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Dr. J. Rupert McGregor Assumes Duties As New President Of Mountain Retreat Association

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, new president of the Mountain Retreat association, operators of Montreat assembly, assumed his new duties January 1. He and his wife are living at the assembly.

Although a native of South Carolina, Dr. McGregor is a graduate of Davidson college and has spent almost half his life in North Carolina. While still in college he began coming to Montreat during the summer, and this practice he has maintained since.

Son of a farmer, the new Montreat president was reared on a plantation in Dillon County, South Carolina. He entered the ministry in 1920 and, until elected to his new post here, was pastor of a church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Declaring that the assembly is here to serve the church, the Davidson graduate pointed out that no promotional endeavor is carried on here except that which stands ready to serve the various groups of the church. "Our doors are open throughout the year and there are programs for all groups and agencies," he said.

A graduate of Davidson college and Columbia Theological seminary, Decatur, Ga., he received his doctorate from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and has attended the Biblical Seminary of New York.

According to the ideas expressed by Dr. McGregor, the principal objective of Montreat will be to carry on the work in the pattern laid down by the retiring president, Dr. R. C. Anderson, and to make Montreat assembly serve not only the church but also the entire section of Western North Carolina.

"If we don't contribute to the life of Buncombe county and Western North Carolina, we fail just as surely as though we neglect to serve the church," he said.

Dr. McGregor, who June 1 also will succeed Dr. Anderson as president of Montreat college, said he intends to carry on the work of his predecessor and hopes to crystallize future plans of expansion in the near future.

His first active work in the ministry was as assistant pastor at an Atlanta church where he stayed for 15 months before accepting a pastorate at Cedartown, Ga. In succeeding years he held pastorates at Lexington and Burlington and for the past four and a half years had been pastor of South Highland church, Birmingham.

He was moderator of the Synod of North Carolina in 1937, served as chairman of the committee of religious education, director of young people's conferences and chairman of the Presbyterian orphans' home board of regents of the synod, and as a trustee of Davidson college.

On Assembly Committees

He is now a member of the executive committee of religious education and publication of the general assembly, of the general assembly's committee on stewardship, chairman of the permanent judicial committee of the general assembly, and one of 12 appointed representatives of the general assembly to the general council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches to be held in Geneva this year.

He is a member of the board of trustees of Columbia Theological seminary and of Stillman institute, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mrs. McGregor was Miss Mary Gertrude Wilson of a family long prominent in South Carolina's life and is directly related to Dr. Leighton Wilson, the first executive secretary of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

She is a graduate of Queens college and has played an active part in the work of young people and the Sunday school of the church.

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Council Acts To Prevent Water Shortage

With an eye to the future and a possible emergency which might arise in case of a water shortage, the city council at their regular session Tuesday night instructed R. T. Greene, acting city clerk, to contact John Vance, county commissioner, in regard to connecting the city water system to that belonging to Buncombe county. It was emphasized that the city would use county water only in case of prolonged drought or other unforeseen circumstances.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the condition of the city cemetery, it was decided to defer action until further investigation could be made. Ross Taylor, Black Mountain professional golfer, appeared before the council and explained the conditions as he had found them.

It was voted to bill Johnny Bowers for \$100 for damages alleged to have been caused by his horses last summer to the golf course. The salary of Jesse Dotson, city employee, was raised \$10.00 per week, the resignation of Robert C. Hawkins was accepted, and it was decided to ask Fire Chief Bailey of the Asheville Fire department to speak at the next Lions club meeting.

After hearing the reading of three applications for the position of city clerk, the council members voted to defer action until Monday night. They will meet in a special session at the city hall at 7:30 to appoint a clerk.

The report as submitted by Acting Clerk Greene showed net receipts of \$5,940.49 for the period December 1, 1946, to January 13, 1947.

The bills were paid and the meeting adjourned. In addition to Mayor J. L. Potter those in attendance were Dr. F. H. Richardson, L. C. Jumper, and J. G. Northcott.

C. G. Dobbs New Owner Of Eddie's Do-Nut Shop

C. G. Dobbs, former Air Corps veteran with 4 months service, Tuesday purchased Eddie's Do-Nut shop and will continue its operation making doughnuts for sale both wholesale and retail. The products will remain the same. The shop will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. Mr. Dobbs was formerly employed by the Murray Radio company.

Cornelius Patton, who has been associated with the former owner, will remain with Mr. Dobbs.

Replacing Mr. Dobbs at the Murray Radio company will be Robert C. Hawkins, former city employee, who resigned Tuesday.

Annex Host To Legion Tonight

The Black Mountain American Legion will play the Oteen Annex doctors and the Auxiliary girls will play the Oteen Annex civilian girls in a doubleheader tonight (Thursday) at the Annex gym. There is no charge and the public is invited. Starting time is 7:30.

The doctors will have Drs. Vance and Hornowski at the forwards, Wallace at center, and Thompson and Garver at guards. Starting for the Annex girls will be Grace Young, Betty Jones, Fauble, Pauline Fox, A. J. Morgan, and Lillian Stepp.

Ridgecrest Baptist Church Names Officers

The Rev. Tom E. Walters, pastor of the Ridgecrest Baptist church, has released the names of the officers who will serve for the ensuing year. They are as follows:

Mrs. Grace Thompson, clerk; Mrs. R. L. May, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Guy and Miss Nancy Walters, pianists; Robert Guy, music director; Mrs. R. L. May, pianist for prayer meeting; Thomas Walters, Jr., Oreta Hollifield, Bottie Allison, Carolyn Smith, and Lavinia Hollifield, librarians; R. L. May, S. C. Gill, C. V. Gray, trustees; Perry Morgan, Joe Hollifield, Leon Quinn, W. M. Pate, Robert Guy, and W. R. Patton, deacons.

Officers of the Woman's Missionary society, Mrs. T. E. Walters, president, and Mrs. Grace Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

Church Committees

Committees: evangelism, Bartlett A. Bowers, Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Sr., J. N. Binford, Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Mrs. W. L. Hatcher, Mrs. Bartlett A. Bowers, Mrs. Thomas E. Walters, Mrs. Perry Morgan, and J. Fred Stimson; stewardship, deacons, general superintendent of the Sunday school, director of the BTU, and president of the WMSS; finance, b. H. Harrell, Perry Morgan, Mrs. Earl Hurst, Mrs. Clarence Allison, Dr. W. L. Hatcher, Dr. H. C. Moore; auditors, W. M. Pate, Earl Hurst, Joe Hollifield, Clyde Gray, W. R. Patton, and W. L. Synnes; Baptism, C. V. Gray, Mrs. C. V. Gray, S. C. Gill, Mrs. Joe Hollifield, Mrs. Gertrude Hammond, Mrs. Jim Biddix, and Mrs. Fred Stimson; communion, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Walters.

Decorations, Mrs. Grace Thompson, Mrs. R. L. May, Mrs. John (Continued on page eight)

Buncombe County First In Number Of Forest Fires

During the period from July 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946, there were 39 forest fires in Buncombe county and these burned over an area of 331 acres, it was learned today from a report issued by B. H. Corpening, district forester, at his headquarters in Asheville. Of other counties in District No. 1 which cooperate with the state in forest fire control, Henderson county ranked second with seven fires which burned over an area of 56 acres.

Of the causes listed by Forester Corpening campers and hunters ranked first with 18, and smokers caused 16. Debris burning was responsible for 10 and 10 were believed to be incendiary. While no fire burned over more than 100 acres, 10 fires burned between 10 and 100. This report does not include the non-cooperating counties as no organized work in forest fire control is carried on in them on privately owned forest land by the state organization.

Ninety-eight per cent of the forest fires in North Carolina are man caused, Forester Corpening warns, in asking that small forest fires be reported to the nearest forest fire warden.

In the six cooperating counties there are 866,986 acres of forest area protected by the North Carolina Forest service. Buncombe county, with 258,017 acres of private land in this district with vately owned woodland, represents the greatest amount of forest acreage and a natural resource of considerable value; but through carelessness and intent, this nature wealth was subject to thirty nine attacks by forest fires in the last six months. The people of Buncombe County and the State of North Carolina are urged to cooperate with the State forest fire control organization in preventing forest fires.

Mountain View Baptist Church Has Lights

Lights were installed in the Mountain View Baptist church in time for the Christmas party, it has been learned. One of the most historical churches in the Swannanoa Valley, the church is served by the Rev. Eugene Byrd.

Sugar Home; Everyone Is Happy

Extra! The sugar bowl at the Stinchcomb home is full again, a certain lady in Black Mountain has an easy conscience, and the sweet tooth of Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb's has returned home for good. All this came about as a result of the appeal made last week through the pages of this newspaper by Mrs. Stinchcomb who, unlike the girl in the story, lost her sugar instead of her brown and yellow basket.

And, we forgot to add, Mrs. Stinchcomb is sold on advertising.

For late comers, Mrs. Stinchcomb made her appeal following the disappearance of her five pounds of sugar from a counter at the Dixie Store. She had been very careful with her sugar book and had carried it to the store under lock and key before tearing the stamp out before the clerk, but there her precaution ended, evidently, because she walked out for "just a minute" and left the precious sugar lying on the counter. When she returned, the sugar was gone.

Instead of rushing into the streets and crying, "Stop, Thief!" she went quietly about her business and waited. When a week had gone by and nothing had happened she put the notice in the paper. And then things really began to happen.

Friday her telephone rang and a repentant voice on the other end of the line said "I'm Mrs. so and so, I guess I have your sugar. But honest I didn't mean to take it. In fact, I thought it belonged to one of my friends until we got home and for the life of me I can't figure out how it happened to be tagging along with me."

Then the full story came to light. The Mrs. so on so had gone shopping with some of her neighbors and when she returned home had five extra pounds of sugar. She tried to give it to some of her friends but none of them claimed it so for the moment she was stuck. Imagine her relief when the phone rang and someone informed her that the sugar she had been worrying about belonged to Mrs. Stinchcomb.

So, to make a long story short, the Stinchcomb sweet tooth is home to stay until at least May, Mrs. so and so is relieved to get the sugar in question out of the house, and everyone is happy except the baker—no sugar, no home baked cakes and pies, he observed.

Annex Head Expresses Thanks To Swannanoa, Black Mountain

V. A. Hospital Annex Swannanoa, N. C.

January 10, 1947.

Mrs. Bessie Carr, Executive Secretary

American Red Cross

Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Carr:

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to the people of the Black Mountain and Swannanoa communities who helped to make this Christmas a happy one for the patients at the V. A. Hospital Annex.

The Christmas packages which were prepared by various individuals and organizations contained such useful items and were so attractively wrapped that we assure you they brought a great deal of pleasure to all who received them.

We wish all of you could have been here when the Gray Ladies

Church Teams Will "Crash" In Benefit Struggle

If you hear a noise during the next few days that sounds very much like a car falling apart, don't be alarmed. It may be the basketball teams from the Baptist and Methodist churches practicing for their games at the high school gym, Friday night, January 24. It will be a benefit game and proceeds will be used to help pay for the new electric score board. The clash is sponsored by the "B" club at the high school.

Both men and women teams—pardon me—fives and sixes, will be carried onto the floor, some of them wheeled, and a good time is assured for all. All former medical corps men from the army and navy will stand by for emergencies.

The Baptist captains for the men are Woodrow Beddingfield and Cecil Nanney while Grady Hardin and Tom Nesbitt are serving in the same capacity for the Methodist.

Attempting to round up the ladies' teams are Miss Nora Summey for the Baptist, while the Methodist have chosen Reba Lewis.

The ladies will be wheeled out first, promptly at 7:30 p. m. to be followed by the men as soon as the attendants have cleared away the wreckage—pardon—players. Admission will be 25 and 40 cents and all those interested in four fast teams are invited to be present.

It has been reported to the press that when the captain of one of the teams passed an opposing captain whistling "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" the other started singing, "No Not One."

Anyway, we'll see, come Friday night, January 24. Don't forget the date.

Local Men At Meeting Of Scout Executives

Dr. Alfred L. Hooker and Charles I. McDougle attended the annual dinner meeting of the Daniel Boone council held in Asheville at the First Baptist church Monday night. Principal speaker was W. A. Dobbs, regional executive of region 6 which is composed of states in the Southeastern area.

During the evening the silver beaver was awarded to B. C. Burgess, retiring president of the council. Both Dr. Hooker and Mr. McDougle have the silver beaver which is awarded for distinguished service to boyhood of the community.

—Jane Wade was a visitor in Charlotte and Concord Wednesday.

Community Chorus Rehearsal Set For February 4

The first rehearsal of the community chorus, which will be under the direction of Robert Guy, will be held on Tuesday night, February 4, at the First Baptist church. Everyone in the community interested in singing is urged to come to the rehearsal.

Sgt. W. I. Ryan Will Sail For Yokohama

Mrs. William I. Ryan received a call from Camp Stoneman, Calif., Tuesday, that her husband, Tech. Sgt. Wm. I. Ryan, was scheduled to sail for Yokohama, Japan, January 7. Plans are still uncertain, but Mrs. Ryan and her children, Janet and Jerry, will follow if it is possible. At the present they will remain in Black Mountain until further notice.

Formerly a teacher for the Department of Interior, Mrs. Ryan spent eleven years teaching Eskimos in Alaska. For three years while teaching at Noorvik, Alaska, a village on the Kobuk River, twenty miles north of the Arctic circle, she was the only white woman in a radius of sixty miles. As a hobby Mrs. Ryan writes books. "Kayoo, the Eskimo Boy" published by Charles Scribner and Sons is one of her books. "Through Arctic Eyes" is another soon to be published. Her latest, a fiction type story on which she is now working, is "Perhaps Tomorrow."

Dr. Richardson To Address Good Health Meeting

Dr. Frank Howard Richardson will be the principal speaker at the meeting which will be held Friday, January 24, at 7:45 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. His subject will be "A Better Health Program for This Community." Following his talk there will be an open discussion at which time all present will have an opportunity to voice their views.

As good health is one of the major problems facing North Carolina today, and as the state is now in the midst of a "Good Health" drive, the committee in charge of arrangements hope that at least two members from each church and two members of each club will be present. While these are urged to attend, it is emphasized that all who wish, to attend in North Carolina originated when will be welcome.

The movement for Good health a group of leading doctors appealed to the governor to inaugurate a plan for the improvement of health conditions throughout the state. All who have studied the situation in the state have agreed that the need is urgent for hospitals, doctors, nurses, technicians, and for more health education.

Morgan Attends Furniture Show In Chicago

David B. Morgan, Sr., returned Sunday from a two weeks' trip. After attending the Chicago Furniture show, he went to New Orleans where he inspected 250,000 feet of Mexican mahogany which had just arrived there by boat.

JOINS HANDS!

Mrs. C. S. Betts recently went to New York where she joined her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hand, who had been visiting Mr. Hand's parents in Cape May, N. J. They returned together to Black Mountain.

Freezer Plant Mass Meeting Monday Night

A mass meeting for all residents of Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Broad River, Ridgecrest, Blue Ridge, Montreat, and the Swannanoa Valley interested in securing a freezer locker plant for the community will be held Monday night at the Grammar school auditorium. C. J. Rich, high school agricultural instructor and chairman of the group, will preside.

Present plans call for the plant to be located somewhere between Black Mountain and Swannanoa and the size will depend on the demand. The cost, number of shares of stock, cost of stock, and other details will be decided as the plans go forward.

Leaders in the movement have pointed out that the initial cost will be the greatest obstacle to overcome as the history of similar plants has shown that within a short while after completion they become self supporting and pay a dividend to the stockholders.

Details of the financing and other arrangements will be given Monday.

All citizens of the entire community are urged to be present at the Monday meeting.

O. L. Merchant New Moderator Of Presbytery

At the winter meeting of the Asheville Presbytery held Tuesday at the West Asheville church, O. L. Merchant, ruling elder of Swannanoa Presbyterian church was elected moderator.

The Rev. Walter H. Styles, retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon, following which the Rev. Robert King, pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Paul Warren, pastor of Arden Presbyterian church, conducted a service of Holy Communion.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy of Weaverville gave a report on religious education in the Presbytery. J. Rupert McGregor of the Montreat association was received from the Presbytery of Birmingham.

In attendance were representatives from 31 churches in the presbytery, which includes 10 Western North Carolina counties.

The spring meeting will be held in the Waynesville Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Mary Deans Installed Head Of Grange

Mrs. Mary Deans was installed as worthy master and C. J. Rich as overseer at the installation ceremony held by the Swannanoa Valley Grange at the Jr. Order hall Monday night. The retiring worthy master is H. D. Smith.

Other officers elect for the ensuing year include: Jack Ramsey, steward; H. D. Smith, lecturer; Ewin Smith, gate keeper; Mrs. Eos Jackson, lady assistant steward; M. C. Stanley, assistant steward; E. W. Jackson, secretary; Katherine Dees, treasurer; Mrs. H. D. Smith, series; Mrs. Lucy Roberts, Flora; Mrs. C. J. Rich, pomona; and Gordon H. Greenwood, chaplain.

TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA

C. C. Britton of Ridgecrest has been transferred to Atlanta, Ga., and will be associated with the army auditing department. Mr. Britton has been in the Finance department at Moore General hospital for the past two years.

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