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Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

The flying cigars or mysterious shaped planes that have scared the daylight out of residents from coast to coast have made their appearance in Black Mountain.

Mrs. Mack Sams was sitting on her porch one night recently enjoying the cool breeze when she was horrified to see a long cigar shaped object suddenly sail into view from the east. "It did not look like a plane," Mrs. Sams declared, "but more like a long cigar. When it came into view it seemed to be on fire and was almost covered with a bluish flame. I was scared half to death and screamed for some of the other folks to come see it, but before they could get out of the house it had disappeared in the sky."

Jimmy Hendrick, Mrs. Sam's nephew, reported seeing the same thing at the ball game but wasn't sure whether anyone else saw it or not.

We're sorry that we misquoted Jimmy Poteat last week. Instead of asking Coach Carl Myers of the Junior American Legion team if he was stooping low enough Jimmy had misunderstood and asked the coach right out loud before all the fans: "Am I stupid enough now, coach?"

In an effort to attract more tourist trade, the Waynesville chamber of commerce has just published 10,000 pictorial 12-page folders in two colors in heavy coated paper. The folder is descriptive of the entire country, stressing three important economic factors, industry, agriculture, and vacationists.

Howard Richardson, author of the Broadway hit, "Dark of the Moon," addressed the students of the Theater in The Sky at Waynesville recently. Mr. Richardson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Richardson of Black Mountain.

Congratulations are in order for D. W. Harrison, Sr., of Swannanoa, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary in business in Swannanoa. The entire time has been spent at the same location, first in a wooden building and late in the present structure.

J. O. Williams had some words of advice for those from Black Mountain who attended the Lions convention in New York last week. "Now that you've seen New York it's going to be hard to keep you fellows down on the farm. In the future I believe we should try to start the boys off to rub elbows with the city slickers in the big city."

There was a full round of entertainment for the ladies. Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mrs. W. W. White attended and were kept busy trying to keep up with the program which had been arranged for them. This included breakfast at the Waldorf Astoria, followed by a fashion show, tours of Radio City, Rockefeller Center a trip around Manhattan by boat, and various other places of interest. The entertainment was tops and included some of the outstanding stars of screen, stage, and radio. Some of the Black Mountain troupe slipped away to see the musical comedy, "Inside U. S. A.," which is based on the book of the same name by John Gunther. The climax of the play comes when they try to give the country back to the Indians but the Indians won't take it.

"I want to ask you one thing," said the voice at the other end of the line, "my friends have been trying to convince me that Harry

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HEADS LIONS



Eugene S. Briggs, Enid, Oklahoma, is the new president of the International Association of Lions Clubs. He was elected by unanimous vote at the 31st annual convention of the Association.

The convention concluded one of the more successful years in the history of Lions International, according to the report made by the Secretary-General and founder of the Association, Melvin Jones, of Chicago, Illinois.

Lions Roar At Annual Meet

Members of the Black Mountain Lions club returned Friday morning from the Lions International convention held at Madison Square Gardens in New York City. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Taylor, J. O. Williams, and R. S. Eckles.

Called the biggest convention held in New York this year, the meeting attracted more than 30,000 Lions from all parts of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and other countries where clubs are located. North Carolina won several honors. Edward H. McMahan of Brevard was elected international director, placing fourth in a field of eight; the band representing Elizabeth City won third prize; and the North Carolina exhibit in Madison Square Gardens was selected as the best.

There was no time spent in wondering what to do, the local delegates report, but the days and evenings were packed with entertainment of every description furnished by such outstanding attractions as Phil Spitalny's All Girl Orchestra from the hour of Charm, Jim Pierce of Metropolitan Opera, Dean Murphy, the Roxettes, and many others. So

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Speakers Set Men's Club Goal

The Swannanoa Men's club met Monday evening at Grandma's Kitchen. After the invocation by S. F. Davidson, dinner was served. At the business meeting which followed Sidney Croy introduced the following speakers who spoke on: "How the Swannanoa Men's club can use its influence to promote the general welfare of our community."

Dr. Rankin Miller spoke on "Health," C. H. Davidson on "Social Welfare," Robert Mueller on "Economic Welfare," and Dr. Arthur Bannerman on "Education."

Guests of the evening were W. A. Ward, J. L. Connelly, George B. Young, John Vaillancourt, W. A. Porter, W. B. Stone, D. W. Harrison, Jr., and F. M. Jordan.

Harrison & Co. Observing Fiftieth Year In Swannanoa

First Opened Doors For Business Before The Turn Of The Century

Mr. & Mrs. C. Adams Are Guests Of Honor

Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Adams of Montreat will leave Wednesday, August 11, for Chicago where they will be guests of honor at the 19th Annual Chicagoland Music festival which will be held at Soldiers Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams will take a drawing car from Black Mountain to the 12th Street Station, Chicago. Reservations have been made for them at the Stevens hotel. A full round of entertainment has been planned by festival officials whose guests they will be while in Chicago.

Steady work and personal attention to business will do more than anything else to assure success, believes D. W. Harrison, Sr., of Harrison and Company of Swannanoa, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary this week. The anniversary advertisement will be found on another page of this newspaper.

It was in 1898 when the only way to reach Swannanoa from Asheville was by train or horse and buggy around by Biltmore and up the river, that Mr. Harrison, who had spent four years in a grocery store at Beach and five years in the same business in Asheville, first came to Swannanoa and established Harrison and Company. Today at the close of half a century the store is still located in the same place but the building and type of merchandise have been changed. The wooden building in which the business was opened has been replaced with one of brick. Harrison and Company no longer handles groceries, lumber, fertilizer, seed, or wagons nor do they trade horses as they did in the early days, but they now concentrate on hardware, furniture, and electrical appliances.

When Harrison and Company first opened its doors in 1898 there was only one other store in Swannanoa. The M. L. Hulett store was located on the site now occupied by the Boone Plumbing company. The school was a one-teacher little red school house out near the Piney Grove church. Later a three room building was erected near the grounds now occupied by the Buckner service station. The house where Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Gibson live was at that time owned by Morgan V. Smith.

In keeping with the times Mr. Harrison, during the early days, bought and sold just about anything needed for the farm. This included roots, herbs, corn, wheat, oats, lumber, seed, fertilizer, tan-bark, and wagons; and he traded horses on the side.

Mr. Harrison was instrumental in organizing the Swannanoa bank in 1925 and was among the stock holders. He served as vice-president until 1930 when he was

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Legion Meeting Is Postponed

The chicken barbecue sponsored by the Waycaster-McFee post of the American Legion and scheduled for Friday night has been postponed until the polio situation clears up. W. C. Honeycutt, post commander announced Wednesday morning. The barbecue had been set as a joint meeting with the Auxiliary at which time officers were to have been installed.

The tickets which had been printed will be used when the meeting is held later Mr. Honeycutt said. Announcement will be made in time for all Legionnaires and those who are eligible for membership to make plans to attend.

W. Kerr Scott Here For Visit

W. Kerr Scott, candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket attended a picnic given in his honor Tuesday night by his brother-in-law, E. E. White and W. C. Honeycutt. Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Scott were breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keith.

Here to attend the sessions of the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange conference at Blue Ridge Mr. Scott will return to Raleigh soon to begin a formal campaign for election. He expects to spend much of his time between now and time for the general election in "Budget hearing and campaigning." His Republican opponent is George M. Pritchard of Asheville.

ROXY CLOSED

Although there have been no cases of polio reported in Swannanoa, the Roxy Theatre has been closed until further notice, E. Y. Neill, owner and manager announced Wednesday. The length of the closing will be in accordance with the polio trend the announcement said.

PIX THEATRE CLOSED

In compliance with the restriction placed on public gatherings by the Buncombe county board of health, the PIX theatre in Black Mountain will be closed until further notice, Caldwell Owenby, manager said Wednesday. The theatre will be open as soon as the ban is lifted.

Postpone Arts Club Meeting

The annual meeting of the Arts club scheduled for August 5 has been postponed till further notice.

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Meetings Are Prohibited By Health Officials

Meeting in joint session at the municipal club house Tuesday afternoon, the county board of health and the Buncombe county commissioners passed a resolution to impose the same restriction on Buncombe county as that which had been imposed on the city of Asheville in an attempt to restrict the spread of polio. The meeting was attended by representatives of the various towns and communities throughout Buncombe county as well as representatives of the major religious assemblies.

The regulation prohibits the operation of indoor theatres, churches, athletic events involving spectators, and any other gatherings such as night clubs and dance halls.

Although officials and physicians of Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Blue Ridge, Montreat, Ridgecrest, and Broad River brought out that no cases had been reported in this end of the county, they emphasized that they were ready to cooperate and follow the advice of the county health officials. Blue Ridge Montreat Ridgecrest, and Cragmont assemblies will remain open.

Coke Candler chairman of the county board of commissioners, presided and turned the meeting over to Dr. H. C. Whims, county health officer, who stated the case for the county officials.

Those who attended from East Buncombe were: Dr. F. H. Richardson, Dr. Thomas Burnett, Dr. S. S. Cooley, Dr. E. J. Anthony, Dr. A. E. Knofel, Jr., The Rev. Walter H. Styles, Dean Willis, the Rev. Thad McDonald, E. S. Jackson, the Rev. W. A. Huneycutt the Rev. John H. Rhys, Robert Guy, Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, Mayor J. L. Potter, Charlie Spencer, Dr. Hubert Clapp, Dr. H. R. Miller, and Gordon Greenwood.

The joint resolution said: "1. That all church gatherings, indoor theater gatherings, athletic events involving groups of spectators and all unnecessary gatherings, and meetings shall be discontinued for a period hereinafter defined.

"2. All establishments which provide food and entertainment or recreation to the public shall discontinue all activities except

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Kerlee-Nache Wedding Set For Saturday

The Elsie Kerlee-David Nache wedding ceremony will be performed at "Over Yonder", the home of the bride on North Fork road, instead of at the Methodist church as was previously announced. This is in keeping with the banning of public meetings because of the polio situation.

The Rev. Thad McDonald, pastor of the Methodist church, will perform the ceremony which will be held at 7:00 p. m. Saturday.

The bride and groom will leave immediately following the ceremony for Chicago where they will spend their honeymoon.