

REFLECTIONS

By Jack Greenwood

For anything that's wrong this week, blame H. McGuire Wood. Early Tuesday morning, just after the crew at the NEWS office had settled down to the grind of all the preliminaries that go into publishing an edition of a weekly newspaper, and there are plenty of them, said Mr. Wood's crew arrived on the scene and started tearing out the front of the building, glass and all right down to the final bit of concrete. So this week if Reflections don't reflect, if Peekin's doesn't peek, blame Mac Wood's gang: Bill Miller, Bill Burnett, and W. T. (Tom) Miller.

As stated above the departments at the NEWS were just getting started, news, advertising, mechanical, circulation, and business, when Lib Dinwiddie shrieked: "Some strange man is tearing the front out of the building. Stop! Stop! Or I'll call the police."

But the workman either didn't hear or he was used to that kind of thing, because he continued to apply the pressure as the bar bit into the wood and the heavy hammer went about its merry way of breaking up the concrete in front of the outside wall.

Lib's yell brought Roy Russell dashing up from the rear and aroused Herman Talley, George Dougherty, Claude Camp, and Fent Cunningham into action.

"Who in the heck are those guys," hissed Talley, "and what do they think they're doing taking the front out of the building in freezing weather. We'd better let them know they're dealing directly with the mink before they take the roof off."

Then the puzzled looks turned to smiles as it dawned on all of us what was taking place.

For the past three weeks Mac had promised that Bill Miller and his crew would come over on straightening up the front of the building and giving us some more badly needed floor space. The workmen arrived before Mr. Wood and without warning, I'll admit that for a minute or two it did look strange to see those hammers and bars flying around and pieces of wood and concrete jumping to the touch as the workmen expertly went about their job.

Lib, who usually holds fort just inside the door on the right, tried to stick it out but soon gave up the ghost of "sidewalk reporter" as she was dubbed by George Dougherty, and "let" her desk be moved back to a desirable spot by the stove.

One young man, in his early teens, maybe, entered with a strange expression and inquired: "What's going on here?" "The bank just took up half the mortgage and are moving out the front of the building" someone replied.

"Well, I don't see what they want with that old front," he asserted as he left still looking somewhat puzzled.

Hunting was good for the Black Mountaineers who braved the cold and snow and risked snake bite to journey out to Pisgah and other hunting areas during the season. Huddled snugly and comfortably in a hollow stump, waiting for the big black bruin or a deer to oblige and come within gun shot, a local gentleman suddenly became aware of a silent drama being enacted before his eyes.

Unaware of his presence the two principals, a young doe and a giant wildcat, silently played their part. As the doe moved along, the wildcat stalked his prey with all the cunning and expertness of the jungle.

As the doe edged nearer certain doom, the wildcat, whiskers twitching, back arched, lips curled back in a snarl, and his beady eyes flashing, prepared to spring.

But our hero came to the rescue. There was a flash of smoke and fire, a crash that paralyzed the doe for a moment before she recovered enough to go bounding off in the woods, and the killer bit the dust. It was one of the heaviest snags in that vicinity for a long time, the experts said. Estimated weight was from 35 to 45 pounds.

If you see a local man wearing a con skin cap, made from a wildcat hide, you'll know where it came from.

Who was the other Black Mountain hunter, packing a brand new gun and rarin' for a fight, who froze and let bruin walk away. Whether he stumbled over the bear or the bear stumbled over him, there seemed to be a joint agreement: you let me go and I'll let you go. They were both happy, according to front line information, to call it a draw without firing a shot or striking a single blow. Who said anything about "Buck Fever?" I didn't.

Who was the young lady who walked into a department store last week and got lost. Her husband didn't miss her until he was out on the sidewalk, following closing of the establishment. Upon conducting the proper search the wife was found—one of the clerks had found her standing by the counter and thrown a cover over her. She says she wasn't wearing anything new, but just some old things that she intends to throw away after Christmas.

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Citizens Are Voting On Toll Elimination Plan



Stepping High

Highlight of Santa's visit to Black Mountain last Friday and Saturday was the big parade when the alumni band, under direction of Mrs. Charlene Maydwell, met him at the town hall and led the visitor on a tour of downtown Black Mountain.



Key to the City

Santa Claus rode into town Friday by courtesy of the Black Mountain Fire department. Shown here as he was presented the key to the city by Mayor G. L. Kirkpatrick.

Civic Clubs Asked To Send Member To C.C. Meeting

All civic clubs of the Black Mountain community have been requested to send a representative to the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to discuss the new "Finer Carolina" project which is being sponsored again next year by the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Advanced Truck Tire Introduced By U. S. Royal

On display today at Garland Tire company, Swannanoa, is a new, advanced truck tire just introduced by United States Rubber company in a meeting held by Harry C. Oliver, sales manager, U. S. tires division.

Black Mountain High Takes Two From Swannanoa

Black Mountain High school cagers won the first game of the two game series from the Swannanoa High teams here Tuesday evening. The boys downed the Warriors, 54 to 33, while the girls had smooth sailing, 59 to 17.

Presbyterian Church Will Join Drive To Increase Reading of Bible in World

Plans have been announced by the Rev. W. W. Preston that the Black Mountain Presbyterian church will join in a simultaneous drive to increase Bible reading throughout the world. The period from Thanksgiving to Christmas has been designated for a concerted campaign to secure several million individuals who will read from the Bible each day.

Town Board Hears Proposal That Extra Dam Be Built To Insure Water Supply

The board of aldermen of the Town of Black Mountain heard a proposal at the regular meeting Tuesday evening that a small dam be built below the main structure to impound between 2 and 3 millions of gallons of water to be used in case of emergency in the future.

Masons Banquet To Be December 19 At Assembly Inn

The annual banquet for the Black Mountain Masonic lodge will be held at Assembly Inn, Montreat, 7:30 p. m., Friday, Dec. 19. George Pennell of Asheville will be the speaker.

Mrs. Mary Deans Elected Master Of S. V. Grange

The Swannanoa Valley Grange met Monday night, Dec. 8, in the Tabernacle Methodist church. A partial slate of officers were elected. They are Mrs. Mary Deans, master; H. D. Smith, overseer; Mrs. H. D. Smith, lecturer, and Mrs. Arthur Patton, treasurer.

FAMOUS BOYS' CHOIR COMING HERE SUNDAY

The boys' choir of Christ school, Asheville, will present a program of sacred music on Sunday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p. m., in the Black Mountain First Baptist church, W. A. Huneycutt, church pastor, has announced.

Harold Brown Has Important Role In College Play

Berea, Ky., Dec. 10—Harold Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, Black Mountain, N. C., appeared in the fall major production of the Berea Players, dramatics organization of Berea college, Berea, Ky.

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Telephones Here Would Be Linked With Asheville

Approximately 500 cards have been returned in the poll which the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company is conducting here to decide whether or not toll charges on all long distance calls to Asheville would be eliminated and the two exchanges, Black Mountain and Asheville combined.



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RUMMAGE SALE IS SET FOR SATURDAY MORNING

Santa Claus and free candy for the children will be a big attraction at the rummage toy and bake sale in the old Do-Nut Shop on Cherry street Saturday beginning at 9 o'clock.

CHURCH WOMEN BAKE SALE TO BE SATURDAY

The Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian church will have a food sale at 9 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Seagle building on State street.

World Wide Bible Reading

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS 1952 American Bible Society "THE WORD OF LIFE"

Table listing Bible readings for Thanksgiving and Christmas 1952, including Psalms, Isaiah, Matthew, John, and Luke.

Tea & Topic Club Completes Plans For Dime Board

The Tea and Topic club held its literary and business meeting Monday night at the home of Mrs. Roy Taylor, with the president, Mrs. Ooty Leeman, presiding.

Santa Claus Will Be Here Saturday

Santa Claus rode into town Friday by courtesy of the Black Mountain Fire department.

Tips On Mailing Given To Help Speed Delivery

"It's the little things that count," says Postmaster Major W. B. Stone, Swannanoa, who is deeply concerned these days with ways and means to hasten delivery of your Christmas cards and gifts.

Black Mountain Masons Elect New Officers

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