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Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—(From Christ's sermon on the Mount.)—Matthew 7:7.

A TIMELY IDEA

All indications point to the summer of 1946 as a turning point in the development of Black Mountain. On every side are evidences of new business ventures, new homes, new preparations for a larger and finer future.

For years our key position as a center for religious and social conferences and as a beauty spot has attracted an increasing population, of late augmented by relatives and friends of veterans at Moore General Hospital, and by officers of the hospital who have lived among us. They have all become conscious of the fine class of citizens who make up our community.

All these circumstances seem to make timely the plan of the Black Mountain Arts Club for a Peace Memorial primarily to honor the young men and women of our community who served in this most destructive of all wars. The merits of this plan for a memorial are that in honoring our men and women who served in the war we are creating a living memorial that will also serve all the community. It will benefit year-round residents and summer guests; it will be equally useful to all ages; it will serve all local civic, cultural, patriotic and religious groups and social gatherings; it will unify our civic and social and cultural efforts and build community spirit. In the materialistic age in which we live and in the restless period we have to go through to find our true place of leadership in the world, every community organized for the better life is helping more than we may realize.

In a center such as is planned by the Arts Club we can be part of the audience with an enlarged possibility of varied programs; better yet, we ourselves of all ages can gain new zest in life, new ideas for our homes, new ideas for careers, by the many activities

that the center will foster. Concerts, plays, exhibitions, and sales of works of art to a public that comes from the outside world to us will assure reward for effort on our part in all these lines.

Loan exhibits from the great art centers and paintings and other art work by local and visiting artists and craftsmen can make such a center as is planned for Black Mountain a place of opportunity for our young people, bringing basic and advanced instruction within their reach.

Thus a "living memorial" will have helped to round out the assets already enjoyed in Black Mountain, making it a vital part of the new and better America of tomorrow.

Let us discuss and study the plan, shaping it to the best that our combined judgments can decide.

ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

H. Grady Hardin.

We spend a great deal of time around graves. The graves of great leaders are often made public shrines. The places where presidents and kings are buried are visited by millions. The graves of our own loved ones are kept with loving care and visited often. The bodies of hundreds of thousands of those who fell in this last war will be brought back "home" and placed in hallowed ground near their families. It is one way for us, the living, to show our love and respect for the lives that have been lived.

But to those who take Easter seriously the grave is not the place of greatest adoration. No one is particularly interested in the grave of Jesus Christ. No great pilgrimage would be made to see "the place where he lay." The life of Jesus Christ could not be buried. No grave could hold the love and kindness and wisdom and Godliness that he lived. Since the first cry of "He is risen!" men who have known him have known that he was not dead. The might of the Roman empire and the narrowness of entrenched religion tried hard to kill the most vital force that we can know, but no cross could destroy it and no grave could hold it. The moment of its greatest defeat has become for all men the moment of God's greatest victory.

Graves can mean the death of

finite bodies and the timely failures of men and empires. Easter, however, turns our thoughts and lives to things eternal which no grave can hold. Because God lives, we too shall live.

Don Shoemaker Speaks To Woman's Club Here

The April meeting of the Black Mountain Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. S. M. Bittinger, Wednesday afternoon, April 10. The program was in charge of Miss Mary W. Young, chairman of the International Relations committee, who presented Mr. Don Shoemaker, the speaker of the afternoon. Mr. Shoemaker is associate editor of the Asheville Citizen-Times, and is well versed in foreign affairs.

The talk on the problems of keeping the peace was so well thought out, and so clearly put that his audience was definitely impressed by the gigantic undertakings that face the United Nations and our own United States.

Mr. Shoemaker spoke of the conditions that challenge peace today, such as the active menace of Fascism, the menace of destruction and starvation; and the new political alignment in Europe today. The latter is not merely right wing against left, but is socialism vs. communism, with America standing alone as a great capitalistic nation, and having the chief responsibility for the rehabilitation of the world.

The second important part of the discussion was on the Atomic age. It has seemingly projected

the world aseat a thousand years in science, but—the moral and spiritual side of mankind is woefully lagging behind. As for keeping the secret of Atomic research, it is impossible for any length of time, for other countries are also delving depe into the same ideas. The only hope for ultimate peace of the world is: to develop the peaceful uses of the split atom: to put the destructive powers of it under control of the United Nations, and last, but not least—to expand the United Nations into a world government where individual nations gradually become internationally subordinated to the world government, somewhat as the states in our Union are subordinated to our Federal government. These matters are all essential for the good of all mankind.

The immediate need for the United States, is, first of all, to set her own house in order at once, then to use her influence to eliminate the causes of war, and to further the world organizations of nations with all her power.

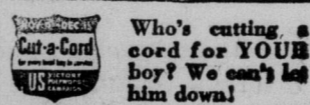
Mr. Shoemaker brought his speech to a dramatic close by saying, "and does all this seem impossible Well,—we split the atom, didn't we?"

Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Albright were among the guests of the club. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses during the social period which followed.

Hillbilly Music

The Crooked Creek string music band, consisting of Virshell Wilson, Ray Davis and Roy Moore, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis of Old Fort, R. 1, with a number of relatives and friends of the Davis's Saturday evening for a program of Hillbilly music, sacred songs and a number of the latest song hits. Several amateur musicians were there and took part in the program.

Refreshments were served by Miss Virginia Davis and Miss Doris Davis. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.



GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

(It is suggested that you tear this prayer out and place it at your table to be used as a basis for family devotions each morning of the week.)

O Thou who hast turned our thoughts from the sting of death to the hope of life eternal, give us the courage to carry the burdens of temptation and evil until we have conquered the weakness of ourselves. Guide us through the shadows of our own Gethsemenes until we can find our better selves in Thee. Raise us from the death of sin into the life which is eternal. Grant unto us strength with which to live and hope with which to die. In the spirit of the living Christ. Amen.

Have Another Cup

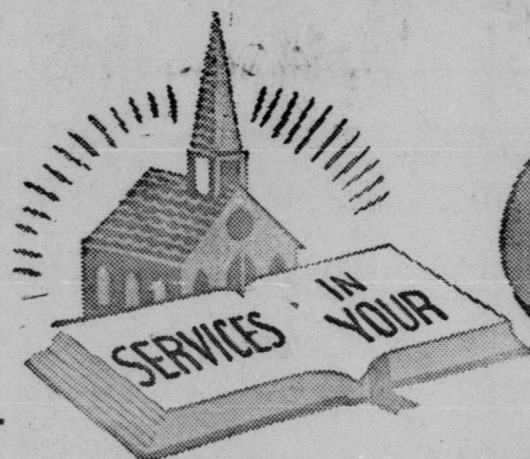
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 Sunday School—10:00 a.m.; Morning worship—11:00 a.m.; B. T. U.—6:30 p.m.; Evening worship—7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting. Choir practice immediately after prayer meeting. You are invited to all the above services.
- Black Mountain Presbyterian Church**
 W. H. STYLES, Minister.
 WEEKLY CALENDAR: Sunday—9:45 a.m. Church School; 11:00 a.m. morning worship; 3:00 p.m. Lakey Gap Chapel; 6:15 p.m. Young People's League. Wednesday—7:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study.
- BLACK MTN. METHODIST CHURCH**
 H. GRADY HARDIN, Pastor
 SUNDAY SERVICES—10:00 a.m. Church School; 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship; 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening forum. You are invited to the Methodist Church for all services.
- Swannanoa Methodist Church**
 REV. V. R. MASTERS, Pastor.
 Swannanoa—1st and 3rd Sunday, 7 p.m.; 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday at 11 a.m. Bethel—2nd Sunday at 10 a.m., 4th Sunday at 7 p.m.; Azalea—1st and 3rd, 11 a.m.; Bethesda—1st and 3rd 10 a.m.; Tabernacle—2nd Sunday, 7 p.m., 4th Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Friendship Chapel**
 Montreat Road, Near the Gate
 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church services 11:00 a.m.
 Rev. W. H. Armistead, Minister.
- Church of God**
 Lakey Street, Black Mountain
 DIXIE CHAMBERS, Pastor
 Sunday—10:00 a.m., Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Preaching; 7:30 p.m. Preaching. Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting. Saturday—7:30 p.m. Y. P. E.