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## Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

The cold weather didn't prevent the large crowd which was on hand for the Black Mountain-Swannanoa battle Friday night. As are all games between the two schools, both contests were hard fought, but as a whole the crowd observed the rules of good sportsmanship. Only on one occasion was the player attempting a free throw annoyed by yells and other noise. However, those who did the yelling were "looked" down by the rest of the crowd and didn't try it on a large scale again.

While on the subject of sportsmanship, the two officials, Woody Patton and Bill Rudisill, were on the spot. Neither wanted to officiate but agreed when it became apparent that the regulars would not be able to make it. That they did better than all right is shown by the fact that not once during the evening did the crowd or players question a decision. They called them as they saw them and they must have been seeing them right or they surely would have heard from someone.

Patton and Rudisill kept the game moving at a steady pace and left no chance for argument. Although both games were fought bitterly to the end, there were only eight fouls committed during the boys' game and 13 during the opening contest. The Swannanoa boys made five, the Darkhorses only three. For the girls, the locals committed four personals and the visiting girls nine. Which will probably lead some one to form the conclusion that since the girls made more fouls, they have replaced the boys as the stronger sex. Well, there might be something to that.

"A trophy for sportsmanship were to be awarded today, it would probably have to be divided between the Swannanoa and Black Mountain teams, both boys and girls. There is nothing either team would like so much as a victory over the other, but Friday night they played like the good sports that make the teams admired by fans and opponents alike.

"Our rivalry with Black Mountain is on a friendly basis," Coach J. J. Walden remarked before the game, "and we want to keep it that way. When we play the teams up here we play to win, but our games are on friendly terms."

Praise for the Swannanoans as good players and as good sports came from Coach Eugene Byrd of the Darkhorses. "Those boys are not only polished players who had too much experience for us, but they are good sports with it," Byrd reflected. "Sides and Strahle are among the best, and McMahan has improved wonderfully since last year. You know, I like those boys even though they did beat the socks off us. They're such good sports that I'm not sorry to see them win—but, of course, we hope to beat them next time and we'll do our best. Walden is a nice fellow, and I'm glad our relations are on such a pleasant basis."

While they lost, the Black Mountain boys still gave their  
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## 1948 Chevrolet is Massive



The over-all simplicity and massiveness of the new, 1948 Chevrolet is well shown in this three-quarter view of the Fleetmaster Sport Sedan. Fenders, hood, body and door panels all blend; and the crease moulding, below the windows, is wider than that used in previous models. Note the new T-shaped chrome center bar on the radiator grille.

## Montreat Board Plans Program Of Expansion

Plans were made for the increase of endowment, and approval given for the employment of a building architect and a landscape architect for planning the development of greater Montreat college and Montreat Schools for Girls, when the board of trustees of Montreat college met on Wednesday, January 21, at Montreat. On recommendation of Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, president of the college, the faculties of the Montreat college and Montreat School for Girls were reelected.

Reporting on the progress of the school, Dr. McGregor said splendid progress had been made toward full accreditation. Approval was given by the board of having the business department of the college arrange a two-year secretarial course for which a certificate in business science will be given. The board plans, too, to enlarge the Montreat Camp for Girls, which is a summer camp.

Announcement was made that Miss Margaret Spencer is no longer dean of the faculty and that Miss Elizabeth Hoyt, professor of history in the college, is serving as acting dean.

Dr. James Fowle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected chairman of the board. Dr. C. Grier Davis, of Asheville was elected to the board to represent the Synod of Appalachia. Dr. Tom Spence resigned his place on the board, and George H. Wright, Asheville attorney, was elected to succeed him.

Members present included: Dr. James Fowle, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dr. Tom Spence, Montreat; Mrs. I. Fred Johnson, Kingsport, Tenn.; Greer Johnson, Montreat; John Spicer, Asheville; Dr. Bernard Smith, Asheville; Dr. R. A. Lapsley, Roanoke, Va.; Henry Wilson, Morganton; and Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, president of the school.

### IN MIAMI

Mrs. Don Gosorn left on Thursday for Miami where she will spend two months with her son and daughter, Miss Norma Gosorn and Glenn Gosorn.

### NOTICE!! CHANGE OF DATE

The date of Dr. H. A. Miller's weekly interpretation of the news at the Monte Vista has been changed from Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock to Tuesday night.

## Red Cross Leaders Make Plans For 1948 Campaign

W. D. Dibrell of Black Mountain spoke on "Organization for the 1948 Drive," at the district meeting held January 22 at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville. Present were representatives from all chapters in the western district of which Mr. Dibrell is field director.

Robert Shea, deputy manager of the Southeast area, said that through the request of the medical association the Red Cross had undertaken the blood collection program. "This program is a major undertaking," the speaker declared, "and will take several years to reach its peak. As the Red Cross will finance the setting up of centers, furnishing the materials and equipment necessary for procuring blood and processing it, it is only natural that the national requirement for funds this year will be greater. It is estimated that the peak bed capacity of patients in VA hospitals will not be reached until 1970."

Other speakers who were heard included Francis Simerville, regional director of the Southeast area, Atlanta, who presided and told of the local and national quotas for the 1948 campaign. Larry Williams, assistant field director, who spoke on publicity, recognized  
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## R. W. Seawright's Father Dies

Floyd Seawright, father of R. W. Seawright and Mrs. D. O. McDougle of Black Mountain, died Monday at Due West, S. C. Mr. Seawright and Mrs. McDougle had been called earlier when the condition of the elder Mr. Seawright became serious.

Details of the services have not been learned.

## Howie Cove Missionary Baptist Church Founded With 23 Members

## Beacon Blankets Make Hot Friend Of Ambassador

In the following letter written to Donald Finch, president of the Black Mountain Lions club, Oscar Ivanissevich, Argentine Ambassador, expresses thanks for two Beacon blankets which were presented to the club by Jack Smith for the ambassador. Mr. Ivanissevich, his wife and son recently visited the local club and the ambassador was the principal speaker.

January 19, 1948  
Mr. Ronald E. Finch, President Lions Club, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Finch:  
I cannot express you what a pleasant surprise it was to read your most kind letter of January 16th announcing the mailing of the two Beacon blankets to me.

It is awfully nice of you and of all the friends in Black Mountain to send us such a wonderful present. My wife is so delighted with it and she asked me to convey to you her sincere gratefulness.

The slogan of the Beacon Manufacturing Company is very becoming. I am sure that the warm blankets will make warm friends. If they last as much as our friendship they will last forever.

We still remember our visit to North Carolina, my family and myself have enjoyed it so much and the people were so nice to us that we shall never forget it. After those trips around your wonderful and rich country I return to my work quite certain that our two nations are really close together and that we both give all our strength, all our energy for the unity of America. Then I know that my task is being fulfilled because true friendship is a rare gift and your hearts are full of it.

My wife joins me in sending you and the members of the Black Mountain Lions Club our highest esteem and deep gratefulness, and with warmest regards, I beg to remain,

Most sincerely yours,  
Oscar Ivanissevich  
Argentine Ambassador

## "Rats Will Die" Here Friday

The entire cost of the rat extermination campaign, which is set for January 30, will be borne by the city, officials pointed out today in calling for cooperation of all merchants and residents of the business district. There is absolutely no danger to anything except rats, the officials declared, and the poison will not affect other animals.

Composed of fish meal, meat meal, grain, and red squill, the mixture causes the rodent to crave water. The rat becomes paralyzed and dies. But if it should die under a building, the red squill acts as an embalming material and reduces odor.

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## Building Site Donated By Mr. And Mrs. Will Howie

God's bright light from the moon and stars shown down and blended with the bright light-beams from numerous church windows, as people worshiped God, with prayer and song, as church bells rang out the last count of the old year and ushered in the birth of the new. But in no church was the inner light of spiritual victory and achievement brighter than that of the Missionary Baptist Church in Howie Cove.

It was the first watch in the new church: The dedication service:

Surely this peaceful little cove gained closer contact with God. Many, many years ago when Lot Pitman, a great man with a kind generous heart decided to give a portion of the land granted to him for the eternal place of the earthly body of his fellowman. Others followed the first body. The vigilant mountains detoured the raging storms. Forest trees and bushes and mountain evergreens lent beauty and fragrance to give background to the flowers and the green grass carpet of the little graveyard. The birds sang a joyous melody, and forest animals scampered in and out, voicing their denial of the quiescence of death.

The time came when the body of the great benefactor was laid to rest in the little graveyard. It was filled and more room was needed, but the generous traits of the father were handed down to his son, John Pitman, for he gave more land to the graveyard and then was buried there. Then this son's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will Howie, gave more land. Lawrence Howie and a great-grandson of Lot Pitman, inherited a share of his property and now lives on the site of the old home place. Lawrence and his wife, Gertrude, have given a portion of their inheritance to enlarge the cemetery, now fenced, beautifully arranged, and well-kept.

The presence of God was ever near and did not let the faithful citizens of Howie Cove rest idle for the hunger for food for the soul. They believed what they read in the Bible. They knew if they gathered together to worship in His name that He would be with them.

The Howies Cove Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1923, with a total of 23 members. The members forming the nucleus of the faithful group of crusaders were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Morgan; and their three daughters, Virginia, Ada, and Helen (now married) Mr. and Mrs. Murray Howie, Miss Elva Howie, Murray and Elva, (the late Mrs. Guy Hensley) brother and sister of Lawrence Howie. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ledford, and daughters, Miss Lillie Keener, Mrs. Carrie Shope, and her son, Vance. The Rev. Abraham Lavender of Old Fort was pastor. Services were held every Sunday in the old Lot Pitman home.

The members were impressed with the need for a church. Mr. and Mrs. Will Howie gave land  
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