

## Morris Opposes 4-Year Bill

School Board Chairman Eugen Morris on Wednesday came out strongly in favor of maintaining the six-year term for members of the Transylvania Board of Education.

Rep. Claude DeBruhl and Rep. Mary Nesbitt have introduced legislation in the General Assembly which would change the present six-year term to a four-year term.

The county's Democratic executive committee requested the change "to make the school board more responsible to the people."

In a letter to The Times, Mr. Morris expressed the fear that pressure groups, politically oriented or otherwise, would operate rampantly, insisting that the school board act hastily.

"I believe in long range planning and a sound educational system," Mr. Morris said.

The full text of Mr. Morris' letter follows:

Dear Mr. Osborne, In the past few months there has been considerable discussion and letters to the editor concerning a proposal to reduce the term of office for future School Board members from a six year term to four years.

At the request of the Democratic executive committee of Transylvania County, Mr. Claude De Bruhl and Mrs. Mary Nesbitt of Buncombe County, two representatives in N.C. House, recently introduced such a bill which would effect this change and also provide that any vacancy on this board would be filled by appointment of the County executive committee of the political party to which the vacating member belonged. At present such a vacancy would be filled by a vote of the 4 remaining School Board Members. This bill should encounter no opposition in the house; however, Mr. Herbert Hyde has said he would request a public hearing at the request of the Transylvania County Board of Education.

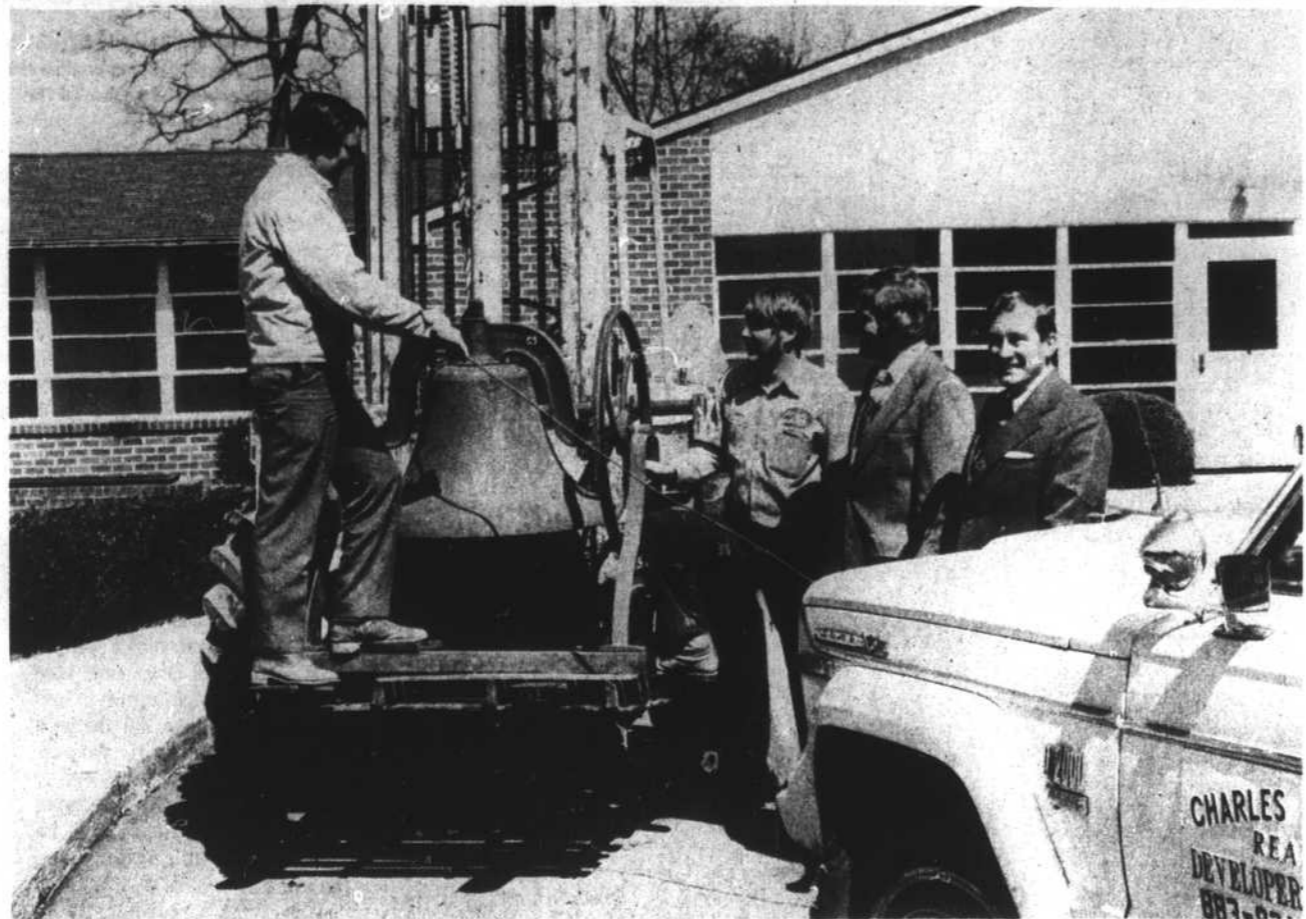
Mr. Cecil Hill, Transylvania County's Senator has announced that he will ask public hearings in the Senate on the bill introduced in the house of Representatives DeBruhl and Nesbitt.

At present the members of the board of education of Transylvania County are elected on a staggered basis to serve 6 year terms. Let me explain this: In the general election two years ago, Nov. 1972, voters elected Mrs. Peggy Hina, a Republican Candidate and Dr. Carol Grahl, a Democratic Candidate to a 6-year term.

In the past election, Nov. 1974, Dr. Jerry Cabe and Eugene Morris, both Democratic candidates were elected to 6 year terms. In 1976, Mr. Robert Merrill will —See Chairman, Page 3A



EUGENE MORRIS



**READY FOR INSTALLATION** — Davidson River Presbyterian Church this week. Developer Charles Morgan, left, and his equipment moved the old Davidson River Presbyterian Church bell into the Brevard-Henderson County Jail.

## Elzie McCall Is Wounded From Ambush

Elzie McCall, free on bond while awaiting trial in the murder of Brentt McCall in February in the Frozen Creek section of Transylvania, was wounded when shot from ambush on Monday night, according to Sheriff's Investigator Hubert Brown.

Mr. McCall, 54, a resident of Lake Toxaway was wounded in the shoulder, and is recovering at Memorial Hospital in Asheville, the officer said.

The shooting occurred on U. S. 64 some two miles west of Rosman, near Frozen Creek Rd. Mr. Brown said Mr. McCall was standing in the woods off the side of the road when the shooting occurred.

The investigator said he has found no witnesses and that he hasn't found the bullet, and has no idea whether only one person was involved in the shooting or more.

Mr. McCall, 25, of Rt. 2, Brevard, was slain during a fracas at a trailer in the Frozen Creek section of the county.

The sheriff's investigation showed that Elzie McCall had been dating Brentt's mother for some time.

Elzie McCall was to have been tried in the term of Superior Court beginning March 31.

## Pupils Get Holidays Next Week

With Spring arriving Friday, Transylvania school children are looking forward to a spring break in classes.

All Transylvania County schools will close Friday, March 28 and Monday, March 31, for Easter holidays, according to Harry C. Corbin, superintendent of schools.

In addition, students at Brevard High, Brevard Middle, Brevard Elementary, Straus, Pisgah Forest and Penrose will have holidays on Wednesday and Thursday, March 26 and 27. These two days will be work days for their teachers.

Students at Rosman High, Rosman Elementary, and T.C. Henderson schools will have a holiday on Thursday, March 27, while their teachers have a work day.

## Old Church Bell Will Toll Again

History continues itself from the Davidson River Presbyterian Church formerly located at Pisgah Forest.

The church bell recently was removed from the old building and placed in the tower of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church.

In 1931, the Brevard Presbyterian Church and the Davidson River Presbyterian Church were merged and at a later date the Franklin Hotel was purchased and that site is the present site of the church on E. Main Street.

The Olin Corporation recently acquired the old Davidson River building, which has not been used by

## Protestant Hour Series On WPNF

One of WPNF's most-listened to Sunday programs is "The Protestant Hour", heard on the local station each Sunday evening at 6:30.

This long-running series presents outstanding speakers from four great Protestant denominations with musical accompaniment by instrumentalists and youth choirs as well as college choirs.

It is heard weekly across the country presented on more than 500 radio stations as a

## Program Of Chaplaincy At Hospital Announced

At its regular monthly meeting, held at Davidson River Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, the Transylvania County Ministerial Association had as its guest speaker Jimmie Hocker, administrator of the Transylvania Community Hospital.

His presentation dealt with improved chaplaincy service at the local hospital, and the special input of the clergy of the county, who minister to some 85 separate churches and congregations.

The following points are taken from the minutes of the meeting, according to the Rev. J. Paul Byron, secretary:

1. The Transylvania Ministerial Association is asked to act as a consultant

body to the hospital administration and the physicians;

2. Four ministers of the county will act for the Ministerial Association as a consultation committee (for this purpose Rev. Marlin Mull, acting chairman, and Revs. Jesse Bailey, Harry Philips, Paul Byron);

3. Ministers of the county may apply at the administration office for visitation privileges — upon certification that they minister to bona fide congregations, visitation cards will be issued, granting the privilege of visiting patients at any time.

Mr. Hocker pointed out that these are initial steps to enable ministers of the area to

## Weather

Temperatures averaged considerably higher during the past week than the week before, with average readings of 54 and 41 at Brevard this last week. Rainfall was far above normal also, with more than 6 inches falling.

Highest temperature reported was 64 degrees on Monday and the low for the period was 28 degrees on Saturday morning. Saturday and Monday were the only days without rain being recorded.

Extended outlook for Friday through Sunday: Fair Friday and Saturday. Chance of showers in the mountains Saturday night, spreading into the west portion Sunday. Highs in the 60s Friday and Saturday, warming to the 70s Sunday, except the upper 60s in the mountains. Lows in the 30s and 40s.

Brevard weather data for the week was as follows:

Date	High	Low	Prec.
March 13	56	50	2.32
March 14	58	49	2.68
March 15	62	28	0.00
March 16	45	40	0.24
March 17	64	38	0.00
March 18	41	39	0.37
March 19	54	40	0.95

## Spring

Friday, folks, is the first day of spring.

The weatherman has promised it's going to be a springlike day, like Thursday was.

## Sheriff Wants Some Renovation And Jail Study

Sheriff Milford Hubbard in a letter to The Times is recommending that the jail be renovated to a 72-hour-holding facility to serve temporarily while Transylvania citizens decide on what to do about permanent facilities.

He also asked that the County Board of Commissioners appoint a 10-member non-partisan committee to study various proposals being considered, investigate other alternatives, and make recommendations about what should be done.

The sheriff, facing the possible task of transporting prisoners to Henderson or Buncombe Counties, should the present jail be padlocked by the State, says the cost of this operation: feeding them, transporting them, and paying rent for them, would be expensive for the taxpayers of the county.

"But more important, the man hours involved in shutting the prisoners back and forth would seriously impair the efficiency of my department in its primary duty, that of protecting the lives and property of our Transylvania County residents."

Sheriff Hubbard said the proposed 72-hour holding facility "would effectively eliminate the necessity for transporting the vast majority of our prisoners outside of Transylvania County."

Most persons arrested either are tried or make bond

within that period of time.

The sheriff's complete letter follows:

March 17, 1975

Mr. Clyde K. Osborne, Editor Transylvania Times Brevard, North Carolina 28712

Dear Mr. Osborne:

The recent statement of Mr. Williams head of the Jail and Detention Branch of the North Carolina Department of Social Services makes it apparent that some action must be taken by the citizens of Transylvania County to solve the problem that we have with our present jail facilities.

If we are forced to close our present jail as implied by Mr. Williams, the Sheriff's Department will become a "taxi service", chauffeuring persons confined to jail back and forth from this county to a facility in either Henderson or Buncombe County.

The cost of transporting prisoners, housing and feeding them in another county would be a considerable one to the taxpayers of this county, but more important than that the man hours involved in shuttling the prisoners back and forth would seriously impair the efficiency of my department in its primary duty, that of protecting the lives and property of our Transylvania County residents.

When I was re-elected as Sheriff last November, I



SHERIFF HUBBARD

pledged to provide good law enforcement and to enforce the laws fairly and impartially. It will be difficult, if not impossible, for my department to do this effectively if we are forced to accept the additional responsibility of transporting prisoners.

No one is more aware than I of the poor condition of our present jail since my deputies and I have attempted to work with these facilities during the past four years. Even though I was aware of the shortcomings of our current jail, I also realized the tremendous costs of replacing it and knew that we did not have funds on hand to pay this cost.

I also knew that the cost of a new jail would result in additional taxes to our citizens and that the general feeling —See Sheriff, Page 3A

## Pilot Social Service Contract In County

The N. C. Department of Human Resources has contracted with Transylvania County for three years at approximately \$150,000 a year to administer a pilot project on coordination of human services of 10 agencies for maximum benefit to those served.

Transylvania was chosen among the 100 counties of North Carolina for this pilot project, with future plans calling for possible expansion to other counties, according to Secretary David Flaherty, of the N. C. Human Resources Dept.

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Most of the social services agencies involved will be housed in the county's Human Resources Bldg., the old primary school on Gaston Street, within a few months. Renovation of the structure is

currently going forward.

Among other advantages of the proposed program, integrated, central records will prevent overlapping of services, and meet the needs of social services clients which are most critical, at a lower cost to taxpayers.

Frequent communication of council members, thorough planning among the agencies and speedier service could also be results of the plan.

The agencies involved in the Transylvania Human Resources Council are the Department of Social Services Dept. of Mental Health, Health Department, Transylvania County Workshop, Coordinated Child Care Program, Agricultural Extension Service, Veterans Service Officer, Employment Security Commission, Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Board —See Pilot, Page 3A

## \$44,045 Grant Will Hasten Park Work

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced Monday that the City of Brevard will receive a matching grant of \$44,045 from the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for projects in Franklin Park within the city limits of Brevard.

The funds will be used to enlarge the swimming pool, build a new bathhouse, and improve the grounds in the park, the congressman said.

These funds will benefit all of the people of Transylvania County as well as the people of Brevard, Rep. Taylor said.

The new addition to the pool would be a diving well to be located on the south side of the structure.

Franklin Park has been leased from Transylvania County for a period of 50 years for the sum of \$1 a year.



FRANKLIN PARK — Awaiting many improvements.