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## Oerlikon Purchases Land for Projected Plant Site

Oerlikon Tool and Arms Corporation of America has announced it has begun to take up options on the parcels of land constituting the site of its projected plant near Swannanoa.

General K. B. Wolfe, USAF (Lt.), president of the corporation, issued the following statement on this connection:

The Oerlikon Tool and Arms Corporation of America announces through its president the purchase of an industrial site of approximately 1,300 acres of land near Asheville, N. C.

This is the first step in the corporation's plan for the establishment of a tool and arms manufacturing operation. The plans for construction are being completed. Actual construction of the factory is dependent upon priorities and allocations of materials.

The statement further pointed out that a total of 1296 acres was being purchased, that seven small parcels, originally optioned would be purchased, and that the original estimate of 1500 acres had been reduced after recent surveys.

According to a company spokesman, original surveys as set down in the title records customarily do "so many acres more or less," the practice being to calculate the acreage on the slopes. This resulted in showing a greater acreage than is now calculated by modern methods of surveying, but the boundaries are unchanged.

The spokesman further stated that the corporation had decided to take up seven options, which were all of small area of approximately one-acre plots with lines on them on the fringe of the plant site. They are all east of Bee Tree creek. They would not be needed, he said, and the company did not wish to dispossess the homeowners. They might want to work at the plant or rent to those who would, he pointed out.

The corporation has adopted a policy of dealing with local contractors yet to be appointed, to the extent of their capabilities and capacities, he said. First employment, therefore, will be handled by individual contractors at their places of business. It was emphasized that no hiring would be done at the engineering offices at Asheville. Already applicants for jobs have spent money and time to come to Asheville, only to be disappointed.

Detailed surveying of the topography at the plant site is going

forward, the spokesman said, and the engineer planning group is making good progress in its work of designing the plant set-up.

General and Mrs. K. B. Wolfe are motoring from Washington and are expected to arrive by Friday to take up residence in their new home on Horizon Way, Asheville.

Oerlikon will purchase, according to its statement, the following tracts of land:

W. C. Shope, 412 acres, \$97,000; Hugh Penley, 133 acres, \$17,500; J. S. Kilby, 72 acres, \$6,000; L. W. Kilby, 15 acres, \$5,200; Granville Kilby, 12 acres, \$1,500; A. G. Creasman, 54 acres, \$15,000; T. C. Stevens, 24 acres, \$3,500; J. P. Gregg, 68 acres, \$25,000; Epsie Gregg, 23 acres, \$10,000; E. R. Sawyer, 14 acres, \$1,800; C. E. and Roy Gash, 147 acres, \$10,000; C. E. Gash, 13 acres, \$28,000; C. E. Gash, 25 acres, \$12,000; C. E. Gash, 0.52 acres, \$15,000.

F. E. McKinney, 3 acres, \$852.50; S. L. Joyner, 5 acres, \$482; Suzanna Gash, 2 acres, \$9,000; Pauline M. Edgerton, 0.88 acre, \$1,000; C. H. Alexander, 40 acres, \$8,200; Bertha Severson, 6 acres, \$3,000; B. P. Ammons, 158 acres, \$20,000; Fred G. Walker, 24 acres, \$16,000; Cora Miller, 37 acres, \$49,000; Bradford Burnette, 8 acres, \$8,000; B. P. Shope, 2 acres, \$374.

## Donkey Basketball To Be Sponsored By Swannanoa Juniors

The Junior class of the Swannanoa High school will sponsor a Donkey Basketball game, played between Black Mountain and Swannanoa, Wednesday night, Jan. 30, at 8 o'clock in the Swannanoa school gymnasium. Admission will be 60 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

"If you want an evening of fun, come and bring your whole family, and we promise a good time with plenty of laughs. Don't forget the date, Jan. 30 at 8 o'clock," urges the class reporter.

## Swannanoa Boy Wins Promotion To Sergeant

Edward B. Plemmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Plemmons of Swannanoa, has been promoted to the grade of Sergeant with the Eighth Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, S. C. The promotion was in recognition of Sergeant Plemmons.

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## W. Dean Willis Is Mr. Black Mtn. For 1951

W. Dean Willis, town clerk, is now the holder of another title, "Young Man of The Year", an honor conferred on him at the anniversary banquet of the Black Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening. In the opinion of the judges he graded highest among the nominees, according to the six qualifying standards set by the U. S. Jr. C of C, namely: activities in behalf of community welfare; his substantial participation in community activities; permanent contribution to community activities; demonstration of leadership ability; personal or business progress or both; and cooperation with individuals and civic organizations. "Dean works constantly for the betterment of his town," Mayor Kirkpatrick, who made the presentation, declared, "spending a large part of his free time on community activities. He has shown leadership and organizing ability in bringing to the forefront one

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## Montreat Cottage Destroyed By Fire

The Leslie Ross cottage, on Kentucky circle, Montreat, owned by Miss Elizabeth Ross and her brother, Concord, N. C., was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 6 a. m. Wednesday. The cottage was insured.

The unoccupied home had been on fire for a considerable time before it was discovered and an alarm turned in to the Black Mountain fire department. Little could be done to save the home, but with a high wind blowing, the Black Mountain fire department stood by as a precautionary measure and kept the fire confined to the dwelling.

## Legion Auxiliary Votes Support To Two Funds

The January meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. J. N. Wright, with the president, Mrs. Douglas Jones, presiding. Members voted during the business meeting to contribute to the Leonard Wood Memorial fund. Each year this unit supports this drive in the fight against Hansen's disease (leprosy). It was also voted to support the polio drive with a check to the local chairman, William Holcombe.

Mrs. Robert Hauth was appointed Poppy Day chairman with Mrs. Morris Gardner, Mrs. Betty Wrenn and Mrs. J. T. Simpson as assistants. Plans for a membership drive were made and discussed.

The hostess served ice cream, cake, nuts, mints, and coffee during the social hour which followed. Those present were: Mrs. Clara Snyder, Mrs. E. W. Jackson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Wrenn, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. D. P. Dinwiddie, Mrs. Gardner, and Mrs. Hauth.

## Contract For Paving Hwy. 9 To Bat Cave Will Be Let Soon

### Missionary Returns To Duty On Formosa

Just a year ago Mrs. O. V. Armstrong, missionary under the Presbyterian Board, U. S. to China, was allowed to come from behind the "Bamboo" curtain and left Shanghai to return to America. Since coming to Montreat, Mrs. Armstrong has been a teacher in Montreat college. Now she is expecting to leave Jan. 25 on her way to the Island of Formosa to take up again her work among the Chinese.

Mrs. Armstrong has worked with the Chinese people for a good many years and has crossed the Pacific ocean eight times, so when she returns this time, she expects to go by way of the Atlantic ocean. When she gets to New York, she will stay a few days before sailing on the Queen Mary, Feb. 8. She will spend three weeks visiting in England and Scotland, then leave March 7 from Southampton and will sail through the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal, the Indian ocean and up through the China sea to Formosa. She

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## Larry Glenn To Matriculate At U. of Edinburgh

Larry Allen Glenn, assistant pastor of the First Baptist church of Black Mountain, has been accepted by the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, as a



student for two years. He will be enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and will major in ecclesiastical literature. Upon graduation he will have the equivalent of the American B.A. degree. Mr. Glenn hopes to continue work as a mission pastor while abroad.

Mr. Glenn applied last fall for admission to the university. He will sail next September and expects to matriculate on Oct. 4. Prior to his pastorate here, he studied for two years at Mars Hill college as a ministerial student.

## Swannanoa Students Hold Open Forum On Smoking

Swannanoa High students were led by council members in an open discussion on smoking last Friday in assembly. The subject was discussed from such angles as cleanliness of building, danger of fire, influence on small children, effects on athletes, and cooperation with school regulations.

Students taking part in the discussion were: Zelda Teems, Robert Dyer, Pat Stevens, Kenny Woods, Shirley Brown, Ed Wilson, Joyce Stuart, Jim Webb, Ronald Pruett, Jim Stroupe, Betty Vess, Thelma Mayfield, and Bill Allen.

The engineers' survey of N. C. highway no. 9 has been completed from the end of the present pavement to Bat Cave, according to L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner for the 10th district. He expects that the paving contract will be let in February, certainly in March, inasmuch as the authorities are now ready to advertise for bids.

There has been some delay in getting the undertaking to this point due to the fact that is a federal aid project, he said. The state highway commission now has \$500,000 on hand, one half of which is federal funds, with which to complete the job, according to Mr. Thrash.

## Have Ready Your Dimes, Dollars; Help Fight Polio!

"Mothers' March On Polio" is Jan. 31, 1952 — Thursday night from 7 to 8 p. m. The Black Mountain Junior Woman's Club is planning complete coverage of the Township of Black Mountain and surrounding territories. "The need to fight Polio this year is greater than ever," the club declares. "Buncombe county is not exempt in an increase of cases. Funds are needed urgently. Polio doesn't care where it strikes! Won't each of you in every home turn your porch lights on and welcome the 'Contact Mothers' who will be calling for your contributions? Just one hour to gather funds for the coming year. Please help us to make this one hour of 'Mothers' March on Polio' the best ever. Your dimes mean so much to those who are stricken and those who will be stricken. Fifty percent of the funds remain here in our own county for local patient care. The other fifty percent is used by national headquarters for research, professional education, and emergency epidemic aid fund.

"Your contribution is your vitally important position of helping to stamp out this rampage of polio. The Junior Woman's Club and your community Thank You for making possible good care to the victims of polio."

## Billy Graham Film To Be Shown Sunday

The Billy Graham evangelistic film, "Mr. Texas," is to be shown at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30. The film, taken during the Fort Worth, Texas evangelistic meeting, includes preaching by Dr. Graham in the large tabernacle, singing by America's Gospel Singer, George Beverly Shea, and singing by the large choir under the direction of Cliff Barrows.

Dr. Graham is now holding an evangelistic meeting in Washington, D. C. The meetings are being held in the Armory building where on last Sunday afternoon (Jan. 20) there were 13,000 present. There has been an average of 100 decisions for Christ each night with 205 decisions made the first night, it has been reported.

The film "Mr. Texas" was

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## CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY SITE PAID FOR, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT STARTED

The most important news at the meeting of Southeastern Christian Assembly directors last Friday was that payment for the site of 90 acres near Black Mountain had been completed. While assets for this purpose had been sufficient amount for some time, all thought a milestone had been passed when the site was no longer potentially but now actually the property of the churches in the seven states that cooperate in the assembly.

Along with this announcement a second item of interest was reported. Work had commenced on the property. One section to be devoted to lots for individual homes was being opened. The bulldozer was cutting the roadways through this section and the staking off of lots, many of which have been sold, will follow immediately. The building of homes will start in a few weeks.

The center of this section will be developed into a park to be beautified with a fountain, plantings, etc. This project will be undertaken by Mr. and Mrs. F. Dixon, Black Mountain, who have long been strong proponents of the building of the assembly. This park will fit in with the land-

scaping of the entire assembly ground.

Those familiar with the circumstances consider it especially fitting that the park should bear the name of "Dixon Park" since Mr. Dixon was the one who took the initial steps in securing the site and developing the assembly. Mrs. Dixon has also encouraged the development and is now with her husband contributing the funds to develop the park.

Two other projects are already undergirded. The Reynolds Bible class of First Christian church, Asheville, is contributing the funds for the bell tower which will be made from the chimney erected by Mr. Gustavino for his tile kiln. The bell for the tower has been contributed by the Southern Railway company.

A second project is the Missions building for which the Christian Women's Fellowship is raising the funds.

At the meeting officers made the reports of current progress and a good deal of general business was transacted. Dr. H. S. Hilley, executive secretary of the assembly, outlined his plans for the activities of the immediate future essential to the development of the entire project.

## Let's Drive Safely And Park Legally

Will you be one to convenant with yourself, from now on, to obey all traffic laws wherever you drive, including the laws governing parking in Black Mountain?