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## All Signs Point To Paving Whitewater Falls Road From Highway 64, Sapphire

### Important Announcements Made At Annual Picnic On Saturday

There will be a paved road from US Highway 64 to beautiful Whitewater Falls in upper Transylvania county. That was the feeling of person in attendance at the annual Whitewater Falls picnic last Saturday.

And this feeling was shared by North and South Carolina political leaders, community leaders in both states, US Forestry officials and Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public.

The road has been paved on the South Carolina side to the Falls, and much work has been accomplished on the nine-mile road from Sapphire to the falls.

It was announced at the picnic that a contract has just been let for paving of 1.43 miles on the North Carolina side.

The contract was for \$350,343.70, and it was awarded to Blue Ridge Structures of Asheville.

This stretch runs from the Boheny church to the Tomassee river.

Another mile is in the designing and planning stage.

These facts were substantiated this week by Joe Todd, division engineer, US Bureau of Public Roads, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Mr. Todd said that the road will be paved with forestry funds and state matching funds, and the work will be done as fast as the money is available.

The reason for any slow-down in work on the Whitewater road in the future will be "money".

It is hoped that a bridge will be constructed over Horsepasture river with the work beginning this year.

There are tremendous plans for the Whitewater area to tie in with those of the Keowee-Toxaway project.

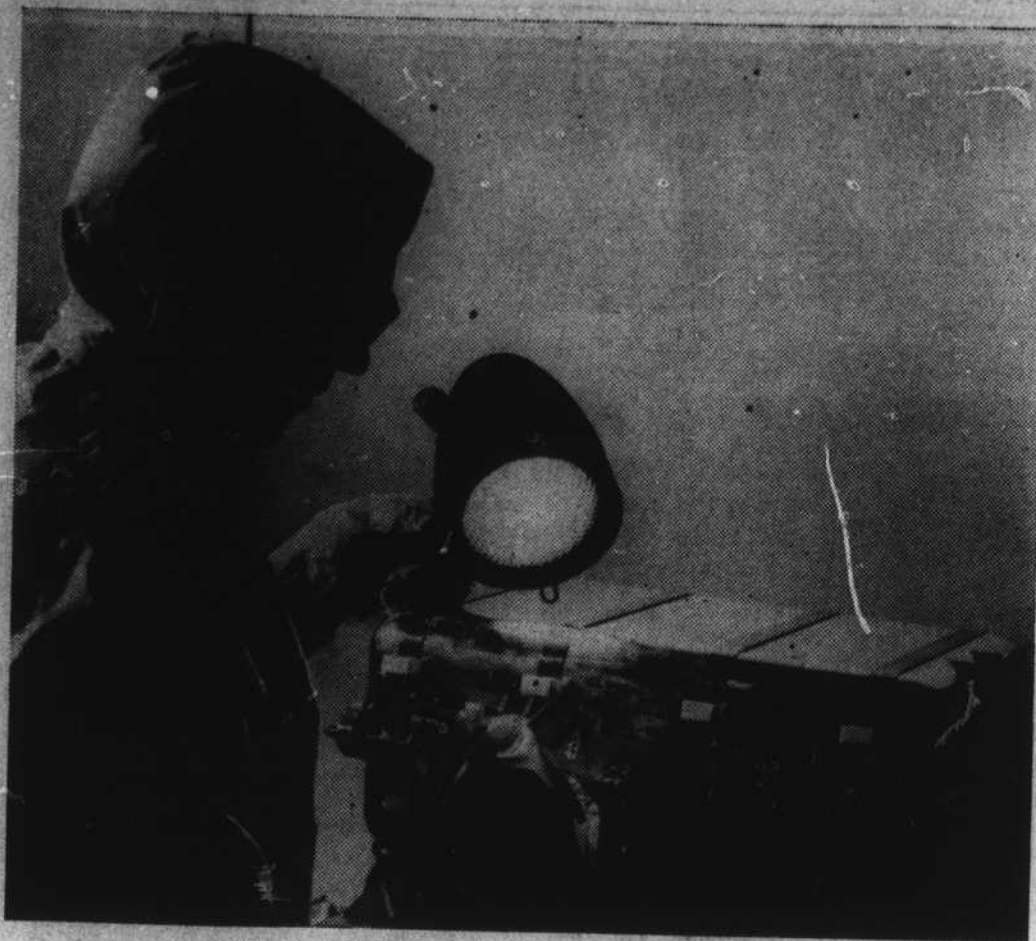
A bridge is also expected to be erected over the Falls, which are the highest in Eastern America.



**POLITICALLY SPEAKING** — The group above is talking politics at the annual Whitewater Falls picnic last Saturday. Of course, the main topic of conversation was the paving of the road on the North Carolina side from US Highway 64 to the falls. At the left is US Rep-

resentative W. J. Byran Dorn, of South Carolina, and others, left to right are: Mrs. Edith Osborne, Mayor of Rosman; Judge Lacey Thornburg, of Sylva; and Admiral Ligon Ard, of Brevard.

(Times Staff Photo)



**CLEANING A MOONBOX** — C. H. McCallister of the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant uses a fluorescent light and a needle-sized vacuum cleaner to remove lint particles from an Apollo moonbox. The cleaning operation is one of a series of pre-flight

decontamination steps to assure that there will be no earth dirt in the box to contaminate soil samples obtained from the moon. The Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant is operated by Union Carbide Corporation for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

### At Brevard College

## Another Local Tie-In With Apollo XI Flight Revealed

Citizens of Brevard and Transylvania County discovered yet another local tie-in with the flight of Apollo 11 with the revelation that a member of the first graduating class at Brevard College was responsible for the development of the special aluminum vacuum containers used by astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to bring back samples of lunar soil.

Dr. James M. Schreyer, a member of the class of 1936 at Brevard College, supervised the pre-flight decontamination procedures for the antiseptically clean valise-like containers used in the transporting of lunar samples to the Lunar Receiving Laboratory in Houston. Dr. Schreyer is Department Supervisor of the Chemistry Development Department at the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Y-12 Plant which is operated by the Nuclear Division of Union Carbide Corporation for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Each aluminum container measures 19½ inches by 10½ inches by 7 inches high. The containers were designed, fabricated and cleaned at the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant.

The pre-flight decontamination was performed to enable scientists to make a true appraisal of the lunar samples uncontaminated by dirt originating on earth.

Containers used for Apollo 11 and for succeeding Apollo projects are processed through a lengthy cleaning operation in a Y-12 Plant clean room which, according to Dr. Schreyer, is the cleanest laboratory of its type in the world. The room is equipped with filters which force 386 air changes per hour. Personnel working in the room wear gloves, caps and Special Nylon Coveralls.

Scientists working under Dr. Schreyer are now working on the pre-flight decontamination of the containers used for Apollo 11 and for succeeding Apollo projects.

### Serves Transylvania

## Merlin McElprang Is New Scout Executive In Area

Jordan Maynard, Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council Boy Scouts of America Asheville, announces the assignment of Merlin C. McElprang as District Scout Executive to serve the new District 6, combining the operations of the old Land-O-Sky and Transylvania Districts which embodied Henderson and Transylvania Counties.

Mr. McElprang brings to the new District a wide Scouting background as he became an adult Scout Leader in 1954 serving first as a Scoutmaster and then as a Cubmaster and later as an Assistant District Commissioner.

He joined the professional ranks in 1960 in Tampa, Florida. He attended the National Training School at the Schiff Scout Reservation in New Jersey and then went through the National Camping School and the Woodbadge Training Course.

Mr. McElprang was born September 10, 1932, in Huntington, Emery County, Utah, and received his primary and secondary education there. He attended Carbon College, now the University of Southeastern Utah at Price, Utah. He then

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Temperatures during the past week averaged 85 and 64 at Brevard, with total rainfall for the period of more than two and a half inches.

Highest reading on the thermometer came on Monday when the mercury hit 88 degrees, and the week's low point was reached Tuesday morning with a reading of 61 degrees.

Continued seasonal temperatures and predicted for the rest of this week, with about one half to one inch of rain.

Temperatures and precipitation for the week was as follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	82	65	0.05
Thursday	84	65	1.22
Friday	85	64	0.12
Saturday	86	63	0.50
Sunday	85	65	0.66
Monday	88	64	0.00
Tuesday	84	61	0.00

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### Program Highlights

## "Music From Brevard" Popular Feature On Sundays Over WPNF

"Music From Brevard", a popular Sunday afternoon program on WPNF, will again feature the Brevard Music Center orchestra, conducted by Henry Janiec.

Next Sunday's program will present the following selections in a program starting over WPNF at 3:05 p. m., Eurynthe Overture by Weber; 1st Movement of the Harp Concerto by Albrecht Berger; also Can Can and Waltz by Smith.

Mr. Janiec also acts as master of ceremonies on the program. Listeners are urged to

hear this outstanding WPNF program each Sunday afternoon. This Sunday will be the 14th program in the current series.

Other Programs

The Farm and Home Hour schedule for the week is as follows: Thursday, station program; Friday, station program; Monday, County Ag. Extension Agent Jim Davis; Tuesday, Clark Grissom, N. C. Forest Svc; Wednesday, Jean Childers, Home Econ. Extension Agent.

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### Capacity Crowds

## Big Alumni Weekend At Music Center, Finest Season Ever

Alumni from all over the U. S. and several foreign countries, plus representatives of many U. S. colleges, will gather at the Brevard Music Center this weekend to renew past experiences and enlist some of the many fine music students at the Center in music conservatories and universities, thus furthering their musical education.

Since its founding in 1936, the Brevard Music Center has graduated over 10,000 alumni, boys and girls who have in many cases gone on to highly successful professional careers in music. Hundreds of these "old grads" are expected back this weekend to relieve their days as campers at Brevard, which to many were among the happiest and best-spent periods of their lives.

On August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd these BMC alumni will return to these well-remembered hills, reminisce, and hold special meetings with the Center's leadership. Informal parties and get-togethers will also highlight

the weekend activities.

As BMC Alumni Association President, Robert G. Edge of Atlanta, recently remarked to his fellow ex-Brevardites: "I do not know how emotional you got when you sang the Transylvania Song on the last Sunday of camp, but my contempt-

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At the mid-season mark, the Brevard Music Center is experiencing its finest season ever and this weekend's Festival concerts promise to draw capacity crowds to the Center's showplace, Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium.

A gala performance of Mozart's Magic Flute will be given on Friday, August 1, at 8:15 p. m. followed by an orchestral recital by the Transylvania Symphony under conductor Emil Raab on Saturday evening. The weekend's festivities will close with a concert appearance by famed pianist Lee Luvisi on Sunday, August 3, at 3:30 p. m.

Lee Luvisi is a perennial favorite at Brevard. Ranked as one of the world's finest keyboard virtuosos, young Mr. Luvisi has chalked up an impressive list of critical bravos on many U. S. and European Tours. "His playing has near infallibility", the New York Times has said, while Montreal's Le Soir praised his "brilliant playing . . . a personality of real temperament and a fearless technique."

A native of Louisville, Lee Luvisi at 31 has been an inspiration

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### Editor Upper Room

## Dr. Wilson Weldon To Speak At First United Methodist

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, editor of the International, Interdenominational Daily Devotional Guide, THE UPPER ROOM, will preach at First United Methodist church on Sunday, August 3rd, at the 11 o'clock a. m. worship service.

Dr. Weldon has had a distinguished career as a churchman and preacher across the years. His most recent appointment before assuming duty as editor of THE UPPER ROOM was West Market United Methodist church in Greensboro, N. C. where he was pastor from 1963-67.

Dr. Weldon is one of the most attractive speakers and

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## Local Population Getting Younger

A change has been taking place in the Transylvania County population. It has stopped getting younger.

Back in 1960, for every local resident who was older than 23.3 years, there was one who was younger.

That was the median age locally, as determined by the 1960 Census.

Also, it was found, the median age was moving downward, year by year, which meant that the population as a whole was getting younger.

It continued falling through 1967, when it reached its lowest point, 23.3 years, where it stands at the present time, according to the latest figures.

In the rest of the United States, by way of comparison, Census Bureau figures indicate a median age of 27.4 and, in the State of North

Carolina, 24.9.

The major reason given for the standstill in the median age is the low birth rate that prevails. There has been a drastic shift, locally and elsewhere, in the child-bearing patterns of the modern woman. The trend is toward smaller families.

The Population Reference Bureau attributes this, in part, to a realization by younger married couples that rearing children in this complicated and expensive world presents big problems.

As a result, American women of child-bearing age now have 20 percent fewer children under the age of five living with them than did their 1960 counterparts, the Census Bureau reports.

It uses the unromantic but scientific term "fertility ratio" in describing its findings.

The ratio shows how many children there are, under five, for every 1,000 women within the normal child-bearing ages — 15 to 49.

Based on the general trend since 1960, as determined by a national sampling survey, the ratio in Transylvania County at the present time is approximately 350 such children per 1,000 women, considerably lower than 1960's 438.

It compares favorably, however, with the ratios in many areas of the country. Some of them are as low as 100.

The report notes that the data "does not show the extent to which the pill and other relatively new techniques of family planning are responsible for the substantial decline in fertility, but they undoubtedly have been a contributing factor."