

Red Cross Drive Nearing The Half-Way Mark

Reports indicate that the residential solicitation, under direction of W. Dean Willis and his staff of able assistants, is going well and is ahead of schedule in the 1951 Red Cross fund campaign. Two divisions have completed their work, Mr. Willis said. These are Miss V. E. Lively and Mrs. Bob Sawyer, division number 16, with \$27.67 amount raised, and Mrs. Frank Hudson, leader, Mrs. Cecil Nanney, Mrs. C. D. Thomas, Mrs. J. I. Cook, Jr., and Mrs. Dot McGraw, workers, division number 4, amount raised \$57.00. Grove Stone and Sand Co. and employees gave 100% in the manufacturing division. With the drive nearing the half-way mark chairmen of the various divisions are expected to intensify their efforts during the next few days to reach their goal for 1951. While quotas are higher than they were a year ago, the chairmen are confident that the contributors will recognize this fact and raise their 1951 gifts enough to more than make up the difference.

The group, chairman, amount raised to date, and quota follow: Residential, W. Dean Willis, quota - \$1200.00, cash received - \$67.99. Manufacturing, G. H. Greenwood, chairman. Quota - \$2506.25, cash received - \$118.75. Advance gifts, R. E. Finch, quota - \$1000.00. Cash received - \$55.00. Clubs and Institutions, H. B. Robinson, Quota, \$1250.00, cash received - \$176.00. Black Mountain business, John O'Connor. Quota - \$500.00. No report. Swannanoa business, James Parks, Charlie Porter. Quota - \$600.00. No report. Colored. Quota - \$100.00. No report. The major portion of funds contributed here will be used locally, was pointed out today. Of the quota of \$6875.00, only \$1938.00 will go to the National Red Cross. The remainder, or \$4939.00 will stay here to be used for local services. A break down of how the money will be spent here follows: home service, 2,025.00; disaster, 100.00; home nursing, 30.00; first aid and safety, 30.00; chapter administration, 367.00; blood program, 635.00; volunteer services, 350.00; and public information, 60.00.

Seawrights Set Formal Opening for Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Seawright have invited the public to attend the formal opening of their flower shop on Cotton avenue, one-half block east of the Montreat road, between the hours of 5 and 7 p. m. Saturday, March 17. The hours were changed after an advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue had gone to press. An orchid will be given as a door prize. The Seawrights have recently taken over the business formerly known as Hunter Florist and have established the shop in a room of their garage at the rear of their home. All friends and those interested in flowers are invited to call during the formal opening.

The Weather.

This report is furnished by the U. S. weather sub-station located at the Black Mountain city hall.

Date	high	low	prec.
March 8	73	49	.20
March 9	69	41	
March 10	65	35	
March 11	53	35	.49
March 12	44	34	.10
March 13	39	32	.12
March 14	36	20	.42



Mrs. Harold Clark, first deputy of the Girl Scout Council of Asheville and Buncombe county, is shown presenting home nursing badges to members of Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 51 of Black Mountain in a ceremony held Thursday evening, March 8, in the fellowship room of the Presbyterian church. Left to right those in the picture are Mrs. Clark, Charlotte Knoefel, Janet Proulx, Mrs. W. B. Burgess, leader, Charlotte Carpenter, Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Jr., assistant leader who instructed the group, Dorothy Burgess, Myrna Bartlett, Ann Elliott, Sara Gouge, and Mary Lou Fortune. The Red Cross home nursing instruction was used. The training will be valuable in civil defense. (Photo by Ellington)

TAYLOR EXPLAINS WHY HE VOTED AGAINST POWELL STREET AID BILL

Roy A. Taylor, Buncombe county representative in the general assembly, has written a letter to the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce in which he explained his stand on the controversial Powell bill. Mr. Taylor's letter follows: March 12, 1951 Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce Black Mountain, N. C. Gentlemen: I would like to discuss with you some of the facts involved in a consideration of the Powell bill. Being interested in state aid to city streets it was at first my intention to support this bill and I so advised you. After attending a public hearing and after further study I thought it wise to reconsider.

Miss Louise Sloan Named Member Of State Committee

The spring meeting of District One of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs was held at the Brevard Country Club, Sunday, March 11, with Brevard B & P W Club as hostess. District One is composed of the following clubs: Asheville, Black Mountain, Brevard, Canton, Spruce Pine, Sylva, and Waynesville. A buffet luncheon was held at 12 o'clock followed by a business session. Each club president presented a report on the club's activities of the year. The Black Mountain club presented its annual report in the form of a television program, which was most enthusiastically received. Plans were made for the State Federation meeting which will be held in Asheville June 8, 9, 10, with clubs of District 1 as hostesses. Miss Louise Sloan, president of the local club, was elected a member of the State home project committee.

Revised Charter Is Sought For Black Mountain

A revised charter for the Town of Black Mountain is being introduced by Roy A. Taylor in the state legislature this week, it was announced at the regular meeting of the council and mayor at the town hall Tuesday night. While the new charter is fundamentally the same as the old, there are some new features. For instance the new charter provides for a new system of nominating candidates for city office. That is that any five qualified voters can sponsor any other qualified voter for any city office. A copy of this form, along with full details, will appear in a future issue of the NEWS. The new charter includes the new territory recently annexed into the corporate limits. These property owners are Reed Hill, Dr. James Love, the Rev. H. W. Baucom, together with Grover C. Rayfield, Miss Fannie Fitzgerald, W. C. Greene, and James A. Dougherty. With an eye toward the heavy spring and summer traffic, the board authorized the town clerk and planning commission, R. T. Greene, chairman, to study the

J. W. Blankenship, Jr. Completes Course

J. W. Blankenship, JR. MMFA of the U. S. Navy, has completed the course in Machinists Mates School at Great Lakes, Ill., and is spending a 10-day leave with his parents. On expiration of his leave Blankenship will report aboard a destroyer escort in San Diego, Calif. J. W. had dinner with his aunt and uncle on Montreat road Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Blankenship, and they had a grand time.

Mr. And Mrs. Wm. M. Pate Observe 25th Anniversary

More Than 100 Guests Call During Afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Pate of Ridgecrest, on the occasion of their Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, held open house Sunday afternoon from three to six o'clock in the home of Manager and Mrs. Willard K. Weeks of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Attractive arrangements of white gladioli and silvered magnolia leaves formed an appropriate setting in the music room and in the living room where Mr. and Mrs. Pate received their guests, assisted by Perry Morgan, brother of Mrs. Pate, Mrs. Perry Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Weeks. Mrs. Pate was charming in a navy crepe dress trimmed in white. Her corsage was a purple orchid. Mrs. Cecil M. Perry presided over the silver service at the dining room table. Tall, white tapers in gleaming silver candelabra were used to highlight the exquisite centerpiece in the prevailing flower and leaf arrangement. Miss Luella Jenkins and Mrs. Charles Jolley assisted in serving. The refreshments were delicious white cake, coffee and tea, nuts and mints. Mrs. J. Fred Stimson presided at the guest register. A delightful program of music was rendered. Mrs. N. L. Perkins and Mrs. Cordell Craig played softly while guests were assembling. Mrs. Roy W. Alexander very beautifully sang a number of appropriate songs including "I Love Thee" by Grieg, "The Lord's Prayer" by Mallotte, "Lullaby" by Brahms, "Bless This House" by Brake. She was accompanied by Mrs. A. W. McDougle. Approximately 100 guests called during the afternoon. Out-of-Turn to Page 8, this Sec.

Swannanoa Valley Coon Hunters Will Organize Saturday

Are you interested in coon hunting? Are you interested in restocking our section with coons with the help of the State Wildlife Association? If so, you are urged to attend a meeting Saturday night March 17, at 8 o'clock at the Swannanoa school cafeteria to help organize a coon hunting club. We hope to have all hunters attend. The Rev. Wayne Williams from Oteen, will meet with us and assist in organizing. There will also be a representative from the State Wildlife Association to tell us what the state will do to help us get our territory restocked. It will cost so little and mean so much to us, if each one will do his part. We can make Swannanoa Valley Coon Hunting Club one of the best hunting clubs in the South.

Representing the Junior Order, William Costner presented flags to the schools of Black Mountain in special ceremonies held on Friday, March 9. In the picture Mr. Costner is shown passing the flag to A. W. McDougle, grammar school principal. The American Legion color guard, John J. O'Connor and Johnny Rice, stands by. The Boy Scouts who acted as flag guards are kneeling to the right of the flag pole. At the high school, the presentation was made to Harold Brown, president of the student body. The flag for the colored school was accepted by the principal and raised on a pole which had been erected by the colored citizens the night before. (Photo by Max Bass Jr.)



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Father & Son Night Held By Presbyterians

The Men of the Presbyterian church observed Father and Son night Tuesday, March 13, at a special supper meeting in the fellowship room of the church. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: president, Col. Wilbur J. Simons; vice-president, J. G. McMillan; secretary, A. M. McCoy, and treasurer, Leon Williams. In a special service Sunday morning, March 11, C. C. Myers and A. M. McCoy were ordained and installed as deacons of the Black Mountain Presbyterian church.

New Committees Are Appointed For High School

The officers of the Student Council and the presidents of the clubs met last week in Mrs. Carland's home to appoint new committees. The rearranged committees are as follows: bulletin board: Betty Allison, John Williams, Eva Smith, Eleanor Justus. Assembly program: Harold Brown, Harold McCoy. Turn to Page 5, this Sec.

Auxiliary Will Honor Legion Monday Night

Members of the Legion Auxiliary will honor the American Legion at a covered dish supper at Legion hall Monday night. Starting time will be 6:30. Members of the Auxiliary and wives of Legionnaires will bring a covered dish for the supper. The event is in honor of the Legion's birthday. The supper this year finds the Legion with more than 150 members, the highest in history, and new members are still coming in at a rapid rate each day. Commander W. C. Honeycutt will preside. Mrs. Douglas Jones is president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

WILL PREACH SUNDAY

The Rev. Frances Radford of Madison county will preach at Homer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church in Black Mountain on Sunday morning, March 18.

TO CONFER DEGREES

Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 AF & AM will confer the First Degree on candidates Friday evening, Feb. 23. All Master Masons are urgently requested to attend.