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Traffic Problems To Be Discussed At Open Meeting

The traffic problems of Black Mountain will be aired at a mass meeting which the mayor will call within the next few weeks. This was decided at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen at the city hall Tuesday night.

Do we need parking meters for the congested district? Should they be operated just during the summer season or all year long?

These and other problems will be discussed at the meeting the date of which will be set by the mayor and announced far enough in advance so that all interested citizens will have an opportunity to attend. Of particular interest will be the suggestions made by Prof. W. F. Babecek, consulting engineer of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, who submitted a report following an extensive study of the traffic problems in Black Mountain. A digest of this report will be given at the meeting by W. Dean Willis, town clerk and treasurer.

Charles E. Spencer, director of civil defense for Black Mountain, Swannanoa, and Broad River townships, gave the mayor and board a preview of defense plans. This followed closely upon the heels of the general meeting at the city hall Monday evening which was attended by more than 40 persons from the three townships.

Mr. Spencer will have a full report at the next meeting.

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Survey Workers Will Receive Instructions

Representatives from the churches in Black Mountain township who will participate in the friendly community survey Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, will meet at the Presbyterian church this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

At this meeting, under the leadership of J. O. Williams, general chairman, workers will receive instruction and territorial assignments. Assignments will be made in the area nearest to each worker's church.

The results of this survey which is a part of a national religious census program, will reveal not only the number of unchurched people but also the number of church members in this township.

Several committees will also be appointed at this meeting to work with various civic, fraternal, and social organizations in preparation for "Spiritual Emphasis Week" which will be held in each church during the first week of April.

Solomon Begins Work As Full Time Evangelist

The Rev. Charles W. Solomon, Presbyterian evangelist of Montreat, preached Sunday morning at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church on the subject "Receiving Christ." Mr. and Mrs. Solomon and their four children are residing in Montreat and are buying a home on Assembly drive, "Glenn View Inn."

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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.
Jan. 4	61	42	.19
Jan. 5	55	21	
Jan. 6	54	25	
Jan. 7	57	32	.05
Jan. 8	48	16	
Jan. 9	32	12	
Jan. 10	45	15	



Dr. Charles B. Williams, translator of "The New Testament in the Language of the People." Native of North Carolina, Dr. Williams has written a book that is fast becoming a best seller.



The Rev. Charles W. Solomon, former Fayetteville pastor, who recently resigned to enter the field of evangelism. He is just beginning his work as a full time evangelist. Native of Texas and graduate of Austin college and Austin Presbyterian seminary, the Rev. Mr. Solomon will preach Sunday morning at Friendship church.

Buncombe Places Second In Rural Customers Served

Rural electric lines in Buncombe county, as of July 1, 1950, served 12,972 customers, according to a recent North Carolina REA report, said Julian Stepp, district manager of the Carolina Power and Light company at Asheville.

This places Buncombe in second place in North Carolina in number of customers connected to rural lines, with only Guilford exceeding it. In mileage of rural lines, Buncombe ranked ninth, with a total of 1,157.84.

In the whole state, Stepp pointed out, 417,518 consumers were connected with rural lines. "It should be noted, however," he said, "that this does not mean only farmers. Many other customers get their power from rural lines, including stores, industries, churches, and suburban residential customers."

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THAT NEW LOOK IS THE RULE AT LEGION POST

"Cocks-of-the-walk" are the rule rather than the exception around American Legion Post 129 in Black Mountain. Formerly known as go-getters, the name was changed to honor those members of a Legion post who signed up 10 or more members during the membership drive.

In Black Mountain those who are privileged to wear the "cock-of-the-walk" buttons include John J. O'Connor, W. W. Earley, C. E. Keith, W. A. Huneycutt, and J. L. Potter. These men all aided materially in the membership drive.

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Renew Drive For Buckeye Road Improvements

George Young, county commissioner of institutions, reported that efforts were being intensified to get the Buckeye Cove road improved at the monthly meeting of the Swannanoa Men's Club Monday night.

"Although the state checker registered a count of only 40 in a 24 hour check, there are 100 families living on this road," Mr. Young pointed out. "They own 78 cars and trucks. In addition two work buses from Beacon, two school buses, one mail delivery, one newspaper delivery, and four church buses each week use this road." The Men's Club voted to send a letter along with a new petition and map which had been prepared for state highway officials. The club hopes to get the Buckeye road graded and black topped.

The club voted to support by letter and individual telegrams the anti-pollution bill which will be introduced in the state legislature this session.

New members of the club include Arthur Maxwell, Denver Harbin, and Dr. T. A. Painter.

The Rev. Wayne Williams, retired army chaplain of Oteen, was the speaker. Introduced by Arnold Powell, program chairman for January, the former army chaplain discussed Western North Carolina, the geography, climate, people, and future.

"Here on this giant plateau covering more than 6,000 square miles, between the Blue Ridge on the east and the Unaka range on the west, live the descendants of the Scotch Highlanders who poured into this region in the late eighteenth century," the Rev. Mr. Williams said.

"But long before the Indians came to this beautiful land of ours, the mountains of Western North Carolina were inhabited by a race of pygmies who have left many traces of their civilization." Carrying on the speaker told of the

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JOHN GRAGG IS IN SCHOOL AT CHANUTE FIELD

Pvt. John Gragg has returned to Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois, after a 10-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gragg and other relatives. Pvt. Gragg received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and is now attending the weather observer school at Chanute air force base.

Located at Rantoul, Ill., 15 miles north of Champaign, Chanute Field is one of the largest air force ground schools. Here technicians are trained for service with air force groups throughout the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Gragg have just received word from another son, M/Sgt. William A. Gragg, who is with the 17th Infantry regiment in Korea, that he came through all right and is well.

New Requests Received For Lunches

Due to illness and other causes a number of new requests for free lunches have been made to the lunchroom committee since reopening of school after the Christmas holidays. A balance of approximately \$90.00 is reported in the fund at present, and there are now about 35 children depending upon this fund for lunches.

Contributions to the fund have been a little slow since it was announced sometime ago that the lunchroom program would be needed again this year. The lunchroom committee is again appealing to the citizens of the community to support this worthy cause. Many of these children will go hungry if additional funds are not secured with which to carry on the work as the lunchroom appropriation for our school is not sufficient to take care of all the children who are entitled to and deserve a free

Writers' Contest For High Schools Here Announced

Blood Mobile Unit Collects 100 Pints At Morgan Mfg. Co.

The blood mobile unit of the American Red Cross collected 100 pints of blood at the Morgan Manufacturing company Wednesday. Set up from 10:00 a. m. till 5:00 p. m., the unit was visited by 108 donors.

So urgent is the need for blood by the armed forces overseas that the first eight pints collected in the morning were rushed to the Asheville center to complete a shipment for Korea.

Col. Wilbur J. Simons, chairman of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa chapter, was present throughout the day.

Old Fort Mills Raise Benefits For Employees

Clearwater Finishing company and United Rayon Mills announced to their employees today that effective Feb. 1, 1951, certain benefits under the present accident and health insurance program will be increased. The plan, which is available to all employees, provides financial assistance to those who suffer non-occupational accident or illness requiring hospitalization or surgery. The increase, which is at no additional cost to employees, now includes \$6.00 per day allowance for a hospital room, \$150.00 maximum for surgical and \$30.00 for hospital extras and a lump sum maternity benefit of \$75.00. The plan also includes a \$500.00 accidental death benefit and an allowance for weekly sick

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Forty Families Were Helped By T&T Dime Board

The Tea and Topic Club met Friday evening, Jan. 5, at the home of Mrs. Otty Leeman with 10 members present. It was reported at the meeting that 40 families were helped at Christmas time from the Tea and Topic Club's dime board. Twelve patients at the Western North Carolina Sanatorium were remembered with gifts by the club members.

Following the business meeting Mrs. A. F. Tyson Jr., reviewed two books: "The Seven Storey Mountain" by Thomas Merton, and "John Goffe's Mill" by George Woodbury. At the close of the

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Swannanoa Valley Pupils Are Eligible To Enter Work

The Writers' Contest among the high schools of the Swannanoa Valley (Black Mountain, Montreat, Swannanoa and Warren Wilson) has begun in earnest, so the chairman has been informed.

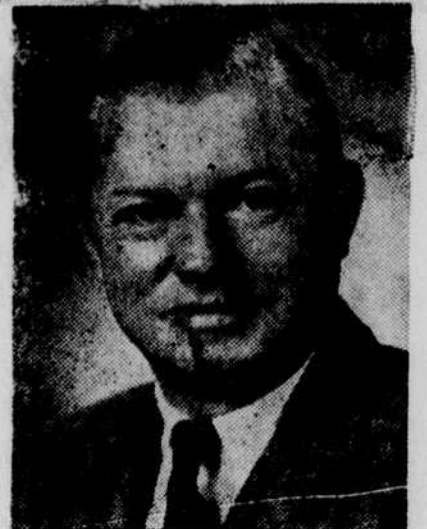
The rules are different from those of last spring. Poetry, the essay, and the short story will be the styles of writing to be submitted. Instead of first and second prizes for each school, as formerly, there will be an "overall" first and second prize in each type of writing, and "honorable mention" for those deserving it. This will make the winning of the prize more difficult but the honor greater.

The contest will close the last Friday of April to give the judges sufficient time to make their decisions. Contestants names, as before, will be unknown to the judges. The manuscripts will bear numbers only. As formerly, the judges, selected from the Asheville Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, will be expert writers in each "field of literature" submitted.

Mrs. Anne K. Sharp is chairman and Miss Edith Chatterton associate chairman of the creative writing group.

Masonic Lodge Will Confer Degree Friday

Black Mountain Lodge 663 AF & AM will meet in emergency communication Friday night, 7:30, to confer first degree. All Master Masons are urged to attend. L. H. Mashburn, master, will preside.



This is Bill Sharpe, publicity director of the Carolina Power and Light company. Recognized as one of the best in the field of publicity, Bill is busy keeping the readers of the state's newspapers informed on the subjects relative to the power industry. Before going with the power company he gained nationwide fame for himself and North Carolina by his work as publicity director for the state.

Boy Scout Troop 28 Will Be Presented Charter Tonight

Boy Scout Troop 28, sponsored by the Swannanoa Men's Club, will be presented its charter in a ceremony beginning at 7:30 tonight (Thursday) at the Scout hall in Swannanoa. Latt McMahan is Scout master. Robert McFarland, district commissioner, will preside. Swannanoa now has two Scout troops. Members of the two troops, 28 and 45, will be special guests at the February meeting of the Swannanoa Men's Club.