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## County Called 'Good Place To Grow Old'

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A dozen speakers, representing as many programs that provide services for the elderly, talked about those programs Thursday at a luncheon meeting of the Transylvania Council of Community Services.

About 30 persons attending the event at First United Methodist Church learned that a wide range of services does exist — so much so that Don Morrison of the Social Service Department summed up the talks by commenting, "We've got a full program for the elderly in Transylvania County. Transylvania is now a good place to grow old."

His department, he said, works closely with all the other agencies to provide programs needed by older Transylvanians.

Paul Goesser, representing the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, presided and told about the discounts available to AARP members on insurance and drugs.

Jim Queen spoke about the Brevard Residential Care Center, housed in the former hospital building. "We opened May 10, and have been going full blast since that time," he said.

The 58-bed facility averages 98 per cent occupancy, with an extremely low discharge and intake rate, he said. "Unfortunately, there are not a tremendous number of openings to place."

The staff of 55 works closely with other facilities, such as the sheltered workshop and skilled nursing facility at Transylvania Community Hospital. Their residents range in age from 20 to 93, including 14 young adults who were transferred from Western Carolina Center at Morganton.

The problem facing them now, he said, is that of expansion. The need for long term care is high here, he said. They hope to expand to 100 beds within one and a half years.

Mrs. Hilda Collins, a registered nurse at the Transylvania Community Hospital, talked about its 40-bed skilled nursing facility, which now has about 27 patients. She praised the hospital auxiliary for the volunteer work its members do and the equipment they have donated.

Mrs. Phyllis Graves talked about the county's home health service, which started in April 1972. Since that time, she said, 151 patients have been referred for home care. During that time, the staff has

made 3,851 home visits.

Most patients are visited once weekly; some are seen two or three times a week, depending on what type of care they need.

The basic requirement for this service is that the patient be referred by a physician.

The staff includes Mrs. Graves, who is a registered nurse, a part-time registered nurse and a nurse's aide.

"Our philosophy is prevention," said Mrs. Jessie Lollis, public health nurse with the county health department. "This covers from before birth to old age. We put more emphasis on the infant and pre-school ages."

She described their screening clinics for diabetes, hearing and vision among the programs most useful for older folks.

The county's nutrition and recreation program was discussed by Craig Freas, who said, "The nutrition program provides hot meals daily for 50 people—25 at Rosman and 25 at Silvermont."

Coupled with that is the activity program, which includes recreation, arts and crafts and field trips. "We got brave last month and took 30 to 40 down to Raleigh for the State Fair."

He described it as a pilot program. "We hope we will do a good enough job so that other places in the state can have it," he said.

"Socialization, which is a form of recreation, means so much to these people. Some live off the beaten path and don't see so many people."

Mrs. Helen McKelvey explained the reassurance program, operated by the Brevard Police Department for persons who are alone for long periods of time. After a person registers with the police department, he or she calls the police radio room each morning by 10. If a call is not received, the dispatcher attempts to call the person. If there is no answer, a police officer goes to the home to see if something is wrong.

About 20 people were a part of the service, she said, but now only a couple are taking advantage of it.

Mrs. Charlene Harbin told about the two agencies of the Mental Health Department—one located above Brevard Pharmacy, and the other in the basement of Brevard Federal Savings and Loan Association.

There are two beds available at the hospital for mental patients, she said, "the hospital supplies medical attention and we supply counseling." If the patient

cannot pay for hospital care, the department does that, Mrs. Harbin said.

They also operate the crisis intervention service and provide individual and family counseling.

"We are glad to have a part in taking care of the elderly," said Charles Dunlop, executive director of the Brevard Housing Authority.

His office started taking applications for the 40 units in July. Four units are not yet occupied. "We have great plans for them," he said.

These include classes in a demonstration kitchen, a health clinic, a craft shop, and classes through Blue Ridge Tech in housekeeping, nutrition, purchase and preparation of food.

George Millner, speaking for the Western Carolina Community Action, spoke first about a county transportation program which includes all ages. This free service, he said, involves about 500 miles a week of travel.

He also spoke about a tax assistance program, at no cost, which will be available beginning Jan 20 Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special arrangements will be made if someone cannot come in during those hours, he said.

Speaking for the Senior Citizens Information-Referral system, Doug Tyson said that information about available services must be told again and again. "Lots of people have moved in. They don't know our agencies and facilities and somebody ought to tell them," he said.

With cooperation, the referral service, which now operates from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday on telephone number 883-3666, can be a useful function, he said.

Mrs. Lehman Kapp, county librarian, announced that for those who cannot come to the library, a package of services being readied. It includes large print books, films and screens, and recorded books.

### Gospel Sing Friday Night

A gospel singing will be held Friday, Nov. 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Local 1971 Union Hall on Morris Rd.

The event is being sponsored by the Transylvania Youth Baseball leagues, and will feature "The Happy Travelers," and "The Tonesmen." Entrances fees are \$1.50 for adults, and \$1 for students. Pre-school children will be admitted free, according to T. E. Payne Jr., commissioner of Transylvania Youth Baseball Leagues.



**GRADUATES**—This is the group of nurses aides which has just completed a 160-hour class at Transylvania Community Hospital sponsored by the hospital in cooperation with Blue Ridge Technical Institute. Front row, left to right, are Sue Haydup, June McCall, Lorene Shelton, Velma Baynard, and Dianne Angeledes. Second row— Mrs. R.L.

Gettman, B.S.N., instructor, Audrey Patterson and Patricia Merrill, honor students, Nell Dodson, Jane Williams, honor student, and Lucy Crane. Third row—Wanda Anders and LaVerne Henry, honor students, and Betty Wyatt. (Times Staff Photo).

### 13 Complete Nurses Aide Training Class

Thirteen women have completed the nurses aide course sponsored by Blue Ridge Tech in cooperation with Transylvania Community Hospital.

The four-weeks course included 160 class hours, half of which were spent studying theory and half in clinical experience. Classes were held at the hospital from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mrs. R.L. Gettman of Hendersonville was instructor

### Big Game Study Being Made In Dear Season

BY PARK PETERSON  
GAME MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN II

A big game survey is being conducted this year during deer season by the Division of Game of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The game management crews at Waynesville, Franklin, and Andrews will be conducting surveys on game lands which are in heavy use by deer hunters and as available personnel permits coverage.

The survey and check points covered by the game management crews will be located at North Mills River - entrance road, North Mills River - Yellow Gap road, North Mills River - Bent Creek Gap, Fires Creek - entrance road, Standing Indian - Wallace Gap, Standing Indian - Coweeta entrance, Standing Indian - Park Gap.

These survey stations can be readily identified by game survey signs located on the front and back of the game management vehicle.

The hunter interview method will be used in conducting the survey. Game management personnel will want to know the number of hours hunted, the numbers of deer, turkey, bear, and boar seen.

The interviewer will also

want to know if the deer were antlered or not and if any deer were killed. This complete and intensive hunter interview will be conducted Nov. 25, Nov. 28, Nov. 30, and Dec. 7.

The survey stations will be available every day of deer season, Nov. 25 through Dec. 7, as wildlife cooperators agents in tagging and recording kills, hunter information centers, and as locations for reporting game law violations. The survey stations will be equipped with radios to relay violation reports to patrolling teams of wildlife protectors.

To further aid law enforcement efforts, all Wildlife Resources personnel will participate in law enforcement. Stop Wildlife Violation signs have also been erected giving the key reporting number of Waynesville 704-456-9292.

It is hoped these stations will strengthen communication and cooperation with the hunters and the general public in promoting wildlife conservation and good sportsmanship. Hunter cooperation in the big game survey and in violation reporting will aid in achievement of wildlife conservation and thereby provide better hunting for the sportsman.

### Last Rites Today For Mrs. Aiken

Mrs. Flora Aiken of Probert Street Extension of the Penical section, died Saturday in a Transylvania County hospital after a period of declining health.

She was lifelong resident of Transylvania County and member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Bertha Rhoaves and Mrs. Willie Kate Roberson of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Nancy Day and Mrs. Margot Stone of Atlanta, Mrs. Grace Rowe of Decatur, Ga., and Miss Marlene Aiken of Hendersonville; a son, Connie L. Williams of Philadelphia; five step-daughters; four sisters, Mrs. Edna Glaze, Mrs. Everesta Smith and Mrs. Wilkie Robinson of Brevard and Mrs. Grace Woods of Philadelphia; a brother, the Rev. Harry Bailey of Asheville; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bethel Baptist Church. The Revs. C. E. Rustin, F. H. Goldsmith and C. Edward Roy will officiate. Burial will be in Pisgah Gardens. Brothers of Mountain Lilly Masonic Lodge No. 117 AF&AM will be pallbearers. New Hope Chapter Order of Eastern Star No. 91 will conduct graveside rites.

The body will remain at Pilgrim's Funeral Home in Hendersonville, until placed in the church one hour before services.

The family will receive friends at home.

### TURN RUGS

You may do well to turn rugs from time to time, in order to distribute wear more evenly and to help prevent visible traffic patterns, suggests Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

### Dr. James Hefner Wins High Honor

Dr. James A. Hefner is the recent recipient of the highest endowed professional chair in the Atlanta, Ga. University Center. Valued at \$500,000, and restricted, the Chair is the Charles E. Merrill Professor of Economics at Morehouse College.



DR. JAMES HEFNER

Dr. Hefner, a native of Brevard, N. C., received his B. S. degree from North Carolina A & T State University; and his PhD degree from the University of Colorado. He has taught at Princeton University, lectured in many black institutions, and authored more than thirty articles in his special field of Manpower and Urban Economics. He is the co-author of two books, "Black Employment in Selected Southern Cities" and "Public Policy Strategies for Black people in the Coming Decades," which will be released by Alfred Press in March 1975.

Dr. Hefner is a former consultant to the congressional Black caucus; National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise; World Encyclopedia of Black Peoples; National

Manpower Policy Task Force Associates; and Atlanta's Urban Observatory and Bureau of Planning. He is on the executive board of the NAACP, where he is chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee.

Dr. Hefner is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the highest honor in education.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hefner of Brevard, N. C.

### Presbyterians To Have Thanksgiving Breakfast

The Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church will have its Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving in the church Fellowship Hall.

The breakfast is for members of the church, their families and guests, and others in the community are invited.

The Rev. Harry W. Phillips requests that persons call the church office to make reservations.

Gordon Spott is in charge of breakfast arrangements. Cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The program, will be led by

Mrs. James H. Sanders, Jr. with various persons leading workshop in scripture, songs, liturgical dance and spoken words.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered by the Rev. Harry W. Phillips. Each household is asked to bring a goblet to be used in this service as their family's common cup.



Wildlife Survey Specialist Interviews Hunter