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Section II

Editorial

Adopting as their slogan, "Use Your Vote in '48" the B. & P. W. has launched a program to acquaint the women of the nation with the national issues now before the American people.

"The place for every woman voter in the coming months is with her political party. She should be present and vocal in her precinct caucuses. She should see that able men and women are chosen at the initial stage of representative government for the post of precinct committeeman and woman," leaders point out.

In most communities the size of Black Mountain women have always been conspicuous by their absence from political affairs. But in support of the national program the local club attended the district meeting in Asheville last Sunday and the club is working to make sure that the entire membership is registered and that it votes on election day.

Women of the B. & P. W. are aware that one-third of the senate and all of the House will be elected this fall. They know that women active in politics are no longer frowned on as they were in grandma's day. In fact women of today who don't know the issues and who take no active part in community affairs would have a hard time winning a popularity contest.

The B. & P. W. is not a partisan group. Partisanship need not become an issue. The desirable thing is to have the best qualified people in the right office. Finally, if both parties present the best qualified people available, there need be no party conflict as to who is elected.

This week the Black Mountain Business and Professional Women's club is observing the National Business Women's Week. They are to be commended for their efforts which should continue throughout the year. "The people will rule. If not by their intelligence then by their ignorance."

No Dull Moments For Drivers' License Examiner

Good drivers and bad, old timers and beginners, it's all in the day's work for the drivers' license examiner according to O. M. "Speck" Alexander of Swannanoa who holds that position in Buncombe county.

The examiner spends on an average of 30 minutes with each applicant, Mr. Alexander said, but is not allowed to talk to or to coach the applicant in any way. Each mistake is recorded and this reports determines whether or not the licenses are issued or whether the applicant is failed. Some drivers take the road test as many as three times without passing, he declared.

But before the applicant is allowed to take the road test he is put through a series of tests to determine his ability to recognize

road signs, and to determine his familiarity with certain safety rules and regulations. This passed he is issued a form and told to take his car to the testing ground.

The type of reactions are as varied as the number of people taking the test, Mr. Alexander maintains. For instance one morning a driver, who was taking the test for the third time, forgot how to start on a hill and never took the car out of high. Another hit a car and turned right from the center of the street without a sign of any kind.

Although the system of examining drivers has been in effect for less than a year, the fatalities by the month have shown a drop over 1947. For instance in January 1948 North Carolina had 61 fatalities against 98 in 1947. February showed a decrease from 60 to 38 and March from 65 to 45.

Officials believe that the strict law now in operation in the state requiring a road test before a license is issued is responsible for the decline.

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Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

If present plans materialize members of the Waycaster-McFee American Legion post of Black Mountain may soon be seen behind the footlights. At the last meeting Commander W. C. Honeycutt proposed a minstrel and his suggestion was received very enthusiastically by members present.

Lawrence English is treasurer of the senior class and business manager of the annual, and Tommy Spence is assistant business manager. Lawrence, along with Charlotte Lindsey, annual editor, is busy lining up printers and what not as they prepare for the task of gathering and sorting the mass of material necessary to make an annual.

Miss Lou Lindsey, sixth grade teacher at the grammar school, has struck again with a law suit against the press. Last week we meant to say that she sanded a table in the new lunch room, selected and made the draperies, suggested the color scheme, and was the first person to go back for seconds. But for some unknown reason the above didn't get in print.

The last time she sued, Elizabeth Parker collected the five cents which she (Lou) was awarded by a fair and impartial jury of Asheville-Biltmore alumni at a trial held at the S. and W. We were as surprised as anyone when Elizabeth kept the nickel.

Ross Atkins started a near riot last week—but the whole story would be better if left untold. So we'll forget it and hope Ross will.

When Charlie Spencer told the Lions club at the last meeting that the community chest was asking for only \$165,000 but that close to \$4,000,000 would be spent in Buncombe county this year for whiskey, a Lion whose name we don't remember remarked: "I thought sure Charlie had started off to give us a sermon on temperance."

But Charlie used the story to show how little the community chest was asking in comparison with what will be spent for one item alone. And, as he pointed out, that is only half the story.

Some day some club is going to be given the treat of presenting Wade Morrow and M. E. Rondel in a comedy act They've been practicing for several weeks and are just about ready to spring it on the public.

"Greetings from me to you from Tucson, Ariz. Be careful and don't take any wooden nickles." This is the message sent from Leroy Mashburn who along with Mrs. Mashburn is visiting their daughter near that city.

Of particular interest is the picture of the depot which has a neon sign in a flag design on the train side of the station, placed there by locomotive engineers on July 18, 1942, honoring the men in the armed forces who were passing through Tucson by the thousands daily.

The words on either side of the flag read: "Thanks to you this will be flying when you come home."

Mrs. Don Shoemaker has the prize suggestion so far as getting out the vote is concerned. While speaking to the Business and Professional Women's club Monday night she suggested that it might be a good idea to have everyone pay a poll tax which would be refunded if the person voted.

Mrs. Shoemaker set a high



Black Mountain Red Cross Unit Has Annual Meet

Officers of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Red Cross Chapter were re-elected at an annual meeting in the Methodist church here Monday night.

They are: Dr. C. D. Thomas, chairman; the Rev. W. H. Styles, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ruth Cunningham, secretary; and William Hickey, treasurer. Outgoing district chairmen are: Thad Burnett, North Fork; Mrs. Nedra Creasman, Riceville; the Rev. W. H. Armistead, Montreat; Emil Kirstein, Broad River, and Mrs. Joe Moore succeeding Paul Harris at Ridgecrest.

Miss Lola Crawford, Red Cross field director of the Veterans Administration unit at Swannanoa, and W. D. Dibrell, field representative from the area office in Atlanta, Ga., spoke. Mr. Dibrell discussed the blood bank program which will be launched in Asheville January 1.

The chapter passed an amendment limiting officers to two years of service. Dr. Thomas presided.

standard for other speakers in her presentation of the six points of a mature politician.

WEEK END GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris had as their week end guest, Odis Lovelace of Rutherfordton, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weycaster and daughters, Lottie and Louise, of West Asheville, N. C.

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Letters To The Editor

Mr. Gordon Greenwood
Black Mountain News
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

I have had the pleasure of seeing the October 7 edition of the Black Mountain News and I believe this is one of the most effective pieces of support that the Community Chest has had. Undoubtedly the pictures, editorials and stories will have a substantial effect on the sums contributed to the Campaign.

I would like to express my deep appreciation as Campaign Chairman and the appreciation of the entire Community Chest organization for your constructive, substantial contribution to the Community Chest Campaign.

Sincerely yours,
Philip Woolcott
Campaign Chairman

Dear Editor:

I have just been comparing the Black Mountain NEWS with the Asheville Citizen — not the relative size but the advertising. In the issue dated October 7, 1948, there were only 18 local ads using four inches or more space and 13 ads of out of town firms.

This is an unhealthy situation when almost as many out of town firms are soliciting for our business as local business men. This may be no fault of The Black Mountain NEWS — your representative has no doubt knocked on all the doors in this community seeking ads. Is it then that our local merchants do not need additional customers, or is it that they have no faith in the practice of advertising in which many firms as the Carolina Power and Light company, the tobacco companies, insurance companies and many others declare is the secret of their success?

In view of the fact that business men in other sections of Western North Carolina are advertising now as never before and as a result gaining customers from this area, wouldn't it be a good policy for us to do likewise. I for one would prefer to spend my money here and I could find most of the things I need here — but. Would a shot in the arm help?

Hopefully yours,
Mrs. Harriet Guthrie.

Hunting Information

Game (Species)	1948-'49 Open Season (Dates Inclusive)	Bag Limit (Day)	Bag Possession Limit	Bag Limit Season
Bear	Oct. 15, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949	2	2 exceptions	2
Deer (Male with visible antlers)	Oct. 15, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949	1	2 exceptions	2
Russian Wild Boar	Oct. 15, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949	1	2 exceptions	2
Opossum & Raccoon (With dog & gun)	Oct. 15, 1948 to Feb. 15, 1949	none	none exceptions	none
Rabbits	Nov. 25, 1948 to Jan. 10, 1949	7	14	none
Squirrels (Except Red Squirrel or Boomer)	Oct. 15, 1948 to Jan. 10, 1949	8	16 exceptions	100
Quail	Nov. 25, 1948 to Jan. 10, 1949	8	16	100
Turkey (Gobblers only)	Nov. 25, 1948 to Jan. 10, 1949	1	2	6
Ruffed Grouse	Nov. 25, 1948 to Jan. 10, 1949	2	4	10
Fox	exceptions	none	none	none