

## Mrs. Lena F. Peek Services Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Lena F. Peek of Swannanoa, who died Monday night, were held at the Chapel Methodist church, near Weaverville, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. B. Dendy, the Rev. Mr. Radford and the Rev. Lindsey Howell officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were grandsons and flowerbearers were granddaughters. Honorary pallbearers were friends of the family. Surviving are the husband, G. F. Peek; three daughters, Mrs. Holbert of Swannanoa, Mrs. Dale Brown of Quinton, Ky., and Mrs. Millard Shook of Leicester; three sons, Clarence and Clendorn of Swannanoa, and the Rev. Willie Peek of Salisbury, Md.; and grandchildren.

## —READ THE ADS TOO!— SWANNANOA PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY MAKES SPECIAL OFFERING

The Women's auxiliary of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church met Monday, November 18, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Connelly. Mrs. Arnold Pitt, president, conducted the meeting. A special offering for the mission emergency fund was taken.

Mrs. E. H. Capps, Mrs. E. N. Howell, and Mrs. R. D. Alexander, members of Mrs. T. J. Hunter's table, were hostesses.

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## Book Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burnette of Swannanoa are parents of a daughter, born October 17, in St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville.

## —READ THE ADS TOO!— RED CROSS PROVIDES RECREATION FOR SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

Continuing services to American troops abroad, the American Red Cross today is participating in the operation of upwards of 100 clubs, rest homes, and other recreational facilities for soldiers overseas, according to word received by Thomas S. Sharp, chairman of Black Mountain-Swannanoa Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. Sharp said the Red Cross is operating with the Army in operating the recreational facilities under a new plan which is detailed in a booklet, "American Red Cross Overseas Operations in World War II." The booklet soon will be available to the public at the chapter office. Under the new plan, the army supply quarters for club operations, furnish general maintenance personnel, and operate canteens within the clubs; the Red Cross will provide trained personnel to conduct recreational programs.

It is reported that from December 1942 to June 30, 1946, Red Cross had net expenses of \$75,000 in operating off-post and post clubs, rest homes, and automobiles.



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## KOREA TEAM



SEOUL, KOREA—The long and short of the American Red Cross staff in Korea is Fannie Furman, hospital supervisor from Beloit, Wis., who stands 4 feet 10 inches against the 6 feet 4 inches of James Kearney, supply officer from Barre, Vt. (American Red Cross photo)

## Funeral Rites For D. F. Shope Friday

Funeral services for D. F. Shope, 71, of Swannanoa were held Friday, November 15, at 2:30 p. m. at the Berea Baptist church.

Mr. Shope, a life-long resident of Swannanoa, was well known in this area and was an active farmer until he became ill about five years ago. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Burnette in Biltmore.

Besides Mrs. Burnette, survivors include four sons, Talmadge L., T. C., and Joe Shope, of Swannanoa, and John T. Shope of Fayetteville, and two other daughters, Mrs. C. F. McMillan and Miss Margaret A. Shope, both of Swannanoa.

Pallbearers were Baxter Shope, Mark Ray, Ralph Dewese, Sam Stroupe, and Walter and Bud Hughey.

Interment was in the Berea church cemetery.

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## OES To Give Benefit Dinner

The Swannanoa Eastern Star No. 132, will give a turkey dinner Wednesday, November 27, from 6 p. m. till 8 p. m. The proceeds will go to the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro, N. C., where a new hospital is being built for the care of the aged and homeless of the home.

The menu includes turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, peas, glazed carrots, potato salad, celery, pickles, rolls, apple or pumpkin pie, coffee or milk.

Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be obtained from members of the chapter in Swannanoa, and from Mrs. Willa Brown, Miss Ruth Gilbert, Mrs. Maurice Harrison, and Mrs. Nan Burnett in Black Mountain.

The committee in charge of arrangements are Mrs. Lucy Franklin, Mrs. Nell Martin, Mrs. Vella Mae Stevens, Mrs. Nell H. Porter, Mrs. Frances Whissenhunt, Mrs. Sidney Croy, and Mrs. Edna Cloud-worthy matron.

A bazaar will be held in connection with the dinner.

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## In The Spotlight

By Quentin Enlow

The Swannanoa High school boys' basketball team participated in their initial practice session of the season last week, and from all indications, will send a talented cage aggregation after the 1947 Buncombe County championship trophy.

The local boys, who won the crown last season by whipping a tough Candler crew in the finals of the Buncombe meet, expect to go places again this year under the tutelage of Head Coach Woodrow Patton. Patton, who was a star Asheville City League cager in 1944, will be assisted by "Chick" Hipps, another top-flight performer who gained a cage reputation at Western Carolina Teachers' college.

Attending last week's opening practice session were four varsity lettermen. Richard Sides, who was selected for the all-tourney team last season, returned to his old pivot slot. Jay Lynn Burgess and Ned Straehla played at forwards during the half-hour scrimmage, and that's likely the spot each will fill during the forthcoming year. Kenny Mills, a three-year varsity lad, dished up things from his old guard position, while Eugene Harper took over the guard position vacated by Alger Rainwater last year.

Coach Patton will have plenty of reserve men to bank on during the season. John Lee, Bill McMahan, Howard Edmonds, Gilyard McClure, and Quentin Enlow will alternate when the first-string lads take a rest.

Sam Patton, who is now guiding the Asheville Bombers around the professional circles, coached the locals to the 1945 Buncombe County championship. The Swannanoa team plastered a small Red Oak squad 52-15 in the eliminations, trounced Valley Springs and Weaverville by healthy margins, and took the trophy with a 50-35 victory over a shifty team from Candler High school.

The local youngsters will take time out from basketball during this week to don football garb for their closing tussle of the season at Valdese Friday night. Coach Brock Burgess indicated his team would be at top physical strength for the skirmish, but reports from the Valdese camp show the locals will have to display a smooth attack if they dent the victory column Friday evening.

While the sports parade is winding down its never-ending path, you Be A Good Sport, and I'll see you at this same spot next week.

## —READ THE ADS TOO!—

## METHODIST WOMEN ENTERTAIN VETERANS

On Tuesday, November 26, at 6 p. m. the members of the Women's Society of Christian service and the guild of the Swannanoa Methodist church will entertain all veterans, men or women, and their families at a Thanksgiving dinner in the recreation room of the Swannanoa Methodist church.

Two hundred invitations have been mailed for the dinner.

The committee in charge of arrangements is made up of the following people: Mrs. O. E. Croy, pres., Mrs. Nellie Wilkins, chairman of the menu committee, Mrs. Jess Mills, and Mrs. Claude McClure.

Miss Inez Allen, superintendent of the Sunday school, is in charge of the program.

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## CLOSE FOR VACATION

Schools in Swannanoa will close at 3 p. m. Wednesday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving vacation. They will reopen Monday, December 2.

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## Folksongs And Ballads From The Valley

By Artus Moser  
Swannanoa, N. C.

To those of my friends who wonder why I am so very much interested in the ballads and folk songs, these crude and illiterate compositions of the common people, I will say that there are many reasons for my study and enjoyment of these compositions, only a few of which I have space to mention here. Of course many other people feel as I do about these songs or I would not be presenting and commenting on them week after week in this column.

Some wonder why I do not contrast these with the great classical music and the great operatic performances and the great symphonies and choral groups, which our common people should know about and appreciate more. Now my job is not to convince anybody of anything. All I can say is that whenever the best folk music, both vocal and instrumental, is presented at its best, and when it is presented by talented and well practiced performers, it will rank with the very best music of any type.

All literary authorities agree that the ancient folk ballads are classics in literature and should be so considered. They are classics not because these scholars and others who love literature consider them to be so, but because they have the qualities and characteristics of the classical; that is, they have vitality to endure down through the years; they have ability to interest all classes of people; they have intellectual and emotional qualities of great appeal; and they have rugged, exact, and effective use of language, so that they are understood by all who read them or hear them sung.

Most of the folk songs and ballads that I am quoting here except the local or American ones, are known all over the world. Most of them are to be found in many languages. To me that makes them a strange and unusual kind of thing. No one knows who first composed them, or where they originated. There is no one "correct" version. Because it happens to be printed in a book doesn't mean it is the original and therefore the correct copy. There is no such thing as an original copy. The scholars and others who have made a special study of the folk songs believe that the best versions or copies of the English and Scottish ballads are to be found in American. They give many logical reasons for this belief. They say, for instance, that the descendants of the early English and Scots who came to these shores were an unusually vigorous and venturesome sort of folk, generally speaking, and that they believed in living life to the fullest and of draining the cup from the sweet brim to the bitter dregs. That is to say, they had to take it all in their stride. It followed that they loved to dance and play games, sing, play the fiddle, and pick the banjo, and get all the fun out of life they possible could. Even so, life lived in any time and in any way at all was and still is bound to have much tragedy, much sorrow, much trouble; and it required much patience to live and get through with it. It followed as a natural result that they had to bring all these things into their songs and their music. That helped others to share these things with them. That made them all neighbors and friends. It made them all common people.

Here is a ballad, for instance, that is very tragical, and appears in many versions in many countries of the world. A woman sung this to me not far from here along the French Broad valley. It is called:

## EDWARD

How come that blood on your shirt sleeve?  
My son, pray tell it unto me.  
It is the blood of the grayhound  
That ran that fox for me.

It is too pale for your old grayhound  
My son, pray tell it unto me;  
It is the blood of my young brother  
That heed that corn for me.

Now what did you all fall out about?  
My son, pray tell it unto me;  
Because he cut yon holly bush  
That might have been a tree.

O what will you tell to your father dear?

## SWANNANOA P. T. A. HEAR PROGRAM ON HEALTH

Members and friends of the Swannanoa P. T. A., meeting today in the Swannanoa school cafeteria, heard a program on health, presented by Mrs. Eldredge Coggins, program chairman.

Mrs. Arnold Powell, president of the P. T. A., conducted the meeting.

When he comes home from town  
I'll set my foot in yonder ship  
And sail the ocean round.

O what will you do with your sweet little wife  
Pray, son, now tell it unto me  
I'll set her foot in yonder ship  
To keep me company.

O what will you do with your three little babes?  
Pray, son, now tell it unto me.  
I'll leave them here in the care of you  
For to keep you company.

O what will you do with your house and your land?  
Pray, son, now tell it unto me.  
I'll leave it here in the care of you  
For to set my children free.  
—READ THE ADS TOO!—

## Betty Deal Chosen Sponsor

Miss Betty Deal, student at Bowman Gray Medical school, has been chosen sponsor for the Thanksgiving dance at the school.

## HOLD REHEARSALS

Young people of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church held their weekly choir rehearsal at the home of Joe and Jane Connelly. They are practicing for a special Thanksgiving musical program.

Adult sponsors of the choir are Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Jr., and Mrs. Paul Patton. Barbara Ward, president, is the accompanist.

## —READ THE ADS TOO!—

## UNION SERVICE

AT WARREN WILSON  
Members of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church have been invited to a union Thanksgiving service at Warren Wilson college, Wednesday evening, Nov. 27.

## —READ THE ADS TOO!—

—O. M. Alexander will attend the Duke-Carolina football game Saturday.

## Asheville to Have Audubon Lectures

This season for the first time Asheville will have the Audubon Screen Tours, famous programs of the National Audubon society. Anyone wishing to obtain season tickets for the lectures should do so soon, as only 120 remain to be sold to make a complete sell-out. Since they were placed on sale a week ago, 646 have been sold, according to an announcement by Burnley Weaver, chairman of the arrangements committee.

The first of the five illustrated lectures is scheduled for Dec. 2 and there will be one a month for the following four months. All will be in the auditorium of the David Millard Junior high school.

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## —READ THE ADS TOO!— HOLD PRAYER MEETINGS

Dr. Nelson Bell's Sunday school class of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church are holding a series of weekly cottage prayer meetings.

This week's meeting was held Wednesday evening at the home of O. M. Alexander of Grovemon.

## —READ THE ADS TOO!—

Candle all eggs put on the market for sale. It doesn't pay to take a chance.

## TO ATTEND CAROLINA-DUKE GAME

Among those from Swannanoa who expect to attend the Duke-Carolina game at Chapel Hill Saturday are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Croy and son Walter, Ralph Wilkerson and son, Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Clapp, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander.

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Food stored but not used is food wasted, say home management specialists with the State College Extension Service, in stressing the importance of learning the best ways to store foods.

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