

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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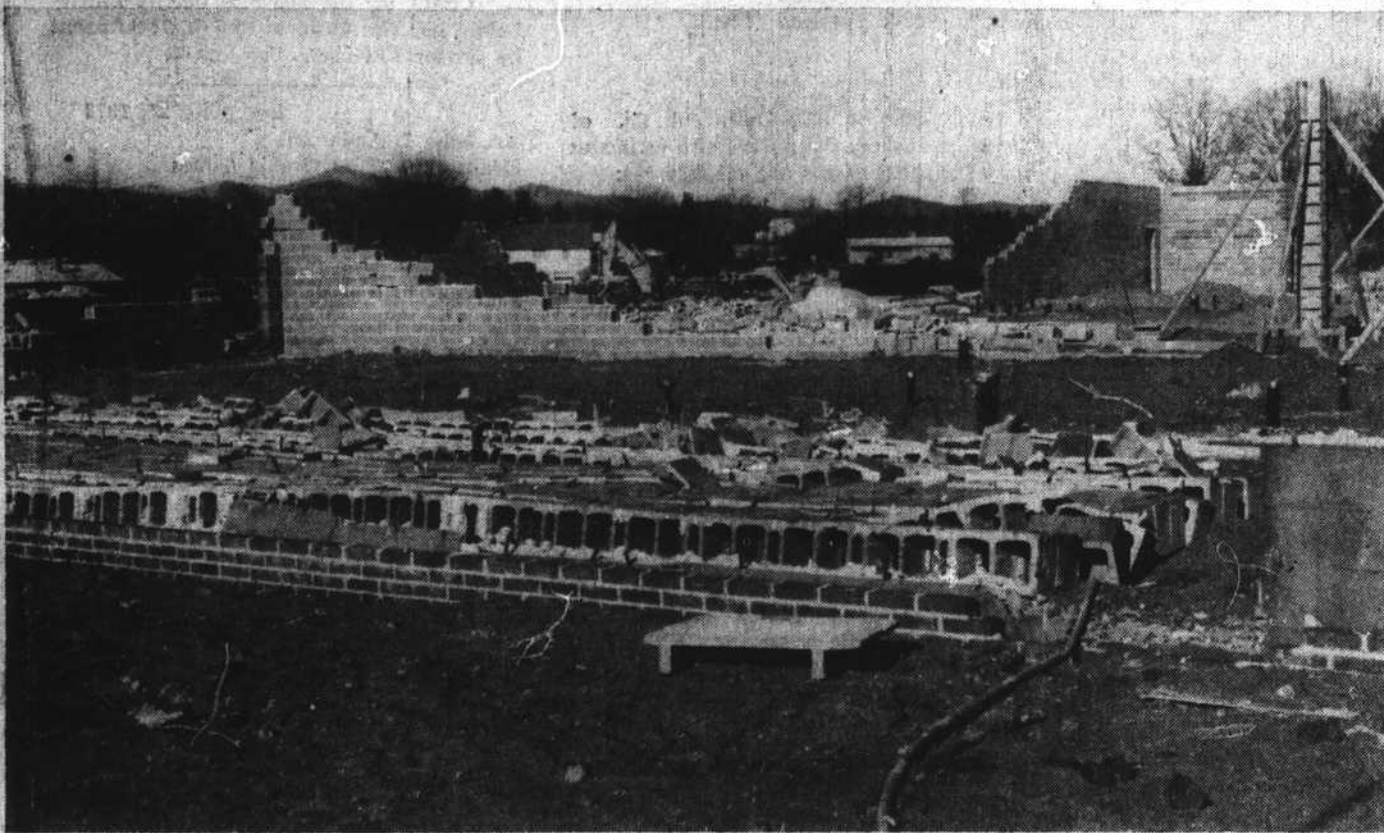
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AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN
—With winds gusting up to an estimated 80 miles an hour, some three fourths of the walls of the new Brevard Elementary School now under construction on the Greenville highway were blown down last Thursday afternoon. It's not unusual for this

type of freak accident to occur when the steel cross beams are not in place. Due to the heavy rains that afternoon, workmen had been called off the job and there were no injuries. It is reported that the loss is covered by insurance. (Times Staff Photo)

During Year Of 1973

New Construction, Control Of Pollution, Politics Top News

Varied Stories Are Selected, Headlines Are Summarized

By - Staff Writer

A great amount of new building, both completed and underway; heavy spending on pollution control, and a nationally noticed political Trout Festival highlighted the news stories in Brevard last year.

And, as usual, old man Weather got into the headlines, with two stories of damaging floods that had to be included in any selection of top local news stories.

Early in the year, a new Post Office was opened in Brevard. In June, the Transylvania Community Hospital opened for patients in a new, \$3 million building and the old hospital was later sold for a rest home.

Construction started in the spring on three new, badly-needed school buildings for the County School System, and in August work began on the Brevard Housing Authority's new low-cost housing project.

Late in the year the largest union hall in the southeast opened at Pisgah Forest, and an announcement was made in November that a multi-million dollar research building will be constructed at the Brevard Du Pont plant.

In April Olin Corporation announced it will spend \$11 millions on water and air pollution control.

Brevard was officially placed on the national political map when, in August, the Annual Trout Festival had as the featured speaker, Senator Sam J. Ervin, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Watergate. Film of Sen. Ervin at the Festival, sponsored by Transylvania young Democrats, was shown widely on television —Turn to Page Five



AIRPORT OR A LAKE?—With more than eight inches of rain during the holidays, most of the bottomlands in Transylvania county were flooded, and several roads were closed from time to time because of

high water. Pictured above is the Brevard airstrip on the Greenville highway, which was under water for two days after Christmas. (Times Staff Photo)

Holidays Over

Schools Open, New Schedule Will Begin Monday Morning

Transylvania schools opened Wednesday morning on regular schedule following the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

However, the school system will have a new schedule beginning next Monday morning, January 7th.

This is due to the fact that the nation goes on Daylight Savings time early Sunday morning.

The new schedule calls for schools opening at 9:00 a. m. and closing at 3:30 in the afternoon.

This schedule was adopted after a student - parent survey was made in which 2,115 persons favored school opening at 9:00 a. m. or later, while 1,247 preferred the present schedule.

Members of the Transylvania County Board of Education, in the process of adopting the 9:00 - 3:30 schedule, expressed concern for the large number of pupils who are presently leaving home on or before 7:30 a.m. As of January 7th, these same pupils will be leaving home on or before 8:00 a.m. Daylight

Saving Time.

School Principals will make provisions to furnish supervision at school for those children whose parents find it necessary to take their chil-

dren to school at approximately 8:00 a. m.

School bus drivers are to make a thirty-minute time adjustment on bus routes on January 7, 1974.

Future In Doubt

Gasoline In Short Supply Over Holidays, Travel Light

The holidays were quiet in Brevard and Transylvania county, due in a large measure to the gasoline shortage.

Most of the service stations were closed both on Christmas and New Year's day. In fact, many were closed during the days in between.

The outlook for the future remains a question mark. The only thing for certain is that the price per gallon of gasoline is going up.

The Police department radio room reports only routine arrests over New Year's.

According to the dispatcher

Wednesday morning, the most exciting thing that happened was a car fire in front of Jones News Stand and Hardware early that morning.

New Year's Eve parties were held at the Elks club and at Glen Cannon, and a dance for the young people was held that evening at the Old Country club.

Roger Babson Forecast Is Carried Today

The Transylvania Times is publishing Roger Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1974 this week. You will find it in the second section.

We call your attention to this feature because 1974 will be a year of many changes.

This Babson Forecast contains predictions covering such important subjects as:

Letdown for 1974

Inflation will be on a broad front

Less pressure on the labor front

Industrial production

Farm production

Employment and personal income

Building and construction

Politics, domestic and international

The stock market.



By FRED REITER

Brevard temperatures averaged 55 and 32 during the past 10-day period. High reading was 61 on Wednesday and Thursday just after Christmas day. Lowest reading was 17 on December 23rd.

Extensive flooding took place in the county as a result of over eight inches of rainfall during the period. Four-and-one-half inches fell on Christmas day and the 26th.

In this column next week a review of the rainfall totals for the year 1973 will be made.

Brevard weather data for the period was as follows:

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 23	59	17	0.00
Dec. 24	57	26	0.00
Dec. 25	42	35	0.53
Dec. 26	61	41	4.12
Dec. 27	61	34	0.10
Dec. 28	56	21	0.00
Dec. 29	49	22	0.15
Dec. 30	58	36	0.47
Dec. 31	53	40	3.00
Jan. 1	51	44	0.00

No Immediate Prospects

Stork Delivering County's First Baby Is Late Arriving

Transylvania's first baby of 1973 seems to be a little late in arriving.

Two babies were born New Year's Eve at the Transylvania Community hospital, but that was before midnight.

At the moment, hospital authorities say, there are no immediate prospects.

Fine prizes await Transylvania's first baby in a contest sponsored by The Times and WPNF in conjunction with several local merchants.

The prizes and the donors are as follows:

A pair of Stepmaster baby shoes from Trantham's Department Store.

A \$5.00 gift certificate for

For Electrical Hook-Ups

Department Of Inspections Requires Permits In Future

According to the Transylvania County Department of Inspections, no one will receive electrical hook-ups from Duke or REA until a permit has been obtained from the Department of Inspections. Permits are issued for construction, electrical

and plumbing work done in the city and county.

Those people desiring electricity on construction projects but do not have a valid construction permit will be required to provide proof that the

project was started before September 4, 1973, before the Inspection Department will notify the appropriate electrical company to supply electricity. Electrical permits are required on all mobile homes and for any type of electrical work done in the city or county.

Every person carrying on the business of building contractor, plumbing contractor, heating-air conditioning contractor or electrical contractor within Transylvania County shall register at the office of the Department of Inspections, giving name and place of business.

These persons are also required to post a contractors bond in the amount of \$1,000 to be approved by the Transylvania —Turn to Page Five

Over 3 Million Invested

Transylvania Now Making \$804 Per Day In Interest

Transylvania County has increased its invested funds considerably in the last few days.

The deadline for paying property taxes without penalty was 5:00 p.m. on December 31st, and several large taxpayers waited until the last moment to pay their taxes.

Immediately upon receipt, \$450,000 in taxes were invested in certificates of deposit.

The bid for these certificates was won by the new Northwestern Bank, which offered an interest rate of 9.75% for sixty days.

County Commission Chairman Bill Ives feels that additional funds will be invested in the next few days as the small tax reports are consolidated and funds can be accumulated in blocks of at least \$100,000.

There is a tremendous difference in the interest paid for amounts of less than \$100,000. Therefore, the County arranges

its financing in large blocks.

As of Wednesday morning, Transylvania County had invested in excess of \$3,000,000 at an interest rate of \$804.46 per day.

Program Highlights

"The Year 1973 In Review" Will Be Heard Over WPNF

"The Year 1973 In Review" will be broadcast over WPNF-Radio 1240 next Sunday afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The program had been scheduled for the past Sunday, but failed to arrive in time for broadcast. It is an interesting and dramatic review of the historical and newsworthy events of the year 1973.

The program is narrated by Morgan Beatty, a former NBC Radio and television newsmen. This yearly production is produced by the Associated Press and has proved to be a most

interesting and informative program in the past.

Airtime will be Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The program is presently locally through courtesy of Olin Corporation.

Other Programs

Sunday morning worship services during the month of January will be broadcast over WPNF Radio from the First Baptist Church in Brevard.

The speaker this week on Morning Devotions at 9:45 a.m. is the Rev. T. W. Searcy, Pastor of Morningside Baptist Church.

Ballots In Mail

Chamber Of Commerce Now Electing Directors

The membership of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce is urged to vote for new directors prior to the meeting on January 8th in the Library.

According to Bill Norris, the President, a 40-man board will be elected at that time when the ballots will be tabulated.

Officers for the New Year will be elected at a call meeting on the following Tuesday night, from the newly elected board.

The year 1974 promises to be a busy one for the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, and President Norris urges the members to select per-

sons who are vitally interested in the community progress.

The membership of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce totals a record number of 220, representing practically all business and industries.

This number far exceeds the previous high of 210, which was set in 1969.

Actually, on the ballot are 247 names, and in his letter to the membership which included the ballot, President Norris outlined many of the fine accomplishments of the local civic organization during 1973.