

BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

★ ★ A PROGRESSIVE AND GROWING NEWSPAPER IN A PROGRESSIVE AND GROWING COMMUNITY ★ ★

Vol. 3, No. 44

Thursday, July 1, 1948, Black Mountain, N. C.

Pay Only 5c

Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

The junior chamber of commerce has received a check for \$5.00 from Mrs. E. K. Knight, secretary and treasurer of the Activities club, to be used toward installing seats at the softball field. This is the first contribution on this project.

Monday night at the chamber of commerce meeting the directors were telling of unusual things which had happened to them. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Eckles returned home not long ago to find that a full grown tree which stood in their yard had been cut during their absence. Although they have kept close watch, the woodman has not returned for the wood. Why or how it was cut remains a mystery.

J. L. Potter came home one day to find that a light or telephone post had been installed so close to his woodhouse door that he was unable to open the door for wood or coal. It was removed on short order.

The May meeting of the chamber of commerce was the first missed by R. S. Eckles since he became a member.

A. F. Tyson, Sr., Dougherty Heights Inn, has installed the new type fire escape which is recommended by the state fire law, according to Roy Orr, local fire chief.

Someone suggested that this week's editorial be composed of only two words. The suggestion was that we should take half a page and fill it with the words: "Great Scott."

In this column last week we told of the exploits of our former teammate, Mike Wylie, Black Mountain high school graduate who recently returned to Montreat after several years spent in the Middle West and with Uncle Sam's army. Was our face red when Miss Marietta Yarnell called Saturday morning to say that we had misspelled his name.

Well, anyway the wrong spelling didn't fool Gene Byrd and several others who remembered WYLY, not Wiley.

When a resident of an eastern city stepped off the bus recently and asked where she could find some mountaineers, the one to whom the question was directed replied: "Just look around. We're all mountaineers."

"But I mean some real ones," the poor uninformed soul protested. "I want to see some hillbillies like I saw in Tobacco Road."

Although she was too polite to say so, the native might have suggested Maxwell street in Chicago or the East Side of New York. Some folks are too hard headed to learn that they have moved Uncle Tom's Cabin.

WRONG PRICE

In the Jones Food Store ad last Thursday the price of Vienna sausage was listed at 20 cents per pound. The price should have been one-fourth pound for 20 cents. We regret this error.

Sports Schedule

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Church League

JULY 2
Friendship vs. Ridgecrest
Methodists vs. Baptists

JULY 5
Ridgecrest vs. Hosiery Mill
Friendship vs. Baptists

JULY 6
Methodists vs. Presbyterians
Ridgecrest vs. Baptists

Junior Legion
July 1, Asheville here.
July, 3 Black Mountain at Rutherfordton.
July 5, Marion here.

PHONE YOUR NEWS TO 4101

Metropolitan Tenor In Concert At Montreat

Elwood Gary, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company, will be presented in concert at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the Montreat auditorium as the first of the summer concert series scheduled for each Saturday night throughout July and August.

When Gary won the Metropolitan auditions of the air in 1942, he was at that time on his way to fame as a welter-weight boxing champion. However, his musical training had been started in his early childhood under his mother's impetus, and he began his musical career as a singer in Baltimore. At the same time he continued to develop a commanding physique by maintaining his skill in boxing.

He caught the eyes and the ear of Eugene Martinet, director of the Baltimore Civic Opera company, and was engaged by that organization to sing leading roles in "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Pagliacci," "Rigoletto," "Traviata," John Charles Thomas heard him and invited him to sing tenor in a production of "Pinafore" at Florida's Palm Beach. Thomas has been a constant advisor since that event in Gary's musical career. His Metropolitan Opera debut was in "Die Rosenkavalier," and this was preceded by a heavy concert season in New York, Baltimore and Washington, D. C., the radio and his large teaching class. He was studying with Romano Romani, teacher of Rosa Ponselle.

From early 1943 through 1945, Gary supplemented his military career by giving concerts for bond rallies, U. S. O. shows and other organizations.

He annually sings at the Baltimore Sunrise Easter service.

The summer concert series will be under the management of the Mountain Retreat Association, of which Dr. J. Rupert McGregor is president.

McDouglés Hold Family Reunion

With the exception of Lt. and Mrs. Robert C. McDougle all the children and grandchildren of W. E. McDougle were present for the family reunion held Sunday, June 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDougle on Montreat road. A member of the armed forces, Lt. McDougle is on duty in Berlin. This was the first time that the group had been together.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McDougle and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain O. McDougle, Pat and Don, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. McDougle, Shirley and John, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. McDougle, and Sara, all of Black Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. McDougle of Apopka, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. H. Irwin McDougle, Ann, Jean, and Dorothy of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. McDougle, Ray, Tommy, and Edwin, Jr. of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Willard S. Farrow, Stephen and Phillip of Biltmore.

OPEN BRANCH OFFICE

The Blue Ridge cleaners have opened a branch office at the corner of Main (State and Cherry streets next door to the R. S. Eckles' real estate office. They will offer the same service from this office that is available at the main plant on Sutton avenue.

POWER WAS OFF

A car which failed to make the curve at the west edge of town cut off a pole and caused disruption of power service in the Black Mountain area Tuesday morning. The car was badly smashed and the driver hospitalized.

DATE CHANGED

The Business Women's circle of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church will meet on Monday, July 12, at 8:00 p. m., at the home of Miss Frank Davidson instead of Monday July 5, as previously announced.

The News Will Close During Fourth Holidays

The business office and mechanical department of the NEWS will close at noon on Saturday of this week and remain closed until Tuesday morning, July 6, in observance of Independence Day. In case of emergency dial 4503.

Correspondents are requested to place news copy for the July 8 edition in the mail not later than Monday.

Ready Plans For Arts Classes

Registrations are being received this week for the summer arts classes at Blue Ridge assembly gymnasium sponsored by the Black Mountain Arts club.

Instructions will be given in water color painting and in pottery making by Richard Albany, graduate of the Tyler School of Fine Arts, Philadelphia. Mr. Albany, who taught here last summer, has brought an electric kiln to expedite firing.

Mr. Levitt, a scholarship student at Tyler School, Temple university, has also studied at Syracuse university and has exhibited at Carnegie institute, Chicago Art Institute, the Art Alliance in Philadelphia, and has won numerous prizes. Both Mr. Levitt and Mr. Albany do outstanding work.

Classes start next Monday. There will be two four-week courses given by each: July 5-31 inclusive, and August 2 - 30 inclusive. The cost will be \$30.00 per course. Individual lessons will cost \$1.00 per hour.

Plans are being made by the Arts club for group instruction to young people at the youth activities center at the high school gym. Definite notice will be posted there this week stating hour, days, and rates for the courses offered.

Mrs. Tom Sharp, former chairman of the art appreciation group, will meet those interested in an informal discussion of modern art on the second and fourth weeks of July and August. For details see or write Mrs. Sharp this week.

Coffee will be furnished those attending but table service must be brought by each individual.

Arts Club Social Set For July 7

The Arts club get-acquainted meeting and covered dish supper scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, at the community house, Lake Tomahawk, promises to be full of interest.

At 2 p. m. several artists of the Asheville Art guild will arrive for an afternoon of sketching the beautiful surroundings at the lake. Visiting or local Black Mountain artists and school students interested in painting are invited to come join in the sketching, or observe it.

Following the covered dish supper at 5 p. m., Richard Albany will give a demonstration of the molding stage of pottery making, and Martin Levitt will demonstrate tooling leather.

The supper will be held out-of-doors if the weather permits and its purpose is a social where the members and their families can get acquainted with our summer's art teachers at Blue Ridge and the new club members.

PLAYGROUND OPEN

The community playground on Church street is now open from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. daily. The playground is free to all children between the ages of three and nine inclusive. Mrs. Oliver McMahan is supervisor. Provisions are being made to shelter the children in case of a shower.

NEW SOCIETY EDITOR

Mrs. Dorris McCall, Jr., who was graduated from the Black Mountain high school with the class of 1948, is now employed in the office of the Black Mountain NEWS as society editor and assistant bookkeeper.

Smokey Says:



Prompt action will prevent loss of valuable timber

Directors Told Of Airport's Importance

The importance of the Nichol's Flying service and the airport to the Town of Black Mountain and the community was one of the chief topics discussed at the regular chamber of commerce meeting held at the city hall Monday night. The meeting was presided over by Charlie Spencer, president.

The Nichol's Flying service has tried for more than a year to get a telephone installed, R. S. Eckles, chamber secretary pointed out, but the efforts have failed because of the great shortage of materials. But during the past few weeks a line has been established on the Blue Ridge road which would remove a part of the difficulty, it was explained. The group voted to write a letter asking that the telephone company hook the airport on to this line which would remove the necessity of crossing the railroad with a single cable.

The importance of the field as an emergency station and as a field for private planes was discussed by W. C. Honeycutt who traced the history of the local field from its beginning in 1932 down to the present time. "The field is very useful for private planes and will help greatly in advertising the town and community," Mr. Honeycutt said. "Although privately owned it is definitely an asset. What it amounts to is that Mr. Nichols is furnishing the flyers of the community with an airport free."

M. E. Rondel, as chairman of the improvement group was instructed to erect a welcome sign at the eastern and western entrances to the city. He will be assisted by Luther Kirkpatrick and W. H. McMurray. Secretary Eckles was asked to write a letter to the Southern railway in regard to the blowing of whistles near Grandview court, and plans for a cleanup membership drive were discussed. The chamber will not meet during July and August unless a special meeting is called by the president.

All-Stars Clip Champions, 8-7

In a game marked by smooth fielding, hard hitting and effective pitching, a team of all-stars were hard put to defeat the championship Friendship team Friday night. Lee Marett's homer in the top half of the seventh was the decisive blow. Friendship outthit the All-Stars, but the home run punch of D. Turner and Marett turned the tide in favor of the All-Stars. The game, one of the very best of the season, was marred by one uncalled for argument.

Friendship:

Rudisill, ss,	4	3	2
Stephenson, p,	3	1	1
H. Gray, cf,	5	0	1
Gardner, 1b,	3	1	2
Myers, 3b,	3	1	1
Hoschar, c,	3	0	1
L. Fortune, rf,	4	0	2
Carpenter, 2b,	3	0	1
Russell, lf,	4	1	1
			7 12

All-Stars

Burnett, 3b,	3	0	0
Johnson, ss,	4	2	1
Stevens, p,	3	2	3
Turner, 1b,	4	2	3
B. Marett, 2b,	4	0	0
Medford, c,	3	0	0
L. Marett, lf,	4	1	2
Nordhielm, cf,	4	0	0
Morgan, rf,	3	1	0
			8 9

All Stars	0	2	2	3	0	0	1	8	9
Friendship	1	1	0	2	2	0	7	12	

Sacrifices, Stevens, Hoschar, 2b, Marett, 3b, Rudisill. Home runs, L. Marett, Turner (2).

Officials, Barkley, Burgess, and McDonald.

x—Two out when winning run was scored.

● Is your subscription paid up-to-date?