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SANTA AND JAYCEES TREAT THE CHILDREN . . . AND GROWNUPS . . .

Reflections

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One person who can't swim is more than a problem if he gets in water over his head. But when you get a group of youngsters—in 20 feet of water and 20 feet from the bank—it's time to call in the firemen.

That is what happened to Harry Barkley, new resident manager of the Mountain Orphan-age.

It occurred several years ago while Barkley was serving as youth director in the central part of the state. There was really no danger and all was going well until one passenger on the raft which was being used as a ferry stood up and spilled one of the boys off into the water. Then things began to happen and before Barkley or his assistant could restore order the lake was a foaming mass of screaming children who had become panicky and jumped overboard.

The two men were more than lucky in that all the children were saved—no small feat in 20 feet of water.

"That was the worst time I ever had," Barkley recalled, "and when it was all over I was barely able to pull myself out of the water."

Georgia is fast gaining the reputation of being the southern state toughest in those who find their foot pushing too heavily on the throttle.

"And all I was doing was 87 miles," moaned the latest Black Mountain man to be knocked lose from some of the long green lettuce by a Georgia judge. "There just ain't no justice no more."

Is my face red department?

Aroused from deep slumber by the insistent ringing of the telephone, an Asheville physician was told by an excited voice that "Helen dropped an iron on her toe and it's giving her fits. She's crying like a baby. What'll I do?"

"Helen? Helen? Oh, yes! Why apply a hot salt pack and give her an aspirin. Call me back if that doesn't do the trick," mumbled the doctor as he headed for the bed and slumber.

But he couldn't go to sleep. Helen was his nurse, and if she were crying then she must really be hurt. Climbing out of bed again he dressed and hurried across town to see personally what the trouble was with Helen. In answer to the bell a sleepy eyed gentleman opened the door and upon seeing the doc asked in a surprised tone, "What brings you out at this time of night?"

"Didn't you just call and tell me that Helen was hurt?"

"Why I should say I didn't. What on earth gave you that idea?" the startled husband exclaimed. "Come in and have a seat, Doc. Do you feel all right?"

After beating a hasty retreat the "angle" of mercy drove back home and spent most of the few night hours left calling everyone he knew and asking if they knew any one named Helen. Just when he was about to give up, the guy on the other end of the line said "Sure my wife's named Helen. Sure she dropped an iron on her toe, but she slept like a baby after

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When Santa paid his pre-Christmas visit to Black Mountain, Walter Styles, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, brought him part of the way in the Jeep. After touring the town during the morning, Santa came back to see the folks during the afternoon. Here the old boy with the long whiskers is seen distributing treats furnished by the Jaycees. (Photo by Ellington Studio)

Jaycees Make Plans For 1948

Permanent chairmen and committees will be announced at the regular dinner and business meeting of the Black Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held Monday night at Sarge's restaurant. The board of directors met Monday and formulated plans which will be submitted to the members for their approval.

With a record of all projects completed during 1947, the Jaycees will discuss objectives for the coming year. The major project of the past year was, of course, the lighting of the softball field. This was accomplished with the generous aid of the merchants, supporters, and businessmen of the community.

Officials hope to widen the area decorated for Christmas this year Cherry streets next season. A permanent Christmas decoration fund and to include Broadway and has been started with unused money from this year.

Shuford Assumes Principalship

The Japs never doubted that they would be victorious over the Allies in World War II until the B29s started destroying their towns at will, according to N. C. Shuford, who has recently returned to assume his position as principal of the Black Mountain school district following an absence of five years. Tom Nesbitt, who took over for Mr. Shuford, is now teaching, as well as assisting the former army major.

A captain in the reserves, the called to active duty March 4, Black Mountain school head was 1942. After several years with the provost marshall's office in Washington, Mr. Shuford was sent to military government

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Fire Damages Goodman Home

An overheated stove caused a fire at the home of Mrs. J. M. Goodman Sunday night. Considerable damage was done. Although there was a good attendance of volunteer firemen, progress in the fire fighting was impeded at the scene because of cars' getting too close to the truck so that it was impossible to turn around to get to the hydrant, according to Fire Chief Roy Orr, who requests that all cars stay at least 100 feet behind fire trucks in order to give room to get to hydrants. People who get closer than 100 feet will do so at their own risk.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Timmerman and children have been visiting in Augusta.

BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?



Members of the Tea and Topic club were more than pleased with the response to the Dime Board which they sponsored in Black Mountain this year. The board was set up on State street and attended by the club members with the aid of friends. Shown here just before the money was counted are, left to right, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. A. P. Perley, Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. Frank Groves, Mrs. R. T. Greene, Mrs. Ted Holman, and Mrs. Roy Taylor. (Photo by Ellington Studios)

Lions Hear Marion Perley In Short Concert

Miss Marion Perley, well known musician, and Dr. Oscar Ivanissevich, Argentine ambassador, entertained the Lions at their regular meeting last night.

More variety and better rounded programs were promised today by Ronald E. Finch, president of the Black Mountain Lions club, as he told of plans for 1948.

But this new type entertainment was only part of the program outlined by Finch as he recalled many worthwhile projects completed during the past year and revealed plans for bigger and better things this year.

The Black Mountain Lions club sponsored the WNC project in which the various clubs in Western North Carolina were asked to sponsor the patients from their county. The cooperation was 100 per cent and local club officials were more than pleased with the results.

In addition the club here took the responsibility for four wards at Moore VA hospital. Each patient on these wards was given a gift, and the wards were decorated. In response to this project, which was supervised by Robert Eckles, the club has received many letters from the patients and one from the chief of special service.

Under the direction of Otty Leeman, chairman of the sight conservation committee, the Black Mountain Lions club has aided many in securing glasses. These included both children and grownups who would not have been able to afford them otherwise.

"These are only a few of the many things accomplished by the Lions during 1947," President Finch emphasized, "and we look forward to bigger things this year. I wish to urge all Lions to make a special effort to attend all meetings. Our programs should be more varied and should prove interesting."

Legion Dues Payable Now

"American Legion dues should be paid now," Paul Richardson, post adjutant, said today. Old members who have not paid and veterans who wish to become members may pay either Richardson, Spec Anderson, post commander, or J. L. Potter.

"American Legion membership is annual," Richardson said, in reminding members that dues are really payable October 20 in advance. "If dues are not paid by February 1 of each calendar year, the member may be classed as delinquent. If still delinquent after April 1, the member shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under suspension on December 31, of such year, his membership shall be forfeited."

The 10 rifles that were ordered by the post some time ago have arrived and will be used for military funerals as soon as final arrangements can be made. A squad of 21 legionnaires will be formed to conduct military funerals for veterans of World War I and II.

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