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Great School Need Of County Is Told Here

How Buncombe county and the city of Asheville have outgrown their present school buildings and plans for alleviating the situation were discussed by three speakers at a mass meeting held Friday night at the grammar school auditorium. H. D. Smith presided.

The three speakers were James G. K. McClure, Roy Taylor, and George Young.

Speaking first Mr. McClure told of the deplorable condition in which the county commissioners found the schools last year and of the appointing of a 17-man committee to study the situation and to make recommendations. The proposed consolidation of county and city schools and the issuance of \$5,500,000 in bonds with which to construct new schools were recommended by the group.

"Instead of 26 tax districts in Buncombe county if the voters agree on April 18 there will be only one with every resident of the county paying the same amount of school tax," Mr. McClure said.

"This way the entire wealth of the county will be behind every child." The speaker pointed out that Black Mountain and Swannanoa would get a new \$600,000 high school, a \$75,000 school for the colored, and a lower tax rate. If the measures pass the 19 high schools of the county will be reduced to six each of which will offer a much broader course of study than is now possible in the smaller schools.

Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain pointed out that the Swannanoa Valley is the fastest growing section of Buncombe county and that the number of pupils in school here has increased from 700 in 1935 to 1400 at present. In addition another increase of 30 per cent is anticipated in the next six years.

George Young, member of the county board of commissioners and commissioner of public institutions, declared that consolidated schools would give the same opportunity for all and be able to provide classes in art, vocational

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300 Pound Cake Now On Display

The second largest cake ever baked in Western North Carolina was delivered to the Black Mountain Freezer Lockers and Super Market Tuesday afternoon and is now on display in the window. It was baked by Bost's Bakery in Shelby.

Weighing more than 300 pounds, the huge cake will be cut at 9 a. m. Friday and generous helpings served to each person who enters the store on Friday and Saturday. A section of the large plate glass window in front of the store had to be removed in order to get the cake inside the building. The Super Market ordered the cake in connection with their Customers' Appreciation Sale which is now in progress.

The Weather . . .

This report is furnished by the U. S. weather sub-station located at the Black Mountain city hall. The instruments are read at 9:00 a. m. daily by W. Dean Willis or R. A. Hardwick.

Date	High	Low	Prec
March 23	44	31	.75
March 24	53	33	
March 25	72	49	
March 26	70	41	
March 27	66	50	
March 28	73	44	.85
March 29	66	40	.05

Spelling Bee Will Be Friday At Bee Tree Christian Church

Read Wilson will be master of ceremonies and give out the words at the old-fashioned spelling bee to be held at 8:00 p. m. Friday, March 31, at the Bee Tree Christian church. The event is sponsored by the Bee Tree Woman's Council.

In addition to the spelling bee there will be cake walks, and sandwiches, cake, pie, and home-made candy for sale. A cash prize will be given to the best speller. Anyone who thinks he can out spell the Bee Tree folks is invited to enter. The public is invited to attend and join in the fun.

OES Officers Installed At Colorful Service

Black Mountain Order of Eastern Star installed officers for the new year in a colorful ceremony held March 22 at the Junior Order hall. A large crowd of friends and visitors from other chapters attended the candle light service.

Mrs. Margaret Stone, who was installed as worthy matron, announced that the theme for the new year would be "Faith."

Installing officer was Mrs. Mae Willman, associate grand matron of the grand chapter of North Carolina. Other officers present included Mrs. Hilda Halli

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Special Arts Club Program April 6

The Black Mountain Arts Club will meet at 8 p. m., Thursday, April 6, in Gaither, Montreat college. The program will be presented by the music and creative writing groups. Miss Doris Byrd of Black Mountain and Gilmer Weatherly of Swannanoa will be presented by the music group. Miss Byrd will play "Sunken Cathedral" by Debussy. Mr. Weatherly during his residence in Scotland with the United States forces fell in love with the country so completely that he brought back a Scotch bride and a repertoire of Scotch songs. His contribution to the program will include "Turn Ye To Me," a traditional Scotch air, and two songs of the Hebrides, arranged by Kennedy-Fraser: "Land of Heart's Desire" and "The Reviving Rapture." Both these musicians are well known in this area. The writers' group has invited Dean Elford C. Morgan of Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C., to speak. Dr. Morgan is much in demand as a speaker on literary subjects, and he will discuss "American Literature Between Two Wars."

Following the program, the Kappa Pi Beta Club of Montreat college will hold an informal reception.

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Reports Indicate Red Cross Will Reach Goal

Chairmen of the various divisions of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa chapter of the American Red Cross met at campaign headquarters Monday afternoon with E. S. Jackson, funds chairman, presiding.

"Reports indicate that the goal will be reached by March 31," Mr. Jackson said. "Although all divisions are still working, anyone who is not contacted may make his contribution by mailing it to the Red Cross office. It is hoped that a full report will be ready in time to be published next week."

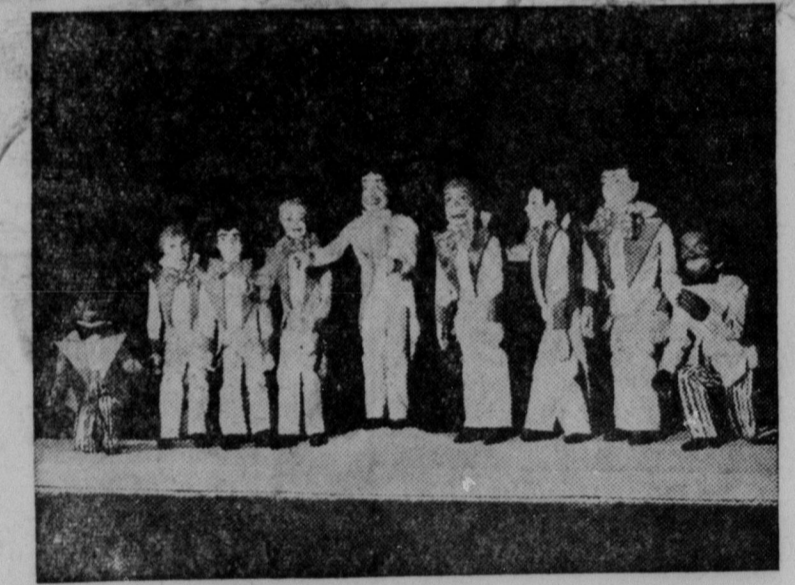
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SHOW DIRECTORS ARRIVE IN BLACK MOUNTAIN



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bergmann, president and vice-president of Pilot Productions, Inc., of Asheville, who have arrived in Black Mountain to personally direct their new local-talent, musical variety review, "Trippin' Around" to be presented at the grammar school auditorium, April 6 and 7 under the auspices of the Black Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

SCENE FROM MARIONETTE SHOW



For the final show Friday evening at 7:30 at the grammar school auditorium, Mabel and Cedric Head of Kingsland Marionettes will present H.M.S. Pinafore. This is a scene from that production. The puppet show is being sponsored here by the Humane Society for benefit of the school lunch fund. Tickets are on sale by members of the Humane Society and may be purchased at the door.

"Jack And The Beanstalk" At School Friday

Anyone who was fortunate enough to see the "Sneak Preview" given on Saturday last in the window of Summey's Man Store by the Kingsland Players and their Marionettes will realize what a treat is in store for anyone attending the performance to be given on Friday night, March 31 at the grammar school auditorium, Black Mountain, when the Kingsland Players will present the Marionette Show "H.M.S. Pinafore" and vaudeville acts. The night show will start at 7:30 p. m. and last until nine o'clock, admission 40 cents for adults. This show is sponsored by the Humane Society for the benefit of the free school lunch fund.

The advance ticket sale has been very good, and the committee in charge hopes to put out the

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Some School Children Are Without Shoes

There is a great need for good used shoes for needy children in the grammar school, the committee in charge has announced. Some children are without shoes and have missed school for this reason.

Anyone having good used shoes which could be used by grammar school children, is asked to bring them to The Wash Spot or to Mrs. C. I. McDougle.

Registration Books To Be Open April 1, 8

Registration books will be open on the next two Saturdays, April 1, 8, at the grammar school and the city hall for listing of voters in the \$5,500,000 school bond election which will be held in Buncombe county on April 18. The books will be open from 9 a. m. until sunset. Everyone must be registered in order to vote, but those persons already registered

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RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

Dr. B. Spilman, 79, Ridgecrest Founder, Dies

Dr. B. W. Spilman, 79, who had been ill for some time, died in a Kinston hospital last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Funeral services were held on Tuesday and burial was in Kinston where he had lived for many years.

He was well known among Southern Baptists as field secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, founder of Sunday School Teacher Training Courses, field secretary to schools, colleges, and universities of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the founders of the Baptist Bible Institute now the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and member of its board of trustees and curriculum committee.

Dr. Spilman was a graduate of Wake Forest college and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was given the degree of doctor of divinity by Baylor university, Waco, Texas, and Wake Forest college.

One of his greatest achievements was the founding of the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest and leading the institution through its early and lean years bringing it to a place of great usefulness in Southern Baptist life and work. He is called the Father of Ridgecrest Assembly.

For seven years, 1918 to 1924, he was president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention

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Baby Contest Draws Record List Of Entries

Plans for "Trippin' Around," newest musical variety stage show featuring an all local cast, are moving rapidly ahead, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bergman, who are here to direct the show for the Junior Chamber of Commerce announced today. The show will be presented on Thursday and Friday, April 6, 7, at 8:13 p. m. Proceeds will be used by the Jaycees for their club house project.

In addition to the main show there will be a gigantic parade on April 4, at 5:00 p. m. through the business district of Black Mountain, a contest for Black Mountain's friendliest family, and a baby show which is now in progress.

Deadline for the parade is Saturday

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Spencer, Tinney Are Nominated

Oscar W. Tinney and Charles Spencer were nominated for fair chairman Monday night at the city hall. This was the first meeting of the committee for the year. W. Dean Willis, H. McGuire Wood, and C. S. Betts were nominated for secretary, and Bill Hickey and Mrs. W. C. Honeycutt for treasurer. Officers will be elected at the city hall on Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p. m.

The committee voted to ask each organization of the community to elect two members to serve as fair directors for the year. Some directors will be selected at large.

Clubs represented Monday night included the Arts Club, Broad River Community Council, Order Eastern Star, Swannanoa Valley Grange, Hatch'n Patch, Humane Society, Jaycees, Junior Woman's Club, Lions Club, B&PW Club, high school, city board of aldermen, American Legion, and Woman's Club.