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## Anniversary Banquet Given At Montreat

### Black Mountain Woman's Club Celebrate Its 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary banquet of the Black Mountain Woman's Club was held at Assembly Inn, Montreat, on the evening of April 14. Over a hundred members and guests were present to do honor to the occasion.

Mrs. Roy Taylor as toastmistress carried the program to a new high of charm and enjoyment. Interspersed during the dinner were several delightful musical numbers. Miss Alice Burnett and Mr. Dean Willis, each sang several solos and finally a duet. Tea for two. Mrs. Robert Guy again brought thorough enjoyment to her audience with her violin numbers. Mrs. McDougle was the accompanist.

Mrs. Roy Cagle of Asheville, gave two dramatic readings with unusual charm and very sympathetic interpretation.

Among those who responded to toasts were Mrs. Crosby Adams, Mrs. Preston Thomas, district president; Mrs. H. W. Baucom, the incoming president; Mrs. Frank Buckner and Dr. Richardson.

In the course of Mrs. Taylor's remarks she recalled the early history of the club, going back to twenty-five years ago, and the start made by the Betterment Society, which eventually developed into the present Federated Woman's Club. She mentioned many of the early leaders in the organization, and found two charter members present at the dinner.

Although there was a reminiscent mood in these talks, the real keynote seemed to be a forward look to more worthwhile work for the future.

In closing, Mr. Robert Guy led the group in singing America the Beautiful.

## Gregg, The Florist To Re-open Shop

To Open Friday, April 19 With a Nice Line of Easter Flowers, Potted Plants, Etc.

Gregg, the Florist is re-opening their flower shop in their home, corner of State and Dougherty streets on Friday, April 19, with a nice line of Easter flowers, potted plants, corsages, etc.

Their new conservatory is in the offing awaiting adequate building materials, and in the meantime their home will be a correct setting to display the use of flowers. You are invited to call and make your selections for Easter at once.

All phases of floral art will be carried on by the Greggs with funeral work a specialty when occasion demands.

Flowers from their Florida gardens will be shipped here until their local gardens are in bloom. Hothouse flowers will also be carried.

The Greggs have been growing many acres of flowers here for seven years and will again have extensive plantings on their farm on Lakey Gap road.

With more than twenty-one years in the florist industry catering to the most exclusive clientele, the Greggs will endeavor to give the best there is in floral art to this community.

A flowers-by-wire service will be conducted so you may have flowers delivered in other cities of the United States.

## Organization Meeting Of Boy Scouts of America

There will be an organization meeting of Boy Scouts of America at Friendship Chapel Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. All boys interested in Scout movement are asked to attend this meeting.

Go to Church Sunday.

## Mayor Potter Urges 2nd Story To New Buildings

### Critical Period of Housing Emergency Lies In The Month Ahead

Mayor Potter has asked the persons who are building new business buildings, to add the second story in order to help the housing situation in our city.

This would add more income to



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the owners as well as furnishing a family with a home.

The greatest home building program in the nation's history is our target today, says Mayor Potter. Steps have been taken both by government and private industry, to start construction of 2,700,000 low and moderately priced homes before the end of next year.

And until the homes are built and occupied virtually every community must take emergency action to provide shelter for its people.

A program of the magnitude necessary to meet the growing emergency could not be directed from Washington alone. It will succeed only with the active participation and advice of community leaders in the cities and towns throughout the country from which the national emergency stems.

Mayor Potter not long ago met with the emergency housing committee from Raleigh in which the housing situation was discussed for the communities in which various leaders were to take part.

While materials for buildings are hard to get, there are many small homes going up, every day.

With the co-operation of the advertising council and the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, the National Housing Agency is distributing a kit of information, material which will help local communities plan a hard hitting information campaign. A constant flow of information of these facts to the people of our community will help considerably. These facts we will try to obtain in the next few days and start publishing them in the News, says Mayor Potter.

Note—Write National Housing Agency, Washington, D. C., or Raleigh, N. C.

## Council of Church Women Met With Mrs. Baucom

The May Fellowship Day Committee of the Council of Church Women of Black Mountain met with Mrs. H. W. Baucom on Tuesday, April 16th. Mrs. W. A. Allison was in charge of refreshments for the meeting. Each church representative who was unable to attend the meeting should get in touch with Mrs. Allison, phone 4501, immediately.

Mrs. H. W. Baucom was in charge of the program for the afternoon.

## Missionary Society To Meet Tuesday

The general meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will meet Tuesday evening, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

THAT WHEREAS, the civic organizations of the Town of Black Mountain have instituted a campaign for the cleaning up and beautifying of all vacant property, streets, etc., within the Town limits, of the Town of Black Mountain, N. C.

AND WHEREAS, it is the consensus of opinion that all citizens of the Town of Black Mountain should join in and cooperate with the different organizations sponsoring the cleaning up and beautifying of the Town of Black Mountain, especially as to the removal of all garbage, trash, brush, and work together to the end that all property within the Town limits, both improved and unimproved, and present a clean and beautification of all premises within the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. L. Potter, Mayor of the Town of Black Mountain, do hereby proclaim and designate the period from April 15, 1946 to May 15, 1946, as "Clean Up Month," within the Town of Black Mountain. That I further urge each and every property owner within the Town limits of the Town of Black Mountain, to beautify and clean up all premises whether vacant or improved, and to beautify said premises as much as possible in order that we may not only make the town more attractive, but to cooperate generally and wholeheartedly, with the movement commenced by the civic organizations of the Town.

Done, this, at the Town Hall of the Town of Black Mountain, this the 11th day of April, 1946. J. L. POTTER, Mayor, Town of Black Mtn.

## Jobs Available To Veterans In This Vicinity

### Veterans Are Qualified By Experiences And Training In Service

Jobs available to veterans in 18 classifications are open in this vicinity, P. Lane Gaston, manager of the local office of the U. S. Employment service, has announced.

There are openings, he said, for librarians, pharmacists, recreational assistants, occupational therapists, dietitians, floral designers, draftsmen, stenographers, tree surgeons, nurserymen, carpenters, brick masons, painters, plaster glazers, auto mechanics, machine operators and laborers.

In addition, Mr. Gaston said, there are veterans available for many types of jobs who are qualified by experiences and training in the armed forces to render superior service to employers. He called on all employers who can make a place for these veterans in their establishments to get in touch with the employment office at 86 Patton Avenue, where a complete list of veterans available is kept by job titles. This list is growing daily, he said, pointing to the obligation of employers to aid veterans in reestablishing themselves in civilian life.

## Clean-up Month Prizes Offered

### It Is Hoped That All Citizens of The Town of Black Mountain Will Participate In Drive

The following prizes will be awarded to those who have the cleanest and best improved lawns and residences in the Town of Black Mountain during the clean-up month beginning April 15 and running through May 15, 1946.

First prize, \$50.00 each for business houses and residences; 2nd prize for residence \$35.00; 2nd prize for business \$35.00; vacant lots, first prize \$25.00; second prize \$15.00.

This will be handled on basis of greatest improvement on property.

Judges of the campaign are R. T. Green, representative of Lions Club; Mrs. Evelyn Taylor of Woman's Club; Mrs. W. W. White of Tea and Topic Club.

The committee consists of the following: J. G. Northcott, chairman; George Wrenn, George Stone, H. D. Crawford, H. A. Kerlee, Ed Knight, J. M. Lance, J. E. Sylvester and R. T. Green.

## COUNCIL DELEGATES SHOULD BE ELECTED

All organizations in the community are urged to elect their representatives to the combined council for the Peace Memorial Building before June 1.

A council meeting will be called on the arrival of Dr. W. D. Weatherford.

## Candidate For State Legislature

### Roy A. Taylor, Black Mountain Attorney, A World War II Veteran, Seeks Nomination

Roy A. Taylor, Black Mountain attorney, announced last week that he will be a candidate for one of this county's three seats in the lower house of the State Legislature. He is a veteran of World War II, and is being sponsored by the G. I. Ticket. This is Mr. Taylor's first venture into politics. Since returning from service a few weeks ago, he formed a partnership with Ronald Finch, and moved his law office from Asheville to Black Mountain.

Mr. Taylor is widely known in Western North Carolina for his activities in religious, civic, educational and fraternal affairs. He is a past president of the Black Mountain Lions club, a past president of Biltmore College Alumni Association, and a past district deputy state councilor of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Prior to entering the U. S. Navy in 1943, he was an OPA investigator and enforcement attorney in this district, and previously served as federal government representative in the purchase of lands for Moore General Hospital.

For a number of years, he was Sunday School superintendent of the First Baptist Church of Black Mountain, and is now a member of the Board of Deacons of this church.

He is the son of the late A. A. Taylor, a farmer, of Candler, and was graduated from Candler high school in 1927. He attended Biltmore College in Asheville, Maryville college at Maryville, Tenn., and Asheville University Law school. While at Maryville college, he was selected as college orator, and represented the college in many oratorical contests. He was also a member of the Varsity debating team, and during his senior year was captain of the track team.

He was admitted to the state (Continued on page 8)



Bill Hill Says:

I wuz in a restaurant tuther day, and I herd a feller tell his little boy that he ate like a little pig, and the kid didn't say anything. So the old man says agin, don't you know what a little pig is? And the kid says, sure Pop— its a hogs little boy.

## Cantata To Be Given at Baptist Church Friday

### "The Seven Last Words of Christ," By Theodore Dubois, 8:00 o'Clock

The Community Chorus, composed of about 45 voices, will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois on Good Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

The chorus is under the direction of Lt. Robert J. Guy, with Mrs. A. W. McDougle as accompanist, and Mrs. Robert J. Guy, violinist.

The chorus has been working hard on this cantata for the past six weeks and a great treat is in store for the public who attend.

The Community Chorus is an organization which was formed last Christmas and gave their first performance then, under the direction of Lt. Guy.

Soloists for the Good Friday cantata will be Mrs. Roy Alexander, Mr. E. N. Howell, Mr. Edward L. Dupuy and Lt. Guy. In addition to the soloists there are forty voices in the chorus.

## Black Mountain Debating Team

### High School Debating Team Goes To Appalachian Teachers College April 22

The Black Mountain High School Debating Team goes to Appalachian Teachers College April 22 to compete in Regional contest. If successful there they will be eligible to go to Chapel Hill on May 3 to enter the State contest.

The affirmative is composed of Mary Sue Mason and Martha Davis, while the negative team is composed of Monty Dupuy and Weeta Simmons. Pete Brittain had to forfeit his position on the team because of an appendix operation.

The question for debate is "Resolved That Every Male Citizen Shall Have One Year Military Training Before Reaching the Age of 24." Those in the community wishing to hear these debates will have an opportunity next Sunday, April 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. It is hoped that a good attendance can be had both for the purpose of helping to give an audience and to the debaters; and that they may help to stimulate thinking on this important subject.

The population of Afghanistan is estimated at between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

The Methodist Church, of Black Mountain, will have a Communion Service Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. This service will commemorate the celebration of the Passover of Jesus and His apostles on Thursday of Holy Week.

## P. T. 23 PLANE CRASHES INTO MOUNTAIN NEAR RIDGECREST LAST THURSDAY AFTERNOON

### New Furniture Store To Open

#### A. F. Tyson, Jr. and Leroy Sossamon Will Open Store Here Within Fifteen Days

A. F. Tyson, Jr. and Leroy Sossamon will open their furniture business here within the next 15 days. The business will be located in the new building which is nearing completion next to the Post Office.

Mr. Tyson is a local man, born and raised in Black Mountain. He is known to everyone as Bub Tyson.

Mr. Sossamon is from Statesville, N. C. Although the name Sossamon is strange to Black Mountain, the family is not. Mrs. Sossamon is the former Miss Ora Lee Dougherty, daughter of the late Walter Dougherty, who was one of the founders of the Black Mountain Lumber Co.

Mr. Sossamon now operates five furniture stores in Western North Carolina. The name of the new firm will be Sossamon-Tyson Furniture Co. Both Mr. Tyson and Mr. Sossamon have stated that they are going to have a furniture store that Black Mountain will be proud of. The purchasing power of Mr. Sossamon's other stores will be used to give the people here the best merchandise at attractive prices.

Mr. Tyson will manage the store. He invites all of his friends to drop in and visit the new store. A formal opening date will be announced soon.

## Larry William Jenkins

Larry William, 7 months old son of T/Sgt. and Mrs. William Dewey Jenkins, born in San Ra



LARRY WILLIAM JENKINS

fael, Calif., while his father was in the Arborne invasion of Japan. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William R. Jenkins of Black Mountain.

At present Sgt. Jenkins is stationed at Washington National Airport, and residing with his family in Arlington, Va.

## DR. DEHN HONORED BY MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

Dr. Max Dehn, teacher of mathematics at Black Mountain college, has received notification of his election as an honorary member of the Mathematical Society of India at a recent conference of the society at Calcutta.

Before coming to Black Mountain college in 1945, Dr. Dehn taught at St. John's college, and prior to that at the University of Idaho. He was educated at the University of Goettingen and taught at the University of Frankfurt before coming to the United States. He was made an American citizen in Asheville, April 2 At Black Mountain college, Dr. Dehn teaches higher mathematics and philosophy.

Send in your news to The News Read the advertisements.

## Two New Jersey Boys Killed When Their Plane Crashes

A zero ceiling was the cause of a plane crash Thursday evening at 4:55 p.m. on the Blue Ridge one mile south of the Ridgecrest Assembly hall.

Four P. T. 23 army training planes passed over Black Mountain at low altitude Thursday evening flying east. They were flying in formation and apparently were not aware of the mountainous terrain. The two planes flying to the left made a left turn before reaching Ridgecrest and came back looking for a landing field. They saw the airport directions on the Black Mountain Lumber Company's roof and flew over the airport, where Bill Nichols and Bill Willowby signaled them to land, which they did. This, no doubt saved their lives.

One of the other planes took to higher ceiling and crossed the mountains and landed in Statesville. The other plane tried to turn back at Ridgecrest, and was flying too low, and crashed into the mountain top. Two hundred feet higher would have cleared the mountain and they could have made the airport.

The left wing struck a large tree and tore it off near the fuselage. The plane is a total wreck, and the flyers both were jammed through the instrument boards and killed instantly. The watch the flyer in the front cockpit was wearing was stopped at 4:45 p.m. and the watch on the other flyer was still running when the bodies were found.

Sheriff Lawrence Brown was on the scene and helped to remove the bodies.

Search of the bodies revealed the names of the fliers to be Richard L. Smith, age 33, of Kenilve, New Jersey, who had an instructor's license. Smith was in the back cockpit.

The other flyer, Nicholas George Mackron, Jr., age 18, of 18 Trenton St., Dover, New Jersey, who was flying on a student permit, but had been cleared for cross country. Other papers showed this plane as leader of the formation.

The planes were being ferried from Knoxville, Tenn. by way of Raleigh.

The bodies after being removed were carried down the mountain side by persons on the scene, and were met half way down by Geo. Wrenn in the city truck where they were placed in and taken to the foot of the mountain. Then placed in the Harrison Funeral Home ambulance and taken to the Harrison Funeral Home in Black Mountain.

Some of the residents in the neighborhood heard the crash but didn't know exactly the spot where the plane had crashed. A flyer from the Nichols Flying Service located the wrecked plane Friday afternoon and flew back to the field and was taken to the scene by auto.

John W. Ealy, associate editor of the Black Mountain News notified the State Police who were on the scene in a few minutes together with Sheriff Brown and Chief of Police Smith.

Mr. Ealy was one of the first on the scene and photographed the wrecked plane, eight photographs were taken at the scene.

We would like to state here that the directions painted on the top of the Black Mountain Lumber Company's roof by an alert town board, no doubt saved the lives of two of these flyers.

Gus Leazar, inspector for the Civil Aeronautics board, air safety bureau, Atlanta, Ga., arrived in Black Mountain Saturday and inspected the wreckage of the P-28 type training plane which crashed into the side of the mountain.

Following his inspection, Mr. Leazar gave permission for the removal of the wreckage.

Mrs. Smith, Anthony Mackron, a brother of the dead youth, and (Continued on page 8)