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Mrs. Downum Observes 91st Birthday

By NANCY ALEXANDER in Lenoir News-Topic

Tomorrow Mrs. J. M. Downum will quietly celebrate her 91st birthday at her home on West Avenue with her family and friends calling on her.

Joining in the quiet celebration will be her granddaughter, Mrs. James Cornette, Mr. Cornette and their three daughters, Frances, Carolyn, and Sally of Sherman, Texas. Mr. Cornette has been in Germany on a Fulbright Foundation Award, which makes it possible for professors of German to visit and study in Germany. Mr. Cornette returned on Friday from his summer abroad, having spent the first four weeks in a small German town and the last half of the period studying at the Goethe Institute in Munich. His arrival in time for the birthday celebration makes everything complete. The Cornettes will return the first of the week to Sherman, where Mr. Cornette is an instructor at Austin College.

Also sharing the day with Mrs. Downum will be her grandson, A. J. Foard, and Mrs. Foard, who live next door.

On Monday her nephew, Charles Postelle, who teaches in Morganton and has made his home with her for the past five years, will return from his studio home near Edgemont to spend the winter with her.

Mrs. Downum, who has made her home in Lenoir for the past fifty years, was born in Davie county near Mocksville at the home of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kimbrough. She was one of two children. Her sister, Mrs. C. F. Maroney, lived in Mocksville and died three years ago, to be followed in death two days later by her husband.

Mrs. Downum is the wife of a deceased Methodist minister, who served the North Carolina Confer-

ence from the early days when the entire state was comprised of one conference. The Rev. and Mrs. Downum have lived in a number of places in the state during his ministry. His charges included the following counties: Hyde, Columbus, Cleveland, Catawba, Iredell, Davie, Gaston and Caldwell. In Lenoir, the Rev. Mr. Downum was pastor of the South Lenoir Methodist Church. He was also a professor at Appalachian State College at Boone and was a writer of poetry.

The Downums moved to Lenoir in 1908 and lived first in a house owned by M. M. Courtney. It was located on the corner across from the postoffice. Their next home was one owned by Miss Ella Tuttle and was across from the old J. L. Nelson home. Later they moved in the Ballew house on the corner opposite the present City Market.

In 1909 they purchased the home where Mrs. Downum lives today. At that time the streets were unpaved and across from their home was the J. A. Allen home which is still standing, and nearby was the blacksmith shop run by Mr. Allen.

The Rev. and Mrs. Downum had two daughters, Minnie, who became Mrs. Arthur Foard, and Sadie, who married C. P. Postell and made her home in Birmingham, Ala. Both were exceptionally talented. Mrs. Foard in music and Mrs. Postelle in art. Both are now deceased.

Active and interested in her family home, and neighbors, Mrs. Downum radiates a youthful inward spark. Last week she entertained at a small informal tea honoring her granddaughter, Mrs. Cornette. For a number of years she has kept roomers, whom she frequently treats to some of her delicious cooking. African violets are her hobby and her garden reflects her interest in flowers from early spring until late fall.

She has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Greenleaves Scene Of Tea

Greenleaves, the Blowing Rock home of Mr. and Mrs. Council Cook, was the setting for a lovely summer tea on Friday, August 30, when Mrs. Joe Cooke and Mrs. Council Cooke were hostesses to members of the Friday Afternoon Club and others.

Guests were greeted in the foyer and ushered into the living room. The newly decorated rooms of the house, with appropriate and artistic floral arrangements, were open to the guests who spent much time examining and admiring the lovely color schemes and elegant appointments.

In the dining room where a beautiful gold and white motif predominated Mrs. Richard Kelley received guests. Dainty sandwiches, sweets and nuts were served from a beautifully appointed tea table presided over by the club president, Mrs. Hooper Hendrix.

Guests mingled in the den, the living room, on the porch, and in the garden. Everywhere "over-the-tea-cup" visiting was the pattern of entertainment.

Besides nineteen members, the following guests were present: Miss Katze Harris, Mrs. Richard Kelley, Mrs. Carlos DeLima, and Miss Bunny Isaacs of Boone, and Mrs. Grady Pritchard of Chapel Hill.

Attend Fete At Glade Valley

Mrs. Melissa Richardson, of Boone, was elected secretary of the alumni at the annual homecoming of the Glade Valley School, which was held in the dining room of the Reynolds building Saturday night, August 24, at eight o'clock. Lawren Bowden of the class of 1932 presided.

The meeting, usually held on the second Saturday in August, was postponed this year due to a conflict. It was decided to resume meeting on the second Saturday in August in the future.

There were 110 places set for guests. An added attraction this year was the presence of former and current teachers of the school. They included Miss Cornelia McLaurin, Mrs. Ellen A. Guerrant, Dr. J. Harold Ostwalt, the Reverend C. W. Ervin, Mrs. Frances Mashburn Johnson, Edward C. Johnson, Miss Ann Corry, and Mrs. Emogene Choate Porter.

The program included two violin numbers played by Mr. Johnson and accompanied by Mrs. Ted Porter. Dr. Ostwalt spoke on Glade Valley as a school of commendation and of challenge.

The dining room was beautifully decorated using the color scheme, yellow and white, in order to carry out the school colors. Miss Clarice Thompson and Miss Ethel Moxley were responsible for the artistic arrangement.

The following officers were elected: Howard Lyon, High Point, president; Dean Edwards, Sparta, vice-president; Mrs. Melissa Crouse Richardson, Boone, secretary-treasurer.

The women of the Cox's Chapel community served the meal.

An agreement was recently signed in Malaya ending British rule in the Federal States and admitting them to the Commonwealth as an independent nation.

4-H Club Members Meet At Camp

Four Watauga County 4-H Club members attended the annual 4-H Leadership Conference held at Camp Swannanoa August 19-24.

Those attending the conference were Gail Triplett, Boone Junior Club; Nancy Williams, Green Valley Junior Club; Ronald Swift and Lee Warren, Bethel Senior Club.

This conference was especially planned to help develop leadership in 4-H club members. A few of the activities during the week which they participated in were: crafts, cook-outs, song leadership, recreation leadership, group discussions on choosing a career, developing a better personality, and good grooming. The club members attending hope to teach some of the things they learned to their local clubs.

Many of the club members commented that they didn't know there were so many opportunities in 4-H until they attended Leadership Conference.

Communist China said it has wiped out a large-scale anti-revolutionary organization that was plotting to overthrow the Red Government.

Postal-rate increases will probably be deferred until next year.

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- COVE CREEK**—Located near schools and Church on Highway 421. A good five-room house, bath, full basement and 1/2 acre of land. Priced for quick sale.
- GOOD FARM** located 12 miles north of Elizabethton, Tenn. 128 acres, 6 room house, 5 room apartment. (58 acres woodland.) 1 acre strawberries, 8-10 tobacco base, 50 x 60 barn. Orchard. 30% down.
- BEST RENTAL BUY IN TOWN**. New three apartment brick house, private baths and entrances. Located near college on Oak street. 15% investment. Owner leaving town.
- GOOD 3-BEDROOM BRICK HOUSE**, full basement, 1/2 acre lot located 3 miles west of Boone on Highway No. 421. The property has been reduced \$2,000 for quick sale.
- ONE OF THE BEST FARMS** in Watauga County. 177 acres with rich bottom land, tobacco base, large brick home, tenant house, good feeding barn and silo. Good terms to the right person. Also: 122 ACRE FARM ADJOINING with good house and dairy barn located at Laxon, N. C., just off Blue Ridge Parkway on old Highway No. 60. These farms can be bought together or separately. Ideal for large boys or girls camp.
- GOOD 2-BEDROOM HOUSE**, bath, furnace, full basement, automatic washer, deep freeze, 28 acres land, including 6 acres of the best bottom land and 4-10 tobacco base. Located at Sherwood on hard surface road.
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- 300 ACRES BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN LAND** on good State gravel road. 100 acres cleared land. Make me an offer. Terms. One-fourth down.
- LARGE BRICK HOME** at enormous discount. The location is good (335 Grand Blvd.) and it is surrounded by fine homes. The house is really big (four bedrooms, ceramic tile bath). Also bath in basement. Spacious lot. G. I. loan can be assumed. Prompt action and inspection invited.
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- OUT WHERE IT IS COOL**—Stone 3-bedroom house, bath, basement, one acre beautifully landscaped. Priced to sell.
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- GOOD GOING BUSINESS** for sale.
- 60 ACRES FARM LAND**—6-10 tobacco base, 8-room brick house, very modern, barn. Located on good road.
- GOOD 8-ROOM HOUSE**, bath, barn, 7 acres land located 1 mile east of Boone, just off highway 421. Very desirable property.
- TWO ROOM SUMMER COTTAGE**—2 acres land. Located on Winkler's Creek. Priced for quick sale!
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