

Many Unpleasant Factors Lead To Closing 'Free Living' Camp

Camp Summerlane, which operated in Transylvania for a few days, is no more, and this is good news for this county.

Transylvania has long been recognized as a "mecca for summer camps", but not camps like Summerlane.

Many citizens learned before the camp opened that it might be operated as a "free love" camp, where nudism and freedom of expression without supervision would be practiced.

Efforts were made by a Citizens Committee from the Rosman Chamber of Commerce and Sheriff Carter McCall to close the camp before it opened.

The efforts were in vain.

The evacuation of the camp by its operators and campers has attracted publicity in all parts of America.

This is unfortunate, because Transylvania is a "mecca for fine summer camps", and only part of the true story is being told.

New York papers, including the New York Times, report that the camp was closed because of the racial issue.

This is far from the truth.

Actually, there were no Negroes in the camp when it was abandoned by its questionable directors and managers.

Some 2 or 3 Negroes were brought to the camp when it

was first opened; however, they were moved out a week before the violence that closed the camp occurred.

Outside newspapers are also saying that angry Transylvania countians swooped down on the camp last Thursday night after observing the "liberal" growth that had reportedly swarmed together in the nude and had been seen together walking in the woods, minus clothing.

But the publicity has been warped.

Actually, the violence occurred on a state road some 600 feet from the entrance to the camp.

And it began when members of the camp came out to fight with local citizens who were gathering in the area.

The campers had previously been warned by Sheriff McCall and Patrolman Bill Sawyer to stay on the property and not engage with irate citizens of the community.

They also throw bad light on the county for someone shooting out the windshield of the bus.

But the driver of the bus, one of the camp leaders, was attempting to "scatter the crowd" that was assembled on the state road.

And he had been previously warned by Sheriff McCall and Patrolman Sawyer to stay on the camp property.

This newspaper does not condone the action of the group that set fire to the gym or fired the shot at the bus, but we do say that these actions were incited by the campers or the camp leaders.

George Von Hilsheimer, the director, requested the State Highway Patrol to give him an escort out of the county on Friday.

No one told one Von Hilsheimer that he had to leave.

This decision was made by him and him alone.

And the Highway Patrol was on the scene immediately.

The evacuation on Friday was directed by Capt. H. C. Johnson, and everything was peacefully and orderly.

Members of the camp, who appeared to have needed a hair-

cut weeks and weeks ago were all out by 5:15 Friday afternoon.

This editor inspected the camp at that time.

It was filthy, a site that was nauseating and repulsive.

The cabins had not been swept out in weeks, and filthy literature was found in several cabins.

It was said that the camp was reported to be moving to a New Jersey site.

Camp Summerlane's demise began some days ago when a New York publication was circulated around Rosman, bearing the title: "Dedicated to the decent citizens of Rosman, N. C., which suddenly finds itself confronted by a frightening situation."

It told of a complete freedom of expression advocated by the group, and served as a focal point for a lot of suspicion that had been gathering anyway. Sheriff McCall had already received at least one report of nude swimming by boys and girls.

Questionable articles reportedly written by Von Hilsheimer also began to appear in Brevard and Rosman, adding fuel to the fire, but quiet efforts to get the director and his followers to leave failed.

A Chamber of Commerce committee met with three representatives of the camp, one of whom was Prof. Leo Koch, a biologist fired from the Uni-

versity of Illinois three years ago for advocating pre-marital sex relationships. The others were Mrs. Von Hilsheimer, wife of the director, and George Hall, a Californian.

They told the committee the camp would be integrated the extent of a Negro cook for her children, but it was reported later by the committee that more Negroes than those were on hand.

Sheriff McCall said Von Hilsheimer brought 62 children to the camp last weekend, at that, "as I understand it, three or four colored students were in the bunch."

The Chamber of Commerce committee, which worked hard to avoid any outbreak of violence, said the camp representatives finally agreed to leave the end of the summer, giving up plans they had for establishing a full-time school on the 160-acre property.

What may have angered local residents as much as anything was the sudden amount of national publicity that the camp appeared to bring with it. Professor Koch's arrival was predicted three months in advance in a California pamphlet called "Tocsin," a copy of which found its way to Brevard with a note attached. The pamphlet told of Koch's selection as head of the science department.

After the camp was established — Turn to Page 5



CAMPERS needing haircuts, clean clothes, etc., evacuated Camp Summerlane above Rosman last Friday with the State Highway patrol as escorts. Following a night of violence and rioting, the day

was quiet and peaceful as the camp was abandoned. It was left in a state of disarray. (Times Staff Photo)

TRANSYLVANIA— An Industrial, Tourist, Educational, Agricultural and Music Center. Population, 1960 Census, 16,372. Brevard Community 8,500, Brevard proper 4,857.

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Schools Open Aug. 28

Schools in Brevard and throughout Transylvania county will open on Wednesday, August 28th, Supt. Wayne Bradburn announces today. On the 28th the students will report for a half day, and the buses will operate, with schools opening at 8:30 a.m. The following day, the 29th, will be the first full day of classes. Teachers will report on August 26th. Supt. Bradburn urges all students to come prepared to pay fees on August 28th. The schedule of fees and insurance will be published later. Mr. Bradburn today announced — Turn to Page Four

Lions To Hear Ranger Seely

Ted Seely, of the U.S. Forest Service, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Brevard Lions club Thursday evening. The club will meet at 7:00 o'clock at the Colonial Inn. Mr. Seely will give an illustrated talk on the forest service.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, July 18 — Kiwanis club meets at Gaither's at 6:45 p.m. Lions meet at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m. Brevard Music Center concert at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, July 20 — Story Time at Library at 9:30 a.m. Children's concert at Brevard Music Center at 11:00 a.m. Brevard Music Center concert at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, July 21 — Attend the church of your choice. Brevard Music Center concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 22 — Rotary club meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m. Elks meet at Lodge at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m.



PRINCIPAL FIGURES at last Saturday night's concert at the Brevard Music Center are pictured above. From left to right they are Governor Terry Sanford, Arlene Saunders, lyric soprano, and Dr. James Christian Pfohl. (Times Staff Photo)

Star-Studded Concerts Slated This Weekend At Music Center

Pianist Bryon Janis, who overwhelmed audiences last year in Russia when he played for judges, contestants, and winners of the Tchaikovsky Competitions, will be guest artist this weekend at the Brevard Music Center. Joining Janis on the stage will be Gary Karr, contra-bassist, Ellen Hassman, cellist, and Edward Vito, harpist. Miss Hassman, 15-year-old student at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, studies under Leonard Rose. She is appearing as the Friday Morning Musicals Award Winner. Gary Karr and Edward Vito are artists-in-residence this summer at the Brevard Music Center. Mr. Karr studies at Juilliard and tours extensively. Mr. Vito is a former member of the N. B. C. Symphony under Toscanini. The first concert on Friday night will begin the festivities of Music Educators' Weekend. — Turn to Page Four

Vocational Education Course Will Be Added At Junior High

A new course entitled "Introduction to Vocational Education" will be added to the curriculum at the Brevard Junior high in the fall. The legislature provided the money for a number of pilot studies in vocational education during the 1963-64 school term. The Transylvania county school system has been chosen as one of the centers for this program. This will be an elective course for the 9th grade boys and girls. The study will attempt to discover the vocational aptitude of 9th grade pupils, their vocational interest and abilities in the — Turn to Page Three

The Weather

By Al Martin Official Weatherman

Rainfall for the past week totaled just over two-thirds of an inch, while daily highs ranged from 73 to 87 degrees; the high mark was reached on Monday afternoon.

Early morning low for the week was a chilly 45 degree reading which came last Thursday.

Readings for the week are as follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	73	51	0.00
Thursday	74	45	0.00
Friday	76	48	0.04
Saturday	79	52	0.00
Sunday	82	60	0.35
Monday	87	55	0.00
Tuesday	78	59	0.29

Temperatures for the next few days will average near normal levels, high and low around 84 and 64. Rainfall will average one-fourth to about one-half inch, occurring as almost daily widely scattered thundershowers.

Many From A Wide Area To Attend Annual Whitewater Falls Picnic

Retired Persons Here Organize Next Tuesday

An organization meeting of the Transylvania chapter, American Association of Retired Persons will be held Tuesday, July 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Transylvania Community Center.

George R. Chester, of Hendersonville, area organizer, will be the speaker. At this meeting, a regular meeting date will be chosen, officers pro-tem and committee chairmen will be named, and a roll will be signed.

According to Mr. Chester, the meetings give opportunity for members to discuss common interests and problems, cooperate with other local groups studying community problems of older persons, and to direct their energies into volunteer community service. Mrs. Roy J. DeLong is organizer of the Transylvania group.

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Last Rites Are Held Wednesday For E. L. Lynn

Funeral services for Edward Lyon Lynn, age 65, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Thomas Shepherd's Memorial chapel in Hendersonville.

Rev. Mark Jenkins, rector of the Calvary Episcopal church, officiated, and interment will be Saturday at 4:00 p.m., at Norristown, Pa.

Mr. Lynn, a division vice president and manager of the film operations of Olin Mathieson Chemical corporation at Pisgah Forest and Covington, Ind., since Jan. 1st, 1959, died last Saturday in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness.

Honorary pallbearers are N. Harvey Collison, Phillip C. Brownell, John H. Truesdall, Arthur — Turn to Page Four



E. L. LYNN

This Thursday

Noted Floridian Will Appear At The Audubon Nature Theater

The Audubon Nature Theater, ward. Full color close-ups of wildlife and breath-taking beauty of the scenic Teton Mountains and other natural wonders of the northwestern United States will be portrayed by the camera eye — Turn to Page Five

Program Highlights

Miss Ellen Bryson Is First Winner In WPNF's Contest

Miss Ellen Bryson is the first winner in WPNF's current Treasurer Hunt contest. Miss Bryson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bryson, of Hillside Heights, correctly answered the contest questions last week. According to Al Martion, the station manager, her answers were: "Alice . . . Tonight . . . Blue Moon . . . Tennessee . . ." As the first weekly winner, Miss Bryson will receive a check for \$25.00. Each weekly winner will receive a like amount until the last week of the contest when a jackpot consisting of \$150.00 — Turn to Page Seven

Blue, Hanlon To Speak At Annual Event

Hundreds of North and South Carolinians will attend the annual Whitewater Falls picnic next Wednesday, July 24th.

This annual event always attracts many dignitaries from both states, and an unusual large crowd is expected this year.

The magnificent falls, which are higher than Niagara falls, are located in upper Transylvania county, 9 miles off Highway 64.

Actually there are two Whitewater falls. The upper one, where the picnic is held annually, is located in North — Turn to Page Four

Masons Hold Fish Fry This Friday

Everything is in readiness for the big fish supper, with all trimmings, which is being sponsored by members of Dun Rock lodge. It will be held at the Masonic Temple on E. Main street on Friday of next week from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock. According to J. C. Cassell, the worshipful master, the supper will be open to the public, and the officers and members are now selling tickets. They may be purchased at Hart-Snyder barber shop and tickets will be sold at the door. The price is \$1.25 per plate, adults, and children under age of 12, can eat for 75 cents. Take-out boxes can be secured at a special table and plans have been made to eliminate the waiting lines. W. C. Bangs heads the committee in preparing the food. He will be assisted by the ladies and ladies of Pisgah Chapter No. 188, Order of the Eastern Star.