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Rush flower of the week to Jason Dotson, selected by the board for keeping "The cleanest town in his area."

# BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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## REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

Two weeks ago a truck from Ty Furniture company, with a new mattress aboard, and a loaded with roofing from Highway Builders, burned up at perfectly good gasoline out the east end of town looking for a center avenue.

The driver of the Tyson reported back to the store the man who bought the mattress could not be located. Bill Hammis, who did the expert job of the mattress, was slightly injured.

He just got to find the man who delivered his mattress and the "gentleman" paid cash for it.

It was the last time the man bought the mattress and truck of roofing was ever referred to a gentleman by Mr. McGinnis.

It became clear that there was no such address as 104 Center street that the man was not to be located.

Bobby Tyson, who runs Ty Furniture company, and other employees, got curious. They investigated "how the man" for the mattress. Ike Cook for the same thing at Broadway street.

The pattern was the same. The man inspected a mattress and with the statement that he would be back later.

He did come back. He called it out on Friday afternoon, and came back in after Bill Hickman closed his Northwestern Saturday afternoon and told McGinnis that he would take a check for \$65 made out to himself. The mattress was approximately \$40 for he pocketed extra \$25, pure velvet he must thought to himself, and then he went down to Broadway Building.

He might have run, no one can say, and picked up a second-hand car on the same kind of deal. The work finished for the day he leisurely out of town, planning no doubt, some pleasant surprise for merchants in other parts.

He was wearing a railroad cap overalls, looking every bit the part of a hard working man. Ike Cook and Bobby Tyson are the two very important pieces of paper which they'd like to exchange with the "Gentleman" if they could ever put in an appearance in this part of the country. Which he won't.

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Prior to putting the bite on Tyson and Mr. Cook, the litigant, or someone who bore sharp resemblance to him, had to pull the check cashing on Luther Kirkpatrick and the others on Sutton avenue. When they turned him down, he headed for Broadway and proved to be greener fields.

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Middle Terrell, owner and manager of the Pix theater in Black Mountain, had words of praise to say for William Holcombe and Kenneth McCurry of Carolina Light and Light company, and the Wilkinson of Southern Bell telephone company for their fast Sunday morning.

McCurry shortly after he had repaired Sunday morning by a crash of a cry for help. Mr. Terrell was led to look out his window and see a miniature Fourth of July fireworks going on down near his section of Main street and Broadway.

Those fellows from Carolina Light and Light company and the telephone company didn't do excellent work. They on the scene within a very few minutes and didn't leave until they had power restored and dangerous wires all out of the way around 4:00 a. m. I appreciate their work, and I'm sure other property owners do.

Mr. Terrell said.  
He should be given some recognition for their efforts.

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The paper had no more than the street last week than the front door with blood in the eye.

"You certainly made a big mistake in the paper this week," said, "and you'd better correct it."

He explained he did: retired after working 34 years at Blue Ridge. Every time he has a lick in his eye, he asks "How do I retire? Now, don't you tell me that I said because up to now we've turned to Page 10

## Pix Theater Hit By Truck Sunday a.m.

No tornado but an International truck with the driver asleep, knocked out the corner of the Pix theater early Sunday morning.

A pole supporting electric wires from Tennessee to Lenoir carrying scrap lumber and walnut curved armrests in the truck belonging to Hibriter Chair Co., Lenoir. They pulled to the side of the highway for a nap after leaving Asheville, and checked tires before moving on toward Black Mountain and the crash.

The impact at 1:00 a. m. brought theater owner A. J. Terrell, who had just gone to bed, to the window. Fireworks caused by the short circuit burning out a transformer was reason for calling Ken McCurry of the CP&L, and the two reached the scene of the accident at about the same time, which was the first that Terrell realized exactly where the noise and cries for help came from.

Power was restored in the vicinity of the theater at about 4 a. m. The truck remained for the night in a parking lot by the Pix.

WHAT TO DO WITH FAIR FUNDS IS PUZZLING!  
Attention, Fair committee and officers: A meeting will be called within the next few weeks to dispose of remaining funds and the fair equipment.

There is approximately \$56 left in the bank account which some believe should be donated to a worthy cause. The fair equipment is stored at the Black Mountain Lumber company warehouse. This should be sold, it is believed, and the money given to some organization.

Notice of the meeting will be given in time for all those interested to attend.

## Vandals Damage Golf Course Sunday Morning

The identity of vandals who last Saturday night or early Sunday morning drove out on the golf course, got stuck and then pulled one car across No. 8 green with a second car acting as wrecker, is believed known and arrests are expected soon, Ross Taylor, golf course manager told the News Tuesday.

At least two Black Mountain men heard the vandals and one saw them leave the course, Mr. Taylor said.

The two cars caused great damage to the golf course which had been declared in the "best condition ever" in preparation for the coming of thousands of tourists to the community early next month.

Investigation is under the supervision of Sheriff L. E. Brown. Calling attention to the fact that the golf course is city property and trespassing is forbidden, Taylor asked the cooperation of all parents in keeping children off the grounds. "The place will be posted and those trespassing prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," the golf pro said.

"The golf course is hard to keep in condition and requires a lot of work. Children playing on the course have been a source of great annoyance in the past. This is city property and all unauthorized persons must keep off."

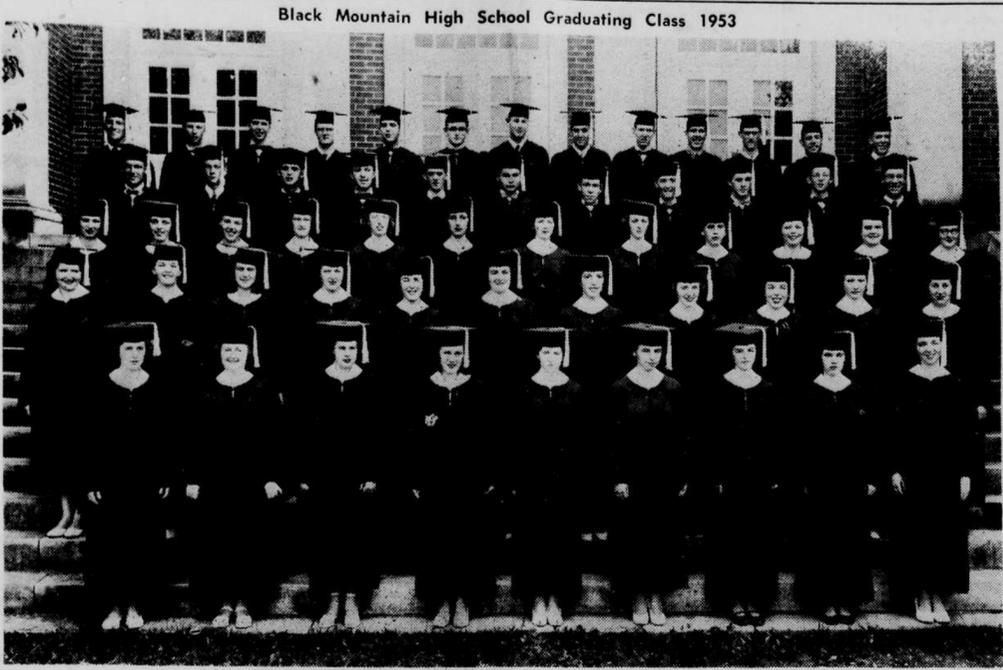
The Black Mountain golf course is considered one of the best to be found in a small town in this area. Each year thousands of visitors return here to play. Its importance to the town as a tourist attraction has been pointed out by the News and others on numerous occasions.

"Customer" With Rubber Checks, Gun "Shops" Here  
Grand larceny has been experienced by this vicinity for the second time this month with the robbery of the cash register at Peek's Place at midnight Monday.

In this case as in the case of the man who paid for a mattress and load of roofing with bogus checks, received change and could not be found later (see "Reflections" for story), the culprit was a customer of the place he robbed.

Peek's Place was minus \$100 after a man who had eaten a meal Monday night, and bought and paid for a package of cigarettes, pulled a pistol on Mrs. R. R. Peek, who was in charge of the dining room and alone at the time. Her husband was asleep in an adjoining room and a helper was in the kitchen, but the "customer" demanded and got the contents of the cash register.

The gunman, described as



Black Mountain High School Graduating Class 1953  
Fifty-six are candidates for diplomas in the 1953 senior class at Black Mountain High school. Commencement will be at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, June 2, in the grammar school auditorium. Those in the picture, left to right, Betty June Roberts, Nancy Dougherty, Katie Dalton, Lois Robinson, Ruth Jordan, Anne Marie Molloy, Peggy Jo Williams, Dottie Taylor, and Ann Sawyer. Second row, left to right, Eva Smith, Geraldine Suddeth, Allie Bartlett, Naomi Elliott, Celeste McCall, Shirley Mull, Mittie Melton, Thelma Payne, Sara Martin, Opal Gilliam, and Betty Freeman. Third row, left to right, Clara Propst, Valeen Cooper, Helen Turner, Shirley Stone, Viola Melton, Evelyn Cooper, Rose Candler, Madge Wilhide, Betty Austin, Inga Christensen, Emily Hawkins, and Yvonne Nanney. Fourth row, left to right, Arnold Jones, Jimmy Glenn, Jimmy Isley, Bobby Hall, Donald Fortune, Johnny Atkins, Earl Jordan, Braska Odom, Clifford Smathers, C. L. Freeman, and Steve Kaplan. Fifth row, left to right, Jimmy LeVine, Stuart Nanney, A. C. Owenby, Andy Cook, Jack Atkins, David Mundy, Jack Kirstein, Lunny Gilliam, Jimmy Penland, B. H. Candler, Laurence Allen, David Corkran, and Winston Riddle. (Photo by Edward L. DuPuy, Jr.)

## Final Rabies Clinic Will Be Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Dog Owners, have you forgotten? The last rabies clinic of the season is scheduled for the Black Mountain-Ridgecrest communities on Wednesday, May 27.

The clinic, with a registered veterinarian in charge, will be set up at Perkins' store at Ridgecrest from 2:00 till 3:00 p. m.

From 3:30 until 7:00 p. m. the clinic will be in operation at the Black Mountain Fire Department.

All dog owners who have not had their dog vaccinated this year are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to comply with the law which says that all dogs must be vaccinated each year before June 30.

Assisting will be members of the May-Faircloth-Dixon Humane society of Black Mountain, including, Mrs. Willa Brown, Mrs. Belle Hamilton, Mrs. Edna Konrad, Mrs. Mae Dozier.

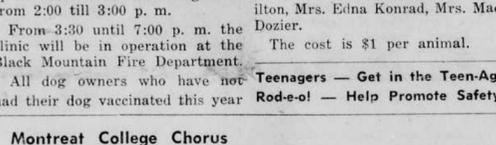
The cost is \$1 per animal.

Teenagers — Get in the Teen-Age Rod-e-o! — Help Promote Safety!

## Montreat College Chorus

The Montreat College chorus, shown with its director, Francis Green, at right, will take part in the annual Commencement Concert on Friday, May 22, at 8:15 p. m. in Gaither Hall, Montreat.

The Montreat High School glee club will open the program with a group of five selections, and soloists of the evening will be Mary Ann Smoak, soprano, and Ivy Dee Chaffin, pianist. Ann Broom and Mr. Green will sing a duet, with Betty Low at the piano. Other accompanists are Frances Mouzon and Miss Sallie Warth, of the music faculty. The final group, songs for women's voices, by Brahms, will use two French horns in the accompaniment, played by Hobart Whitman and Richard Willis, Asheville high school boys.



Montreat College Chorus

## Broad River Township Picnic Will Be May 30

All families and friends of the Broad River township have been invited to attend the annual picnic at the new community building at 7:00 p. m., Saturday, May 30.

Plans for the annual affair were announced by the officers who were elected at the organizational meeting last week at which time it was decided to enter the 1953 community improvement contest conducted by the Asheville Agricultural Development council. The Broad River township will be sponsored this year by the Black Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce. Under sponsorship of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce the community won second place in the contest two years ago.

The newly elected officers who will lead the community this year include: Dick Tarbert, president; Bert Nanny, vice president; Lunny Gilliam, junior vice president; Mrs. Clarence Morris, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. M. M. Elliott, reporter, and C. L. Ledbetter, song leader.

K. V. McCurry and A. F. Belt represented the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the organizational meeting held at the Clear Branch church. Both spoke and outlined the great benefits to be derived

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## Cleanest Town Brings Dotson Flower of Week

Black Mountain is gaining a reputation far and wide for cleanliness and a neat appearance that rivals and enhances the scenic beauty of its setting.

In recognition of this a board of citizens has named Jason Dotson "man of the week."

Dotson has persisted for a quarter century, approximately, in keeping Black Mountain the kind of place that makes strangers exclaim over its attractiveness. Aided by his son Harold, Mr. Dotson is in charge of the sanitation department, and other city employment can recall his having taken off from his job only twice—once for a vacation trip to Norfolk many years ago and once this winter for three weeks in Florida.

His home is on Center street, and he and Mrs. Dotson have reared a large family. To him goes the flower of the week from the Black Mountain News and Seawright Florist.

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## Installation PTA Officers Set Tonight

### Name Chairmen Of Committees For New Year

Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., will install the new officers of the Black Mountain elementary PTA tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the grammar school auditorium. Mrs. R. T. Greene is retiring president.

As part of the entertainment the rhythm band of the first and second grades will give a short program.

Installed as president of the PTA will be Fred Higginbotham, employee of the Southern Railroad. Both Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham have been very active in PTA work and have been leaders in the drive to secure more classroom space for the elementary school.

Other officers to be installed: Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, first vice president; Mrs. C. W. Konrad, second vice president; Mrs. Arthur Smith, secretary, and Frank Watkins, treasurer.

### Miss Betty Austin Presents Recital

Betty Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Austin, was presented in a voice recital by her teacher Billie Woodard Viverette Monday night, May 18, at her home 125 Church street. Eleanor Justus assisted her as piano soloist with Mrs. Viverette at the second piano. Ann Sawyer had charge of the guest book and Shirley Mull announced the program.

The program: "Cradle Song", MacFadyen; "Pomp and Circumstance", Elgar; "One Kiss", Romberg; "Through the Years", Youmans; "Thine Alone", Herbert; "Jesus, Joy of Men's Desiring", Bach; "The Lass with the Delicate Air", Hungary, Koelling; "Ave Marie", Bach-Gounod; "The Lost Chord", Sullivan; Angus Dei, Bizet; Sonata in C Major, Opus 3, First Movement, Mozart; "The Beautiful Blue Danube", Strauss.

## Montreat Finals Start Friday Nite

Commencement weekend at Montreat College and Preparatory School will open with a concert by college chorus and high school glee club Friday at 8:15 p. m. in Gaither Hall, followed by a play by college seniors, "The Heiress", Saturday evening at Anderson Hall; and will end with presentation of diplomas Monday at 10 a. m. in the Montreat Auditorium.

## Buy A Poppy To Commemorate Dead Of 2 Wars

Poppy Day will be observed here Saturday, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary with Mrs. Clarence Joyner serving as chairman.

Poppies have been made by disabled veterans of the three wars and will be sold by volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and members of the different Girl Scout troops.

The bright red memorial poppy will commemorate the dead of two world wars and the Korean conflict. Proceeds from the sales will be used in the work among disabled veterans and their families.

Mrs. Robert Hauth is the local president.

## Credit Bureau Needs Members

How to attract more members was the chief topic discussed at the meeting Friday evening of the Black Mountain Credit Bureau.

An office has been opened in the Greene building, a telephone installed, and a manager hired to be on duty during the business hours, Fred Lucas, manager reported. The office manager is George Moray. The telephone number is 6861.

More than 2,000 names have been received by members up to now, and all rated as good, fair, or poor credit risks, it was reported.

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Moray will soon make a canvass of the town for new members.

## At Cherry Point

Pfc. Edna Earlene McCall, daughter of Mrs. Earl McCall and the late Mr. McCall of Swannanoa, has completed her recruit training at Farris Island, S. C., and is now stationed at Marine Corps air station at Cherry Point. She works in the machine records department.

The superior characteristic of seed which plant breeders develop in new lines can be preserved by continuous inspection and selection for trueness to type.

## Did Your Cake Fail? Come to Bake Sale

The Saint James Episcopal church Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Friday and Saturday (until everything is sold), at the Black Mountain super-market, Montreat road. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock.

There will be a large selection of bake goods, candies, etc. Come in early and buy your sweets for the week end.

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