

In The Spotlight

By Quentin Enlow

With the return of several top-notch feminine performers, Coach Ruth Davidson's Swannanoa high school lassies are showing rapid improvement as they make preparations for their opening cage skirmish of the season December 6.

The Grace high school girls' team will furnish the opposition on that date, and scout reports indicate that it will be a tough battle. The Grace and Swannanoa boys will clash in the main attraction an hour later.

Coach Davidson's probable starting lineup will have Patsy Webb, Betty Ingle, and Betty Gibbs at forwards, while Nancy LeMasters, Katherine Green, and Patsy Wilkerson will get the starting nod at the guard positions.

Miss Webb, who gained a cage reputation with the Beacon Mills girls' basketball team is a veteran of last year's Swannanoa squad. Ingle and Gibbs also played varsity ball last season, while the guards aren't exactly new to the game. LeMasters and Wilkerson hit the first-string lineup most of the time last season, and Miss Green was a first-class reserve.

Coach Davidson has several outstanding subs to depend on this year. Hazel Nanney, who played part-time last season, is a top-notch guard stand-by. Patsy Stroups, a promising newcomer, will probably fill in several times, and Jacqueline Whitaker, Evelyn Roberts, and Betty Hensley are expected to see plenty of action on the hardwood this fall.

The local teams have scheduled several tough opponents for cage contests this year. Black Mountain, Sand Hill, Candler, Grace, and Warren Wilson Junior college are some of the teams who will try to put Swannanoa out of the running for the Buncombe county basketball crown; and, from all indications, they will have a tough time doing it.

Sam Patton told interviewer

Patton Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services for Ben F. Patton, 75, a farmer and life-long resident of Swannanoa, were held Sunday in the Swannanoa Presbyterian church with Dr. Thomas A. Painter, Jr., officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Son of the late John M. and Betsy Davidson Patton of Swannanoa, he died at his home on Bee Tree road Friday night after a long illness.

Survivors include the widow, Connie Morgan Patton; five sisters, Miss Jean Patton of Asheville, Miss Louise Patton of Swannanoa, Mrs. J. T. Croyle of Pittsburgh, Mrs. D. L. Parrish of Badin, and Mrs. L. E. Reighard of Lenoir; one son, Paul E. Patton of Swannanoa; and five daughters, Mrs. Arthur M. Bannerman of Swannanoa, Mrs. Francis Shouse of San Diego, Mrs. J. O. Buchanan of Asheville, Mrs. Lewis Reynolds of Asheville, and Mrs. John E. Crutchfield of Greensboro.

Harrison funeral home, Black Mountain, was in charge of arrangements.

Bill Ward, sports editor of Radio Station W. N. C. A., that: "The secret of sporting success is to heed the advice of your coach and lead a good, clean life." Take Patton's advice, Be A Good Sport, and I'll see you at this same spot next week.

Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. William King of Swannanoa, R. F. D. No. 1, are the parents of a son, born Saturday in Mission hospital, Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones of Swannanoa announce the birth of a son, born Saturday in St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. West of Swannanoa announce the birth of a son Thursday, November 28, at St. Joseph's hospital.

With The Sick

Rufus Freeman of Swannanoa has been absent from his work at the McMurray Chevrolet garage because of illness.

BACK AT RAY'S CAFE

Ray's Cafe at Swannanoa is now under the management of Ray Ballard and Hall Smith, it has been announced.

Mr. Smith was formerly connected with the business but has been away for three months. The business will continue to be operated under the name of Ray's Cafe.

ATTENDS GAME

Miss Mary Deal of Swannanoa attended the Georgia-Georgia Tech game last Saturday in Atlanta.

"1,000 calories daily is too much to let you die quickly, and too little to let you live long."—Sir Arthur Salter, British economist.

Folksongs And Ballads From The Valley

By Artus Moser
Swannanoa, N. C.

The great beauty and charm of the Christmas carols and folksongs that have come down to us here in the valley have seldom been surpassed. It would seem appropriate, therefore, that I should present some of these that I have collected and make them available during the remaining few weeks before Christmas. I wish I could quote the tunes, but that is impossible in a newspaper. Later I hope to publish many of the ballads and songs I am quoting in this column, and of course I shall want to print the music along with the text; because, as I pointed out last week, a folk ballad without the tune is really only half of the presentation.

I have had the good fortune to find many people who can still sing these old songs, and I have had the additional good fortune to be able to record these tunes and to sing the songs as I believe they must have been sung by the ancients. Certainly the tunes that have come down to us are as strange and beautiful as the words. If one will read these songs aloud, however, he can well imagine the tunes, and if he will read them slowly, halting at some word in the middle of a line, usually at the end of a clause or phrase, he will find himself making a tune of his own.

The first one I am quoting today is called the "Cherry-Tree Carol." It should be kept in mind that Old Christmas was and still is celebrated in certain sections of the mountains of this region on January 5 or 6. It is believed that Christ was born on the night between these dates, and that at this time the animals bow their knees at midnight, and that the spirits of the departed loved ones communicate with certain relatives and friends.

The Cherry-Tree Carol

When Joseph was a young man,
A young man was he,
He courted the Virgin Mary,
The Queen of Gallilee.

When Joseph was an old man,
An old man was he,
He married the Virgin Mary,
The Queen of Gallilee.

Mary and Joseph were a-walking
one day,
Here is apples and cherries
A-plenty to behold,
Here is apples and cherries
A-plenty to behold.

Mary spoke to Joseph
So meek and so mild:
Joseph, gather me some cherries,
For I am with child.

Joseph flew in anger,
In anger flew he,
Saying: Let the father of your
baby
Gather cherries for thee.

The Lord spoke down from heaven,
These words he did say:
Bow you low down, you cherry tree
While Mary gathers some.

The cherry tree bowed down;
It was low on the ground,
And Mary gathered cherries
While Joseph stood around.

Then Joseph took Mary
All on his right knee
Pray, tell me, little baby,
When your birthday shall be?

On the fifth day of January
My birthday shall be,
When the stars and the elements
Shall tremble with fear.

Woodmen Cagers Rounding Into Top Condition

Pleased with the condition of his cagers who are rapidly rounding into shape for their initial contest of the season, Coach Kenneth Mills sent his Swannanoa Woodmen squad through a spirited scrimmage on the high school floor last Monday evening.

Mills, a three-year varsity lad from Swannanoa high school, announced that new uniforms have been ordered for his crew, and that, pending arrival of the paraphernalia, no definite schedule has been made.

Any independent teams wishing to play the locals are requested to write Coach Mills at Swannanoa. All home games will be played on the high school hardwood, but Mills indicated that his team would rather play away from their own environment.

Then Joseph took Mary
All on his left knee,
Saying: Lord, have mercy upon me
For what I have done.

Social Events

MISS MONTEATH MARRIES PAUL SWANN

Miss Sarah Darby Monteath, daughter of Mrs. Mary Henderson Monteath of Asheville, was married to Paul Arthur Swann, son of Swannanoa, on Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swann of at the First Baptist church in Toccoa, Ga.

The Rev. A. T. Cline officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Dudley Stevens of Gastonia, wore a gray wool dressmaker suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Miss Mary Monteath, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore an aqua wool suit with of pink rosebuds.

The bridegroom had as his best man James Wallace Stevens, also of Asheville.

MISS O'DONOGHUE WED TO JOHN W. GOGGINS

Miss Florence O'Donoghue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. O'Donoghue of Lowell, Mass., was married to John Wesley Goggins, son of Mrs. Henry Allen Goggins and the late Mr. Goggins of Bee Tree, in the rectory of St. Margaret's Catholic church, Lowell, Mass., on November 17 at 4 p. m.

The Rev. John McManmon, cousin of the bride, performed the ceremony. After a wedding trip to the coast, the couple will reside in Washington, D. C.

MISS COGGINS TO BECOME BRIDE OF PORTER GARLAND

Mrs. Henry Allen Goggins of Bee Tree announces the coming marriage of her daughter, Betty Jane Goggins, to Porter Hickman Garland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hickman Garland of Asheville. The wedding will take place in the First Christian church at 8 p. m. on Friday evening, December 13. The Rev. Harold Tyer will perform the ceremony.

Cattle may develop nutritional diseases, the most common of which is "creeps," when there is a shortage of phosphorus in their feed. Well fertilized pastures produce better cattle.

G. Tom Scott, state director of PMA, asks housewives to serve more cabbage. There is a big over-production this year. The government has bought many cars in the Elizabeth City area.

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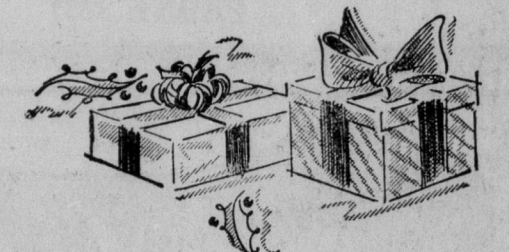
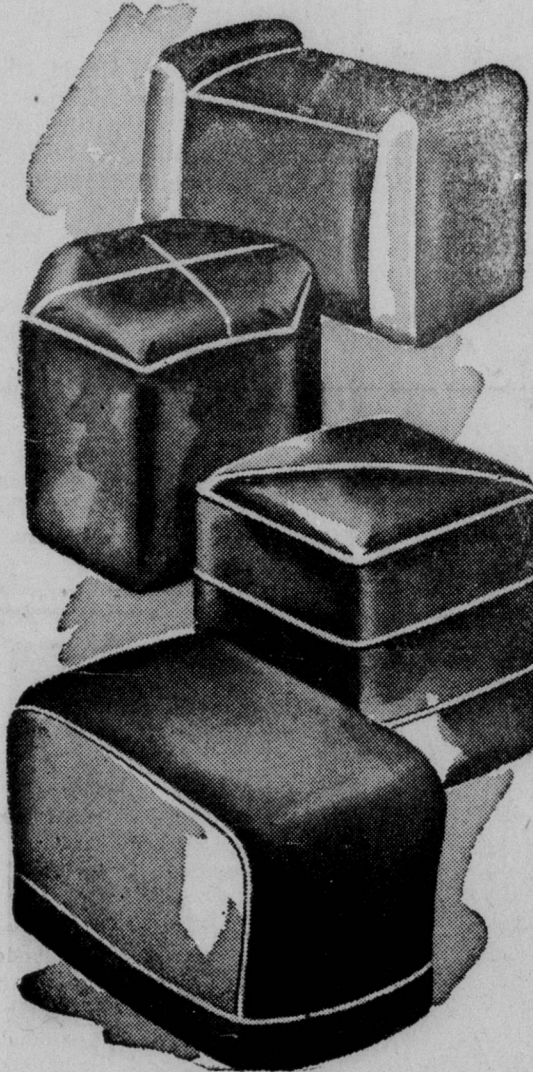
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