

National Beta Club Organized At Swannanoa H. S.

According to Mr. L. N. Howell, plans were made on Wednesday, December 4 at the Swannanoa High school for establishing a local chapter of the National Beta Club, a service-leadership organization for senior high-school students of America.

The National Beta Club has approximately 1200 chapters and over 25,000 active members in six states. It is now in its thirteenth year and has been in continuous operation since 1933. This club is a non-secret, leadership service organization having the following objectives: to encourage effort, to promote character, to stimulate achievement among its members, and to encourage and assist students to continue their education after high-school graduation.

Mrs. M. K. Rowell, teacher of foreign language, was appointed faculty sponsor for the local chapter and Miss Frances Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitaker, was elected temporary secretary-treasurer. Permanent officers for this year will be chosen after installation meeting to be held at an early date. A special program is being planned for this occasion.

The organization will be composed of the following students who are charter members and are fulfilling the requirements necessary for membership in the National Beta Club:

Jean Ammons, Edith Ballard, Emma Ballard, Mary Anne Blankenship, L. E. Carroll, Leonard Dayton, Ray Cordell, Barbara Brasman, Elmer Fender, Elizabeth Gregg, Betty Ingle, Doris Jones, George Kipp, Barbara Martin, Theron Mayfield, Mack Milton, Dorothy Penley, Pearl Ramsey, Evelyn Roberts, Shirley Sanchez, Frances Whitaker, Thelma Whitaker, Kate Whiteside, and Bertha Wilkie.

GO TO BALLET

Among those attending the ballet in Asheville Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Croy of Swannanoa.

Death Takes Carl Williams Of Swannanoa

Carl Williams, 46, of Swannanoa died at the home of his brother, A. M. Williams of Oteen Tuesday morning after a short illness.

He was a former elevator operator for Beacon Manufacturing company.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Berea Baptist church with the Rev. Troy Lunsford officiating. Burial was in Hughey cemetery.

Survivors include, in addition to the brother, a sister, Mrs. Cy Derberry of Franklin.

Harrison funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

NEWS FROM SWANNANOA

By Lois Hall

Dorothy Barnwell of Swannanoa spent the week-end in Old Fort with Eloise Kelley.

Mrs. Sidney Cory, Mrs. S. H. English, and Miss Grace English, went to Spartanburg, S. C., last week-end to attend the wedding of Miss Gladys Jervis and Major Donald Higgins.

Miss Flora Bailey has just returned from a week in Atlanta, where she has been visiting a friend.

Mrs. Ray Melton was honored with a household shower at the home of her mother, Mrs. Tom Dover, November 30. Mrs. Melton is the former Miss Mildred Dover.

SWANNANOA MAN IS INITIATED INTO FRATERNITY

Among the students initiated into the N. C. State college chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering fraternity at the society's annual banquet at Raleigh Saturday night was E. K. Howell of Swannanoa.

MRS. HARRISON TO BE HOSTESS TO GARDEN CLUB

The Garden division of the Swannanoa Women's club will have a New Year's tea at the home of Mrs. D. W. Harrison. All club members are invited to call between 3 and 5 o'clock.

Folksongs And Ballads From The Valley

By Artus Moser Swannanoa, N. C.

Christmastime is a beautiful season; yet it may bring anything but happiness to many people. It may bring loneliness, sorrow, or even tragedy. These things, perhaps, we should expect as a matter of course. But how much could be avoided if those concerned would use a better choice—would use better judgment?

I am led to this moralizing by the following folk ballad which I am presenting this week. It tells its own story; and I wish I had a more cheerful one to give. But for young people who may tend to be wreckless this Christmas tide, it may cause them to be more careful, if perchance they read it. It is called:

The Frozen Girl or Charlotte

Charlotte lived by a mountain side, In a wild and lovely spot. No dwelling there for three miles around, Except her father's cot.

Her father liked to see her dressed Gay as the city bells, For she was the only child he had, And he loved his daughter well.

It being almost Christmas time; The nights being long and cold, When she to the frozen window went To see the sleighs go by.

As restless beamed her sparkling eyes, His well-known voice she heard. Came driving up to the cottage door, Fair Charles' sleigh appeared.

"There is a merry ball tonight, Within fifteen miles off; The air is freezing cold and dark, But our hearts are warm and light."

"Charlotte, dear," her mother said, "Those blankets around you fold, For it is a dreadful night abroad, And you'll catch your death of cold."

"Oh, no, oh, no," Charlotte said, Loaded like some gypsy queen. "To go with blankets all muffled up, I never could be seen."

Her bonnet and her cloak went on As she stepped into the sleigh; And over the hill by the mountain side So merrily they passed away.

"It is a dreadful night," said Charles, These reigns I scarce can hold." Charlotte said in a feeble tone, "I am extremely cold."

He cracked his whip and urged his steed

Much faster than before. Till fifteen long weary miles In silence they passed o'er.

What ringing noise these bells do make, As we leave the drifting snow; What a creaking noise these runners make As o'er the hills we go.

"How fast," says Charlie, "the ice and snow Is freezing on my brow?" Charlotte said in a feeble tone, "I'm growing warmer now."

He drove up to the door, stepped out.

He gave his hand to her. "Why sit ye there like a monument Without the power to stir?"

He gave his hand to her, oh God! They were cold and hard as stone. He moved the mantle from her brow;

While the stars upon her shone. She was quickly taken to the lighted hall.

Her lifeless form he bore, For Charlotte was a frozen corpse And never spake any more.

He twined his arms around her neck, And kissed her marble brow; His thoughts went back to where she said, "I'm growing warmer now."

Charles went back to her father's house.

Her father no harsh words spoke, For he saw by the sadness on his brow That Charles' heart was broke.

They laid her in her grave next day.

Charles and his friends were there. And in her grave that day he laid His love and affections dear.

The state of California will continue to enforce midnight closing of bars and taverns, despite a San Francisco Municipal Court decision that the wartime restriction has expired and that 2:00 a. m. is the deadline. The announcement, made in the Los Angeles Times, was credited to Attorney General Kenny who further stated that the midnight closing must remain in effect until late 1947, "unless the President or Congress formally proclaims the war is at an end."



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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Who Gets Off Easiest—Men or Women?

Maybe you saw that poll on who has the easiest life—men or women? Of course, the men voted that the women did, and the women vice versa.

It would be the same in our town—take any family. Thad Phibbs envies his Missus spending the day at home, with no hot office to attend to. And Sue envies Thad his luncheons with the boys; and his evening glass of beer with friends (while she cleans up the dishes in the kitchen).

Of course, none of it goes very

deep. Thad knows way deep down that the Missus has plenty of work running a house; and Sue knows Thad's friendly glass of beer is well-deserved relaxation after a long hard day's work.

From where I sit, most husbands and wives may grumble now and then—but they know in their hearts it's a case of live and let live, give and take, that comes out pretty even in the end.

Joe Marsh
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