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Reflections

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The Communists who maintain that we would be better off under Communism should explain this. Russia it takes the average worker four hours to earn enough to buy a tooth brush. In America the average worker earns enough to purchase the same article in 15 minutes. Tales of cheap food are scattered by the fact that the American earns his daily bread in three hours while the Russian must toil for a full nine hours. For a cotton shirt the Soviet worker labors 320 hours, 160 hours for a pair of galoshes, and may wear an alarm clock after toiling only 100 hours. In view of these figures it is not difficult to understand why the Russian soldier had only one uniform and wore no underwear.

Folks around town are wondering why Francis Miller received a wreath of flowers this week. Miller, Southern Railway employee, had no comment except: "It isn't so." But as they always say at Duke—"Wait till next year." Anyway the stadium is still intact.

The race between Jaycee members to see who can sell the most tickets to the big Junior Chamber of Commerce show at the New Theater on December 3 and 4 is pulling merrily along with the lead shared by several. Ed Knight disposed of 17 the first day and Eddie Terrell, who screamed "frameup" when he didn't get his tickets until the second day, now outshines customers and refuses to open the door until they buy at least two.

By this contest the Jaycees hope to complete payment on the soft-lights which were installed this summer. Call 4101 to reserve tickets. No more than a handful of tickets to a customer.

Carolyn Dougherty thought she was seeing things the other day when on going out to the kitchen to inspect a pan of homemade bread, she found the cloth cover doing everything but dance a jig.

She reached over, pulled the cover off the pan and a small mouse jumped out of the pan and Carolyn jumped out of the house—well, almost out. P. S. The mouse got away.

The following story was sent to this column by a certain gentleman who said he was getting even with another man wrote about last week. Since we print nothing but the truth in this column, this story is supposed to have been verified by our roving reporter.

You don't believe it's true, prove your point. Please excuse the spelling in this story but due to unforeseen circumstances we had to follow the aforesaid gentlemen's copy.

A sirtun gentlman in town wuzd to tak it eazy and rest wender he had the chanct. So wun tuesday afternoon a fu weeks lak this gentlman desired he wood lak lif eazy. He got out all of hiz fishing takles and jurneyed the riverside. He propt up agin a tree an soon wuz fishing.

After fishing about thurty minuts he had a turrifik strik! He reeled and had a thurteen pound catfish. He tuk him off of hiz hook and thru him over hiz sholder. A fu minuts later he had another trejous strik and reeled in a 19 pound dawgfish. Te took him off hook and also thru him over his sholder and dropt hiz hook into the water. Suddnly he had an auful emoshun behind him and lo and beehold the dawg had chased the catfish up a tree. He scrached hiz hed and wunred how he eud get hiz prize fish down as he wuz gettin shal and n abul to cllime the tree after him. Wile pondering the best way to get the catfish down he had anuthur strik and when he reeled it in it wuz a twenty pound sordfish. So he tuk the fish and sawd down a tree inches in diameter and got hiz fish. He turned around and looked up the catfish and marily went home to sho and brag about each. later he sent them to a muzemum in ralee.

Masons Initiate Fifth Generation Of Marretts

Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 A. F. & A. M. met in a special communication Friday, November 14, to confer the third degree on Luque Medford, Vaden Lee, and Benny Marrett, in the presence of one of the largest groups of the brethren to gather for such an event. This unusual occasion witnessed the entrance of the fifth generation of Marretts into Masonry.

The yearly Masonic banquet will be held at the Monte Vista Hotel, Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p. m. It will be informal. The banquet committee, Clyde Watkins, Gordon Crawford, and Cecil Nanney, have tickets for the gathering. They will not have an opportunity to see all members so please make an effort to contact them and procure your tickets.

Bear in mind the next regular communication of December 6 at which time the annual election of officers will be held. There will also be a discussion of the new by-laws recommended by the grand Lodge.

Mrs. J. B. Reading Dies In Virginia

On Sunday, November 16, 1947, Mrs. John B. Reading passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Kreamer.

The news of Louise Reading's death brought sorrow to her legion of friends. Her vivid personality, her charm, her kindness, her friendliness to people of all walks of life endeared her to the people of Black Mountain among whom she came many years ago, among whom she lived until recent years, and they mourn her loss.

Mrs. Reading was a faithful and beloved member of St. James Episcopal church in Black Mountain and a member of the Woman's Club. She was interred at Leesville, Va., near many of her distinguished ancestors. Surviving her are her husband, John Reading, Sr., her daughter, Mrs. Walter Kreamer, her son John Reading, Jr., and three grandchildren.

Stephenson Leads Legion To Win

The Black Mountain American Legion five, with Everett Stephenson of softball fame showing the way with 20 points, won easily over the Asheville Legionaires at Moore VA gym Friday night, 46 to 23. This was the second victory in as many starts for the Meyermen. The Black Mountain girls won on a forfeit.

Without the services of Dr. Brake, who is out of action with a weak back, the locals gained an early lead and won about as they pleased. In addition to Stephenson Earle scored eight, Gray seven, and Jack Edwards five. Others who saw action included Harry Gray, Doyle Turner, Bill Rudisill, C. Gray, Carpenter, and Pete Brittain.

Dr. Nelson Bell Baptist Church Guest Speaker

Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Nelson Bell will speak on "The Second Coming of Jesus", at the First Baptist church in Black Mountain. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

BUYS PROPERTY

Dr. E. J. Anthony has purchased the Vance estate on Blue Ridge Road.

city clerk reported. For the three weeks period ending November 10 the meters paid \$157.00.

New "One-Arm" Lock



NEW YORK—No need for Richard to come and open the door for this pretty housewife. Yale's new spring latch, pictured here, features "one-arm" action. The new lock makes it possible for one person to open the door with ease, though encumbered with packages, without having to have both hands free to manipulate key, lock and door knob.

A revolutionary invention, the lock also has new material and mechanical patented improvements which make it impossible for anyone except a master locksmith to pick it. It heads a series of new night latches which are the first new products in the builder's hardware line announced by Yale & Towne since the war.

Floyd Goff Authorized For Philco Service

Floyd D. Goff of Goff Radio Service has been awarded membership in the Philco Service Organization. These awards are made after a careful examination by factory engineers to determine if the person has the proper equipment and technical knowledge to repair Philco radios.

Philcos have many special circuits and features that cannot be properly serviced without special knowledge and equipment. The factory sends authorized servicemen bulletins containing all information on new sets before they are released for sale.

Swannanoa Gets New Gym Floor

When the Swannanoa High school unveils its hardwood combinations December 12, there will be a new floor in the gymnasium, provided by the combined cooperation of Beacon Manufacturing Company and the Buncombe county officials.

In addition to the shiny maple floor the gym is to be repainted and J. J. Walden, Athletic director, is working out an increase to the seating capacity.

Although three of the last year's key men will be missing from the line-up, there are several capable performers returning and are expected to shape into a winning combination. Those returning are as follows: "Budgie" Sides, center; Ned "Nose" Straehla, Gilyard McClure, Bill McMahan, and Bill Gosnell, forwards; "Bud" Harper, Junior Lee, and Red Creasman, guards; all of whom have experience under their belts and should prove hard to handle once the season gets under way. Ray Tipton, who led the Haw Creek quint last year, is also expected to strengthen the squad considerably.

Games already slated for the coming season are as follows: Dec. 12-Valley Springs—There Dec. 15-Red Oak There Jan. 6-Barnardsville Here Jan. 9-Fairview Here Jan. 19-Oakley There Jan. 23-Black Mountain There Jan. 30-Red Oak Here Feb. 3-Valley Springs Here Feb. 6-Barnardsville There Feb. 13-Fairview There Feb. 24-Black Mountain Here

BEG YOUR PARDON

In last week's issue of the NEWS the statement was made that the meeting of the Woman's Council of the Bee Tree Methodist church was held. It should have read "Bee Tree Christian church." The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Verlon Bartlette.

● RESULTS—CLASSIFIEDS! !

Orphanage Gets Truckload From Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle of Friendship Chapel had its annual gathering of canned goods and handwork for the Mountain Orphanage, on last Friday from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Chapel. A number of interested friends attended, and coffee and cookies were served.

The occasion was a happy one as the ladies saw the fruit of their labors in the large amount of donations for the Orphanage. They were hoping they would succeed the number of last year when there were 315 quarts of canned vegetables and fruits and many pieces of hand work. Their hopes were more than realized this year in 446 canned goods, 390 of which were homecanned. Also there were 36 aprons, 19 pillow slips, 5 dresser scarfs, and a cash donation of \$10.00.

When the McMurray Chevrolet light truck reported to take the donations to the Orphanage it was filled to capacity.

C. of C. Dinner Meeting Monday

Francis Heazel, prominent Asheville attorney, will be the principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday night, December 1, at the Monte Vista. A leader in the Western North Carolina development program now underway, Mr. Heazel will have a message of vital importance to all those interested in community affairs. Starting time is 6:45.

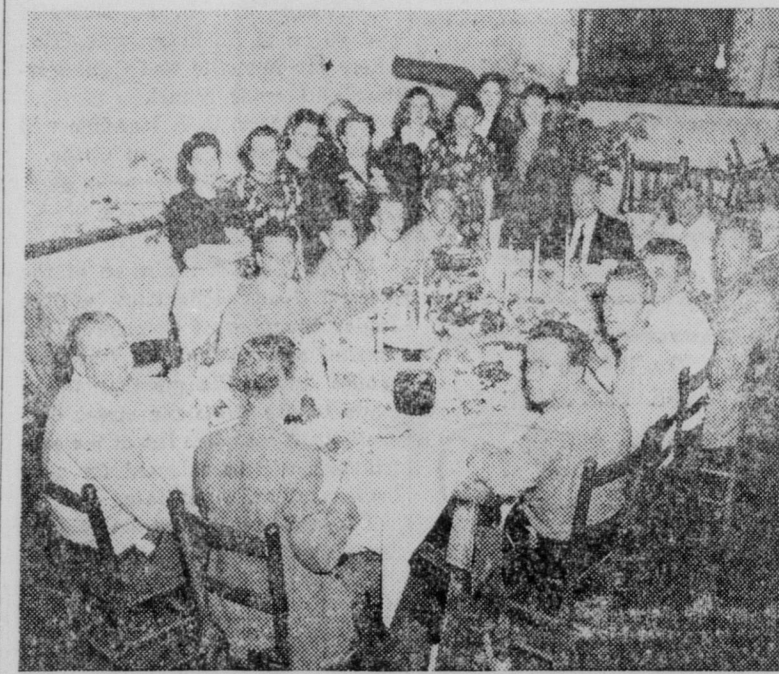
Robert S. Eckles, secretary of the organization, has asked that all members return as soon as possible their cards signifying their intention of attending. This is necessary in order that the officials may know what number to prepare for. As this is the first dinner meeting held in a number of years, all members are urged to attend. Amendment will be made at this meeting of the new board of directors. Ballots were mailed members several days ago and will have been returned and the results tabulated by that time.

Ronald E. Finch was chairman of the program committee who made arrangements for the dinner. Roy A. Taylor is president.

FINCH VISITORS

While on their way to Kansas City for a honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finch of Bailey, N. C., stopped off for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Finch and family in Black Mountain.

THESE ARE THE CHAMPIONS



This happy group is that which gathered to help the Friendship Chapel softball team celebrate its well earned championship in the Church softball league. Those who were on hand for the dinner at Friendship Chapel to honor the champions include Wade Shook, Jr., Everett Stephenson, Raymond Russell, Red Gardner, Harry Gray, Cecil Fortune, the Rev. W. H. Armistead, Chapel pastor, Lindy Fortune, Joe Bill Russell, Bill Fortune, Bill Morris Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. J. W. Russell, Mrs. W. H. Armistead, Mrs. W. T. Shook, Mrs. L. G. Fortune, Miss Madeline Fortune, Mrs. Monroe Fortune, Mrs. Betty Wrenn, and Mrs. Lawrence Burnette. (Photo by Ellington Studios)

LAY THAT PISTOL DOWN



When Photographer Bill Ellington of Ellington Studios finally ran this quartet to earth at the Sadie Hawkins party at the high school last week, the lady wouldn't pose without the gun. "I low as how I got my man and I hain't a taking no chances on him uh gettin' away," she might have said. In case you haven't guessed it already the folks in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seawright and Mr. and Mrs. Borden Sabiston who acted as chaperons for the affair.

Doctors Down Legion By One Point Margin

Playing the powerful Moore Doctors in a practice session Monday night, the American Legion cagers dropped a thrilling 32 to 33 decision after a rough and fierce struggle. Loose officiating was the outstanding feature of the game.

The Legion five led most of the way but the doctors, with the aid of McFadden and Smolenski, pulled ahead during the final round to win.

Old Fort Cagers Make Strong Start

Taking up where they left off last year the strong Old Fort cage teams blasted Glenwood in a twin bill at the Old Fort gym in their first meeting of the year. The boys won 22 to 12, and the girls, 33 to 25. Morris was high scorer for the girls with 16 points and Faw for the boys with nine.

Swafford's boys found the competition to their liking against North Cove when they went on a scoring spree to all but chase the opposition off the floor. The final count for the girls was 34 to 5. The boys won by a count of 64 to 10. Faw led the boys with 23 points while Morris repeated for the girls with 12.

● Say You Saw it in the NEWS

Warriors Fight Bearcats To Draw

The Swannanoa Warriors and the Hendersonville Bearcats fought to a tie Friday night on the Athletic Field at Hendersonville in a bruising hard fought battle, the final score being 6-6.

Neither team was able to score in the first period and fought on even terms until late in the second stanza when the Bearcats pushed over the goal line with less than a minute left in the first half. The Bearcats drove to the Warrior four-yard line. Morgan took over there and plunged the line for a score.

Thus the half ended with the Hendersonville combination out front, 6-0.

The Warriors failed to hit pay dirt until the waning minutes of the game when Bailey carried a 40 yard pass to Sides which earned them to the Bearcat 5. Bailey then toted the pigskin across the middle of the line. Sides' try for extra point failed.

Creasman was the key man in the Warrior defense, while Morgan took top honors for the Bearcats.

Line-ups:

Bearcats	—	Warriors
Strider	— LE —	Mayfield
Seigler	— LT —	Creasman
Hill	— LG —	Waldrup
Littlefield	— C —	Harper
Williams	— RG —	Dunlap
Ponder	— RT —	Robinson
Burnette	— RE —	Tipton
Ostetn	— QB —	Straehla
Collins	— RH —	Reese
Reese	— LH —	Sides
Morgan	— FB —	Bailey

Lions Cooperating In Drive For Old Clothes

Members of the Lions Club who wish to contribute clothes to the Blind of Buncombe county, are asked to bring the articles to the first meeting in December. The local club is cooperating with the county-wide drive now under way.

However, anyone may contribute old clothes whether he is a Lion or not, it was pointed out. Those who have old clothes they wish to contribute may do so by contacting any member of the local club.

SWANNANOANS SEE GAME

Swannanoans who saw the Carolina-Duke game Saturday were Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander, J. O. Buchanan, Jack Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Croy.

C. W. COFFIN HERE

Charles W. Coffin, forester, of Marion dropped in to greet friends at the NEWS last Wednesday.

P.-T. A. Holds Grade Mother Discussion

The Black Mountain P.-T. A. met Thursday, November 20, in the Grammar school auditorium. The Rev. W. A. Huneycutt, pastor of the first Baptist church gave the devotional. In place of a regular program an open discussion led by the President, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., was held on the value of "Grade Mothers" and the ways they can help the teacher. The following points were brought out:

1. Grade MBothers are welcome to "treat" the children any time but only one planned party is to be given during the year.
2. The Grade Mothers could set up a clothing exchange for needy children.
3. Help supply essential first aid supplies.
4. Assist the teachers in visiting the homes.
5. Report illnesses of class members.
6. Encourage P.-T. A. attendance and participation.

During the business session Mrs. Robert Franklin was elected as Secretary to fill the vacancy made by resignation of Mrs. W. W. Phillips. Mrs. Tyson appointed Mrs. E. V. Gouge a chairman of a Standing committee on High school activities. Others appointed to serve on the committee are: Mrs. L. J. Ring, Mrs. Douglas Jones, Mrs. D. O. McDougle, Mrs. C. R. Silvers.

Chicken Supper Huge Success

Good food featured the program at the lunch room of the Grammar school Tuesday night, November 25 at the chicken supper sponsored by the Black Mountain P.-T. A. About one hundred were served a delicious dinner prepared by the lunch room staff of the Grammar school. The ladies who so graciously volunteered their services are Mrs. Frank Melton, Mrs. Forrest Austin, Mrs. M. F. Flack, and Mrs. Bessie Atkins.

Several of the high school home ec class served the dinner. Mrs. Dempsey Whitaker, chairman of the P.-T. A. Ways and Means committee was in charge of the supper, ably assisted by Miss Ruth Gilbert, and Mrs. L. J. Ring.

Richard Albany Wins Recognition

Sponsored by the Black Mountain Arts Club last summer, Richard Albany taught a large class in Ceramics at Blue Ridge by courtesy of the Assembly and held his painting classes for both adults and children at Oak Knoll.

An exhibition of his water colors and ceramics was held at the Music Corner and works of the children's classes were displayed at the Black Mountain Hardware Co.

Since returning to Tyler school of Art in Philadelphia, where he is a senior he has had a water color accepted for the International Water Color show at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. From nearly 3000 entries his was one of only 400 accepted for exhibition.

A cartoon by Mr. Albany was recently purchased by Argosy magazine. At Tyler he was among the most versatile students as he works in oil, water-color, graphic arts, ceramics, and sculpture carved directly in stone.

The Blue Ridge Assembly and the Black Mountain Arts Club have invited Mr. Albany to return here next summer after his graduation to establish his studios and to resume his teaching under the joint sponsorship.

● RESULTS—CLASSIFIEDS! ! !

Up to November 10 \$447.00 had been collected from the parking meters, Dean Willis,