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Congratulations to Town Officials!

dust. Maybe we should say mud but there if not feathered. hasn't been enough rain around here since last spring to settle the dust, let alone cause

tain officials—Councilmen F. H. Richardson, Melvin Lance, and Dempsey Whitaker, Mayor G. L. Kirkpatrick, and town business manager, R. T. Greene-have done a masterful job with the Powel bill money in paving streets of the town. Best information is that within one more year every street within the town limits will have felt the

Black Mountain High School

AS WE SEE OURSELVES

By Barbara Nesbitt

Black Mountain is fast getting out of the wrath of the town fathers and be tarred and took "Old Baldy" in July 1952. Heartfelt, and potter's paints.

Those of us who have to live on a lim- ing at Camp Pickett, Va. ited budget-and who doesn't, can sympathize with the board, mayor, and business Be that as it may Town of Black Moun- patnize with the board, mayor, and business Week Of Prayer stretch to cover the most ground possible, and attempt to keep the citizens satisfied. Observance Set They have done well at both.

There are so many times that public of- week of prayer and self-denial. ficials are criticized that we thought it would ing a covered dish supper will Carolina be nice to give them a pat on their col- be held at the Methodist church lective backs. It is well deserved.

Friday afternoon the Dark- so).

By Chaplain Jim Rogers

Random Thoughts

of man I am able to conquer him."

can see clearer into the future.

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in many ways.

last World War:

heavier Cross."

CHAPEL

There is an old legend that states to the effect that Satan hurriedly

Now this may be only a legend but the forces of discouragement are

While serving in the Armed Forces during World War II I was sta-

called his councilors together. When they had arrived Satan explained that

difficulty had arisen in that he was not able to get as many followers as he

wanted. He asked them to suggest the best means of conquering the soul of

man. Many of those present made varied suggestions. The last to stand and

state his belief was a small imp. Addressing the group he said: "Fellow

devils, I have found that by instilling discouragement into the heart and mind

certainly having a field day in the thinking and activities of a great host of

so-called thinking Americans today. The purveyors of doom and destruction

are travelling at a faster pace than "Native Dancer" who took the Arlington

classic. More men from the high seats of council need to stand up before the

public as the Secretary of State did this week and declare that the "H" bomb

is not the answer but rather man needs to turn to his Christian teaching and

to the Creator of man himself. We have been drenched with the rains of

gloom so long that the very soul of man has become saturated. Let man get

outside in the sunshine of God's grace and clear his befogged mind so that he

tioned in Japan. While there I had the opportunity to visit with a native

grower of dwarf trees. He pointed out that the dwarfness of the tree came

from cutting the trees tap root. Thus, since the tree had only the surface

roots to gather its food, the trees never obtained a height of over 18

inches. The spread of the tree's branches was very limited. Now, there are

lots of people like the dwarf tree. They have cut the tap root of religion from

their lives. These are the ones that live on the artificial tap roots that have

been created only by the thinking of man. They are dwarfed in thinking and

their branch reach-out to a suffering humanity is quite limited. They never

gain any height not stature. Because of this they "never" attain the measure

he knocked over the two candles that provided light on the stage. The aud-

ience, thinking the man was rather awkward in his action, began to snicker.

As he began his first selection a string broke on the violin. The crowd laughed.

The second string broke and the group roared. Then the third string of the

violin broke and before the uproar could begin he continued to play the violin

with the one remaining string. The audience then realized that Paganini

was carrying out seemingly the impossible. He was using what he had left.

search the heart, and hear the sob of the soul of any individual you meet in

life and you will realize that all people sometime in life have to play the in-

the best opportunities that the family and loved ones can afford. Everyone

says he has great possibilities. Then, suddenly like, the strings begin to break. They break one by one. Some have one left, another two, another three and

some finish with all the strings broken. The question always arises why these

burdens, pains, sorrows and suffering? How does one react to them? These

and many more questions are foremost in the mind and heart. People react

resigned to the circumstances. Second, there are those who take a wholesome

attitude toward the broken strings even though they spend sleepless nights

and head lying in a pool of tears. They realize that the strings have been

broken, yet understanding not why, they use the remainder of life as a creative

force in building a larger usefulness. It was in such a mood that one prayed:

"Strong Son of God, Immortal Love, whom we have not seen Thy Face, by faith

asked God to mend one of his strings but God answered, "My Grace is suffic-

ient for you." When Time pauses and hands you a cup of bitterness with the

breaking of the strings of life, have faith in God and say, "If this cup pass

ment of life. You may think you have created a wall that will hold back the

rapid flow of tears from the heart. You have not heard the soul sob at mid-

night when all the house is quiet. But there is something you can do-; pray

for the faith to help you when your strings are broken. An old man in a

field hospital somewhere in the Pacific, gave me this little prayer which had meant so much to him as he worked among the sick and wounded during the

> "Lord, keep me from bitterness. It is so easy to nurse a sharp, bitter thought each dull, dark hour. Against self

> pity, Man of Sorrows, defend me, with Thy deep sweetness and Thy gentle power. And out of all of this hurt and pain

> and heartbreak, help me to harvest a new sympathy for

suffering mankind, a wiser pity for those who bear a

and faith alone, embrace, believing where we cannot prove."

not from me except I drink it, then Thy will be done."

Life is much like this incident in the life of Paganini. Look into the eyes,

The individual starts out in life by tuning the instrument of life with

First there are those who react in a spirit of bitterness and are un-

We cannot understand why the strings in life are broken. Paul

Many have lived thus far and still play all the strings on the instru-

He limped as he walked on the stage. While tuning up his violin

or the stature of the fullness of God in Christ Jesus."

strument of life on a broken string or strings.

are doing to improve ourselves. second meeting in the gym. The these lessons, and they are being Activities Set old members had the program, and greeted with much enthusiasm. refreshments followed. Plans are Classes start next Tuesday. being made for the initiation of the new members.

There were many moans and dance was furnished by some of Monday when report cards came well attended and the Juniors are morrow" group met in Asheville. Humphrieses, who have just built of the council Monday evening. out for the first time, and on well on the way to having a Members of the committee from a new house. The Nesbitts have and Jack Farr. The first general Scorzas of course moved from touches on the community buildhorses played the Sand Hill Comets The Senior English classes are meeting will be a dance at the Asheville. Y.M.C.A. next Monday night. and emerged victorious from the participating in a course on "Pertussle with a convincing score of sonality and Human Relations", Black Mountain is in charge of 27-0. Keep up the good work, in which they are trying to an decorations.

Friday night the Junior class sonalities, by constructive criti-dancing class for all those who person's life from ages six to 18 of Broad River for Monday, Oct. sponsored a dance in the school cism and helpful hints and sug- are interested. A number of the is spent in public school, it would 26, at 7:30 p.m. for the election

Indian Head Div.

two of the Korean conflict's most Along the edge of cold. historic battles. It captured These autumn days "Heartbreak Ridge" after weeks Are days of Saints of bitter fighting in October 1951 Splashed with warmth mer entered the Army last February and completed basic train-

Instead of having an all-day meet-Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30.

A program on "Prayer Self-Denial" will follow. Chaplain 4 - Black Mountain (NC) NEWS- Thursday, Oct. 22, 1953 climax of this unit is to be a Eugene Bauer will be guest five minute oral report, by us, speaker. A trio from Montreat about ourselves, about what we college will present several selec-

High school seems to be on the

Know Your School

gym. The music for the square gestions, offered by others. The parents and students have ex- seem only natural that much com- of officers for the new year. On munity interest would be manifest the night of Halloween a masquerin this institution. It is obvious ade party for all the people of that every individual in the com- the community will be held. Prizes munity is affected by the content will be given for the best dressed of the school curriculum and the and the most unusual costume. quality of its faculty, while the Apple cider and cookies will be buildings and their upkeep play an served. Festivities will start at Garland and Mrs. G. R. Danen-important part, too. 7:00 p.m. hower entertained with dessert Since people want to know the

how and why of our public school GIRL SCOUT NEWS system, the Swannanoa PTA has taken for this year's theme "Know Methodist church last Thursday Your School." The September meet- afternoon for its regular weekly ing was devoted to the statewide meeting. bond issue as it pertains to helpbegun several years ago.

the cleaning house of a business erly Bryant, scribe establishment, and it would require a full time secretary to record all Howell, who manipulates this cen- FOR SAN PATIENTS

membership.

ASHEVILLE BRANCH PEN WOMEN HEAR FAMOUS COMPOSER

The Asheville branch of the Na-Women met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edgar Ford,

conducted the business session, followed by a program of music McMullen, soprano, gave several of the devotionals. of mixed fall flowers.

was enjoyed by the guests. Mrs. Ford was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. R. R. King.

WORKER'S CLASS WILL

the First Christian church will meet at Oak Knoll Sunday even-



When I sees de way some folks drives dese days it sho' do make me wonder if they is in a hurry to git to de promised land ahead of de rest of de folks.

McDowell county said Cline was trying out a new motor on a small boat when the boat capsized. Cline was a non-swimmer.

The accident occurred at Edwards Boat Landing at 4:45 p. m.

The body was recovered about 7

due to accidental drowning and

member of our Pen Women, that most of his life, was recently emthe "crisp leaves of gold" seem to ployed in Detroit, Mich. He was

student at the University of North Ruth Cline; one son, Steve; the Moody of Swannanoa.

Harrison Funeral home was in

Bridge PartiesHeld are parents of a son born Oct. 14,

grumbles, a few exclamations of our own Junior boys, who did a Monday afternoon the steering move. Mr. Shuford has moved to 24, at the Broad River community of two lovely parties last Friday joy, and a few relieved sighs last marvelous job. The dance was committee of the "Homes of To- Grovemont, and so have the club house was set at a meeting afternoon and evening. The members raised \$32.16 Mon- Mrs. Stanley Garland entertained the whole I think everyone has wonderful Jr.-Sr. banquet this Black Mountain are: Scotty Gragg, moved also but they are still on day evening with which the counwith four tables of bridge. At the decided to settle down to work. spring (at least we seniors hope Eugene Knoefel, John Williams, the Montreat road, and the cil hopes to put the finishing end of play a salad course was

> will be poured and the windows finished. The committee has called a

Girl scout troop 55 met at the

Members attending were: Caroing realize our building program, lyn Dotson, Brenda Garland, Wanda Lunsford, Vivian Stewart, The next step is to the heart of Mary Ham, Judy Crow, Nana Beha, the buildings, or office, where ev- Louise Norton, Harriett Hubbard, ery one finds himself sooner or Connie Taylor, Ramey Solomon, later. This can be likened also to Sandra Cook, Regina Stafford, the nerve center of the body or to Judy Raines, Judy Marret and Bev-

NEEDLECRAFT MEMBERS business folwing through this center daily. The principal, Mr. E. N. MAKE BEDSTEAD POCKETS

ter and its parts, was at the helm The Needlecraft division of the for the October meeting to give Arts club met Monday afternoon an insight into this intriguing job at "Fairlawn Lodge" with Miss ries, Miss Lou Lindsey, Mrs. Max Caroline Hall serving as hostess. Incidentally, if you have not yet Miss Emma Reid Southworth, presjoined the association the member- ident, presided during the business ter, Mrs. John Ramsey, Mrs. B. E. ship chairman is now accepting session. Members worked on bedstead pockets for the patients at the Western North Carolina Sanatorium. At the end of the meet-

Miles, Mrs. L. A. Oates, Miss tional League of American Pen Edna Zickler, Mrs. Fannie Fitz- JUNIOR ORDER GUESTS gerald, Miss Southworth, Miss OF EASTERN STAR Ruby Hall, and the hostess.

MRS. BENGE WILL HAVE

ship room at 6:30 p. m. Sunday.

Speaker will be the Rev. W.

Clyde Watkins was spokesman Hinkle for the Eastern Star. Mrs. the planning committee with the following as assistants: Mrs. Reva Hinkle, Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Beulah Mashburn, and Mrs. Sadie furnished food.

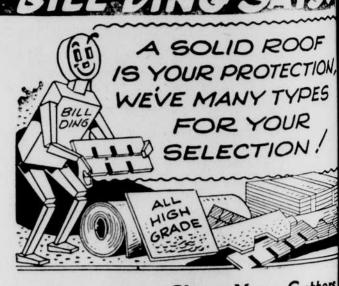
In the afternoon Mrs. Styles and

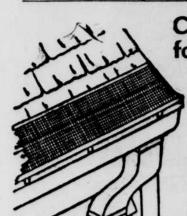
Kerlee, Mrs. Frank Buckner, Miss Mrs. Clyde Jumper, Mrs. J. L. Pot-Seagle, Mrs. J. H. Riddle, Mrs. Ray Harrison, Miss Ruby Hall, Miss Caroline Hall, and Mrs. B. G. Miss Susan Hooker held high

score and Mrs. Potter, low. Miss OKINAWA-Rufus M. Poteat. whose wife, Bertie, lives in Black hower entertained with dessert Mountain, N. C., was recently probridge, at which nine tables were moted to sergeant while serving in play. Mrs. R. T. Greene won with the 97th Anti-Aircraft Artilthe prize for high score, Mrs. Ash- lery Group on Okinawa. A strong U. S. outpost in the P. Dinwiddie, low, and Mrs. Ar- Far East, Okinawa is located off nold Powell, bingo. Others enjoy- the coast of China between Foring the delightful occasion were: mosa and the southern tip of Mrs. William Phillips, Mrs. Walter Japan. The island is the home of Burgess, Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mrs. the Ryukyus Command head-G. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. W. W. quarters. Sergeant Poteat, motor sergeant

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Conducted by

Anne K. Sharp, Chairman,

Creative Writing Group

AURA

be fluttering down. Robert Leonard is a musician as ufacturing company. well as a poet. At present he is a

Anne K. Sharp, Chr. Poet's Corner, Creative Writing Club.

tions. The trio is composed of Ann Broom, Mary Ruth Marshall, and Dorothy Jane Warner.

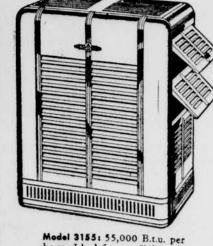
Those present were: Miss Helen home.

CHARGE OF MYF SUPPER Circle No. 1, Mrs. Kelly Benge, ing. Approximately 35 attended.

chairman, will be in charge of the supper for the MYF in the fellow- for the Junior Order and William

Scott Root, pastor of the St. James Episcopal church. His sub-

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R. B. Rhymer With Poet's Corner

WITH THE 2nd INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA - Pvt. R. B. Rhymer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rhymer, Swannanoa, N. \$2.00 C., recently arrived in Korea and October noonis now serving with the 2nd In- Brilliance of miracles, fantry Division.

The 2nd Division took part in A flurry of crisp leaves

The faculty of Black Mountain For Broad River

Mrs. W. H. Noah, Publicity Chairman.

Kenilworth road, Asheville. Mrs. Thomas Sharp, president,

by Miss Sarah Dittenhaver, nationally known composer of music for children. Miss Dittenhaver presented a delightful program of her own compositions. Mrs. John numbers accompanied by Miss Dittenhaver. The home was beautifully decorated with arrangements

After the meeting a coffee hour

STUDY CHURCH HISTORY

The Worker's Training class of

ing at 7:30. They are studying the history of the Restoration movement, especially the part played by The Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Mary Aleshire will teach, substituting for Dr. Homer W. Haislip, who will be in Kentucky on assembly

Cline Drowns In Lake James

Funeral services for Bill Eugene Cline, 23, of Swannanoa, drowned Sunday afternoon in Lake James, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. in First Baptist church at Swannanoa with the Rev. Charles Smith officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park here.

Coroner S. J. Westmoreland of

Mrs. W. E. Holmes and Mrs. Ar- E. McHone, F. McHone Westmoreland termed the death

Cline, who resided at Swannanoa Look Who's Here! formerly employed by Beacon Man-

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Cline of Swannanoa; three brothers, Frank, Jerry and Douglas of Swannanoa, and two sisters, Miss Imogene Cline and Mrs. Junior

At Rangoon Lodge Rangoon Lodge, home of Mr. and pital.

A work party for Saturday, Oct. Mrs. William Styles, was the scene have a daughter born Oct. 17 in St. Joseph's hospital.

DIES UNEXPECTEDLY served to Mrs. Dinsmore Crawford, mont road, died unexpectedly a ing. On Saturday concrete floors Mrs. Andrew Allison, Mrs. H. A. his home Friday afternoon, Oct. 16 Mary Hooker, Miss Susan Hooker, Funeral home, Marion, for funeral alyze and improve their own per- Mrs. Humphries is starting a Inasmuch as a great part of a mass meeting of all the residents ter, Mrs. Harry Barkley, Mrs. Lee Rufus M. Poteat

> Caroline Hall won the bingo prize. In the evening Mrs. Styles, Mrs. by McCoy, second high, Mrs. D. White, Mrs. E. E. White, Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, Mrs. Steve Uzzell, Mrs. William Honeycutt, Miss Martha Covin, Mrs. Carl Trickett, Mrs. John Bumgarner, Mrs. Dempsey Whitaker, Mrs. J. G. Northcott, Mrs. Ruth Cunningham, Mrs. W. B. Beddingfield, Mrs. Chester Sobol, Mrs. C. C. Godfrey, Mrs. Tom Nesbitt, Mrs. Stuart Miller, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Harry Clark, Mrs. John Vaillancourt, Mrs. Ralph Humph-Woodcock, Mrs. J. L. Koonce, Mrs. Don Wright, Mrs. Charles Carpen-Nordheilm, Mrs. Albert Garland. Mrs. Frank Wade, Mrs. Douglas Jones, and Mrs. Alma Shaw.

Interesting, beautiful and unusing six pockets had been com- ual arrangements of wild flowers, pleted. Refreshments were served seeds, and pods as well as attracby the hostess during the social tively arranged colorful autumn leaves were used throughout the

Black Mountain Chapter 200 Order of Eastern Star entertained members of the Junior Order with a buffet supper on Monday even-

Donny Brown will be in charge Rhoda Riddle was chairman of ject will be "Family Relation- Gouge. All members of the OES ships."

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IS CIRCLE HOSTESS

The Naomi Schell circle of the

home of Mrs. Cecil Nanney on Oct. K. Brown Construction

First Baptist church met at the

13, with Mrs. Frank Hudson serv-

ing as co-hostess. Mrs. W. A.

Huneycutt presided over the meet-

ing. The Rev. Mr. Huneycutt re-

viewed the circle's study book,

"Sacrifice and Song." A sweet

Those attending were: Mrs. Lew-

Mrs. Doug Hamby, Jr., Mrs. Brody pass).

ence Wilson, Mrs. Gary Carson, Russell,

Mrs. Conway Tatham, Mrs. Frank Embler,

lingsley. Visitors present were: Briggs. Backs: T

is Phillips, Mrs. Claude Swann,

Warren, Mrs. Thad Burnette Jr.,

Mrs. L. E. Huffman, Mrs. Clar-

Watkins and Miss Katherine Bil-

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Low-

Mr. and Mrs. Edison P. Banks

ery, a son, Oct. 13, in Victoria

of Swannanoa are parents of a

daughter born Oct. 14 in St. Jos-

nounce the birth of a daughter Oct.

17, in St. Joseph's hospital.

Oct. 13, in the base hospital.

in St. Joseph's hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Miller an-

A/1c and Mrs. H. Borden Sabis-

ton Jr. of Brookley Air Force base,

Ala., announce the birth of a son,

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hensley have

Mr. and Mrs. Luther G. Melton

a son born Oct. 12 in Victoria hos-

ROBERT LEE GRAGG, 35,

Robert Lee Gragg, 35, of Craig-

The body was taken to McCall

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cial hour by the hostesses.

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