Old Transylvania Times ?
by Earle Kersh

The split raindrop roof

(Franklin Drive or North Rice St.)

as one of Brevard's earliest

houses. Braxton C. Lankford

built it. He moved up from

store Keeper after becoming

a founding father of the county. During the Civil War he was trustee for

the estates of many Tran-

prospered as a land dealer.

The Cleveland family

from Spartenburgh bought the place as a summer

home in 1913. Caroline

there for many years. Now the Kersh Klan lives

(Cleveland) Towers reigned

sylvania Volunteers and

marks Cleveland Place

Deer and bear hunters of this area conducted themselves in creditable fashion in the woods beduring the last season, the referests show. They behaved like softiue sportsmen.

In some previous years food oldans, liquor bottles, beer cans, oldans, liquor bottles, beer cans, oldens, liquor bottles, beer cans, oldens, liquor bottles, beer cans, oldens, and at wilderness camping areas. Trail asigns have been shot down, and cother indications of hunters who oldens of hunters who oldens of hunters who oldens.

vd : We have complained about nothat in this column.

But not this year. Our own inspection of many of the trails, which forests and the valleys has also nown that the hunters carried quot what they took with them into the woods.

Jim Reid said that there was that little litter to be found as a result of the hunts.

This is good for everyone

concerned.

Concerned hunters, who are true wildlife lovers, have been preaching against littering, we know. We're delighted that they are getting through to the few who would abuse the forests thereby heaping discredit on all bunters.

It is good for the rangers, who have no crews available for cleaning up the litter.

It is good for those who use the forests all year around for hiking, camping, and other activities. The beauty of the landscape is not marred.

At any rate, fellows, you did yourselves proud this year.

Such conduct is going to enhance the hunter's image in all circles, even among the fanatical anti-hunters.

Every admires a true sportsman. He conducts himself like a true gentleman.

The Audit Nears

The eyes of the state and of much of the nation are going to turn on Transylvania County briwithin the next few weeks, sawatching carefully and in some assess apprehensively, as a ministration gets underway.

ww Quick approval is expected of the county's request for \$30,000 beto conduct the audit to be done by independent consultants who will sit through many interviews shand take long and critical looks that how officials are conducting the business of the county.

So few elected U.S. officials have allowed such an audit that it is the first in North Carolina, and is unique in the nation.

The scope and objectives outlined include: "The purpose of this project will be to review and evaluate the organization structure and key administrative systems and procedures of Transylvania County that fall within the purview of the Board of County Commissioners.

"Systems and procedures to be included will be: planning, budgeting, and reporting; accounting and controls; purchasing; personnel administration; and data processing."

The output would be threefold:

1. Recommendations for improvements in organization

structure and administrative systems and procedures, including suggested priorities, and a time-phased implementation plan.

- 2. Definition of program performance auditing in terms of scope, objectives, and approach, as applicable to Transylvania.
- 3. Preparation of a uniform management audit guide that could be applied to other small units of government in N.C.

A by-product of the project will be an evaluation of the potential for City of Brevard-Transylvania County cooperation of administrative services, the proposal suggests.

Under the proposal, consultants would interview Brevard and county school district representatives to determine the potential for cooperative administrative service arrangements. Areas to be considered will include data processing, housekeeping, personnel, recruiting and training, and purchasing.

Time of the study is expected to run at least 20 weeks.

The County Commissioners are showing considerable confidence in asking for this audit of their operations. Any faults they have had in running the government could be brought to light.

They are also showing intestinal fortitude.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

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BY DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



When you sow to the wind you reap the whirlwind. This adage never grows old. Each generation seems to have to learn it for itself.

Nowhere is this more evident than in marriage as it is evidenced by the mail which comes to my desk. At the outset, let me say out of many years of marriage counseling, the home and marriage which is not founded upon mutual love and respect for one another and love for God, the Ten Commandments, church membership and attendance, is sooner or later in trouble.

Selfishness is at the bottom of it all. A marriage founded on selfishness is sowing to the wind and will reap the whirlwind. What many young people call love is purely selfish desire on the part of both. The first glow of marriage which consists chiefly of bed and board, soon becomes very boring. It takes much more than sex to make a marriage.

Before me is a letter illustrative of all of this. It is written by the mother of the wife who is of course inclined toward her daughter.

"I need your help in prayer for my daughter and her husband. My daughter works hard all the time and trys to have a good home. She pays off all the debts, buys all the food, keeps a nice, clean house, goes to church when she is not working. Her husband does not go to church. He works, goes to races, goes hunting, works on cars. They have one child. He hardly ever sees his father. My daughter never sees him until late at night. She and my grandchild eat alone all the time.

Everywhere they go, they go

"I admit that it was a bad marriage at the start. It could be improved by mutual love, prayer, consideration, uniting their marriage spiritually joining in attending church.

"My husband and I have talked and prayed with them, telling him that his wife was supposed to come first, that he should come home. But he resents this and won't even do home repairs or cut the grass around the house. His wife nags and fusses at him. So the vicious cycle continues."

Ever since I have been marriage counseling, I have realized that it is the wife who determines the eventual success or failure of marriage. She has more capacity to do it. She can be more loving and she can be more spiteful. When the wife nags and fusses, the man follows the line of least resistance and stays away from home.

In this case the parents of this wife should make a prayer compact and first pray for their daughter that she may become more loving and loveable, not neglecting to pray for the husband. It is quite evident that this young wife stays on her husband's back. That will have to change. I recommend that the wife read, "The Total Woman," by Morgan (Revell). Remember, "A family that prayes together, stays together."

Write the Everyday Counselor in care of this newspaper for a copy of Dr. Spaugh's book. "Pathway to a Happy Marriage," enclosing \$2.25 for cost, tax and handling.

Dollars & Good Sense

Your furnace is probably the most expensive appliance you own. And it may well last the longest providing you are willing to perform routine maintenance about twice a year.

by William J. Martin

Older wood and coal furnaces rarely require more than periodic cleaning. Gas and oil furnaces, however, will require more substantial maintenance.

Unless yours is a self-lubricating model, you will need to apply grease and oil regularly. The motor will probably have oil ducts in plain view. If not, consult your owner's manual. Automotive engine

for the job, but exercise care against using too much. One or two drops per duct is usually adequate.

oil is perfect

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The blower unit runs on bearings which also need attention. Auto bearing grease should be applied to prevent malfunction. And if there are oil ducts, add a few drops there, too.

The air filter should be changed whenever it is dirty, usually at least twice a year. And if yours is an oil burning furnace, you'll also need to replace the oil filter.

Inspect the fan belt regularly. When the rubber begins to crack and wear, replace it.

These simple chores should keep your home's heat machine in top condition. If problems develop, though, don't hesitate to call in a reputable service man.



"Ah, here's my man with his report on our new foolproof, safety system."

EDITORIAL PAGE

THE TRANSYLVANIA TIMES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: Letters must be brief, signed typed or written legibly on one side of paper. We reserve the right to reject, edit, or condense. Letters should be received by The Times by Monday mornings.)

Dear Editor:

In reference to the recent controversy between the city and county over an additional building inspector, I would like to express an opinion of one tax payer.

I am not sufficiently informed to know whether there is, in fact, a need for two building inspectors. But I am informed enough on management and budget to know that it is a waste of my tax money to set up an additional office and employ an additional secretary.

It would seem to me that if two building inspectors are needed, they need to be at adjoining desks in the same office at the same number, working with each other. One could well be the town specialist and one the county specialist, but they should be located together and help each other out.

As a tax payer, I would like to submit that it is unfair for me to waste my tax money in sustaining two offices.

Name Withheld by request

January 13, 1975

Mr. C. K. Osborne TRANSYLVANIA TIMES Brevard, NC 28712

Dear Mr. Osborne,

Brevard Elementary School has entered its second week in a brand new building. Things have settled down considerably, staff and students are in a comfortable routine with real learning taking place.

This relatively quick adjustment to a major change came about through the hard work and cooperation of many fine people in our community. I would like to take this opportunity to mention some and publicly thank all.

The Transylvania Times and radio station WPNF provided an invaluable service publicizing our plans and unavoidable last minute changes.

The teachers of the school proved themselves to be true professionals spending hour after hour of their vacation time preparing the school for

During the move our new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Batson, welcomed the staff by providing hot drinks and cookies for almost 100 of

When it became apparent that existing roads could not handle the traffic load, the Brevard Police Department quickly came to our assistance.

As our bus needs became clear, Mr. Fred Parker and Mr. Richard Jones worked with our staff members to provide the buses and routes necessary. Edi McCracken and Karin Cash, our school secretaries, worked until 1:30 a.m. Wednesday morning typing, printing and putting together maps and descriptions of bus routes.

I was particularly moved

I was particularly moved when I saw an elderly couple, who obviously have no children in our school, planting a Christmas tree along our drive in the midst of a rainstorm.

There seemed to be hundreds of others who gave unselfishly of their time, or lent us equipment, planted their Christmas tree at our school or helped in dozens of other ways.

It was an exciting experience for me and one that vividly illustrated the good that can come from people helping people, As I think back, I am pleased and honored to have worked with so many fine Transylvanians.

The result, I am sure, is a new and better learning environment that encourages academic achievement, pride, responsiblity and respect.

Again, may I say thank you to all who so generously helped out.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Voso

Jan. 8, 1975

Mr. Clyde K. Osborne, Editor The Transylvania Times Brevard, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Osborne:

At a time when confidence in federal government is at lowest ebb the residents of Transylvania County have benefited from a new awakening of public responsibility and sensitivity to the needs of citizens by the present Board of County Commissioners. Their efforts and accomplishments are recognized.

There also have been a few promising signs of improvement in the town of Brevard. However, the statesmanship in city government has diminished lately, finally vanished completely, and was replaced by "old line politics" with the action of the aldermen in illegally hiring a building inspector at a "called" (not publically announced) meeting on Dec. 16.

The fact that no one in city government knew the provisions of the contract with the county or had bothered to read the contract until they were requested to do so at the meeting on January 6 makes all concerned citizens question the capability and integrity of those in control of our town. The conduct of our city fathers is shocking and very disappointing to those who attend their meetings and watch them in action.

It is not too late for them to correct this most recent booboo. To admit a mistake is a sign of statesmanship, which in this instance would help to restore confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Helen L. McKelvey January 14, 1975

Mr. C. K. Osborne, Editor Transylvania Times Brevard, N. C. 28712

Dear Mr. Osborne:

In recent weeks as I have read your newspaper, I have become increasingly concerned with the happenings within our city and county government.

To begin with, at a time when unnecessary spending should be curtailed, our commissioners hired a county manager (which I feel should have been voted on by the people), and to further add to inflation and possibly higher taxes for the people, the city aldermen are hiring a second building inspector because of a rift between the county and city officials. Some time back, I read where the county commissioners were having words with the sheriff's office. With all this commotion and dissension between the two governments, it makes you wonder if we elected adult

men to these offices.

As I said, these things have concerned me; but what really put the icing on the cake was the board of aldermen asking a fine man in a Jimmy Rowe to resign as police chief. I feel, as I'm sure many citizens of Brevard do, that he has been an asset to our city. I for one would like to see him reinstated with authority to run the force in the same efficient manner that has so well served Brevard in past years.

Aldermen, commissioners and other elected officials can be replaced, but a good police chief is hard to find.

Sincerely

Mrs. (Roy) Margaret Garren

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