

Winter Arriving On Time

Thursday, the first day of winter on the official calendar, is expected to be a typical wintry day.

The weatherman says the mercury will drop below freezing and snow flurries are expected in these mountains.

The mid-December "heat-wave" ended late Tuesday night, when the temperature dropped below freezing.

Thursday promises to be partly cloudy, windy and colder, with a risk of a few flakes of ivory. Highest temperature will be about 38 degrees.

In comparison, Tuesday's high peaked at 59 and the low was 42. The average temperature for the day was 12 degrees above the normal of 40.

A look at Times for this week a year ago reveals that winter arrived on schedule last December 21st. It was ushered in with ice and snow and freezing temperatures. Roads were perilous, especially on the curves and in shady stretches.

Lions Will Distribute Baskets

Brevard Lions will distribute Christmas baskets to designated families Thursday night following their meeting in the Colonial Inn.

As usual, the meeting will be held at 7:00 o'clock, and President George Spicer says the meeting will be a short one in order that Lions who operate businesses might get back to work as soon as possible.

Lions in charge of distributing the baskets are: Frank Byrd, Ray Burgin, J. I. Ayers and Allen Brittain.

In a word of appreciation to members of the club, President Spicer says:

"At this time, I should like to give thanks and praise to each Lion for the part he has played in helping to give sight to many of the citizens of Transylvania County during this past year. None of us will ever know the tremendous gratitude of the afflicted in sight who have been affected by our sight conservation program because words cannot express it — nevertheless, the gratitude is there."

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 21 — Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 6:45 p.m. Lions meet at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23 — Last day to shop for Christmas. Brevard merchants will be delighted to serve you.

Sunday, December 24 — Attend the church of your choice. See stories throughout this issue for special church services.

Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day. Stores closed. Town and county offices closed.

Tuesday, December 26 — Stores closed. Town and county offices closed. Ace of Clubs meets at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27 — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 6:30 p.m.



3 SHOPPING DAYS TIL CHRISTMAS



THE BHS JUNIOR CLASS presented "The Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" last Friday night before a large audience. The principal characters are pictured above, and from left to right, they are: Karen Galloway, Mary Morrow, Bob Morley, Al Ross, Jim Fortune, Bruce Wauchope (seated), Jim Davidson, Jayne Bennett, Margaret Pillow and Jim Rickards.

Welfare Department Makes Plea For Aid In Helping The Needy

Some 26 families in Transylvania county will have little to celebrate this Christmas, unless help is forthcoming immediately, according to Mrs. Edith Jenkins, county welfare superintendent.

A total of 73 families is receiving food, clothing and toys from the churches, civic and fraternal organizations, and individuals, Mrs. Jenkins stated.

But there are still 26 families who desperately need help, she continued. A plea is made today for persons willing to help these remaining families.

Mrs. Jenkins stated that the welfare office will close at 5:00 o'clock Thursday, and she urges persons interested in helping to call her office immediately.

Churches represented in supplying baskets or other contributions include most of those whose congregations are large, and also a considerable number of the county's rural congregations.

Others in the list of Santa's helpers include the following: American Legion Auxiliary, Police reserves, Brevard Senior High Student Council, Elks club, ESA sorority, Book and Plate Club, Kiwanis Club, Citizens Telephone company, Girl Scout Troops 67, 92, 110 and 162, a Brownie Scout troop, Mathatassian club, Fortnightly club, Brevard College Baptist Student Union, BPW, Boy Scout Troop 701, Jaycees and Jaycettes, and numerous individuals.

Holiday Hours Of Motor Club Are Announced

The Carolina Motor Club of Brevard will be closed on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holidays, according to Mrs. Harold Norwood, manager. The office will close at the end of the day on Friday, December 22nd, and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th.

Action Monday

Many Faced Speeding Charges In The General County Court

Some 14 persons were charged with speeding in the General County Court this week, and their names and sentences are as follows:

William Patton Mullins, \$10.00 and costs; Troy Cecil Owen, \$20.00 and costs; Rufus E. Parker, \$20.00 and costs; Charles Rufus Gravelly, \$15.00 and costs; Grady Elliott, \$10.00 and costs; Willard Lee Smith, \$13.00 and costs; Doris E. Galloway, \$13.00 and costs; Thomas A. Hutchinson, \$15.00 and costs; Floyd Burgin Robinson, fine and costs to-

Six First Chairs

Brevard Musicians Take Top Honors, All-State Band

Six of the 45 members of the Brevard high school band, who participated in the auditions recently in Asheville for the "All-State" band, were awarded first chair positions.

All but one of the group made the "All-State" band, and Director John Eversman said that it was somewhat of a record. Two Brevard musicians made the highest scores in the auditions.

They were Susan Farley, with a score of 280, and Gayle Lance, with 279.

Frances Bryant had the fourth highest score with a 277. In addition to Miss Farley and Miss Bryant, other Brevard musicians who will play first chair are as follows:

Marie Parker, oboe
Carole Dillingham, bass clarinet
Mike Hunter, cornet
Jon E. Anderson, bass horn.
Director Eversman announced the results of the auditions at the

The Weather

Spring-like weather disappeared in a hurry Tuesday evening, with the weatherman calling for possible snow flurries during the next couple of days. The mercury tumbled to an early morning low of 31 degrees yesterday morning (Wednesday). Readings for the past week include:

	High	Low	Pre.
Wednesday	55	32	.08
Thursday	44	22	0
Friday	54	32	.08
Saturday	47	36	.83
Sunday	55	36	1.15
Monday	70	49	1.88
Tuesday	59	37	0

annual Christmas party of the band in the senior high school cafeteria Monday night.

He lauded the work of the band members, and he made a strong plea for them to work hard so they could play in the state finals in Greensboro in the spring. He also announced the schedule of practice during the summer of '62. It will be as follows: last two weeks of June and the entire month of August.

Jon E. Anderson, captain of the band, was master of ceremonies on the program, and he, too, made an inspiring plea for continued hard work on the part of every band member. He expressed deep appreciation for their instructions and guidance, and he thanked Principal Robert T. Kimzey and Supt. Wayne Bradburn for their excellent cooperation and support.

Mike Hunter was named as captain of the 1962-'63 band, succeeded by—

Word From The Mayor

Sale And Use Of Fireworks Is Against Law, Warning Issued

All good citizens recognize the necessity of law enforcement. Of course, they expect reasonable enforcement.

And now that the Christmas season is approaching, there will be an urge on the part of some children and teenagers to shoot firecrackers and display other fireworks as an expression of the spirit that has become a traditional part of the Yuletide celebration.

However, the General Assembly of North Carolina has

Cub Scout Meeting Successful

Parents and cub scouts met last Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian church. Dr. John Eastes welcomed the group, emphasizing that all parents should participate and help to make the Pack a success.

Den No. one presented a skit, "Christmas in Other Lands."

George Wheeler presented the following awards to the eligible cubs:

Den No. 4: Yogi Gilstrap, one gold and two silver arrows; David Edens, lion badge; Artie—

Christmas Shopping Tempo Is On The Increase, Round-Up Is Made

Times Will Publish On Thursday

Since most of the stores in Brevard will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of next week in observance of the Christmas holidays, The Transylvania Times will be published next Thursday instead of on Wednesday.

The deadline for advertising and classified copy will be Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, while the news deadline has been pushed to Thursday at 12 noon.

The Times staff will continue to cover news sources in Brevard and Transylvania county each day during the holidays, and news reports will be given daily over WPNF.

Persons having special announcements to be made can call Turner 3-2611.

Next week's newspaper will be the annual New Year's Greetings issue, and it will also include forecasts for 1962.

Arthur Jenkins Is Worshipful Master, Masons

Arthur H. Jenkins, route salesman for Biltmore Dairies, was elected worshipful master of the Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge at the last stated communication Thursday night in the Masonic Temple.

He succeeds H. C. Gardner. Other officers elected at the meeting were as follows:

J. C. Cassell, Jr., senior warden
Harvey Souther, junior warden
W. A. Hart, past master, re-elected treasurer
Henry Henderson, past master, re-elected secretary

Other officers will be appointed by the newly elected worshipful master in the immediate future.

The installation of the officers is set for Thursday night, December 28th, in the Masonic Temple.

The public will be cordially invited to attend at 8:30 p.m.

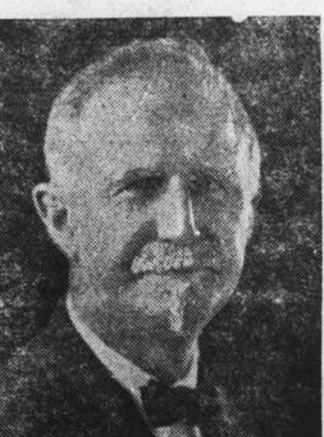


We're here to deliver the greetings of the holiday to one and all.

THE ENTIRE STAFF OF
The Transylvania Times

On Reducing Accidents

Drinking Drivers To Be Target Of Highway Patrol



Babson Forecast Will Be Carried

The Transylvania Times will publish "BABSON'S BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR 1962" next week.

A careful checking of the Babson Predictions made in the BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR 1961 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 83% correct! Below is the score for the last 10 years. It holds the best and highest record for Annual Forecasts on U. S. Future Business.

Forecast For	% Accurate
1961	82
1960	80
1959	84
1958	85
1957	88
1956	85
1955	84
1954	85
1953	84
1952	88

American business has no — Turn to Page Four

Believing that it is the "social" drinker and not the "staggering drunk" who is the biggest problem on the highways, because there are so many more of the first ones, the State Highway Patrol is warning the public of its campaign against drinking drivers during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

"We're asking the assistance of the public," local patrolmen state. Employers throughout the state are asked to help "dry up" the holidays by dispensing with cocktail parties in their office celebrations.

"We ask each individual to assist in this campaign by examining your own moral responsibility," they said.

As an enforcing measure, the Patrol is going to operate "under as complete surveillance as possible at places where holiday cocktail parties are held or where alcohol can be obtained," they warned. "We will tab this operation as 'Smoke Out' — a smoke out of drivers who are intoxicated and unfit to drive on our streets and highways."

Statistics show that of all fatal accidents, about 55 percent are alcohol-related — and December of last year brought North Carolina its second highest fatality month of the year. "The way it's started out this December, highway fatalities are above the number last year," said Patrolmen Bill Sawyer and Charles Capell. "The state has already had more than 1,000 persons killed in traffic accidents, but we are still striving to keep 1961 from becoming the blackest year on record."

Highway Patrolmen hope that pre-announcements of their campaign against drinking driving will cause drinkers to stay off the highways.

"But if a person is unfortunate — Turn to Page Eight

Program Highlights

WPNF To Feature "Holiday Of Music" For Observance

WPNF is completing plans for presenting more and more of the traditional music of the season over the Christmas weekend ahead. Many of the station's sponsors will be extending special greetings by means of special messages in word and holiday music.

Program Director Bill Hancock announces that the "Mes-

Churches Are Planning Many Special Services

Transylvanians are joining with other Americans in busily preparing for the 1961 Christmas and brisk business is noted in the community.

With three shopping days remaining before Christmas, Brevard stores are well stocked with a variety of holiday merchandise.

Most of the stores are remaining open in the evenings for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Officials of the Merchants Division of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce cordially invite Transylvanians to trade in Brevard this Christmas.

The majority of Brevard stores will be closed on Monday and Tuesday for the holiday observance, and county offices will be closed Saturday morning, and also on Monday and Tuesday.

The Town Hall will close at noon Saturday and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27th.

According to Town Manager Bill Edens, water bills will not become delinquent until after December 27th. In order to give town employees a holiday, there will be no garbage collection in either the residential or downtown areas on Monday or Tuesday. Regular collection of garbage will be resumed on Wednesday.

Since Monday and Tuesday are legal banking holidays in North Carolina, both Brevard's First Union National Bank and the Brevard Federal Savings and Loan association will be closed on these two days.

Vernon P. Fullbright, acting postmaster, announces that the Brevard post office will be closed on Monday, and the only services to be offered will be special delivery mail and perishable parcels.

Mr. Fullbright says that every effort will be made to deliver all Christmas cards and Christmas packages before — Turn to Page Eight

Hays Block Co. Is Awarded Bridge Project

The bridge across the French Broad river in the Island Ford section of Transylvania will be replaced in early 1962.

The contract for this work was awarded by the North Carolina Highway commission to Hays Block company, Franklin.

Hays' bid on the project was \$50,371.16.

The length of the bridge is 0.2 mile, and the approaches will also be improved. During periods of high water, this section of the road is usually impassable.

Chief Gives Fire Safety Advice Here

Brevard Fire Chief Dan Merrill said today that "This is the season of the year when fire losses — both in lives and property — are greater than average."

For instance, last year in the three-day Christmas holiday, 77 Americans died as a result of fire, Chief Merrill said.

"Many of these tragedies could have been prevented," he declared.

"At this season of the year, the chief's advice on safety in the home is this:

Choose a "small Christmas tree. Use care in setting it up — away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces.

Stand it in water to retard drying.

Use fireproof decorations and electric lights (never candles).
And when the trees start to dry out, discard them.