

Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

There is nothing like suspense to make you glad you win in a contest—if you finally win—H. F. Dotson, manager of the Black Mountain Dixie store learned last week.

Just before closing time last Friday the Western Union representative dashed into the store and told Dotson to be sure and wait a few minutes as a message was just coming in for him. Back at the WU office the young lady typed out the message and then politely asked: "You ARE Mr. Van Berkel, aren't you?"

Sadly the Dixie manager admitted that he wasn't, as he saw the trip to Cuba for which he had been working for the past three months go slipping right out the window. As he turned to leave, the machine started clicking again. This time there was no mistake. The message was for Dotson telling him that he had won a ten day trip to Cuba with all expenses paid.

The Rev. and Mrs. Tom Walters of Ridgecrest used a unique method to inform guests of the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Pryor to Dean Willis.

After the guests were all seated in the Walters' home, David, Nancy's younger brother, literally let the cat out of the bag when he entered the room and dropped a large bag which contained the family cat. Tied around tabby's neck was a note which told of the engagement. The announcement came as a complete surprise to all but a few of those present.

When you buy a hunting license be sure that it is a hunting license and not one for fishing.

A Black Mountain gentleman walked into the Black Mountain hardware store last week, bought what he thought was a hunting license, and proceeded to go out and knock off a bag of squirrels. All was going well until the game warden happened along and asked to see the license. Proudly the hunter dug into his wallet, handed the card to the warden and waited impatiently for its return.

"What's this for?" the warden demanded.

"That's my hunting license," the hunter came back. "And I know it's good, because Mr. Seawright sold it to me at the Black Mountain Hardware store, and he said it's all I need to go where I please and shoot squirrels to my heart's content."

"Well that's just fine! This is a North Carolina license all right, the form is all right, and it's this year, but Mr. Seawright made just one mistake—he sold you a fishing license, and that certainly doesn't entitle you to hunt squirrels!"

J. B. Mabile of Clearwater, Florida, recently returned to Ridgecrest for a visit following an absence of several years. In fact he had been here for several hours before he put two and two together and decided that he was born in the Swannanoa Gap. His father had helped survey the site for the road bed of the Southern Railway.

Members of the American Legion team which won first place in the Moore VA hospital league include Smolenski, Myers, Gardner, Harry Gray, B. Gray, Medford, B. Maret, Fortune, Stevens, Brake and Grumpy himself, better known as Stephenson.

It has been proposed that the church league operate this winter and that the same organizations enter cage teams. Some of the best crowds last year were those which attended the games between the church teams, and there is every indication that the same interest would be shown if plans did materialize and the Church Basketball league became a reality.

Few independent clubs, playing outside teams, have ever been successful at the gate. No matter how good the local five, the interest is just not there to attract fans in any number. But with the rivalry which exists between the local teams already, there should be enough support forthcoming to carry the financial burden.

NEW EMPLOYEE AT KNIGHT'S PHARMACY Shuford Snyder, registered pharmacist, of Swannanoa is employed at Knight's Pharmacy. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Snyder was formerly employed at Ward's Drug store in Swannanoa.

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D.A.R. Will Meet At Old Fort High School Saturday

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the First District society of the D.A.R. of North Carolina will be held at the Old Fort High school auditorium, Saturday, September 27, at 11 o'clock. Members of the Greenlee Chapter will be hostesses. Mrs. Samuel H. Bushnell is district director, Miss Ruth Greenlee is chairman, and Mrs. Sidney F. Mauney is regent of the local chapter.

The program follows: Assembly call; processional, Miss Pauline Davis; Music, Mrs. R. I. Corbett; state officers and chairmen, district officers and regents and distinguished guests escorted by pages; call to order, Mrs. S. F. Mauney; invocation, The Rev. H. O. Huss.

National Anthem, the assemblage; pledge of allegiance to the flag, led by Mrs. George Nowland; the American's creed, led by Mrs. T. Clark Ravenel; welcome, Mrs. S. F. Mauney; response, Mrs. C. J. Newland; introduction of state regents, Mrs. W. F. Swift; address, Miss Gertrude F. Caraway, state regent; songs, Mrs. J. B. Laughlin; greetings from state officers, state chairmen and distinguished guests; report of district secretary, Mrs. James R. Boyd; report of district historian, Mrs. R. N. Barber.

Members of the various committees include: registration committee, Miss Mary Burgin, Miss Gertrude Dula, and Mrs. Lester Dawkins; hospitality, Miss Lenoir Dula, Mrs. J. H. Duncan, Mrs. W. P. Goodson, and Mrs. W. H. Greenlee; luncheon, Mrs. F. S. Bradsher, Mrs. J. P. Stepe, Miss Ruth Greenlee, and Mrs. E. S. Burgin; decorating, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mrs. Harold Dysart, Miss Jeanne Johnson, and Mrs. E. S. Burgin.

Mrs. Aleshire Assumes New Position

Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire left last Thursday to become director of Tyler Hall in Philadelphia.

Tyler is the art department of Temple university, situated in Elkins Park.

Mrs. Aleshire is one of the few women of this country having made a career of establishing and directing galleries and schools of art. She was organizer and director of the Illinois Academy of Fine Arts, which had chapters in 16 cities. While doing extension work for the University of Illinois she established the Illinois State Art Gallery at Springfield, the University of Illinois gallery at Urbana, and the gallery in the public library at Peoria, Illinois. For the past fifteen years she has spent her winters in Palm Beach, Fla., and her summers in Western North Carolina, having established her own studio at Oak Knoll, one mile west of Black Mountain, with Miss Daisy Erb. While in Florida, Mrs. Aleshire established galleries in both Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, directing each for a four year period.

An exhibiting artist, lecturer, and writer, Mrs. Aleshire's articles on art have been published in leading American and French magazines. She has visited the famous galleries of America, and the Near East, and has studied Art in Chicago, New York, and Florence, Italy.



Kids launch clean-up campaign



This tot-sized room performs a man-sized job. It's in a day nursery, and the nursery services keep more than one family going. Too often when mothers have to work, children are left for the day without the necessary protection and care. This Red Feather service makes it possible for Mom to earn their keep and keep them safe and happy, too. CHILDREN BENEFIT when nurseries assure proper care and play. EVERYBODY BENEFITS when families in our town maintain their independence. Give to day nurseries through your Community Chest. This saves another campaign.

Legion Will Give Free Boxing Lessons

All those interested in boxing will now be able to receive free instructions one night a month and more if their ability warrants, according to plans announced today by members of the athletic committee of the American Legion.

The plan is to have the monthly lesson immediately following the close of the American Legion meeting at the Black Mountain Recreation Park clubhouse, Monday night, September 29, at 8 o'clock.

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While at first the meetings will be confined to one night a month, Mr. Myers emphasized that the classes would meet more often if enough interest is shown. The first meeting will be held at the close of the Legion meeting, Monday night, September 29. All boys or young men interested are requested to be present on that night and register.

PLAYS HERE FRIDAY

The Black Mountain American Legion softball team will meet the Moore Doctors at the grade school field Friday night at 7:30. This is a challenge affair and will be the first opportunity the local fans have had to see the locals in action this season.

W. DEAN WILLIS IS CITY CLERK

W. Dean Willis, former employee of the Grovestone and Sand company, has accepted the position of city clerk and treasurer for the Town of Black Mountain, effective September 22.

NEW EMPLOYEE

H. C. McClean of Lenoir, N. C., is a new employee at the C. I. McDougle jewelry store on State street. A graduate of the Spencer school of watchmaking, he will do watch repairing.

PEP RALLY TO BE HELD

A pep rally will be held Thursday p. m., September 25 to begin the football season with the spirit and pep with which we won the championship last year.

BROWNE NEWS

The Browne scouts will hold their meeting this afternoon at 3:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Max Woodcock.

COMMANDER ANDERSON CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF LEGION

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Swannanoa Seniors Name Civic Leaders

At an election held at Swannanoa High school Monday, the Senior class chose Ned Straehla, Mary A. Blankenship, Doris Jones and Dorothy Penley as "those most likely to contribute to human progress." Because of their selection, they are entitled to take the examination for scholarship presented by a national soft drink concern. (Pepsi Cola)

Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gregory of Black Mountain announce the birth of a daughter in Mission hospital last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Price are parents of a son born Friday at St. Joseph's hospital.

BLOOD FOR VETERANS



The Tucson, Arizona, Red Cross chapter provides the blood needed at the local Veterans Administration hospital. Among the donors are servicemen, such as the above, from the nearby Davis-Monthan airfield

PTA To Open Membership Drive

The first PTA meeting of the year was held Thursday, September 18, at 3:15 in the Grammar school auditorium with Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., president, presiding.

The meeting was opened with the group singing the national PTA song, "America the Beautiful." The Rev. Walter H. Styles, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Black Mountain gave the devotional. Mrs. Tyson then introduced Alvin McDougle, school superintendent, who told of the large enrollment in the school and the need for a larger school plant. He then presented the Grammar school teachers to the group. Mr. Nesbitt, principal of the High school, was introduced and he introduced the High school teachers.

The president announced the opening of the membership drive under Mrs. Zeb Sawyer, membership chairman. The drive begins October 1 and closes October 16. Prizes will be awarded to the rooms obtaining the most memberships, both active and honorary. Father's Night—the next PTA meeting will climax the membership drive. It will be held on Thursday, October 16, at 8 p. m. All the rooms will be open for inspection at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned to the lunch room for an informal reception to enable the parents and teachers to become better acquainted. The reception was in charge of the hospitality committee, Mrs. Janus Dougherty, chairman, Mrs. E. S. Jackson, and Mrs. Fred Cook.

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H. F. Dotson Will Leave Sunday For Havana

"Congratulations. You are one of the winners of a free vacation to Havana, Cuba, with all expenses paid, including tips. You will leave Sunday, Sept. 28. Thanks to you and to your employees for a job well done."

The above message was contained in telegrams received here last Thursday by H. F. Dotson, manager of the local Dixie store, and B. G. Van Berkel, market manager. They were sent by R. C. Rigdon, general superintendent of the Dixie Home stores, and gave the local men the welcome news that they were winners of the "Increase in Sales" contest which has been conducted for the past three months by their organization. The twenty managers whose stores or departments showed the biggest increase over the same 12 weeks period last year were awarded the free trips. Dotson and Van Berkel won in this district. The latter elected not to make the trip.

Mr. Dotson, who will go and return by air, expressed thanks to all those who aided in any way. The party will assemble in Greenville, S. C., and will proceed from there to Havana by plane.

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Throng Of 500 Sees Oscar The Flea Disappear Before Their Very Eyes

Church Softball League Executive Meeting

The executive committee of the Church Softball league will meet at the city hall Friday night at 8 o'clock, Eugene Byrd, president, said this morning. Chief business will be to determine the winner of the sportsmanship trophy for the past season and to wind up the business for the league.

Darkhorses Open Against Oakley Friday

The Black Mountain gridders will meet Oakley here Friday afternoon in the opening game of the 1947 season. Defending county champions and loser of only one game during the past two seasons, the Byrd-coached crew will have an opportunity Friday to show local fans just what to expect before the curtain rings down on the football campaign.

The eleven that Coach Byrd sends onto the field against Oakley will be a far different club than that which shattered county opposition last fall. Osteen Reese, and Padgett, will be back along with others but many of the standouts will be missing. The showing which the Darkhorses make this season will depend on how fast the reserves from last year can develop.

For the Black Mountain Darkhorses the starting lineup will probably be as follows:

- R. Osteen, le
Morris, lt
Thomas or Reed, lg
Morrow, c
Reed, rg
Bryson, rt
Fortune, re
Henderson or Gregg, qb
A. Osteen, lb
Barnwell, rh
Reese, fb

Red Cross Will Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Black Mountain chapter American Red Cross will be held in the Methodist church at Black Mountain, Monday, October 13, 1947, at 8 p. m.

There will be reports on activities of the chapter and election of officers and representatives of outlying areas. The membership of the chapter is expected to be present.

With The Sick

Carol T. Jones is a patient at Moore hospital, where he is recuperating from a spinal operation.

Mrs. J. L. Holt was ill last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Wright.

Maurice Nanney was ill the first of last week.

Mrs. Martha Perley is ill at home.

Girl Scouts To Hold Court Of Awards

The Girl Scouts will hold a second court of awards under the present leadership, on Friday, October 3, at 8 p. m. at the Presbyterian church. The Rev. W. H. Styles will deliver the address, and all parents, friends, members of the troop committee, and sponsors are invited to attend. Following presentation of awards the Scouts will present an original program followed by refreshments.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS—

The regular scout meeting was held Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. During the business meeting final plans for the Court of awards were made followed by games and refreshments. Mrs. Fred Wilson told the Scouts about National Dog week, which is being observed from September 22-27.

NOTICE ! !

All those helping with the church census October 5 are asked to meet at 2 p. m. Sunday, September 28, in the Presbyterian church.

What Happened To Flea Still Troubles Lions

More than 500 Lions and their guests crowded the Black Mountain rafters last Thursday night as the local club presented its annual barbecue. General chairman for the occasion was W. L. Holman.

Late comers—and this included everyone who arrived later than 6 p. m.—were forced to march in a line that started just south of the golf course and wound its way down all the aisles, under all the stairs, through all the dark corners, and through all the ante rooms before winding up at the counter where the home economics department girls and their instructor from the high school loaded their trays with tasty barbecue, fresh tomatoes, crisp salad, a piece of cornbread, a roll, butter, pickles, and just about anything else you might call for.

Dinsmore Crawford did the cooking and Charlie Spencer the decorating.

Following the meal Mrs. William Holcombe chased "Oscar"—the flea that could do anything except find its way home—all over the house before finally losing him in the vicinity of Lion President Ronald E. Finch and John Rice. Each later signed a statement that in case the flea turned up at his home, and in case it could be identified, it would be returned immediately. "But you know how these fleas are," Mr. Finch stated, "Once you get them a crowd it's hard to tell one from the other." Up to press time "Oscar" was still listed as MIA (missing in action).

Bob Guy and Mrs. Roy Alexander entertained with songs, then led the crowd in group singing.

Lions Will Conduct White Cane Sale

HENDERSON, Sept. 17—Seeking a total of \$25,000 to expand its extensive program of aid to the blind and conservation of sight, the North Carolina State association for the blind will conduct its second annual state-wide White Cane Sale and Membership Enrollment campaign during the period September 22-27 inclusive.

Members of Lions Clubs from Murphy to the seas, together with their Lionesses, will serve as campaign workers.

The drive is being directed again this year by Sam Alford of Henderson, president of the North Carolina State association for the blind and former district governor of the Lions clubs. Other members of the campaign committee are Dan Stewart of Raleigh, former governor of district 31-A and for many years active in blind work; Dave R. Mauney, Jr., of Cherryville, trustee of the state association and former district governor of 31-A, and Charles E. Kerchner of Greensboro, deputy district governor of 31-B. Campaign headquarters will be located here.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS—

By Folly Wheelon

Friday, September 26, the Darkhorses will play Oakley in football. The game will be held at the grammar school, and the kickoff will be at 2:30. The schedule for the season is:

- Sept. 26—Oakley (Here)
Oct. 1—Warren Wilson (Here)
Oct. 10—Biltmore (There)
Oct. 17—Weaverdale (There)
Oct. 23—Asheville "B" (Here)
Oct. 31—Sand Hill (Here)
Nov. 14—Swannanoa (There)

On Thursday, September 18, Mrs. McMurry's girls played Miss Gilbert's in basketball. Mrs. McMurry's room came out on top with a score of 3 to 2.

Mrs. Tyson was a substitute teacher for Mrs. Perley on Monday, September 22 because of sickness in Mrs. Perley's family.

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