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Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

Some kind soul has written to protest that this column is concerned chiefly with sports and to ask that we deal with other aspects of community life.

That's a good suggestion, but with all the fine cage teams in action around here, what is more important or interesting than our hardwood performers? The Legion team has been recognized as one of the best independent teams in the western area and has proved the point by walking off with the Canton I. B. A. A. tournament. These in on the know have penciled the Swannanoa boys and the Black Mountain girls in among the favorites, and the girls from Morgan's and the Black Mountain lassies have demonstrated their ability to go with the top teams.

So if we seem to feature basket-ball during the next few weeks, you'll know why.

The program at the Lions club Thursday night was well received. Miss Doris Byrd, Miss Sara McDougale, and Miss Madeline Fortune gave a very delightful program of classical and popular music. They were accompanied by Mrs. A. W. McDougale.

The meeting disproved one statement that we had come to believe. It was made several months ago by E. N. Howell, Swannanoa High School principal, who said that the reason most of the members were Lions was the fact that they were "too old to be wolves." If Mr. Howell saw the head turning that went on and heard the whistles with which the young girls were greeted, we are sure he has now changed his opinion.

One Lion, not mentioning any names, of course, ran around the vacant seats at his table three times and dusted them off with his napkin, all the time clearing his throat and pushing the chairs up and down like a barber trying to "attract" a customer.

But the girls took one look at his bulging waist line, the wrinkled face, and the head from which the hair has fallen slightly, and raced on to the special seats that had been prepared for them. It was rumored after the meeting that Will Holman and Walter Styles, who made themselves very conspicuous by their presence—and the Lions a lot poorer—fined each girl a dime for creating a disturbance. Mortified by the turn of events, Ronald Finch, Lion President, is reported to be taking up a collection with which to pay back the girls who were fined illegally.

Frank Buckner, who is usually one of the quietest men at the meeting, brought down the house by requesting that A. W. McDougale sing "I Am My Own Grandpa." But McDougale, who claimed that he had left his reading glasses at home and couldn't see the words without them, was excused. "Anyway, I always leave out one relative that I can't account for," McDougale said.

When R. T. Green inducted James H. Parks of Swannanoa, W. A. Huneycutt and Thad McDonald of Black Mountain,

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1948 Red Cross Goal Announced By Robert Guy

The 1948 goal of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa chapter of the American Red Cross is \$6,025 Robert Guy, campaign funds chairman announced today. Mr. Guy emphasized that the local chapter is a separate unit, operated entirely by Black Mountain and Swannanoa people and that the drive here has no connection with that being conducted in Asheville and other parts of the county. Black Mountain, Swannanoa and Broad River Townships are under the jurisdiction of the local chapter.

"Every citizen a contributor" was selected as the 1948 slogan as Walter H. Styles, chairman of the business district solicitation campaign, revealed plans for the drive to be held Tuesday, February 24. C. S. Porter will act in the same capacity for Swannanoa. The house-to-house canvass will be held early in March which has been set aside as Red Cross month.

Several prominent business leaders have been named to assist Mr. Styles in the solicitation of the business district Tuesday. They are Reed Hill, R. S. Eckles, B. W. Rowland, Johnny Rice, Robert Free, and A. F. Tyson, Jr. This committee will meet with Mr. Styles and other leaders at the city hall Monday night at which time final plans will be made.

Crushed Stone Much In Demand For Roads

Although the recent snows and rains have caused many roads and driveways to go to pieces during the past few days and the demand for materials has been heavy, there is still no shortage of crushed stone for road beds, Grove Stone and Sand company officials told a NEWS reporter today.

"We have plenty of materials and trucks to meet the demand," officials said, "and don't anticipate any great holdup on orders." Following the recent rains many roads and driveways became impossible and coal and transfer companies were having difficulty in making delivery. One firm was forced to hire trucks with chains as they had no chains for their trucks.

RETURN FROM WASHINGTON

Mrs. C. C. Godfrey and her mother, Mrs. G. H. McElrath of Candler have returned from a visit with Mr and Mrs. William Telford, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams in Washington, D. C.

LARGE EGG

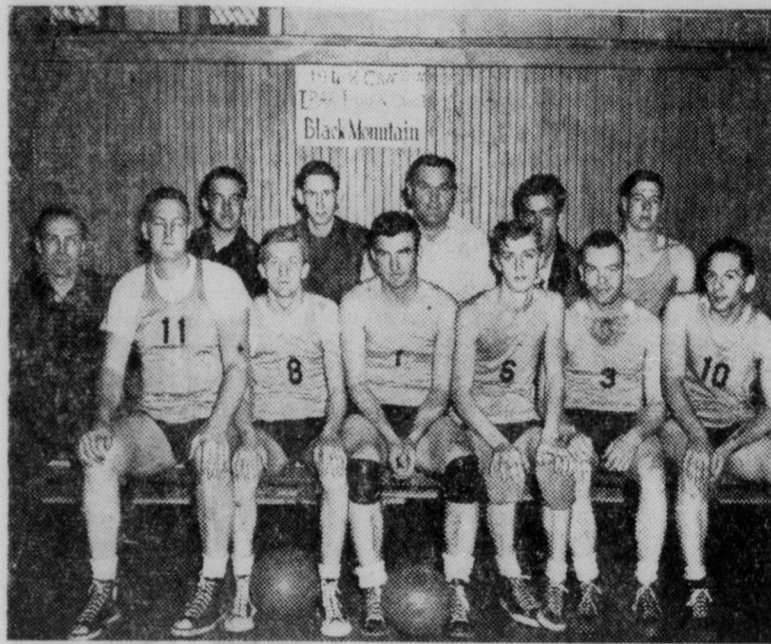
Mrs. C. W. Riddle of Portman Villa road brought over an egg this week that was more than six inches around the middle and eight inches around the other way.

VISITS RIDGECREST

Robert Pelletier of Lewiston, Maine, and Miami, Florida, was a weekend guest of Miss Eugenia Moore of Ridgecrest.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ownby of Black Mountain visited Mrs. Tommy Hall Sunday. Mrs. Hall is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital.

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THE BLACK MOUNTAIN AMERICAN LEGION FIVE which meets the mighty Atlantic All-Stars in the quarterfinals of the state tournament at Asheville Saturday night. Recognized as one of the smoothest outfits in WNC, the Legion crushed West End in the first game 75 to 52. Left to right they are, first row, Coach C. C. Myers, Pete Earle, Everette Stephenson, Jack Milbee, Jack Edwards, C. Gray, Dr. Brake. Back Row, Paul Harris, Jr., Joe King, Worth Burgess, Bill Rudisill, and Doyle Turner.

Hospital Talent Show Proves Huge Success

A most interesting and highly successful program was presented at the Swannanoa division of the veterans hospital last Friday evening.

An all patient talent show was presented from the stage of the main recreation hall and witnessed by several hundred patients and many officials of the hospital, including manager, John B. Wogan, Mrs. Wogon, clinical director, Dr. Reuben Kaplan, Dr. Robert Schell, assistant clinical director, assistant executive officer, Ivor Richards and Mrs. Richards, chief of special services, Walter Snow and Mrs. Snow, and other interested persons among the medical and nursing personnel of the hospital.

The play was the outcome of classes in radio script writing and literary classes which are planned and conducted by Mrs. Ellen B. Timmons, chief librarian of the hospital. Many locally prominent writers and newspaper personalities have been guest speakers for recent sessions of these classes, which are enthusiastically attended by a group of patients.

With all script written by patients and the complete show under their direction and production, assisted by the library and recreation department, an hour of fun and good entertainment was enjoyed Capably presented by Pierson L. Gordon as EMCEE, the show was broadcast over the hospital hook-up to all wards.

Announcer Eugene Jackson presented the individual acts in professional fashion and contributed some witty take-offs on radio commercials for a here-to-fore unheard of brand of cigarette. A "Jany Session Trio" with patients Doris, Murphy, and Knox was tops in the best boogie-woogie manner. Impersonations by Robert E. Holman were well received. Rendition of piano selections of classical music by Robert Loney was a highlight of the evening. William

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C. C. Head Points Out Need For Advertising City

Black Mountain and North Carolina face stiff competition in the years ahead in the tourist field as many other states and cities are making efforts to sell their particular part of the country, Charlie Spencer, president of the Black Mountain chamber of commerce told the 1948 directors at their regular meeting Monday night. Ten members were present.

"The only way to keep the folks coming is to keep telling them what we have here to offer," Mr. Spencer declared. "The time may not be too far in the future when we will be looking for tourists instead of wondering what we are going to do with the crowd." To stress the point that advertising pays, the president showed a large number of folders and booklets from states and cities scattered across the nation.

After much discussion the directors decided to print a booklet this year instead of folders. Five thousand of these booklets, all about Black Mountain and its attractions, will be published and be ready for distribution by April 1. In addition the members several weeks ago voted to sponsor at a cost of \$250.00 two pages in a magazine which will be printed within the near future.

Managers of rooming houses, hotels, and tourist courts, may list their facilities in the local booklet which will have a circulation of 5000. Those desiring further information should contact Charlie Spencer, Reed Hill, or the NEWS.

The committees named were as follows: membership, Ronald Finch, chairman, Carter Uzzell, and H. W. Sanders; publicity, Reed Hill, chairman, Ray Harrison, and Gordon Greenwood; civic improvement, M. E. Rondel, chairman, G. L. Kirkpatrick, and W. H. McMurray; industrial improvement and development, W. C. Honeycutt, chairman, A. F. Tyson, and Ben Hunter; road committee, Roy Taylor, chairman, J. G. Northcott, Dr. F. H. Richardson, R. E. Finch, Monroe Redden, Clyde Hoey, and Governor Cherry. Mr. Taylor was instructed to contact the members of his committee as soon as possible and point out the need for paving the Lakey Gap Road to Bat Cave.

Lions Club Receives V. A. Service Award

An award for volunteers service rendered to patients in veterans administration hospital, Oteen, N. C., Swannanoa Division, has been received by Ronald E. Finch, president of the Black Mountain Lions club. The award will be framed for the club.

Signed by J. B. Wogan, manager, and W. F. Snow, chief of special service the award says: "In recognition of outstanding volunteer services rendered to patients and conveying the deep appreciation of patients and staff, this award is presented to the members of the Black Mountain Lions club."

C. I. McDougale May Have Your Pictures

Charles I. McDougale has three pictures of World War I which he would like very much to get rid of. The owner is more than likely just as eager to get them back.

The pictures in question were left in McDougale's car while it was parked downtown in Black Mountain and depict a sham battle at St. Helena Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia, May 1, 1915. One of the pictures bears the address, "Wallace to Blanche and the baby, 306 10th street, Galveston, Texas."

8th Graders Will Play Friday

Friday afternoon at 3:30 the eighth grade Wildcats will take on the Red Terrors in a double header at the high school gym. Proceeds will be used to help pay expenses on a trip to Washington, D. C., this summer. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

The Wildcats will feature the following players: girls, Anna Rue Osteen, Norma Justus, Barbara Justus, Wilma Slagle, Jo Ann Norton, Eloise Norton. Boys, Richard Ramsey, Lee Polson, Russell Rowland, G. Myers, and Jimmy Poate.

Red Terrors: Girls, Jewell English, Doris Higginbotham, Peggy Gibbs, Elaine Allison, Carolyn Dinwiddie, and Vevlin Edwards. Boys, Norman, Stanley, Gene, Wilford, and Mac.

Miss Burlison's Honor Students Are Listed

When the honor students were listed from the grade school recently, those from Miss Nell Burlison's fourth grade were omitted by mistake. They are as follows: Bobby Nix, June Bryson, Betty Burnette, Ruth Chambers, Vivian Griffin, and Judy Sawyer.

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