

## Facts On Taxes

By - Staff Writer

How large are property taxes in Transylvania county compared with what they are in other places in the United States? How much of the local revenue is obtained from property taxes?

The subject of local taxes and operating costs have become matters of major importance in cities and counties all over the country. Many communities are in financial plights and are desperately seeking new ways of raising cash.

In some localities, certain types of taxes that were suggested in previous years and were turned down as being inappropriate, are now being reconsidered.

In New York City, for example, a proposal that was often made and always rejected—to raise money by legalizing off-track betting — is again being dusted off.

"In Transylvania county, according to the Commerce Department's latest "Census of Governments," property taxes now account for 68.3 percent of all revenue raised locally.

By way of comparison, in other communities throughout the United States, the amount obtained from property taxes averages 69.0 percent of the total. In the State of North Carolina it is 63.3 percent.

Although the property tax has declined in relative importance in recent years, it is still the mainstay of most local governments.

The survey shows that a wide variation exists in the size of —Turn to Page Three

## The Weather

By - Al Martin  
Official Weatherman

A total of eight inches of snow fell on Brevard from Friday night at 8:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, leaving the community in the grip of icy winter weather.

The high reading for the week, a mild 51 degrees came last Wednesday afternoon, while the low mark for the period was recorded this past Tuesday morning when the mercury column fell to 3 above zero, besting Monday morning's 4 degree record.

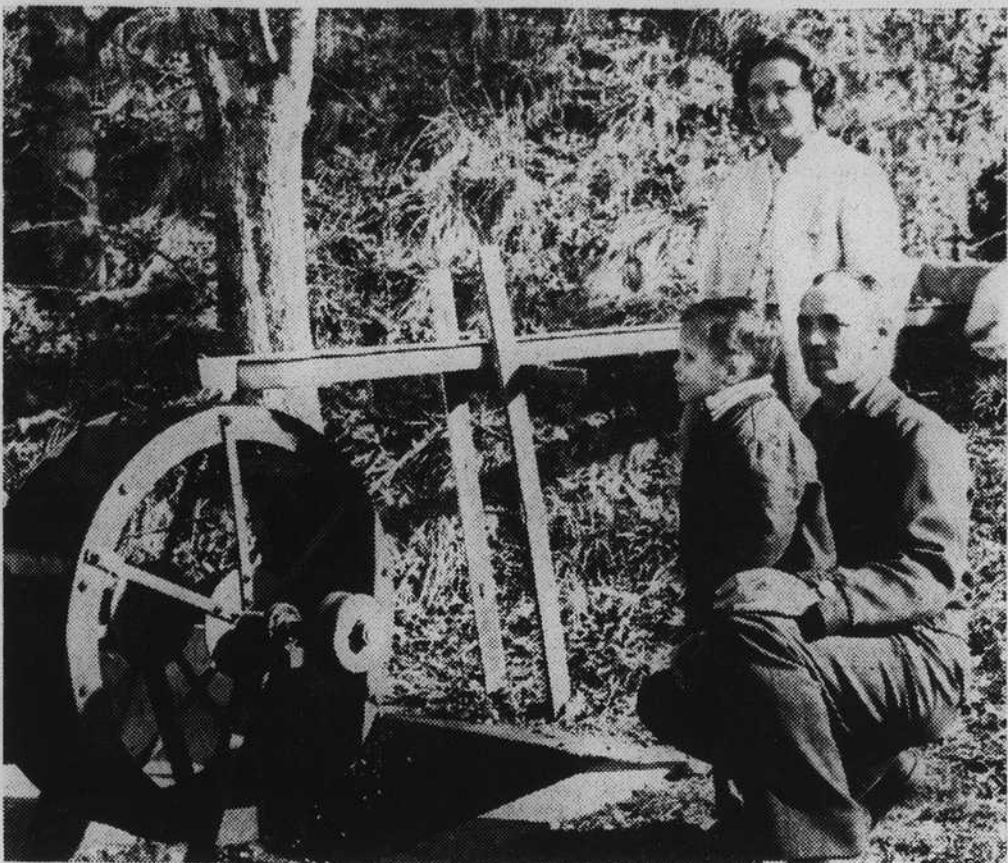
Daily averages were a high of 39 and a low of 15.

Individual day-to-day readings were as follows:

	High	Low
Wednesday	51	23
Thursday	47	22
Friday	36	19
Saturday	34	24
Sunday	29	12
Monday	35	4
Tuesday	42	3

Some 6.5 inches of snow was measured at sundown Saturday, with an additional 1.5 inches recorded between that time and sundown Sunday afternoon.

## Many Attend Meeting To Discuss Fluoridation Of Brevard's Water



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD BALL, who operate a foster home on the Asheville highway some four miles from Brevard, are pictured above with their latest addition to their family. He is a five-year-old blind boy from Hickory, and in the photo-

graph above, Mr. Ball is explaining the operation of a water wheel that he has just completed. Be sure to read the fine article about the Balls that appears below.

(Times Staff Photo)

## Majority Seemed To Favor Action Of Town Board

By - Staff Writer

Over 100 persons turned out Tuesday night for a public meeting to discuss the pros and cons of the fluoridation of Brevard's water system.

The meeting, called by the anti-fluoridation committee of Brevard, was held in the court house.

Several invited speakers from Hendersonville were in attendance to voice objections to fluoride. They showed literature and several displays of alleged damage caused by fluoride when used in various forms.

Claims Denied

These claims were refuted by local doctors, dentists and sanitation officials who strongly supported the use of fluoride in Brevard's water supply.

It was noted that every doctor and dentist in Transylvania county had gone on record as unanimously approving the use of fluoride here.

Those speaking in favor of fluoride included county health officer, Dr. John Folger, Dr. James Sanders, Dr. C. L. Newland, Dr. Wilburn Davis, and county director of sanitation, Walter F. Hart.

Each of these men went into great detail to explain that no possible harm can come from the use of fluoride as it is distributed in the water system, and that the great benefits derived from its use have been proved time and time again by health authorities throughout the country.

Several objections were voiced during the meeting that town officials had given no notice that fluoride was being added to the water here. It was pointed out that North Carolina law does not require such notice to be given, and that an article appearing on the front page of the February 7, 1963, edition of The Transylvania Times stated that the action was being taken.

The article, appearing under a double column head, stated in part:

"The town of Brevard will have fluoride added in its water system, the Board of Aldermen voted at their February meeting this week.

"This will be done when finances are available, they decided.

"It is speculated that fluoridation of the water system will come next year."

At one point in the meeting —Turn to Page Three

## The Richard Balls Treat All Foster Children As Their Own

By - Mrs. Edith Jenkins  
Superintendent of Public Welfare Transylvania County

Children the world over have the same basic needs . . . to love and to be loved, to be secure and to achieve. When parents of children are no longer able or willing to give them love and security then others must pick up the pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball, foster parents in Transylvania county, accept these children in their home and fit the pieces back together. After being in the Ball home a short time, the little sad faces begin to bud and then blossom into happy children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball's home has been licensed by the State Board of Public Welfare as a foster home for four and one-half years. During this time they have had all ages of children . . . babies to teenagers . . . and they have given each one the special needed attention. They have always been willing to accept any child with any problem. At the present time they have a five-year old blind child who has not been trained to care for any personal needs.

The Balls have three children who have readily accepted —Turn to Page Three

## Coin Club To Meet In Olin Medical Center

The meeting place of the newly organized coin club in Transylvania has been changed due to the interest in the organization.

According to John Ford, the president, many persons have said that they would attend the next meeting, necessitating the change.

The meeting will be held in the Olin Medical Center next Tuesday night, Jan. 26th, at 7:30 o'clock. Previously, the club met at First Citizens bank.

All members are urged to attend, and others interested in coin collecting are invited.



CHARLES F. MOORE, office supervisor, was recently presented a Duke Power 35-year Service Award by John Clark, Brevard branch manager. Mr. Moore was also commended for contributions to the community, especially through his interest in the "Flora & Fauna of the Mountains" and work in Boy Scout activities.

nished from state funds)

Transylvania County is responsible for 100% of capital improvements (alterations and additions to buildings, purchase of equipment, etc.)?

## School Facts

Did you know that?

Transylvania County provides only 16% of current expense operation of its public schools? (remainder is fur-



BREVARD AND TRANSYLVANIA county reeled under an eight-inch snowfall last weekend. This was the first snow of the year, and it snarled business and traffic. However, town street crews and the State Highway department kept streets and highways passable, and schools opened on schedule Monday morning. Adding

to the bitter winter weather were sub-freezing temperatures over several days. One of The Times staff photographers took the above picture which shows the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian church on East Main street.

(Times Staff Photo)

## Mass Meeting Planned

## Good Response To Story On Proposed New Golf Course

The steering committee for the new golf course expects to mail letters and charter membership applications to a large group of prospective members within a very few days.

"Although these two documents explain in considerable detail what we are doing and propose for the immediate future, we realize that there will still be a number of unanswered questions which will need clarification," said Bill Keith, chairman of the steering committee.

"For this reason, we are planning to have a meeting on Thursday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the senior high school auditorium.

"At that meeting we hope to secure applications from a large percentage of the 300 members we will need to insure the success of this project," he continued.

In addition to the 18-hole golf course, there is sufficient cleared land to accommodate a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a club house.

As announced last week, the group which has the land under option has offered to give the necessary acreage plus all of the existing buildings provided that a golf course will be built on the property.

"From the comments which have been made in my presence," Mr. Keith said, "almost everyone seems to agree that this is an opportunity which we cannot afford to pass up."

## At Annual Meeting

## Loeb Is Named Chairman Of Transylvania Hospital Board

Officers and staff members of the Transylvania Community Hospital were named at the meeting of the board of trustees Tuesday night.

Arthur Loeb was named chairman; Don Blankinship, vice chairman; W. W. Brittain, treas-

urer; and Rev. Alfred D. Rhyne, secretary.

Other members include Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., Freeman Hayes, Eugene Morris, Donald Lee Moore, and Lewis P. Hamlin.

Appointments to the medical staff included Dr. Burness F. Ansell, Dr. George B. Dysart, Dr. John R. Folger, Jr., Dr. Charles L. Newland, Dr. Joseph E. Osborne, Dr. Albert O. Ryan, Jr., Dr. Julius Sader, Dr. James H. Sanders, Jr., Dr. Robert L. Stricker, Dr. Marius H. Wells, Dr. James N. Keeley, and Dr. Clarence Edens. Dr. MacRoy Gasque was named as a courtesy member.

The dental staff includes Dr. W. S. Clayton, Dr. Wilburn A. Davis, Dr. C. L. Grah, and Dr. John L. Prugh.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 21 — League of Women Voters meet at Brevard Methodist church at 10:00 a.m. Kiwanis Club meets at Gaiher's at 6:45 p.m. Lions club meets at Colonial Inn at 7:00 p.m. Masons meet at Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 22 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 24 — Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, January 25 — Rotary club meets at Gaiher's at 7:00 p.m. Brevard Senior High P-TA meets at 8:00 p.m. Music club —Turn to Page Seven



OFFICERS of the Transylvania Shrine club, installed at a recent meeting, are shown above. Left to right, they are Larry Turner, treasurer; Rev. M. L. Ross, chaplain; G. H. Farley, secretary; W. F.

Talman, of Asheville, potentate of Oasis Temple, Charlotte; Don Parker, vice president; and Paul Owenby, Jr., president.



ARTHUR LOEB

## Sponsored By Olin

## "Values For Living" Program Added To Radio WPNF's Log

A new program has been added to WPNF's daily schedule according to an announcement this week by program director, Fred Reiter.

"Values For Living", featuring the Rev. Tom Haggai, is being presented each evening at 6:30 p.m., through the sponsorship of Olin Mathieson Chemical corporation.

The five-minute program features a brief theme of a daily devotional nature and is related to Rev. Haggai's travels through North Carolina.

The broadcast is produced and recorded in Charlotte by Jefferson Productions.

Other Programs

The schedule for the Farm

and Home hour is as follows: Thursday, N. C. forest service, Clark Grissom; Friday, ASC office; Monday, county extension chairman, Tuesday, U. S. Forest service, Ted Seely; Wednesday, home agent, Miss Jean Childers.

Appearing on the Civic Hour are the following: Friday, Kiwanis club; Monday, hospital auxiliary; Wednesday, Brevard garden club.

Speaking this week on Morning Devotions is Rev. Fred Lehrer, pastor of Grace Baptist church. Next week Rev. Brunson Wallace, pastor of Brevard Methodist church, will be heard.

The Sunday morning church service is being broadcast through the remote facilities of WPNF from the Baptist church. Rev. Harold Killian is pastor.