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of C Appoints Chairman, Civic Improvement

A. F. Tyson Jr., president, Chamber of Commerce, announces the appointment of Robert S. Ekles Sr. as chairman of its civic improvement committee. "Mr. Ekles is widely known in the community for his deep interest in community affairs," Mr. Tyson stated.

"As the interests of Black Mountain and vicinity broaden from year to year, it becomes increasingly desirable to analyze public sentiment, crystallize it and provide leadership. In providing leadership the Chamber of Commerce aims to do its part along with other organizations, who already are engaged in worthy projects.

"Mr. Ekles is to be congratulated for being willing to give time and effort from his own business to advance such Chamber policies as we hope to formulate related to the public welfare," Mr. Tyson said.

Masons To Honor Past Masters Friday

Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 F. and A.M., will observe past masters' night Friday, Feb. 8, at 8 p. m. The present officers will honor them by requesting that they confer the third degree.

There are 17 past masters of this lodge living: G. E. Kerlee, K. Barnhill, G. A. Burgin, H. Crawford, A. G. Callison, W. Kyles, G. L. Kirkpatrick, H. Kerlee, R. E. Williams, R. R. Perette, R. T. Greene, R. E. Welch, C. L. Ham, J. C. Watkins, F. Hudson, C. C. Nanney, H. Mashburn. Some are confined to their homes by illness and will be unable to attend.

All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

P-TA Study Group Meets Next Thursday

A P-TA Study Discussion group will meet Thursday, Feb. 14, at 8 p. m. in the elementary school library. The discussion at this meeting will be of particular interest to parents and teachers of the first, second and third grades, but any other interested parents may attend.

Study groups have been meeting regularly this year to discuss topics under the general theme of "Building Healthy Personalities" and a lively interest among both parents and teachers is reported. Those attending indicate that such that is helpful has come out of these discussions.

March Of Dimes Yields \$734.81; Incomplete

With several sources still to report, the March of Dimes in Black Mountain had yielded \$734.81 as of Feb. 1. This is well over last year's receipts and in the opinion of William S. Holcombe, chairman, the final total will be substantially greater.

Of the amount so far collected \$487 was obtained by the "Mothers' March on Polio", which was conducted by the Junior Woman's Club with volunteers from the Business and Professional Women's Club during the evening of Jan. 31. With Jaycees as sponsors, the "Mothers" moved forward in every direction of the compass with the city hall as the center. The city hall was a veritable beehive, it was said, when workers came back at 8 o'clock and emptied the wide assortment of collection containers. We wish to thank each and every one-contact agents, drivers—
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THE J. N. BINFORDS WERE HAPPILY SURPRISED BY FRIENDS ON HIS 77th

When Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Binford entered the Billy Burnette memorial room of the First Baptist church last Friday evening, they thought they were about to sit down to one of the periodic covered dish suppers put on by the church's adult department. They did not know that about two weeks previously the adult department, under the direction of its superintendent, Clarence Wilson, switched plans for a regular supper to plans for a surprise party on their pastor, honoring his 77th birthday. They did not know that just about everyone else in the church knew about the changed

plan and, it is reported, the surprise was complete.

Dr. Binford and his wife went on in to the dinner table and sat down amidst the assembled 116 "plotters." It was when Chaplain Hubbard asked the blessing and said something about birthdays that the pastor got his first inkling, or at least had a strong suspicion, as to what the occasion was all about, he said. The birthday cake was then brought in and placed before him, thus confirming his suspicion. And when a corsage of red carnations was pinned on Mrs. Binford and a white carnation on her husband, his last doubt was removed, it was said. The participants in the surprise scheme then sang "Happy Birthday."

After the dinner, which was especially prepared by ladies of the adult department, Mrs. J. L. Potter, chairman, a substantial purse consisting of coins and currency in the exact form given by individual members was then presented to Dr. Binford. It was reported that he was practically overwhelmed at this demonstration of regard for him and that
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Miss Martha Davis Becomes Bride Of Kenneth Merrill

Miss Martha Virginia Davis, daughter of Mrs. Harry M. Davis of Black Mountain and the late Mr. Davis, was married to Kenneth Arnold Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin M. Merrill of Skyland, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the State Street Methodist church with the Rev. Thad McDonald, pastor, officiating.

The ceremony was performed before a background of sunburst ferns, tall floor baskets of white gladioli and white chrysanthemums, interspersed with seven-branched candelabra holding lighted cathedral tapers. A program of wedding music was presented by Mrs. A. W. McDougle, organist.

The bride, who given in marriage by Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Black Mountain, wore a Confederate blue wool suit with blue accessories. Her hat was made of light blue forget-me-nots. She carried a white prayer book topped with a yellow-throated white orchid showered with picoted carnations and white satin streamers. Miss Margaret Templin of White Pine, Tenn., served as maid of honor. She wore a beige wool suit with brown accessories and carried a nosegay of bronze mums with bronze satin streamers.



Claude Buckner of Lincolnton served as best man. Ushers were Thomas Bonham of Arden and Floyd Carter of Skyland.
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Red Cross March Campaign Headed By Ronald Finch

Ronald E. Finch was recently elected by the board of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Red Cross chapter to serve as chairman of the Red Cross Fund and membership campaign, which begins March 1.

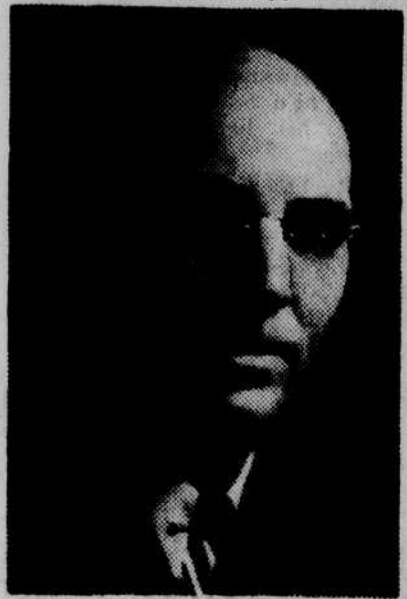
The estimated needs in this area were calculated by the chapter sometime ago to be \$6930.00, which is the quota set for the campaign. The funds will be used for blood unit visit expenses; for home service to families of servicemen and disabled veterans; for training volunteers for defense in case of emergency; and for

other typical Red Cross services in this area.

The campaign will be conducted by six divisional teams, namely: manufacturing, advance gifts, clubs and institutions, business, residential, and colored.

The chapter invites the support of every individual in Broad River, Black Mountain and Swannanoa townships during the drive for funds during the two weeks beginning March 1. The chapter spokesman points out that one dollar or more automatically makes the donor a member of the chapter. Furthermore, that members are voting members and can use their vote if they so desire in chapter administration.

Mr. Finch, a former chairman of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa chapter and experienced in Red Cross work, will be assisted by Roy Alexander, cashier Swannanoa Bank and Trust Co.; Wade Morrow, secretary-treasurer, Black Mountain Building and Loan Association; Col. W. J. Simons, former chapter chairman; Winfield Smith, rector of St. James Episcopal church; and J. T. Sapp and Lester Stepp, leaders in the colored section. F. M. Burnett, chapter chairman, has returned from Florida to take an active part in the campaign.



Ronald E. Finch

Cragmont - North Fork Highway Being Paved

The highway connecting Cragmont road and North Fork road, approximately eight-tenths miles in length, is being prepared for paving. The work is being done under the bond program by the State Highway commission.

Work now in progress consists of clearing the right-of-way, widening where necessary and conditioning the road bed with a good base of gravel. Because of wintertime weather this base will be allowed to set until the topping can be applied. When completed, the highway will have been paved with the same material as that used on N. C. No. 9.

Ministers Plan For Spiritual Emphasis Week

The General Ministers' Association of Black Mountain, at their last meeting, made plans for "Spiritual Emphasis Week", April 7-11.

On these days, from 12:00-12:45 P. M., there will be noonday services in the Methodist church. Each evening a Union Service will be held. On Monday evening, the Rev. Dr. J. N. Binford, of the First Baptist church, will preach in the St. James' Episcopal church;
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Heart Association Calls For Funds In National Drive

The Buncombe County Medical Auxiliary is sponsoring the Heart Fund drive of the American Heart Association, Feb. 11 through 18. Mrs. S. M. Bittinger is chairman in this area.

Mrs. Bittinger is in charge of arranging for placement of the heart-shaped containers used as a means of collection of funds by the association. They will appear in all places of business and citizens are urged to contribute freely as this is the only means used to collect money in this nationwide drive.
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ENGAGED



Mrs. J. A. Ford of Portsmouth, Va., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss La Rue Norris, to John Williamson Herron Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson Herron Sr., of Black Mountain. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

SCOUTS SPECIAL GUESTS

The Boy Scout Troops of Swannanoa will be special guests of the Swannanoa Methodist church at the 11 o'clock services Sunday. Special sermon subject will be "How To Know Right From Wrong."

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Dr. W. D. Weatherford begins in this issue, page 4, Section II, a series of articles on reasons why "Boys and Girls Should Go To College." Be sure to read them.

Woman's Club Plans Project For Newcomers

A plan is being worked out by the Black Mountain Woman's Club to welcome every newcomer who comes to reside permanently in Black Mountain," Mrs. Ann Sharp Harrison, club president, stated. "The plan will be called 'Welcome to Newcomers' and will be aimed to make the new residents feel immediately at home.

"Club members will first call to establish friendly acquaintanceships and will point out the educational, intellectual and recreational facilities available. Other details of the plan, now in process of being perfected, will be announced soon."

It is expected that the merchants will have a part in the plan, having to do with a gift coupon exchangeable for selections from their stocks.

This project is in charge of Mrs. E. V. Gouge, chairman of the club's citizenship committee, and Mesdames Dinsmore Crawford, W. M. Pate, Jeter Riddle, Keith Townsend, and Miss Mary Hooker.

Burning Permits Required From Feb. 1 to June 1

Any person needing to burn any material within 500 feet of woodland, between the first of February and June 1, inclusive, must first obtain a burning permit.

These permits may be secured, without cost, at town clerk's office, city hall, Black Mountain, or from any District warden in this area.

Permits are also required between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30.

This notice is issued by County Forest Ranger Holland.

Let's Drive Safely And Park Legally

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