



SCENES OF THE FIRE in which two persons lost their lives last Saturday night are shown above. At the left is the front of the one-story frame house and officers can be seen probing the ruins.

In the other photograph the deputies can be seen at the left in the room where Mrs. Ethel Wilbanks was burned to death. At the right, officers and firemen are in the room of the son. His body was

found near the front door in the burning dwelling. (Photos by Tom Osteen)

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To Be Holiday

Labor Day Activities Here To Climax Fine Tourist Season

Labor Day activities in Brevard and Transylvania next Monday will climax a highly successful '69 vacation season here.

Most of the stores, town and county offices will be closed on Monday for the holiday.

Schools will also close.

The Brevard high school band will travel to Hendersonville that afternoon to participate in the big Apple Festival.

The first Monday meeting of the Town Board of Aldermen has been postponed until next Tuesday night.

The First Union National bank, the First Citizens Bank and Trust company, Pisgah Industrial Loans and Brevard Federal Savings and Loan association will observe Monday as a holiday.

The Monday luncheon meeting of the Brevard Rotary club has also been cancelled.

George Wilson, license examiner, announces that his office will have a holiday on Monday.

Many picnickers and campers are expected in the Pisgah National Forest, and Ranger Jim Wells predicted that recreation facilities will be filled to capacity.

The highway patrolmen in Transylvania urge all motorists to drive with extreme caution over the holidays, which is one of the most dangerous periods.

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Kirby Says

Selection Of United Fund Workers Almost Completed

Selection of workers for the 1969-70 Transylvania County United Fund campaign is virtually complete according to Campaign Manager Kirby.

"We are extremely pleased with the capable individuals who have agreed to solicit throughout the county," he said. "These Transylvanians, who come from all walks of life, believe in United Fund as a worthwhile way to serve their community. More importantly, they subscribe to the idea that 'one gift works many wonders', an idea which lies at the very heart of the United Fund."

"One campaign — one gift — to your United Fund, and — Turn to Page Six

Going Away To School? Let Times Go Too

Attention boys and girls who are going off to school and college — and their parents, too.

Let The Transylvania Times go with you. Enjoy reading your home town paper which is, as you know, chock full of information and news about all the doings in the Brevard area.

Parents—The Times won't take the place of letters to your sons and daughters away at school. Not at all. But it will save you the time and trouble of having to write news items in yourself, and if we do say it ourselves, The — Turn to Page Six



Temperatures in Brevard for the past week averaged 80 and 56, with rainfall over four inches, most of that falling on one day. High temp for the week was 88 on Tuesday afternoon, while the week's low was 48 on Saturday and Monday morning.

The Weather Bureau's five-day forecast for the area calls for temperatures and rainfall to average about normal for this time of late summer, which means lows in the mid-50's and high temperatures in the low 80's each day.

Temperatures and precipitation for the week as follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	84	66	0.60
Thursday	83	57	0.00
Friday	64	56	3.65
Saturday	77	48	0.00
Sunday	81	52	0.00
Monday	84	48	0.00
Tuesday	88	56	0.00

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It Happened Tuesday

Youths Steal School Bus, Wreck It Over Mountainside

Three Transylvania youths were arrested and are being held in the county jail in connection with a stolen school bus from Brevard Senior high school early Tuesday morning.

The bus was found down a 1,000 foot embankment off

Two Persons Perish In Fire Saturday Night, Pisgah Forest

Schedules Announced

Brevard College Beginning New Year, Large Enrollment

An Open Letter To—

Citizens of Brevard, Transylvania

From
President Robert A. Davis
Brevard College

Dear Friends:

First of all, I would like to express appreciation on behalf of myself and my family for the fine way which we have been received by the community since we moved to Brevard in June. We look forward to serving the entire area through the work of Brevard College, for we want the college to be a maximum educational asset to Brevard and Transylvania County.

This week marks the beginning of our 35th year of operation. Our enrollment will be at near capacity, as we expect approximately 625 students. We have employed the largest number of faculty members in the college's history, and we believe that they are better prepared than ever before to participate in the meaningful experience of Christian higher education.

Beginning with the fall term, we will pro-



Robert A. Davis

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Circumstances Bring About Investigation

Two Pisgah Forest residents lost their lives in a fire of an undetermined origin just after midnight last Saturday.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Ethel Wilbanks, age 87, and her son, Lee Wilbanks, age 68.

The fire gutted their one-story frame house, and it was completely engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived.

According to Fire Chief Dan Merrill, both victims were dead when the firemen arrived at the scene on the Eucata road.

He said that Mrs. Wilbanks was found in her bed and her son was found near the front door.

An autopsy is being conducted to determine the exact cause of death, Chief Merrill said. Both bodies were burned extensively.

Two trucks answered the call at 12:15 a. m. Sunday. The fire was under control in about 20 minutes, Merrill said. No other houses were

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Brevard College will begin the 1969-70 academic year with a formal convocation Sunday, August 31st, in Boshamer Gymnasium at 8:00 p. m.

Speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Robert A. Davis, newly-elected president of the college. Mr. Davis began his duties as the sixth president of Brevard on June 1st.

College officials expect 625 students to register for courses on Monday, September 1st, with classes scheduled to begin the following day.

Freshmen will report to the campus for orientation on Thursday, August 28th. The 382 incoming students will receive two days of testing and academic counseling prior to the beginning of the fall term.

Grady H. Whicker, dean of the college, announced the schedule for the 1969-70 college year, which is as follows:

Sunday, August 31 — Convocation

Monday, September 1 — Reg-

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Brevard Native

Gayle Ramsey Joins Law Firm Of Ramsey, Hill And Smart

Gayle E. Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., has joined the law firm of Ramsey, Hill and Smart here in Brevard.

A native of Brevard, young Ramsey was educated in the local city schools, and in 1960, he received his BA degree at Wake Forest College.

He served in the United States Army with the rank of lieutenant.

In 1966, he was awarded his M A degree in Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During the year 1966-'67, he taught in Brandon Hall school.

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Bodies Of Lost Couple Found At Rainbow Falls

The bodies of two Buncombe county teenagers were found Tuesday in a deep pool under Rainbow Falls near Sapphire after an extensive search since Sunday afternoon by Rescue Squads from

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US Highway 276 about five miles from Caesar's Head at Bald rock.

Although the bus stayed upright down the long drop, it was badly damaged.

Held in connection with the stealing are Ted Eubanks,

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