court of Awards, held last Sunday afternoon in the Brevard College auditorium.

Mrs. Spalding McIntosh, Jr., neighborhood chairman, presented the Curved Bars to Linda Charlton, Betty Combs, Evelyn Conley, Sherry Fendley, Connie Gilstrap, Sandra Kilpatrick, Ann Meece, Pam Morris, Jenny Munro, Camellia Tinsley, and Sallie Weiss.

First class presentations were made by Mrs. L. F. Nerlinger, to Linda Baker, Elizabeth Chapman, Patty Gordon, Janet New, Sharon Shook, and Bobbie Tinsley.

Members of Senior Troop 92 received the five point pin and hospital aide bar from their leader, Mrs. W. G. Dechant, and members of Senior Troop 85, under the leadership of Mrs. N. A. Miller, Jr., received the five point pin and troop aide bar.

The welcome address was made by Mrs. Nerlinger, district chairman. She introduced Mrs. Helen McElyea, council executive, and Orren Brannon, capital fund drive chairman.

A certificate was presented to Mrs. John Truesdall in recognition of her troop winning first place in the cookie sale. Betty Sue Davis and Ann Lankford

were made members of the "100 club" for selling more than 100 boxes of cookies.

Members of the various brownie and scout troops participated in the service with songs, dances, and various other parts of the ceremony.

Search Underway Here For Escapee

As The Times went to press Wednesday afternoon, an extensive search was still underway for a convict that escaped about noon from a road gang on the Rosman highway about a mile from Brevard.

The escapee is W. C. Harrison, colored, 27 years of age, and he is described as being six feet tall and weighing 165 pounds.

He was wearing brown prison clothes and the road gang with which he was working is from the Henderson county camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reddick and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Landreth vacationed last week in Lakeland and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They went especially to see the Landreth's son, Denny, play in the football game.

Mrs. Hunter And Dr. Kirk To Head Drive Of Music Center

Dr. R. J. Lombardo, chairman of the Brevard Music Center committee, announces the appointment of Mrs. Duncan C. Hunter and Dr. David C. Kirk, Jr., as co-chairmen of the 1961 sponsorship drive.

Mrs. Hunter has long been an active supporter of the Center and served as co-chairman of the 1959 sponsorship drive.

Dr. Kirk, research supervisor of Olin Mathieson, has been actively interested in the center since moving to Brevard in 1959.

Mrs. C. Preston Ferguson is treasurer for the drive.

The 1961 sponsorship drive will be held during the week of June 12 - 18. Sponsorships will again be available to residents of Transylvania county at the special rate of \$30.00,

but only if purchased before June 18th. Sponsors of previous years will be given an opportunity to subscribe by mail before the drive begins.

A sponsorship entitles the purchaser to two season tickets to all camp concerts and to the Festival concerts. Of special interest are plans to add one major concert a week to previous schedules.

All single concert tickets this year will be \$2.00 during the camp season and \$2.50 during the festival.

Memorial Day Services Set Next Tuesday

Memorial Day services will be held at the Gillespie-Evergreen cemetery on Tuesday morning, May 30th, at 10:30 o'clock.

Mayor B. W. Thomason will deliver the address, and Rev. Alfred Rhyme will pronounce the invocation.

Sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, the brief program will also include a color guard, gun salute, taps, and presentation of wreaths by the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW, VFW Auxiliary, World War I veterans, Gold Star Mothers, and the U. S. Army Reserves.

Mrs. Jack Gillespie is chairman of the event, and she states that the public is invited to attend.

The Weather

The weather remained mild and mostly clear throughout the week. The recorded low for the week was 41 degrees, while the high reading was 77. Only small amounts of precipitation occurred, totaling .41 of an inch. Daily readings are as follows:

	High	Low	Pre.
Wednesday	77	45	0
Thursday	74	59	.07
Friday	76	53	0
Saturday	76	48	0
Sunday	73	48	0
Monday	72	41	.07
Tuesday	68	50	.27

Record Graduating Classes At Brevard, Rosman High Schools

Notes On Watershed Election

Since an election has been called in Transylvania on June 3rd to determine whether or not the commissioners shall levy a special tax for watershed development and improvement, The Times this week interviewed Lewis Hamlin, chairman of the Flood Control committee, and W. W. Brittain, secretary of the Soil conservation committee.

The questions and answers are as follows:

Q. What will be exact wording of the question that the voters will be asked to vote on?

A. "For watershed improvement tax of not more than 3 1/2 c on \$100.00 tax valuation."

Q. Against watershed improvement tax of not more than 3 1/2 c on \$100.00 tax valuation?

A. "What purposes other than flood control, will this watershed project serve?"

A. See ad for answer. The ad is carried on page four, third section.

Q. Will the lakes, created by this project, be used for farm irrigation, for city or industrial use, or for maintaining steady stream flow?

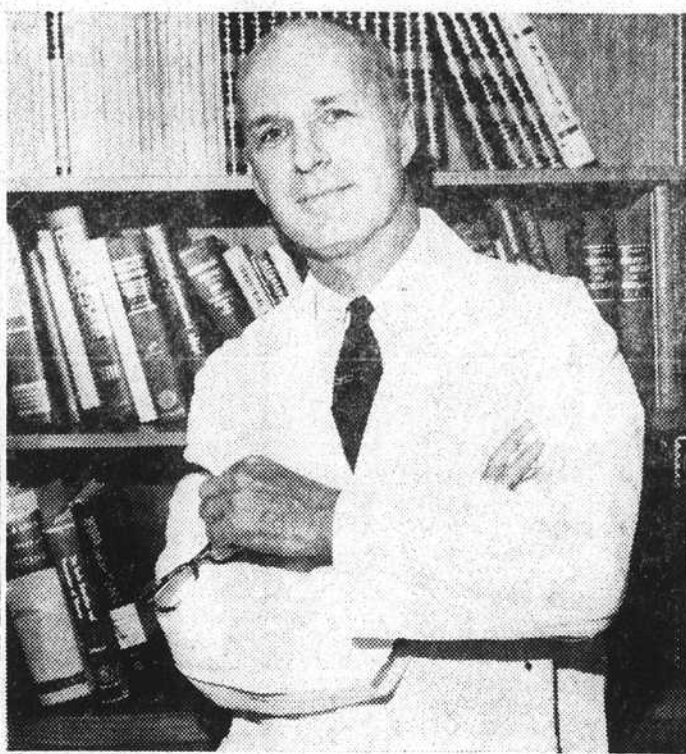
A. It has been recommended that other consideration be given. Any industry or town may have additional water stored. Anyone desiring water would need to pay the expense of having that additional water stored.

Q. Have specific sites for these dams been selected and agreed upon?

A. No. 23 tentative sites have been selected. The specific sites will be located by the Planning Party from the Soil Conservation Service from the 23 tentative sites selected.

Q. How many such dams are planned for the entire project?

A. It is estimated that 17 — Turn To Page Four



Goes To New York

Dr. Gasque Named O-M Corporate Medical Director

Dr. Mac Roy Gasque has been appointed to the newly created post of medical director of Olin Mathieson Chemical corporation, Gordon Grand, vice president-law and administration, announced. Dr. Gasque had been medical director of Olin's Ecusta and film operations at Pisgah Forest.

As corporate medical director, Dr. Gasque will develop and implement modern industrial health programs for the corporation which emphasize preventive medicine and health promotion among employees. These programs, to be coordinated with Olin's safety program, will be tailored to meet individual plant and community needs.

Dr. Gasque received his M. D. degree from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1944 and spent several years in private practice before joining Olin in 1949. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Occupational Medicine.

Dr. Gasque holds a faculty appointment in the department of preventive medicine at the Duke University Medical School and is a frequent lecturer at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Gasque's principal office will be located at 460 Park avenue, New York City.



AL MARTIN



BOBBY HOYLE

Martin To Succeed Bobby Hoyle As Manager Of WPNF

Al E. Martin, Jr., of Asheville, and formerly an announcer-engineer on the staff of WPNF, will return to Brevard as manager of the local radio station effective June 1st.

Mr. Martin succeeds Bobby Hoyle, who has accepted a position with the Spartanburg, S. C. TV and Radio company.

"It is with deep regret that we see Bobby leave and we wish him well in his new position," said Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, president of WPNF.

"At the same time we are most delighted that Mr. Martin returns to us as our new station manager. This talented young man is well-known in Brevard and he and his wife have many friends in our community."

Mr. Hoyle made the following statement concerning his departure:

"It is with a feeling of hesitation that my family and I leave Brevard. We shall always be grateful for the many kindnesses we received here.

"We shall also remain indebted to the owners of WPNF and its affiliated stations for the past nine years of pleasant employment.

"I am happy to learn that Al Martin is returning to WPNF.

I feel confident that with his experience and ability, the radio station will continue to render an invaluable service to this area.

"We look forward to returning to Brevard at every opportunity to visit our friends, and offer them a standing invitation to visit us in Spartanburg."

And here are a few personal comments from Mr. Martin:

"Both Bea and I are thrilled at this opportunity to return to Brevard and renew relationships with our friends here. The three years spent in Brevard passed all too quickly, but the pleasant memories of that short time made our decision to return an easy one to make.

"We are looking forward to getting settled here soon and once again becoming a part of the community.

"It is my personal hope that in some measure, I shall be able to continue the fine job my predecessor, Bobby Hoyle, has begun. The cooperative and understanding spirit of the people of Brevard will be immeasurably helpful to me in this undertaking.

"In short, we're happy to — Turn to Page Four

96 Candidates At The College Exercises Set

It's graduating time in Brevard and Transylvania county. Commencement exercises are slated at Brevard College on Sunday with the sermon set at 11:00 that morning and graduation exercises at 4:00 o'clock that afternoon.

Brevard and Rosman high schools have scheduled baccalaureate sermons that evening at the two schools.

Individual stories concerning these activities can be found elsewhere in this week's Times.

At Brevard High school there are 157 seniors, while 57 will receive diplomas at Rosman.

Candidates for graduation at Brevard college total 96.

SPECIAL ISSUE

This is the annual congratulatory edition of The Times, and readers are urged to note the many pictures and stories. There are also many congratulatory messages from local firms, and on behalf of readers, advertisers and correspondents, The Times salutes the graduates and the school officials upon this special occasion.

Brevard College President Emmett K. McLarty, through the columns of The Times, issues a cordial invitation to all friends in Brevard and Transylvania county to attend the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at the Brevard Methodist church and the graduation exercises that afternoon in the Sims Campus Center building.

Principal Robert T. Kinsey also cordially invites parents and other friends to attend the exercises Sunday and Wednesday evening at the Brevard Senior high school.

Another invitation to the public comes from Principal E. F. Tison at Rosman where exercises will be held on Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

Purposes Of Centennial Outlined

Mrs. Mary Jane McCrary, chairman of the Transylvania Historical commission, today outlined the purposes of the Centennial observance in Transylvania this summer.

Much interest is being manifested in this historic event, she says, and she urges all Transylvanians to note these purposes:

1. To create favorable publicity for Transylvania County in its own trading area, in the State and in the Nation.
2. To discover new leadership by providing a project commanding interest and therefore participation. Transylvania County leadership, believing that from this participation, new leadership will accept future civic responsibility.
3. To focus the attention of the present generation on the development of Transylvania County through its years of existence, believing that this focused — Turn To Page Four

Tuesday To Be Semi-Holiday

Tuesday, May 30th, will be observed quietly in Brevard as Memorial Day.

A special observance has been planned by the American Legion auxiliary to be held at the Gillespie-Evergreen cemetery. Complete details on this event are carried in a separate story.

Both the First Union National Bank and the Brevard Federal Savings and Loan association will be closed for the day.

City and county officers will also be closed.

Acting Postmaster Vernon P. Fullbright announces that there will be no city or rural delivery services. However, window service will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.