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THE BLACK MTN. ARTS CLUB

The Black Mountain Arts Club will continue its program meetings throughout the entire year. Activities of the Club have been expanded to include not only painting and sculpture, but unting, drama, composing, music and all the handicrafts. On Friday evening October 19th at 7:30. An opening meeting will be held at Oak Knoll, the studio of Miss Daisy Erb and Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire for the purpose of forming Art classes for the coming winter season. Instruction for both beginners and advanced students will be offered. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The Regular Monthly Program meeting of the Arts Club will be held at "Hill top" the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Howard Richardson at 4 p. m. Friday October 26.

These programs are both interesting and instructive. The Club is planning an Arts and Hobby Show for Thanksgiving week-end. Enter your exhibit and aid the club in its efforts to make known the creative work and interest of the Arts minded people of this community. Many of the entries will be for sale suitable for the home as Christmas gifts.

Membership is open to all who are interested in promoting the Art interests of this community.

ROBERT M. SLACK ON WAY TO MANILA

Robert M. Slack chief radio officer has been in service 15 months and has crossed the Atlantic four times. Robert was chief radio operator at the State Patrol Barracks radio station near Moore General before his entry into service. He took up his same trade after joining service. His wife is the former Miss Meredith Slack. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Slack of Black Mountain.

EARL W. SWANN PROMOTED TO CPL.

Earl R. Swann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swann of Black Mountain has been promoted to the rank of Corporal it was announced by the 6th air force Bomber Command Headquarters at Albrook Field, Canal Zone. Cpl. Swan is an arial gunner with the 397th heavy Bombardment Squadron Stationed at the Rio Hato Army Air Base in the Panama.

He arrived in the canal zone last February—prior to his entering the army he was employed by the Morgan Mfc. Co.

Gene S. Swann, brother of Cpl. Swann is an aviation store keeper third class stationed at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, prior to transfer to Jacksonville, he was stationed aboard the aircraft carrier S. S. Intrepid for twenty-two months Seaman Swann entered the Navy in May 1943. Prior to entering the Navy, he was employed by the Morgan Mfc. Co.

Both Swann Boys expect to return home for good in about six months.

COTTONSEED NOW MOVING SLOWLY

Movement of cottonseed is still slow because of continued rains over most portions of the South-eastern states and because of the late maturing of the crop, according to a statement released by the Markets division of the State department of agriculture.

Market Newsman John Winfield said that reports indicate that many producers are selling their cottonseed as fast as the cotton is ginned to avoid any possible loss that may occur from the heating of the damp seed. He added that ginner's are "said to be moving seed to oil mills without much delay."

North Carolina cottonseed which has been examined showed high moisture content and in one or two instances extremely high free fatty acids, Winfield reported.

He said the average grade of cottonseed inspected in North Carolina last week was 85.5.

All reports received thus far by the State Agriculture Department indicate that oil mills in the South-east have paid a uniform price of \$567 per ton basis grade 100 for seed f. o. b. gins.

CPL. HOWARD H. CRAIG HOME ON LEAVE

Cpl. Howard H. Craig son of E. H. Craig of Vance Ave. in Black Mountain is home on leave after serving 19 months in Italy. He was discharged on the point system having 105 points. He and his wife and 16 months old daughter are residing at Swannanoa.

Mr. Craig also has three sons in service overseas. Seaman First Class Robert Craig is at Guam. He was on the first navy ship to enter Tokyo bay to liberate the American soldiers taken prisoners by the Japs. The other son, Wayne D. Craig is serving with the 9th Army in Germany. He had quite an experience one day while out in the woods. He overheard some Germans arguing about where to surrender or fight. There is where Craig settled the argument by capturing an eight of the Germans single handed. The oldest son, James K. Craig has been serving in the 9th Army in Germany for over a year right now he is in a hospital but will return to duty soon.

STOCK SHOW IN ASHEVILLE

There will be next week on the 17th and 18th day of October a fat stock show. It will be held on Valley Street in Asheville at the City Walter Department Building. This show is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Its purpose is to encourage and to help boys and girls to raise better animals for better meat production. Guy Ledbetter is a member of Black Mountain Chapter of the F. F. A. He has a herford calf to put in the show. He lives in the Broad River Section.

By Paul Garrison

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday October 15, at 7:30. At the home of Mrs. J. L. Potter.

Gold Star Mothers are cordially invited.

All members are urged to attend.

A DAY WITH THE RED CROSS

Workers are needed immediately at the Red Cross Rooms of the Black Mountain—Swannanoa Chapter. Eight hundred much needed articles for service men in hospitals make up the quota. These articles are simple to sew and can be made rapidly. There are two hundred hot water bottle covers, two hundred bedspreads, one hundred cushion covers, one hundred fracture pillow covers, and two hundred vintily bags.

The chapter has two heated work rooms. One is located at Swannanoa near Beacon Manufacturing Company, the hours to be announced later. The other is in Black Mountain across from the Post Office. The hours are every Thursday from 9:00 o'clock to 1:00.

After spending the past sixteen months overseas, Capt. Wm. R. Chapin, Jr. has called his wife that he has received orders to come home. Mrs. Chapin and their children, Steve who is five years old and Connie born last December 23, at Moore General Hospital, have been making their home with her folks, the Charles E. Spencer's since Capt. Chapin left the country in June 1944.

Capt. Chapin enlisted in the A. A. F. in March 1942 and made the usual trek around the U. S. A. from camp to camp covering three states, California, Florida and Michigan. As a member of the Air Transport Command he was then sent overseas and spent the first 12 months in Assam, India. Since last June he has been stationed in Kunming, China. Next stop should be Black Mountain, N. C., where he hopes to rest a bit and then pack up his wife, Steve and Connie and leave for as yet, parts unknown. If he should be fortunate enough to be discharged, they will return to Indianapolis to pick up their civilian lives. Otherwise they will go where ever the Army commands. Eventually though, they hope to go back to their families and friends in Indianapolis.

MONTREAT NEWS

Two fortunate young ladies having birthdays on the same day were the Misses Joyce Gates and Barbara Head since they were entertained by several friends with a dinner party at the Inn one evening last week. The table was very pretty with a centerpiece of pink daisy, Chrsamthenums and pink candles. The birthday cake, embossed in pink and green was cut by both young ladies while the lovely gifts they received were admired by the Misses Besty Pardue, Faye Ruth Phillips, Mildred McCall, Jo Gregg, Karen Johnson, Mary Anderson, Jane La Rose, Betty McIntosh, Pat Duffy, Jean Griner, Mary Jennings Ann McLemore, Jean Rotha, Louise Chandler, and Mattie Lee Ladd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nisbet and Miss Margaret Nisbet will move soon to the Webbwood apartments. Mrs. R. B. McMasters of Dunedin, Fla., is spending two weeks here visiting her daughter, Winfred, a student in the College, stopping at the Inn.

N. Y., is visiting her sister, Miss Grace W. Hardy on Assembly Drive. Mrs. A. J. Ryner, Scarsdale, Miss., is also Miss Hardy's guest.

Dr. and Mrs. L. Newell Turner, Rt. 3, Savannah, Ga., returned to their home Thursday after spending two weeks here. Dr. and Mrs. Turner have been spending their vacations in Montreat for several years.

Those attending Synodical in West Asheville last week, were Miss Zulean Anderson, Miss Lois Ellis, Dr. Nettie Grier, Mrs. Chas. Dorsey, Mrs. Helen Armstrong Dr. and Mrs. Sam Glascom and Mrs. Clark Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Ireland Cocoonat Grove, Miami, Fla., are vacationing here Mrs. Ireland is an artist of not and is finding many subjects in the surrounding scenery of while Mr. Ireland finds his enjoyment in climbing the mountains and following the trails.

Mrs. H. K. Lowrey who has been here since June 13th, returned to her home in Augusta, Ga., Saturday. This makes the sixteenth summer for her in Montreat.

Mrs. Walter W. Harrell and son, Buddy of Morristown, Tenn., visited their daughter and sister, Douglas, a student in the College who lives at Sylvan Heights. Douglas returned home with them for the week-end.

Mrs. Vande Erve from Charleston, S. C., has been a guest of Miss Ernestine Harrison at Look Out Lodge.

Miss Mary Bauman, who has been visiting Miss Annie Hudson, for several weeks, left Thursday for New York City where she has a position. Her brother, Albert, is in the Maritime Service.

Miss Annie Webb entertained with tea on Monday and Tuesday afternoons honoring the new members of the College faculty, dividing the personell into two groups Her lovely apartment at Webbwood was the scene for these events. Likewise, Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse entertained with two buffet suppers, at her home on Kentucky Road, having the same honorees. These were most delightful events.

The many friends of Tim Webb will be glad to know that he arrived safely in England and has entered Cambridge University. He and his sister, Ann made their home for five years in Montreat with their Aunt, Miss Annie Webb. Tim attended Davidson College two years. Ann will remain in this Country a while longer before returning to their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan David, daughter Mrs. Beatty and granddaughter Virginia of Dunedin Fla, have been visiting their cousin Miss Annie Webb.

We're happy to report that Miss Elizabeth McE. Shields has recovered from a short illness and is able to resume her writing. Miss Shields for many years was a head of the Childrens Division of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication in Richmond Va. but now lives in her beautiful cottage "Altitude", near Look Out Road, with her sister, Mrs. Nan Easter. Many of us are enjoying the use of her devotional book, "As the Day Begins", and love her poems for children, some of which have been set to music and are in our hymnals.

FREEDOM OF OPINION THROUGH THE PRESS

Freedom of opinion is the right to say what you think the right to disagree with the other fellow. It is one great advantage that America offers to all its people.

We are a part of America. We believe that our paper should have a column where the people of our community can have their say in anything they wish.

It gives the public an opportunity to express their thoughts.

We will be glad to print articles of this kind, but every article MUST BE SIGNED. While we may not agree with what you say, we will as Voltaire said, "Defend to the death your right to say it."

BOYD E. McDONALD In Merchant Marines

Boyd E. McDonald, husband of Mrs. Eva McDonald is now serving with the U. S. Merchant Marines somewhere in the Pacific.

He and his wife were both employed by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. in Baltimore, Md. He worked there three years and then joined the U. S. Merchant Marines in June 1945.

They have a daughter 21, mos old.

Mrs. McDonald and daughter, Judy are now living in Baltimore, Md., but expect to move back to Black Mountain in the very near future.

CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Pat Webb
In our school this year we have a few clubs. I belong to the dramatics club, therefore, I shall tell you about it.

We have twenty-seven in our class. We meet ever Monday and Wednesday. We chose officers the other day, they are follows: President, Red Straehla; Vice President, Quentin Esloe; Secretary, Joyce Watkins; Treasurer, L. E. Carroll; News Reporter, Nancy LeMaster and Kenny Mills.

We are planning to give a play "The Mad Night".

We shall inform you of the date.

Yes, she used to teach your correspondent many years ago in the Assembly's Training School in Richmond.

Another Montreat celebrity in the field of Religious Literature is Miss Anne Rankin, who has edited the dept. "By way of illustration" for the "Ernest Worker" for quite some time.

Miss Ann is also an artist, both in landscape and china painting. She lives with her sister, Miss Margaret, who says that she is a "culinary artist" and she's right. Their home on Virginia Terrace is one of the show places of Montreat.

Miss Mary L. Campen was the week-end guest of Dr. Nettie and Miss Lucy Grier, who entertained at dinner for her Saturday evening at Assembly, Inn, including also Miss Carrie Mae McElroy and Miss Mary Lord.

Miss Lenore Del Valie of Charlotte visited the Meadams Hoegland, Raby and Brown at the Inn over Sunday.



Bill Hill Says

Mrs. Ed Bartlett found a card in Ed's coat with a number on it and asked Ed what it was and he says it's only a number of a race horse and she says I thought I'd just tell you that your horse just called you on the phone.

THIS WEEK TO BE DESIGNATED AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Featuring the slogan "nine out of ten can be prevented," the fourth annual Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention campaign is being launched this week.

The slogan is based on factual records compiled over a period of years showing that more than 90 per cent of the nation's some 220,000 annual woods and forest fires are man-caused, and therefore preventable.

Heading up the active public such fires in North Carolina is State Forester W. K. Beichler, with headquarters in Raleigh, where he his fire control officer P. W. Tillman are coordinating the efforts of the numerous cooperating public and private agencies. The campaigns were inaugurated by the U. S. Forest Service, after Pearl Harbor, at the request of the Armed forces.

"The measure of the magnitude of the fire problem on a national scale is the fact that every year an average of 220,000 forest, woods and range fires lay waste about 31 million acres of land, an area the same size as the entire state of North Carolina," Mr. Beichler points out, "Bringing this scandalous picture closer to home, an average of well over 27 million acres burn in the South each year. And last year in North Carolina although there was about a 50 per cent reduction in fire damage over the previous year, we still had 2,328 fires burning 135,245 acres at an estimated damage of \$125,000,000!"

RATION BOARD TO-STAY OPEN

Several weeks ago the local War Price and Rationing Board was ordered closed as of Oct. 14th by authority of L. William Driscoll, District Director. However, since it is necessary that tires and some other commodities be rationed for awhile longer, the District Office has retained Mr. N. H. Holman as clerk to receive all types of applications with headquarters in the City Hall. All applications will be approved by local panels but issued from the Asheville Office.

TWO GRAGG BROTHERS IN THE SERVICE

T-Sgt. Wm. A. Gragg (Bill) enlisted in the Army June, 1942 and was inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C., he then took his basic training for the Calvary at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Bliss, Texas. After a years service in the States was sent from San Francisco, Cal. to Brisbane, Australia. Sgt. Gragg has seen action in New Guinea, Admrialty Is., Leyte and Luzon. He was wounded on Leyte Dec. 1944. After recovering he rejoined his old outfit which is the 7th div. of the 1st Calvery, this Calvery div. was the first to enter Tokyo being McArthur's honor guard. He has the good conduct ribbon and the combat medal. The last word received from him was last month and he was expecting to be home in the near future. Before enlisting in the service he was helping with the construction of Moore General Hospital. He attended Black Mtn. School and is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gragg of Black Mountain.

His brother P. F. C. W. S. Jr. Gragg (Jim) is serving with the 32nd Inf. in Korea. Jim entered service Dec. 1944 was inducted at Fort Bragg and took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He left for overseas in March 1945 and has been to the Hawaiian Is., Okinawa and Korea. His wife, the former Esta Honeycutt and baby are living with her parents in Asheville. He attended Black Mtn. School was employed by the Swannanoa Laundry of Asheville before entering service.

MRS. H. W. BAUCUM ON WAY TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. H. W. Baucum left Tuesday October 2 to go to Berkley, Calif. to get their daughter, Mrs. Heber F. Peacock and her two boys to bring back to Black Mountain to stay this winter.

Mrs. Peacock's husband, Rev. Heber F. Peacock is serving as a chaplain in the Army in the Philippines. Mrs. Baucum is expected to arrive in Berkley either the 8th or 9th. She is driving thru.

By Virgil Gray

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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY WAR FUND DRIVE HELD MEETING

The committee met Tuesday evening at the office of Mr. McDougle at the Elementary School building to assign captains for the various districts for the drive.

Now as never before the agencies who help to support the needy and the service men and women are looking to our community to uphold and support them even more than eber before.

These worthy agencies depend entirely upon us, who have the means of giving to help others who have met with misfortune.

The service men and women who have come back need a place they can go to for entertainment and food. Such agencies as the USO and seamans headquarters have helped emensely b providing the necessary entertainment and food for those individuals who enjoyed the privileges when on leave.

Several of these agencies have people who came there to see to it that no person goes away hungry or without help if they need it.

The same applies to help given our local relief agencies. If misfortune has struck these people know that by the generosity of their neighbors, help will be given and the best that can be had.

Let us size up and weigh carefully the results of generosity. For instance with winter weather near the time is passing fast and we know that not just one family will suffer but many. If we as donors to this great cause could see the happiness and love expressed by the needy when they are told that relief is near and food on the way, it is only then that we reap our satisfaction from giving.

Small children will be provided with clothing the aged will receive hospitalization for those who need it and many other items will be met. But let us as members of this great community be generous and give until it hurts. Lets try to beat our donations of last year, then when we have done this we can rest assuredly that we have helped in the right way.

Those who were assigned as captains are as follows.

Mrs. A. F. Tyson Jr. for Black Mountain; Mrs. W. W. White, Black Mountain; Mr. J. E. Ferguson W. N. S.; Rev. Styles, Black Mountain; Mr. W. H. Armistead, Montreat; Mr. D. H. Corkran, Black Mountain College; Amiel Kivstein, Broad River Section; V. C. Lyle, Bold Mountain; T. C. Burnett, North Fork; Paul Harris Ridgecrest; L. J. Barrett-publicity with Mr. McDougle as our chairman, who has served on numerous such committee believes also the need for a support is mounting to the points that it will take everyones help to make it a successful drive.

As the various captains and who ever they appoint as their assistants call at your door, be generous and thoughtful, give until you have given your limits. If they miss you for reasons beyond your control look them up or phone any one of the captains near you and give your donations. Be generous in Victory.

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ORDINANCE PASSED BY TOWN BOARD

An Ordinance requiring all persons, firms, and corporations, operating a business within the corporate limits of the town of Black Mountain, to deposit all waste, garbage, etc., in a receptacle.

Be it ordained by the Major and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Black Mountain, in regular meeting duly assembled.

SECTION I

That all persons, firms, or corporations, doing business within the Town of Black Mountain, be and they are hereby required to deposit all garbage, trash, waste, and other refuse, daily in a receptacle, the same to be placed in front of the place of business of each and every firm doing business within the Town of Black Mountain, so that the same may be carried away by the Sanitary Department, by trucks furnished for the same.

SECTION II

That this ordinance is deemed to be for the health and to improve the sanitary conditions of the citizens and the Town of Black Mountain, and to help ordain pursuant to the general laws of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION III

That any persons, firms, or corporations failing to comply with Section I, of this ordinance a violation of the same shall be declared a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable with a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00: That each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION IV

That a copy of this ordinance shall be mailed to each and every business within the corporate li-pension, firm or corporation, doing mits of the Town of Black Mountain.

SECTION V

That this ordinance is deemed to be an emergency measure for the health and safety of the citizens of the Town of Black Mountain, and to improve the sanitary conditions of said town, and the same shall be in full force and effect on and after May 15, 1945, as herein provided.

The above ordinance was duly passed on it's first, second, and third reading, and is now in full force and effect, this May 15, 1945.

THREE ALLISON BROS. IN SERVICE

Corp. Morgan, Sgt. Claud and Walter Allison of U. S. Navy are serving in the Armed Forced. Corp. Morgan is on his way home from the European area where he has been for 18 months. Morgan is attached to the Post Engineers, and his wife, Sally Alice and four children are living in Black Mountain.

Claud Allison has been overseas 26 months and is a nose gunner on B-24. Claude was in Germany when it fell. He had his last leave two years ago.

Walter Allison received his training at Bainbridge and has been in service seven months. From there he was assigned to his boat. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allison of Old Fort and the brothers of Mrs. Richard Hughey of Black Mountain.

By Charles Cairnes

The Balck Mountain College has just about finished filling their silos. The Mountain Orphanage and the College work with each other. The Orphanage sends their teacher and cutter up to the college and the college sends their truck down to help the Orphanage. The girls at the college work as much as the boys do. They load unload cut the corn work in the silos and drives the trucks and tractors. Some go barefooted and wear overalls and shirts as same as the boys do.

On Sunday night September 30, a union service was held at the Black Mountain Methodist Church. The prayer and announcements were made by the Rev. Harding, the pastor. The scripture was read by the Episcopalian pastor and the Baptist minister taught the lesson. At the end of the service the Rev. Mr. Styles of the Presbyterian Church said the Benediction.

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