



TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT of public schools is shown taking the oath of office in the presence of the Clerk of Court Marvin McCall and the county's Board of Education members. Left to right are: D. S. Winchester,

Robert H. Hunter, and Eugene Morris, board members; Sam H. Helton, the new superintendent; Harry F. Morgan, board member; E. B. Matheson, chairman of the board; and Mr. McCall. (Photo by Austin)

Record High Budgets Approved For Transylvania And The Town

Aldermen And Commissioners To Adopt Them

Record high budgets have been approved for the Town of Brevard and for Transylvania county.

These budgets are now open for public inspection, after which they will be adopted by the Town Board of Aldermen and the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners.

Transylvania County

A record high budget of \$1,127,249.00 for the fiscal year of 1966-67 has been approved by the Transylvania County Commissioners.

It is open for public inspection in the Register of Deeds office.

The new budget is based on a property valuation of \$63,500,000.

The tax rate will remain at 95 cents.

Funds for county general in the new budget are increased from \$185,388.00 to \$203,064.00.

School expenses, including current expense, capital outlay and debt services, amount to \$484,698.00.

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A SPECTACULAR FIRE completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Whitson early Monday night near Cedar Mountain. The Brevard volunteer fire department answered the alarm, but the entire house was engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived. (Photo by Alex Max Cormack)

New Superintendent of Education

Helton Has Fine Record Of Experience And Leadership

By - Staff Writer

Transylvania county has a new superintendent of public schools. Succeeding Wayne Bradburn, Sam H. Helton has been sworn into office and assumed his duties as superintendent of schools.

Mr. Helton is a native of Lenoir, Caldwell county, North Carolina. A 1935 cum laude graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, Mr. Helton holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina and has done additional graduate work at the same university.

Those here in Transylvania County feel it an honor and privilege to have Mr. Helton serve in this capacity. He has done much to advance education in North Carolina. His many years of experience in education, his sincere interest in public education and his leadership and accomplishments in educational realms are indicative of his qualification and his competency. His contributions and efforts have received recognition and praise from educators throughout the state.

Mr. Helton served as district principal in Gaston county for 13 years, as superintendent of public schools in Iredell county for seven years, as superintendent of Montgomery county schools for five years, and as superintendent of Carteret County schools. Each change was a promotion. He moved from the completion of one school planning program — curriculum development — financing — school plant construction — to another.

Mr. Helton is a member of the following organizations: —Turn to Page Six

To Be Resurfaced

US 276 Project In Group For Bids In Raleigh On July 26th

A call for bids on resurfacing US Highway 276 from Brevard to the South Carolina line is included with projects to be let on July 26th at Raleigh.

There are 70 projects in 59 of the state's 100 counties involved in the letting.

The Transylvania project calls for the following:

20.3 miles of sand asphalt surface and bituminous concrete binder and surface on US - 276 in resurfacing two section of primary road and three sections of secondary road.

Group Is Formed

Dean Harris Heads Newly Organized Community Action

The newly-formed Transylvania County Community Action, Inc., met July 7th, in the Brevard high school cafeteria to discuss plans for program coordination. During the meeting a committee was named which will have the responsibility for interviewing applicants for the position of Director.

Officers elected to serve on the Transylvania Board are as follows: Chairman — Dr. Braxton Harris, Vice-chairman — Supt. Sam H. Helton, Secretary — Mrs. Paul Lollis, public health nurse, Treasurer — Mrs. Edith Jenkins, welfare director.

Transylvania County Community Action, Inc., will have numerous responsibilities as it

works cooperatively with Henderson county in trying to meet the needs of this area. An anti-poverty program which is underwritten by the United States government, it will promote such program as "Head Start," job training and placement, health education, and many more.

The 21-member board represents —Turn to Page Five

A Note of Apology From Officials At Music Center

"We are growing rapidly, and certainly, complications arise which sometimes cause inconvenience to those who have been so faithful to our institution. Such was the case during the past weekend at the Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium Box office. The undue waiting in line and confusion about seating must have inconvenienced some people, and being aware of this, we have taken steps to alleviate that inconvenience.

"BUT YOU CAN HELP US HELP YOU!! If you plan to attend the weekend concerts at the Brevard Music Center, whether or not you are a Season Ticket Holder, please phone your reservation in advance. Your tickets will be waiting for you at a special table in the auditorium. You can therefore avoid the crush of persons buying tickets at the last moment. Call the Brevard Music Center Box Office, 883-8338, for your weekend tickets NOW.

"WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OUR GROWING PAINS, AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE NO FURTHER INCONVENIENCE. THANKS!"

Officials of Brevard Music Center

William White Joins Hamlin, Ramsey Firm

Attorney William Robert White is now associated with the law firm of Hamlin and Ramsey, whose offices are located in the Brevard Federal Savings and Loan building.

Mr. White, his wife, Barbara, and infant daughter, Lisa Anne, came to Brevard from King's Mountain, where he was a partner in the firm of Davis, White and White, since 1964.

A native of Laurinburg, Mr. —Turn to Page Six

Directors Told

Several County Sites Said Suitable For A New Airport

Directors of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce were told that there are several possible sites suitable for construction of a new airport in Transylvania county, at their regular monthly meeting in

the library Tuesday night.

Gil Coan, reporting for the airport committee recently appointed by the Transylvania county board of commissioners, stated that several possible airport locations were being checked out. He then went on to tell the directors of the great economic value that a new airport would bring to Transylvania.

The county commissioners have applied for funds from the Federal Aviation Agency, and these along with county funds would take care of construction costs, should they be approved. The cost would be

equally divided between the county and the FFA.

Transylvania voters will be asked to approve the county's share in a special bond election to be held during the general election next November.

In other business, Mrs. Paul Ostborg, teacher at Brevard senior high school, appeared before the directors with a two volume book on the history of Brevard and Transylvania county that has been written by her junior English class. She asked the chamber's aid in getting the volume —Turn to Page Five

For State Rainbows

Miss Sharon De Muth Named New Grand Choir Director



SHARON DE MUTH

Miss Sharon De Muth, a 1966 graduate of Brevard senior high school, was appointed Grand Choir director of the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls in North Carolina at the year's first official gathering last weekend in Greensboro.

She is the first Grand Officer to be chosen from Brevard Assembly, No. 58, and this was recognized as an outstanding honor for her and for the local assembly, one of the youngest in the state.

The Brevard Assembly also received a Gold Star certificate in recognition of the fine work throughout the year.

A delegation of eight Brevard Rainbow Girls attended the three-day meeting, and they —Turn to Page Three

The second weekend of Brevard Music Festival concerts promises to be even more thrilling than the first. Starting July 15th, the Music Center will offer grand opera, a pops concert, and an orchestral concert featuring a young American pianist.

Headlining the weekend's musical treats is the first stage production of the Center's 1966 season. Under the direction of John Richards McCrae, the Brevard Music Center Resident Opera Company will present "La Boheme" on Friday evening, July 15th. The production will include celebrated soloists, chorus, and full orchestral accompaniment.

The role of Mimi will be sung by soprano Carol Courtman, who was recently engaged by the Metropolitan Opera National Company to sing this role during its 1967 season. She has appeared with the Goldovsky Opera Theatre for the past three seasons, and hails from Philadelphia where she studied at the Academy of Vocal Arts.

Opposite Miss Courtman is Clifford Billions, resident tenor with the Center opera company, who will sing Rudolfo. A native



CHARLES ROSEKRANS Resident Conductor at Brevard Music Center

of Memphis, he recently sang the same role in a Boheme production by the Charlotte Opera Company.

Perry Daniels, Associate Professor of Voice at Converse College, will sing the role of Mar-

er, of Converse, is costumer, and set designer for this and all other summer productions is Bert Heckel of New York City.

An Americana "pops" concert on the evening of the 16th will feature the 90-piece Brevard Music Center Orchestra under the direction of Henry Janiec. The program will include Bernstein's overture to "West Side Story," selections from "Oklahoma," Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite," and spirituals and chants sung by baritone John Richards McCrae, director of the Brevard Music Center Resident Opera Company.

On Sunday afternoon, July 17th, Lee Luvisi, a member of the Center's artist-faculty, will appear in concert with the Transylvania Symphony. Luvisi, a prodigy who made his debut at the age of eight, is a laureate of the 1960 Queen Elizabeth of Belgium International Piano Competition.

Luvisi annually fulfills a busy schedule of prime recital and orchestral engagements, and upon his graduation from the Curtis Institute in 1957 he was appointed to the faculty there—the youngest musician to be accorded —Turn to Page Six

Leaves Brevard

Dan Gilbert Is Now With SBI In North Wilkesboro

Daniel E. Gilbert, former Probation officer in Transylvania and adjoining counties, is now with the State Bureau of Investigation with headquarters in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Gilbert first came to Transylvania in July, 1960, serving Transylvania and Henderson counties.

In February, 1955, he became assistant supervisor of the Western District.

He was employed by the State Bureau of Investigation the first of the year, and he is now assigned to the three counties of Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany.

A native of Benson, Mr. Gilbert is a graduate of Georgia —Turn to Page Five



DANIEL E. GILBERT