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BLACK MTN. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PUT ON DRIVE

New Activities Are Being Planned That Means Much To Community

The Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce will soon be putting on their drive for new members. New activities of the C. of C. are planned and they will mean much to everyone in the city and community.

The building commission of the C. of C. consists of the following: F. Tyson, chairman, Frank Howard Richardson, Ben Hunter and J. A. Dougherty. The commission are advocating second stories to the new business buildings going up; to aid in better housing for the city.

The Chamber of Commerce are working hand in hand with the Lions Club in inducing new industries to locate in our city.

This is one of the finest things that has been done by our business men in this city in many years, and it is evident that we have the right leaders hold of the reins at last. New industries means a larger payroll for the city, a larger town, and this means more prosperity for all of us. New homes, new businesses, better facilities for everybody. Let's all help in every way to make our city a better place in which to live.

Don Shoemaker To Address Club

Associate Editor of The Asheville Citizen Will Speak To Woman's Club Here April 10th

Don Shoemaker, associate editor of the Asheville Citizen will speak to the Black Mountain Woman's Club, April 10 at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. S. M. Bitteringer on Blue Ridge road.

Mr. Shoemaker will be sponsored by the committee on International Relations, Miss Mary Young, chairman.

The Asheville editor is chairman of the United Nations Committee in Asheville and comes to Black Mountain after having spoken to many women's clubs throughout the state, including the State Federation of Women's Clubs conference in Raleigh last year. He is a native of Canada, his father, American; his mother, Canadian, but he has lived in the United States half his life.

The University of North Carolina is Mr. Shoemaker's alma mater. His wife is a North Carolinian from Greensboro and Chapel Hill.

The clubwomen of Black Mountain are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear and discuss with Mr. Shoemaker, the one who expresses public opinion daily in his editorials, the problems of international relations and the comic age.

The annual banquet will be held at Assembly Inn, Friday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Army Day Open House At Moore General Hospital

40 Wacs have been named to act as hostesses to the general public at the Army Day Open House, being held at Moore General Hospital on April 6.

The Wacs are regularly assigned in headquarters offices, in the medical and surgical services, the X-ray department, in occupational therapy and the Laboratory and will take the afternoon off from their regular duties to act as guides through the hospital for visitors. Hours for the open house will be from 1 to 5 and the public is cordially invited.

The band will play throughout the afternoon and will feature their own special, original arrangements of current popular tunes and popular semi-classics.



NEW NAVY COACH . . . Capt. Thomas James Hamilton, USN, Columbus, Ohio, who had been appointed head football coach at the U. S. navy academy. He will be aided by Edgar E. "Rip" Miller, who will serve as assistant coach.

Clean-up And Paint-up Month

\$210.00 Will Be Given Away As Prizes During The Clean-up Campaign.

The committee on civic improvement and community betterment of the Lions Club consist of the following Lions: J. G. Northcutt, chairman; Geo. Wrenn, H. D. Crawford, H. A. Kerlee, Ed. Knight, J. M. Lance, J. E. Sylvester and George Stone.

In a few days you will receive letters from the Lions Club, concerning the prizes and program of the club for Clean-up and Paint-up week. \$210.00 will be given away as prizes in this program.

Prizes and judges will be announced in the letter to be sent out as well as all details will be published in next week's News.

Watch The Sport Page Of The News Grow

Last week we had a touch of what our Sports Page can really be. Gene Byrd our sports writer has offered some fine suggestions which we have accepted and many interesting facts of Who's Who in the Valley will also be published on our Sport Page. We wish more people would take the interest Gene has taken and when you see some of the articles he will write no doubt you will.

We intend to print many old time photos of the yesteryear sports and fans. Look for the sport news from Gene.

Plane Service Now To Hendersonville Airport

Bill Nichols of the Nichols Flying Service is fully equipped with a cruiser 3-place plane to take you by air to Hendersonville airport to meet the big planes.

If you are contemplating on taking a plane trip, Bill says he can take you to meet the main lines or can take you within a radius of 200 miles anywhere. It would pay to investigate the rates as they are very reasonable. "Fly" says Bill.

Dr. Weston D. Gardner Leaving Black Mountain

Dr. Gardner accepted a teaching position with the medical school of the University of Wisconsin, and will be leaving our city in the very near future for Madison, Wis.

We are very reluctant to lose so fine a family from our city, but from the bottom of our hearts we wish them the best of good luck wherever they go.—The News.

Arts Club Makes Plans For Summer

Building of An Art Center Here As a Peace Memorial Honoring Our Service Men and Women

The Black Mountain Arts Club which has for twenty-five years held meetings and annual exhibitions in the summer, has recently enlarged its scope to include all of the visual arts, handicraft, drama, music and literature and has continued its activities throughout the entire year. Regular monthly program meetings have been held as have exhibitions, demonstrations and visiting tours.

Plans are being made for the building of an Art Center in Black Mountain as a Peace Memorial honoring all the men and women of this area who served their country in the Global War. Included will be a workshop, studio, assembly room with stage, exhibition halls, dining room, kitchens, library and patios. The building will be functional to meet the cultural and social needs of the community with the aim of providing a wider expression in all the Arts and a richer social cultural life.

Until this building can be completed the Blue Ridge Y. M. C. A. Assembly has generously offered the use of its fine, two story gymnasium building to the Arts Club. Here we may offer working space for craftsmen, and artists—and may hold exhibitions and sales of their work and assist them in forming classes. An illustrated folder of Blue Ridge is being mailed to many artists and craftsmen. Arts Club will assist in registering students for a small percent of the tuition for overhead expenses and will act as hosts to visitors and advertise the events and sponsor the exhibitions, programs and demonstrations.

Blue Ridge Assembly is one and one-half miles from Black Mountain village, one mile from Oak Knoll Studio, and two miles from Black Mountain College. Lectures and classes at Black Mountain College are open to visitors for a fee. "Oak Knoll," the studio home of Daisy E. Erb and Mary E. Aleshire holds current exhibitions and open house for visiting artists. Situated in the heart of the Blue Ridge, the beauty is unsurpassed, the climate most delightful and the welcome most cordial.

The Arts Center seems to be the one thing lacking for perfect living in this community. While emphasis will be placed upon service rendered to returned veterans, the youth and all-year residents, many phases of the Art program will attract persons of ability to our community.

Membership is open to all who are interested in fostering the Arts. Dues are \$1.00 per year, payable now for 1946. Membership cards will be issued by Mrs. Wm. Hickey, secretary, Black Mountain, N. C., which will be used for admittance to Arts Club programs.

Agricultural Training For Returning Vets

Returning veterans may secure Agricultural Training under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Any veteran who would like to receive this training can see your local Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, and get the desired information now.

Creasman—Crisp

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Creasman of Black Mountain, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jeanette Creasman, to Mack Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Crisp of Black Mountain. The marriage took place on March 15 at 5:00 o'clock at Biltmore, N. C. Rev. LeRoy Thomas, pastor of the Baptist Church there officiated.

News Distributed Throughout McDowell and Buncombe Counties

The Black Mountain News will distribute 3,000 copies of the News this week to cover the valley. The News has been growing fast in the past seven months and many new subscribers have been added to our list.

We would like to have new correspondents throughout the county to write up their local news for us. Many new things are occurring daily in your community and we

would like print them in the News. Our advertisers are getting the benefit of a much larger circulation and the news is coming out on schedule each week.

Black Mountain is growing beyond expectations considering, the conditions in which people are subject to getting materials. Nine new business buildings are under construction and several new homes are on the way to completion.

Many Tourist And Visitors In City Observe Special Day Next Sunday

The Lack of Housing Accommodations Is A Great Handicap To Tourist Coming Here

The tourists have started to arrive, and many inquiries have been made as to rooms, houses and accommodations.

It is almost impossible to find rooms, or houses either. Many people come to the News office making these inquiries and if you have a room or house for rent place an advertisement in our front column, or call us so we will know where to send them.

Martin Awarded Purple Heart

Cpl. John Hanley Martin, (discharged), son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac C. Martin, Montreat Road, Black Mountain, was awarded the Purple Heart, Tuesday, April 2, at the Post Office building in Black Mountain at 12:00 noon by Major J. D. Trompeter, from Marine Recruiting office in Charlotte. The medal was presented for wounds received September 2, 1942, on Guadalcanal and by the order of the Secretary of Navy, Island Commander of Guam (where he was stationed 18 months), and the United States President.

Dress Shop Will Open

A dress shop which will be operated by Mrs. Clarence Williams of Old Fort will be opened for business at an early date in the building on Main street formerly used as a theater.

The building which is owned by George W. Sandlin, has been remodeled and redecorated throughout. Rev. J. Renline is the lessee.

Stone—Black

Frank H. White of Black Mountain was married in Baltimore, Md., on March 16, 1946, to the former Miss Virginia Stone, a native of Baltimore. Frank is employed by the Baltimore Auto Sales Co. in Baltimore.



Bill Hill Says:
I ast Mr. Rowland tu'her day if he gave his help two weeks vacation—and he says No! They git two weeks when I go on mine and two weeks when they go on theirs.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE VISIT OLD GUASTAVINOS' RESIDENCE



FIRST POSTWAR CHAMP . . . The first champion to be crowned in the postwar world, Marty Servo, 26, of Schenectady, N. Y., won the welterweight championship of the world from "Red" Cochrane. Marty is an ex-coastguardsman.

Many Visitors Search For Souvenirs Lying Around The Old Home

There were several hundred visitors to the "The Castle," better known as the Raphael Guastavino residence located near Black Mountain on the Bat Cave road Sunday. Cars were parked all along the highway during the day, and visitors were seen picking up souvenirs of all kinds to take home with them.

The tumbledown dwelling, locally called "The Castle" and once the scene of a gay social life, and the 1,000 acres which surrounded it soon will go to a new owner at a court sale.

The Guastavinos—that is, the Spanish couple which Black Mountain folk respected and loved—are dead.

Raphael Guastavino, the noted architect, who designed St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church in Asheville, died in 1908.

Frances Guastavino, his widow, who became a recluse after the death of her husband, died on Jan. 28 of this year. She had spent nearly three years in a nursing home in Kenilworth after she had been severely burned at her home.

There's little left in the house now to attract a looter but recently some one broke open two small caskets containing the bones of Mrs. Guastavino's ancestors and made away with two skulls. Other bones have been scattered carelessly around an upstairs room by thoughtless persons who have visited the place. Two marble tablets, inscribed with the names of the dead, remains in the house.

The house still stands intact, but it is in an advanced state of disrepair. Shutters sag, windows have been knocked out, doors pulled from their frames, and the house is deep in litter—old correspondence, old periodicals, pieces of bedding, old clothes, broken glass, rusty stoves, and pieces of old-fashioned machinery.

Strange to say, the entire place is constructed of wood, with the exception, of course, of foundations and terraces. Some persons say that they think Mr. Guastavino later planned to build a permanent home of stone and tile but that death intervened. In fact, the wooden castle was never entirely finished.

Sheriff Laurence E. Brown of Buncombe County was just a youngster then, but he has a keen recollection of the Guastavinos, particularly of the wife.

"She was a handsome woman," Mr. Brown recalled, "and she was a good woman."

"She spent much of her time paying visits to the sick and the unfortunate. She had a house full of servants and if any one was ill and needed help she would drive over with the servant and leave her as long as her services were needed.

"I recall that once my father was away from home on a contracting job and my mother became ill. Mrs. Guastavino arrived as soon as she heard of it and brought a servant to help out. Then she went and brought a doctor."

Mr. Brown said he retained a vivid picture of Mrs. Guastavino riding side saddle on a fine horse, with voluminous skirt. He recalled how the harness shone.

Now, the Guastavino saga is about ended. One bid for the property amounting to \$30,000 has already been received by D. J. Weaver, of Asheville, appointed commissioner to wind up the estate by the court. Others may be submitted before April 8. Then the case will be taken before a judge and the sale will be ordered.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Styles, a 9 pound 3 oz. boy, Thursday, March 25.

Trailer Goes Over Mountain Side

Driver of Silver Fleet Trailer Not Seriously Hurt After 120 Feet Pluge Down Mountain

A large trailer went 120 feet down the mountain side near Point Lookout last Thursday morning about 6:30 o'clock.

A sharp turn just before you get to Point Lookout where the trailer left the road is almost straight up and down. Trees six inches through were broken off by the impact of the trailer, as it swept a clean path on its descent.

The driver of the trailer came out of the truck apparently more frightened than hurt. He was taken to a hospital, examined and released.

Old Fort Woman's Club Will Meet Tomorrow

The Old Fort Woman's Club will meet on Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. T. Roughton with Mrs. Belle Marceau serving as joint hostess.

On the International Relations program which will be observed, the Rev. R. L. Smith, pastor of Glenwood and Dysartville Baptist churches, will speak on "The Good Neighbor Policy as an Instrument of Promoting International Relations."

Invitations have been extended to new residents of Old Fort.

Mrs. W. E. Teague, retiring president, will preside.

MARION TO MARK ARMY DAY WITH EVENTS SATURDAY

The American Legion will sponsor an army day program at Marion Saturday afternoon and evening, it has been announced.

The program will include a parade, followed by speaking in front of the courthouse at 6:30 o'clock, Capt. W. A. Abbott, of the Western North Carolina army recruiting service, representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the state guard will be heard.

Following the program, a dinner and dance will be held.

Bible Teachers Met In Asheville Last Friday

There was a meeting of the Bible Teachers from all over the state held in Asheville Friday the 29th of March. This means Bible teachers in the elementary and high schools. It marked a milestone of five years of Bible being taught in our schools. The meeting was well attended and great interest was shown for the future of this work.

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