

Dear Marge

Black Mountain, N. C  
November 1, 1945

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frady and son and Mr. and Mrs. James Hyatt and son drove to Greenville, S. C. Sunday.

Pfc. Marion Holden is home on a leave for a few days, he has been in the service for 2 1/2 years and is expecting to be discharged shortly.

Mrs. Hadley Watson and baby daughter, Landy, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stafford and family for the past two weeks. Lt. Hardley Watson is on a business trip. Mrs. Watson is a native of Lingig Island off Mindonao in the Philippines. She was a Lt. Nurse in MacArthur's United States Forces in the Far East. Mrs. Watson is planning on going back to her home in the Islands and take up nursing again.

You remember Clarence Cook? Well he is home now, he was discharged the 20th of October. His father is J. I. Cook who works at the Black Mountain Lumber Co.

I called the Tysons and they gave me the names of a few visitors here. Mr. and Mrs. Weller, Capt. and Mrs. Clark, Sgt. and Mrs. Ingram and Sgt. and Mrs. Gerard, even if they won't be here but for a short time we the people of Black Mountain are glad that you are here.

You remember reading that article on the Gragg Brothers in the News? Well Bill Gragg is home now for a furlough but will go back to Ft. Bragg after it is up, since he has rejoined the Army. He is the one that was in Tokyo and his division was MacArthur's honor guard. The other brother, Jim, is still in Korea.

Joseph P. Quinn is home now he was discharged last month. His brother, Bill, was home on a

furlough, but has gone back to camp.

Leonard Harris (Bill), was home on a 30-day furlough but has gone back to Ft. Bragg where he expects to be discharged. Bill had just returned from Italy where he had been with the 5th Army.

Oh yes, Marge, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cunningham of LaGrange, Kentucky, have moved to Black Mountain, to make their home. Mr. Cunningham has been in the newspaper work for many years and is employed by The Black Mountain News.

What do you think of the Old Fort Section of the News this week?

Mrs. Margaret Stone is steadily regaining her strength since coming home from the hospital.

Hurry up Margaret and kick out of it, we miss you.

As you know Halloween has already passed but I will still tell you of a few things I saw and heard around Black Mountain. There was no serious damage done that I know of. On Halloween night I was in town and saw all kind of costumes, there were several dressed as skeletons, witches one I saw was dressed as a ghost. One little girl was dressed as a witch and when people came down the street passed where she was standing she would say "Boo" and of course they would be scared. The next morning after Halloween the windows were marked with soap. I overheard a man say that his wicker settee was carried off his porch, and as I came by the Black Mountain High School I saw a wicker settee on the front steps of course I can't say there was any connection in the two settees.

Mrs. J. P. Matthews of Black Mountain was taken to the St. Josephs Hospital Saturday afternoon. She is critically ill with a very bad heart and high blood pressure.

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WRENCH IS FOUND FAR UNDER GROUND

FRANKLIN—J. Tom Franks and John McCloud, local well diggers, have related a story of an unusual find while performing their work.

Mr. Franks stated that they were digging a well for Graham Grindstaff on the Palmer property in the Bethel community on Franklin-Highlands highway, and had gone down to a depth of about 31 feet through solid rock when they found a Z wrench. The wrench, he said, was badly damaged by the water but otherwise was in good condition. He said there appears to have been no possible way for the wrench to have gotten there from the surface.

TWO ARE HELD SLAYING CASE

MURPHY—Following a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace F. O. Bates here into the death of Scott Lany, whose body was found in the woods about three miles south of Murphy on highway No. 19 Monday, Will Garrett and his wife, Bessie Garrett of Cherokee county, were ordered held for the November term of Cherokee county superior court on a charge of murder.

John Rider, who makes his home with the Garretts, is being held as an accessory in this case. Garrett testified that he struck Lany on the head with a piece of iron which later was found in his car.

The Garretts are being held in Cherokee county jail without bond pending trial of their case. The November term of court convenes next week.

Funeral services for Lany were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Little Brasstown Baptist church, the Rev. A. B. Lovell of Hiwassee, Ga., and the Rev. W. P. Elliott of Murphy officiating.

OLD ORCHARDS

By Harley Leslie Barrett

The old trees bent and twisted by winter winds and summer storms stand like guarded sentinels, flinging their dying limbs in despair. Neglected by man they serve as homes for the smaller type of wild life. The rambo and greenings grow to prodigious heights. High in the dead limbs red-headed wood peckers deftly chisel their homes in the decaying wood. Blue birds flash a brilliant blue as they flit from tree to tree calling to each other in sweet lilting song. Usually deep within the trunk a family of wood mice live comfortably and secure storing quantities of apple seeds in the spacious hollow caverns for food throughout the winter. Flying squirrels and the smaller owls use the deserted flickers' nest to doze away the day light hours. The orchard grass affords good forage for cows who prefer its lush green flavor.

After an early snow can be seen the tell tale tracks of wild life that have visited the orchard. The cotten tail rabbit comes with the gathering shadows to nibble at the frozen fruit, leaving criss crossing trails across the unbroken snow. When food is scarce an occasional crow will drop down and inspect the fruit, taste it and complaining, fly away. The pheasant and quail pause and scratch away the snow looking for seeds trampled by the white tailed deer.

For generations the twisted old apple trees have borne fruit ripened by the summer's sun.

Time was when the owner walked proudly among his trees pointing with pride to the great masses of bursting blossoms sending out exquisite perfume scenting the summer's air. Filling the air with soothing drone myriads of honey bees sipped the fragrant nectar, and in unceasing flight made their way to distant hives. Orioles sang in the twisting blossoms from morning's sun to even tide.

But that was yesteryear! Today the deserted orchard stands in sad disrepair. The years have broken their limbs and gnawed at their very hearts, leaving them bare to rot and decay.

Slowly one by one in fitting gesture they crash to earth having fulfilled their place in nature's plan.

Somehow devices that have served their useful purposes find a final resting place in the old orchard. An old binder broken down on the north forty at harvest time, slowly rusts away. Two wagon wheels, a tongue, and buggy chassis stand as they were placed, disintegrating together, a fitting final resting place for things of a bygone era.

Surviving are the widow, nine children, Misses Bessie, Blanche, Josephine, Ralph, Junior, Pat and Virgil Laney, all of Murphy. Pfc. T. C. Laney, with the army in Hawaii, and Pvt. Buster Laney of Camp Crowder, Mo.; four brothers, Frank and W. T. Laney of Marble Floyd of Brasstown and Horace of Hazelwood; and two sisters, Mrs.



BLACK MTN. LIONS Honored By Dist. Gov.

Ed. H. McMahan, District governor of Lions International, spoke to our Lions of Black Mountain and Swannanoa Thursday night at a meeting of the club at the Monte Vista Hotel.

Mr. McMahan made a fine talk on Lionism and we are proud of such a man as our governor.

J. A. Dougherty, R. E. Finch, H. A. Kerlee, J. A. Marshburn, W. H. Curry, A. W. McDougle, A. P. Perley Jr., and J. L. Potter, were rewarded for 10 years of service in the Lions with chevrons.

These sixteen that have spent 10 years in Lionsism, upholding and doing the things for the community that Lionism, teaches, have certainly done a fine job.

We hope that the next ten years will bring about the same faithful enthusiasm in the Lions Club, that these men have shown in the past.

The following new members were taken in at this meeting: John W. Clark, the Rev. W. H. Styles, Mack Woodcock, George Stone and J. C. Cornelius.

SUFFERS FATAL BULLET WOUND

Edgar Lloyd Wilkie, Hendersonville, 36, died at his home in Fletcher Tuesday night from self-inflicted gunshot wounds, according to the report of Henderson County Coroner J. F. Brooks. Funeral arrangements in charge of the Shepherd funeral home had not been completed Wednesday afternoon.

According to Coroner Brooks, Mr. Wilkie had been despondent for sometime and had threatened to take his own life on several occasions. He shot himself on the left side over the heart with a rifle, the officer reported. No inquest will be held.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Edna Justice Wilkie, three brothers, W. G. Wilkie of Fletcher; E. B. and Cecil Wilkie of Portland, Ore.; and four sisters, Mrs. D. E. Ballew of Arden, Mrs. Helen Owens of West Asheville; Mrs. C. G. Baldwin of Hampton, Va., and Mrs. T. E. Singleton of Fletcher.

Miss Martel To Edit Paper At Waynesville

Dorothy Martel, Waynesville, junior at St. John's high school, has been named editor of the school paper. This is her third appointment as editor of the publication. Other members of the editorial staff are Tuck Ray, cartoonist; Grace Furtado, business manager; Barbara Boyd, advertising manager; Herman Sieber, Dolores Gass, Francis Frazier, Nancy Furtado and Ann Mormino, reporters.

Arrested On Liquor Count

Charlie Dougherty, negro of Black Mountain, who is said to have a suspended sentence of 18 months, was arrested on a charge of violating the liquor law and placed in Buncombe County jail in default of \$300 bond for his appearance in police court.

Leaving For Germany

Master Sgt. P. W. Shinton has been home on a 30-day furlough. He will plans to leave soon for Germany. He is a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. Has made 57 missions in a glider pilot. Sgt. Shinton soon will be eligible for retirement.

Welcome home Sergeant.

Dorcas Ann Hampton of Gastonia and Mrs. Mattie Smith of Brasstown.

Ivie funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

HUNTING for More BUSINESS Try Our Ads

Dishpan Coffee Aids Organ-Fund Supper

South Bend, Ind.—Members of the young people's forum of the Swedish Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church had their organ fund-raising supper recently with coffee made in dishpans and using borrowed spoons. Someone stole 150 engraved spoons and all the church's coffee pots just before mealtime.

Wooden Leg Found On Corner

Chicago.—Police of the Blue Island station have added a new oddity to their collection.

The latest puzzler is a man's wooden leg, complete with shoes and braces.

It was found on a street corner. How the owner managed to leave the scene is still a mystery to the cops.

Pay Bar Bill In Jap Currency

WORCESTER, Mass. — A man

entered a tavern here recently and had several drinks.

As he was leaving he slapped a bill on the bar and proprietor Frank Moriarty gave him change for a \$10 bill. Later Moriarty discovered the bill represented \$10 in Japanese invasion currency. He took the matter to police, who advised him to wear his glasses oftener.

NORMAN, Okla. —University of Oklahoma officials recently reported that more than 450 war veterans had enrolled at the school, an increase of 400 per cent over last year.

A total of 189 veterans seeking entrance have been processed recently.

Truman Televised In Park Address

NEW YORK, Oct. 27—President Truman made his first televised broadcast today as he delivered his address in Central Park. N. B. C. television crews relayed the picturesque scene to viewers in New York, Philadelphia and Schenectady.



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