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JOHN H. ROBERTSON RESIGNS AS MANAGER AT MONTREAT

Board Will Relieve Him Of The Responsibility Immediately

John H. Robertson, who has held the title of Business Manager at Montreat for almost two years, tendered his resignation recently and the Board of Directors in a called meeting on Thursday, accepted the resignation.

Mr. Robertson states that he had specified that the resignation be effective May 1st in order to be able to complete certain projects at Montreat which he had planned and started, but that the Board decided to relieve him of further responsibility immediately, but granting a terminal leave of earned vacation time.

Mr. Robertson states that he had planned to return to Texas about June 1st, and would probably have re-entered the profession of Civil Engineering in that state, but now no definite plans are worked out. At present he expects to remain in this area at least until school closes, as his eldest son, John C., is a senior in high school at Montreat and Robert is in the Black Mountain school, and Mr. and Mrs. Robertson do not want to interrupt their school work at this time.

We are also advised that Mr. Robertson is working on a proposition in the Black Mountain area which may keep him here indefinitely, and will probably have a definite announcement to make within a week or two. In the meantime he is enjoying the relief from responsibility and taking a badly needed rest.

Spirit of Lionism Cure World's Ills

The Atomic Bomb Has Given The World The Jitters, and Feature Writers Give Headache.

By Ellis Loveless, International Director.

Even though the newspapers everywhere declare the Atomic Bomb the biggest story of the war, to which I agree, here's one newspaperman who thinks so much publicity has been given the bomb that it is now being decidedly overplayed. Actually, it has come to be a weekly rehash of the original announcement.

It was completely devastating when first used as a weapon of war, and no additional comment or statement can increase its tremendous destructive power. From the beginning of time progress and new inventions have brought about new sensations. Only a few years ago man was content with his flintlock-powder pan musket. Then some one introduced the percussion cap idea, and later it was found practical to put the cartridge right inside the gun. Then came the repeating rifle, to be followed and outmoded by the machine gun, and the evolution continues. History records that the introduction of the steamboat, the steam locomotive, the automobile, the flying machine and many other new ideas created startling conditions. However, they did not enjoy the support and coverage of world-wide radio and press networks.

The Atomic Bomb has given the world the jitters, and the feature writers are giving their readers a headache. News correspondents and commentators have had a field day with this new terror. Certainly the bomb's development was an outstanding achievement. It is a striking illustration of the limitless possibilities of widespread organization, complete coordination, and cooperation on a mass basis.

It proves again that the human element, properly trained and under efficient direction, is capable of accomplishing wonders. Just look back for a minute and review a few of the notable achievements produced under pressure of winning the war, and think of the tremendous good that could be posted on the right side of the balance sheet if this same terrific force was directed toward healing the ills of the world.

Leaders Attend Girl Scouters Montreat Meet

Under the leadership of Miss Edith Conart and Mrs. Ann Bronckhost of the Girl Scout national staff program division, New York City, a training course in Girl Scout program building is being conducted this week at Assembly Inn, Montreat, for professional Girl Scout leaders.

The needs of girls from seven to eighteen years of age is the main consideration of the conference, which began Tuesday morning Feb. 5 and continued through Wednesday, Feb. 13, with leaders from varied points in the eastern half of the United States in attendance.



NAVY'S COACH . . . Capt. Thomas J. Hamilton, who has just been appointed head football coach of the U.S. naval academy. This will be his second coaching tour at Annapolis having coached in 1934, 1935 and 1936.



LADY ASTOR COMES HOME . . . Pictured against a backdrop of a British flag at the pier, following their arrival in New York City, are Lord and Lady Astor. The viscountess, American-born former member of parliament, is en route to Virginia to visit relatives. When asked her plans, Lady Astor stated that she "might run for congress." Matter of lack of American citizenship stands in her way at present, however.

A Presidential Proclamation

By proclamation of President Truman, the month of March has been set aside as Red Cross Month and the time for its Annual Fund Campaign. All American citizens have been requested as a patriotic duty not to conduct or participate in any campaigns that might interfere with the success of the Red Cross Campaign.

For sixty-five years the Red Cross has served veterans and their dependents as well, carrying on various community services in the interest of human welfare.

You are asked to help carry on.

Three Girls To Be Crowned Queens Young People Present Program

Girls' Auxiliary Coronation Service To Be Held Here At The Baptist Church Sunday

Three girls, Betty Rice, Joyce Gouge and Polly Wheelon, will be crowned queens when the Girls' Auxiliary hold their Coronation Service at the Baptist Church, Sunday, February 17th at 5:00. All the members of the organization will be honored and the work they have done will be acknowledged by the rewarding of emblems dear to every G. A. heart.

The leader for the service will be Mrs. H. W. Baucom, assisted by Miss Ethel Mae Rice and Mrs. G. W. Stone, Counselors. This is open to the general public and everyone is urged to attend. We assure you if you have never witnessed a candlelight Coronation Service before, you should do so this Sunday.

This is the climax for a whole week of activities for the G. A.'s known as Focus Week, which has been held throughout the entire South. Last Sunday the girls served at the morning worship service, a mission study class was held at the church Monday evening followed by a supper. Wednesday evening the girls had charge of prayer service. Friday night, February 15th, at 6:30 p.m. a Mothers and Daughters banquet will be held at the Baptist Church.

The Girls' Auxiliary is the missionary education organization for girls 9 to 16 years of age in the southern Baptist Churches. Since its organization in 1913 it has become international in scope, with 9,744 auxiliaries throughout our southland and an ever increasing number in foreign countries.

Sgt. Howard Gosorn Receives His Discharge

Master Sergeant Howard Gosorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gosorn of Old Fort, has received his discharge after three years and nine months service in European and Pacific Theaters of War. He arrived this week from Manila, his latest assignment.

Glenn Gosorn, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Gosorn, has recently been released from active duty with the armed services in Europe.

The Arts Club Presents Musicale

Young People From Colleges and Black Mountain Public Schools Render Splendid Program.

An enthusiastic audience greeted the varied program presented February 12 at Monte Vista hotel by young people from Montreat College, Warren Wilson College and Black Mountain public schools.

Montreat College was represented by a group of twelve young ladies who sang with finish a group of songs accompanied by Miss Lois Benjamin, a student at the college, who also contributed a beautiful aria from the opera Romeo and Juliet. Miss Benjamin has a carefully trained voice that shows much study and ability. Its high ranges are unusual and true to tone. Mrs. Elma Randall conducted.

The Warren Wilson Girls' Glee Club, conducted by Mr. John Connet, director of music in Warren Wilson College, sang with such spirit and thorough enjoyment that the mood of the music was communicated to the audience. In fact, both glee clubs would be a credit of any community or college, and we are fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear them. Miss Anita Purkey, a student was accompanist for Warren Wilson.

The piano solos given by Joyce Wells, Sybil Joyner, Wilma Justus, and Thelma Brooks, Black Mountain grammar school pupils, were very well received. They showed individuality in presentation, thorough preparation, and a feeling for the mood of the selection.

Miss Alice Burnett, who gave voice with excellent possibilities two vocal solos, has a pleasing tone and resonance. She is the pupil of Mr. John Goff, of Asheville.

Everyone concerned felt that the program was very much worth while.

Red Cross Group Serves At Oteen

Thirty Junior Hospital and Recreation Corps Members End Training Course

Thirty junior hospital and recreation corps members have completed a Red Cross training course and are serving as hostesses for monthly birthday parties in the recreation building of the U. S. Veterans' hospital, Oteen, Mrs. Murray Strain, chairman of the hospital and recreation corps of the Buncombe County chapter of the American Red Cross, announced recently.

Others who planned the course are Mrs. Rex Starnes, chairman of the junior hospital and recreation corps, and Miss Lola Crawford, Red Cross field director. Lectures were given by Herbert Caskey, chairman of the Buncombe County chapter; Lt. Col. David E. Quinn, manager of the Oteen veterans' hospital; Maj. S. Spencer, chief of physical medicine at Oteen; Miss Helen Taylor, recreation director at Oteen, and Mrs. Anne Neal, acting executive secretary of the Buncombe County chapter.

The following junior hospital and recreation corps members have begun their duties: The Misses Betty Moody, Frances L. Brackett, Sue Evans, Wilma Watkins, Joyce Warren, Iris J. Welch, Emily D. Frazier, Alice Baker, Nancy Davis, Jean Allen, Anne Pinkston, Louise Burnett, Jean Corboy, Loraine Sigmon, Pat Stephenson, Dorothy Velsor, Jean Vaughn, Nancy Abernethy, Pauline Bradley, Violet Lamb, Mary White, Lillie Hilton, Alice Newell, Nell McCravy, Irene Smith, Geneva Buchanan, Mary Feuchtinger, Clara McK. Gudge, Phyllis Himes, and Nell B. McCraven.

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Montreat Program

Under the auspices of Montreat College, Bobo the Magician and his company of fellow-performers appeared in a program Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Anderson Chapel.

INFANT'S DEATH SADDENS RETURN OF OLD FORT VET

J. T. Baker, Jr., of Old Fort, a veteran of 13 months overseas service with the armed forces, returned home Friday and saw his seven-month-old son, James Oral Baker, for the first time. After a playful evening, the baby was put to bed at 11 o'clock Friday night. When the father went to awaken him for his bottle Saturday morning he found the infant dead in bed.

Dr. J. B. Johnson, Old Fort physician, who was summoned immediately, said the child apparently died of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Cherry Springs Baptist church in McDowell county, the Rev. D. C. Wesson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Let's Be Honest With One Another

If You Get Yours And Keep Mine Too, What In The World Am I Going To Do

Once a farmer had 1200 bushels of corn, which he sold, not to one grain merchant, but to 1200 different dealers, a bushel to each. A few of them paid cash, but far the greater number said they would pay later. A few months passed and the man's bank account ran low.

"How is this?" he said. "My 1200 bushels of corn should have kept me in affluence until another crop is raised; but I have parted with the grain and instead I have a vast number of accounts so small and scattered that I cannot get around and collect fast enough to pay my bills."

So he posted up a public notice and asked all those who owed him to pay quickly. But few came. The rest said, "Mine is only a small amount and I will pay some other day," forgetting, though each account was very small, when all was put together it meant a large sum to one man. Things went on thus. The man got to feeling so bad that he fell out of bed and awoke. Running out to the granary, he found his 1200 bushels of corn still there.

MORAL: The next day he went to the publisher of the little weekly newspaper who was striving to make it a go, and said: "Here, sir, I want to pay for my subscription and my small advertisement, and when next month's ad. is due, you can depend on me to pay it promptly."

I stood in the position of the editor last night, and I know how it feels to have his honestly-earned money scattered all over the county in small amounts. Now we thank you.—Editor.

W. J. Wright Is Agent For Capital Life Ins. Co.

W. J. Wright has accepted a position as agent for the State Capital Life Insurance Co. of Raleigh. Mr. Wright is now living in Asheville but formerly lived in Black Mountain and is planning to move back to Black Mountain soon. Mr. Wright has Black Mountain, Swannanoa and Old Fort territory for his company.



PAULEY TO NAVY . . . Edwin W. Pauley, California oil man, has been named by President Truman to be undersecretary of the navy. Washington reports that he will be named head of the merged army-navy when and if authorized.

Roy A. Taylor To Practice Law Here

In Partnership With Ronald E. Finch, Under The Name of Finch and Taylor.

Roy A. Taylor, recently discharged from the United States Navy, has commenced the practice of law in Black Mountain, N. C., in partnership with Ronald E. Finch. Business will be transacted under the firm name of "Finch and Taylor," and the firm will occupy the office space now used by Mr. Finch.

Prior to entering the Navy in 1943, Mr. Taylor had practised law in Asheville, N. C., for six years. He represented the government in the purchase of all real estate for Moore General Hospital. For one year, he served as investigator and enforcement attorney for the Office of Price Administration, in Asheville, N. C. Mr. Taylor has made his home in Black Mountain, N. C., since 1931. At the time of entering service he was president of the Black Mountain Lion's Club, and superintendent of the Black Mountain Baptist Sunday School.

Mr. Finch has been practising law in Black Mountain since 1926, and is well known throughout North Carolina. He represented Buncombe County in the North Carolina legislature in 1937 and 1939. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Sanatorium in Black Mountain, Wilson and Sanatorium, N. C., and was recently appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C. He has also served as mayor of Black Mountain, and is now Town attorney.

Upon entering the navy he was commissioned a lieutenant (jg) and was later promoted to full lieutenant. Following indoctrination training at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., he was sent to Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., for training in the operation of LSTs (landing ship, tank).

Lt. Taylor was then sent to the Pacific area, where for the first year he served as executive officer of an LST. During the past eight months he has served as commanding officer of this type ship. He participated in the Battle of Okinawa, Langayen Gulf, Leyte and Nasugbu, near Corregidor. He also was in on the first landing of American troops at Kyushu, Japan.

Lt. Taylor was home for a short leave last summer while his ship was in port for repairs following a hit at Okinawa by a Japanese suicide plane. He wears a watch band fashioned from a piece of the Japanese plane that struck his ship.

While in Japan, Lt. Taylor visited Nagasaki, the second city to receive a taste of the atomic bomb, and flew over this and several other cities in that area.

Lt. Taylor, in December, brought his ship from Saipan to San Francisco in company with other LSTs and was in tactical command of the convoy.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Meet

Three Members of Troup 24 Receive Second Class Rating February 11th.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor met on Monday night, February 11th in the court room of the Buncombe County Court House. Of interest to the people of Black Mountain is the fact that three of our local Scouts were commissioned as Second Class Scouts. Nine more of the same troop will go to the Court of Honor at the next session which meets the second Tuesday in March.

To Go To China

The Rev. S. C. Farrior of Montreat and Decatur, Ga., is among the Presbyterian missionaries scheduled to go to China soon for missionary work, it has been learned.

Six New Workers To Red Cross Staff

Announcement Made By Annie Jess Brabson, Field Director, At Moore General Hospital

Six new workers have been added to the Red Cross staff at Moore General Hospital, according to an announcement made by Annie Jess Brabson, field director. The new members, who have been transferred here from other posts in the service command, include: Ruth Flaler, of Fort Recovery, O., who served 27 months in Orlando, Florida and Battey General Hospital; Christine James, of Philadelphia, who entered Red Cross service in 1943 and served at Stark General Hospital and Camp Butler; Ethel Clare Elikan, of Wheeling, W. Va., who served at Camp Wheeler for over two years; Mary Neal of Walnut Cove, N. C., Miss Neal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Neal and served 18 months at Hunter Field Air Base; Lella Rice of Lakeland, Florida, who served seven months at the Naval Hospital at Palm Beach, Florida; and Mrs. Cordell Craig of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Craig is the holder of a citation for outstanding service at Camp Stewart, Ga. She is the only Red Cross worker known to hold this citation in the fourth service command.

Ladies Night At The Lions Club

The Lions Club meets tonight at the Monte Vista hotel to entertain and be entertained by the ladies. It's ladies night. Be sure to come and bring your lady.

One of the main features tonight will be music and singing by Mrs. Roy Alexander, Lt. Robert Guy, Mrs. Robert Guy and Mrs. A. W. McDougle.

This is also fellowship night for the new members, as follows: Dr. Robert Lee Clapp, John W. Clark, Dr. Weston D. Gardner, J. L. Holman, Jr., George L. Kirkpatrick, Edward Hines Knight, Joseph C. McNeely, J. E. Sylvester, Albert J. Terrell, Geo. W. Wrenn, Jr.

Come one! Come all! Let's have a good time.

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Bill Hill Says: 'A feller went to the post office tuther day tu mail a letter and Mr. Kerlee weighed it and told him it was too heavy fer one stamp, that he'd have to put a nuther one on—an the feller said "that would only make it heavier, wouldn't it?'