

# BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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## LET'S GO OVER THE MOUNTAIN

When the Old Fort to Ridgecrest highway was opened on Aug. 17, 1917, road officials, civic leaders, and county commissioners from McDowell and Buncombe met at Ridgecrest to celebrate the event. Back in those days the road from Old Fort to Ridgecrest was part of the central highway.

That was a great occasion. Later on when the road was paved another step was taken toward opening of the mountains to the thousands of visitors who come here every year for rest and relaxation and to attend conferences at Blue Ridge, Ridgecrest, and Montreat.

But progress passed us by. While other sections of the mountain area acquired new "outlets" to the low country, we here in the east end of Buncombe were stuck with the "winding stairs," one of the most tortuous 12 miles of road to be found in Eastern America. Many visitors have said that they found it easier to drive to the top of Mount Mitchell than they did to negotiate the road from Old Fort to Ridgecrest.

But soon all of that will be only a memory. On Aug. 28 the state highway commission will open bids for the grading of a new super highway to Old Fort. The commission points out that the relocation of highway No. 70 will be the biggest grading job tackled by the state in a long time. In contrast to the present route, which was built in 1924 and which features restricted sight distances, heavy grades, and sharp curves, the new road will be a super four lane highway with an easy grade and without sharp curves.

Few things could mean as much to the Swannanoa Valley as the opening of this road. The "winding stairs" have probably driven off enough tourists to keep business at a high level for months to come. This is to say nothing of the great loss which this road has caused in property and lives. When the project is completed all of us will be glad to change our tune. No longer will we sing "comin' round the mountain." Instead, we'll go over the mountain and no one will be sorry or object.

## Restaurants Are Given Warning By OPS Director

J. Ray Shute, deputy director of the Charlotte district Office of Price Stabilization, gave a last minute warning to restaurants which have failed to file the information required under Ceiling Price regulation No. 11.

Deadline for filing the data was April 30, and he said continued non-compliance will make it necessary to turn the matter over to the OPS enforcement division.

Picking a cross-section area which supports an estimated 500 eating places, he said only 79 of these have filed, according to a check of records in the district office.

These cities, comprising the checked area, are Mount Airy, where 16 restaurants have complied; Lexington, with 14 complying; Winston-Salem, where 42 have filed; and Thomasville, with seven.

Mr. Shute said that CPR 11 defines a restaurant as a place where food or beverage is sold, primarily for consumption on the premises and includes, but is not limited to, hotels (including room service), taverns, cafeterias, soda fountains, athletic stadiums, field kitchens, lunch wagons, and hot dog carts.

● Find It In The CLASSIFIEDS

### TOUR EAST COAST

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Croy and Mrs. Edward K. Botsford of Swannanoa, returned late last Saturday from a thousand-mile trip to the east coast of North Carolina. Their first stop was Manteo, a distance of 445 miles from Swannanoa, and it is reached by crossing on two ferries, over the Alligator river, and Croatan sound. In Manteo they witnessed a memorable performance of the symphonic drama, "The Lost Colony" and visited Fort Raleigh, and drove to Nags Head where the huge sand dunes are located, and where many a ship was wrecked, then to Kitty Hawk and to Kill Devil Hill where the majestic monument to the Wright brothers was erected by the U. S. government. The name comes from a potent rum made in the area, which William Byrd described as so foul that it would "kill the devil." One afternoon they drove to a small quaint town called Wanchese. Two Hatteras Indians were friendly to the landing colonists—Manteo and Wanchese. Manteo remained faithful until killed by his people but Wanchese later turned against the colonists. On the return trip the party stopped for a cold drink at a town called Engelhard, where they were told that that is one of three places on the coast where shrimp spawn, one place being in Florida, one in South Carolina, and the town of Engelhard. The harbor is sufficiently large to accommodate large boats which follow the migratory workers who catch the fish, and as this is the shrimp season, many workers were seen about the town. They also passed miles and miles of growing peanuts, corn, beans,

## Club Gives To Flood Relief And Hospital Fund

The Hatch'n Patch Club met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Gustavo Brown for bridge and canasta. It was voted during the business meeting to contribute to the flood relief and also to the hospital fund in Asheville. Those present were, Miss Martha Covin, Mrs. Ross Taylor, Mrs. Steve Uzzell, Mrs. Pete Earle, Mrs. Joe Nesbitt, Mrs. Carl Kerlee, Jr., Mrs. Carl Myers, Mrs. Harrie Danenhower, Mrs. Ray McSwain, and Mrs. James Pananes.

## Tabernacle Homecoming Set For August 26

Tabernacle Methodist church will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, Aug. 26. Dr. R. Dwight Ware, district superintendent, will be the guest speaker at the eleven o'clock service. A basket lunch will be served at twelve o'clock. In the afternoon special singing will be featured and all singers are invited to attend. All friends and members of the church are cordially invited to attend the all-day services.

## YOUTH WILL DIRECT

From Page 1, this Sec. The following have been chosen to hold the following offices during that week: Pastor, Bruce Cresson, assistant pastor, Larry Glenn, church clerk, Russell Rowland, church secretary, Peggy Williams; Deacons: Jack Farr, chairman, Cecil Nanney, Russell Rowland, Lawrence Allen, Jimmy Glenn, Buddy Williams, Philip McMahan, Bobby Glenn, Kenny Martin, Clark Nanney, Jack Hudson; Sunday School: gen. supt., Cecil Nanney, ass't. supt., Jack Farr, gen. sec., Rita Gasperson, adult supt., Ethel Rice, Y. P. supt., Doris Blankenship, int. supt., Sarar Rice, jr. supt., Emilye Hawkins, pr. supt., Yvonne Nanney, beg. supt., Peggy Reece, nurs. supt., Lorraine Carver; Training Union: director, Mary Rice; young people, Betty Rice, intermediate, Anna Rue Osteen, junior, Joyce Gouge; Ushers: Arthur Joe Hemphill, Oliver Reece; Publicity: Celeste McCall, Nancy Daugherty, Emilye Hawkins, Doris Higgenbotham. Everyone is most cordially invited and urged to attend these services of this week directed by the youth of the First Baptist church. A very special invitation is extended to the young people of Black Mountain to attend the Youth Revival services.

## CLOSING DATE FOR

From Page 1, this Section the States! We can do both. We have the talent. Anne K. Sharp, chairman of National Poetry Contest, N. C. State, for Swannanoa Valley.

## TOWN HAS GROWN

Herman Baker, brother of Mrs. R. E. Finch, and wife, Evelyn, and their two sons, Jimmy and Eddie Joe, and also Mrs. Whitley, Mrs. Baker's mother, arrived Monday from Nashville, N. C., to visit the Finchs. This is the first time Mr. Baker has visited Black Mountain since 1930 and he stated he was amazed at the wonderful growth Black Mountain has made and hardly recognized the place. He is distributor for Atlantic Refining company for Nashville and vicinity.

## SEVERAL GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helms, Jr., and daughter, Emmalyn Houston Helms of Monroe, N. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redfean. Mrs. Helms was formerly Leonora Bowie Redfean. E. W. Bowie of Monroe, father of Mrs. Redfean, is visiting them this week also.

## LUNCHROOM SUPERVISOR

Mrs. H. L. Wade was among those attending the nutritional school at W. C. T. C., Cullowhee, last week. Mrs. Wade will serve as high school lunchroom supervisor for the coming year.

## RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY

The Junior Woman's Club will hold a rummage sale Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. at the room just south of Ellington Studios on Broadway. Come and get fall and winter bargains.

## ATTEND INDIAN DRAMA

Mrs. Charles Maydwell and Mrs. Madelon Parks attended "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee last Thursday night.

and tobacco, as well as huge magnolia trees which bloom in all their beauty in the springtime. Friday night was spent at Wilson, which is in the heart of the tobacco growing section. The last stop was in Durham to see the magnificent Duke university.

## WITH THE SICK

Mrs. Melvin Lance underwent surgery at Charlotte Memorial hospital last week end and is improving nicely. She expects to return home sometime next week. James W. (Sarge) Brantley is a patient at Oteen Veterans hospital. J. R. Hodson returned to his home last Thursday after undergoing surgery at Mission hospital several weeks ago. Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt is a patient at Mission hospital.

## BROOKSIDE

Miss Annette Zackery was a welcome sight to those friends who missed her during her visit in Shelby. Miss Zackery and her grandmother, Mrs. Mamie Zackery, returned to Brookside on Monday afternoon, Aug. 20. The public is cordially invited to attend a trustees rally to be given at the Brookside A.M.E. Zion church, Sunday, Aug. 26, at 8 p. m.

Mrs. T. H. Summey's nephew, Leo Logan and family, Guy Conley and family, and other friends spent Sunday afternoon with her.

Selmar Warren of Brookside, son of Mrs. Deliah Warren, preached his trial sermon at Mills Chapel church on Sunday, Aug. 19. This sermon was one of the most inspiring sermons ever witnessed for a trial sermon.

Mrs. Charles Burnette left last week for New York.

The P.T.A. of the Black Mountain Negro grammar school presented a festive summer musical in the ballroom of Roseland playground, Thursday night, Aug. 16. The talent was selected from Asheville, Blue Ridge, Cragmont, and Black Mountain. Ably representing us here in Brookside were Mrs. Sophia Rutherford and her daughter, Mrs. James E. Lytle. Mrs. Lytle, the former Shannon Rutherford, concluded the program with the ever popular "Ava Marie."

Mrs. Kathleen Taylor as mistress of ceremonies charmingly acquainted the audience with the various numbers. Several of the members attending were: C. U. James, principal of the Black Mountain elementary school, Mrs. Roberta Pinston and Mrs. Noreen Russell, members of the faculty, Mrs. Peggy Daugherty, president of the P.A.T., Mrs. Fannie Mae Daugherty, Mrs. Margaret Gragg, and Mrs. Inez Daugherty. About forty attended.

Shiloh Baptist church members held their annual picnic at the Roseland Garden picnic grounds on the same night, Aug. 16, with Mrs. Forney in charge. About 75 members and friends attended. They had a wonderful outing, everyone enjoyed themselves to the highest, and expressed their desire to return for another picnic.

H. C. Rutherford, owner and operator of Roseland Garden, gives the playhouse and picnic grounds free to churches and schools, as a contribution to church and school activities.

Mrs. Frank Fortune has returned home after spending a week's vacation at Crescent Beach.

## George M. Allreds Entertain Guests

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Allred and Barbara entertained with a buffet supper at their home in Ridgecrest Saturday night, Aug. 18. After a delightful supper, the group enjoyed television. Those enjoying this hospitality were, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murray and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lakey and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gaddy and son, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gaddy, the Rev. and Mrs. Jones Earl Corwin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byrd, and Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

## Twins Are Honored With Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Melton entertained with a birthday dinner at the Black Mountain club house last Saturday evening to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Melton and her twin brother, James Atkins. Others enjoying the occasion were Mrs. James Atkins, Norma Justus, Jackie Atkins, Don Bowman of Asheville, Stanley Isley, William Melton, Miss Betty Norton, and Wilburn Waters.

## HOME FROM FLORIDA

Miss Dana Gilliam and Ralph Singleton returned last week from Jacksonville, Fla., where they were the guests of Ralph's mother, Mrs. Ann Singleton. After spending a few days with the Blane Williams Ralph reported back to Fort Benning, Ga.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

The Hudgins Chapel Free Will Baptist church will start a series of revival services the first Sunday in September. The Rev. E. L. Beachboard is pastor of the church. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

## VISITING SARGE

Mrs. W. S. Brantley of Redan, Ga., mother of James W. (Sarge) Brantley, and Mrs. J. E. McMullan, an aunt of Mr. Brantley, are spending an indefinite period in Black Mountain.

## SIMPSON VISITORS

Mrs. James Brittan and Leigh of Greensboro spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Braswell and Roby of Morganton were Sunday visitors of the Simpsons also.

## RETURNS TO NASHVILLE

Jack Bittinger of Nashville, Tenn., has returned home after a few days' visit with his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Bittinger.

## RETURNS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Eckles III, returned Sunday from Indianapolis, Ind., where they visited Mrs. Eckles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stevens for a few days.

## FEW DAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Melton of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting relatives and friends here for a few days.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The executive board of the Swannanoa Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 29, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Porter in Grovemont.

**WATCH**

**NEXT**

**WEEK'S**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**