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Jail Study Commission Appointed, Facility To Serve Three Counties Reported A Possibility

Half Million Said The Cost, Other Action

A Jail Study Commission was appointed by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting Monday night. The members are Tom McCrary, Marian McMahon, and Bob Robinson. These three persons will be charged with the responsibility of determining Transylvania County's needs for a jail and whether it would be feasible to build a jail in conjunction with Henderson County and possibly Polk County also.

The present jail does not meet modern day standards and though the jailor tries very hard to keep it clean and sanitary, it is difficult due to the ancient construction.

A jail for Transylvania County alone will cost one-half million dollars or more and the Commissioners feel that every alternative should be explored before they make this final commitment.

A bid for the Burroughs Corporation for two new pieces of equipment for the Tax Supervisor's office was accepted by the Commissioners. This completes the equipment needed to computerize all property tax records.

Representatives of the Cathey's Creek Community Club were present and asked that the Commissioners grant them funds to improve the building, since it is used as a polling place and does not, at the present time, even have bathroom facilities. The Commissioners voted to allow up to \$1,500 worth of materials to be used to improve the structure.

Attorney Cecil J. Hill asked the Commissioners to establish a commission to study the feasibility of building a municipal airport either in partnership with the City of Brevard or alone. The Commissioners voted to have County Manager Mike Epley and Attorney Bill White talk with City officials about establishing a joint commission to study the problem.

The Commissioners decided to advertise for bids for a third ambulance for the county. This will enable the Commissioners to place an ambulance in the Rosman area to serve the upper end of Transylvania County. Commissioner Clinton Owen is negotiating an agreement

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SWORN INTO OFFICE — The new Transylvania County Board of Elections, which is now composed of two Republicans and one Democrat, was sworn into office Monday morning here in the Court House. Administering the oath of office is Mrs. Marian M. McMahon, left,

Clerk of Superior Court. In the center is Glenn Burrell, the Democratic member of the Board, and Bill Leonard, Republican, is at the right. Mrs. Jane Johnson, the other GOP member of the Board, also took the oath of office on Monday.

(Times Staff Photo)

GOP Controlled

New Transylvania Board Of Elections Sworn Into Office

Many Courses Offered

Adult Education Program Will Begin On March 25th

Adult Education, sponsored by Transylvania County Schools and Blue Ridge Technical Institute, will start the spring quarter on March 25th. Classes are open to any person 18 years of age or older.

Adults, who have less than a high school education, may enroll in Adult Basic Education with classes offered at all levels, or the Adult High School Program in which they may take classes in preparation for the GED test for the North

Carolina High School Equivalency Certificate. No registration fee is charged for either of these classes, and all books are furnished.

General education classes to be offered this quarter with meeting places and dates are listed below:

Arts and Crafts — Meets one time per week for 11 weeks. Starts Thursday, March 28th, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Brevard Mid-

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Republicans gained control of the Transylvania County Elections Board and all Elections Board in the State on Monday.

In the past, the Board had been composed of two Democrats and one Republican. The change from Democratic to GOP control results from the election of a Republican, Jim Holshouser, as Governor of North Carolina.

The County Board appointments were made by the State Board, now composed of three Republicans and two Democrats, according to the GOP and Democratic nominations made by the respective County Executive Committees of the two parties.

The Republican members of the Transylvania Elections Board are Bill Leonard and Mrs. Jane Johnson. Glenn Burrell, former chairman of the Board, is the Democratic member of the Board.

The new Board was sworn
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Grissom Says

Wildfires Still A Problem In Transylvania And State

"The spring fire season has started in Transylvania County," according to County Forest Ranger Clark Grissom. "The spring fire season normally starts in late February or early March when the weather becomes warmer and the March Winds begin blowing. This is also when the vegetation in the forests is driest and most likely to burn. The spring fire season usually ends in early June, when trees and other plants are green and growing again," Mr. Grissom said.

Over one-third of the wildfires in North Carolina last year were caused by careless debris burning," Mr. Grissom said. "This includes everything from people burning brush piles and fields to household trash and garbage." The second largest cause of wildfires was incendiary fires or fires deliberately started in order to destroy someone else's forest. There were 3,435 wildfires in North Carolina, over 1,000 more fires than occurred in 1973. "Some 35 of those wildfires occurred right here in

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Practically summertime temperatures prevailed throughout the Brevard area during the past week, with a high reading of 83 degrees last Friday, and a low of only 38 on Saturday morning. No rain was recorded during the period. Average temperature readings for the week were 77 and 46.

Extended outlook for North Carolina for Thursday through Saturday — Fair Thursday, becoming cloudy Friday and Saturday. A chance of rain Saturday, mainly in the east portion. Cool Thursday, with highs in the upper 50s to low 60s and overnight lows in the 30s. Warmer Friday and Saturday, with high in the 60s, lows mostly in the 40s.

Brevard weather data for the past week was as follows:

Date	High	Low	Prec.
March 6	75	54	0.00
March 7	81	51	0.00
March 8	83	43	0.00
March 9	80	38	0.00
March 10	78	42	0.00
March 11	69	50	0.00
March 12	75	43	0.00

Rotarians To Elect Officers

Brevard Rotarians will elect new officers and directors at their meeting next Monday in the Brevard College Cafeteria.

President Jerry Purser urges all Rotarians to make every effort to attend the meeting, which begins promptly at 12:30.

New officers and directors of Rotary are elected three months prior to installation in order that they may familiarize themselves with their duties during the coming year.

1974 - 75 Revenue Sharing Budget.

Duties of the City Clerk-Treasurer and the City Manager were spelled out during the meeting.

Annexation Of Areas In North Brevard Tabled

The Brevard Board of Aldermen held a called meeting Monday night to consider the annexation to Pisgah Heights, Brevard Plaza and the Transylvania Community hospital.

Mark Osborne, Mayor Pro Tem, presided over the meeting and asked for discussion regarding the annexation.

No one spoke in opposition to it.

James Furr appeared before the Board and asked that a voting precinct be considered for the area if it is annexed.

A petition with 48 names was presented asking the Board to permit citizens in the area to vote on annexation.

Action was tabled until the regular April meeting.

The 1973 - 74 Revenue Sharing Budget was accepted by the Board as presented by the City Manager Bill Slough.

It totaled \$100,485.09.

In other action by the Board, the City Manager was authorized to purchase a new fire truck in the amount of \$45,296.00, including tax. It will be paid for out of the

Reports Heard

Chamber Directors Adopt \$14,000 Budget

Directors of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce adopted a record-setting budget of \$14,000 at the Chamber's regular meeting Tuesday night at the library.

The budget was submitted by Ray Simmons, chairman of the Chamber's Finance Committee and was adopted by the directors with a minimum of discussion.

Due to various reasons, several committees had requested and received increases in their budgets over last year. The advertising committee increased its budget request over last year by a sizeable amount, due to the fact that a number of brochures will be printed for the Chamber this year. These brochures are less expensive if printed in lots of 10,000, so the order for the large amount this year will actually save money in the long run.

Another sizeable increase was the budgeted amount requested

by the steering committee for the Festival or the Arts. This year's Festival, slated to be held here the last week in July, promises a number of additional events and improvements over last year's inaugural Festival, so funds were requested and granted to take care of this additional effort.

Committee reports from both the membership committee, headed by George Turner, and Treasurer Vernon Fullbright indicated that both the membership figure and the amount of dues collected to date are ahead of corresponding figures for this time last year.

The 1973 Banquet Chairman Gil Coan reported that the Chamber's annual banquet, held last month, was highly successful and that everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.

Bill Ives reported on his recent trip to Atlanta as Chairman of the County Board of

Commissioners to help secure additional gasoline for Transylvania.

He brought back a number of complaint forms from the Federal Energy Office, and he urged everyone in attendance to fill out these forms, concerning fuel shortages, and give them back to Mrs. Thelma Glazener at the Chamber of Commerce, or turn them in to the County Commissioners office as soon as possible.

All complaint forms from this county will then be sent to the Federal Energy Office in hopes that FEO officials will take more notice of Transylvania's plight during the present gasoline shortage. These forms are available at both the Chamber's office and the Commissioners' office.

Several other brief committee reports were heard during the busy session, which was presided over by Chamber President Charles Russell.



TEMPERATURE AND WIND SPEED OUTSIDE — Mike Cook, part-time announcer and engineering student at Clemson University, is shown at the read out dials of the remote-reading thermometer and anemometer he built and installed

Installed By Mike Cook

New Instruments At WPNF Give Wind Speed, Temperature

Michael W. "Mike" Cook, a part-time announcer-engineer at Brevard's Radio Station WPNF, has made good use of the time a radio announcer-engineer has between announcements. He has made and installed a remote-reading thermometer and anemometer for the station.

Mike is a fourth-year engineering student at Clemson University, Clemson, S. C., but he works in Brevard on weekends. Being an engineering student and having learned about such equipment, he put his know-how to work and made and installed the new weather instrumentation in his spare-time-at-work.

Now WPNF will be able to give more accurate temperature and wind reports, and getting the information will be a whole lot easier. Instead of the announcer having to go outside to the weather instrument shelter to set the information, he now only needs look at two meters.

CALIBRATED INSTRUMENTS

For those interested in the techniques of the instruments, Mike has provided the following brief write-up:

"The electronic thermometer consists of a thermistor whose electrical properties change with temperature. These changes are very small and must be amplified and calibrated against a standard thermometer. The thermistor permits remote temperature readings of outside temperature from inside the radio station.

"The electronic thermometer at WPNF has been calibrated by the official Weather Bureau thermometer so that the announcer is able to give the official temperature at anytime by reading the calibrated meter inside the station.

"Wind speed is also indicated by amplifying small voltages from a motor which is turned by windcups located on a mast on top of the radio station.

Wind speed is important because it is used in determining the Chill Factor. The Chill Factor — Turn to Page Three

Number Is 862-4736

Transylvanians Can Now Report Road Complaints Via Telephone

Transylvania County residents now have a single telephone number to call with road complaints and inquiries. The system has been set up by State Senator Charles Taylor of Transylvania who also serves as 14th Division Secondary Roads Councilman.

"Now residents have a single number to call when they have an inquiry or suggestion," Mr. Taylor said. "All the calls will be logged and monitored to note the action and the type of calls being received. We feel this system will give us an early warning system which can help in our preventive maintenance program."

The Transylvania County

telephone is located at the Rosman maintenance unit. The phone number is 862-4736. Residents can call Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

"We think this system will benefit the people, but it will also benefit the Division of Highways. If we find a rash of a particular type problem which crops up then we may need to use this information when figuring the next year's budget," Rep. Taylor stated.

Recognizing that chronic complaints could come up, Mr. Taylor said that the new road report system had more positive than negative features.