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Black Mountain & Swannanoa Now Have Their Own Newspaper

BLACK MOUNTAIN AIR PORT BECOMES A REALITY

Mr. Nichols owner of the Black Mountain Airport says, the dependable, easy-to-fly light airplane has brought the fun of flying within reach of everyone.

You dont have to be a superman to fly one of his light ships, they can be flown by any person in average good health who is capable of exercising good judgement.

Neither do you have to be wealthy to own one for the light plane is low in price, and uses less gasoline and oil than the medium size car.

Good flying technique is based upon the proficient performance of but four basic fundamentals of flying. The early hours of flight instruction are devoted to their successful accomplishment.

At first, the necessary movements and coordination of stick and rudder are performed in a mechanical practice gives way to a newly developed flying sense or "feel" in which the student subconsciously coordinates the controls to smoothly move the ship to the desired attitude.

Flying is easy— more learning what NOT to do, than what TO do. The function of a plane's control system is to direct the course of the ship and to permit it to change direction about any one of its three axes.

Mr. Nichols flying service offers any and all qualified to fly,— the opportunity to do so. He is making arrangements now to have the agency for a popular make plane for sale to the air-minded public, also for the overhauling and repair of planes.

It would be well to offer all the encouragement possible to this enterprise, and its possibilities to hold many of our future tourists, who would come here in their planes to spend the summer, and would come that way if they knew that there was an airport here.

Mr. Nichols has instructed several people here to fly, among some of these who have soloed are: Ollis Staton, Clarence Slagle, Clyde Watkins, Bill Porter, Walter Dougherty, Bill Nowell, Lt. Joyce Johnson, and Lt. Betty Long.

Mr. Nichols is one of our own boys, and has had 2,500 hours of flying hours in the air, and is very proficient in the art of flying.

Arrangements can be made to learn to fly, by seeing him at the Black Mountain Airport. "LEARN TO FLY"

NO MEAT FOR EVEN ONE MEAT BALL

She went to the butcher's For spareribs and suet, But found that the others Had beaten her to it.

She said she would settle For sausage and liver, But the butcher insisted He had none to give her.

She pleaded for pork chops For meatballs, for autton The butcher said, "Lad, I just aint got nutton.

Your home merchant is your best friend: Treat him as such. Lets keep our business at home.

Isabel Shephard, believed to be 112 years old, has just taken the first vacation of her life. She is from Rhuddlan, North Wales.

New Equipment for Grove Stone and Sand Co.

Mr. J. G. Northcott has announced the installing of some new heavy equipment to the Grove Stone and Sand Co. Mr. Northcott said they have received a stone crusher and feeder, two new diesel Euclid Trucks 15 yards capacity each, three new White road trucks, one large Mac diesel truck and other new equipment to the already expanding concern.

He says they plan to handle their own put in the post war work. Their products will go for road work in Western North Carolina. They have at their disposal all of the material necessary for building and road work. Although they produce 18,000 bricks a day they are behind on their standing orders, despite the fact they have the most modern equipment in North Carolina of its kind.

L. J. Barret Asst. Editor



CLEAN STREETS

Black Mountain has the cleanest streets of any city of its size in North Carolina.

Mr. J. M. Dodson who attends to this work has shown his efficiency in many ways, by the diligent work he puts forth to do a good job.

Mr. Barrett graduated from Columbia City Indiana School in journalism in 1934.

He is moving his family this week to Black Mountain where he will make his home and will be permanently established as one of our personnel. He will take up his duties in the near future, covering all sports for schools, colleges as well as our local games of interest.

Mr. Barrett has traveled extensively and has written many good articles of interest in sporting circles, and by his attending our local games we will have our sports to date.

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Mr. Dodson has a son Harold who used to help him in this work but is in the army now. He has been in the service three years next March.

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A tractor driver at Wainfleet, England, unearthed an urn containing 415 silver coins dating from A. D. 946 and worth \$8 each

Mt. Mitchell Ramblers The Dead end Kids

The folk music of these typical mountain people is as pure as the air we breathe. Young and old join in the grand right and left and — promanade all. Music played by these musicians has a rhythm that stirs the soul and is handed down from generation to generation to those who have come to love it and has made it a community past time.

It is wholesome in every sense, and offers a place for those who like to spend their Saturday evenings among friends and know that their children and even themselves are at a place where they can let their hair down by stamping of the feet and waving arms keep rhythm to the ancient ballads of the South very much typical to their locality in — which they live.

The bare foot lass is as much at home as those who wear their broad-cloth suits and high hats. This national past time of the mountain folks are as much a part of them as the clothes they wear, and a decline in this entertainment would be a serious threat to the hilarious moral of these folk and should be preserved in a most precise manner.

CLEMENTS FORGING ONWARD

For a quarter of a century Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clements have been this community with the farm produce raised and grown on their little farm just outside of Black Mountain.

They are using the same wagon but driving the second mule. Its the same wagon but shows no extreme wear and Mr. Clements tell that only slight repairs have been made.

Mr. Clements taught school in McDowell County for nearly twelve years, which was later broken up and divided between the two Counties. During these years of teaching in the rural community, Mrs. Clements carried on their enterprise by taking the mule and wagon and delivering the produce herself.

He joined her on the Saturdays run, and still have some of the customers they had 25 years ago. He also relates that his great grandfather and great uncle were killed in the war between the States.

Despite the fact of their age and mode of travel he proudly tells that in it is the Clements's sincere hope that will be able to outlast more mules and be of help to the community just as they have been in the past 25 years.

During these past years their efforts can not be measured in dollars and cents, but measured in terms of joy and satisfaction receive when they buy from these people, their fresh country produce.

HODSON CAR STOLEN

Mr. J. R. Hodson of Black Mountain met with an unusual happening last week, while visiting friends at Statesville, he left his car at the residence of his friends, and during his visit one of the individuals of the household, and it isn't known if he were a local boy, Mr. Hodson believing that the boy would return the car, didn't report it until Monday.

He is still waiting for its return and in the meantime is being handicapped in a way for transportation to and from his work.

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J. L. POTTER MAYOR BATTING 1000



J.L. Potter Mayor of Black Mountain is batting 1000— So far there has been six cases come up in his court and as many convictions have resulted.

Mayor Potter says, that he intends for Black Mountain to be clean from anything unlawful — and violators brought to city court will be dealt with in no easy manner.

Mr. Potter is a long time resident of our city and has been in business here for several years. He was recently elected Mayor with no opposition.

Some of the things that Mr. Potter intends to do, he says, is to work with and in co-operation with the Town Board, Chamber of Commerce and for the benefit of the taxpayers of the city on an economical basis as possible.

He says that he will do everything in his power to promote Post War plans for our boys and girls returning from the service.

In May of this year, Mayor Potter says, that there was an ordinance passed by the town board, that all trash and rubbish has to be cleaned up in various places that were in reality an eyesore to the community.

He did not specify any certain places, but did mention that all business places, would have to be kept clean in both front and back.

He says, that since this is an ordinance passed by the Town Board and inasmuch, as it is for the betterment and benefit of all concerned he intends to see that it is enforced.

NORRIS COOK DISCHARGED

Norris Cook, brother of A. T. Cook of Black Mountain, has just been discharged from the army.

Norris has seen 42 months of service overseas and tough ones, to he says. He went into the service in 1942 and fought with General Buckner, who was killed in action on Okinawa. Cook says that it is mighty nice to be back home where things are tame.



BILL HILL SAYS

I bin dodgin jobs fer so long that my shoe soles are worn out — So Lin on my feet agin.

W. N. C. Blessed By The "Almighty"

Western North Carolina has been greatly blessed by The almighty. Nature has provided us with scenery equal to that of any part in the world. Our climate is known widely to be delightful. If you had visited this town for the first time back in 1905, you could not help but picture what existed then in comparison with what now prevails, Black Mountain at the time was so small it was hard to find. The roads in all directions afforded mud knee deep in bad weather.

Montreat, Black Mountain, and Ridgecrest were in their infancy but today, all three of them have made great progress. From a religious point of view, we have Montreat, located one and a half miles north of Black Mountain, which is the play grounds for the Southern Presbyterian Church a most beautiful and delightful place affording a most unusual hotel auditorium and various buildings built of native stone and by native labor, lovely lake, tennis court, skating rink and numerous other attractions patronized and enjoyed by thousands of summer visitors.

Ridgecrest, N. C. located two and a half miles east of here, is also the Baptist Assembly grounds, and has made marvelous strides in recent years.

About three miles south of us we have Blue Ridge Association, which is the conference grounds for the Y. M. C. A. and other religious organizations.

Our town, —last but not least affords EIGHT mighty fine Churches within its limits.

This township also can boast of our educational institutions. We have directly in town now instead of the old log school house that prevailed years ago, two handsome brick buildings, modernly equipped. One a High School and the other an elementary school. Just west of us at Lake Eden is the Black Mountain College that has made, and is making, marvelous strides. In Montreat there is Montreat College for girls.

Industrially we have the Black Mountain Hosiery Mill, and one and one half miles below us the Morgan Manufacturing Company that employs hundreds of men, Grove Stone and Sand Company, and five miles below us in the town of Swannanoa is the Beacon Manufacturing Company, which we believe to be the largest blanket manufacturing mill in the world.

One can imagine what these great assets mean to this country and what their payrolls have done for this section.

Thousands of people that were run down in health, and scattered to the far ends of the earth, stand willing to sing praises of what this climate has done in restoring their health. Today this section of our great state ranks among the great tourists centers of the world, and great credit should be given also to the deceased Dr. E. W. Grove who predicted it would eventually become one of the greatest playgrounds of the world and certainly during his later years did he contribute towards such a goal, and judging from the progress it has made, more especially in the later years, it appears with the near future such will be accomplished.

Our prospects are indeed favorable and no doubt that the scenic highway will be completed within the near future. All of course will depend the advisability on the part of the government as to releasing the necessary materials and labor for these two purposes. One can readily appreciate the favorable results that this entire section can anticipate and join when this five hundred miles of continuous mountain scenery will be afforded by the mentioned scenic highway.

As soon as conditions adjust themselves to normal we the people of Black Mountain, feel safe in saying, will be delighted to extend a welcome hand to any of those outside of our midst should they wish to visit this section.

Men To Get Increase In Twill Work Clothes

A temporary increase in the amount of herringbone twill available for production of men's work clothing will result from the declaration of a "holiday" for about three months in procurement of this type of finished cotton fabric by the army Quartermaster Corps W.P.B. announced. Through the holiday is effective immediately, W.P.B. said it will be about six weeks before it is reflected in increased quantities of work clothing.

LOCAL COUPLE WEDS

Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins of Black Mountain, have announced the marriage of their daughter Miss Dorothy Hudgins to Clarence Kennedy of Black Mountain N. C. and Clifton Forge Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Kennedy of Clifton Forge Va.

The marriage was solemnized in a ring ceremony on Saturday evening July 28, at 2:30 o'clock at the office of Judge Guz A. Gullick Greenville, S. C. Judge. Gullick officiated.

The bride wore a light blue suit with white accessories. After a short trip to Virginia they will reside in Black Mountain

Mr. Kennedy received an honorable discharge last September 13, 1944, after serving three and a half years in the army. Mr. Kennedy is a nephew of Mrs. Ann McCool Hodson

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Carl Smith Chief of Police



Mr. Carl Smith our chief of Police an old timer in Black Mountain, has been serving this community for several years.

The chief of Police in larger cities does not have as many complicated duties as our own chief right here with us. We are proud to boast of such a man as Mr. Smith. While Carl is just one of the Smith boys he has to serve as a regular bureau of information. Believe it or not he was asked the other day why the mountains out Montreat road were taller than the ones out by Ridgecrest. He answered, he didn't know unless they were older.

While most of us think of him as a man appointed by the city to care for the office of chief of Police he is in reality a servant for us. We could dub Mr. Smith with the name of old "Eagle Eye and we wouldn't be exaggerating a bit.

There is very few things that go on around this town that he doesn't know about.

We can thank him for the care of our children that are on the city streets many times unescorted. While he is kind to everyone, he is in no way lacking in upholding the law. For the past month or so he has been working eighteen hours a day but even at that he is always in good humor and has a good word for everybody.

The past several years he has proven without a doubt that he has been a faithful servant of the people of Black Mountain.

Black Mountain News Purchases Lot

The Black Mountain News recently purchased a lot to build their new home. The lot is located next door to the office of Attorney R.E. Finch and across from the Post Office on Broadway. The lot was purchased from J.A. Dougherty of the Black Mountain Lbr. Co. through Mr. Finch. The News intends to build just as soon as materials are available

The building will be built of brick and native stone, and have offices in the front, stock room and press room in the rear. The News is equipped to do any kind of job printing, forms, business stationery, personalized stationery, and pamphlets.

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Black Mountain News Expresses Thanks

The Black Mountain News considers it a great pleasure to announce that we are proud to be citizens of so fine a community, and we are taking this opportunity to speak to you personally.

We want to thank you for this first issue; you are the ones who contributed to its "coming-out party." We hope that we have brought the local news up to date, and intend to give you the news as it is and as we see it. The strength of our little local paper will depend upon your appreciation of the importance of local happenings. You have shown that appreciation by what you have done for this issue in making it what you have.

We know that we cannot possibly compete with our big city papers in the handling of world or national news. We know, also, that any effort we would try to make in this line would be foolish, and would be made at the expense of what should be our specialty—namely, local affairs, or, tending to our own business. After all, it is the local news and happenings around us that interest us most.

For world, national, state news—we have within a few miles of us two of the finest and most up-to-date daily papers in North Carolina—the Asheville Citizen, and Times. Therefore, we have decided that local news, coupled with practical information suitable to the needs of our community, shall have first, if not exclusive, place in our paper.

STRENGTH IN UNITY

"MOUNTAIN FOLK" PLAY BIG PART

As we look ahead in these modern times, we see in the future, two neighbors getting better acquainted.

These neighbors, through daily associations become more familiar with each other and learn to like and respect each other. They have found as neighbors that there is strength in unity, and are standing by each other.

They realize as does the man that builds his home on a new street, he tries in every way to get his sewage, lights and other utilities, but to no avail. Then a neighbor moves in then another and so on until the street is full. They find that by getting-together more can be accomplished than by each one alone.

Their demands are recognized—more readily and they get what they need.

It has been in the past it seems, that Swannanoa and Black Mountain in their respective townships have tried in many ways to be recognized, and they find that by working-together more can be done.

These two towns as main representatives of their respective townships, can by speaking-together make their voice heard all over the County. Their right as representatives for this section of Buncombe County will be heard and respected when spoken-together.

Fine intelligent men and women of these communities form the leadership, by their close co-operation that helps moulds the minds of each community into one grand unity of thought.

They realize that pulling-together the burden is easier on both, and by this neighborly co-operation more can be accomplished.

While these two cities do not represent the whole of the community in which we live, there are the "Mountain Folk" who also play a big part. Hearts of gold beat honestly under the shirts of these plain living, and God fearing people. They do not boast of the friendliness and respect they have for their neighbor, it becomes first nature to live that way, and they act accordingly. His neighbor's worries and sorrows are his too. He has shown for hundreds of years this true attitude toward his friends by his never ending flow of kindness.

True, rough, and rugged gold is found in these beautiful Mountains in the form of these people.