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1-YEAR-OLD CHILD BURNED TO DEATH SUNDAY NIGHT

Child Was In House That Was Completely Destroyed By Fire

Edward Lyda, two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Lyda of Buckeye Cove, off the Black Mountain highway, was reported to have burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Lyda home shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday night.

The charred remains of the child were removed from the ruins of the home Monday morning, and after an investigation, P. R. Terry, Buncombe County coroner, said no inquest was necessary.

Funeral services for the little victim were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Free Will Baptist church with the Rev. Lindsey Howell and the Rev. Troy Sanford officiating. Burial followed in Berea Baptist Church cemetery.

The mother of the child was attending a church meeting and Mr. Lyda had left the house and was about 100 feet distant at the time the fire broke out, he told Dr. P. R. Terry, Buncombe County coroner.

According to Mr. Lyda, he was returning to the house when he saw flames arising from the building, a four room frame structure. He was unable to gain entrance by either the front or back door due to flames. Another child, Virginia, age 10, who was playing potatoes in the kitchen when the fire broke out, managed to escape.

Two fires were said to have been burning in the house when Mr. Lyda left. These were in the kitchen and bedroom.

Firemen from Central station at Asheville received the call about 5 o'clock Sunday night but the house had burned to the ground before they reached the scene, it was reported.

The building loss was estimated at \$1,000. The Lyda home was located about one mile off the Black Mountain highway and approximately six miles from Asheville.

High School Honor Roll

Students Are On "A" Honor Roll and Twenty-Three On "B" Honor Roll.

Those students with averages of 80 or above and considered "A" honor roll students are: Doris Rankenship, Katharine Ronder, Martha Davis, Pauline Better, Elizabeth Maddox, Joan Ke, and Barbara Reid.

Students with average of 88-92 and considered "B" Honor Roll students are: Jane Callison, Mary Mason, Peggy Morrow, Lisa Simmons, Joanne Cordell, Haney, Sara McDougle, Bet Reid, Monte Miller, Don Gragg, Brittain, George Godfrey, Les Reese, Monty DuPuy, Maria Sneed, Patsy McDougle, Sue Blair, Lillian Kirstein, Louise Carver, Petra Wn, Arrietta Burnette, and Barbara Dinwiddie.

New Buildings Now Going Up

Black Mountain Business District Growing Fast And Prospects For Better Business Good

L. C. Jumper is building a business building next to Jumper's Pharmacy.

Another new building is to be on Cherry Street next to the Key Feed and Fertilizer Co. by Key City Cab Co. This building will be the new home of the City Cab Co. and will also be the new home of the Western Telegraph Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde G. Bell, of Swannanoa, a daughter-in-law, died Sunday in Mission Hospital.

Journalism Club News

Not only was February 12 Lincoln's birthday, but it was also a memorable day for the Journalism Club. There was a package at the post office which was of no little concern to the sophisticated "Journalites." The Pins had arrived. Mrs. McCorkle jumped in the car and took off toward the P. O. and Charles Biddix, Jack Edwards, and Lillian Kirstein followed right along to see that she was properly guarded.

The pins are gold with the letter B in the upper left corner and the word JOURNALISM printed diagonally across the face of the pin. Every member of the Club is very happy about his pin and doesn't mind showing it either.

Sound System For High School

Installation of New Speakers in All The Rooms Have Been Made Recently.

The old sound system at the High School has served a useful purpose for a number of years, but age has done much to mar its usefulness. One of the difficulties was in the old speakers which needed replacing with newer and more powerful speakers. Through the help of our local radio dealer, Mr. Roger Vivrette, an installation of new speakers in all the rooms has been made.

Another feature has been added; a two way communication system. This makes it possible to call any teacher in the building and get a reply. It also makes it possible for the principal to listen in on discussions, without knowledge or consent of the teacher or class.

The cost of this renovation will be approximately \$150, part of which we already have. It is expected that the remainder can be raised through a basketball game between the parents and teachers sometime after the tournament is over. This should be a good opportunity to see Coach Byrd and Mr. Seawright play! It should also give one an opportunity to check up on Father and Mother and see if they really ARE the ball players they have told you about!

A 50c Adv. Finds Money, Valuables

The Old Saying—It Pays To Advertise, Was Proven Last Week In Our Want Ad Column

Mrs. John Gannon placed a 50c advertisement in The News want ad column last Thursday and a telephone call was received at The News office Friday morning that the purse had been found containing \$17 and valuable papers. It was brought to The News office and returned to the owner.

Our want ads bring results. Another result in want ads was experienced this week. A pair of gloves was returned to their owner. Try a want ad.

Say you seen it in The News.

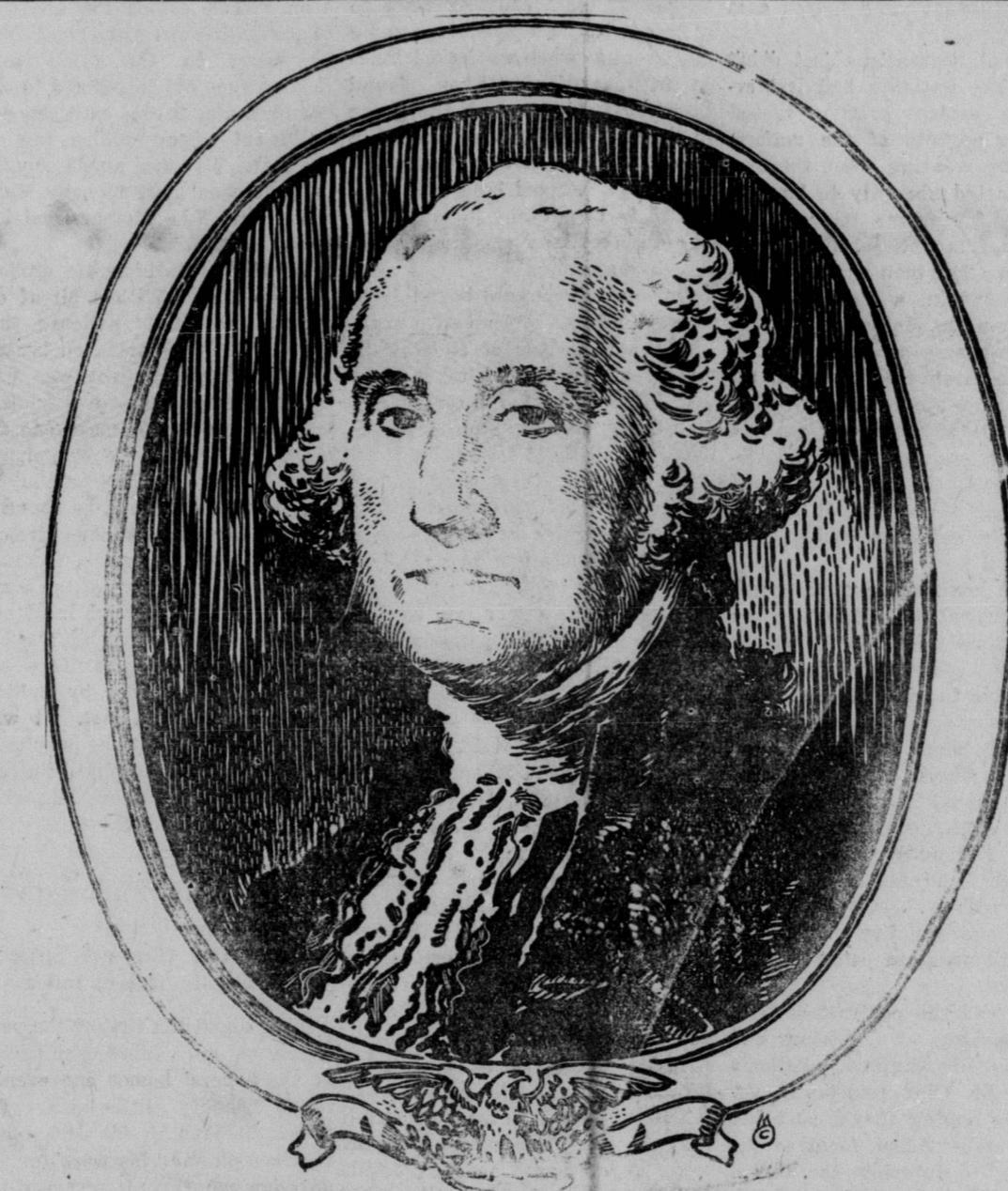
Pay No Tax On Feeds And Seeds

No Legal Tax Can Be Put On Seeds and Feeds This Year, It Is Reported

Just a reminder to farmers and gardeners that no legal tax can be put on seeds and feeds this year, according to Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott.

Pointing out that he has received reports that the tax is being charged by some dealers, and is being paid in some instance without questions, Scott explained that the 1945 Legislature removed the sale tax on all feed and seeds sold in this state.

While the agriculture department has nothing to do with prices being charged for seed, we do want to remind dealers that it is illegal to charge the sale tax this spring," said Scott.



HIS KIND OF REASON MUST STILL PREVAIL

George Washington was more than a brilliant military strategist. He was blessed with all the qualities of leadership, including a deep understanding of the needs of all the people; and justly deserved the high office of President of the United States. In its birth this nation's history was fraught with many problems on which its entire future rested. And in the present time the concerns of the nation are the concerns of the world for all time to come. Let us look to the sound judgment of George Washington, and be capable of his kind of reasoning to guide us out of all national and global difficulties.

More War Brides Enroute To WNC

Mrs. Dorothy Hedgecock and Four-Months-Old Daughter, Coming To Join Husband Here

Two more British war brides are on their way to join their husbands in Western North Carolina. They are among the 1,200 wives and children of service men crossing on the S. S. Washington.

Mrs. Dorothy Hedgecock and her four-months-old daughter, Beverly, are coming to Black Mountain to join Dallas L. Hedgecock, who was discharged from the army January 26, 1946, while Mrs. Elizabeth Grindstaff is en route to Robbinsville, Graham County, to join her husband, Boyd Grindstaff.

Hedgecock met Mrs. Hedgecock, the former Miss Dorothy J. Roulstone while serving with the medical corps in England in 1944. They were married at Barnstable, Devon. At the present time he is residing with his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson at Black Mountain and is employed at the Black Mountain hosiery mill. He formerly resided at High Point. Mrs. Hedgecock has an aunt who came to this country after the first World War and is now residing on Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Grindstaff is from Glasgow.

TEA AND TOPIC HOLD MEETING

The Tea and Topic Club met Friday night at the home of Mrs. R. T. Greene on Montreat Road with ten members and three guests present.

After bridge, a short business meeting was held at which time Mrs. Bill Phillips, chairman of the square dance committee reported that plans were completed for the square dance to be held by the club on Saturday the 23rd. Jeter Riddle and his string band will furnish the music and admission will be 60c each. The public is invited.

Members present were: Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. James Northcott, Mrs. Bill White, Mrs. Frank Grove, Mrs. Allen Perley, Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mrs. George Molloy and Mrs. Sam Cooley. Mrs. Ted Holman, Mrs. Alma Greene and Mrs. Melvin Lance were guests.

A delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

Army Air Forces Seek Men

The army air forces are seeking young men for training in aviation and allied subjects, it was announced Tuesday by Capt. Woodrow A. Abbott, of the local recruiting station in the Asheville post office.



I went to the Monte Vista hotel tuesday day to stay for a few days—and I tuk my little radio with me and when I called the clerk and ast if they had A.C. or D.C. Current here they look and said, well neither one of em is registered here. Huh!

Boys To Have New Uniforms

Mr. L. E. Brown Furnishes New Complete Uniforms With Jerseys, Shorts and Jackets.

Through the kindness of one of our most loyal supporters, the teams most loyal supporters, Mr. L. E. Brown, the boys basketball team will have new uniforms next year, complete with jerseys, shorts, and warm up jackets.

After the victory over West Buncombe in the county eliminations, Mr. Brown informed the boys that he would buy 12 complete uniforms. To be sure that the teams will have them at the first of next year, Mr. Brown made arrangements for the boys to be measured and fitted the same afternoon at the Army store.

Buncombe County Tournament

Black Mountain Boys Topped the West Buncombe's Score of 24 With a Count of 36

At the second game played in the Buncombe County tournament, Black Mountain boys topped West Buncombe's score of 24 with a count of 36. The B. M. H. boys trailed in the first half, but in the last, they rallied and took the game by 12 points. Willis was the high point star of the game with 18 points to his credit. Turner played an outstanding defensive game with an excellent job of feeding.

On the second day of the eliminations, the Black Mountain girls took a 23-18 win from Swannanoa. The defensive ball played by the home team was exceptionally good.

BIG KENO PARTY

FEB. 22, 8:00 P. M.
A Keno Party is to be held tomorrow night at Junior Hall, for the benefit of the American Legion Auxiliary Memorial Fund. This is for a real good cause and the public is asked to attend. Come! Have a good time and help swell the Memorial Fund. The general admission is 50c.

THE VETERANS' NEEDS ADD URGENCY TO CHAPTER WORK

Yard Goods

Do you remember a long time ago when mother could go to the store and buy calico, shirting, and most any kind of yard goods and make her own dresses as well as dresses for the youngsters; and if Dad talked just right he might get a new shirt, too?

Mr. Eckert, of the Belk Broome Co., Marion, says, that it looks like these kind of materials will be back in quantity as well as quality in the near future. He says that many new bright and cheery patterns are in stock at the present time and many new patterns are on the way. See Belk Broome advertisement on page three.

Red Cross Is Topic Of Woman's Club

Mrs. Bessie Carr, and Mr. Tom Sharpe Were Speakers For The Meeting.

The Black Mountain Woman's Club met Wednesday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. H. W. Baucom. The program for the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, chairman of the Committee on Public Welfare and Red Cross. Mrs. Kerlee said they had decided to provide some variety in the program by introducing a musical number. She then presented Miss Alice Burnett, who sang three numbers, accompanied by Mrs. A. W. McDougle.

The speakers for the day were Mrs. Bessie Carr, our local Red Cross worker, and Mr. Tom Sharpe, head of the local Red Cross Unit. Mrs. Carr gave her large and interested audience a clear, convincing picture of the wide territory over which she has to work, and of the many problems which confront her daily. She gave examples of the varied needs of people of all classes, and the ways in which a Red Cross worker strives to meet such demands, and tries to solve the many difficulties of returning soldiers and their families, as well as those of others in need of help.

Mr. Sharpe extended the picture of this field of work to the state, nation, and the world. He gave statistics to show firmly established our American Red Cross organization is, and how carefully the money and all expenditures are checked.

This whole program was a splendid build-up in understanding and confidence for the approaching Red Cross drive.

To complete the pleasure of the afternoon, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess committee: Mrs. Baucom, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Dananhowe, Mrs. May, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Summey, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Vernon, and Mrs. Wells.

Allred Truck Is Now Back In Service

The Allred truck that burned two weeks ago was not damaged beyond repair. It is back on the job again which goes to show that we have some very good auto mechanics in Black Mountain.



HOT COSSACK . . . Dimitri Matvienko, Kuban, Russia, has spent the past seven years showing New Yorkers the art of dagger dancing in which he uses eight blazing daggers. He also does a flame-swallowing act.

Thomas S. Sharp, Local Chariman, Makes Vital Appeal To People

With the Army and Navy straining to meet a June, 1946 demobilization deadline, Red Cross chapter workers, not only in Black Mountain community, but throughout the country, find themselves in the midst of the nation's greatest postwar adjustment job, Thomas S. Sharp, chairman of the Swannanoa-Black Mountain Red Cross Chapter said today.

By June, he estimated, there will be close to 15,000,000 veterans of World War II back in civilian life. This is more than three times the number of living veterans of all other American wars, he said.

"On the Swannanoa-Black Mtn. Red Cross Chapter devolves the job of continuing the Red Cross service to which veterans from Black Mountain and surrounding area became accustomed while in uniform," Mr. Sharp declared. "The family, too, looks to the Red Cross for aid during the veteran's transition to civilian life."

"The Red Cross has found that the serviceman often is so anxious to return home that he is likely to ignore information on his rights and privileges as a veteran. Back home, however, he analyzes his future and begins making plans. It is then that he may seek advice, after consultation with his family."

Chapter workers, Mr. Sharp said, are kept fully up-to-date by Red Cross national headquarters on all regulations and other official matters affecting veterans, and they have had long experience in this work as well as in handling more immediate personal and family problems.

The Red Cross Home Service workers, according to Mr. Sharp, provide the following types of assistance:

1. Consultation and guidance in personal and family problems.
2. Financial assistance on the basis of need during transition from military service to civilian life, either from chapter funds or other resources.
3. Help in finding the agency which can meet a specialized need such as a job, a home, farm or business loan, state aid, and the like.
4. Aid in preparing and presenting claims for government benefits. The Red Cross maintains specialists in all Veterans Administration offices to help with such claims.
5. Information concerning government regulations and laws affecting veterans and their dependents. Red Cross specialists keep information regarding legislation and procedure flowing to chapters at all times.

Lions Entertain Ladies At Meeting

Musical Program Presented By Mrs. Roy Alexander and Lt. and Mrs. Robert Guy.

One hundred and ten persons attended the annual Ladies' night meeting of the Black Mountain Lions Club at the Monte Vista Hotel Thursday night.

A musical program was presented by Mrs. Roy Alexander and Lt. Robert Guy, vocalists, and Mrs. Robert Guy, violinist.

Ten new members of the club received their membership cards and Alvin McDougle, president, received the master key. He is the second member of the club to hold the key, Herbert W. Sanders having received the award previously.

The Key City Cabs To Have A New Home

Excavating was completed the past week for the new building of the Key City Cab Co. offices. The Western Union Telegraph office will be located in the same building. Who says Black Mountain isn't growing?