

Reflections

By Jack Greenwood

Men are so friendly that it seems women should be friendly too. Which brings up the question—why aren't they? Or are they?

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Excerpts from the "speeches" made by various representatives at the quarterly meeting of the South Eastern Christian Assembly last Friday at the Monte Vista:

Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest: "There is probably more preaching in the Black Mountain community than any other of like size in the world."

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, president Montreat College: "I'm mayor, chief of police, and enforcement officer all in one. Montreat is a unique city."

H. W. Sanders, resident manager of Blue Ridge Assembly: "Over at Blue Ridge we're glad that we're going to have another assembly on the wrong side of the tracks. For that reason, I welcome you and look forward to your coming. Then there'll be two of us in the same boat." (Mr. Sanders didn't explain what boat he meant).

G. L. Kirkpatrick, mayor of the Town of Black Mountain: "On several occasions I have had the honor of welcoming you to our town. I assure you this is a great privilege looked forward to with much pleasure. I hope you will enjoy your visit here and will find an opportunity to return soon."

But the best speech of all, according to some of those who were just mentioned, was made by the man who when called on said: "I have nothing to say." Those quotes do not belong to me, all speakers will please take due note.

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From Korea comes a follow-up on the story which was published last week, telling of the activities of Master Sergeant William A. Gragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Gragg of Black Mountain, and husband of Mrs. Kathleen Gragg of Black Mountain, route 1.

Veteran of nine years' service in the army, Sgt. Gragg has been with the famous 17th infantry regiment (The Buffaloes) of the 7th Division. The Buffaloes spear-headed the United Nations ad-

vance to the Manchurian border, but were forced to retreat when the Communists struck in late November.

Sgt. Gragg's impressive record entitles him to wear the silver star, bronze star, good conduct medal, Asiatic Pacific theater with six battle stars, two arrow heads, and the victory medal. He was recently awarded his second combat infantryman badge for exemplary performance against the enemy.

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By the time in life when you can afford champagne, you're so tired that you wish you were home — alone.

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Chaplain James E. Rogers of the Swannanoa Division of Oteen VA hospital comes up with some interesting tidbits in his weekly church bulletins. For instance last week: "When we have nothing to say, we must learn not to try to say it." "It's all right to have a train of thoughts, if you have a terminal." "The narrower the mind, the broader the statement."

—R—

The star-studded musical presented last Friday by the Swannanoa Men's Club was another howling success. From the moment John Love turned the program over to "the biggest hobo of them all, Robert Mueller" till the final curtain, the audience was kept in suspense—wondering what would or could happen next.

But one thing puzzles me! Where did that nice frying chicken come from that Sid Croy and the rest of the gang were fighting over? Was that the real McCoy?

Those who missed seeing the "live" show will have an opportunity to hear a re-broadcast of the entire affair. In cooperation with the Swannanoa-Black Mountain chapter of the American Red Cross the show was recorded to be re-broadcast at both divisions of the VA hospital.

—R—

The phone rang. Now that isn't unusual around a print shop, but this time the phone had an ominous tone. I picked it up, hesitantly, knowing something was coming, and it did.

"I want you to be over at the club house at 12 o'clock tonight take over. I'll handle it till midnight, but then my time is up. From that time on you're on your own."

The speaker was Bubby Tyson. It didn't take me long to figure out what he meant. In fact as soon as he opened his mouth, I looked toward the window where the announcement of the Jaycee's spring dance was fluttering in

NEW OFFICERS FOR PTA WILL BE INSTALLED

The Black Mountain High school PTA will meet Thursday evening, May 3, in the library at 8 o'clock. An installation of officers for the coming year will be held at this time.

This is an important meeting and all parents are asked to be present.

the breeze and swallowed, not once but twice.

I'm still wondering how that "two" got misplaced. The handbill should have said "Dancing from 9 to 12, and then get to heck out." But instead due to my error it said "dancing 9 to 1, stay all night if you like."

Although I sat at home waiting for my midnight call from Bubby, it never came. He must have hit on a plan that worked.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Black Mountain, N. C.
April 21, 1950

Dear Editor:

We are always searching for a logical conclusion and finding only confusion.

It is not true that it is always best to tell the truth. Often it is better to tell nothing.

By all means, and under all circumstances we sincerely believe in free enterprise. But should the government exercise some authority over the unscrupulous?

The effect is the same if one is robbed by a capitalist or a working man.

An organization is not evil if it is called an association rather than a union.

A dictator is a dictator. A big business dictator is no less a menace to society even though his eye brows are not so bushy.

Ignorance is truly bliss if one is thick enough not to realize his ignorance.

Yes, we were once young and foolish children. The only difference now is, we are not young and we are not children.

Bigotry is an obnoxious weed that thrives only in the soil of an individual whose ego is stronger than his mentality.

I have read every editorial and article that I could find relative to the civil-military sensation now covering the pages of all the papers and magazines, but nowhere have I seen so fair, unbiased, unprejudiced and sane opinion expressed as that by the Black Mountain News. My hat is off to Mr. Greenwood.

Recently I heard a Black Mountain ninth grade girl remark, "I am not too worried. I trust in the wisdom, patriotism and ability of the leadership of my country." God Bless that spirit and America.

R. C. Capps

Presbyterian Women Will Begin Study

An intensive Bible study of the Book of James will be held by the Presbyterian Women of the Church beginning Wednesday, April 25, at 3 o'clock and lasting through Friday. Miss Z. Anderson of Montreat will be the teacher for these studies. The classes will be held an hour each afternoon.

CAPT. RODEHAU RECALLED

Capt. Ernest I. Rodehau of Happy Landing, Black Mountain, has been recalled to active duty with the air force. He will report to Olmstead AFB, Middletown, Pa., on May 1. Capt. Rodehau served with the air force in China in the last war.

GUESTS OF MRS. WALL

Mrs. G. A. Wall had as guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pizer of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Langdale and John McKolskey of Valdsota, Ga.

STATE SECRETARY

The Rev. C. C. Ware, state secretary of North Carolina Disciples of Christ from Wilson, N. C., was the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dixon last Saturday.

AWAY THIS WEEK

Mrs. R. T. Hill returned to Woodruff, S. C., Sunday with Mr. Hill for a few days' stay. The Hills will move to Woodruff at a later date to make their home.

SPECIAL!

Big News Is Coming Soon!

• MEATS •
SLICED BREAKFAST

BACON

LB. **49c**

PURE PORK

Sausage

LB. **45c**

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

FIRM

CABBAGE

2 Lbs. **9c**

IRISH

POTATOES

10 Lbs. **33c**

CRISP

CARROTS

Bch. **9c**

GREEN

PEPPERS

Lb. **17c**

GROCERIES

Sugar **CRISP**.... 2 pkgs. 21c

Pinto **BEANS**..... 2 lbs. 27c

Personal **IVORY**.... 3 bars 19c

White House Apple **BUTTER** 28-oz. jar 24c

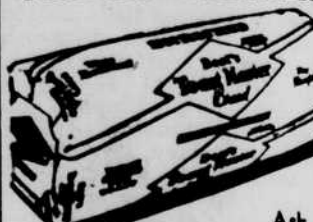
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Wheat lb. pkg. **GERM**..... 48c

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