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The Girl Scouts Are

This is National Girl Scout Week. This week we salute the Girl Scouts and their leaders who give so generously of their time and energy that the younger generation may learn early in life many of the lessons that will serve them in good stead in later years.

The year's theme, "A Growing Force For Freedom", tells the story. Simply it means that in many lands in many languages girls of every color of skin are studying the same lessons, are being aided in building a better way of life by the leaders who receive as their pay the knowledge that they have helped the girls during their formative years when habits and practices are formed that will last throughout life.



A Growing Force For Freedom could mean that the girls who belong to the Scouts are learning to work together as a team, to help those who are less fortunate, and to depend more on personal skill, initiative, and endeavor. It could mean, too, that in Scouting the girls will learn to be more ready to forgive the mistakes of others and to be more understanding of the weaknesses and faults of those who speak with a different tongue or who live in towns and countries with strange sounding names.

We salute the Girl Scouts and their leaders. This organization which has as its objective only the building of stronger character is serving all mankind. And well.

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FOOTHILLS—If folks in the Asheville area had not scattered their fire in looking for a replacement for Waldo Cheek, the new Insurance Commissioner would be coming from the land of the sky instead of merely from the foothills.

They just couldn't get together in Buncombe. The Governor, endeavoring to avoid local splits in the party, began looking elsewhere.

POLITICS—Don't be surprised if the search for a successor to Col. George W. Gillette spreads to Norfolk, Mobile, and New Orleans. Gillette, realizing last week he was on the way out come November 1, did what it had been forecast he would do: resign without further ado, effective December 1 or January 1. He made it the latter date and picked up two additional months as executive director of the North Carolina Ports Authority.

In resigning, Col. Gillette blasted away at political maneuvering. "Let no man tell you that we didn't have politics in our organization here. We do. And unless the North Carolina State Ports Authority is placed on a business basis as free from politics as possible you might as well lock the doors and throw the key in the river."

Thus said the retiring director. What he didn't say was that he is no average politician himself. He might have added that he, himself, has resorted to a little political swing-ho now and then with the past six months. That's the information we got here last week. It isn't as if Col. Gillette were a gentle sailboat caught in a political tidal wave.

And, now that Col. Gillette is definitely moving on, the State is free to begin hunting in the big Southern ports. We may steal one of their top-flight men.

A short while back an outstanding North Carolina citizen who is interested in ports developments chanced to be in Mobile, Ala. He called on ports officials there and asked how they were doing.

"Fine, now," came the reply, "but we made the mistake of keeping on for five years as director of our port the engineer who planned it."

SECRECY—As day follows day, it becomes more apparent that the big secrecy squabble which claimed so much of the legislators' time and newspapers' space during the General Assembly is not dead.

It merely sleeps. And its sleep is light and temporary. It rolls and tosses.

The YDC's in their recent meeting here tried in vain to get it rocking again, but she wouldn't budge. The N. C. Press Association, meeting in New Bern last summer, came up with a watered-down resolution opposing legislative secrecy.

The thing is not going to die. Where it will end, nobody knows. It may become a sort of issue—something to talk about—in the senatorial campaign next spring. Best guess now is there will be a heads-on fight again in 1955 between the Legislature and the press.

And the issue, if pushed, could become exceedingly important in legislative campaigns in certain counties.

NOT SO GLIB—Have you noticed, or have you, that the Eisenkrats are not quite so glib-tongued about their love for the man in the White House as they were last spring?

The question is, will they love him in December as they did in May? I mean, will they love him in the same old-fashioned way? Headlines in Saturday morning's papers said that "soft spots" are occurring in the national economy. Even Vincent's Newsweek, which is only slightly less GOPish than the Union Republican, is beginning to lift verbal eyebrows at the drift of things.

And old Raymond Moley, first of the brain-trusters to get on the State Roosevelt band wagon, says in his Newsweek column this week: "There is no—farm problem; there are farm problems, all loaded with political perils."

He was shooting under par on that one. But, one swallow doesn't make a summer and Eisenhower's office is in a matter of about ten months. One thing is sure, the President didn't cause the drought, no matter what the Democrats tell you.

SALESMEN?—Jonathan Daniels, discoverer of the south, editor of the News and Observer and author of the "Man of Independence," his editorial assistant, Fleet Williams, and Capus Wayne had public lunch together in Raleigh one day last week. They added fuel to the rumor fires.

What they talked about, nobody around here seems to know. But since it is recognized that the Daniels paper is going all-out for Kerr Scott for the U. S. Senate, it must be assumed that Messrs. Daniels and Williams were making overtures in the direction of Wayne's managing Scott's campaign if and when he actually gets down to running for the Senate like a rabbit with six beagles after him.

I Kerr Scott gets in the race and Wayne becomes his manager, those three—Waynick, Williams, and Daniels—will come as near as anybody in the State calling the tune.

BIGGEST BY FARM—The 1953 State Fair was the biggest by far. Most exhibits. Largest premiums. Most gambling. Most nakedness. Most filth. Most money. Most beautiful. Biggest crowds. It was the est-est Fair we have ever had in this State. To those who liked it, it was fair. To others, farce. It was Fair.

Folks who likes to go to de big "blowouts" away from home sooner or later usually causes a big "blowup" in de home.



TRACTOR—Coming into Raleigh with Bruce Poole, former Prisons official, via Western Boulevard and State College farms, we saw a tractor moving leisurely along there in the field. Putting on my brakes rather suddenly, I said to Bruce: "I don't drink, but do you see that tractor out yonder?"

"Well, I'm certainly not drinking, and I see that tractor." It had no driver, friends. It moved around the field pulling a rake. It looked right silly, and we felt the same way. We talked to friends of the tractor and found that a little furrow had been run around the field to guide it. When we left, it was still growling along, with no driver, nonchalantly running some kind of endurance test on the rake.

BEE TREE NEWS

By Mrs. C. M. Howie.

Well we have had another dry week. Doesn't seem there is any rain in sight. I believe the mountains are the most beautiful I have ever seen. We have had no killing frost yet.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, and Alfred Morgan all went sight-seeing on the scenic highway and to Linville Falls last Friday. They said the scenery was most beautiful.

Mrs. Ethel Burnette, wife of B. C. Burnette, Sr., left by bus last Tuesday night for California to be with her daughter, Mrs. Frances Hutchens. Death claimed Mrs. Hutchens' baby daughter who was only three days old.

Mrs. Burnette arrived in California Friday morning at 6:00 o'clock. She is going to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Hutchens. B. C. Burnette visited the C. M. Howies and his mother, Mrs. W. C. Burnette, Sunday.

Elmore Burnette also visited his mother Mrs. W. C. Burnette, and the C. M. Howies Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Hall also visited the Howies and Mrs. Burnette Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mamie Bowen of Bee Tree road is very sick with a cold. Mrs. Carrie Shoe of Bee Tree road attended the morning service at the Bee Tree Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Hensley, who lives in Uncle Horace Morgan's house, has had a very sick baby for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Doyler Howie and children with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howie and daughter, left last Tuesday at 12:00 o'clock to return to Michigan. They arrived safe at home Wednesday a. m.

Floyd Brooks of Tennessee is visiting his brother Stokley on the Bee Tree road for a few weeks. C. M. Howie of Longs Branch road visited Walter Hughie of Bull Creek one day last week.

Walter had a very serious operation some time ago but he is much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goshnel of Asheville visited the C. M. Howies Sunday night. Mrs. Goshnel is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Mary C. Reed.

Charles Bryant and little daughter have been very sick over the week-end with a severe cold.

TERRACES RESHAPED—After row crops are harvested, terraces are re-shaped to help control the winter run-off on the Tippetts farms. The fall season has afforded conservation-minded farmers the chance to renew numerous soil-saving practices started last spring and neglected during crop season.

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CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY Notes

Members of the executive committee of the Christian Assembly, Christmount, met in the Assembly office Monday night with L. T. New presiding. The following members were present: L. T. New, W. A. Davis, George Cook, Frank Dixon, H. W. Haislip, Leo Sanderfur, and M. G. Aldridge.

B&PW Club Hears Two Book Reviews

The lives and accomplishments of two very famous and illustrious women—completely different, but each a success in her own field—were told by Mrs. Gustavo Park and Mrs. Madelon Parks Monday night at the program meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's club at the home of the president, Mrs. John O'Connor.

Mrs. Brown presented the story of G'andma Moses, the amazing farm woman, who at the age of almost 80 after an average lifetime of hard work, took up painting because "rheumatism had stiffened her hands so that she couldn't do the fancy work she had done for years."

Mrs. Parks discussed the life of Madame Pandit, wealthy Indian nationalist who was recently elected president of the United Nations General Assembly, the first woman ever chosen for that post. A sister of India's prime minister Nehru, Madame Pandit was many times jailed—along with other members of her family—for participating in Indian nationalist meetings, processions and public observances of India Independence Day and other anti-British activities.

A trip to Red China last year changed her somewhat sympathetic attitude toward communism. She confessed herself shaken by the slave labor system, cultural regimentation, denial of civil liberties, and the Red's program to make children inform on their parents.

The club voted to cooperate with the Red Cross for the coffee hour at Moore hospital, to sponsor a Girl Scout troop, to send gifts to and help decorate W.N.C. sanatorium at Christmas. They also voted on the National Federation program for next year.

A social hour followed the meeting. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Parks were assistant hostesses.

Stainless Steels Popular
First manufactured as a custom or specialty product, the nickel-containing stainless steels are now produced in large tonnages by many of the steel companies throughout the world.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Gregg
Mrs. Sue Baird Gregg, 53, of Swannanoa, wife of E. B. Gregg, died Monday night at the home after a long illness.

She was the daughter of Will and Elizabeth Clark Baird of Beaverdam and had resided here 21 years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. in Swannanoa Methodist church with the Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor, and the Rev. Miles A. McLean, pastor of A s b u r y Memorial Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park, Black Mountain.

Surviving are the husband, who is chief plant protection engineer at Oerlikon Tool and Arms corp.; one daughter, Mrs. R. P. Ramsey of Black Mountain; two sons, Don of Raleigh and Sgt. Joe Gregg of Donaldson Air Force base, Greenville, S. C.; two brothers, Reagan of Baltimore, Md., and T. V. Baird of Asheville; four sisters, Mrs. Ella Calloway of Beaverdam, Mrs. Clarence Ingle of West Asheville, Mrs. Vista Freeman of Asheville and Mrs. Leonard Hunsucker of Leicester.

Arrangements were under direction of Harrison Funeral Home, Black Mountain.

This was a joint business session with the utility committee. Members of this committee are M. G. Aldridge of Macon, Ga., chairman; George Cook of Black Mountain, vice-chairman; Leo M. Sanderfur of Mt. View, New Jersey, secretary; W. A. Stanley, Beckley, West Va., and W. A. Davis, Black Mountain. All members were present except W. A. Stanley.

Plans were made to connect the Assembly grounds with the Asheville-Black Mountain sewerage system. The committee instructed M. G. Aldridge and Walter Davis to complete the surveys for the Assembly water system and purchase necessary equipment for the project. Mr. Aldridge is a contractor for sewers, water, gas and treatment plants.

The Rev. and Mrs. Homer W. Haislip have just returned from Harlan, Ky. The Rev. Mr. Haislip supplied the pulpit on Sunday in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. C. Lynn White, who is conducting a revival in Ohio. They had some important conferences with members of the Harlan church in regard to Christmount. Silas Campbell, an elder in the Harlan church, is a member of the board of directors of Christmount and expects to visit the Assembly grounds in the near future and assist in developing plans for the first main Assembly building. He is a building contractor. Members of the Harlan church expect to send a delegation to Black Mountain in November for the purpose of selecting a church lot on the Christian Assembly grounds. They hope to be the first church to build a dormitory on the grounds.

Christmount will be well represented in the state convention of Disciples of Christ which will meet at First Christian church in Winston-Salem Nov. 3-5. The following people expect to attend: president and Mrs. L. T. New; Dr. and Mrs. Hilley; Mrs. Mary E. Ale-shire; Dr. and Mrs. Haislip, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Dixon, Mrs. Ed. DuPuy, Jr., and Mrs. Walter A. Davis. Mr. Haislip has been invited by the program committee to present the challenge of Christmount to the convention.

President L. T. New and a group of laymen of this area attended the District Laymen's meeting in Charlotte last week-end. Mr. New presented "Christmount" to the group at the banquet on Saturday night. Wm. H. McKinney, National Director of Men's Work, was the main speaker for the occasion.

Big Stack
The tallest chimney at International Nickel's huge smelter at Copper Cliff, Ontario, is 510 feet high. Its inside diameter of 45 feet at its top is large enough to permit the simultaneous passage of four average size railroad passenger cars.

Nickel in Earth's Crust
Scientists estimate that the earth's crust contains about twice as much nickel as copper, zinc and lead combined.

The United States 1953 lamb crop totaled 19,702,000 head, 7 per cent more than the 18,479,000 head reared in 1952. It was the third successive increase over the previous year.

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ditions beyond his control whenever lunch funds are available for his relief. It is believed and hoped that the citizens of the community will show their backing of this policy by their response in providing the necessary funds.

At the beginning of the school year the P.T.A. carried over a balance of \$256.63. Contributions of \$29 have been received so far. At Ridgecrest, 22 of the 225 children attending school there are receiving milk and a packed lunch

Valley Theatre Group Formed

The Swannanoa Valley Theatre group has been organized to further dramatic entertainment in this area. Mrs. Margaret Kelly has been chosen president of the group and Mrs. W. H. McMurray is serving as vice-president. The group proposes to offer an outlet for the dramatic yearnings of the amateur talent here in the valley. The group will welcome all new members and anyone may join by contacting the officers. A three act comedy, "Broken Dishes" is now in production and will be presented here early in December.

CRUSADERS CLASS WILL COOPERATE IN FUND RAISING

The Crusaders Sunday school class of the Methodist church held its monthly meeting Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Nordhielm in the form of a halloween party. Mrs. James McIlwain president, presided over a short business meeting.

Members decided to concentrate all efforts to raising funds for the new educational building. Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Lionel Nelson and the Rev. W. Scott Root for getting the most apples in the apple bobbing contest. Halloween refreshments consisting of sandwiches, donuts, and apple cider were served. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. McIlwain, Mrs. Carl Kerlee, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Uzzell, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Adams, the Rev. and Mrs. Thad McDonald, the Rev. Mr. Root, and the host and hostess.

MISS WATSON HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Pansy Watson was honored with a bridal shower last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. M. L. Wagner, Jr. in Grovemont. Games appropriate for the occasion were enjoyed during the evening. After Miss Watson had opened the many lovely gifts, refreshments were served to relatives and friends.

Out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. Hughey Watson of Newland and Mrs. Lester Watson of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Alice Broome Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. R. H. Howerton was called to Raleigh last Wednesday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Alice Belk Broome, 85, who died suddenly at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fab Brown, with whom she had made her home.

Mrs. Broome was a sister of the late Dr. George W. Belk of Montreat and an aunt of Mrs. W. H. Armistead.

—HALLOWEEN—
In the cemetery one dark night flew the bats at a terrible flight. Once in sight then up to the flight on the broom away with the witch for a night of gloom. The bats would assume at the smell of perfume that I was in night as tight as a prune. The witch with a spoon as you might guess, was to be a terrible pest. The test was made and the ransom paid, but the witch was al-layed by the pale moon light.

SHUMATE VISITORS
Mrs. H. C. Goolsby of Atlanta spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Shumate and Mr. Shumate. Mr. Goolsby came up Saturday to accompany her home Sunday.

Mrs. T. A. Whicker and small son Marc, from Thomasville spent the past week with her grandmother, Mrs. Shumate and Mr. Shumate. Dr. Whicker drove up Sunday morning to take them home. Mrs. Whicker is the former Miss Betty Goolsby.

Black Mountain High School AS WE SEE OURSELVES

Nancy Thompson and Judy Capps. As October draws to a close, King Football has reached its supremacy at Black Mountain High. By beating an overconfident Candler eleven Friday night at Canton by a score of 24-20, Black Mountain is in an ideal position to take County Conference laurels again this year. Everyone will be pulling for Buff and his Darkhorses in the two games left to play in the 1953 football season. Weaverville-Barnardsville on October 30 and Swannanoa on November 6. Let's go Darkhorses!

The cheering section at the game Friday was much louder and greatly improved. Everyone who was planning to attend the game Friday met in the gym during activity period and practiced the yells and cheers under the leadership of the cheerleaders. The meeting was a big success and we suggest that it be tried again.

We, the students of Black Mountain, would like to thank Mr. Byrd for organizing our intramural sports. They have been a big success, especially the games between the men of the faculty and the students. Mr. Shuford received a loud round of applause when he appeared on the volley ball court and all of the spectators enjoyed watching him play. The faculty has won two games and will be a hard team to beat. This week girls and boys volleyball, girls flag football and boys basketball games are scheduled for every student who wishes to participate.

The Junior class will sponsor a Halloween dance Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the high school gym. They invite all high school students to join in the fun.

There is a closer harmony between the faculty and student body than ever before. We will all have beautiful memories of these wonderful fall months in school for years to come.

The Senior class has become very busy in preparation for the annual Sadie Hawkins dance which is to be held Nov. 13. Classes have begun to elect their Daisy Mae's and Lil Abner's to compete for the title. At this dance there will be booths, cake walks, dances, and plenty to keep one busy. The Seniors are hoping for a large attendance.

An added class at school usually bring excited remarks. The dancing class mentioned last week in this article, has begun with the Seniors having the first lessons under the capable direction of Mrs. Humphries. Gradually the class will increase to include others of the student body. The feeling developed will be a big step toward the social standards of our high school.

The local chapter of the Family Life Council met at the YMCA in Asheville, Monday 26. This meeting was a get acquainted dance with Black Mountain furnishing decorations and Lee Edwards pro-

vided the music. This load alone for the balance of the school year will cost about \$1100. Records show that during the winter months the free lunch load increases and many more applications are received. Packed lunches must be purchased for the Ridgecrest children since there is no cafeteria in that building.

However, teachers at Ridgecrest have reported that before the packed lunches were started on Sept. 22, an average of six or seven children of the group now receiving lunches were absent daily. Since lunches are being provided this figure has dropped to one or two daily. This shows, beyond question, that a lunch may mean the difference in a child's attending school regularly. Poor attendance at school is one of the major problems that face us in our schools and communities today.

At the grammar school building 10% of the children fed daily through the school cafeteria can be furnished free lunch by the "School" Lunch Fund. These cases are also investigated by Mrs. Garland and her committee. A maximum of 60 children can be fed through the "School" lunch fund daily. Any number above that must be provided for with funds collected by the P.T.A. from the community.

All persons are being asked to contribute first through their club or organization, but any individual may, if he desires, send funds either to Mrs. Stanley Garland, lunch room chairman, or to Mrs. J. M. Woodcock, ways and means free lunch chairman. Donations may be sent in full at this time or in pledges to be fulfilled before June 1, 1953.

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