

RIDGECREST ramblings

Miss Olive Lawton returned Saturday from Orlando and other points in Florida where she filled speaking engagements in the interest of Missions for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our pastor preached a mighty good sermon Sunday on the theme "Be Ye Not Conformed to This World."

Due to bad weather and the sickness of many people attendance at Sunday school was off Sunday but we confidently hope it will be different next Sunday and that all the sick ones will be recovered from colds and flu.

Among the sick listed last week were Mrs. Earl Gray, Mrs. Sam C. Gill, Mr. Lawrence Gill, Mr. Paul Turner, Mr. Leon Quinn, Miss Shirley Denny, Miss Kathleen Denny, Mrs. Robert Jones, James Jones, Mrs. S. B. Moore, Mr. C. V. Gray, Mrs. A. C. Thomas, Mrs. Perry Morgan, Mr. Sam C. Gill, Miss Alice Turner, Mr. Donald Denny and Mr. Clyde Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawson and little son Michael, journeyed to Winston-Salem last Saturday and spent the week-end with relatives. Mrs. W. O. Sutherland, Abbeville, S. C., and her daughter Rob-

bie, a student at Carson Newman college, met here Saturday and spent the week-end at the Sutherland cottage.

The new telephone number of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belcher is 6184 and that of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison is 6181.

Mr. Roy Moore, Kingsport, Tenn., was here Monday to be with his mother, Mrs. S. B. Moore, at St. Joseph's hospital at the time she underwent surgery. We hope, of course, that she will soon be well again.

Mrs. Marjorie Lanning and little daughter Frances Elaine, are spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Tipton.

The Rev. J. N. Binford preached at both services at the Oteen Baptist church in the absence of the pastor who was sick. Mrs. Binford accompanied him to Oteen.

The Rev. Wina Wilson spent the week-end at Candler at her cottage and attended divine services at her church Sunday. Before coming to Ridgecrest she taught a class in the Sunday school there.

Friends of Mrs. Ernest Lawing are family regret to learn of the death Sunday, Jan. 18 by automobile accident in Charlotte, of her brother, George W. Lawing, 25.

Funeral services were Thursday at Bethel Baptist church, Marion, and burial was in the church cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. Clyde R. Greene, pastor, and the Rev. Cecil M. Perry, of Ridgecrest.

Willard K. Weeks and Perry Morgan accompanied the Rev. Cecil M. Perry to Marion and the Bethel Baptist church where he assisted with the funeral of Mr. George W. Lawing last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mr. W. C. Reems has been sick with influenza. "Old Man Common Cold" seems to be the forerunner of flu. He is public enemy number one.

Guests of Miss Mary P. Speight last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Machette of Oteen.

Mr. Ed. Johnson, director of Training Union work in the First Baptist church, Black Mountain and leader of the Swannanoa Valley group of churches in this work, spoke to the congregation here Sunday evening in preparation for organizing our young people's

Black Mountain High School

AS WE SEE OURSELVES

By Ann Sawyer

Students to Attend Concert at Mars Hill.

Eight students from the Glee club will represent our school in the annual concert given at Mars Hill. Pupils from all over the state will assemble at the college this year to present a concert in song of various types and selections. They will spend Friday and Saturday at the college and then Saturday at the concert.

All the parents, friends, and interested persons are invited and urged to attend this song festival at Mars Hill, January 31 at 7:30. Admission is free and the trip will be worth the time.

Those representing our school will be: Celeste McCall, Dot Taylor, Barbara Nesbitt, Ann Sawyer, A. C. Owenby, Austen Coolidge, John Corkran, and J. L. Hollifield.

David to Speak at State Beta Convention.

The State Beta Club convention will be held this year in Asheville. Students from all chapters in the state will assemble to elect new officers, take care of business, and have fellowship with each other.

At the banquet given for the members, David Corkran, Buncombe County Chapter president and a member of our own club, will present the toast to the Beta sponsors at the meeting. We are all very proud of David and for representing our school in this way.

Black Mountain will also present a musical skit in the talent show, given every year at the convention. Plans for this are in progress.

Our Beta club, sponsored by Mrs. Martha Perley, is very much enthused about the plans for the convention April 10 and 11.

Senior Interviews.

Again this week we are honoring the graduating class, by interviewing eight of them. More will appear next week. The ones for this week are:

Naomi Elliott— Naomi, being active member of the F. H. A. and Glee clubs, is treasurer of the Senior class. She is a very friendly person and by her warm smile you know that she simply enjoys just being a senior. She plans to enter Montreat college this fall.

Nancy Dougherty— Nancy, a very dependable and cooperative senior, takes part in the Beta, Glee, and Journalism clubs, is library assistant and works on the annual staff. She can readily see why she enjoys "a little bit of everything." Nancy plans to attend Meredith college later.

Shirley Mull— This Miss Senior takes a very active part in Journalism, Beta, Latin, F. H. A., and "B" clubs, and represents the school in student council and on the annual staff. She is always willing to help anytime and any place she can, and says she enjoys having her drivers license most of all. She hopes to enter Berea school of Nursing.

Celeste McCall— Celeste is a member of the Glee, Beta and Journalism clubs, the Baton Corps, and annual staff. She enjoys having only three subjects this year and plans to attend Barrett School of Nursing at the University of Georgia.

David Cockran— David is a very good student in school and takes a very active part in the Beta club, as he is county president. Proving that he takes an interest in his subjects, he says he enjoys Senior English most of all. David plans to attend Middlebury college in Vermont this fall.

Jack Kirstein— This Mr. Senior is a member of the Photography club, and when asked what he liked most about his senior year, he replied: "Just everything, all my subjects and being with everyone in school." With this attitude, Jack should find much success when

he enters Lincoln Memorial college or N. C. State.

Earl Jordan—

Earl, a very friendly and cooperative student, says he enjoys most knowing that this is his last year. He probably made that statement because he plans to enter the Navy, where he can serve his country.

Winston Riddle— Winston, being active in the Glee and F. H. A. clubs, says that he has enjoyed all his years in school as much as he has his senior year. By the way he seems to take part in varied activities, he must have enjoyed school very much. Winston plans to attend college in the fall and he should be very good material for the work.

President Eisenhower Probable 1948 Candidate

While looking over the books in the library, I ran across "The Information-Please Almanac of 1948," in which I found a very interesting article, "Biographies of Probable Candidates for the Presidency—1948." In this article was a portion about Dwight David Eisenhower, our new president. I thought it might be of some interest if some of you to note some of the facts stated about him during 1948, and compare them with the ones you know in 1953—5 years later.

Following are a few paragraphs of the article by Robert Donoman:

"General of the Army Dwight David Eisenhower, by all evidence the most popular man mentioned as a possible Republican candidate for President, has said over and over again that he is not a candidate for political office. But he has never said it in quite such a way that the politicians consider the case closed."

"General Eisenhower is a member of no party. Such clues as there are to his political philosophy suggest that he leans toward the Republican rather than the Democratic party. No doubt many Democrats would be clamoring to run General Eisenhower on the Democratic ticket if it were not a foregone conclusion that President Harry S. Truman will be re-nominated."

"Eisenhower for President clubs" sprang up all over the country, and buttons were worn by many. It was said that if he had not been trained a politician, he was certainly born one, and had all the attributes to carry on a successful campaign."

The article concluded with the past life of Eisenhower.

Other probable candidates mentioned for 1948 were: Thomas E. Dewey, Republican; Douglas MacArthur, Republican; Joseph W. Martin, Republican; George C. Marshall; Leverett Saltonstall, Republican; Harold E. Stassen, Republican; Robert A. Taft, Republican; Harry S. Truman, Democrat; Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican; Henry A. Wallace, Democrat; and Earl Warren, Republican.

Achievement.

This year would be a very good time to begin over once more to make the most of your life. With the coming of the new president and change in government, and the coming of a new year, what other time would be better for us to overtake a change in our daily routine.

When you make this change there is one important factor to remember, and that is to set your goal high and continue to achieve it through any circumstance.

The ability to achieve the goal in life for which you strive, is one of your greatest assets. Set your standards high and make a masterpiece of your life. In order to get something out of life, you must put something into it and you must begin early to accomplish your goals and ideals.

To meet the problems of the changing world today, we need four things: to be able to think clearly; to practice good will toward our fellowmen; to act from honest motives purely, and to have an assured and secure trust in God.

In any contest, the best thinkers wins. The fellow who boasts and makes a great deal of noise may impress certain ones on the side lines, but we always respect the fellow who keeps silent until he has solved his problems clearly by unconfused thought.

Christ said "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We all try to follow His teachings but sometimes we forget. The next time you are tempted to rush on and think of nothing except yourselves and your work, stop a moment and remember the words of Christ, therefore, making it a little more pleasant for someone else. Remember, it may take a will to win, but a little good will can do a lot to ease the road of life.

What is the greatest test that confronts you? To most of us the hardest test in the world is to remain at all times, to yourself and to others, an honest person. It is not dishonest to do wrong and it is better to be with a few who are right than with many who are wrong.

To trust is to believe, and to believe is to have faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. Faith and trust are the things that encourage us to make our lives count while we are here on earth.

We know that God has faith in us, but how often do we have faith in Him? Some folks try to reason out God like an experiment, but if they would learn to have complete confidence in God's wisdom, they would be much happier.

It takes courage and years of preparation to become a person of understanding who is master of circumstances. But those who have practiced these four things, will find in the end that they have achieved much more than they hoped to.

Church Women Hold Meeting

Church women of more than a dozen denominations from around the state convened in a two day annual meeting of the Department of United Church Women of the North Carolina Council of Churches at Pullen Memorial Baptist church, Raleigh, on Jan. 20 and 21. Under the leadership of their president, Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham, the women reviewed their year's activities carried on in the three departments of Christian World Relations, Christian Social Relations, and Christian World Missions reported by their respective chairmen: Mrs. O. W. Leath of Reidsville, Mrs. T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount, and Miss Irene Peirson of Raleigh.

A report of work carried on last summer among the 10,000 migrants in two centers, Elizabeth City and Hendersonville, was given by Mrs. C. C. Todd of Rocky Mount, chairman of the State Migrant committee. Church women had contributed \$300.00 and over 500 pounds of clothing, toys, games, and scrapbooks for use in the migrant camps.

Miss Luella Reckmeyer, director of the department of Christian World Relations in the national office of United Church Women, and their official observer with the United Nations, spoke on the United Nations at a joint luncheon sponsored by the men of the North Carolina Council of Churches as well as the women. Men and women need to be informed about the purpose and achievements of the United Nations in order to combat the widespread criticism among people.

"We women must learn to use our minds even more than our emotions," said Miss Reckmeyer.

Mrs. Tom Grier, president of the North Carolina Legislative Council, reported on the work of that council. Bills affecting women.

Four things a man must learn to do, if he would keep his record true, to think without confusion clearly, to love his fellowman sincerely, to act from honest motives purely, to trust in God and Heavens securely.

MISS HALL SPEAKER AT NEEDLECRAFT MEETING

The Needlecraft division of the Black Mountain Arts club met Monday, Jan. 19, at the home of Mrs. Fannie Fitzgerald with Mrs. L. A. Oates as co-hostess. Miss Caroline Hall gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on "The Textile Industries of North Carolina."

Refreshments were served in the close of the meeting by the hostesses. Members and guests present were: Mrs. Mary H. Shaw, Mrs. E. N. Crumpler, Mrs. George Moray, Miss Emma Southworth, Miss Beattie Zernow, Miss Sarah Kirby, Miss Helen Miles and Miss Hall.

AMERICAN H & C CLUB MEETS AT OAK KNOLL

The American Home and Civic club was privileged to hold its January meeting in the home of Mrs. Mary Aleshire at Oak Knoll. Mrs. J. H. Cheek, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Frank Watkins, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Aleshire who spoke on "Art in the Home." Later the group was shown her paintings, and interesting collection and heard of her many travels throughout the world.

Mrs. Cheek, hostess, served refreshments to Mrs. Dempsey Whitaker, Mrs. Fred Lucas, Mrs. Ernest Wilkinson, Mrs. M. J. Wyrick, Mrs. D. C. Hamby, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Huneycutt, Mrs. James Davidson, Mrs. Lewis Phillips, Mrs. G. C. Carson, Mrs. Lawrence Brandon, Mrs. James Tucker, Mrs. Kermit Allison, Mrs. Watkins, and Mrs. Aleshire.

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