

## Public Invited To Lecture

A TOUR OF THE MEDITERRANEAN will be the subject of a lecture and presentation

through pictures by Mr. John Everington of Dade City, Florida on Saturday night, October 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the Chapel of Anderson Auditorium at Montreat.

Mr. Everington is well known for his color slides and artistic reproductions of scenes from all over the world. He has done many pictures of Western North Carolina and especially scenes of Montreat. His trip at this particular time of the year is in order that he may secure more pictures of the mountains in the fall season. From 2:30 until 5:00 P. M. there will be a display of pictures taken in this section of the country—in the Chapel of Anderson Auditorium.

The public is cordially invited to join with the Schools of Montreat for the interesting evening.

—Iola Sigel went to Lenoir Sunday.

★ Say You Saw It In The NEWS



## The Money Men

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JUST WHERE is all the nation's money? Probably we've all asked that question at some time. However, we don't have to go far to find a multitude of "experts" eager to point out the answer—their answer. These might range from the old wheeze about "90 per cent of the wealth in the hands of 10 per cent of the people," to other outdated adages just as economically unsound.

The real answer is simple enough. In investigating the possible culprits who command the nation's economy most of us fail to consider the most important individuals—ourselves. Yet many people think only of wealth as being controlled by a few. These usually are pictured as pompous capitalists exploiting the masses for their own gain. A more untrue picture could hardly exist.

More ACTUALLY, the distribution of the nation's money constitutes the most striking arguments for freedom of endeavor in our country. Together with more than 50 million of his fellow employed workers, Mr. Average Citizen in 1945 took home some 114.5 billion dollars—71.1 per cent of the national income. As members of the largest group they received the largest share of the country's money. This is the natural consequence of democracy.

Wide distribution does not stop here. In the same period 15 per cent of the national income went to the proprietor class—the farmers, small businessmen, doctors, dentists, and other professional people. It is difficult to think of the local farmer, the corner grocer, or the family doctor as

greedy exploiters. Through their own work and training they have provided themselves with a livelihood.

What THE REMAINING 12.9 per cent is again distributed. Rents, interest and dividends account for the major part, with corporate savings amounting to only 2.8 per cent of the national income. Included in rent income are large numbers of small property owners, whose rent-bearing holdings might be only a home or building. Then, too, thousands of small stockholders account for a good share of the interest and dividend income.

The 4.5 billion dollars earned as corporate savings is a far cry from the "profiteer" pictures painted by those who would change our way of economic life. For the most part, this is the source of the laboring man's income. This 2.8 per cent return to corporations is their share of a system which puts 71.1 per cent into the pockets of the employed man. As a minority group, corporations receive a minority share.

Despite these sobering statistics, there are many who would call for a change. There are those who would take the responsibility away from the individual and vest it in a central authority. It is paradoxical that these interests would "give the wealth to the people" in a nation where the majority of the people now receive a majority of the income. They would junk our successful economy to institute an unproved one—all to achieve an ideal which we have achieved already in greater measure than has any other country.

## Don't Burn Brush Without Permit

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, or between the first day of October and the thirtieth day of November, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas. (Section 14-139, General Statutes of N. C. as amended by Chapter 120 of Public Laws of 1939 session.)

Each year, forest fires resulting from burning of brush, grass and other materials cause a large percentage of privately owned woodland acreage lost by fires. This percentage of forest burned has been as high as 50 percent, during some years, of the total area burned in some counties.

Those counties having forest fire protection and requiring burning permits in District One of the North Carolina Forest Service are as follows: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, and Yancey.

No charge shall be made for the granting of burning permits which are necessary during the fall fire season from the first day of October to the thirtieth day of November, inclusive. The Forest Service Organization appreciates all effort made by the public in preventing and suppressing forest fires and in reporting any fire that is uncontrolled in any forested area in North Carolina.

A. C. Peek of Weaverville is County Forest Warden and in his organization the following wardens and agents are authorized to issue burning permits: Merrill's store, J. M. Williams, I. B. Reed, J. B. Guffey, Will Pinkerton, and Volley

## FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Deward E. Walker of Front Royal, Va., who are vacationing at the Battery Park hotel, visited relatives in Black Mountain, Monday, September 29. Among others they visited Mr. Walker's mother, Mrs. J. A. Walker, his brother-in-laws and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Burnette, Mrs. Carl Patton, and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Morris.

Mr. Walker was formerly a member of the Hageman and Walker firm.

Wright, Fairview, Ben Reese, Montreat, City Hall and Clarence C. Hudgins, Black Mountain; Straley F. Grant, Broad River; Sheriff's Department and County Farm Agents Office, Court House, Asheville; W. E. Burnette, Swannanoa; and W. A. Burnette, Blue Ridge.

## FFA NEWS

By Cecil Wilson  
The first meeting of the Black Mountain FFA Chapter was held Thursday, September 25, with 25 members present.

Class officers were elected as follows: Carol Stevens, president; Clifton Moffit, vice-president; Mike Ledbetter, secretary; Kenneth watchdog, Cecil Wilson, reporter; and C. J. Rich, advisor.

## LEAVE FOR CHICAGO

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Morganstern and daughter Ann will leave Saturday for a week's vacation in Chicago and the midwest.

—Col. and Mrs. Tabor of Beaufort, Fla., who have been staying at Black Forest Lodge, plan to make their home in Black Mountain.

—Mrs. H. T. Rankin of Leaksville, N. C., who visited friends and relatives at WNC recently, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Seawright and family.

—Mrs. J. R. Hodson spent Monday and Tuesday of last week at Statesville, N. C.

High prices received by North Carolina farmers on June 15 for cotton, meats animals, and poultry products, pushed the index for all farm products to 261 percent of the 1914-10 average.

## Truman Praises Community Chest

Chester Brown, Jr., president of the Buncombe county Community Chest, today released a letter from President Truman expressing confidence in the success of the Community Chest of America which the President termed "A thoroughgoing American idea that wins a warm response from all of us."

The President's letter was addressed to H. J. Heinz II, of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Community Chests of America.

The Presidents letter follows in full:

"Through you, as Chairman of Community Chests of America, I want to salute and thank the millions of Americans who will be generously giving of their time, their devotion and their money to the Red Feather services of the nation, through the Community Chest campaign this fall.

The Community chest is a thoroughgoing American idea that wins a warm response from all of us. We can be sure that our nation is sound at the core when citizens unite wholeheartedly and of their own free will to build the good community in their own home towns. And that's what happens in a Chest campaign. Here people of all faith, political parties, nat-

ional and racial backgrounds forget the many small things that divide them. They remember the one big thing that unites them: their common humanity.

In a chest campaign we capture some of the very elements of unity and good will toward which the United Nations are even now patiently working. As we prove that these words, unity and goodwill, really work in our own communities, we can more confidently expect them to work in the world.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Harry Truman."

## VISIT IN TENNESSEE

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hemphill and children, Arthur and Lynn, spent last weekend in Elizabethton, Tenn., visiting Mrs. Hemphill's sister, Mrs. W. N. Lance.

## WILL SEE DUKE-TENN. GAME

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Vance, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Horton, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Ford, and Dr. and Mrs. John Billows will attend the Duke-Tennessee Game this weekend.

—J. C. McCool of Elkins, N. C., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Hodson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strong and son Jimmy returned Saturday night from a business trip to Richmond, Va.

## ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Rockett and daughter Diana, have returned from Pleasant Garden, near Greensboro, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Rockett's brother-in-law, C. A. Gray on Monday.

SPENDS WEEKEND AT HOME  
Jane Callison, student at WCTC, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Callison.

—Mrs. Claude Betts will leave today for Washington, D. C., and New York City to visit friends.

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