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# BLACK MOUNTAIN NINE HOLE GOLF COURSE IS THE PRIDE OF THE COMMUNITY

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA IDEAL VACATION LAND

Anticipating many delayed vacations in fall and early winter, North Carolina's resorts — both mountains and seashore — are preparing to stay open longer this year than ever before.

While some hotels, lodges and tourists courts will close as usual soon after Labor Day, a survey by the State Advertising Division reveals that a substantial number will lengthen their season by from two weeks to two months or more. Operators anticipate a bettering food and help situation to handle an influx of honeymooners and returning service men, as well as civilians who for years have been too busy to relax.

The color season has always at ridge and Smokies, but efforts will be made now to exploit the season more fully. Resort operators for a long time have argued that the fall is the best month in the Southern mountains. Winter autumn has the least rainfall of the seasons. The days are warm and the air usually clear, aiding visibility in a country known for its distant vistas.

Accommodations through October and in most cases, year around will be available at the following resort towns:

Asheville, Blowing Rock, Little Switzerland, Waynesville, Brevard, Tryon, Hendersonville, Flat Rock, Cherokee, Bryson City, Murphy, Cashiers, Franklin, Andrews, Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Highlands, Tapoco.

Accommodations through September will be available in Linville, Balsam, Weaverville, Whittier and many other places in the vicinity.

In addition, there will be dude ranches, guest farms and other accommodations nearby along the routes through this country.

## MT. MITCHELL PARKWAY LINK WILL BE LET

The highway link of 4.7 miles which will connect the Blue Ridge Parkway at Swannanoa gap with the top of Mt. Mitchell, river will be let to a contractor on October 9, John A. Goode, member of the State Highway and public works commission, said yesterday. It is expected to cost approximately \$200,000.

Work on the road which is considered one of the most important in this section from the standpoint of tourists attractions in the future, is expected to be started as soon as the contract is let and will be completed in about four months, Mr. Goode said.

## W. B. GRAGG CAME TO BLACK MOUNTAIN ON MULE FORTY YEARS AGO

Cleaning and Pressing business—put a barrel out in the front with a sign on it, telling 'em to hop in and we'd press 'em while they wait. Next a Barber Shop, and then a Motion Picture Show which could run only one hour each night with ether and oxone for lighting, as the town had no electric lights then. We had a seating capacity of 100 which netted us \$10 per night at 10c admission. The show business didn't prove to be a very profitable side line, so I decided to close it out and continue to pursue only the other lines, to which I added signs, and finally tailoring to the cleaning and pressing business which proved very profitable after the opening of the Dickey & Campbell lumber operations on Mt. Mitchell during the year 1912, which was the year the town installed electric lights. My studio was located down below the railroad on muddy Black Mountain avenue. Had a good view of Lakey-Gap and High-top mountain on the south, and was bounded on the north by Tom Ownby's ox lot. I was greeted each morning by two or three big long-horn oxen gazing through my skylight. Finally this ox lot was purchased by Columbus Hall, who built a post office and shut off my view.

Lot of funny things happened (Continued on Page 3)

## NICHOLS SERVICE "FLY SAYS BILL"

In the last issue of the paper, we mentioned that if more people knew that there was an airport here, more people would come here to spend their vacations. This was demonstrated just recently when, Mr. Cockrell flew here from New York for a few days visit with his mother Mrs. Lapiere, who had written him that there was a field here.

Mr. Cockrell and wife Beth were flying a light plane, of popular make, a 65 horse power which has a cruising speed of 85 miles per hour.

This week we had another visitor on business from Marion, N. C. Mr. G. W. Biggerstaff. He is only 17 years old and does a fine job of years old and does a fine job of flying, he has only had around 25 hours flying time and came by his self. He flew at 3,000 feet and made the trip in about 20 minutes.

The most careful fliers we have in civilian flying are boys and girls of 16 to 20 years old. Mr. Nichols, says, that people from 16 to 65 make the best fliers.

It really is the coming mode of travel, it is just around the corner, all corners.

The old timer, thinks it is dangerous, BUT he also thought that it was dangerous to ride in the first automobile. But the modern youth of today are much farther advanced than we old timers in every way, and naturally their minds run in everything modern as it should.

The light planes of today are made to "take it" and can stand a lot of abuse and will fly by themselves after they are off the ground and "trimed" out. It is a real "what 'not to do' than what 'to do'."

Numerous students, at Mr. Nichols flying service have soloed in the past week or so, among some of which are: Jim Buchanan, Charles Porter, Nancy Walters, Marion Taylor, and Charles Connelly. Mr. Portor and Mr. Connelly are from Swannanoa.

Mr. Nichols, is really making good headway in teaching people to fly.

Extensive improvements are being made on the field, it is being leveled and made smooth. He intends to sow grass seed this fall so that the field will be a smooth spot as well as a beautiful place to land and again we say,

"FLY SAYS BILL"

The Blue Ridge parkway is already constructed and surfaced with stone as far as Balsam gap, which is about six miles closer to Asheville than the point where the highway link to Mt. Mitchell will begin.

## BLACK MTN. LIONS JUNGLE CAPERS

Thursday night, September 13th, the Lions met at the Assembly Inn at Montreat for the regular 7:00 P. M. Dinner. Judge Wilson Warlick was the guest speaker. Judge Warlick is a Superior Court Judge from Newton, N.C., who is now holding Court in this district. We are fortunate in having him bring us a message at this time.

**DOWN BY THE CLUB HOUSE STREAM**

We gathered for the last regular meeting. Up in the "teen" Lions were not present. The weather was ideal, especially for drinking some of Lion Leeman's delectable coffee, and a good time was missed by the Lions who were not there.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Richard T. Green was born in Black Mountain on Sept. 2nd. He is a charter member of our club as city clerk and treasurer, before joining the armed forces a few months ago.

Alvin W. McDougle was born at Parkersburg, W. Va. on Sept 9th. He is a charter member and an educator in our local schools.

**IN THE BONE YARD**

Black Mountain, comes to the front again by entertaining District 31A officials in their first cabinet meeting, which was held at Montreat Sunday, Sept. 9th.

T. Green comes back smiling and lookin' well. He may have joined the army about the right time for post-war occupation on some foreign strand. If he goes to the far East, we suggest that he make arrangements for our club to meet him on his return.

Things are happening so fast, it at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, during next month. A little sukuyaki might be good for us.

Our national worry, seems to be what to do with the unemployed. On the other hand, a large number of people with "hot money" are taking to the air, and soaring away on the wings of the afternoon. Perhaps a larger number will stick to the old jobs and plod along as usual.

We sent the District 31-A convention picture to The Lion at Chicago, and last week we got it back with a reply, that to use it would start an avalanche of such pictures from the fifty-odd Districts in Lionism. Charles Lee Bryson, whose people were born in Western North Carolina, said "Try me some time, with a story of some big activity of your club, and the picture of the Lions doing it, and see what I do with it."

Looking beautiful or intelligent doesn't seem to get us anywhere.

If we ever see our "Mugs" in the Lion, we must overcome a certain amount of inertia.

## PAINT MATERIAL TO BE MINED IN NORTH CAROLINA

While du Pont engineers search the sounds and river bottoms of eastern North Carolina for ilmenite—a black sand used in paints—commercial quantities of the stuff are being taken out of a mountain in the Yadkin River valley near here.

Dr. J. L. Stuckey, state geologist, Dept. of Conservation & Development, said that approximately 100 tons of the mineral is being recovered per day by the Yadkin valley Ilmenite Co., a division of the Glidden Co. and is being concentrated at the company's plant at Finley N. C.

Meantime, he said, the concern is core drilling to determine the course of the vein and the probability indicate that the mineral continues some distance down the side of the mountain.

The ilmenite now is being recovered through open face mining, but the drillings reveal the vein tends to dip faster than the slope, and underground mining may be necessary in the future.

## OH HAPPY DAY

We have had V-J Day. Now we would faint sit back and just watch the world become heavenly. A few may still be looking forward to V-S Day—a day when we obtain victory over our SELF. For collectively and individually we possess all the traits of evil that manifest in that day when Belshazzar saw the hand writing on the wall. More than that, our power to destroy makes the fall of Babylon look like the work of a five year old boy. With no virtues, and more elaborate ways of sinning, we have reached the place where we had better be good-- or else.

## BLACK MOUNTAIN ARTS CLUB

The exhibit in the Fellowship Room of the Methodist Church closed on September 6th. Many local exhibitors brought oil paintings, unusual photographs, hand painted china, woven articles, and other varieties of handiwork.

Given on short notice, the exhibition was well attended, though there were several local people were not informed of the affair.

The regular monthly meeting of the club will be held Friday September 14th at 8:00 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Leeman.



THE CLEMMENTS

On September 6th, we gave you a little story of Mr. and Mrs. Clemments:

Above is a picture of the couple and their mule. We hear of people that have worked for some firm or factory for several years, but these folks have made themselves a job and are sticking to it. They do not make a fortune but Mr. Clemments, says, that he can't take it with him when he leaves here anyway. They are happy in the thought that they are helping someone and doing a service to the community.

Mr. Clemments says that he tries to run his regular route on time and is seldom late at his stations. Mrs. Clemments says, "Now you better not put my picture in the paper, because you'll not sell any more pictures. But we know that it has sold us more papers. SO THERE

## WAR TIME WILL END SEPTEMBER 30TH

War time will be abolished as of September 30, congress leaders decided today.

The house interstate committee voted without dissent for a bill to end "fast" time at 2 a. m. on that date — a Sunday.

Senators said similar action would be taken on their side of the capitol soon and there seemed little doubt that both chambers would approve the bill.

Clocks thus will be turned back one hour. They were advanced an hour on January 20, 1942, as a war measure, intended to increase daylight hours of production and to save fuel, light and power.

Senator Hoey told reporters "We expect to abolish war time as of September 30, that is a certainty."

There has been increasing opposition to the "fast time", from the rural areas, principally. Farmers have flooded the mail of their congressmen with complaints that the system worked a hardship on them. For example, they said that in the winter morning chores had to be performed by artificial light and children had to go to school in darkness.

Nothing in the legislation prohibits the practice of advancing the clocks an hour in the summertime, a local option. Many communities go on this "daylight saving" time from June to September annually.



BILL HILL SAYS:

I went in to Ann's Eat'in house the other day and ast' Mr. Hodson where Ann wuz, and he said, that she had gone out to git her lunch.

The business meeting will be followed by a short talk on oil painting, given by Angie Weaver Wright of Asheville, and Ed Dupuy of Black Mountain, and will tell the club some interesting things about old furniture and craft work.

## Sgt. Walter B. Gregg

Sgt. Walter B. Gregg Jr., Member of the U. S. Army Air force, sailed from Seattle Washington on Sept. 10th, for some point in the Pacific.

While on his last furlough, Sgt. Gregg married Miss Athleen Mc Mahan of Asheville on July 16th.

He entered the service on March 3rd, 1943, receiving his basic training Miami Beach Florida. He received his technical training at Buckley and Lowry Fields in Denver and Tyndall Field, at Panama City.

He has spent the last eighteen months at Tonopas, Nevada.

Sgt. Walter B. Gregg, Jr. Sqn. C-4 APO 198682-AZ c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Cal.

## NOTICE

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## School Lunches Are Big Problems For Mother

School bells are peeling for North Carolina farm children, and the rural women are faced with the big task of preparing lunches for their youngsters.

Nutritionists of the State College Extension Service realize the situation that confronts so many mothers and have offered the following statement in regard to the problem.

Planning and packing the school lunch is just as important problem for mother as the planning and preparation of the meals that are served at home. A child must have a noonday meal which will combine with his meals at home to give him a well balanced diet each day if he is to grow normally, to be active mentally, and to build up a resistance to colds and other diseases.

The school lunch should contain about one third of the daily food requirements for the individual child, need for body building, regulating, and energy. It should be made up of food that is easily digested in order that the child may do as good school work as he is capable of doing.

There should be variety in texture, an interesting contrast of flavors that blend well together, and harmony in color. The food should be of all soft, all solid, or all dry, but some of it might be a little soft and moist and some crisp and crunchy to chew.

For instance a lunch made up of a hard cooked egg, a banana, and plain cake would be too dry. The addition of a cabbage salad or pickled beets and an apple in place of the banana would improve the texture, and make a more appetizing lunch.

## BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE GREAT RECREATION CENTER

### Our American Red Cross

Any one, whether serviceman or civilian, residing in the township of Black Mountain, Broad River, and Swannanoa has the privilege and the right to call on the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter of the Red Cross for assistance in case of a disaster or an emergency. The service to be rendered can be determined only after consultation with the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Bessie S. Carr.

For your convenience and for the sake of greater efficiency an office has been established in the Black Mountain City Hall. It is open each week day from 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Phone 4161. After hours calls 3561 in case of an emergency demanding immediate attention.

The American Red Cross, of which this Chapter is a unit, operates under a charter from the Congress of the United States. Therefore, as a national service organization it functions according to certain principles set forth in its charter. It is neither a welfare nor charitable organization but cooperates with all authorized agencies.

There is no charge for any service rendered, but as the work is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, once each year, usually in March, there is a nation wide campaign for funds. At that time every one will be given an opportunity to participate in the support of the overall program of the Red Cross at home and overseas.

For service and ex-service men and their families the Red Cross has special obligations. In emergencies pertaining to sickness, death, temporary financial needs, and such related problems, the Red Cross is prepared to give direct and immediate assistance. It will advise and help in the preparation of claims dealing with allowances, insurance, and other Government grants or privileges.

The secretary, Mrs. Carr, is prepared to counsel with servicemen or their families regarding problems upon which they need advice or guidance.

Servicemen on furlough, or upon discharge from service, will find it to their advantage to contact Mrs. Carr immediately. She can advise regarding the G. I. Bill of Rights and other privileges and can assist in the securing of benefits to which they are entitled.

This Chapter has special responsibility for servicemen at Moore Hospital—patients or staff members—and their dependants, while residing or visiting in this area. We welcome the opportunity to serve these boys who have suffered in our behalf. As we serve them, so are our boys being served by the Red Cross wherever they are.

Fir civilians suffering from a disaster or an emergency beyond their control, the Red Cross will give either direct assistance or cooperate in seeing that it is provided by the proper agency. Under no circumstances will the Red Cross let them down.

With the return of servicemen to civilian life there will be a greater need for Red Cross service and activities than ever before. And so long as there are disasters and human needs to be met there will be a place for the Red Cross. The opportunities for service will be greater, not less, and we must plan and work together if we are to measure up to our responsibility for this community.

If you know of any one in the community suffering as a result of a disaster beyond their control, first direct them to the Red Cross Office and then notify Mrs. Carr. If you do not know Mrs. Carr, get acquainted with her. She is the one who directs and coordinates all our activities as well as being a wise counselor and friend.

Under the auspices of the local Red Cross chapter a home nursing class began on September 10. It is being held in the Red Cross room across from the post office. Two nurses, Mrs. E. F. Barth and Mrs. Weston Gardner have volunteered their services in conducting these classes two nights a week, Monday and Friday, from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock.

Persons interested in future classes of this kind may enroll now.

Classes will also be held in outlying areas such as Ridgecrest and Broad River in the near future. Those for the colored people also are being planned.

The Red Cross chapter is not only interested in aiding in instruction of this nature but is interested in regard to the welfare of the families of those in service and will assist in the return of the veteran to civilian life.

## Mr. Ross Taylor In Charge

Mr. Ross Taylor, member of the P. G. A. and holder of Grade A Card, the highest card obtainable and secured only by work and experience. He received the card three years ago, but has been golfing since he was 13 years old.

Ross has several records and has won tournament in the southern league as amateur and pro-amateur. He won the Malvern Hill amateur tournament approximately 15 years ago, won the Waynesville tournament in the same year and a year later won the North and South Jr. at Greensboro, Tenn.

Ernie Ballard and himself won the pro-amateur tournament at Greenville, S. C., and while playing at Malvern Hill as amateur he made the course record of 63 strokes and on the same course made a new record in the pro league of 60 strokes. Mr. Taylor is of the belief that there will be a great many more golfers because of the fact that service men and women have had the opportunity to play golf and he believes they will continue to do so as they are released from service. This is a reality, for many of the service men from Moore General are regular players at the Black Mountain course. They have come to like the game and upholding the game as one of the greatest national pastimes of the age.

The pro golfers are under jurisdiction of the Carolina section of the P. G. A. and elect their officers from these territories.

The Black Mountain golf course has been under the constant watch by people who are buying their future home sites around this golf course. Mr. Robert Eckles has said that upward to one hundred lots had been sold around the course and beautiful Lake Tomahawk in the past few months.

This is a source of revenue for the city of Black Mountain and they are trying hard to put it to the public as a place for those of average income as well as those of wealth to have a place so he can spend a few hours a day to relax himself and perhaps his family. This course is a pleasant place to beat the ball around and get some of that relaxation that is needed, as the old saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

You are invited to go there by Mr. Taylor and his friends and enjoy a friendly game of golf among sports like yourself.

## Black Mountain College

Black Mountain College is situated in the heart of the Great Craggy Mountains of Western North Carolina, a section noted for its climate and scenery. Because of the altitude—2,400 feet—the summers are usually cool, particularly at night. The College campus with its farm and a little lake is just off U. S. Highway 70, three miles from the town of Black Mountain. The railroad station Black Mountain is on the scenic Southern Railroad Line from Salisbury to Asheville. Direct Pullman cars from New York to Black Mountain. The City of Asheville is fifteen miles from the college.

The lake is bordered on the south by the dining hall, with a dining porch; on the north, by the new studies building erected with student and faculty labor. The living quarters of the College students include two dormitory buildings with bedrooms for two, three and more persons.

Members of the Black Mountain College community take care of their own rooms.

At Black Mountain College teachers and students live on the campus. They have their meals together in the dining hall. Thus there is a constant personal contact among students and teachers.

The College farm supplies milk, meat, and vegetables to the College kitchen.

The College community life in summer offers opportunities for dancing, picnics, light farm work, hiking, and swimming.

Clothing appropriate for walking in the mountains and for working outdoors should be provided, as well as ordinary city clothes suitable for this climate. Evening dresses are worn at dances and concerts.

It is hoped someone will volunteer to clean the Red Cross room once a week while the Home Nursing Class is being held.