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## Reveal Winners For Christmas Lighting Contest

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Clapp and R. L. Slade, judges for the Christmas lighting sponsored by the garden club of Swannanoa have announced the following decisions: Mantal arrangements, Mrs. Arthur Bannerman, first; Mrs. Roy Alexander, second; table arrangements, Miss Frank Davidson, first; Mrs. T. A. Painter, second; outside lighting, Mrs. Eugene Lovin, first; C. H. Davidson, second; manger scene, Carolyn Porter, first; general decorations, Mrs. T. J. Hunter, first; and Mrs. Carrie Porter, second.

## Mrs. W. B. Gragg Died Early Today

Mrs. W. B. Gragg of Black Mountain died early this morning at her home on Church street following an illness of several months' duration.

Harrison's funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements, which are incomplete.

Mrs. Gragg was the wife of W. B. Gragg, owner and operator of Gragg's Studio of Black Mountain.

## With The Sick

Miss Lou Lindsey entered Biltmore hospital today for diagnostic observation. We hope for a quick return home and a speedy recovery.

We're going to miss you, Lou, both at home and school. We will be thinking of you and try to keep the work going until you get back. Sixth Grade.

Mrs. T. V. Hall of Spruce Pine has recently been moved from St. Joseph's hospital to the home of her mother, Mrs. J. I. Cook, where she is convalescing. She expects to return to her home within the next week or ten days. The baby, T. V. Jr., is reported to be progressing nicely and now weighs five pounds and one ounce.

Roy Stepp is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville where he submitted to major surgery last Saturday. Mr. Stepp and his brothers operate the Gulf service station on State street.

Mrs. Margreth Barrick, mother of Mrs. M. E. Rondel is in Mission hospital. Mrs. Barrick suffered a broken hip when she fell on the ice near her home last week.

Mrs. James S. Street has returned to her home from St. Joseph's hospital, Asheville.

F. S. Cunningham has recovered from his recent illness and is able to be back in his shop.

Mrs. C. F. Todd is ill at the Mission hospital in Asheville.

City Clerk George Wrenn remains a patient at St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville.

Mrs. George Young of Swannanoa is ill with the flu at her home.

## ATTEND FUNERAL OF STREET BABY

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Drake of Wilmington, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. James Heatherly, Mrs. Weldon Heatherly, and Mrs. James Haynes, all of Canton, N. C., attended the funeral of James Roger Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Street, Tuesday.

Mrs. Drake will remain with her daughter, Mrs. Street, for a few days.

## Coming Events---

MONDAY, JANUARY 2  
Arts club meeting at Monte Vista Manor 8:00 p. m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6  
Woman's Society of Christian Service 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Grady Hardin.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9  
Black Mountain-Old Fort Basketball game at Black Mountain.

J. O. U. A. M. meetings—First and third Thursdays of every month.

List the date of the meeting of your organization, phone 4101.

## Book Conferences For Blue Ridge

Conferences which will attract approximately 4000 persons already have been booked for the Blue Ridge conference center for the 1947 season, it has been announced.

There are still open dates on the assembly schedule and officials of the center also pointed out that there will be room during some of the periods when small groups are meeting for additional conferences.

The schedule of conferences follows:

May 22-June 1, Carolina Conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

June 2-5, open.

June 6-14, YMCA Student Conference.

June 15-16, open.

June 17-19, National Academy of FBI, North Carolina Police Executives' association, and State Association of Identification officers.

June 20-22, North Carolina Laymen's Evangelistic association.

June 22-28, open.

June 23-26, open.

June 28-July 12, Udenominational Bible camp.

July 13-15, open.

July 16-19, Industrial Conference.

July 20-25, Social Work Executives.

July 25-28, National Laymen's Evangelistic Association.

July 28-Aug. 7, open.

Aug. 8-10, Southern Area YMCA Groups.

Aug. 10-16, YMCA summer school.

Aug. 17-23, Southern Area Hi-Y conference.

Aug. 23-30, P. W. reunion.

## Masons Appoint New Officers At Swannanoa

Swannanoa lodge, No. 561, A. F. & A. M., will have a public installation ceremony for officers to serve during the coming year tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Karl A. Muschette, past deputy district grand master of the 38th Masonic district, will be in charge of the installation.

Officers to be installed are Harold Collins, M. M.; Paul Duckett, S. W.; Paul Young, J. W.; Sidney Crox, treasurer; W. L. Patton, secretary; G. W. Willkie, S. D.; Cecil Weaver, J. D.; J. L. Connley S. S.; R. G. Clarke, J. S.; Rueben Mackey Tyler; and William Metcalf, marshal.

A musical program will be presented and refreshments will be served.

## STREET INFANT SUCCUMBS

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in the chapel of the Harrison Funeral Home for James Roger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Street. The Rev. H. Grady Hardin officiated, with burial in Mountain View Memorial park.

The baby was born December 23 in St. Joseph's hospital and died Sunday night.

In addition to the parents, a brother Tommy, survives; also the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Street of Greenville, S. C., and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Drake of Wilmington. Mr. Street is employed at the NEWS.

## VISIT IN KNOXVILLE

Mrs. Dixie Chambers and daughter Ruth are spending this week in Knoxville, Tenn. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Miller, who has been a guest of Mrs. Chambers since Christmas. In Knoxville they will visit their sister, Mrs. A. J. Fox.

## SARTIS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. George Sarti of Vance avenue held open house Christmas eve. Twenty-five guests were present.

## Alexander Brothers Buy Roxy Theatre

R. H. and Jack Alexander have purchased the Roxy Theatre at Swannanoa from Guy Webb and will continue to offer first run pictures as has been the policy of the management in the past. The brothers have made several minor changes in the building and have installed new mirrors and a candy stand. The evening shows start at 7:00 o'clock and the Saturday matinee at 1:00 o'clock.

There are four changes of programs weekly—Thursday, Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday. Tonight and Friday "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers" is being offered, starring Barbara Stanwyck, Dan Hefflin, and Lizbeth Scott. Saturday at 1:00 p. m. movie fans will have an opportunity to see the old Alabama football star, Johnny Mack Brown, racing across the screen in another thrilling Western, "Shadows on the Range."

Monday and Tuesday one of the most talked of pictures of the day, "Boys Ranch" will come to the local screen for a two-day stand. And in addition there will be Universal News. Wednesday Tom Nealy and Ann Savage provide the entertainment in the drama, "Detour." A comedy and a serial round out the program.

The full schedule appears elsewhere in this issue. Watch the News for the announcement each week.

## Girls Win, Boys' Faces Red

If you see two boys running around town with red faces, don't think anything strange about them. A few nights ago two Black Mountain lads—George Sarti and Garland Bryson—challenged their girl friends to a bowling match at the Biltmore Plaza.

Not only did the girls hold their own, but they stepped out and won the match. Thus the red faces, a couple of subdued males, and a couple of superior females.

## Rockets To Face Bombers Monday On Home Floor

The Old Fort Rockets, fresh from a close victory over the powerful Farm Equipment five, are hard at work preparing for the invasion next Monday night of the high flying A. W. P. Bombers of Asheville. With several victories over college teams to their credit the Bombers are known as one of the strongest amateur clubs in the state. When the two teams met earlier in the season the Rockets lost after playing the favorites off their feet during the opening rounds.

The Rockets have had time to improve their defense since that meeting and will be seeking revenge against the Bombers Monday. The game will be played at the high school gym and a large crowd is expected to attend.

## INSTALL NEW HEATING PLANT

A new heating system has been completed in the Presbyterian church. This means warm air in every Sunday school room, three additional registers in the auditorium, a new stoker, and a blower.

## JACKSONS ON TRIP

E. S. Jackson is on a trip through Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama in the interest of Blue Ridge. Mrs. Jackson and their daughters, Martha Lynn and Susan accompanied him.

## BELL GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Norris of Greenville, S. C., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Bell on Saturday, December 29.

## Locals Dim Rockets, 35-30

The Black Mountain American Legion team leaped into the lime-light Monday night when they stepped out and knocked off the Old Fort Rockets, 35 to 30. The boys from McDowell county took a 10-7 lead at the first quarter but the locals rallied to race ahead, 19-12, at restime. The Rockets closed the margin to five points, 27-22, as the third quarter ended but were never able to draw even.

For the Rockets Simmonds racked up 13 points while Joe King pushed him for scoring honors by dumping in 12 for Black Mountain.

The Legion five finished out the week on the road, playing at Minneapolis tonight and at Old Fort tomorrow night.

At Old Fort the Black Mountain boys will meet in the Rockets a team that will be seeking revenge for a 35-30 drubbing which the locals handed the McDowell boys here Monday night.

## Funeral Services Held For Hughey

Funeral services for James Hughey, 24, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Riceville Presbyterian church. The Rev. W. M. Hyde and the Rev. Troy Lunsford officiated. Mr. Hughey was fatally injured Thursday while working as a trainman in the Southern Railway yards in Asheville.

Active pallbearers were W. T. Jankins, G. C. Coleman, Lonas Hughey, Donal Hughey, Paul Shope, and Glenn Ray.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Juanita Hughey; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Hughey of Swannanoa; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Cordell of Mare Island, California, three brothers, Morris, J. C. and Corbett, all of Swannanoa, and the grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Shope also of Swannanoa.

Harrison Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Sylvesters Leave For Florida Visit

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sylvester left Black Mountain Tuesday morning for Apopka, Florida where they expect to spend a month. They were accompanied by T. B. Reid of Ridgecrest. At Apopka they will have a cabin near the home of Dr. George Pritchard, former Black Mountain resident, who is now retired.

## GILLS SPEND CHRISTMAS IN LEICESTER

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gill and children, Lynette & Larry Dean, spent Christmas with an aunt, Mrs. Ollie Wells, at Leicester, N. C.

## DR. McMURRAY LEAVES FOR COLUMBIA

Dr. McMurray of Swannanoa left Wednesday for Columbia S. C., where he will be working for six months at the Columbia hospital.

## RECEIVE CABLE

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Bell received a cable from their daughter, Mrs. William Graham, who is spending the Christmas holidays in Southern France with her husband.

## GEORGE CARDER RETURNS HOME

George Carder of Normal, Ill., returned Sunday after spending Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood.

## ATTENDS FUNERAL IN STATESVILLE

Mrs. Clifford Porter returned Monday night from Statesville where she attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, J. L. McBride. Services were held last Saturday.

## MRS. PAINTER GOES TO WINCHESTER, VA.

Mrs. T. A. Painter left Monday morning for Winchester, Va., to be with her brother, E. T. Brown, who is seriously ill.

## CP&L Stock Now Listed On Exchange

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8—Carolina Power & Light company on Monday morning, December 23, became one of the few firms in the two Carolinas to list stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

CP&L, with principal offices in Raleigh, furnishes electric service to a large portion of the two Carolinas.

The first trading of Carolina Power & Light company common stock, represented on the stock exchange by the symbol CPL, was flashed across the board at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The privilege of buying the first 100 shares was extended to Robert M. Hanes a director of Carolina Power & Light company and president of Wachovia Bank & Trust company. Hanes' purchase was at \$39.

Several Company officials, including President L. V. Sutton, Vice-President W. H. Weatherpoon, and Director Alexander Webb, were on hand to witness the first trades at the Raleigh offices of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane, brokers handling the stocks in Raleigh. CPL's exchange specialist in New York is Harry Barbee, a native of Raleigh, whose father, 60 years ago, was the first broker to serve Eastern North Carolina.

CP&L common stock was owned by National Power & Light company until last August, when it was distributed by NP&L to holders of NP&L common stock. There are 14,700 holders of common stock, and this number will be increased considerably when Electric Bond and Share disposes of its holdings of CP&L common. Preferred stock of CP&L, held by about 6,700 stockholders, is traded on the New York curb with unlisted privileges. About one-third of the holders of all CP&L stock are residents of the two Carolinas.

## Look Who's Here!

BEG YOUR PARDON, "SON"

In last week's issue of the News it was reported that Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Hall were parents of a daughter. It should have read—"a son."

Corporal and Mrs. Ray Wiseman of Government are the parents of a daughter born Dec. 24 at St. Joseph's hospital. Corporal Wiseman, who is in Germany, is expected home sometime in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Davis of Farmville, Va. are parents of a son, Bruce, born December 22. This is the first grandchild for Mrs. H. M. Davis of Black Mountain.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stafford of Black Mountain, a daughter, Brenda Dianne, Dec. 12, at Marion General hospital, Marion, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hunter of Swannanoa are parents of a son born Wednesday, December 25, in Mission Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hampton, Swannanoa, are the parents of a daughter born Thursday, December 26, in Biltmore hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith of Swannanoa Heights, Swannanoa, have a son born Friday, December 27, at St. Joseph's hospital.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Sumney, Jr. Saturday, December 28, at St. Joseph's hospital.

A daughter was born Friday, December 27, at Mission hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Crabtree of Oteen.

## LOVELACES HAVE VISITORS

The Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Lovelace of First street had as their guests during the holidays Austin C. Lovelace and family of Greensboro, and Dr. Marc Lovelace and family of Wake Forest college.

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## State Faces Crisis In Education Taylor Declares; Roads, Health Are Second And Third Problems

### John Lynn Fined For Speeding

John Lynn, who was caught speeding on Montreat road by Carl Smith, police chief, was fined \$25.00 and costs by Mayor J. L. Potter.

In cautioning all motorists to observe the speed laws when driving within the city limits, Chief Smith warned that those caught breaking the traffic rules would be dealt with severely. "Although \$25.00 and costs may seem like a pretty stiff fine, we intend to stop speeding within the city limits," the chief stated.

### Senior Elected President Of Duke Bar Association

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 8—Paul Golis, a senior law student at Duke University, was elected president of the Duke Bar association for the coming semester at the election meeting of the student group recently.

Golis, from New Milford, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Albright College in 1940, replaces the graduating president, Willis Smith, Jr., of Raleigh, who has served during the fall semester.

Other officers elected by the student lawyers were Carl Horn, Salisbury, vice-president; Ed Wilson, Asheville, secretary; Calder Womble, Winston-Salem, chairman of the professional committee; and Earl Rice, Anderson, S. C., chairman of the social committee.

### BLACK MOUNTAIN ARTS CLUB

The Black Mountain Arts Club will meet Thursday, January 2, at 8:00 p. m. at the Monte Vista Manor. Oliver T. Smith of Ivey's will discuss modern features of work recently done in the art interior decorating. A feature of the meeting will be an exhibit of classes of Black Mountain schools.

The following musical numbers will be given by the pupils of Mrs. Roger R. Viverette: Quintette from Rigoletto. Verdi-Celeste McCall. Solfergetto, Bach-Marv Jo Atkins; Concerto in A Minor, Grieg—Russell Rowland.

A social hour will follow. On the committee are Mrs. Marv E. Ale-shire, Mrs. Genevieve Fisher Mr. and Mrs. William Hietev, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Hursh, Miss Sarah Vitchin, Mrs. Otty E. Leeman, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McDougle, and Mrs. Richard Oulahan. The program was arranged by Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, chairman of the handicrafts.

### NEW CITY CLERK

R. T. Greene, former city clerk, has been secured by the city council to fill in for George Wrenn until such time as he is able to return to his duties. Wrenn, who was stricken last Saturday with a heart attack, is a patient in an Asheville hospital. The replacement was agreed upon at a special meeting of city officials held at the city hall.

### VISITORS FROM MORGANTON

Willie Duckworth of Morganton, N. C., visited with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Riddle during the holidays.

### CIRCLE MEETS

Friendship Circle will meet this evening at the home of Mrs. Garfield Fortune on Montreat Road.

### RONDEL GUEST

Miss Georgia Gale of Bat Cave is spending two weeks with the M. E. Rondel's.

Schools, roads, and health are the most pressing problems facing North Carolina today, the Honorable Roy A. Taylor, newly-elected representative from Buncombe county, told the NEWS yesterday as he prepared to leave for Raleigh Sunday for the opening of the session January 8. Mr. Taylor, whose family will remain in Black Mountain, will be quartered at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh and will get home on week-ends, duties permitting.

"Our most pressing problem—you might call it our number 1 problem—is to provide the best educational advantages for all pupils of the state. In order to do this it will be necessary to increase the appropriation enough to provide better salaries for teachers. By doing this we may be able to hold the best teachers and to halt the trend away from teaching as a profession," the young legislator, who led the ticket in Buncombe county last spring as a G. I. candidate, declared.

"This trend threatens the efficiency of our educational system and has definitely created a crisis in our state. The teaching profession must be made sufficiently attractive to reverse this trend and to make the training of our youth a profession in its own rights," Mr. Taylor continued.

Commenting on the various plans which have been advanced to remedy the situation he said: "I hope the increase in teachers' pay will be in excess of the 20 per cent recommended by the Advisory Budget commission and the N. C. E. A."

As the number 2 problem the former Biltmore and Maryville college graduate believes we should be concerned with providing for the health of the citizens of the state. Mr. Taylor is in favor of the plan or the Good Health association which provides for establishing local hospitals and regional medical centers throughout the state. However, he is not certain whether the state is in a position at present to establish a 4-year medical school.

"That should be an eye-opener," was his comment in referring to the fact that in North Carolina 45 per cent of the white and 70 per cent of the colored men were rejected for military service during the war just closed.

In third place on a crowded legislative agenda the Black Mountain attorney would place the reconditioning of secondary roads. These include mail routes, school bus routes, farm-to-market roads, and any road upon which the people of an area depend for transportation. These should be graveled at once and black-topped as soon as possible, he believes.

"We must do more for our state institutions, particularly Western North Carolina Sanatorium and Western North Carolina Teachers college. In addition, it is necessary that we expand the services of our mental institutions, at Dicks Hill, Morganton, Caswell, and Goldsboro. These are not sufficient to take care of our present day needs, and insane patients are now housed in the Buncombe county home and in many county jails where there are no facilities for treating or correcting their unfortunate conditions.

"The state is in a fortunate position of having about \$60,000,000 in the general fund and approximately \$175,000,000 in the highway fund. However, the demands for funds will greatly exceed the money available. Our main problem is to use the funds for a well balanced and progressive program of development for North Carolina," Mr. Taylor concluded.

As one of three representatives from Buncombe county, Mr. Taylor will be attending his first session of the legislature. Following his return from active duty aboard an LST in the navy, he was one of eight G. I.s who announced for the Democratic primary last April. Of the eight, six were elected, and the former navy lieutenant led the ticket.