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For A Third of A Century . . .

The armistice had just ended World War I. Kaiser Wilhelm's storm troopers, 1918 vintage, had just quit cold to retire beyond the home borders, and the victory celebration was still just a plan in the mind of some energetic soul when a man born in the flat country of Middle Tennessee put in his appearance to take over the position as bookkeeper at Blue Ridge Association.

The date was January, 1919, the man Herbert W. Sanders. Today, 34 years later, he has stepped down after a successful career as bookkeeper, business manager, and finally resident manager. For one year during the war he operated the assembly alone.

A career that has had a part in shaping the lives of hundreds of the South's finest young men and young women who have come here to serve on the junior staff at Blue Ridge, needs no words of praise to make it complete. But to let it go unnoticed would be, to our way of thinking, a sad mistake.

The 34 years at Blue Ridge have not been without their trials and troubles. They have not been years without problems. But what

ever the situation it has been met by the man who had a job to do and did it without regard to the number of hours required.

Through the years so close was his association with Blue Ridge that the thousands who come here each summer, as well as the citizens of the community, came to think of the two almost as one. "Herb" Sanders and Blue Ridge were synonymous. And both were highly regarded.

Even though his principal task was at Blue Ridge, Mr. Sanders found plenty of time to devote to civic and religious affairs of the community. No good cause was ever turned away and no worthy plea went unanswered. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have meant much to the community and the community is happy that they intend to remain here and make this their permanent home. After all 34 years is pretty permanent.

Someone has said "A successful life is a life of service." We should like to join the thousands who have come to know Mr. and Mrs. Sanders during their third of a century at Blue Ridge in saying "Congratulations. You have been more than successful. All the best for the future."

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

MAIL—Most of Gov. William B. Umstead's mail nowadays is concerned with recommendations for the various appointments which he will be making between now and July 1.

The Governor is scheduled to return to his office the latter part of next week. The principal duties facing him—other than greeting the scores who happen to "drop in for a brief chat"—will be making final decisions on the appointments.

Many of them will be of the sugar plum variety, but the vast majority of course will be to boards and commissions. We were talking to a friend the other day about the vast quantities of mail reaching the Governor advising him as to the proper persons for the vacancies. He estimated it would run into the thousands of pieces.

You see, if a Governor is in the office each day, the delegations can pour in upon him. The fact that William Umstead has been ill has increased his mail tremendously.

Here is hoping callers will try to stay away from the office until the Governor is thoroughly recovered.

MILK—Nobody seems to know yet just what the powers of the new Milk Commission will be. And, to muddy further the water, there may be a test of the entire constitutionality of the law. While they are not saying much about it, there is a group even now considering making this move.

A court test, plus a possible injunction here and there, could delay the operation of the milk law for many a moon.

MEANTIME, however, both sides in the bitterly contested legislative battle are lining up their choices for members on the commission. News on this could break any moment.

EQUALIZATION — Decision of the Senate a few days ago to give the states concerned tidelands oil recalled to many North Carolina educators of yesteryear the Old North State's decision on the matter of educating its youth.

Those favoring Uncle Sam's owning the tidelands oil saw its possession by the Federal Government as the one sure opportunity to achieve equality in educational advantages in the United States.

Our State in legislative acts of 1925 and 1927 paved the way for a child in tax-poor Dare County to have the same educational opportunities as a child in wealthy Guilford. We said that children aren't responsible for the place of their birth or raising and that we should not permit children in the poor areas to grow at a disadvantage.

So it was that the old Equalization Board was established in 1927. This was a step in the right direction. We were following merely the great goal established by Governor Aycock: the equal right of every child to burgeon out all that lies within him. He said that equal is the word.

Then, in 1933, the State took over the schools and equality ceased to be merely a goal at which to aim. Now, as North Carolina counties were 30 years ago so are the states today. There is no comparison in the educational advantages provided the children of Alabama, for instance, and those provided those of, for instance, Pennsylvania.

When the Federal Government moves boldly in the educational picture—and it is only a matter of time until it does—these tremendous inequalities will be abolished. Last week you read, finished reading, the first chapter in the huge book on Tidelands Oil. The decision which will finally be

made will determine to a great extent the general direction in which education of national importance will flow during the next century.

Although most of the Southern senators, including both our own, voted against Uncle Sam on the subject, the South has more to gain from Federal ownership of Tidelands Oil than any other region of the nation.

And, as for North Carolina, we decided the course we would take 20 years ago this month. The counties traded some measure of independence in education for school plants and opportunities of which they hardly dared to dream 50 years ago. Equality became the word.

No region of North Carolina would go back to school conditions of the 20's. That's why we are all watching with interest the final outcome of the battle of Tidelands Oil . . . as we prepare to take further giant strides toward Equality, the foundation stone of true democracy.

DUPLICATION? . . . You won't be reading much about it for several months yet, but our information is that Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson is now setting up a special committee to study overlapping duties of county agents, their assistants, and those of vocational agriculture teachers.

The same study will include home demonstration agents and home economics teachers. Special questionnaires on the project are now being prepared and will be distributed within 60 days.

SALES TAX—Our Washington advisors tell us that the quietest that Treasury experts are now looking hard in the direction of a Federal Sales Tax as a producer of revenue.

You can find Democrats in Washington right now—and some Republicans—who will bet you ten to one that a Federal sales tax will be enacted early in 1955 if the GOP has not suffered serious Congressional losses in the general election in November of 1954.

Should a Federal sales tax be put into effect prior to 1955, there is a good chance the Legislature would meet in special session for adjustments, etc. as between the N. C. sales tax of three per cent and that of the Federal, which is now expected to be at least five.

NOTES—With more than two weeks still to go on this year's term, want ads begging for teachers have already begun. The shortage of teachers is much more serious than we like to admit . . . and every month we are pulling into better-paying North Carolina teachers from S. C., Ga., Ala., and other states of the Southeast.

Many of Kerr Scott's friends who have been sure we would oppose U. S. Sen. Willis Smith are not so certain now after the Scott statement pointing to his need for money, and "other considerations," the opposition of Mrs. Scott, and the apparent lack of money-raising interest in his possible candidacy.

But Willis Smith, anticipating opposition, has already reserved campaign headquarters at the Hotel Sir Walter.

Some leading Democrats, including a half-dozen of the more prominent legislators, are predicting Governor Umstead's bond issues will not pass. This may mean that solid Umstead support is cracking.

SECRECACY—Recently, one of Governor Umstead's closest friends and advisors was called to the Mansion to advise and counsel with the Gov. on appointments. When he entered, he was sworn to secrecy. When he departed, he was

again sworn to secrecy and reminded that in the event any information got out, he would be held responsible.

Once outside the Mansion, he thought of what had transpired, of the warning, his being cautioned on secrecy, being held responsible, etc. for any leaks. He scratched his head, thought hard, and for the life of him could not think of anything he had heard inside worth telling—or keeping.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

THANKS CONTRIBUTORS

May 4, 1953.

Black Mountain News, Black Mountain, N. C.
Dear Editor:
The Chamber of Commerce booklet, out today, which describes the advantages of year-round living in Black Mountain, is the result of the effort of many persons in this community. As chairman of the committee which prepared the booklet and on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce I would like to take this way of thanking all those whose splendid cooperation made it possible.

The pictures were obtained from Ellington Studios, Edward DuPuy, Jr., and Elliott Lyman Fisher. We are indebted to Otto Lindstead of Swannanoa for help in selecting and preparing the pictures for the printer. His many years' professional photographic experience with General Motors and other corporations was most helpful. We want to thank Dr. S. S. Cooley for the fine relief map which he prepared and contributed.

The manufacturers, hospitals, assemblies and colleges and their personnel were most helpful in telling their story in very condensed form. Among individuals contributing information for the booklet were: R. S. Eckles, Finley Stepp, G. C. Carson, Owen Walker, Ray McSwain, Fred Lucas, Charles Spencer, Mrs. William Holcomb, and M. E. Rondel. Those who contributed their time and skill to prepare and edit the copy were Dr. Frank H. Richardson, Gordon Greenwood, and Miss Mary Walters.

A special kind of thanks should go to the writers of the testimonial letters published, for theirs is a continuing job answering individual letters as they may be received. Gorman Mattison, publicity expert from Charlotte, and Elliott Merrick, eastern states editor of the US Forest Service, donated their professional skill in giving the form to the booklet and a final check on everything before the printer received it.

It is a pleasure to work with others in such a project as this when there are so many in the community willing and able to cooperate.

Sincerely yours,
H. McGuire Wood.

BY LEROY SEZ



Folks who sez things before they think is usually de folks who is sorry later for what they sez.

Officers Named For Garden Club

The Black Mountain Garden Club held their annual meeting at the community club, fifty members and guests enjoying a covered dish supper.

The new officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, H. R. Leitenberger; vice-president, Mrs. Otto Lindstead; treasurer, Miss Lela H. Walters; recording secretary, George Moray; and corresponding secretary, Miss Sarah Kirby.

The program included the showing of a sound film of the Jackson-Perkins Rose Gardens in Newark, N. J. This rose garden, the largest in the United States, has 35,000 roses and is visited by 500,000 people yearly. Particularly interesting was the description of how hybrid tea roses are propagated.

Another unusual feature of the program was a tape recording on what should be done in the garden now. H. R. Leitenberger had interviewed club members. These included J. H. Gruver who was enthusiastic about his spinach, kale and carrots. He told how he transplanted the young plants in early spring. J. H. Berghold told of his fine wild strawberry bed. Mrs. Olga Phillips spoke of her mustard greens. Miss Lela Zernow, after telling of their many spring flowers, said they now had spinach ready to eat. Mr. Davis, an old time gardener, had had good results by always planting by the dark of the moon. Miss Ruby Hall had explained what should be done for laurel bushes whose leaves had dark spots. They should be dusted with precipitated sulphur. Mrs. H. McGuire Wood, whose hobby is a wild flower garden, told of how such a garden could be developed.

The last item on the recording were solos by Mr. Newman, a baritone accompanied by Mrs. Newman. Mr. Newman has sung in the Metropolitan Opera. The last number, The Lord's Prayer, being beautifully rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Newman live in Skokie, Ill.

The next meeting of the club, June 12, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leitenberger on Farm School road.

More About— Sanders Retires

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vice to the young people of the South, the retiring resident manager, who married Miss Lyda Bell of Murfreesboro early in his career, lists as one of his most gratifying experiences the opportunity of associating with the outstanding young men and women of the junior staff.

"The junior staff at Blue Ridge, comprised of college boys and girls, numbers into the hundreds," Mr. Sanders pointed out. "It has been a most pleasant experience to have been associated with this group for the past 34 years."

Many of these staff members have been very successful in the business and professional world and now hold responsible positions. Among them are Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, vice-presidential candidate last year, a vice president of a major airline, a supreme-court judge of Louisiana, youngest in the state, and in the YMCA field, national and international staff members, local secretaries and many others.

Mr. Sanders has definite plans for the future. He'll remain at Blue Ridge where he and Mrs. Sanders will occupy the same home in which they've lived for the past 16 years. They'll be on hand to greet their friends who'll start arriving with the conference groups on June 1.

The retiring resident manager has served the community in many capacities during the past years, both civic and religious groups. He is a member of the board of stewards of the Methodist church, chairman of the church's finance committee, past president of the Lions club, past district governor, and now international councillor, member of board of directors of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce for the past 16 years, former member of the Boy Scout council, and for several years has served as chairman of the Black Mountain recreational committee which was recognized nationally for its work some years ago because of its uniqueness.

During World War II he was a member of the Black Mountain ration board.

PTA Officers To Be Installed Here Next Week

New officers of the Elementary School PTA will be installed Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Final committee reports for the year will be made that evening and new committee chairmen will be announced by Fred Higginbotham, the incoming president of the organization. Others who will be installed are Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Konrad, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Smith, secretary; and Frank Watkins, treasurer.

Officers for the coming school year will meet with this year's executive board tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. T. Greene, president.

BLOODMOBILE WILL BE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TODAY

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church today (Thursday) from noon until 5 p. m. One hundred donors between the ages of 21 and 59 are needed to fill the quota of 100 pints of blood for this visit of the bloodmobile.

More About— Club Honored

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Mrs. Whitaker attended a Jr. luncheon at the Cape Fear hotel in Wilmington, with Mrs. Henry L. Harkey presiding.

On Thursday evening all Jr. club members were honored with an informal party at the Landis hotel.
On Friday evening Mrs. Whitaker led the procession for the installation of officers and later attended a reception honoring Mrs. W. B. Umstead.

The American Home and Civic Club and Jr. Woman's club of Black Mountain received outstanding honors, with the American Home and Civic club winning 2nd place on Scrap Book awards and the Jr. Woman's club winning 3rd place. The Jr. Woman's club won 1st place on their Year Book. The Jr. Woman's club won 2nd place in the state on the Children's Home Society contest, and the American Home and Civic club was presented a certificate of awards from the Children's Home Society of N. C. for outstanding service to homeless babies of the state.

The Sr. and Jr. Sorosis clubs of Wilmington were hostess clubs for the convention.

Town Board Has Busy Evening

The privilege license ordinance was adopted on the first reading with no motion in rates by the board of aldermen Tuesday evening. Mayor G. L. Kirkpatrick presided.

The board certified the results of the town election and voted to rent the club house to Raymond Peek at a fee of \$20 per night for square dances during the summer. The resignations of two members of the town library board, Cecil Nanney and Mrs. Rush Whiteside, were accepted with regret.

At the swimming pool this summer Shirley Mull will be ticket taker, H. B. Wilson was employed some time ago as caretaker, Jimmy LeVine will be lifeguard.
Hurley Brandon applied for and was granted permission to operate four taxis under the name of Safety Cabs. He purchased the business from Boyd McDonald.
The problem of speeding was discussed and the board asked that signs be erected calling attention to the speed zone. The laws will be strictly enforced.

George E. York Is Promoted At Fort Belvoir

FORT BELVOIR, VA.—George E. York, son of Mrs. Faye B. Quinn, Black Mountain, N. C., was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 71st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Va.
The 71st AAA is part of the air defense forces providing security for the vital Washington, D. C. area.
Corporal York, a radar operator in the battalion's Battery C, attended Black Mountain High school before entering the army in April, 1951.

More Reflections

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several more such fish in the vicinity. Perhaps we should say "were several more", since the prize catch seems to have given considerable encouragement to other fishermen of our acquaintance."

GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMP TO BE AT RANGOON LODGE

The Girl Scout day camp will be held at Rangoon Lodge July 6 through the 9th and July 13 through the 16th. Girl Scouts and Brownies must register with their leaders before June 1. After this date the camp will be open to non-scouts if the quota is not reached.

Miss Enid Ayers of the Asheville Girl Scout office will direct the camp assisted by local women. As more helpers are needed any woman who wishes to assist please call Mrs. Anne Harrison at 5693.

CO-WORKERS CLASS MEETS FRIDAY

The Co-workers Sunday school class of the Methodist church will hold their monthly meeting and covered dish supper in the fellowship room of the church at 6:30, Friday evening.
All members and friends are invited to come and bring a covered dish.



CHURCH NOTICES

BLACK MTN. CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR
M. J. Jeffers, Minister
All services are held in the Junior Order Hall. Bible School each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Glenn Morgan, superintendent.
Worship service, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a. m. Fellowship dinner for members and friends of the church, first Wednesday in the month, 6:30 p. m. Christian Women's Fellowship, 2nd Monday, 7:30 p. m.

BEE TREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
M. L. Jeffers, Minister
Bible School, 10:00 a. m. each Sunday, Mac Carson, superintendent. Worship service, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Women's Council, 2nd Wednesday in each month. Official Board meeting the first Sunday following worship service.

CHURCH OF GOD MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY
The Church of God Mountain Assembly extends a hearty welcome to the public to attend church services at 125 Cherry street.
Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 2 p. m. and church service at 3 p. m. The Rev. Loyd Camp is pastor. Everyone is welcome. Mrs. Ada Frady is state secretary and treasurer.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
North French Broad, Asheville, N. C.
Schedule of services:
Sunday: 11:00 a. m. . . . regular service
11:00 a. m. . . . Sunday school
Wednesday: 8:00 p. m. . . . Regular service
Second Sunday of each month . . . regular service . . . 5:00 p. m.
Subject for Sunday, May 17, 1953: "Mortals And Immortals" is the topic of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, next Sunday.
The Golden Text is from Romans 8:6 "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Passages from the Bible include: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3.
And from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. "To be immortal, we must forsake the mortal sense of things, turn from the lie of false belief to Truth, and gather the facts of being from the divine Mind." p. 370.

H. A. (DOSS) KERLEE LIONS SPEAKER TONIGHT

H. A. (Doss) Kerlee will talk on town government as it existed during the "Old Days" in Black Mountain at the Lions club meeting Thursday evening at the grammar school cafeteria.
R. T. Greene, Town of Black Mountain business manager at present, will tell how the system operates today. A question and answer period will follow.
Dr. F. H. Richardson is program chairman.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING MAY 31

Homecoming will be observed Sunday, May 31, at the Black Mountain First Baptist church, Pastor W. A. Huneycutt has announced.
All friends as well as members are invited to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the fellowship. There will be dinner on the grounds at noon.
There will be no afternoon service. This time will be given to fellowship.

MEETING SCHEDULE

SWANNAHOA LODGE
Swannanoa Lodge No. 561 AF & AM, stated communication first Thursday each month, Masonic hall, old post office building, Arthur R. Cannon, master.
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
Black Mountain Chapter No. 200, first and third Tuesdays of each month, 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Addie Gaskins, W.M.
Swannanoa Chapter No. 132, meets second and fourth Thursday, Masonic hall. Mrs. Margaret Kelly, W.M.

JUNIOR ORDER UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS
Black Mountain Council No. 145, Every Monday at 7:30 P.M. Harvey D. Melton, Sr., Counselor.
MASONS
Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 AF & AM, Stated Communication first Friday of each month, 8:00 P.M. John Boring, Master.
Swannanoa Camp 970
WOODMEN OF THE WORLD
Swannanoa Camp 970 Woodmen of the World meet fourth Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Woodmen Hall, Buckner building, Swannanoa. Don Wright, council commander. Boys of Woodcraft, every Monday night, 7:00 P.M., W.O.W. hall.

ODD MEETINGS
The D.A.V. meeting will be held the first and third Mondays of each month at the main entrance of Moore VA hospital at 6:30 P.M. All members are cordially invited to attend. W. R. Copeland, Commander.

Poel's Corner

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman, Creative Writing Group

MOTHER
She never touched, with skillful brush, the canvas
And left a picture that the world might praise;
Or, with inspired fingers on the keyboard,
Sent down with eyes tear-stained, yet looked upward,
With smiling almost to the vale of shadows
To bring a little new-born soul from God.

She never sang a song of joy or sadness
In clear, sweet tones to make us smile or weep;
Her voice too weak to win the world's approval,
Was only to hush a babe to sleep;
She never penned a book whose glowing pages
Might lift us up and help us in the fight.

But day by day, she sought with loving patience
To guide two little stumbling feet aright.
And yet mayhap, when at the gate of Heaven
She paused, God looked at her and smiled;
With hands outstretched, His kind voice spoke a welcome
To her, the mother of a little child.
—Anonymous.

Read Tennyson's "Mother" and

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Swannanoa Bank & Trust Co.

At Swannanoa, North Carolina To The Commissioner of Banks At the close of business on April 20, 1953

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 302,850.88
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	145,000.00
Obligations of states and political subdivisions (N. C. Bonds)	99,642.34
Loans & Discounts (including no overdrafts)	548,370.05
Bank premises owned	\$3,662.45
(Bank premises owned are subject to no liens not assumed by bank)	
Furniture and fixtures	1.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	3,863.45
Other assets	390.57
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,099,917.21
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$ 540,294.32
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	402,194.28
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	760.50
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	30,000.00
Other deposits (certified and officer's checks, etc.)	2,102.58
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$975,351.68
Other liabilities	9,329.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$984,680.70
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	25,000.00
Surplus	60,000.00
Undivided profits	80,236.58
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	115,236.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,099,917.21
*Total deposits to the credit of the State of North Carolina or official thereof \$ 25,000.00	
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	\$ 25,000.00
I, Roy W. Alexander, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief. ROY W. ALEXANDER, Cashier	
Correct—Attest: D. W. Harrison George W. Craig J. H. Smith Directors	
SEAL State of North Carolina, County of Buncombe—ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1953, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. VIVIAN P. NICHOLS, Notary Public. My commission expires 7/24/53	



Joe Porcher's Garage
Phone 6641 Swannanoa, N. C.

Grace Noll Crowell's "Mother's Day"—two poems your chairman would have used had she had time to secure permission from the publishers.
Anne Kendrick Sharp, Chm. Poet's Corner for Creative Writing Club.

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