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## Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

If you should decide to do your own plumbing, it might pay you to talk thing over with a certain resident in Black Mountain.

Hearing a friend tell of his difficulty in getting his hot water heater hooked up, the gentleman in question offered to do it himself. Things went along pretty well until the owner of the house turned the water on next morning. Although the heater was going full blast and the pipes were steaming, the water coming into the lavatory was cold as ice.

The someone had a bright idea. He stepped over and flushed the commode. The results were startling. The room quickly filled with steam as the boiling water poured into the box. The would-be plumber had hooked the hot water heater up to the wrong pipes.

When Herbert Sanders arrived at the NEWS office a few days ago and found only one member of the staff present, he asked: "What's the trouble, can't you get these Yankees to work on Lincoln's birthday?"

"The best team in the state," was the way a sports reporter for a Greensboro newspaper described the Black Mountain American Legion five at the conclusion of their game in the Asheboro High school gym Saturday night. Myer's men had just hung a 79 to 52 defeat on Marsh Furniture company of High point in the quarter finals of the state independent tournament which is being sponsored by the Asheboro Lions club.

"Those boys should be playing in the invitational tourney," the reporter went on. "They are definitely the class of this tournament."

The crowd that filled the gym had seen the Legion cagers open up with a devastating second half attack that left the crowd hanging on the seats at the close of the game. Brake, Edwards, Earle, and Stephenson popped in shot after shot from any and all angles.

On the way home Brake and Stephenson kidded Turner, who played one whale of a defensive game, about taking so much time to break up a play and gain control of the ball when he was under the goal with three opponents.

"Why did it take you so long to beat those fellows off and get the ball?" Stephenson asked. "I saw you were bouncing around like a worm on a hot stove, but I knew you'd get it sooner or later so I didn't bother to come closer than the center of the floor. But you certainly were slow—and there only three of them!"

Our host for the trip was W. C. Honeycutt, Black Mountain attorney, who not only furnished his car for the trip but bought refreshments as well. His only complaint was that we couldn't find a place open that was serving steaks.

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# LEGION ELIMINATED IN FINALS

## Red Cross Drive Plans Completed

The governing board of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa chapter of the American Red Cross met at 7:30 Friday evening at the Red Cross room in the city hall. Dr. C. D. Thomas presided.

With the completion of the business district solicitation in Tuesday plans were made for a kickoff breakfast of doughnuts and coffee to be served at the First Methodist church on Tuesday morning, March 2, at 9 o'clock. The workers will go direct from the church to their respective districts and begin their solicitation on a house-to-house basis. Robert Guy, funds committee chairman reported on this and other progress which has been made.

The following reports were heard: Mrs. Carrie Vernon for the volunteer service committee, Mrs. Frank Buckner for the Gray Ladies, Mrs. Whitt, production chairman; and the report of the treasurer, William Hickey, was read.

## Patients Enjoy Valentine Party

Friday, February 13, was a lucky day at W.N.C. sanatorium. The women up-patients invited the men to Raspberry lobby for a valentine party from 7 to 9 p. m.

The lobby was beautifully decorated by Mrs. C. D. Thomas. The decorations consisted of large red hearts edged in white lace and edged in red ribbon, paper table cloths for the punch table, and individual cloths for each table with napkins to match.

During the first part of the party everyone enjoyed playing bridge, setback, rummy, checkers, and Chinese checkers. Red punch was served during the games. The second hour of the party twenty games of bingo were played and a variety of prizes were awarded. The prizes were beautifully wrapped by some of the bed patients who were unable to attend the party. The grand prize was a pretty potted plant, won by Mrs. C. B. Mikles.

Refreshments consisting of red heart shaped ice cream, decorated with little white cupid's, heart shaped cookies and punch were served by candle light. It was really a beautiful setting and the refreshments were delicious.

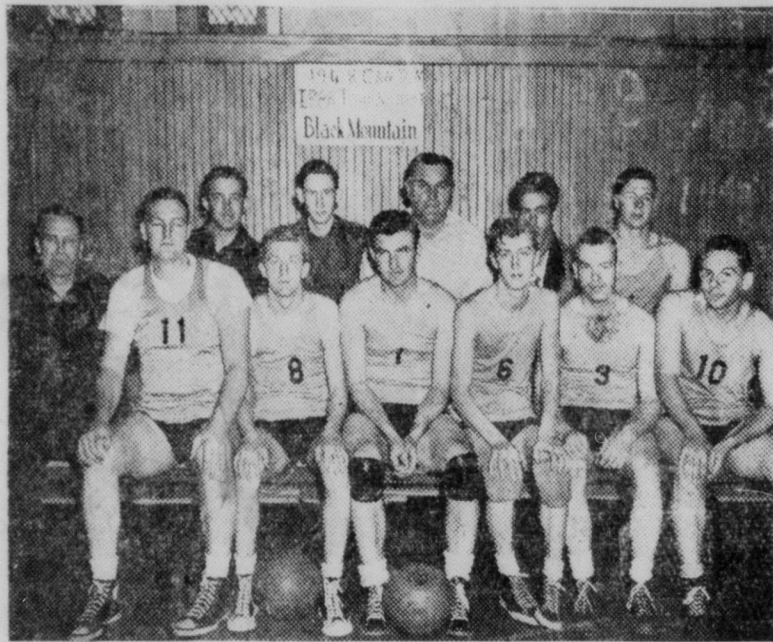
The party was planned and managed by Mrs. Christine Huddy, Miss Florence Matthews, and Miss Ann Beaton. Mrs. Ada Bowers, Mrs. Myrtle Grady, Bill Costner and Miss Ruth Zeller assisted in serving.

## Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Kirby of Swannanoa, R. F. D. 1, are parents of a daughter born last Thursday in St. Josephs hospital.

●RESULTS—CLASSIFIEDS! ! !

WIN OR LOSE THEY'RE STILL OUR TEAM



THE BLACK MOUNTAIN AMERICAN LEGION TEAM which advanced to the finals of the state tournament at Asheboro before being eliminated Wednesday night by Durham, 61 to 57. Officials called the Legionnaires one of the cleanest teams to play in the tourney.

## PTA Entertained By Students

The high school students entertained the members of the Black Mountain Parent-Teachers' association on February 19 with an interesting and varied program at the Grammer school.

Following the program Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., president, conducted the business session. An announcement was made asking for used clothing for needy children in the local school. The president asked the secretary to write a note of thanks to the Black Mountain for the contributions to the PTA. The recommendation was favorably passed that the PTA give each teacher \$2 for use in buying playground equipment.

Mrs. Tyson reminded the group that the PTA is this month celebrating it's 51st birthday. She read the purpose of the Parent-Teacher Association as set forth by Mrs. Alice Birney and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, the founders of the organization.

## FREE MOVIES

There will be free movies at the Black Mountain club house all through the summer, Ross Taylor, golf pro in charge of the local course, told the NEWS today. Seen in action will be some of the outstanding golfers, including Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, and Sammy Sneed.

## Film To Be Shown At Union Service

The new religious film BEYOND OUR OWN will be shown at the union worship service at the First Baptist church this coming Sunday, February 29, 7:30 p. m. This film was produced by the Protestant Film commission, which is made up of twenty-one major Protestant denominations. BEYOND OUR OWN shows the life and work of the Church from a Protestant viewpoint.

This picture was chosen as the "picture of the month" for December, 1947. The film is being shown by the four churches which participate in the union worship service—Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian.

## BMC Will Present Concert Saturday Night

The faculty and students of the music department of Black Mountain college will present a concert on Saturday night, February 28, 8:30 p. m. in the college dining hall. Friends of the college are invited to attend.

## TO DISCUSS MINORITIES

Dr. Herbert Miller will discuss "Minorities" at the Monte Vista Tuesday night, 8:00 p. m. The public is invited.

## Stephenson, Brake Selected On All-State Team

### Black Mountain Praised For Good Sportsmanship

STATE TOURNAMENT HEAD-QUARTERS, HIGH SCHOOL GYM, ASHEBORO, Feb. 25—Abattered team of Legionnaires from Black Mountain, playing in jerseys bought at a fire sale, and nondescript pants dyed by their own hands, were defeated by Erwin Auditorium of Durham in the finals of the state tourney here tonight, 61-57. The Myersmen led twice during the early stages of the contest but fell behind early in the second half and were never able to regain the top spot.

Cheered by the receipt of more than 60 telegrams from well wishers at home, the Legionnaires showed the result of more than a week of steady travel and basketball and were outmanned by the Durham crew. At one time early in the second half the winners took a 15 point advantage but Earle, Brake, and Stephenson found the range and with only five minutes remaining cut the gap to one point, 46-47.

As the NEWS went to press a movement was underway in Black Mountain to raise funds to repay the team members and Coach Myers for the money they had spent during the season. At present the team is more than \$100.00 in the red. All or most of this has been advanced by Myers to keep the team in action. We made a good start with the telegrams. With the outstanding player in the state, two all-state forwards, and a team that brought a \$1,000,000 worth of publicity to our town by their excellent play and outstanding sportsmanship, we should carry our support a bit further and dig down enough to pull the boys out of debt.

Neither the coach nor the boys have complained. But if you want to help the boys pull through, call either Reed Hill at the Black Mountain Grocery company or the NEWS.

"I have never seen such support of a team in any tournament," one official of the Asheboro Lions club said as the telegrams which began arriving in a trickle in the early morning turned to a flood in the early afternoon. "I have never seen anything like this."

Dr. E. K. Brake was selected as the outstanding player in the tournament at the conclusion of the game, and Brake and Everette Stephenson were named at the two forward posts on the all-state team. In making the selection the all-tourney board passed over such standouts as Rose, former all-American at North Carolina, and other of all-state and all-southern caliber.

"The folks at home will never know what those telegrams meant to us," a member of the team said. "That more than anything else,"

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## New Sprouts On Old Stumps

The year 1926 was a postwar hey-day in our valley. During that year the Black Mountain Country Club and our fire department were organized. Many strangers were passing through here on their way up to Mount Mitchell via the old Development trail.

Real estate prices were on the up and up, following about the same pattern as the Florida bubble and bursting at about the same time. But three years before the explosion, there were

good reasons to think that Buncombe's increase in population would create new problems in sanitation. Realizing this, water and county officials got busy and established 12 sanitary projects in the environs of Asheville.

Our project is known as "Swannanoa Sanitary Project", SWAN SAN as it appears on your tax statement. On July 1st, 1927, our district bond issue was for \$1,723,000.00 with interest at 5½ per cent, which was not considered a high rate at that time.