



JAMES E. DAVIS, Transylvania county agent, was presented the distinguished service award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at its meeting in New Mexico last Thursday. At the right is **C. H. Waha**, of Mercer, Pennsylvania, chairman of the awards committee, who made the presentation. (See related story on front page, section two.)

Blankinship Is New Town Board Member

Don Blankinship, employee relations supervisor of the Brevard DuPont plant, is the new alderman of the town of Brevard, succeeding Leslie S. Grogan, resigned.

Mr. Blankinship took the oath of office at the meeting Tuesday night in the city hall. It was administered by justice of the peace, Don Wilson.

Previously, the board accepted Mr. Grogan's resignation with regrets. Appreciation was expressed for the fine work that he has done for the community.

Mr. Grogan is moving to a new position with DuPont at Baltimore, Maryland.

The next meeting of the board was postponed from the first Monday night in October until Monday night, October 8th. This action was taken after one member of the board said he would have to be absent on the first Monday night.

The board adopted an ordinance on demolition of condemned buildings in the town of Brevard. It will be published immediately.

A resolution, calling for the closing of Floyd alley between Whitmore and French Broad streets, was also adopted.

Jack Alexander, as spokesman for citizens on Grove circle, requested the board to close the north end of that street. This closing would be for a distance of 230 feet. A hearing will be held at the next meeting.

A committee was appointed by the mayor to look into the ordinance concerning the keeping of — Turn To Page Four

Early Enrollment In The County Schools At 4,078, More Expected



BREVARD'S CO-CAPTAINS, "Butch" Skerrett, tackle, and Jim Fortune, halfback, will lead the Blue Devils in the opening game of the 1962 season on Friday night with Swain, of Bryson City. The contest will be played at the new stadium at Brevard senior high school, and kick-off is slated for 8:00 o'clock. See Sports page for full details. (Times Staff Photo)

Transylvania Following State Trend

The enrollment figure for the Transylvania county schools now stands at 4,078, according to Supt. Wayne Bradburn.

This is slightly under the figure for last year. However, the schools are expected to gain a number of students within the next few weeks, Mr. Bradburn stated.

He says that Transylvania seems to be following the trend that is noticed across the state.

Enrollment in the high schools is up, while elementary school enrollment is down.

The largest enrollment in any of Transylvania's schools is at Brevard elementary, where there are 811 students.

T. C. Henderson elementary school in upper Transylvania has the smallest number with 180.

Other schools in the system and their enrollment figures are as follows:

- Brevard Junior high — 607
- Penrose — 279
- Pisgah Forest — 264
- Rosenswald — 218
- Straus — 353
- Brevard Senior High — 582
- Rosman High — 275
- Rosman Elementary — 509

17 Baptist Churches To Hold School Of Mission Next Week

The Schools of Missions for the churches of the Transylvania Baptist Association will be held next week, September 9th-14th.

Fourteen foreign, home, and state missionaries will be guests of the various churches for the week and will speak each night on their work.

A mission study for each age group will also be conducted each evening prior to the missionary address in the various churches.

Pastors and other representatives from the participating churches will meet with the missionaries on Saturday, September 8th, at the First Baptist church at 4:00 p.m. Following this kick-off meeting, a supper will be held at Gaither's restaurant at 5:00 p.m.

Although the Schools of Missions will be conducted in the various churches, three central meetings will be held at the — Turn to Page Four

Three-Day Session

Jury Trials Will Be Heard In County Court Next Week

The trial of jury cases in Transylvania's General County court will begin Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. According to Judge Robert T. Gash, the court is expected to last three days.

On Tuesday of this week, Judge Gash heard non-jury cases, and several verdicts were handed down. Among them were the following:

Tommy Gene Bowen, Leroy Osteen, Richard Dale Street, and Donald Burgess were bound over to Superior court on charges of larceny of an automobile.

William Bruce Norton had to pay costs on a charge of reckless driving.

William James Gordon, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, had to pay \$100.00 and costs.

John Herman Owen, charged with driving without license, had to pay \$25.00 and costs. On a similar charge, Homer E. Gravely also had to pay \$25.00 and costs.

Joe Brown and Vance Ward, Jr. were each charged with engaging in an affray and each had to pay \$25.00 and costs. Ernest Ed O'Shields had to

pay costs on a reckless driving charge.

Joe Wayne Hall, charged with speeding and driving under the influence, had to pay \$125.00 and costs.

Buck Holden had to pay \$15.00 and costs on a public drunkenness charge.

Charged with driving under the influence and without operator's license, Leonard Barton had to pay \$125.00 and costs.

Melvin Clayton, charged with driving too fast for conditions, was assigned to work around the court house for 15 days.

Mack Herbert Reese had to pay costs on a reckless driving charge.

Eddie Swangin was charged with driving after expiration of license and under the influence of alcohol and had to pay \$125.00 and costs.

Edward Lee Flood, charged with driving under the influence, had to pay \$115.00 and costs.

Labor Day Quiet Here

The Labor Day weekend in Brevard and Transylvania was quietly observed with most stores, town and county offices being closed.

The schools operated as usual. No serious accidents were reported in the town and county, although there was a record number of visitors in the Pisgah National forest.

Many Transylvanians attended the Apple Festival parade in Hendersonville Monday afternoon, and the fine Brevard high school band, dressed in blue Bermuda shorts and white shirts and blouses, made quite a hit with the thousands of persons attending.

Oak Grove Methodist Church To Have Double Celebration

The traditional Homecoming day for Oak Grove Methodist church will be combined with a ground-breaking service for the newly planned St. Timothy church on Sunday, September 9th.

This will be a day when members, former members, friends and relatives, and those who have loved ones buried in the church cemetery will gather to mark Oak Grove's 115th anniversary and the historic ground-breaking for St. Timothy.

Not everyone knows that Oak Grove is the mother church of all Methodism in Transylvania county.

At a gathering last year celebrating the county's 100th birthday, it was revealed in a reading of the church's history that Oak Grove was officially established as a church 115 years ago and for some 30 years prior to that had been used as a camp meeting ground.

Down through the years, the church has continued to be a place of worship and spiritual guidance to the congregation and the community. Although Oak Grove has never been a large church, she has — Turn to Page Five

Legion Begins Annual Drive For Members

With the arrival of its membership cards for 1963, the enrollment drive of the Monroe-Wilson Post No. 88 of The American Legion is gaining momentum, Post Commander Ligon B. Ard announces today.

The local Post is joining the nearly 17,000 American Legion Posts throughout the nation and in several overseas countries and territories in the world's largest annual membership enrollment campaign undertaken by a veterans' organization.

"In order to devote as much time and effort as possible to our community service programs, we are planning to have the bulk of our annual membership drive completed by mid-October," Commander Ard stated and he continued:

"We are accepting dues pay — Turn to Page Four

Interest In "Bank Battle" Mounts, Hearing On Sept. 14th

By The Editor
"The battle of the banks" in Brevard is shaping up.

It doesn't seem to be a question of "Will Brevard have a second bank", but "which bank will be the second bank".

Both Northwestern bank and First Citizens Bank and Trust company have made application to establish banking facilities here.

Brevard's First Union National bank seems to be sitting on the sidelines watching the fight.

Ben R. Roberts, commissioner of banks in North Carolina, has called a hearing here in Brevard on Sept. 14th, to consider the applications of Northwestern bank and First Citizens Bank and Trust company.

He will hear any and all interested persons.

Northwestern is basing its fight on "serving Western North Carolina."

There are 39 Northwestern banking facilities in this western area.

J. B. Wahman, executive vice president, made the following statement in Brevard recently:

"We feel that Brevard and Transylvania will support two banks — a national bank and a state bank. The Northwestern bank will materially help the industrial growth and in turn the small businessman and the individual.

We solicit the support of the public in our application before the Commissioner of Banks of North Carolina."

Lewis R. Holding, president of First Citizens, has commented that the Brevard and Transylvania county area is an outstanding example of the com — Turn to Page Four

WNC's Biggest

Fire Training School Now Being Held In Transylvania

The Weather

In checking back over the complete weather records for Brevard for the past five years, the local weather observer noted that August of this year was much drier than usual.

In 1959, 6.49 inches of rain fell during August with 2.44 inches falling on the 4th.

In 1960, 8.37 inches fell with 1.83 inches on August 12th.

In 1961, a total August rainfall of 20.85 inches was recorded with 4.71 inches falling on the 24th of the month.

This year, August brought only 5.43 inches of rainfall with 1.63 inches falling on August 3rd.

For the past three years, the high temperature in August was only 89, but this year, the mercury hit 90 on four occasions.

The early morning lows have been 55, 57, and 50 degrees in the past three Augusts, but this year, the temperature dipped no lower than 51.

Readings for the past week are as follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	86	55	0
Thursday	86	54	02
Friday	86	53	0
Saturday	87	51	0
Sunday	87	51	0
Monday	87	59	0
Tuesday	89	62	.23

Some 80 forest fire fighting experts from 25 Western North Carolina counties will participate in a three-day, regional training school here in Transylvania county, beginning today.

The purpose of the school, according to Clark Grissom, county fire warden in Transylvania, is to train men to better cope with multiple fires frequent in dry weather in the mountains.

Heading the school is Fred Claridge, state forester from the Raleigh office, and other officials are also assisting.

Demonstrations with the latest equipment available for fighting fires in the mountains are planned. These include: water pumps, low blowers, dozers, water bombers, etc.

Official headquarters for the school are at Camp Straus, and some 1,000 acres of the DuPont company and Lewis P. Hamlin are being used.

The men will sleep in the area, and meals will be served from mobile kitchens.

This fire school will be the biggest of its kind in Western North Carolina.

"We will all be able to do a better job in the future in fighting forest fires here because of the school," Mr. Grissom declared.

WPNF Program Highlights

Football Broadcasts Scheduled, Other Sport Programs Logged

Station Manager Al Martin announces today that WPNF will broadcast the Brevard-Swain high school football game this Friday night beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The broadcast will begin at 7:45 p.m. when Owenby Brothers' American Service will present "Blue Devil Warmup" with coach Cliff Brookshire.

At 7:55 p.m., the broadcast will begin from the field with last minute lineups and other pre-game information just prior to kick-off at 8:00 p.m.

The game itself is sponsored this week by Miller's laundry,

Houston Furniture company, Boyd's Tire Shop and Lyda-McCrory Motors.

In making the announcement of the broadcast, Mr. Martin stated:

"We hope local football fans will support the Blue Devils by attending the game this week, but for those who will be unable to attend, our sponsors are pleased to offer this service throughout the coming season."

Other Programs

The schedule for the Farm and Home hour is as follows: Thursday, Brevard Home ec dept., Thurs — Turn to Page Eight

Town Water Office Closed Until Monday

The collection window of the town water department has been closed until Monday, September 10th. No collections will be accepted until that time, and customers who pay by mail are urged not to send in their payments until a corrected bill has been received.

The town clerk has discovered a large number of mistakes in customers bills that were made by the contracting billing service that prepares utility and service bills each month. Corrected bills have been ordered, and they will be mailed out to every customer as soon as they are received.

Meanwhile, the town clerk asks that customers bear with the town until the mistakes can be corrected.

Little Theatre Campaign In Full Swing

The annual membership drive of the Brevard Little Theatre is now in full swing, reports Mrs. Jane Johnson, chairman.

During the first two weeks in September, patrons, sponsors and those holding general membership tickets will be contacted and a concerted effort will be made to seek new members, Mrs. Johnson added.

This will be done through the Welcome Wagon and by personal contact. Complimentary tickets are being issued to all who have recently come to Brevard to live.

"This is to introduce them to the activities and goals of the Brevard Little Theatre as well as to provide cultural entertainment and an opportunity to par — Turn to Page Eight

Commissioners Plan Property Re-Valuation

A routine session of the Transylvania county Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday evening in the commission office.

Action was taken to begin the re-valuation of real estate in the county, and advertising for bids will be done immediately.

Chairman R. M. Boyd presided over the meeting which was attended by all the commissioners.

Labor Survey Being Made

A labor survey is being made by the Rosman and Brevard Chambers of Commerce.

At the present time, they are trying to determine how many sons in Transylvania have had experience as a loom fixer on looms, label looms, ribbon looms, and narrow fabric looms. The information desired is as follows: Name, address and experience.

Persons can write either to the Rosman Chamber of Commerce, Box 54, Rosman, or the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, Library Building, Brevard.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, September 6 — Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 6:45 p.m. Lions club meets at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 7 — Brevard vs. Swain on Brevard Senior high football field at 8:00 p.m. Ace of Clubs meets at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, September 8 — Budget and Mite football games in Brevard Senior High school on all field at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 9 — Attend the church of your choice.
- Monday, September 10 — General County Court opens at 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Men meet at the church at 8:30 p.m. Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m. Transylvania Shrine club meets at Berry's at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 11 — Ace of Clubs meets at 7:30 p.m. Directors of Chamber of Commerce meet at Library at 7:30 p.m. Civic Chorus meets at Brevard Methodist church at 8:00 p.m. Brevard Elks meet at 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 12 — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m.

Civic Chorus Holds First Rehearsal

The first rehearsal of the Brevard Civic Chorus for the 1962-63 season will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Brevard Methodist church choir room.

Under the direction of Charles Jolliffe, the group will begin work on a program of Christmas music — the Bach cantata, "For Unto Us a Child is Born", and "The Magnificat" by Pachelbel.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the chorus is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Brevard Seventh-Day Adventist Church Will Formally Organize

The Brevard Seventh-day Adventist church will be formally organized on Saturday, September 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

Leading out in the special services will be the pastor, Elder Hugh V. Leggett, assisted by the associate pastor, Richard Williams.

Principal speaker at the organizational meeting will be Elder H. V. Reed, of Charlotte, president of the two-state Carolina conference.

Other out-of-town guests will include R. W. Dunn, W. O. Coe,

L. H. Pitton and possibly other church leaders from the denomination's headquarters office in Charlotte.

The local congregation is meeting in temporary quarters in the building formerly used by the Brevard V.F.W. post, adjacent to the Brevard Lanes, on Highway 64 East.

Pastor Leggett said that regular services are conducted each Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., and on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.