

## Tournament Time In Buncombe

This is the season when the interest of basketball fans in these parts rises to a heady climax—as once again the high school teams are this week vying for season's honors in the annual Buncombe County tournament.

This is always a high point in the year for the county schools, and tremendous enthusiasm is shared by students, faculties and parents, friends and other lovers of the sport.

Whatever the outcome—and never fear, our own Owen players will give opponents a good contest—we like to keep in mind that our boys and girls will always win out in the most important respect: The chance to participate in a good sport—AS good sports. The main purpose of high school sports is

not, necessarily, always the winning of the game—but rather the teaching of sportsmanship and the very real art of working and playing together. Neither is entertainment of the audience to be viewed as a major goal. The game does that, of course, but of greater import is teaching our young people the value of doing their best—playing and working hard—and doing so in a manner in which all of us can take pride.

Meanwhile, our very best wishes to Owen for a good showing—while we remember that they have already won high honors, and, along with them a great good measure of good fun, good health and good sportsmanship. Those things remain, whatever the outcome of tournament play-offs. We'd like to pay tribute here to those on our home-town teams.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: Feb. 16. In this community, which has more than its share of animals roaming at large, we believe it would be of interest for the following which recently appeared in the Asheville Citizen, to be presented to local readers.

Unwanted The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, D. C., says there is urgent need for the public to recognize two facts. One is that there are more than 40 million homeless and unwanted dogs and cats in this country. The other is that, while there are so many animals unwanted, it is cruel to breed puppies and kittens which the owners themselves will not keep.

"Finding homes" for surplus animals, the Society feels, does not

lessen the wrong; it merely insures that other animals, long homeless, will be condemned to death.

There is a serious shortage of humane society shelters. But building more shelters to rescue the homeless dogs and cats and the construction of more gas chambers to dispose of unwanted animals are not viewed as the only solutions.

The Society urges spaying of owned female dogs and cats to halt the cruel breeding of unwanted puppies and kittens.

Thus, the argument goes, the need for more euthanasia chambers, public pounds and humane shelters in an increasingly humane-minded age is an indication that something is wrong. And that is the breeding of animals for which there can be no homes. Black Mountain Humane Society.

times \$500,000,000—or two-billion-five-hundred-million dollars! And this would be the most expensive building on earth! All of which gives you some idea of the burden of putting up a building which cost \$531,674.46 in 1833-1840—and of how our state taxes have increased from \$100,000 a year to \$500,000,000 in six generations.

MINIMUM WAGE — Although you hear a great deal of talk about the certainty of this Legislature adopting a state minimum wage law, does it bet your last dollar on it. While everybody says the law is needed, strange winds blow. We hear that a lot of the members who came sailing into town plumping for it two weeks ago are slowing down a little. Those opposing North Carolina's telling employers that they must pay their help point out that no other state south of Delaware and east of the Mississippi has a state minimum wage law. Also, the talk of a bill calling for a dollar-an-hour minimum wage was slowing some of them down to a walk last week. But the governor is pushing... and so is Frank Crane.

We predict a long, hard battle before the adoption of any type of state minimum wage law. This type of legislation is not easy. NOTES — The average number of bills introduced at one of our North Carolina legislative sessions is about 2,000... but at the rate they are being dropped into the hopper this time, the number is expected to be close to 3,000... a large proportion of them affecting only one county... or only one community in the county.

House Bill No. 56, introduced by Veteran Raynor Woodard on Thursday, Feb. 12... was typical of a local bill... and they frequently raise more of a rucus than a state-wide measure. This is it: "Extending authority of Seaboard police three miles beyond town limits."

Carl Goerch, story-teller, publisher, aviator, and the man who has been reporting doings-of-the-legislature for more than a quarter of a century... has hit it lucky... with the National Executives club, which lists among its speakers the best in the land... and here's wishing them luck... and fun... when all this gets under way several months hence.

The N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, whose Easter Seal Drive begins on February 27, has extended direct aid to 50,000 disabled persons in this state since its establishment 23 years ago. Failure of the massive resistance movement in Virginia's effort to avoid integration is putting a quietus on some attempts to follow this approach in Tarheelia... and will no doubt slow down to a walk Dr. Beverly Lake's run for governor... More on this later as the picture develops... but legislative leaders we have talked with say N. C. will stick strictly to the Pearsall plan adopted in special session in the summer of 1955.

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Water is one of the farmer's most valuable resources.

## Mountain Musings

By Gene Byrd

The basketball season is rapidly drawing to a close. Our teams have been involved in many thrilling contests and there still remains the greatest challenge of all, the Buncombe County tournament which began this week. At the end of the season, I want to pay some of the teams who are representing Owen so well on the hardwood.

Just glancing through one recent issue of the Black Mountain News made me feel re-assured that the future of our county is bright. The Valley (16 eventful years ago this spring) was more than a wise one. Here is a former student of mine, Geneva Brown, who is newly embarked on the sea of matrimony. (Much happiness, Geneva... The P.T.A. is planning about the "condition" of the schools, is doing something under the inspired leadership of Harry Clarke. (I was so greatly impressed in a recent guided tour of Morgan Manufacturing company by the keen intellect and commanding facts by Harry Man! We're glad you are on the team... Then the Grey Eagles Archery club sounds intriguing. I wonder if those Robin Hoods and Maid Marian's got their name from the fact that until the supplying the Mountain View Baptist town was called Grey Eagle.

Incidentally, March 4 will mark Black Mountain's 66th year of incorporated existence. On March 4, 1893, the General Assembly of North Carolina granted the town's request for incorporation. How marvelous that we have a handicraft class in our Elementary school. I know Mrs. R. A. Kelley makes this "practical" education highly interesting. The great work done by her late husband while supplying the Mountain View Baptist church will live on for a long time. Nor could one forget the marvelous influence of the late Dr. Binford, Mrs. Kelley's father, that lingers in the hearts of so many in this Valley. I wonder if Binford still possesses that wonderful "preacher chair" that falls in 16 different directions, all of them restful, when a plump visiting Baptist minister ensconces himself thereon.

I was pleased to see that the Northwest chain of banks is doing so well. Bill Hickey, "refugee school teacher," cashier, civic leader, church worker and "Rembrandt," represents the Northwest-ern bank in a most pleasing way in our community. It is not common knowledge that the workers in the local branch hold a religious service just before they start their work week. I was privileged once last summer to speak to these employees, and I shall always remember the deeply spiritual fellowship which took place.

Congratulations, Dick Stone, we are proud of your recent recognition. You have made our big city brethren notice the "country cousins." You are nobly upholding the mayoral traditions established over the years by such men as our first mayor, Rev. E. K. Brown, Albert E. Robinson, C. P. Kerlee, James McCoy, L. W. Morgan, G. W. Stepp, W. E. McDougale, Guy Dobbins, W. C. Hall, J. D. Eckles, R. L. Woodard, Joseph Kinsey, R. E. Finch, Joseph Simpson, W. S. Greene, B. E. White, J. L. Potter, G. L. Kirkpatrick and Dempsey Whitaker.

If I have omitted any of our mayors, please advise me, gentle readers. I would like to know if my notes on this matter are complete.

Merely, I am not past the front page and in space of raising the "Welcome" back to the News, Dorothy Mattison. We shall expect to glean rich treasure from the "Waste Basket"... How nice to know that Mahomet (Herb Sanders) has left the mountain for the winter to a local "Moose" and his charming wife mean a great deal to me personally and to the community-at-large. Their daughter, Betsy Sanders Lindau, does the excellent book reviews in the "Waste Basket"... and her other daughter, Sally, was a favorite pupil of mine in those early years of my teaching career.

I am a faithful reader of Pansy Willett's North Fork news. I especially enjoyed her relation of her census taking. (Your Uncle Pansy) would have enjoyed it too, I think. Somehow, the mental image of Maude and Pansy sitting in the truck while Maude poked out a tender, juicy leg to test the appetite of any "biting dog" is an interesting one. During the early days of the church, Christians were thrown to the lions; look at you if they are pulling a switch on you, Blane. Comment in passing: somebody did a good job of developing Howard Willett; I'll never forget him doing something a few years back that took real manliness to do. I wish that Pansy would tell us sometime about her Uncle Grover Patton and his contribution to music at the "old" church; it was a great and memorable one.

I see where the Swiss (men) were going to vote on whether women in that little country may vote or not. As the last stronghold of only male suffrage, Switzerland is unique. I see that they voted "no" on this. When my American history classes study our Federal Constitution and the 19th amendment comes under consideration, I like to ask some young lady if she thinks women should be allowed to vote. Invariably, she will bridle and say, "Of course, women are just as good as men, aren't they?" This piece of feminine logic might bear some scrutiny, but as a cowardly and diplomatic male, I press on to the comparatively safer waters of the "lame duck" amendment.

The late Oden Walker contributed much to our lives by his humorous treatment of his speech impediment; so far, this hasn't been a problem, but I suspect everybody has some physical characteristic they would have otherwise. In my case, I think I shall come forth with a story, "Life Among The Highbrows," or perhaps some epic poetry beginning, "Come back, come back, O hair from thy flight. Create a hirsute growth and cover my plight." This monstrosity may descend upon you in any coming column, so, "Be ye ready."

Tea and Topic Hours of Cuban Mission Service

The monthly business and literary meeting of the Tea and Topic club was held at the home of Mrs. Don Wright, Monday, Feb. 9, with 10 members and one visitor present. Mrs. S. S. Cooley, presided. The club voted to support a project sponsored by the Junior Woman's club in making improvements at the clubhouse. Speaker was Miss Alice Arey, retired missionary to Cuba, who lived in Cuba for 32 years. She told of conditions under which the people of that country lived and the influence the government had on them under the different presidents up until the present time. Miss Arey is now making her home in Black Mountain. Mrs. Otty Leeman displayed several articles made in Liberia out of native materials which were collected there by Mrs. Esther Warner, author of the book, "7 Days to Lomaland."

Refreshments were served by the hostess to Mrs. B. G. Byron, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. J. L. Holman, Jr., Mrs. Leeman, Mrs. A. P. Perley, III, Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Max Woodcock and Miss Arey.

## Swannanoa News

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### Free Will Baptist

The Christian Witness circle met at the home of Mrs. Bobby Webb Tuesday night, Feb. 10, with Mrs. Tuesday Ogle, Jr., presiding. The lesson was based on the Christian training of children. Mrs. Fred Hall led opening prayer; Mrs. B. Register led devotions. Mrs. Leon Rice, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Ogle gave the program. Others attending: Miss Dorcas Bridges, Mrs. Betty Summey, Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. Jerry Bridges. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jerry Bridges in Groveport, Feb. 24.

G. T. A.'s met at Fellowship hall Tuesday night, Feb. 10 with Mrs. James Hall directing. After the program and Bible quiz, the girls made cookies. Attending: Elaine Robertson, Patty Hall, Linda Metcalf and Brenda Nichols. The Blue Ridge Youth fellowship will meet at the Marion church Saturday night, Feb. 14. All youth of the church are urged to attend. Anyone wishing to attend be at the Free Will Baptist church here at 6 o'clock for transportation.

First Baptist Activities A "Sunday School Enlargement Campaign" will be launched next week with meetings for teachers and executives each night at 7:30, Monday through Friday.

Deacons' meeting will be at the church Saturday night at 7 o'clock. All deacons are urged to attend. Presbyterians Activities The Women of the Church met at the home of Mrs. G. B. Talbot Monday afternoon, Mrs. A. B. Whitt presiding. Mrs. Eugene Lovett presented a program on world missions. Reports were given by circle chairmen and committees. Others attending: Mrs. Charles Porter, Mrs. Ben Patton, Mrs. John MacKenzie, Mrs. Ervin Davidson, Mrs. Jim Davidson, Mrs. George White, Mrs. Dickson Conolly and Mrs. H. L. Clapp.

The current revival will continue throughout this week due to the great interest shown. The evangelist is Rev. Fred Silvers.

Nazarene Activities Missionary service will be held at the church Thursday night. Special prayer meetings concerning the coming revival have been held at the church this week. The last meeting in this series will be Saturday night at the church. The revival will begin Feb. 24 with Rev. James H. Clapp.

With the Sick Johnny McCrean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady McCrean, has returned home from the hospital.

Jeffrey McCuen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCuen, has returned home from the hospital and is improving.

Mike Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Moody, Jr., is in the hospital.

Clara Jean Smith has been sick with the flu this week.

Whit Gibson has returned home from the hospital but continues to stay in bed for some time. Earl Waddell is home from the hospital and Mr. Waddell will go to the hospital Friday.

Mrs. Paul Patton severed a tendon in her third finger last week while helping in the dairy. She was admitted to the hospital but has now returned home where she is improving.

Dicky Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, has returned home from the hospital and is much better.

Mrs. Lillian Connor has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Joseph Redmon is in Memorial Mission hospital.

Jackie Burnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Burnette, is home now after undergoing an appendectomy. Will Duckett is sick at his home on Bee Tree road.

Mrs. Harry Blanford is very sick at her home on Bee Tree road. There are several cases of measles in Swannanoa.

Sawyer-Bridges Wedding Miss Margaret Ann Sawyer and

Harry Ellis Bridges were married Saturday evening in Elizabeth Williams chapel of Warren Wilson college, with the Rev. Fredrick Ohler officiating and music by Mrs. Victoria Eliassian and Paul Nichols.

The bride is the daughter of J. B. Sawyer of Swannanoa, and the late Mrs. Sawyer. She was given in marriage by her brother, Jack B. Sawyer, Jr. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Bridges of Alexander. His brother, Robert Bridges, was best man.

The bride wore a gown of lace and taffeta, styled with fitted bodice and skirt panels of lace over a taffeta skirt appliqued with lace medallions. Her veil was attached to a coronet of pearls and she carried a white Bible with white carnations.

Mrs. George Wallace of Thomasville, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Frances Moffitt were the bride's attendants, wearing street length dresses of silk organza with matching bouquets of pink carnations.

Ronald Shelton and Luther Wells were ushers. The couple will live in Alexander. The bride is a graduate of Memorial Mission Hospital School of Nursing and is employed at the hospital. The groom is a veteran of the U. S. Army and is a graduate of French Broad High School.

The engagement of Miss Phyllis Pruett to Lloyd Ayers was announced Sunday by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pruett of Swannanoa. Mr. Ayers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ayers of Swannanoa.

Band Concert The combined bands of the Swannanoa and Black Mountain Elementary schools will give a concert at the Swannanoa School auditorium at the PTA meeting 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

The bands will perform under direction of Woodfin C. Woodard, Jr., president, will preside at the monthly business session. The Rev. G. B. Talbot, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will conduct the devotion.

Wounded by Gunshot Ed Jones of Swannanoa, RFD 1, received dispensary treatment at 4 a.m. Sunday at Memorial Mission hospital for a rifle bullet wound in the right thigh, reportedly suffered at his home. The incident is being investigated by the Sheriff's department.

Auto Crash Donald W. Wright, 19, of Black Mountain, was injured about 1 a.m. Saturday in an auto crash on U. S. Highway 70 about two miles east of Swannanoa, Patrolman Hussey reported.

Wright lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a tree. He was admitted to the Memorial Mission hospital for treatment of lacerations and for observation and was listed in fair condition Saturday night.

HDC Meeting The Home Demonstration club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. C. Martin on Bee Tree road, Thursday at 10 a.m.

Union Service The churches of the Swannanoa valley observed "World Day of Prayer" in a union service at Bethel Methodist church last Friday night. Representatives from the Bee Tree Christian church, Riceville, Swannanoa and Warren Wilson Presbyterian and Bethel Methodist churches took part in the program entitled, "Lord, I Believe," a service written by a committee of nine Egyptian women. The offering was used for interdenominational mission work.

Persons Airman Donald W. Kilpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kilpatrick, has completed a course of Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and has been selected to attend the technical training school for radio and radar at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He is a graduate of Charles D. Owen High school.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. baby were dinner guests of Mrs. C. L. Wingo last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cox, and daughter, Glenn, visited with her parents for 10 days. Mr. Cox came for them Friday night and they returned to their home in Shamblee, Ga.

Rev. Wayne Smith attended a home mission board meeting at Pine Level on Tuesday. This Sunday is Heart Sunday. Please let's contribute generously toward this great cause, by doing so we may help save the lives of our loved ones. Cures for heart diseases have advanced greatly the past few years but the advancement of science is costly, so please remember to do your part. Take your contribution to church Sunday or call Mrs. B. C. Burnette, our heart fund chairman, NO 9-7569.

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WED IN SCOTLAND— From Page 1 "Gothic Minnet" and also played the recessed in the vestry. "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Praise the Lord" were sung by the guests during the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin brocade, with a lily-of-the-valley pattern in silver thread. Her gown was designed by Gaston Mallet of Hamburger, and made by her mother. Her headress was of silver and nylon net leaves with nylon net veil attached and threaded with silver. She wore white French satin gloves and carried a bouquet of pink roses and colored freesia tied with a dress Stewart tartan ribbon.

The bridesmaids were Miss Iris McDonald, "best maid," and Miss Christine Aliphant. Miss McDonald's gown was of turquoise nylon crystal organza. Miss Aliphant wore a gown of pale blue lace and chiffon.

James Wilson, brother of the bride, served as best man. The mother of the bride wore a gown of black lace over lilac taffeta.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Crawford's-by-the-Sea, Leith, Edinburgh. Approximately 95 guests were present.

After a short honeymoon at Peebles, Scotland, Mr. Burgin resumed his studies at the University of Edinburgh. Mrs. Burgin is employed in the office of Uni-Lever Products, Edinburgh. For going away, she wore a two piece wool tweed suit of muted pink and blue on the beige background.

The couple was piped from the church by Pipe Major George Stoddard, O.B.E., and David Wilson, cousin of the bride, who presented her with a "good luck" horseshoe, in line with Scottish custom.

## HEADS JR. WOMEN—

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Several changes in the constitution and by-laws were presented by Mrs. W. L. Wheelon, and were accepted.

A new program committee was elected for next year consisting of Mrs. Phillips, chairman; Mrs. Bill Pinyan, Mrs. Woodfin Rhodes, Mrs. John Bennett and Mrs. Don Ross.

Plans were made for a dinner and tour of the Asheville Orthopedic hospital in March.

Members present were Mrs. T. Martin, Mrs. Ned Straehla, Mrs. Doyle Turner, Miss Turner, Mrs. Bob Brown, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Pinyan, Mrs. Wheelon, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Begley, Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Frances Pearson and Mrs. Ross.

## CALENDAR BOY & GIRL—

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County boys and girls, the report stated. Following are the amounts each County school sold while the Juniorettes and Junior Deputies were selling on the streets of Asheville.

Reynolds, \$50; French Broad, \$65; Pisgah, \$73.04; Erwin, \$37.25; Haw Creek, \$20; Barnardville, \$60; Anderson, \$5; Candler, \$200; Black Mountain, \$30; Weaverville, \$95; Flat Creek, \$50.35; Sandy Mush, \$50; Woodfin, \$185; Swannanoa, \$25; North Buncombe, \$50; Emma, \$71.43; Red Oak, \$32.52; Biltmore Elementary, \$259.49; Oakley, \$50.89; Leicester, \$250.15.

Owen, \$25; Fairview, \$50; Sand Hill, \$71; Johnston, \$30, and Venable, \$124.23.

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