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WCJCC TOURNAMENT CHAMPS, the Brevard College Tornadoes, are pictured here fresh from their 92-81 overtime victory over Gardner-Webb that gave them the tournament title at Forest City last Saturday night. The Tornadoes, shown here with their big championship trophy, front row, kneeling, left to right, are: Ronnie Sherrill, Dave Morrow, Co-Captains Pete Peters and Bob Pickens,

and Dennis Houston. Back row, left to right: Coach "Chick" Martin, Jim Hammond, Larry Arrick, Bobby Williams, Junior Steelman, Gary Simpson, Tommy Williams, and Joe Bob Nesbitt. The Tornadoes will take on Ferrum (Va.) Junior College this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in Lenoir in the first game of the NJCAA Region 10 tournament. (Times Staff Photo)

Many Expected To Attend The "Public Interest Meeting" Friday

Man Seriously Injured In Wreck Monday

A man was seriously injured and a '57 DeSoto was demolished in a one-car accident at Wilson bridge on the Greenville highway about 8:00 o'clock Monday night.

The owner and driver of the car was John David Page, who was rushed to the local hospital.

According to Patrolman Bill Sawyer, who investigated, the car struck the abutment of the bridge.

Hospital authorities reported Mr. Page's condition as being fair and improving when The Times went to press.

Survey Reveals

Payrolls In Transylvania Up 46% In Past 5 Years

By - Staff Writer

A new, county-by-county tabulation of the nation's business population shows that Transylvania county supports a greater number of business firms than do many localities of its size.

Locally, according to a Federal report, there are some 261 separate business establishments — small, medium and large — in operation.

The vigor of the business community has been growing in the past five years or so, despite mergers, automation, strong competition and consolidations.

This is evidenced by the gain achieved in employment, in size of payrolls and in overall business activity.

The facts and figures come primarily from reports released by the Census Bureau, which utilized data supplied by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

They were based on tax reports filed by employers in 1965 under the social security program, listing taxable payrolls for the previous year.

In Transylvania county, they show, payrolls reached the highest point ever, \$22,072,000.

This was 46.2 percent more than in 1959, when a similar survey placed the total at \$15,100,000.

The increase was greater than

that chalked up in most parts of the United States, the average being 30.6 percent in the period. In the State of North Carolina, the gain was 41.3 percent.

The figures take into account all persons receiving wages and salaries from private, non-farm employment covered by social security.

The number of people so employed locally comes to 4,479.

This is exclusive of domestic workers, members of the armed forces, civilian employees of Federal, state and local governments, farm workers and certain others.

Although Transylvania county has a sizeable number of businesses that employ 20 people or more, smaller-size concerns are firmly rooted and constitute the bulk of the business community.

The breakdown released by the Census Bureau shows that there are 164 local establishments that have from 1 to 3 employees each, 34 with from 4 to 7 and 42 with 8 to 19. The rest are larger.

Those with fewer than 20 employees comprise 92 percent of the total number.

The five-year growth locally coincides with the nation's big boom, which has just celebrated its fifth birthday.

Trustees Of Music Center Inviting All

A large crowd is expected to attend the "Public Interest Meeting" of the Brevard Music Center at the Brevard senior high school on Friday night of this week.

It will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock, and the trustees of the center cordially invite all of the citizens of Brevard and Transylvania county to attend.

A reception will also be held, and the program will be brief, interesting and informative.

John D. Eversman will be the master of ceremonies, and short talks will be made by the following:

Paul Thomas, president of the Brevard Music Center

Wayne Bradburn, superintendent of schools

Donald Lee Moore, chairman of the Transylvania Board of County Commissioners

Henry Janiec, the artistic director of the center.

Raymond F. Bennett, mayor of Brevard, will welcome the many guests who are expected.

Mr. Eversman has been speaking at various civic meetings recently, urging members to attend this special meeting.

Last year was one of the best years in the history of the Brevard Music Center, and even more elaborate plans are being made for the '66 season.

The thirteen young ladies who will serve as ushers at the public interest meeting Friday evening in the Brevard high school auditorium are — Turn to Page Four

Slide Blocks Highway 64 At Rosman

US Highway 64 was blocked above Rosman much of Monday night and Tuesday by a land slide.

Highway crews began work around midnight Monday clearing the slide which consisted of both dirt and rock.

Two leaders were used all day Tuesday, and the highway was opened for traffic Wednesday.

While the clearing work was underway, traffic was detoured via Turnpike road.

The slide was due to the recent snow, rains, freezes and thawing.

In Adult Program

Courses In Advanced Welding, Small Gas Engines Open Monday

Two courses will begin in the Adult Education program next Monday night, March 7th, Randall J. Lyday announces today.

These courses are as follows: Advanced arc welding Small gasoline engines.

Both courses will have 10 sessions, and they will be held each Monday night from 7:00 until 10:00 o'clock.

Blaine Emory will teach the arc welding course and Jack Smathers is the instructor for small gasoline engine course.

The course on advanced arc welding is for students who have completed the basic arc

Courses previously offered under the Adult Education program have included the following: Basic Arc Welding Ornamentals Horticulture Drafting and Blueprint Reading.

Supper Also Set

WNC Patrolmen To Confer Masonic Degrees Thursday

The Western North Carolina State Highway Patrol Masonic degree team, consisting of 26 members, will attend an emergent communication of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge on East Main street, Thursday, March 3rd, and confer both sections of the Master Masons degree. Fred M. McCall, Jr., the Worshipful Master, reports that the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Gene Beshears, local highway patrolman, and Jack D. Cabe, of Ard'n, former patrolman of this county, are both members of the

local lodge and will take part in conferring of the degree. Local Masons will be host to the 26 patrolmen at a steak dinner, which will be served at Berry's promptly at 6:00 o'clock. Any Mason who would like to attend is requested to make reservations by calling Berry's not later than 12 noon on Thursday. Mr. McCall urges the members to attend the emergent communication and witness this outstanding degree team perform. He extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Masons.

Gun Shop Is Opening Here This Saturday

Brevard and Transylvania county now has a shop specifically for servicing the needs of the county's shooting sports enthusiasts.

The M & M Gun Shop, owned by Duane McMillen and John McIntyre, both of whom are members of the National Rifle Association and are officers in the Transylvania Rifle and Pistol club, will open Saturday, March 5th.

The shop is centrally located in Brevard at 8 South Broad street, above Jones' News Stand.

The M & M Gun Shop will handle, primarily, general gunsmithing and sales of reloading components.

In the near future, the shop will handle firearms sales also.

At present, the gunsmithing operation will be somewhat curtailed. However, the owners anticipate being in full scale operation by mid or late April.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served during "open house" Saturday.

In The Court House

Special Bond Election Meet Is Called For Next Tuesday

Mayor Raymond F. Bennett and the Town Board of Aldermen have called a meeting of all interested citizens on Tuesday night, March 8th, here in the Court house.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 o'clock, and the Special Bond Election for enlarging and improving the sanitary sewer system of Brevard will be discussed.

The election is set for Saturday, March 12th, from 6:30 a.m., until 6:30 p.m.

Registration of new voters has been held on the past three Saturdays at the Town hall and at the American Legion building, Brevard's two polling places, and Saturday will be challenge day.

Town officials, civic and fraternal groups and other interested persons see the election as a "must" for the Town of Brevard.

"We must vote FOR in this election, or our progress will be set back 20 years," they state.

In brief, the project will accomplish three major purposes:

- (1) Rehabilitate much of the old sewerage collection

Program Highlights

WPNF To Broadcast Big ACC Basketball Tournament Games

All the color and excitement of the 13th annual Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament from Raleigh will be described over WPNF by Bill Currie beginning at 1:20 p. m. this afternoon.

Today's game are scheduled as follows:

- 1:30 Clemson vs. South Carolina
- 3:30 N. C. State vs. Virginia
- 7:00 Duke vs. Wake Forest
- 9:00 North Carolina vs. Mary-

On Rosman Highway

The Lack Of Rights-Of-Way Holding Up Bridge Project

A new bridge across the railway track on US Highway 64 between Brevard and Rosman near Lake Sega is being held up because the North Carolina Highway department has been unable to secure rights-of-way, it was learned today.

The Highway commissioners had hoped to let the contract for the project by this time, however only 20 per cent of the rights-of-way has been secured to date.

Before the commission lets a contract, it usually has at least 80 per cent of the rights-of-way, the press was told.

Built in 1922, the bridge is one of the most dangerous ones in Transylvania. It has been the scene of numerous wrecks, and over the years much effort has been exerted to get it replaced.

Civic groups, officials of the town and county and Rosman and others have also repeatedly appealed to the State Highway department to im-

prove and relocate Highway 64 from Brevard to Rosman.

Resolutions have been adopted pointing out that the narrowness and other conditions of the road constitute a serious hazard to travel and endanger the lives of thousands of motorists, truckers and school children.

Similar resolutions have been adopted concerning the condition of US Highway 276 from Brevard to the South Carolina line.

W. Curtis Russ, Highway commissioner for this area, told The Times Tuesday that the Whitewater road project had definitely gone through and that the contract would probably be let in the spring.

A story concerning severe damages to roads by wintry weather is carried elsewhere in this week's newspaper.

In Democratic Primary

Two More Candidates In Sheriff's Race

Two more candidates have entered the race for Sheriff of Transylvania county, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 28th. Wood Paxton, the county coroner, announced

Mr. Fisher, a native of Transylvania, is 46 years old, and he has had considerable experience as a law enforcement officer. He was educated in the public schools of Transylvania.

He served for four years as deputy sheriff and jailer with the late Sheriff Bert Freeman. For five years, he was Chief of Police of the Town of Brevard.

A veteran of World War II, he served for three years in the European Theatre of Operations. Mr. Fisher is a Master Mason, a member of the American Legion and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He is married to the former — Turn to Page Four

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recently that he would be a candidate for Sheriff. The two men announcing this week are Paul L. Fisher, of Brevard, and Charles Owen, of Lake Toxaway.

Mr. Owen, who served as jailer and deputy sheriff for two years under the last Democratic Sheriff, is a lifelong resident of Transylvania county.

He began his career as a carpenter and construction work, and at the present time he operates the North Toxaway Grocery store. He is also employed as watchman for the Lake Toxaway Home Owners association.

Mr. Owen is a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church and he is the former Sunday school superintendent of the Lake Toxaway Baptist church. He is married to the former Miss Bertha Golden and they have four children. — Turn to Page Four