

# An Open Letter

December 30, 1974

Governor James E. Holshouser  
The Capitol  
Raleigh, N. C. 27601

Dear Governor Holshouser:

Transylvania County in the last report of such statistics we saw was in the top 10 in the state in per capita income. It ranks 14th in the number of doctors per capita.

It is a cultural center, the home of Brevard Music Center which is known internationally. Brevard College is here.

Over the years Transylvania County has been one of the leaders in the community development program, and this year the See Off Community of Transylvania won first place in its division in Western North Carolina competition.

The social services department is operated at one half the cost of that in a neighboring county with a similar population.

With three new schools just completed and two building projects currently underway, Transylvania County is going to have an education plant second to none in North Carolina within a year.

What we're saying is, that in areas where people can do things for themselves and the community, the county ranks high among the counties of the state.

However, when it comes to

## Tarheel Strikes Gold

Ole' Catfish Hunter, released by the courts from his contract with the Oakland Athletics following the 1974 World Series won by the team from the west end of the Golden Gate Bridge, set some kind of new record for inflation when he signed this week a five-year contract with the New York Yankees.

The total contract package — salary, insurance, retirement pay, and all other benefits, — is supposed to enrich the man from Aoshkie by \$3.75 million.

If it had to happen, we're glad it was to a North Carolinian; but we'll never understand the business end of it.

Put the pencil, or if you're lucky, your pocket computer to it.

Suppose Catfish has good luck, doesn't get a sore arm, and stays generally healthy for the five years. Suppose he wins 20 games a year for the Yankees over the period. That would be 100 games. Now divide 100 into \$3.75 million and what do you

roads — primary, secondary, or what have you, Transylvania must be near the bottom. Roads are generally narrow, pitted, rough, and many are so tortuously curved a snake would break his back attempting to follow them.

The highway maintenance men for years have been patching on patches.

The reason we're writing to you, Sir, is that hopefully you can refer this letter to the proper agency to get answers to two questions which we think the people of Transylvania merit answers to:

A. What total amount of license fees, gasoline taxes, and other road taxes has the State of North Carolina collected in Transylvania County during the last 20 years?

B. During the last 20 years, what is the total of state funds which has been spent in highway construction in Transylvania County?

Every North Carolina County bordering Transylvania has enjoyed liberal highway construction during the last 20 years. Look at Henderson, Haywood, Buncombe, and Jackson Counties.

We've been short-sheeted, Governor.

If you'll assist us in getting the answers to those questions, we'll appreciate it greatly.

Sincerely,  
Clyde K. Osborne  
Editor

get? That's it, \$37,500 for every game he wins. That takes a pretty good chunk out of any game's receipts.

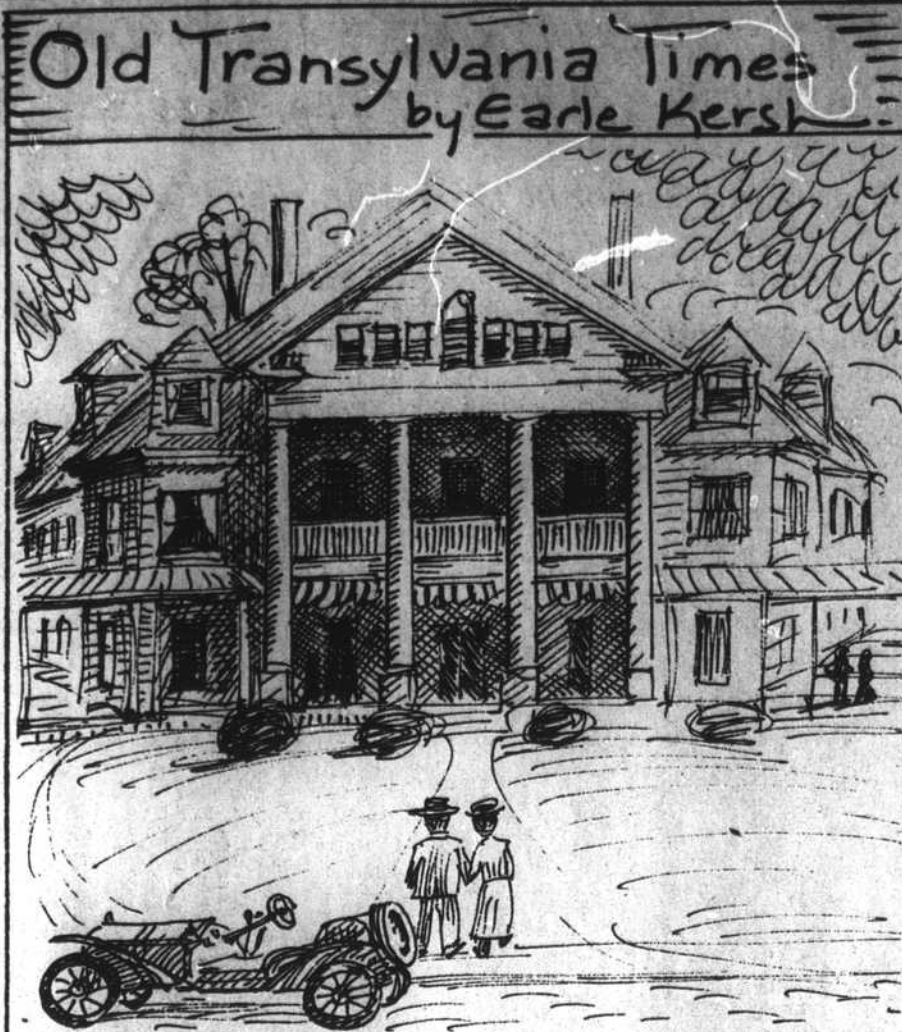
It would be more reasonable to believe that the Yankees were buying the whole World Champion Oakland ball club for that price.

And we wonder if it wouldn't be better for Catfish if they had. He isn't going to have Raleigh Fingers baling him out of trouble in the late innings. He won't have sleight-of-hand artist Bert Campinaris nabbing hot shots behind him, nor Reggie Jackson knocking in runs.

His 20 games a year are going to be harder to come by. Catfish is going to have to work hard for each \$37,500 a winning game.

But we know folks who work much harder and don't earn that amount of money in five years, or even seven years.

Much less in one day.



On the Fourth of July, 1900, the grandest of the resort hotels opened in Brevard. The Franklin Hotel, built by the Toxaway Co., stood out over all the other boarding houses on Main Street. Rich families came for the entire summer. Famous orchestras played for the exclusive dances. The Franklin lingered on into the 1950's when it was torn down for the new Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church building.

### Final Column

## Senator Sam Says Faith And Courage Are Needed

WASHINGTON — The canny Scotsman, Thomas Carlyle, made a profound observation when he said, "Man lives by believing something; not by debating and arguing many things."

Faith and courage constitute two of our most basic needs. So it is fitting that I devote this last newsletter to the fundamentals which have made and will continue to make this country great.

Faith, which is the evidence of things not seen, proves to men and women the reality of the positive beliefs by which we live and for which we are willing to die. Faith is not a storm cellar to which men and women can flee for refuge from the storms of life.

It is, instead, an inner force which give them the strength to face those storms and their consequences with serenity of spirit. In times of greatest stress, faith has the miraculous power to lift ordinary men and women to greatness.

Faith is exhibited at its best in the lives of those men and women who trust the promises of God. At a time when her physical eyes are failing, Annie Johnson Flint saw these promises with the eyes of faith, and described them for us in her inspiring little poem entitled, "What God Hath Promised."

"God hath not promised  
Skies always Blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

"But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love."

Fear has been the devastating enemy of mankind in all generations. We must distinguish between fear, which is foolish, and anxiety, which is wise. Anxiety causes one concern about future events likely to occur and induces one to take provident steps to prepare for them, whereas fear fills one with dread of dangers which are imaginary or dangers which cannot be avoided.

People are probably more fearful today than they were at any time in the past. They are assailed on all sides by the old fears, such as fear of economic insecurity, fear of unemployment, fear of loss of status, fear of sickness, fear of death.

But, if we are to overcome the fears which beset us, we must have courage. Joanna Baillie described courage aright in this verse:

"The Brave man is not he who feels no fear,  
For that were stupid and irrational;  
But he, whose noble soul its fear subdues,  
And bravely dares the danger nature shrinks from."

Courage falls into two categories. These are physical courage, which enables one to brave physical dangers, and moral courage, which empowers one to carry the burdens and take the heavy blows of life without losing

heart. One way to scorn dangers which are imaginary and defy dangers which cannot be avoided is to live a day at a time. As Robert Louis Stevenson said:

"Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life really means."

Another way is to make duty the supreme obligation of life. Robert E. Lee wrote to his son, Custis Lee:

"Duty then is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."

Courage often comes through the realization that the alternative to the impending danger is more dreadful than the danger itself. Elmer Davis had this in mind when he said:

"Atomic warfare is bad enough; biological warfare would be worse; but there is something that is worse than either. It is subjection to an alien oppressor."

Finally, courage results from having faith in ourselves, faith in righteousness of our cause, and faith in the promises of God.

If we will seek truth, keep faith, and have courage, I have no fear that this nation can overcome all challenges from within and without.

## EDITORIAL PAGE

THE TRANSYLVANIA TIMES

### Top 1974 Stories Month By Month

Following is The Times' month-by-month list of the top news stories of 1974 in Transylvania County:

#### JANUARY

Charlie Russell elected president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce.  
County commissioners announce plans for purchase of voting machines.

#### FEBRUARY

Commissioners adopt county manager form of government.  
Jerry Purser named Jaycee Distinguished Award winner.  
Lawrence McCall sentenced to death in Hice Murder case.  
Long lines form at gas stations in county as energy shortage sweeps nation.  
Seventeen persons announce candidacy for primary election.

#### MARCH

Gasoline lines shorten as energy shortage eases somewhat.  
Commissioners appoint jail study commission.  
Chamber of Commerce adopts budget of \$14,000.  
Susan Torella wins top singer award in nation.  
Plans for new First State Savings and Loan Assn. are announced.

#### APRIL

New residential care unit opens at old hospital building on Country Club Road.  
J. A. Jones contributes \$100,000 to Brevard College.  
John I. Anderson named director of U. N. C. Alumni Assn.  
Transylvania becomes first N. C. county to start day activity program for elderly.

#### MAY

Sheriff Hubbard big winner in Democratic primary. Morris, Cobe, Hill nominated.  
TOPCO named top Junior Achievement Company for year.  
20,000 persons attend open house celebrating Olin Corp. 25th anniversary.

#### JUNE

Brevard High School graduates 220 seniors; Rosman High gives diplomas to 52.  
County tax rate hiked two cents per \$100 valuation.  
City of Brevard approves \$846,249 budget.  
Ground broken for juvenile shelter known as COPE.  
Child killed in accident on Rosman highway.  
Grant of \$520,000 received for vocational facility at Brevard High School.  
Charles Himes gives 64th pint of blood to Bloodmobile.

#### JULY

James McIwain receives good citizen award from Brevard Board of Aldermen.  
Thousands enjoy second annual "Festival Of The Arts."

#### AUGUST

Catherine Henderson retires after 36 years at First Union National Bank.  
Second annual Trout Festival held at Brevard.  
Phyllis Diller, Anna Moffo appear at Brevard Music Center.  
County Commissioners order periodic reports from sheriff's dept.  
Brevard Police Department reports arrests up 50 per cent.  
John I. Anderson, editor of The Transylvania Times, dies.  
Brevard College opens with increased enrollment.  
Plans announced to build access road linking Transylvania County to Interstate 26.  
Commissioners vote to build new jail here.

#### SEPTEMBER

Labor Day weekend marred by tragic events.  
Chamber of Commerce moves to new location.  
Clyde K. Osborne named editor of The Times.  
City Manager Bill Slough resigns, clerk Opal Hahn named acting city manager.  
Hospital's Skilled Nursing Center opens.  
Second Olin air-cleaning unit goes into operation.  
James E. Reid named new Pisgah District forest ranger, succeeding Dan Hile.  
Penrose to get new post office.

#### OCTOBER

1,843 Olin workers go on strike.  
Transylvania teachers' union receives charter.  
Brevard High School band wins top honors at Bristol, Tenn. Va. Band Festival.  
Silvermont construction moves into final stages.  
Bomb scare closes two Brevard schools.  
James Ladd is county's Morehead Scholarship nominee.  
Non-suit declared in Hice murder trial.  
See Off, Dunn's Rock, and Little River win county community development contests.  
Brevard Housing Authority units dedicated.  
DuPont to expand, hire 100 additional workers.

#### NOVEMBER

Hubbard, Morris, Cobe, Hill win election as Democrats make a sweep in state. McMahon only county Republican to retain post. Senator Taylor loses.  
New Transylvania County Library is dedicated.  
Unemployment up in Transylvania County.  
Power failure silences American Thread Plant.  
Jimmie Hocker named administrator of Transylvania Community Hospital.  
Brevard police nab kidnapping suspects at local motel.  
Six-week Olin strike is settled, operation of giant industrial plant resumes.

#### DECEMBER

Thousands attend Brevard's annual Christmas Parade.  
See Off Community wins top Western N. C. community development prize.  
\$1,766,373 in contracts approved for work on Rosman and Brevard High Schools' projects.  
Seven-year Transylvania County soil survey completed.  
County commissioners seek managerial audit.  
Bids for Human Resources Building \$60,000 below estimates.  
John Winston new doughnut-eating champion of world.  
United Fund Drive exceeds goal of \$68,883.

## The Transylvania Times

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