

THE MITCHELL-BISSELL COMPANY, located one and one-half miles above Rosman on US Highway 64, will observe "Open House" on Friday evening of this week in celebration of the plant's first

anniversary in Transylvania county. The public is cordially invited to attend between the hours of 7:30 and 10:00 o'clock. (Austin Studio Photo)

Large Tract Of Property In Town Sold For Residential Development

64 Units Of Apartments Are Proposed

A huge, wooded tract of land containing 19 acres located in the heart of Brevard was sold this week for residential development.

This property lies behind Silvermont, the Silversteen estate, on East Main street, and is surrounded by Rice and Maple streets and Grove circle.

It was purchased by Baxter Taylor, prominent Asheville executive, from the Silversteen heirs. They are Mrs. Alfred H. Weiss, Mrs. Thor A. Bjerg, and Mrs. Robert N. Hill, III.

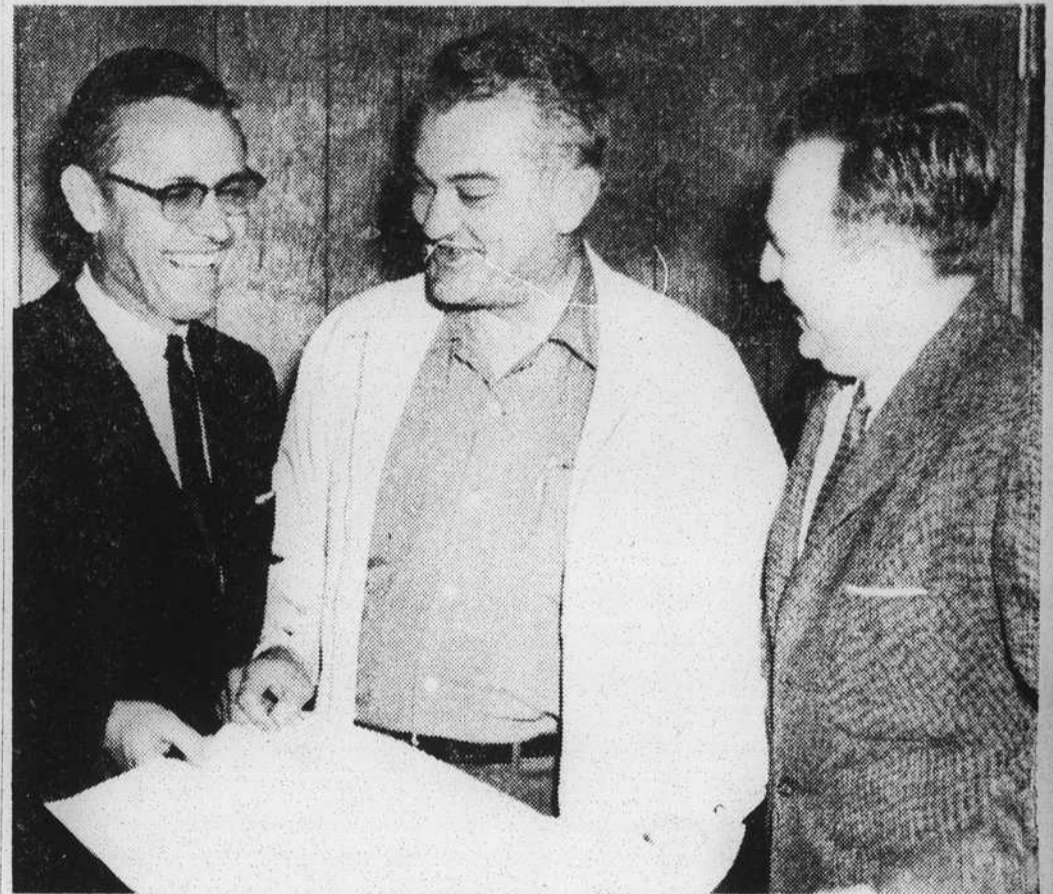
They feel that the sale of the property will answer the critical housing shortage in Brevard. They will retain Silvermont with its surrounding gardens and grounds.

Mr. Taylor proposes to build 64 units of apartments on five acres of the property, and the remaining 14 acres will be sold for restricted home sites.

In the apartment sub-division there will be 8 two-story brick buildings containing 8 apartments each.

There will be entrances into the property off of East Main street and Maple street. The East Main entrance will parallel Wilson drive.

Mr. Taylor said that right. —Turn to Page Seven



THE THREE MEN above were happy to announce this week the sale of some 19 acres of property in the heart of Brevard that will be developed as a high-class residential area. At the left is Gil Coan, realtor, and in the center is Baxter Taylor, presi-

dent of Asheville Construction company and other firms in Asheville, who bought the property from the Silversteen heirs. Attorney Cecil J. Hill is at the right. (Times Staff Photo)

Fire Danger Rises

All burning permits have been cancelled in Brevard and Transylvania county and throughout Western North Carolina.

This action has been taken by state and federal foresters, and fire burning permits will remain cancelled until after a general rain.

The woods and forests are powder dry, and the foresters urge everybody to be extremely careful when in or near the woodlands.

According to Clark Grissom, there have been several forest fires in Transylvania during the past week.

Last Thursday some 80 acres were burned over on East Fork, and a small fire was put out on Nancy Mountain (top of Blue Ridge) Saturday night.

This fire covered about a quarter of an acre.

Another fire that was set burned over about an acre on Sunday night on Quebec mountain.

Fortunately, fire fighting crews of the Pisgah National forest were in the Sunburst area Tuesday afternoon when a fire was reported to have been set in that area.

They were able to quickly put out the blaze, which they —Turn to Page Five

First Anniversary

Mitchell-Bissell Company To Have "Open House" On Friday

The public is cordially invited to "Open House" Friday evening from 7:30 until 10:00 o'clock at the Mitchell-Bissell company in celebration of the first anniversary of the plant in Transylvania county.

The invitation comes today from John R. "Jack" Mitchell, the president.

Tours of the plant will be conducted; refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded.

These fine prizes will include a United States Savings bond and a Channel Master portable radio, valued at \$49.95.

Prior to the "Open House", a supper for bond holders of the company will be held in the Rosman lunchroom. This will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

During the anniversary celebration at the plant, members of the Rosman Rescue squad will conduct the traffic, and the auxiliary of the group will serve —Turn To Page Five

Replies to Leonard

County Attorney Reveals Action Regarding Court

The following statement concerning the recent General County Court controversy was issued by John R. Hudson, Jr., county attorney:

"I first learned about this situation the weekend of March 18, and I personally contacted Representative Leonard Monday morning, the 19th, as he was leaving for Raleigh. I had him come to the court house for a conference with Judge Robert Gash, Solicitor Bruce Martin, Clerk Marvin McCall and myself. We explained to him that we wished him to introduce and pass, as quickly as possible, a bill eliminating any doubt as to the validity of the court, and ratifying all of its acts. Speed

was vital because delay would seriously affect the prestige and standing of the court, and would unduly alarm those persons who had obtained divorces in the court and had since remarried.

It was explained to him that this court had saved the County a considerable sum since its inception through elimination of terms of Superior court, which have always been costly to the county. On the other hand the County Court actually makes money, and in addition, it saves the citizens who are unfortunate enough to come before it, between \$15 to \$20 in costs of court. He was informed that it ap- —Turn to Page Eight

Voting Places For Referendum Tuesday Listed

The voting places for the Cattle for Slaughter referendum and the Henny-Penny Egg referendum on Tuesday, April 9th, are announced today by Jim Davis, Transylvania's extension chairman.

The county committee in charge of the voting is as follows: —Turn to Page Eight

Need Is Stressed

School Board To Request The Commissioners Call Election

On State Level

Leonard's Bill Restricts Election Board Politicking

Transylvania Republican Rep. William Leonard Tuesday submitted legislation to prohibit members of the State Board of Elections from taking active roles in political campaigns.

His bill, co-signed by a number of other Republicans, would place on the state board's members the same restriction now imposed on members of county boards. They could not hold elective

office, be a candidate for any office or serve as a campaign manager for any candidate.

Rep. Leonard said the measure was not precipitated by any specific incident and that he knew of no instance where any members of the state board had engaged in any of the activities his bill would prohibit.

"But, I think they should be on the same footing as the county boards." —Turn to Page Five

The Transylvania County Board of Education at their regular meeting April 2nd accepted a proposal for a school tax supplement from the Citizens Committee, and will petition the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners for a special election as soon as possible on this school tax proposal.

These recommendations have been carried to all P-TA groups in the county, and they have also been explained to various civic organizations in the town and county.

For continued progress in the school system, the proposals are absolutely necessary, Supt. Wayne Bradburn states.

The proposed school tax would be for \$0.25 per \$100 of valuation and would be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Ten additional teachers.
- (a) Two teachers to relieve principals of full-time teaching duties in situations where a school has a minimum enrollment of 170 pupils.
- (b) Provide an additional teacher for Rosman elementary school in order to give the school a full-time principal.
- (c) Reduce English class size to a maximum of 120 pupils per class by —Turn to Page Seven

At First Baptist

Civic Chorus Will Present Palm Sunday Concert, 8 P.M.

A Palm Sunday concert will be presented by the Brevard Civic Chorus on Sunday, April 7th, at 8:00 o'clock in the First Baptist church.

The concert will be parts two and three of Handel's Messiah, the passion and resurrection sections.

Charles Jolliff is the director of the chorus, and Ray Childers is the organist.

Soloists will include Betty Ann Killian, Gloria Sanders, Ruth Hunter and Lloyd Burhans.

The group elected officers at their last meeting for the new year, and they are as follows:

Charles Martin, president; Dick Seiler, vice president; Miss Jeannie Brown, secretary; Mrs. Betty Brown, treasurer; and Mrs. Susan Melton, publicity chairman.

Answers Sheriff's Letter

Board Chairman Explains The Policy Concerning Uniforms

Mr. John I. Anderson Editor - Transylvania Times Brevard, N. C.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Much has been said about the County Commissioners not buying uniforms for the Sheriff's department. Some people have tried to attach political overtones to this policy of the County.

To set the record straight let's set out the reason for this policy. For the fiscal year

1961-62 the salary for the Sheriff was \$441.82 per month plus an automobile furnished by the county. The salary for a Deputy was \$250.00 plus \$125.00 per month expenses plus uniforms furnished by the county. The total cost of uniforms for the sheriff's department for the fiscal year 1961-62 to the county was \$814.28.

When we were making up the operating budget for the Sheriff's department for the —Turn to Page Six

Firm Employed To Make Study Of Water Supply

The Town Board of Aldermen announced at its regular monthly meeting Monday night that the firm of Harwood-Beebe, water engineers of Spartanburg, South Carolina, had been retained to make a far reaching study of the sources of water supply for the town of Brevard.

The study will begin immediately and the report will be available within the next several months.

A public meeting was held —Turn to Page Six

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 4 — Kiwanis Club meets at Gaither's at 6:45 p. m. Lions club meets at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p. m.

Friday, April 5 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p. m. Senior play at Brevard Senior High school at 8:00 p. m. Students play at Brevard college auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

Saturday, April 6 — Student plays at Brevard college auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

Sunday, April 7 — Attend the church of your choice. Civic Chorus concert at First Baptist church at 8:00 p. m.

Monday, April 8 — Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p. m.

Tuesday, April 9 — Hospital auxiliary meets at 10:00 a. m. Ace of Clubs meets at 7:30 p. m. Directors of Chamber of Commerce meet in Library at 7:30 p. m. Elks meet at 8:00

Wednesday, April 10 — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 7:00 p. m.



THE WOODED AREA surrounding the arrow in the aerial photograph above has been sold by the Silversteen heirs to Baxter Taylor, prominent Asheville executive, for a high-class residential development. The arrow itself points to Silvermont,

the Silversteen homplace which along with the surrounding grounds, were retained by the heirs. (Aerial photo by John Anderson in plane flown by Spencer Hammill)