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Forest Fire Situation In Transylvania Is Reported Extremely Critical At This Time

Many Acres Are Burned Over Monday, Tuesday

The forests and woodlands in Transylvania county are "powder" dry, and the threat of forest fires is critical, Ranger Dan Hile reports.

There have been several fires this week, but early Wednesday they were all under control.

All burning permits have been cancelled by the State Forester until further notice.

The Forest Service recommends, that residents do not do any burning until after a good rain and the grass and woodlands turn green.

At 3:00 o'clock Wednesday morning a fire broke out in the Silverstein section, but fortunately it was brought under control in rapid order.

Some 20 acres were burned over.

Over 50 fire-fighters fought a forest fire in the Quebec section Tuesday before bringing it under control.

A bomber from Knoxville, Tennessee, made three drops of chemicals on the head of the fire, which aided the fighters considerably.

A Scout plane above the fire also gave vital aid to the firemen below. The blaze burned over 155 acres, Ranger Hile reports.

It has not been learned

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He's John D. Eversman

Founder, Director Of The Brevard High Band Retiring

By The Editor

John D. Eversman, organizer and director of the fine Brevard high school band, is retiring at the end of this school year.

To watch this outstanding musician perform and work, no one would ever guess that he has reached retirement age.

Mr. Eversman says he is retiring in accordance with the policy of the Transylvania County School Board.

It was a sad occasion when he told his band members Wednesday that he is retiring.

They couldn't believe that "Chief" was stepping down.

"But life must change," he said. "That's the way we progress."

"Some 27 years of my life have been wrapped up in the Brevard high school band. My thousands of members have been everything to me," he reminisced.

And over the years, the bands of John D. Eversman have been rated "tops" in this section of the country. Many times his "Superior" bands had an average age of the eighth grade.

Upon his retirement, he expressed sincere appreciation

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Log Reviewed

Bulletin Board, Pet Department Popular Programs Over WPNF

Two relatively new miniature programs on WPNF have found favor with many of the station's listeners. These are "Bulletin Board" and "Pet" Department.

Other Programs

The schedule for the Farm and Home hour is as follows: Thursday, Carolina news; Friday, U. S. Forest Service, Dan Hile; Monday, Assistant County Agent Dennis Winters; Tuesday, N. C. Forest Service, Clark Grissom; Wednesday, Home Agent Miss Jean Childers.

Speaking this week on Morning Devotions is Rev. M. L. Ross, pastor of Rocky Hill Baptist church. Next week Rev. James Davis, pastor of Brevard Church of Christ, will be heard.

The Sunday morning church service is being broadcast through the remote facilities of WPNF from the Wesleyan church. Rev. Eugene H. Gentry is pastor.

College Co-Ed Is County's Third Highway Fatality, '71

Transylvania county suffered its third highway fatality of 1971 Sunday afternoon when a Brevard College co-ed was killed in a one-car accident on US 276 about five miles south of Brevard.

The 19-year old co-ed was Miss Sandra Leigh Dawson, of Rocky Mount, who had just returned to the campus after spending the Easter vacation at home.

The car in which she was riding ran off the right side of the road, went out of control down an embankment, with the left side smashing into a tree, Patrolman Zeb Hawes reported.

The driver, identified as Terry Lorene Kirkland, also 19 years of age and a Brevard College student from Tarboro, was admitted to the Transylvania Community hospital. He has been released.

Paul C. Thomas Is Given Honor

Paul C. Thomas, of Brevard and Spartanburg, was recently honored for his cultural contributions over a 60-year period.

He is a former president of the Brevard Music Center, and he spends much time now in the operation of the Center and the Festival throughout the year.

Spartanburg's WSPA-TV editorial of the air had this to say about Mr. Thomas:

Over the years there have been many people who have made excellent contributions to the cultural life of Spartanburg and the surrounding area. Some have done this through financial means, others have contributed their time to retain our heritage of the finer things of life, and still others have made great contributions through participation. Last night one such person was honored by his peers. You will ask through which means did he receive this acclaim? WSPA can answer quickly, through all three: financially, giving

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This Weekend

Camelot To Be Presented On Brevard College Campus

The Fine Arts Division of Brevard College is in the final preparations for the production of CAMELOT, which will be presented this week at the Dunham Music Center. It will be presented on April 15, 16 and 17 at 8:00 p.m.

CAMELOT, Lerner and Loewe's musical fantasy, will be directed by Sam Cope of the college's music department. His wife, Claire, has made the 135 costumes for the presentation, and it promises to be one of the most elaborately costumed plays ever presented at Brevard College.

The musical concerns King Arthur and the knights of the round table and is set in medieval England. The show first appeared on Broadway in 1956 and starred Richard

DEATH CAR — The convertible above was the car in which Miss Sandra Leigh Dawson, a Brevard College co-ed from Rocky Mount, was killed Sunday afternoon when it crashed down the mountainside near Conestee on US Highway 276. The

driver, Terry Lorene Kirkland, also a student at Brevard College from Tarboro, was injured but he has been released from the Transylvania Community hospital. Patrolman Zeb Hawes investigated the accident. (Photo by Tom Osteen)

Busy Meeting Tuesday

Directors Of Civic Group Adopt Sales Tax Resolution

Reports were heard and action was taken at the busy meeting of the Directors of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night in the Library.

Dr. Milton Massey, the president, presided, and he opened the meeting by reviewing the recommendations made at the recent "Brainstorming" session of the Chamber of Commerce at Brevard College.

These recommendations will be channeled to the County Commissioners, the Town Board of Aldermen and other organizations for investigation and possible action.

With the help of many groups, the Brevard Chamber of Commerce will conduct a countywide Clean-Up campaign on Saturday, April 24th.

Charles Himes is the overall chairman, and extensive plans are being made for this event.

The Brevard Chamber of Commerce will also join with officials of Brevard College in honoring Allen H. Sims on April 20th, when the Sims Student Center Building will be dedicated on the local College campus.

Two new directors, Jerry Hart Jerome and Bob Merrill, were welcomed to the meeting.

Ralph H. Ramsey, chairman of the Highway committee, urges the directors and the public to write Highway officials and to ask for the completion of the Brevard-Rosman highway, re-location of US 276 and a connector with I-26.

Dr. Carol Grahl, chairman

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During Coming Week

Cancer Sunday And Coffee Day To Highlight Campaign

This Sunday, April 18th, has been designated as Cancer Sunday by the officers of the Transylvania ACS.

On Cancer Sunday, prayers will be made for those who are suffering from cancer and for help and guidance to those who are working for a cancer cure. Many churches will have a special insert, "Prayer For the Conquest of Cancer," in their Sunday Bulletin. So, please go to church of your choice and unite in prayer that this dreaded disease may be conquered.

Coffee for Cancer will be on Monday, April 19th. That is, when persons buy a cup of coffee at the participating business, that money will go directly to the Cancer Crusade of Transylvania County.

These are the businesses which have agreed to help with the Cancer Crusade by donating their Monday coffee money: Brevard Pharmacy, Berry's



By FRED REITER

Summer-like temperatures arrived on the scene in Brevard during the past few days. Average readings for the week just concluded were 73 and 32, with a high for the week of 83 on Tuesday afternoon. The week's low was 24 on Sunday morning. There was no rain.

Weather service extended forecast for Western North Carolina Thursday through Saturday—generally fair with cool days and cold nights. Daytime highs will average in the 60s. Overnight lows Thursday in the 30s, with the low 30s on Friday and Saturday mornings.

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	57	33	Trace
Thursday	67	28	0.00
Friday	73	26	0.00
Saturday	74	47	0.00
Sunday	77	25	0.00
Monday	80	30	0.00
Tuesday	83	38	0.00

Attention Fathers

Committee For The Prevention Of Drug Abuse Formed Locally

A Transylvania Committee For The Prevention of Drug Abuse was recently formed by interested members of various churches in our community. The Committee is seeking the assistance of concerned fathers of children of pre-school through high

school age to cooperate in the fight against drug abuse in our area.

Meetings are being held by members of the organizational committee, and a general meeting will be called in the immediate future.

A spokesman for the organization told The Times this week:

"A fact we must all face is that drugs are here in a big way and are here to stay unless we, the fathers, offer our assistance in doing something about it. There has been a tremendous increase in the past two years in the use, and types of drugs used in this area. There is an apathy among many parents who are kidding themselves in believing that their child will never become involved. Some of us fortunately, have been shocked out of this belief. Don't be naive, get your head out of the sand and join us at least for the first meeting, and be made aware of the shocking information of what is going on with your children in your town, in your schools, and possibly in your homes.

- (1) Learn how young girls are being exploited for drugs!
- (2) Learn about the cost of various drugs!
- (3) Learn about the types of drugs being sold and used in this community!
- (4) Learn about the possibilities of drug abuse.

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