

LET'S HAVE LIGHTS

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## Hope To Light Field In Time For Softball

By Athletic Committee

The program that the Jaycees have been sponsoring to light the athletic field has met with a few difficulties but all concerned are hopeful that they can be worked out so as to make the lights a reality in time for this summer.

There has been quite a lot of interest in lighting the field for football and baseball as well as softball. The Jaycees have gone to this problem and have found that the cost for baseball, both in erection and operation, is out of their reach at this time. Lighting for football has a different arrangement from softball and the limited number of games that could be played makes this project doubtful.

At the last meeting a representative from an Asheville electrical contracting company submitted a plan and an estimate to the Jaycees for lighting the grammar school athletic field for softball. The plan submitted was what is known as a class A softball field. This plan called for about 4 poles within the playing field about 200 feet from home plate. This plan had two major objections, namely, excessive cost and the fact that poles within the playing field would upset the playground for the school children and limit the use of the grammar school field to softball alone. This plan was rejected by the Jaycees as they did not wish to upset the children's playground nor to interfere with the field to such an extent that regular baseball could not be played during the daylight hours.

In order to leave the playing field free of obstruction for both the school children and baseball or softball the members decided on a plan to light the field for softball by placing poles down the first and third base lines 15 feet out from the playing field. This arrangement will work into the overall plan much better. It may not give as well a lighted field for softball but it would leave the field clear for the children and any other sport anyone desired to play. It would also work into an overall plan if a project were ever considered to play baseball. In other words the baseball infield would be lighted by the softball lights and if ever a project was started for regular baseball lighting it would only mean outfield lighting.

It has been mentioned before that the one bid received for the class A type was too high and the type now considered would be much less. It is the general opinion of all members that the best way to build the project is to buy the materials and have local electricians to install the lights with the aid of the Jaycee members. The local electricians have all promised their help in getting the job done at the lowest possible cost. All of the necessary equipment to install the system is available with the exception of the transformers. Mrs. F. S. Terry is making every effort to secure these transformers through connections she has with electrical manufacturers. The entire project hinges on whether or not these transformers can be secured. The Carolina Power and Light company will let us have the poles at cost, plus handling.

If the system can be installed before summer it is the plan of the Jaycee athletic committee to organize two leagues of six teams each and have doubleheaders three nights per week. This would leave open dates for other activities. It has been suggested that the local negroes be allowed one night a week for ball games.

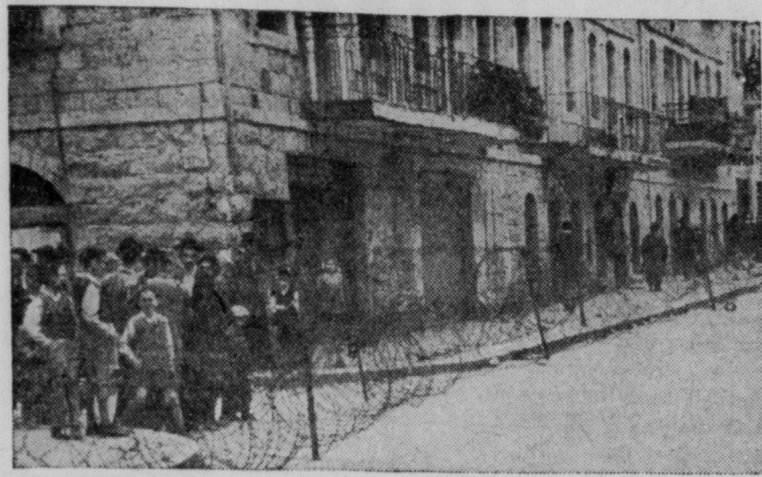
The Jaycees plan to pay for this project through solicitation of local citizens and activities that they will sponsor.

None of the citizens have yet been approached by the Jaycees for a contribution to the project as they want to work out all the difficulties and be sure the project is going over before asking the citizens for funds.

The entire community is enthusiastic.

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UNDER MARSHAL LAW



**JERUSALEM, PALESTINE**—(Soundphoto)—This scene in the area under martial law in Jerusalem shows a long view of a road with inhabitants behind barbed wire enclosures. The latest outbreak of violence resulted in injuries to at least two more British soldiers and the arrest of 21 more persons suspected of leading the underground attack. An officer and an enlisted man were the latest victims when their staff car was demolished by an exploding land mine between Haifa and Tel-Aviv.

## Pre-school Clinic Will Be Held Here April 22, 23

A pre-school clinic will be held on April 22 and 23 at 9.30 each morning at the Black Mountain Grammar school. Dr. Whims, county health officer, and his staff of nurses will be here to examine all children who will enter school next fall. A child must be six years of age by October if he is to enter school in September.

It is requested that all children who will enter next fall be present for the examination on one of these days. First grade children now in school will not attend on those days.

## Pack The Gym And Help Light The Field

The curtain will definitely ring down on the cage season in Black Mountain Friday night when the high school girls and boys of '48 test their skill against two of the top teams in this section. The girls will tangle with the American Legion Auxiliary six while in the main event the boys will try their luck against the Black Mountain Jaycees. Starting time is 7:30.

Scheduled as a benefit affair to help the Junior Chamber of Commerce light the athletic field for softball, the contest should draw a full house. These games will give Coach Byrd and local fans the first look at the 1948 teams in action and should go a long way toward determining just what the prospects will be for next year.

Students tickets are being sold at the high school while adult tickets may be secured at The Black Mountain NEWS office. The price is 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

## Dial "Operator" For Emergency Only; Smith

"Dial 'Operator' for assistance only in emergencies!" This urgent plea to the public was made today by J. Lovell Smith, district manager of the Telephone company. Mr. Smith also asked that telephone users place only those Long Distance calls which are of an emergency nature.

Emergency calls are described generally as those in connection with a fire, serious accident or illness or any situation requiring the aid of the police or a doctor, or the service of municipal or other government authorities.

Mr. Smith said that while local calls involving dial facilities are generally being completed satisfactorily, the strike has impaired service on local calls requiring the assistance of an operator, and Long Distance service.

In view of this situation, he requested telephone users not to dial "Operator" for assistance unless they experience difficulty in completing an emergency call.

## Blaine Morris To Have Modern Dairy Barn

Blaine Morris of North Fork is busy building a modern dairy barn in preparation to switching from general farming to dairying. The new structure is being built according to the specifications of the state board of health and will qualify Mr. Morris for a grade A rating.

With an overall size of 32 feet by 36 feet the barn will have 12 milking stanchions, a sanitary milk room, and a feed room. Equipment in the milk room will be all electric, including cooler, water heater, and wash vats. The barn will contain adequate lighting, will be sealed, and painted inside and out.

One of the outstanding farms in this section, the Morris place contains 500 acres 300 of which are in the home tract and 200 in mountain pasture. Mr. Morris has been engaged chiefly in the raising of swine and beef cattle but is adding dairying because of the opportunity it offers for a money "crop." By producing grade A milk Mr. Morris will receive a premium price for his product which will more than pay for the extra trouble.

The North Fork farmer had three sons in the service two of which, Joe and Scott, lost their lives. Thomas, who is taking veterans training, lives with his wife and daughter on part of the farm, while Harry, who was too young for the service, is planning to enter the dairy business with his father.

A leader in promoting the canneries at the Black Mountain High school, Mr Morris has been engaged in the sawmill business but will now devote his full time to his farm.

## Lions Launch Popularity Contest

Narrowed to a field of three the search for the most popular girl in the Swannanoa Valley gets underway in earnest tonight (Thursday) when the lucky trio, who have been selected to compete for the title, will be guests of the Black Mountain Lions club at the Monte Vista. The three are Oreta Hollifield of Ridgecrest, Weeta Simmons of Black Mountain, and Alice Gibson of Swannanoa.

Coca-Cola jars will be used as ballot boxes and these will be placed at strategic points throughout the area. The committee agreed to count 20 votes for each penny deposited in the contestant's jar.

The contest is being sponsored by the Lions club to select a club representative to carry the flag of Bermuda in the "Flags of the Nation's" program at the state convention in Asheville during late May. Herbert W. Sanders heads the contest committee.

According to latest information jars will be placed at the following locations: in Swannanoa at Ward's and Sisk's drug stores and at the school; in Black Mountain at the Black Mountain Drug store, at Finley's Place, and at the school; and in Ridgecrest at Paul Harris' Store.

## Hardins Will Be Honored Sunday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church will hold open house Sunday, April 13, from 4 to 6 p. m. at the Monte Vista hotel in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Grady Hardin. All friends in the community are invited to attend.

### GO TO CHARLESTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerlee and daughters, Elsie and Wilhelmina, went to Charleston for the Easter week-end. They stayed at the Isle of Palms and visited the magnolia gardens. They returned Monday.

"AUNT JENNIE" . . .



MRS. JOHN H. STEPP, 50, manager for the past nine years of the Black Mountain High school luncheon room who died suddenly of heart disease at the school Thursday.

## In Memory Of Mrs. Jennie Stepp

The students of Black Mountain High school mourn the death of Mrs. Stepp, our food dietician. During the nine years she served as head of the lunch room she became very dear to us. In fact she was so concerned with every one that she also acted as mother to every one.

How strange it seems to go into the lunch room now without hearing her kind words.

During the war when food became such a problem she managed to find plenty of good appetizing food and on special occasions rare treats for us.

She thought only of others and actually gave her life for others. What a full and rich life she led.

We the students of Black Mountain High school will never forget the many kindnesses and favors she gave us.

As we stood in the cafeteria of B. M. H. S. last Thursday morning after Mrs. Stepp had slipped away, someone said "we have all lost a friend." And that is the truest remark that could have been made. "Aunt Jenny," as she was affectionately called, was a friend to every teacher and student in school. And we all loved her. If a boy was hungry, he received an extra helping of food. She would let no one go hungry.

And not only did Mrs. Stepp see that we were fed but her patience and cheerfulness sent us back to the afternoon recesses happier for having visited with her. She exemplified every day a beautiful christian spirit. The motto of her life of loving service and sacrifice might well have been: Others, Lord, Yes others. Let this my motto be Help me to live for others That I may live with Thee.

## Sossamon-Tyson Named Dealer For Bendix

A. F. Tyson, Jr., and Lee Marett have spent most of the past week in Charlotte, N. C., attending a Bendix Home Laundry school conducted by the Southern Appliance company. This school consisted of an intensive course on the operation and installation of Bendix Automatic washers, ironers, and dryers.

The Black Mountain dealer stated that he would receive an initial shipment of these famous automatic washers this week and that they would be on display and demonstration next week.

Mr. Tyson expects steady shipments from now on and said that it will not be long until customers who have placed orders will be enjoying their new Bendix.

### GRANGE TO MEET

The Swannanoa Valley Grange will meet at the Junior Order hall Monday night. A full attendance is urged.

## Mayor, City Council Nominated For Reelection At Mass Meeting; Report Lauds Work Of Present Board

### Melvin Lance, Joe Simpson Will Make Race For Posts

Mayor J. L. Potter and the entire board of aldermen were nominated for reelection at the mass meeting held at the city hall Tuesday night. In addition J. M. Lance was nominated for the board of aldermen and Joe Simpson for the mayor's post.

Following a review of some of the things that had been accomplished during the past two years, Ronald E. Finch, Black Mountain attorney who acted as presiding officer, threw the meeting open for nominations. The mayor and entire board was placed in nomination by W. W. Hall and won a quick second. W. W. Woodard nominated Mr. Lance and Albert J. Terrell named Mr. Simpson.

Calling attention to the fact that the meeting was entirely non-partisan and that anyone could nominate anyone he liked, Mr. Finch pointed out that candidates could make the race by asking that their names be placed on the ballot anytime up to 10 days before the election which will be held May 6. "This is the democratic way of doing things," the chairman asserted, "and I want all of you to feel free to speak up for your favorite."

After Dr. Frank Howard Richardson had praised Mr. Finch for his efforts in helping the city settle the highway problem, the presiding officer was given a rising vote of thanks. Mrs. Otto Lee-man made the report for the library committee and told of improvements which they hope to make within the near future.

In addition to Mayor Potter four former mayors were present, they were R. E. Finch, W. W. Woodard, J. P. Simpson, and Will Greene.

The excavation has been completed and work on enlargement of the New Theater will go forward as rapidly as materials become available, Albert J. Terrell, owner and manager told the NEWS today. When completed the theater will have a seating capacity double its present limit.

Although steel will not be available until fall, all the other work is expected to be finished before that time. Under present plans the theater will be able to operate continuously throughout the construction period. However, it may be necessary to close down for one week.

Sunday movies will begin at the local theater around June 1. There will be one show each Sunday night. The doors will open at 8:30 with the performance set for 9:00 p. m.

Having been closed since Christmas, the Rug and Jug shop opened this week. This unique mountain craft shop puts the name of Black Mountain in thousands of homes from coast to coast.

Tourists have traveled many miles out of their way just to look it over again, and many world tourists acclaim it outstanding. The management invites you to acquaint yourself with its many original gifts.

IN CASE OF FIRE

In case of woods or brush fire residents are asked to call high-wind tower, Black Mountain 4794.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White and children, Barbara and Billy, spent Easter week-end in Hickory with Mr. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White, Sr.

### Cite Progress Made During Past Two Years

By Ronald E. Finch

As you know, your present Town Board consists of Mayor J. L. Potter, owner of the Potter Feed & Fertilizer company, Mr. J. G. Northcott, Manager of Grovestone & Sand company, Dr. Frank Howard Richardson, and Dr. L. C. Jumper, the latter three comprising the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Black Mountain. These men have endeavored to conduct the affairs of the Town during the past two years to the best interest and for the benefit of the citizens as a whole. They have given much of their time, especially during the past twelve months, as so many problems arose that required the undivided attention of each and every one.

First of all, it is unnecessary to make the statement that a post-war economic condition prevails through-out the entire country necessitating an increase in the cost of government as in all other lines of business. In fact, running a government, either national, state, county or town, is the same as any other kind of corporation in business for profit. For this reason the Mayor and the Town Board have had many problems confronting them which required keen business judgment and foresight in meeting these problems. The cost of operating the Town of Black Mountain has naturally increased and the Board was forced to increase the tax rates from \$1.50 per \$100.00 to \$ 1.75 per \$100.00 during the past year in order to take care of increases in salaries and general operating expenses. This was necessitated by the high cost of living which prevails through-out the county.

It is customary, and a duty of the Board, to give an accounting, so to speak, to the people of the town at the end of their term, and this I have been asked to do.

First of all, our water system has been completely overhauled and new chlorinating and other equipment installed during the past two years at a cost of approximately \$4000.00. Just a little less than two years ago the machinery at the Water Shed completely wore out and our water situation was bad both in volume and purity. Through the co-operation of Mr. Thad Burentte and the untiring efforts of the late George Wrenn, a great period of time was consumed in over-hauling the system, discovering and stopping leakage and waste, and bringing the system up to where the State Health Department has now commended the town for its fine water system and the purity of its water. In other words, every drop of water that is used and consumed by the citizens of Black Mountain and the surrounding areas is not only thoroughly chlorinated but sterilized to the highest degree of purity that can be had. The acquiring of 150 acres of additional water shed property has been completed by the Board's purchasing this property from the Holman Estate at a cost of \$10,000.00, and for which the town is paying off this amount under a lease agreement at the rate of \$2000.00 per year. This was done not only to increase the water supply but to insure adequate water in the anticipation of the growth of Black Mountain and the surrounding areas. Work is being continued in fencing, removing all possible source of contamination with a full time worker in view.

The widening of State Street through the Town of Black Mountain is now a reality. This project was started years ago by the State Highway Commission, and in the year 1941 the Town entered into an agreement with the State relative to the widening there, which work had to be discontinued during the war. As you know work was resumed about a year ago and we are indeed proud of the part the town has had in the com-

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