

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

The Black Mountain News urges our readers to either mail, phone or bring in all news for this column you may have. We want all social events and visitors to your home published in this column.

The father of Mr. C. J. Rich of Black Mountain, is very ill in an Asheville Hospital.

Miss Mary Grey Helton, of Mrs. Hill, was the guest of Mrs. E. Stinchcomb Friday until today.

Mrs. Dwain McDougle will return home Saturday after undergoing an operation at the Mission Hospital, Asheville.

Mack Shope, his mother, Mrs. Edy Shope and sisters, Ruth and Nancy, visited Mrs. Clarence Grady last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frady and son and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watt of Black Mountain spent Sunday in Barnardsville, N. C., visiting relatives.

Mr. Mack Shope of Haw Creek left Monday for the army. He is reported to Fort Bragg. Mack was employed by Morgan Candy Company of Asheville. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Grady Shope.

Rev. Shope is pastor of Gospel Tabernacle of Swannanoa.

Rev. Albert Johnson, of Greenville, S. C., pastor for the Boys Camp at Ridgcrest last summer, was a guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd this past week.

RIDGECREST NEWS

Mrs. W. W. Lawton and Miss Olive A. Lawton are spending three months in Florida with DeLand as their headquarters while Miss Olive meets appointments in churches to speak on China. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hurst are in Miami for awhile.

W. C. T. U. met on Tuesday the 15th at the Hatcher. Mrs. Hight C. Moore led the devotional. Mr. Hatcher spoke on Legislation. At the close a birthday cake and tea were served, celebrating four January birthdays. Special silent prayers were offered for our state and national legislators.

MONTREAT NEWS

Photographs of the students are now being made to be reproduced in the College Annual, "The Sun Dial." Buckley's Studio in Asheville, is doing the work.

Jean Holt and Joyce Bates, residents of Look-Out-Lodge, went on week-end trips. Jean went to her home in Charlotte and Joyce went to Shelby with her mother to visit relatives there.

Miss Ruth Collett, an Alumna of Montreat College has been added to the faculty in the capacity of English teacher. She recently received her discharge from the Waves, having done service in the Pacific area.

Saturday evening the college faculty versus the athletic board played an interesting and exciting game of basketball. The costumes worn by the faculty members seemed to have created as much interest as the game itself.

Mrs. Hazel Winstein of New York City, came to visit her sister, Betty Jean Scharborough, at College Hall Monday. They received word that their father had passed away at Hayesville. We extend our sympathy to them, and hope that Mrs. Winstein can make a longer visit when they return.

Deep sympathy is extended to Miss Lois Ellis in the death of her father in Atlanta, Ga., last Saturday. He was a minister of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and well-known throughout the south. Her brother, Mr. Leland Ellis, accompanied Miss Ellis back to Montreat following the funeral.

The Day Students Club met with Jane Holt on Friday evening. Games, quizzes and stunts were enjoyed and Jane showed her vis-

itors her dark-room and photographic materials. Her mother, Mrs. Janie Miller Holt, assisted her in serving ice cream, sandwiches to the group. Joyce Landrum, president of the club, has resigned as she now has a position in Asheville.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the Inn on Tuesday. Mrs. John Nesbit presented the subject of study which at this season is Africa. She used an article entitled "The Heart of Africa," by Mrs. Wm. Prewitt of Hillsboro, Texas. Mrs. Prewitt was formerly a teacher of Missionaries' children in the Belgian Congo. She returned to this country, married and is now taking her family back to Africa with her.

In the Festival of States presented by the college recently the representatives of Virginia won first prize. They dressed in colonial costumes and performed a beautiful minuet. The two little "darkies" on the sidelines nearly stole the show. The second prize was won by the representatives from Florida. They depicted the historical landing of Ponce de Leon in search of the Fountain of Youth and his meeting with the Indians. Indian music and lonely scenery made a charming background. The representatives from central and western states received third prize with a comical pantomime entitled "And the Lamp Went Out."

The Mountain Elf says: "Phone your news, your trips your fun, To Mrs. John H. Robertson. She will put them in The News, Where them, the readers may peruse." Thank you.

Dissipates His Emphasis

President Truman is sadly in need of an advisor who can teach him the secret of dramatic climax.

Nearly all of his public pronouncements have been so lacking in dramatic appeal that, whether they were spoken over the radio or merely quoted by correspondents, they have almost invariably fallen flat and failed to produce the effect he had hoped they would.

His recent fireside chat was an example. He evidently had put a great amount of work on that address and depended on it to bring the American people rallying to his support when they had heard a statement of his case.

He must have felt a keen disappointment, therefore, when his best effort brought only a ripple of response and left the greater part of the country with a feeling of indifference.

His predecessor, old trumper that he was, could have taken that same theme and held the country spellbound while he played upon their emotions almost at will. For he would have singled out one paramount issue, outlined it with graphic clarity to the exclusion of all others, exposed it from all angles, and finally dealt it a moral blow, while the audience cheered to the rafters.

Mr. Truman tried to cover the whole field of his administration in a single speech. He was afraid to omit any issue that had come up between him and Congress, with the result that he dissipated his emphasis among so many subjects that neither he nor his listeners could focus their attention on any one of them.

With the best of intentions and a pathetic earnestness, Mr. Truman lost the effect of his speech by trying to cover too much ground.

His message to Congress had the same weakness. Combining the "State of the Union" and the budget messages into one, he ran into 25,000 words and wrote a document so voluminous that the press services could not carry the text on the wires, very few newspapers could afford to publish it in full, and only the rarest of those papers had the time or the patience to read it all. He tried to cover everything from wages and strikes and prices through government expenses, taxes, inflation, reconversion, foreign affairs, the atomic commission, the UNO, statehood for ter-

ritories, demobilization, and innumerable other subjects that wound up with the 21 bills on which he has twice previously asked for congressional action.

With such a mass of material before them, the best the correspondents could do was to write a sketchy summary that merely listed the different topics in the message and left them stark and drawn with no illuminative or convincing argument to support them.

Again he had dissipated his emphasis on a multiplicity of subjects so that the only possible response was indifference, because the rambling message left the people with nothing into which they could set their teeth.

But Roosevelt was ever the St. George.

The dragon was always limned in picturesque outline before him, snorting fire from its nostrils and lashing with its poisonous tail, while the sword of the crusade was poised for a deadly thrust at the monster's vitals.

If no dragon was abroad at the moment, he could find one, route it out of its lair into the open, and make the heroic charge while the people looked on in open-mouthed wonder.

Granted that Mr. Truman was not born with Roosevelt's histrionic personality and that nature did not give him the voice of a master orator, he could at least learn the trick of concentrating his emphasis on the central issue and of not wasting his energies on the lesser questions.

It is neither necessary nor profitable for even the most conscientious man to go out of his way to be dull.—The Charlotte Observer.

Morgan Named To Be Trustee of Mars Hill

J. R. Morgan, attorney and civic leader of Waynesville, has been named a member of the board of trustees of Mars Hill college by the general board of the Baptist State Convention, President Hoyt Blackwell has announced.

Mr. Morgan was himself a member of the general board of the Baptist State convention until last spring, when he was retired by rotation. He was also formerly a member of the board of trustees of Mars Hill college. He was appointed to serve on the board until 1949.

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Calendar of Coming Events

THE LIONS CLUB
The Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Church School
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship; Sunday, 3:00 p.m.—Lakay Gap Chapel; Sunday, 7:30 p.m.—Missionary Speaker (Dr. L. Nelson Bell). Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer service.

AMERICAN LEGION
The American Legion, Waycaster McAfee Post No. 129, meets the 4th Monday of each month. Wm. Hickey, Commander.

LEGION AUXILIARY
The American Legion Auxiliary, Waycaster McAfee Post No. 129, meets the 4th Monday of each month. Mrs. Edna Keith, President.

JR. O. U. A. M. 146
The Jr. O. U. A. M. No. 145, meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The 4th Tuesday is open to the public. R. W. Seawright, Counselor.

A. F. & A. M.
The Black Mountain Lodge, No. 663, A. F. & A. M., meets 1st Friday night in each month. R. E. Finch, W. M.

Col. Hayman Awarded The Legion of Merit

Colonel Joseph M. Hayman, Jr., who retired to civilian life late in 1945 after having served as chief of the medical service at Moore General Hospital, has been awarded the Legion of Merit, it was learned at Moore General Monday.

The award was made to Col. Hayman for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the Army Medical Corps from 1942 to late 1945.

Col. Hayman is now professor of clinical medicine and therapeutics in Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Before coming to Moore General, he had been stationed in the Pacific where he treated tropical diseases and carried on research in the control thereof. He was chief of the Medical Service in Australia and New Guinea until July 1944. He had also been medical consultant for the Southwest Pacific Area.

BACK HOME AGAIN
M. H. Terrell moved back to Old Fort from Elkin, N. C. Mr. Terrell was recently discharged from the Navy and is planning on living in his old home town. He was born in Old Fort and has been away for some time. Welcome back home Mr. Terrell.

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VISITORS

HENS RECOVERING FROM BOMBING

A Hiroshima dispatch in the newspaper Asahi said that a hen which hadn't laid an egg since the atom bombing of that Kyushu city has begun laying again. Combs on two other birds, which also were three kilometers (nearly two miles) from the center of the blast, have begun to regain their natural color and they, too, are expected to begin laying soon the dispatch said.

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