

REFLECTIONS

By Jack Greenwood

If you think we've had dry weather here, talk to Leroy Mashburn who recently returned from a visit with his daughter at Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn left at the close of the summer and drove to Arizona to see their daughter, Mrs. James A. Bell and her family. The Bells live on a ranch 33 miles out of Tucson.

The only water they saw of any consequence between Alabama and Arizona was the Mississippi river. The Rio Grande is so low that a good sized poodle dog could jump it. Most of the cattle have been sold. At a cattle sale there Mr. Mashburn said the average price was 16 cents.

The results of the election convince one group that democracy is a great thing and another that we are going to the dogs. But that's the best example of democracy that I know. Each group doesn't hesitate to let you know how it feels.

An advertisement in your hometown paper is evidence that you are not ashamed of your products.

Pepper Martin is waiting for the next election so that he can win another ride from Harley Moser. Each man believed so strongly in his ability to pick the winner that he was willing to risk a wheel barrow ride from the traffic light in Swannanoa to Black Mountain on the outcome.

It isn't hard to figure out what horse Martin backed. Last Saturday morning the Valley was in a perfect state of excitement as Mr. Martin took his seat in the wheel barrow at the traffic light and yelled "Mush." Mr. Moser was glad to puff into Black Mountain wiser and several pounds lighter a good while later.

From James V. Pananes, Gulf Stream, Bradenton Beach, Fla., comes a note penned on a copy of The Islander, a newspaper "dedicated to the people of the Anna Maria Island." According to the slogan the paper is published "where life is peaceful and fishing is good."

Mr. Pananes has some nice things to say about the Black Mountain News for which all of us here say, "Thank You."

But back to The Islander. It's a newsy little paper, four pages, tabloid format. There is an editor and a fishing editor and an advertising manager. The editor has an interesting article called "Snake in the Garden" in which he says that some people have called Anna Marie Island a garden of Eden. But, says Mr. Editor, there is a snake in the garden—Taxes. It seems the taxes there are based on the price paid for the property which price includes commission for the realtor. As the editor points out, the home owner, thus, says forever on the commission line.

A front page story says that the Anna Maria Republican club invites all members and workers to a free barbecue in Oscar Russell's backyard. A fill line says "Follow the wise, they advise." Truer words were never spoken. Somewhere around the Swannanoa school there's a book on display which is pretty famous. It's the Blue Back Speller which many of the old timers will remember as well as some of those not so old.

Few years back when some of our fathers and mothers were growing up, and school houses were as scarce as a GI who never made less than a \$150 a week in civilian life and never below colonel in the army, the teachers travelled from home to home and taught the children in return for board, room, and a few gallons of molasses or whatever the family could spare at the end of the term. Books were mighty scarce but many of our ancestors got all their book learnin' from the Blue Back Speller and a few other issues with names equally as fancy. Many a man's education in those days consisted of a few lessons in "gogology," arithmetic, and a trip or two through the Blue Back Speller. How well he was educated depended on how well he mastered the latter.

Although the book is now an oddity and has been out of print for many years, a story in the Swannanoa School news says one is on display down there.

It should be worth seeing and studying. It's a small world.

A few days ago when Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moray checked in at Fairlawn Lodge, Miss Ruby Hall thought Mrs. Moray looked strangely familiar. She gave the matter some serious thought and then it struck home. Mrs. Moray had been her classmate in the grades at Adrian, Michigan.

"I'd have recognized her anywhere because she looked just as she did as a child except she had grown up," was the way Miss Hall explained it.

MARS HILL - SWANNANOA GAME IS CANCELLED

The game which the Swannanoa Warriors were to have played at Mars Hill Friday night has been cancelled because of an outbreak of flu in the Mars Hill community. The game will not be rescheduled at a later date and the football season at Swannanoa High school is closed. Basketball practice started this week.

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Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 6	72	38	
Nov. 7	63	35	
Nov. 8	53	18	
Nov. 9	60	28	
Nov. 10	66	45	.10
Nov. 11	56	40	.23
Nov. 12	45	28	.05

USO Is A Bit Of Home



In the Carolinas and all around the world, USO is a bit of home for men and women in service. Wherever Carolina boys and girls go on military duty—at home or abroad—USO goes, too, and will continue to go during the coming year, thanks to voluntary gifts of citizens at home. United Fund and Community Chest drives in more than 500 American cities during October and early November—pride home-folks with the opportunity to support, through their local Red Feather drive, 16 USO's in military camp and defense-impacted areas in these two states and 280 other USO centers around the globe, from Korea to Alaska, and 200 USO Camp Shows which play to audiences in remote military camps.

Student Council Leaders Installed At The Black Mountain High School

"BUILDING LASTING PEACE" IS THEME FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

"Building Lasting Peace," was the theme used at the World Community Day program held at the First Baptist Church, Friday evening, Nov. 7 with Mrs. H. W. Sanders, presiding. Chaplain James E. Rogers of Moore VA hospital opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Mary Walters, Mrs. Donald McKenzie, Mrs. Walter Davis, and Mrs. Mary E. Alshire talked on the Christian Woman's Action program for Lasting Peace and how this program may become increasingly effective in actively promoting peace through prayer, education, neighborliness, and interest in United Nations and civic affairs. The Montreat choir, under the direction of Francis Green, gave several selections. A collection for the destitute children of the Scouts was taken by the Girl Scouts. They also assisted with the packets for peace.

Hope To Finish Slaughter Pen By December 1

Work on the slaughter pen at the Black Mountain Freezer Locker Company plant is proceeding according to plan and will probably be completed and the facilities in operation by Dec. 1, H. B. Sabiston, plant superintendent, told the board Monday evening. The slaughter pen is being constructed of cinder blocks at the rear of the present building and will conform with all state and county health laws, the manager said. Plans for opening of the slaughter plant are being readied and will be widely advertised and publicized. H. B. Sabiston, plant superintendent, was authorized this week to hire a competent manager for the locker plant at once.

C. M. McCracken Will Be Lions Club Speaker Tonight

C. M. McCracken, a member of the FBI in Asheville, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions club at the Monte Vista at 6:30 p. m. today. He will be introduced by N. C. Shuford. Native of Fairview and son of a country doctor, Mr. McCracken was principal at Haw Creek and Weaverville schools following his graduation from Wake Forest Law School. He was appointed to the FBI in 1940 and has served in Washington, D. C., and other posts before returning here about four years ago.

OES TO HAVE COVERED DISH SUPPER TUESDAY

The Eastern Star will hold a covered dish supper and meeting Tuesday evening in the J.O.U.A.M. hall to honor all charter and honorary members. The meeting will follow the supper.

METHODIST CHURCH MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Men's club of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 o'clock. Circle No. 2 will serve as hostess.

All men of the church are cordially invited to attend. New officers for this year will be installed.

MRS. SHAFFER, 82, DIES IN ASHEVILLE NURSING HOME

Mrs. Helen Baker Shaffer, 82, died in an Asheville nursing home Tuesday afternoon following a long illness.

Mrs. Shaffer had made her home at the Monte Vista hotel for many years. The body was sent to Indiana for funeral services and burial.

WANT-ADS SELL—Phone 4101

Black Mountain Defeats Swannanoa, 26-6, For Second Straight County Championship

Jim Uzzell Heads Alumni Association

The alumni of Black Mountain High School met in the High School Gym Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 o'clock with members present from the class of 1924 to the class of 1952. Before the business meeting began the alumni were entertained by the Black Mountain High School Band. The band has been the project of the alumni association having been organized under the sponsorship of the alumni association in 1950. The alumni are very proud of the band, and the progress that it has made during the past two years.

A great deal of interest was shown in the alumni meeting by the students and teachers of the high school. A prize was offered by the association to the home room that was best decorated, and that appealed most to the alumni. The prize was awarded to Mrs. Perley's home room of Senior Boys. Her room was very attractively decorated with school pictures ranging from 1918 through 1952. The judges gave honorable mention to Gary Carson, agriculture, 2nd place; Miss Gilbert, Eighth Grade, 3rd place; Mrs. McCoy, Senior Girls, 4th place. Jim Uzzell selected judges from the organization and asked them to find the alumni member present with the highest forehead. Eugene Byrd, Worth Cook, Charles Lindsey, James Dotson, Harry Carland, Dr. A. E. Knoefel and N. C. Shuford were brought out to be measured. Mr. Shuford was first declared winner, but after a conference it was decided that he was ineligible and the prize was given to Dr. Knoefel. Dr. Knoefel (class of 1924) walked off with another prize. He was the oldest alumni member present. The youngest member present was Bobby Bradley (class of 1952). Gorman Burgin, the alumni member with the most children was awarded a pair of ear plugs, and Jane Eckles Holden was the alumni member who had come the greatest distance to the meeting. Since the alumni association will use no other means of making money this year other than collecting dues of \$1.00 per member it is strongly urged that all students and graduates of Black Mountain prior to 1952, who have not paid their alumni association dues will please pay them to Lawrence Wheelon at the Key City Pharmacy as soon as possible. All dues collected will be used for worthwhile school projects, especially the band.



Master Sergeant Richard G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Smith of Upper Cedar Creek, Broad River township, has been wounded in action in Korea, according to an official dispatch from the defense department to his parents. After attending school at Cedar Grove he entered service in November 1942 and took his training in Texas and England. Returning home in 1945 he re-enlisted and has been in the army of occupation in Germany until a few months ago when he came home for 30 days. He was sent to Korea in August. His wound is a facial wound, painful but not serious.

LeVine Gallops 79 Yards On 1st Scrimmage Play

JOHNNY ATKINS SCORES TWICE; DARKHORSE LINE CHECKS WARRIOR ATTACK

Black Mountain High won its second Buncombe county football championship in a row here Friday afternoon by defeating the Swannanoa Warriors, 26-6, in a cold game that was witnessed by the largest crowd of the year. It was homecoming at Black Mountain and many old grads came back to see the game and to attend the business meeting and dance at the high school Friday night.

The Darkhorses were riding the crest of an eight game winning streak and Swannanoa had knocked over five straight opponents to give this game, if it were needed, added color. But the hopes of the visiting Warriors were dampened in the opening seconds of the game when Jimmy LeVine, running as if he had already been selected on the All-American instead of given honorable mention, broke through the center of the line, faked the two line backers off stride, and then slammed 79 yards down the sideline for the score. Automatic John Corkran and his educated toe made it 7-0 before the spectators had found standing room. The second score came with great suddenness and surprise in the second quarter when Buchanan, star Darkhorse guard, recovered a Swannanoa fumble in the air and ran over for the 10 yard line. The try for point was no good. Johnny Atkins, who has been selected to play in the Optimist Bowl on Thanksgiving Day at fullback, was responsible for the third Darkhorse score. He grabbed a fumble on the 25 and raced in to the end zone. The point was missed and the half ended with Black Mountain leading, 19-0.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips Came, Saw, Were Conquered, Now Are Here To Stay

Why do people from far away places move to Black Mountain? Have you ever wondered what attracted so many people to a small community to make their permanent homes?

The following letter written by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips of Long Island, New York, may hold some of the answers. Let them tell you in their own words: Friends of ours, Mr. and Miss Drake of Vance avenue, spent their vacations at Montreat for the past 16 years. They recently moved here and wrote us about the beauty of the mountains and other attractions of Black Mountain, enticing us to see it for ourselves. Last September we came for two weeks and stayed with Mr. Claude S. Betts. Mr. Betts drove us around and we were assured that all that was said in favor of this lovely valley was no exaggeration, and to say that we were deeply impressed by the breath-taking magnificence of the scenery is to put it mildly. It is surely the handiwork of the Lord. We liked it so well that in less than six weeks we returned — so far as we know — to live.

As we look at the foliage on the lofty, rocky elevation surrounding the town we agree that "Only God can make a Tree."

W. B. Kyles, 61, Past Master of Lodge 663, Dies

W. B. Kyles, 61, of East College street, a resident of Black Mountain 31 years, died Monday night at the home after a long illness. He was a charter member and past master of Masonic Lodge 663, AF and AM. He was a World War I veteran.

Graveside rites were conducted by members of the Lodge. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carolyn Lauber Kyles; the mother, Mrs. R. C. Kyles of Salisbury; one brother, William of Buhl, Ida; three sisters, Mrs. Fodo Goebel and Mrs. John McChamrock of Kannapolis and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in First Baptist church here with the Rev. W. A. Huneycutt and Chaplain Wayne W. Williams officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park. Pallbearers were A. G. Callison, E. T. Viverette, J. L. Potter, R. E. Finch, R. Y. Payton and Douglas Hill.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of First Baptist church and members of the Bible class. Flower bearers were members of Gleaners and Fidelis Sunday School classes of the church. Harrison Funeral Home was in charge. —Turn to Page 4

1125 Students Of Swannanoa Schools Start News Circulation Campaign

Mr. & Mrs. Moray Here To Stay, At Least We Hope

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moray of Lansing, Mich., have moved to Black Mountain to spend the winter. If they like it, they intend to stay here as permanent residents. They are living at Fairlawn Lodge.

A member of the post office force at Lansing for the past 37 years, Mr. Moray was retired at midnight Friday, Oct. 31. He joined the post office department in 1915.

Under his picture which appeared in the State Journal at Lansing on Oct. 30, Mr. Moray was quoted as saying: "Black Mountain is a pretty little place in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains. We spent two weeks there last summer during our vacation. We're going down for the winter. If we like it, we'll move there for good."

They're here and we hope they like it. They have already found friends. It developed that Mrs. Moray and Miss Ruby Hall at Fairlawn Lodge attended grade school together back in Adrian, Mich. The Morays liked the community so much last summer that they later subscribed for the NEWS just so they could see how their favorite community was coming along. They missed a couple of issues, for some unknown reason, and were quick to write, a polite but firm "where is my paper?"

If you live in the Swannanoa community, don't be surprised if some one "comes knocking on your door" during the next few days. More than likely it'll be one of the 1125 students of the Swannanoa Schools who have begun a circulation campaign to earn money for their home room.

The Black Mountain NEWS has agreed to donate one-half of all monies collected between now and Dec. 1 to the school. This applies to both renewals or new subscriptions. No matter what the date of expiration may be on a subscription, those who wish to aid the school may do so. The date will be extended from time of expiration, no matter how far that may be in the future.

In addition three prizes are being offered, two by the NEWS and one by the school authorities. There'll be an extra \$5 for the class room that turns in the most subscriptions in the primary, grades 1 to 4; grammar, grades 5 through 8, and high school, grades 9 to 12. Thus, the grades will compete against each other and not against the upper classes. Mrs. Betty Wade, who is sponsoring the gathering of news for the "Swannanoa School Scoops," which will appear weekly in the Black Mountain NEWS until June, will be in charge of the contest. The drive started Wednesday and will continue through Dec. 1.

This is a similar contest which was conducted by students of the Black Mountain Grammar school and the Carver School PTA earlier this fall. The Carver School PTA earned \$118 and the grammar school between \$300 and \$400.

Residents of Swannanoa are requested to call the school to make sure that a representative calls to pick up the subscription. There has been no advance in prices for this drive.

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Fire Extinguished After Threatening Homers Chapel

Fire which was discovered at approximately 10:00 a. m. Friday threatened Homer's Chapel on the North Fork road but was brought under control without damage to the building, according to Boyd McDonald, district ranger.

Warning that the fire had broken out and was burning in the Homers Chapel vicinity came from High Windy to Mr. McDonald Friday morning. He, aided by students from Black Mountain High school, men from Montreat, T. K. Brown's crew, and landowners in the fire area, brought the fire under control at 7:30 Saturday morning after an all night effort. Many times the men thought the fire was out only to have it burn under the fire lines and break out in a new locality. This made it necessary that a crew remain on duty throughout the night.

"Please say," Mr. McDonald stated, "that the Red Cross folks certainly did stay on the job and keep plenty of coffee and food right up where we were fighting the fire. They surely did take care of us."

Under general supervision of Mrs. Bessie Carr, Red Cross headquarters were set up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nanney on North Fork. Mr. and Mrs. Nanney's sons, Daniel and Dallas, were of great help. Mr. McDonald said.

Students Will Be Shooting At Two Ambitious Marks

Home rooms at Swannanoa will have a couple of ambitious marks to shoot at in their circulation drive.

At Black Mountain Grammar school Mrs. Laura O'Connor's room won first prize with a total of 39 subscriptions. Mrs. O'Connor explained the disposition of the money in a letter of thanks which was published in the NEWS some time ago.

Second prize was won by Mrs. Eunice Beddingfield's room with 24. These records may tumble before the Swannanoa drive is over.

PARADE OF QUARTETS WILL BE SATURDAY AT CITY AUDITORIUM

The Parade of Quartets, featuring some of the section's best, will be presented at the City Auditorium Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8 p. m. This event is sponsored by the Asheville squadron civil air patrol. Proceeds will be used to buy a new plane and equipment for the patrol. Door prizes will be offered. Tickets may be purchased at Sisk's and McPherson and McPeters in Swannanoa, from any member, or at the door Saturday night.

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