



**THE SNOWS CAME** — Transylvania residents, and those in other areas of Western North Carolina awakened Monday morning to find the ground covered with snow, quite a

surprise since rain had been predicted. The slick roads caused a flurry of minor auto accidents, but at midday no personal injuries had been reported. School was called off for the day, and

was not expected to reopen until Wednesday, but the school administration was playing that by ear. It depends on what happens for the rest of Monday and Monday night. One thing everyone

agreed on: The snow was beautiful, even if messy. At right, happy children at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church Day Care Center frolic in world of white.

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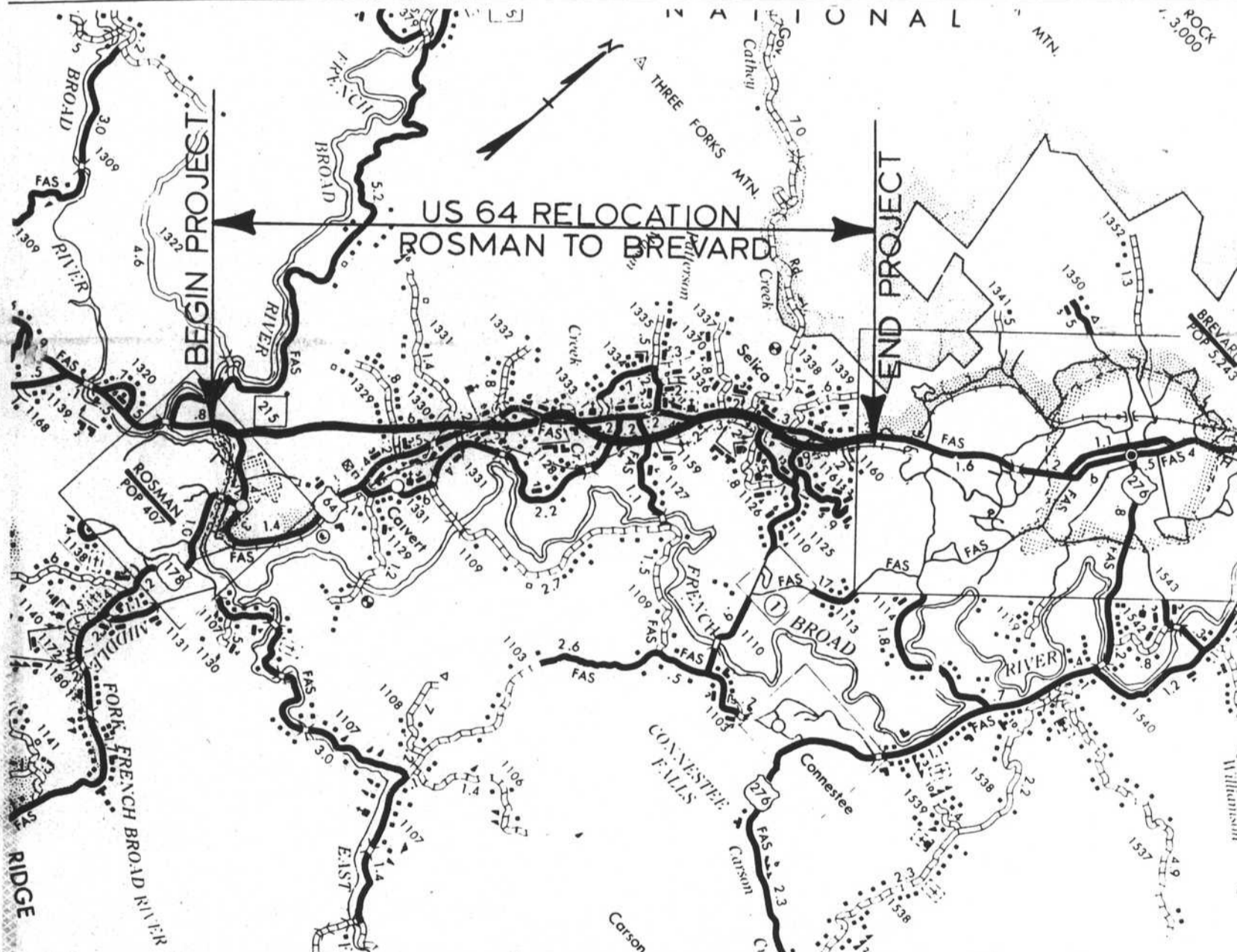
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## County Buys School Land From Board

The Transylvania County Board of Commissioners Thursday night agreed to buy the two old elementary school buildings and nearby property from the Board of Education for the sum of \$50,000 "payable on demand in the future," it has been announced.

would be suitable for the use of those handicapped persons," he said.

"If she can use this and it can be made useable for her at a small cost — if it only needs ramps built, for instance — then we'll turn it over for the Sheltered Workshop."

The purchase of property covers all land from Morgan Street between Broad and Gaston to the wall adjacent to the old football field, approximately one and one half acres of the eight acres recently abandoned by the elementary and middle schools.

He's going to inform Blue Ridge Tech of the availability of the older building (nearest Gaston St.) for use as classrooms for adult courses, the commission chairman said.

The entire property was recently appraised at around \$225,000, less \$40,000 for demolition of existing buildings, or around \$185,000, according to Commission Chairman Bill Ives.

Commissioner Dr. John Folger said he'd like for the oldest of the two buildings to be torn down, and the other one made into a museum, according to Mr. Ives.

No definite plans for use of the buildings or property have been made as yet, according to Mr. Ives.

The school board has no immediate plans for disposing of the remainder of the property, Board Chairman Gene Morris said. The Board plans to continue allowing the use of the ballfields for various little league groups and the like, and the gymnasium for the groups which have been using it, and the Employment Security Commission can remain in the old cafeteria for the time

being. The School Board last October asked the commissioners to buy the entire eight acres and buildings for \$300,000. At one time earlier the school board planned a public auction of the property, but forgot about this when a public outcry arose over letting valuable public property in the middle of town get into the hands of commercial interests.

The county commissioners held a public hearing in November asking public sentiment about what should be done with the property after the schools had abandoned it.

Miss Shriner at that hearing said she thought the building which Mr. Ives plans to let her look at would be excellent for the Sheltered Workshop.

President William Killian of Blue Ridge Tech also put in a bid for the use of that building. Ideas flowing from the meeting called for community buildings, parks, and youth centers among other suggestions given.

## Hearing March 26 On U. S. 64 Project

The Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, will hold a public hearing on the design for US 64 from Rosman to the multilane section west of Brevard on March 26.

The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the County Court House, Brevard.

A set of prints of the proposed design and a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available for public review and copying at the District Office of

the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways on N. C. 191 near Mills River.

Copies of the statement may be requested from the Planning and Research Branch of the North Carolina

Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

The hearing will be open to those present for any statements, comments, questions, and submittal of material pertaining to

the proposed design.

Additional materials may be submitted for a period of ten days to George E. Wells, P. E., Manager of Highway Design, North Carolina Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

### Rosman Man Is Robbed In Asheville

A Rosman man reported to police that he was beaten and robbed of \$500 in an Asheville motel Friday.

Asheville police have arrested a man and a woman and charged them with robbery with a dangerous weapon. Tommy Gene Clayton of Rosman told police he was beaten with a lamp and a bottle and then robbed.

Charged were Woodrow Collins, 20, and Roxann Logan, 19, both of Asheville.

## Olin Layoff Estimate Revised Downward: 100

On March 3, officials of the Fine Paper and Film Group of Olin Corporation announced a layoff of hourly employees due to a curtailment of production in Pisgah Forest operations.

The layoff would have affected about 170 of its 2,700 employees by March 9 in the Ecusta Paper and Film Divisions.

However, since that announcement, many members of United Paperworkers In-

ternational Union - Local 1971 in both divisions have requested through their Union that they be permitted to work reduced work schedules in some department.

The company agreed to most of the requests; and, as a result the layoff will not involve as many employees as originally deemed necessary.

At the close of the day shift last Friday, it was estimated by Company and Union of-

officials that the layoff would affect 70 to 75 less employees, making a total of some 100 or less persons that would be in the layoff for an indefinite period.

**NADER TO SPEAK**  
CHAPEL HILL — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader will deliver the keynote address in a symposium on human survival at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will speak Monday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

### Fisher Road Rights Of Way Obtained

Rights of way for the paving of Fisher Road from the Middle School to McLean Road have been obtained, according to Secondary Roads Councilman Charles Taylor.

This clears the way for the paving of this road as soon as funds are available, he said.

The paving of the Fisher Road Circle in its entirety is expected to further relieve the traffic situation at the new schools.

## Morehead Scholarship Goes To James Ladd

CHAPEL HILL — James Duncan Ladd, son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Ladd Sr. of 32 Franklin Street, Brevard has received a Morehead Award to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

potential. Academic standing, character, leadership, physical vigor and ambition are the qualities looked for in

a Morehead Scholar.

The scholarships currently are worth \$10,000 for North Carolina students for four years of study at UNC.

Ladd's selection followed a year-long screening process which culminated in final interviews in Chapel Hill Feb. 28-March 3. All finalists who did not receive Morehead Awards were tendered North Carolina Merit Tuition Scholarships funded by the Morehead Foundation.

The program is designed to attract to the University students who have shown the most promise of becoming superior citizens on campus and after graduation. The award is based totally on merit and financial need is not



JAMES LADD

The announcement was made Friday by Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Ladd, a senior at Brevard High School, is president of the National Honor Society, president of the Key Club and managing editor of the school newspaper.

He is one of 62 high school seniors who have received 1975 Morehead Awards presented to students of superior achievement and

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