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GIRL SCOUTS OF BLACK MTN.

The Black Mountain Girl Scouts meet every Tuesday at 3:15 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church.

The leader of this fine "bunch of Scouts" are Miss Margaret Hay, Leader Alice Whitaker, Pres., Patricia Calloway Secy; Elaine Allison, Treasurer.

They meet every Tuesday afternoon, and those attending last Tuesday were Alice Whitaker, Torraine Stafford, Dorothy Slagle, Jewel English, Mary Ann Anderson, Doris Higgenbotham, Eva Jane Smith, Joyce Wells, Peggy Gibbs and Marilyn Cook.

The good work that the kids do should be given due credit. It helps them to grow up into fine womanhood under the guidance of worthy people of our community.

WOMAN'S CLUB

China is topic of Woman's Club program at Montreat.

The October meeting of the Black Mountain Woman's Club was held at Assembly Inn Wednesday afternoon, October 10. Delicious refreshments were served before the meeting began by the hostess committee: Miss Miles, Miss Webb, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mrs. Joe Moore, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Pats, Mrs. Prutte and Mrs. Willis.

The program on China was under the direction of the literary committee, Miss Mary Hooker, Mrs. F. H. Richardson with Miss Nannie Watkins as chairman. Miss Watkins introduced the two speakers, who appeared in exquisite Chinese costumes. Mrs. Lowell Wright gave a most interesting talk on her travels in China in the early days of World War I. She made her audience aware of events leading up to the Boxer rebellion, and the opening of the empire to western influence. The courteous but sinister watchfulness of Japanese officials haunted the Wrights in their travels in Japan and Manchuria. After the program Mrs. Wright exhibited some rare and beautiful pieces of Chinese art. Mrs. Catherine Norrabel read several remarkable poems written by Chinese women of widely different periods in history. The reading were given a most artistic and sympathetic interpretation so that the thoughts and feelings of these far-away women became as real and natural as those of modern women in America.

After the meeting Miss Mary W. Young, chairman of the international relations committee, had a table of books on China ready to be loaned to club members.

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, before sweet slumber comes
To close my weary eyes,
Up to thy throne of heavenly grace
My voice in prayer would rise
For all the Blessings of this day
I give thee thanks and praise
Forgive me Lord for Jesus Sake
For all my naughty ways.
And as I lay me down to sleep
Do thou an angel send
To watch beside me all the night
For Jesus Sake—AMEN.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 70 YEARS AGO

About 70 years ago the people didn't know anything about streets, highways, and sidewalks. They only knew about roads and lanes, lots of people today don't know the meaning of a lane, well I will try and tell you a lane was a road about 20 feet wide, with a rail fence on each side of it, where hogs, cattle, sheep, geese and ducks would come up in the evening and lay around. All cultivating land was fenced in at that time. I've seen a lane from the creek up to the crossing there in Black Mountain and remember seeing Old Man Mont Stepp go out in the lane and shoot down hogs that were fat.

The hogs and cattle would go out at the upper end of this lane eat chestnuts and acorns and get for their food. The hogs would fat. The cattle would go back in the old pine fields and picked free grass.

The house wives at that time didn't have to go to such places as Mr. John Stepps and Mr. Summey and Mr. Wright to get their meat. They cut it themselves. I mean they had plenty to cut, too. It was changing in the smoke house. They had meat and lard, and plenty of homemade soap 3 or 4 hundred lbs in a big trough made of beef tallow and wood ashes. I've seen beef tallow and bee's wax all stored away in smoke house. Something I haven't seen in 10 or 15 years. I bet Mr. Stepp doesn't have enough beef tallow in his market to grease a pair of brogan shoes. Well at this time Black Mountain hadn't been named she was just a farm. So I'll tell you. When and how she got her name in your next paper.

PFC. R. M. KIRSTEIN

Pfc. R. M. Kirstein has been overseas eighteen months of his two years of service. He was in the first to cross the English Channel that spear headed the invasion of Normandy. Pfc. Kirstein was on the way to Berlin when it fell. They were turned back into France where he has been with the M. P. outfit. He also was among the troops that met the Belgium Bulge, but received enough support to fall back into Allied territory. He is now stationed in the center of Paris where his M. P. outfit is quartered. Pfc. Kirstein was stated to go to Japan but the surrender of Japan halted this. His next transference is expected to take him back in Germany.

By George Dunlap

I want to submit the following news of what happened Swannanoa Valley during the last week. The F. F. A. members went to Henderson County to pick beans last Wednesday. We picked 35 bushels. The beans will go to the starving countries in Europe but not to Germany.

By Swannanoa School

Representatives of Swannanoa along with our principal, Mr. E. N. Howell, attend the dedicatory service which was held at Moore General Hospital recently.

Beacon is having all of the village houses painted, gray and white, they look awfully well. There are several people that they had matrimony on their minds. Use Waldrop and Ruth Crisp, Calvin Plemmons and Helen Holcombe. We are glad to see so many of our boys in on furloughs. Ed Mahaffy, "Lord" Wright, Sam Mason, Grady Melton, Dick Stone, Buddy Epley, Vernon Allen, Harold Eller, Calvin Plemmons, Harry "Tom" Burgess, Woodrow McPherson, Alvin Vick, Kenneth Vess and Elroy Edmonds. Many of these boys have a discharge. Mr. Arthur Plummer has bought the house. Henry Gibbs lives in Black Bottom. Mr. G. W. Webb has to move. Scott Dillingham bought their house. We now have a new feed store where Hurts Cafe used to be. We have a new member in our school from Asheville, Norman Ware.

NICHOLS — SERVICE

Mr. Bill Nichols, owner and operator of the Black Mountain airport, made a trip to Charlotte this week and flew another plane back to be delivered to the Warren Wilson College.

The school will tear the plane apart to see what makes it "tick." This will be an added education for the students at Warren. Several planes have been let out to various schools throughout the country by the Government to be torn down and assembled, by the students but are never to be flown again.

This is the second plane to be brought here by Mr. Nichols. The Nichols air field and hanger have been putting on new faces, the hanger has been covered with white abestos shingles and looks very nice. The roof is being painted, and Bill is really doing the job up right.

Approximately half of the field has been graded and he is going to sow grass seed this fall for a beautiful landing spot in the spring.

Bill has taught so far this summer 25 or 30 people to fly, ranging in age from 16 to 60 years old. He says that there are many days left yet that will be fine days for flying in fact you can fly all winter. The still clear weather of winter is real flying weather.

Bill is one of our own boys that was, born and raised right here, and has had a hard time to get going but will in the very near future, have just as good a flying field as any town of this size anywhere.

He intends to service, rebuild, and repair all makes of civilian planes in the near future; in fact he will have a regular "airplane garage."

"Fly Says Bill"

CAR ACCIDENT

Last February 11th I was in a car accident and lost a couple of my teeth and broke several more off. I also got my mouth cut rather badly.

I could not have my teeth put in immediately because of my mouth. So I had to go without my teeth for nine months. This past Friday I went to the dentist and he put my teeth in. Now I am very happy again because I have my new teeth. It is really good to have them back in again after they were out so long.

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