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Tax Course Is Offered Under Adult Program

The Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute and the Transylvania County Board of Education announce a course in the preparation of federal and state income tax returns starting Monday, February 12th, at 6:30 p. m. at Brevard senior high school.

This six-hour course will be divided into two three-hour sessions. The second session will be held on Thursday, February 15th.

This tax course is designed to help the average taxpayer to understand the proper method of reporting his earnings, to take his allowable deductions, and to calculate his tax liabilities.

There will be no fee charged. Enrollment will be held the first evening and any person 18 years of age or over may attend.

John W. Sisty, Chief Engineer at the Veterans Administration hospital in Asheville, who is also a public accountant, will be the instructor.

Little Theatre Announces Cast For New Play

The Brevard Little Theatre will present "Witness for the Prosecution" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 15th, 16th and 17th.

"Witness for the Prosecution" written by Agatha Christie, was first produced in London in October, 1953. It was a British mystery in which an apparently innocent man becomes victim of circumstance. The supposedly devoted wife turns against the husband. Needless to say, the end of this drama becomes even more exciting.

The cast is as follows:

- Greta - Pat Smart
 - Carter - Hall Parrish
 - Mr. Mayhew - Lou Raines
 - Leonard - Bob Barnes
 - Sir Willfrid - Barry Williams
 - Joyce Collins
 - Judge - Paul Patrick
 - Mr. Myers - Jim Keely
 - Dr. Wyatt - Walter McKelvey
 - Janet - Lynn Patrick
 - Mr. Clegg - George Patterson
 - Inspector Hearne - Don Davies
 - Detective & Policeman - Tex Mullis
 - Usher - Bill Leonard
 - Jury Member - Walt Rogers and Joyce Rogers
 - Jury Foreman - Gene Stewart
 - The other Woman - Jane Miller
- Directed By - Jackie Taylor
- The technical crew will consist of the following:
- Make-up - Jeanette Austin & Margaret Wells
 - Costumes - Eva Burgin
 - Set Design - Taj Hans and Bill Fetzer
 - Props - Sue Huggin and Kathy Dixon
 - Lighting - Milo Burgess
 - Prompter - Louise Mueller

By Governor Moore

Gaither Named To Advisory Council, NC Health Planning

James C. Gaither, Brevard restaurateur and president of the North Carolina Restaurant Association, has been named to the Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council by Governor Dan K. Moore.

The goal of the council is to assure the highest level of health attainable for every person in North Carolina.

Mr. Gaither, who is active in civic and political affairs in Brevard and Transylvania counties, is a former Representative, and he has long promoted the work of the North Carolina



BREVARD FIREMEN carefully set, and then kept under strict surveillance this blaze that destroyed the old Fred Johnson residence in North Brevard last Saturday afternoon. The house had to come down, and the local fire department offered to burn it as part of their in-

tensive training in fire fighting. Several firemen from the Waynesville fire department were also on hand, and all fire fighters involved received valuable experience under actual conditions as the fire raged and the house burned to the ground. (Times Staff Photo)

In Superior Court

Edd Wilson Given 18-22 Years In Shooting Death Of Blake

A Transylvania jury handed down a verdict of guilty of second degree murder last Thursday afternoon in the case of Edd Wilson, 77-year old farmer and retired State Highway worker of the Cathey's creek section.

He was found guilty in the shooting death last August of a neighbor, Harry Blake, 44 years of age.

Judge J. W. Jackson, who presided over the criminal term of court last week, sentenced Wilson to 18 to 22 years in prison for the second degree murder.

Testimony brought out during the two-day trial said that the shooting occurred on August 17th last year following an argument between the two men.

It happened when Blake stopped his tractor on a rural road near the homes of the two men.

Wilson was scheduled to be transported to Raleigh Wednesday afternoon where he will begin serving his sentence in Central Prison there.

Superior Court in Transylvania continued this week with the hearing of civil cases.

Judge Chester R. Morris of Coitlock is presiding over this civil term of court.

"We Want To Know"

The Times Solicits Your Opinion On The School Term

The North Carolina school term runs for 180 days per year. With the exception of summer terms in some systems, buildings stand idle one-fourth of each year. Are we being inefficient and wasteful? Are children being short - changed in getting an education?

Business does not operate in this fashion. Neither do schools in most places outside the United States. In fifty-one foreign countries, the average elementary school has 210 days; the average secondary school has 204 days.

Four - Quarter Plan

The Governor's Study Commission on the Public School System is currently studying the feasibility of keeping schools open year-round.

One plan under consideration would divide a school year of eleven months into four equal quarters. All school would be

District Official Of Masons Visits Here Thursday

A stated communication of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge will be held in the Masonic Temple on East main street on Thursday, February 8th, beginning at 8 o'clock. This announcement comes from Holland Corn, the Worshipful Master.

Henry Hunsinger, of Mill Spring, district deputy grand master of the 58th Masonic District, will visit the lodge.

Henry R. Henderson, secretary, will give report on the progress of the lodge as taken from the annual returns.

The master urges all members to attend this important meeting, and he extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Masons.

Building Permits At \$68,300.00 During January

Building permits in the Town of Brevard for the month of January totalled \$68,300.00. S. L. Capell, the building inspector reports.

He reminds all citizens of the Town that they must secure building permits at Town Hall before they build or repair or remodel their homes or businesses.

Construction was started on three new homes in the city

Program Highlights

WPNF Is Presenting The Best In Music Day And Night

The best in music is heard each day on WPNF. Some of the best of this music is heard on "Matinee" during the afternoons, starting at 2:05 p. m. Music continues during the afternoons until 5:55 p. m., with time out for "Weatherword" at 27 minutes after each hour and news on the hour.

Bob Yarns is the musical host most days on "Matinee" and Bob offers a great variety of music during the afternoons. His musical tastes are variable from day to day, and music lovers are sure to hear their favorite type of music as they

\$1.5 Million Allocated For Improvement Of 64 To Rosman

Recreation Commission Is Formed

The Transylvania County Board of Commissioners approved the formation of a Transylvania Recreation commission at their regular February meeting this week.

The need of such a commission has been discussed by many civic and other groups in the county. They unanimously recommended the creation of the commission to represent the respective governing bodies within the county.

Recreation will be provided on a county-wide basis.

It was pointed out at the meeting that according to a recent AP news article on quality of living conditions, the four most important assets a community must have are recreation, cultural facilities, fine stores and clean air.

These are the resources that attract and hold people whether for industry or retirement.

Transylvania has made rapid progress in recent years, and

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Cold mornings and bright, crisp days have been the pleasant weather story in the Brevard area during the past week.

Each morning since the past Saturday lows have been in the teens, making the weekly low average temperature 27 degrees. Low point for the week was Monday with a 16-degree reading. The week's high point came last Wednesday with a high of 61. Average temperatures were 55 and 27 for the week. A minimum of precipitation was registered, only .34 inch of rain.

The Weather Bureau's five-day forecast for the Carolinas is as follows: Temperatures in North Carolina through Saturday will average near normal. Daytime highs are expected to register in the 50s. Lows at night will average in the upper 20's.

Precipitation will total generally less than a quarter inch, occurring as scattered rain or showers about Wednesday or Thursday, and again as scattered showers Friday.

Temperatures and precipitation for the past week follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	61	37	0.00
Thursday	43	38	0.02
Friday	53	40	0.32
Saturday	54	19	0.00
Sunday	57	18	0.00
Monday	57	16	0.00
Tuesday	57	18	0.00

Amount Is In Addition To \$500,000 Already Set Aside

The North Carolina State Highway Commission, meeting at Raleigh last Friday, allocated \$1.5 million for improvement of Highway 64 from the Lake Sega bridge to Rosman.

Highway Commissioner W. Curtis Russ of Waynesville, in a telephone report to the TRANSYLVANIA TIMES, reported the allocation. This is in addition to the \$500,000 already appropriated for four-laning Highway 64 from Brevard to the Lake Sega bridge.

"This is a Federal Aid project," Mr. Russ said. "Just when the work will get under way is dependent on the availability of the Federal government's share of the money." The North Carolina Highway Commission records show, however, that \$1.5 million has been allocated for the project and work will begin as soon as federal funds are released.

"In anticipation of the federal funds, \$35,000 of funds on hand have been appropriated to begin engineering work on the project," Mr. Russ reported.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOLUTION

Mr. Russ asked the TIMES to express his and Governor Moore's appreciation for the action of the Transylvania business and civic leaders in the Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 29th.

At this meeting, resolutions were taken expressing appreciation to Governor Moore and Mr. Russ for their interest and efforts on behalf of the Transylvania road system and offering assistance in the procurement of rights-of-way for the new projects.

"The Governor and I are very pleased by the expressions of confidence in these resolutions. We believe the action of the Highway Commission last Friday speaks for itself as to the favorable way things have moved. We are hopeful these new projects can be pushed on through without delay."

OTHER ROAD PROJECTS

Mr. Russ mentioned that several secondary road improvement projects in Transylvania county were also approved at the Highway Commission meeting. These were, however, approved under project numbers rather than road names and a breakdown will be required before announcement.

The TIMES expects to be able to publish the names of secondary roads to be improved in next week's issue.

At Senior High

Advanced Dressmaking Course Offered Under Adult Program

The Vocational Home Economics Department of Brevard Senior High School is offering a course in Advanced Dressmaking or tailoring depending upon the interest in these courses.

The first meeting will be February 14th, at 3:15 p. m. in

room No. 21.

"At this meeting we will plan our work as to afternoon or evening meetings, or both, to meet the interests and needs of the members, say Mrs. Sarah L. McGinnis and Mrs. Rose N. Burrell, Vocational Home Ec.

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Parkway Visitors Show Decrease From Last Year

The total number of visitors on the Blue Ridge Parkway to date for this calendar year shows a 56.6 per cent decrease compared with the total number of visitors at this time last year, according to figures compiled by the National Park Service.

Figured on the basis of 3.3 persons to the car, 77,187 persons have visited the Parkway so far this year — 178,187 persons had done so at this time last year.

Said the park service, "Visitation declined due to frequent snow storms resulting in hazardous driving conditions. The Parkway was completely closed to travel on 21 days and a major portion was closed the entire month."

The schedule of the Farm and Home Hour for the coming week is as follows: Thursday, Station Program; Friday, Soil Conservation Service, Merrimon Shuford; Monday, County Agricultural extension agent; Tuesday, Station Program; Wednesday, Station Program.

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School Calendar For Remainder Of Year Is Set

The Transylvania Board of Education approved the school calendar for the remainder of the 1967-68 school year;

End of fifth school month - February 12th

End of sixth school month - March 11th

End of seventh school month - April 8th

End of eighth school month - May 7th

End of school term - June 4th

Extended term for teachers - June 5th and 6th

Friday, April 12th - Easter Holiday

According to Dr. R. E. Robinson, the superintendent, one more school day could be missed without having school on Saturday. This would move the end of each school month up one day would have to be made up on Saturdays. Any make-up days on Saturdays would be announced and not placed on a regular schedule, he concluded.

Osborne Found Guilty, Robbery And Assault

Zebulon Franklin Osborne, Jr., 33, of Brevard, was sentenced Tuesday in County Civil Court, Greenville, S. C., to 15 years in prison after he was found guilty of armed robbery and larceny and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

He was on trial for robbing the M & J Finance Co. on Pendleton Street February 17, 1967. The holdup man took approximately \$1,100 and shot the manager, Charles G. Castor in the chest. However, the bullet didn't penetrate but bounced off Castor's chest.

The holdup man was wearing surgical gloves during the robbery and Solicitor C. V. Pyle introduced as evidence a pair of surgical gloves which officers found discarded in a charcoal grill behind the defendant's mobile home in Brevard.

Osborne was on trial for armed robbery and larceny and assault and battery with intent to kill. However, the charge was reduced from assault and battery with intent to kill to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

Congressman To Speak

Large Crowd Is Expected At Lincoln Day Dinner Saturday

Plans for the Lincoln Day Dinner in Brevard are progressing rapidly and indications are that between 200 and 300 people will be in attendance at this GOP fund raising event.

The Lincoln Day Dinner is a nearly annual event in Transylvania when Republicans and many others can look forward to hearing vital political issues discussed by prominent speakers.

The dinner will be held at the Brevard Senior High School at 7:00 p. m. this Saturday, and the celebrated speaker for the evening is Congressman Albert Watson from South Carolina.

The local Republicans are

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