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DR. ROBERT A. DAVIS, left, was elected president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night by the group's board of directors. Promising a progressive action program, the Brevard College president called this "the finest

little city in the world." Serving with him during 1975 will be: from left, Raymond F. Bennett, treasurer; Dr. Carol Grahl, vice president; and Robert Whatley, secretary.

Middle School Traffic Move Still Unsettled

Snarled Situation Unsolved

Plans are complete for highway broadening and sidewalk construction to relieve the traffic congestion at Brevard Elementary School.

But a meeting Tuesday at Berry's, of city, county, and school board members with Highway Councilman Charles Taylor and the district highway engineer left what steps will be taken at the Middle School in doubt.

"We're ready to go with the Highway 276 project as soon as the ground is dry enough," Mr. Taylor told the group.

And Mayor Charles Campbell replied: "Good, we're ready to pave the sidewalk as soon as you're through. The city is supplying pouring forms and supervision. The county is supplying the materials and we're getting federal help with the labor."

The Greenville Highway will be widened to make traffic turn lanes going in both directions from the elementary school. The cost will run \$6,000, Mr. Taylor estimated.

But at the Middle School, on Fisher Rd., which runs off busy four-lane N. Broad Street, a decision couldn't be reached whether to place a traffic light and turn lanes at the entrance to Fisher Rd., or at McLean Rd. 150 feet away.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that the intersections are too close to permit lights at both streets, and he needed information about where the entrance to the shopping center being built across the street would be located.

Mayor Campbell said the city and county hoped to build a sidewalk from N. Broad along Fisher Rd. to the school, but that having a sidewalk ending up at an intersection where there was no traffic light would be dangerous. And he doubted the feasibility of building a long sidewalk from the school along Fisher Rd. to McLean Rd.

Fisher Rd. circles from Broad to McLean Rd.

The Highway Department, said Mr. Taylor, will be prepared to widen and pave Fisher Rd. (it is already paved from N. Broad to the school) from the school to McLean if this is the route that is wanted. School buses, it was

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MUST BE JELLY, CAUSE JAM — Mayor Charles Campbell, left receives a jar of jelly from Jaycee Terry Scruggs, while Commissioner Dr. John Folger, right, exchanges a "buck" for a jar from Jaycee Carl Dixon.

Palmer, Hill Say Economy Top Issue

Senators Palmer and Hill of the 27th Senatorial District today said that they were proud of the fact that the North Carolina General Assembly made the economy the top and first priority of the 1975 Session.

Lt. Governor Jim Hunt and Speaker Jimmy Green appointed a Joint Committee on the Economy on the first day of the Session. This Committee on the Economy met on the second day, Thursday, January 16, and immediately focused on the problems of unemployment and unemployment compensation.

Rep. DeBruhl Would Curb Utility "Abuses"

Rep. Claude DeBruhl has called for legislation in the General Assembly to curb what he says are abuses by the N. C. Utilities Commission and such powerful utilities as Duke Power Company and Carolina Light and Power Co.

He also requested that Deputy Attorney General I. Beverly Lake Jr. appear before the Utilities Commission at its January 30 meeting to seek a moratorium barring the utilities companies from collecting both current and pending charges levied under the "fuel adjustment clause" of the rate structure.

Mr. DeBruhl, of Asheville, is one of the representatives elected from the Buncombe-Transylvania District to the General Assembly.

He said the moratorium should remain in effect "until the legitimacy or the illegitimacy of the fuel ad-

justment clause can be clarified.

"The current unprecedented power bills are simply more than many of our consumers can afford to pay," the legislator said.

"It's particularly hard on the elements least able to bear the burden — the poor, the elderly, and those on fixed incomes. Our soaring inflation has already robbed them of much of their purchasing power. These questionable charges by the power companies are addit too much to their burden. They must have relief, and they must have it now."

Some of his proposals to the General Assembly, he said, might include doubling the size of the Utilities Commission, outright repeal of fuel adjustment authority, and placing new curbs on investment authority of the public utilities.

New United Fund Officers Elected

The United Fund victory luncheon and annual meeting was held at the Brevard College Cafeteria.

Tom Penn, chairman of the '74-'75 drive, announced that the latest figures reveal a sum of \$72,348 pledged and collected for 106 per cent of the goal. Mr. Penn continues to be confident that the percentage pledged will climb to 110 per cent of the goal.

During the business session, the following persons were elected to the board: Mallory Pate, to fill a vacancy in the class of '76; to serve as the class of '77 were Glenn Matheny, Mary Scott, George Turner, Nancy Logan, John

Truesdale, Leslie Goodwin, Chuck Bradley and Kenneth Roth.

Officers were elected as follows: Jack Johnson, president; Ray Miller, first vice president; Tom Penn, second vice president; and Charlie Moore, treasurer.

Appreciation was expressed to Harry Phillips and Tom Penn for their leadership as board president and campaign chairman. Special tribute was paid to Fred Wendt, executive director of the Fund, for excellence of service throughout the campaign.

Plans were discussed for — See United, Page 6A

Jaycees' Jelly Sale Underway

The Brevard Jaycees held a prayer breakfast on Sunday morning to kick off Jaycee Week.

An integral part of Jaycee Week is the sale of jelly which goes toward the construction of a burn center in North Carolina.

The Brevard Jaycees along with the rest of the North Carolina Jaycees are actively participating in this project. Jelly can be purchased at all the local banks, several grocery stores and various business establishments around Brevard.

Also, jelly will be sold Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Sky City Shopping Center.

Chairman Terry Scruggs, Carl Dixon and Phil Brinkley urge everyone to support a worthy cause by buying a jar of jelly.

Jail Plan On Agenda Tuesday

The Board of Commissioners will hold their second meeting for the month of January on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located next to the Courthouse.

The renovation of the building included a conference room, and the commissioners will be holding their meetings here in the future.

Most interesting on the agenda for the meeting is a discussion of development of a plan to bring the county jail up to minimum standards as set forth by the State.

Representatives of the State Department of Facilities are expected to be at the meeting to aid the commissioners in developing this plan.

Anyone having business to come before the commissioners is asked to call the commission office at 884-2125 so that these matters may be placed on the agenda.

Sales Tax \$33,226.67

Transylvania County's net return from the one per cent sales tax for the month of December was \$33,226.67, according to the N. C. Department of Revenue.

Total collections for participating counties in the state amounted to \$9,826,616, according to the agency.

Otis Jones Authority's New Veep

At the January meeting of the Brevard Housing Authority, Otis C. Jones was elected to the office of vice chairman filling the position recently made vacant by the resignation of J. I. Ayers.

The announcement was made by Charles F. Himes, the present chairman of the Board. Mr. Himes said the authority was very fortunate in having Mr. Jones fill the position as he has been an active member of the board since November 1971.

However, he said, "Mr. Ayers will be missed in this capacity."

Mr. Ayers was appointed to the original board in 1968 by Mayor Raymond Bennett.

"His faithful and willing service had much to do with HUD approval of assistance to the local low rent housing project."

Mr. Ayers, resigned from the board on account of added personal business pressures, Mr. Himes said.

Tar Heel Employment Level Dips

RALEIGH — Recession brought lower employment levels throughout North Carolina's manufacturing industries in mid-December, affecting all of the larger industries and nearly all smaller ones, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel reported today.

The Labor Department's mid-December report of employment in the State's non-farm establishments showed 2,014,700 workers employed, for a drop of 42,100 below the December, 1973 level, Creel said.

Hardest hit was manufacturing, showing 53,700 fewer production workers employed than a year previously. Non-manufacturing jobs gained 11,600 over the year.

Commissioner Creel emphasized that the State's unemployment situation has worsened greatly since the week of Dec. 9-14 surveyed by the Labor Department, with massive layoffs in many industries which prior to mid-December had shown only moderate job declines.

The impact of factory layoffs was cushioned to only a minor extent by a pre-

Rural Transportation System Gets Approval

The Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Region B, Wednesday night voted approval of funding a rural transportation system as a pilot project for two years in Transylvania County.

The council, at its first annual banquet held at the Hendersonville Country Club, also installed new officers with Mayor Charles Campbell of Brevard retiring as chairman, and heard a top federal official speak.

The four-county regional council will be headed during the coming year by R. Curtis Ratcliff, chairman of the Buncombe County Commissioners, chairman; William B. Ives, Transylvania Commission Chairman, first vice chairman; James T. Ledford, chairman of the Madison Board of Commissioners, second vice chairman; Mayor Richard A. Wood Jr. of Asheville, secretary; and Ed Todd, chairman of the Henderson Commissioners, treasurer.

American Top 40 Coming To WPNF

A big, new and exciting program will premier over Brevard's WPNF-Radio on Feb. 1, and it's something every listener who likes current pop music will want to know about.

WPNF-Radio has recently acquired the services of one of the nation's top announcers and disc jockeys, Casey Kasem. Each Saturday on WPNF, Casey will present an in-depth review of America's

Water Board Discusses French Broad Cleanup

Cleaning up a short segment of the French Broad River was proposed to the January meeting of the Transylvania County Water Resources Board, according to Phyllis C. Flynn, secretary.

And at the same meeting, the board was told that white pine trees require 50 per cent more water from the ground than hardwoods, and thus when pines are planted the water table is lowered.

Board Member Walter Cantrell pointed out that ground water level is drop-

Mr. Campbell becomes an at-large member of the executive committee of the region.

Transylvania leaders, in requesting the rural transportation experiment, pointed out that the county purchased seven vans or minibuses more than one year ago. These have been used in various ways for county programs, for instance, hauling elderly persons to Silvermont for the meals on wheels.

As envisioned, the minibuses will run into various communities at scheduled times, and pick up any residents who wish to come to Brevard for shopping, visits to the doctor, or for other reasons. A small, but undetermined fee will be charged, according to County Planner Mike Epley.

A bus might serve Balsam Grove, for instance, on Tuesday, then Eastatoe on Wednesday, Dunn's Rock on Thursday, and the like, Mr.

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top 40 best-selling records via his popular national program called American Top 40.

WPNF will broadcast this program exclusively in its service area of Western North Carolina.

American Top 40 will be heard each Saturday afternoon, 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with Casey Kasem, starting February 1st.

Water Board Discusses French Broad Cleanup

ping each year in the mountains; that small streams are drying up, and even the French Broad River "is not as bold as it once was."

Mr. Cantrell said that records kept by Olin Corp. could be helpful in a discussion of ground and stream water.

Member John Goldberger laid part of the responsibility to the reforesting with pines, which require the greater amount of water.

The board is hoping to find a

Epley said. The buses would return their passengers to their communities on the same day, of course.

Dr. Frank J. Groschelle III, regional director of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, paid tribute to the idea of regional thinking.

The multi-purpose, areawide agency is the keystone to modern development, Dr. Groschelle said, "pulling together communities facing many common problems, and giving them the opportunity of developing solutions."

The regional approach, he said, "in uniting neighboring towns and counties in a common cause, provides each local unit with more 'bang for the buck.'"

"By coordinating the comprehensive planning efforts in such fields as health, education, transportation, and human resources, it can effectively achieve a total that is greater than the sum of the parts."

Dr. Groschelle said that when times are good, "we do not plan; we spend. When times get bad and we have to tighten our belts and quit spending—then we plan."

Most communities, he said, "are broke. They have been broke for sometime, and will most likely will be broke for the foreseeable future."

The speaker saw regional organization as the only feasible means for the "broke" communities to solve their problems.

"About 10 years ago, folks

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Weather

By Fred Reiter

The week's highest temperature recorded at Brevard this past week was 61 degrees last Saturday, while the low reading was 17 on Friday morning. Averages for the period were 52 and 27, slightly above normal for a week during January.

Extended outlook for North Carolina for Friday through Sunday: — Fair with a warming trend. Lows in the 30s, except the 40s in the southeast. Highs Friday around 40 in the mountains, warming to the mid-40s in the mountains and the 50s elsewhere by Sunday.

Brevard weather data for the period was as follows:

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Jan. 16	55	24	0.00
Jan. 17	47	17	0.00
Jan. 18	61	32	0.00
Jan. 19	57	33	0.00
Jan. 20	43	34	0.34
Jan. 21	46	22	0.00
Jan. 22	54	29	0.00