

MANY BLACK MOUNTAIN MERCHANTS WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS TILL CHRISTMAS FOR YOUR SHOPPING CONVENIENCE.

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REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

I'd like to acknowledge gifts of peaches, tangerines, and a cocoa... with real milk from Florida... a sack of pecans fresh from a packing plant at Dawson, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Russell and... have just returned from... vacation at New Smyrna Beach. Roy is an employee of the News. He has pictures to prove that he caught 72 fish the first day... Since he hasn't produced... of the fish, we're all waiting... of the pictures. According to him the fish were... around the coast the... week he was there that it... dangerous to stick a foot or... overboard. The fish would... same and rush off to parts... known. But Fenton Cunningham, Her... Talley, Stuart Nanney, and... rest of us have the answer... that. It hasn't rained around... for so long that the game... from WNC have migrated to... so that the babies can be... to swim.

Maybe I was wrong when I... called members of the Metho... church official board deans... instead of stewards. Maybe... did have the third member... the cast in the wrong congrega... I admit all that but I... emphatically deny that I damag... anybody's character. When one of the so-called... called to inform me that... was having his lawyer check... story for libel, on the... grounds that his character had... defamed, I was careful to... myself so that it would... get into print: (Censored).

As Oden Walker would say, Gentle Readers, I ask you to... had the Reflections again from... at week and see if I made the... mistake of accusing anyone of... living a (one nine-letter word... are deleted by censor).

If so, I'm sorry. Well, anyway he looked like... Baptist and they look like...acons. A rose by any other... is just as sweet.

Thought for The Week Many a man now wishes he had... money during the depres... so he could afford to live... prosperity.

Christmas is not what it once... was. James F. Pinkney, general... of American Trucking... Inc., Washington, speaker at the award dinner in... Winston-Salem two weeks ago,... pointed out that a few years... ago, many of us can still remem... oranges and bananas were... to be had only at... Christmas time.

Time was not so many years... ago when the trip to town the... Sunday before Christmas to... oranges, nuts, bananas, apples and other goodies was an... event to be remembered and... looked forward to all year long. Living on a farm in Tennessee, several miles out in the country, we can well remember arising... before daylight on that... morning, eating a hasty... breakfast, wrapping up until we... looked like Eskimos, and then... riding in the back of the bug... for the ride into Knoxville. The... lap robes and blankets kept... us of the heat from the hot... suns but it was a cold ride, and... happy one in to see the... Christmas lights, the toys, and... the other things that go to... make Christmas.

Those who were lucky enough... to go were looked upon by the... others with a certain amount of... respect for long afterwards. And... we were good we might even... go to eat in a restaurant and... sample a few of the Christmas... goods before we reached home... that evening—tired, cold, but... happy.

At that time one of the... greatest delicacies was the choco... late candy. It was really choco... late covered cream which had... habit of melting and sticking... everything within sight. What worried me for a long... time was how on earth Santa... Claus could know to pick out... the same things you always... found in the closets a few days... before the Day of Days.

But Christmas has changed. Most of the things we considered... luxuries then are necessities to... day. How could we get along... without them? That is a result... of better roads, better commun... ications, improved methods of... shipping fresh fruits via rail... roads to the major points and... the trucks to every town and... community of any size across the... nation. Progress has caught up... with us and we have had to... change our thinking. The next... hundred years should be best.

New Assistant



Harry Gatton of Statesville has been appointed to the post of special assistant on the staff of Senator Alton Lennon. Former Young Democrat club official, Mr. Gatton is a native of Iredell county and has been connected with the newspaper in Statesville and manager of the radio station there. He is a graduate of Carolina.

Mrs. Nesbitt To Present Program

The High School P.T.A. will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the school library. Mrs. Tom Nesbitt will be in charge of the program. A panel discussion on the Family Life meeting held in Greensboro recently will be presented by Mrs. Nesbitt and girls. They will give the devotionals also. A report on the joint activities of the executive board of the P.T.A.'s of the Swannanoa Valley will be made.

Methodists Will Discuss Building Sunday Morning

A congregational meeting will be held at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning, Dec. 6, at the State Street Methodist church to discuss important matters concerning the building program. T. W. Nesbitt, building program chairman, has announced.

Reports will be heard from Mr. Nesbitt, from H. W. Sanders, building fund chairman, and from the architect, Robert Orr. The congregation will be asked to decide whether the sanctuary or the new educational building should be erected first. Cards announcing this meeting have been mailed to the entire membership.

JUNIOR ORDER WILL CONFER THIRD DEGREE

Black Mountain Council 145 Junior Order will confer the third degree on a class of candidates on Monday, Dec. 7, 7:30 at the hall.

Visitors will be present from Biltmore, Hominy Valley, and Candler.

WILSONS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson have moved into the W. A. Huneycutt apartment.

Subjects Many But Salary Low For School Term 1939

Things have changed since that hot August day way back in 1899 when school opened for the fall term in Black Mountain. On that hot morning the teacher, S. O. Ingram, whose salary was all of \$30 per month, rolled up his sleeves and went about the tasks that face a teacher on opening day.

The school committee, composed of G. A. Morgan, Billy Goodson, and Charlie Patton, were probably congratulating themselves on having found a man who could teach all the subject matter found in Holmes' Readers, Sanfords' Arithmetic, Maury's 'Jogaphy', Harvey's Grammar, Harrington's Speller, Steele's Physics, and Barnes' U. S. History.

The age of the students ranged from 6 to 18. The family names are still very much in evidence in the community.

Here's the school roll: Walter Chandler, Roy Chandler, Ider Chandler, Arthur Chandler, Eller Fortune, Willie Fortune, Richard Fortune, Pearl Fortune, Allen Grag, Homer Grag, Finley Gray, Maud Hall, Finley Hall, Jiney Hall, Winfred Hall, Wila Hall, Seretha Holyfield, Jirdeen Holyfield, Eller Ingram, Maykerry Ingram, Gornie Ingram, Cora Ingle, Malonie Jones, Frances Jones, Whrenfred Jones, Jessie Morgan, Sandy Morgan, Mallie Morgan, Bessie Morgan, Sudie Morgan, Myrtle Morgan, Otto Merida, Iven Merida, Nina Merida, Johnnie Owsby, Pearl Patton, Ella Patton, Cora Patton, Kitty Rea, Jessie Rea, Anna Smith, Nora Smith, Tony Smith, Ab Smith, Leny Turner, Robert Foster, William Foster, Farlin York, Ethel York, Nora Wainscott, Joe Wainscott, James Wainscott, John Love, Martha Rhymmer, Bird McKee, Lee Patton, Sallie Patton, Grover Patton, Arthur Patton, Carl Patton, Fleetie Watkins, and Paul Dickerson.

The roll changed somewhat for the 1900 and the 1901 school terms. In 1900 the following new names were added: Mildred Cliffe, Omar Clark, Hamilton Adams, Fred, Roy, Julia, Selma, and Lena Buchanan, May and Garland Bird, Will Foster, Richard Fortune, Finley Hall, Ilena, John, and George Lanning, Beulah Morgan, Luther and Addie Powers, Marshall Merida, Oscar and Florence Presley, Harry and Gay May Patton, Lizzie Randolph, and Charlie and Mattie Taylor.

Schools in those days closed in December or else they kept the records somewhere else. For the term of 1900 Meek Kerlee was the teacher and the school board had seen fit to cut the salary, slim as it was at first, to \$25 per month. Maybe that was why they traded teachers.

Meek Kerlee taught the 1900-1901 term as far as the records go, through February. But when school opened in June—they had strange school terms in those days—the teacher was M. P. Darby. The salary was still \$25.00 per month. The book ended in December, 1901. Either they got a new book, chased the teacher off and closed the school, or someone tore out the rest of the record.

Evidently the people who published the textbooks had an idea of what teachers' salaries should be.—Turn to Page 10

Famous Square Dance Team Coming For Exhibition!



Committee Needs Holiday Gifts On Warm Clothing

The P.T.A. Free Lunch Investigating committee working with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Junior Woman's club, urges everyone who has discarded toys and good warm clothing of all sizes, to bring them to City Hall or call one of the committee members they may call for them. Time is getting short and the response to this appeal has been a little slow. Some of the toys may need repairs or dolls dressed, so please do not put off sending us the things you do not need, as there are many in our community who do need them badly.

A box has also been placed in Collins Department store to collect these items. If you have anything, the committee will appreciate your bringing or sending it in right away.

WORKING AT COMMUNITY BUILDING SET SATURDAY

There will be a working at the Broad River community building Saturday all day, Bert Nanney, president of the community council has announced.

The floors will be poured, the windows finished, and the gables shingled. All able-bodied men of the community are invited to come and participate in this worthy cause.

Holiday Gifts On Sale Saturday

Do two good deeds in one. Gifts for holiday use or as household pretties made by patients of the W.N.C. sanatorium are being offered for sale at Lucas Office Supply store Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Masonic Banquet Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the annual Masonic banquet of Lodge 663 AFAM have been placed on sale by George McAfee at the Black Mountain Hardware. The banquet will be Friday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., at Assembly Inn, Montreat.

Those planning to attend are requested to pick up tickets as soon as possible and to be on time for the banquet, promptly at 7 o'clock. Deadline to buy tickets is Thursday, Dec. 10. Speaker for the evening will be Ronald E. Finch, former member of the state legislature, with W. C. Honeycutt serving as master of ceremonies.

Black Mountain Cagers To Play Fairview Friday

The Black Mountain High school basketball teams will open the season here Friday night when they meet Fairview in a double-header starting at 7:30.

On Tuesday night the first of a two game series for the championship of the Swannanoa Valley will be played here with the Swannanoa Warriors. This will be an important game for both teams and should give an indication of how they'll fare during the coming season.

Three regulars are back and will form the nucleus around which Coach Buffalo Humphries will build his 1953-54 edition of the Darkhorses. These are Gerald Burgess, forward, Dale Ritchie, high scoring center, and E. V. George, guard.

Others who have been showing up well in early drills include Dave Parris, Dan Reece, and Belcher at forward, Patsy Cordell at center, and Ed Buchanan, Calvin Runion, Billy Henderson, and Glen Melton at guard.

The Darkhorses will be inexperienced and will need several games to perfect their teamwork, Coach Humphries believes.

Down at the other end of the court Coach Eugene Byrd is faced with the problem of finding replacements for five of his six starters who last spring walked off with the Buncombe county championship.

Only Alma Ballew, all-county guard last year is returning. Gone are such stars as Madge Wilhide, top scorer of the county last year, Evelyn Cooper, all-county forward who broke the tournament scoring mark with 84 points, Thelma Payne, forward, and guards, Anna Marie Molloy and Valeen Cooper.

Judy Capps and Ballew have been elected co-captains of the team which will be chosen from the list of candidates: forwards, Lynda Sue Martin, Patsy Tyson, Ann Leatherwood, Doris McMahan, Dale Wrenn, Essie Smathers, Ann Elliott, Mattie Summey, and Jackie Sarti, manager.

Guard candidates are Nancy Jo Thompson, out at present with injury, Bluzie Brown, Joyce Justus, Dot Allen, Myrna Bartlett, Judy Cordell, Nora Williams, and "Sis" Melton.

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"Broken Dishes" At Swannanoa For Two Night Stand

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, at the Swannanoa High school auditorium the Swannanoa Valley Theatre group will present "Broken Dishes", a clean, wholesome, charming little comedy packed with laughs.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. and will feature James (Jug) Walden, Margaret Kelly, "Pud" Penley, Betty Alexander, Clarence Wilson, and other local performers. Prices will be 75 cents for adults and 30 cents for students. The play is laugh filled and is a "must" for everyone who enjoys a good comedy. They story concerns a hen-pecked husband, and in this case the author uses one as a hero, a very timid one, but never-the-less a hero. Come out to the play and bring your family and friends for an evening of enjoyment.

Anniversary



Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Blue Ridge who celebrated his 78th birthday at his home Tuesday. Founder of Blue Ridge assembly and nationally known author, lecturer, religious and educational leader Dr. Weatherford was instrumental in securing the services of Paul Green to write a drama about the Appalachian mountains as a means of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Berea college. The drama will be completed and ready for presentation in 1955.

A member of the Berea college board of trustees for 38 years, Dr. Weatherford is vice chairman of the board and has the responsibility of fund raising.

"A CHILD IS BORN" TO BE PRESENTED HERE

"A Child Is Born", the famous Nativity drama by Pulitzer Prize Winner Stephen Vincent Benet, will be presented by the Vagabond Touring Theatre professional company at First Baptist church on Montreat road at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6.

National Truck Safety Award



The North Carolina Motor Carriers association was presented the national truck safety award during a special dinner celebration of the 50th anniversary of the trucking industry held at the Robert E. Lee hotel in Winston-Salem. Present were guests from the state legislature, press and radio, state, county, and federal governments. Speaker for the occasion was James F. Pinkney, general counsel, American Trucking association, Washington. W. C. Honeycutt, Mayor G. L. Kirkpatrick, Ashby McCoy, and Gordon Greenwood attended the dinner. Shown in the above picture are Edward Schreidt and J. T. Outlaw, Raleigh.

CLASS WILL SPONSOR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The Co-Workers Sunday school class of the Methodist church will sponsor a white elephant sale on Friday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship room of the church. It will be the regular monthly meeting and covered dish supper for the class.

Every member of the class is urged to be present and to bring items wrapped to be auctioned at the sale. Proceeds will be used to replenish the class treasury.

Dr. Miller Moves To New Building

Dr. H. R. Miller has moved his office to the McGraw Medical building, East State street. He will occupy the building along with Dr. S. S. Cooley.

H. McGuire Wood, contractor who did the work and several sub-contractors, congratulate Dr. Miller in an advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue. The building was used for several years for the McGraw Coffee house. Later the front was converted into an office for Dr. Cooley. Some time ago work was begun to remodel the place to accommodate both Drs. Miller and Cooley.

Nancy Daugherty received treatment at the Mission hospital Monday night for a fractured bone in her foot.

Mrs. Northcott's First Grade Surprises Parents!



The children in Mrs. J. G. Northcott's first grade surprised their parents with a Thanksgiving program and tea on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The rhythm band is shown here waiting to perform with the leader, Mrs. Charlene Maydwell. Refreshments were served to the parents and children at the close of the program.

Those in the picture include, left to right, first row, Johnny Watson, Louise Moore, Nancy Parker, Janice Nanney, Cheryl Barbera, Wanda Blankenship, Jean Hudgins, Carole Suttles, Kaye Suttles, Carolyn Wheeler, Roger Beddingfield, and Deborah Melton (director).

Second row, left to right, Brenda Stafford, Albert Holcomb, Kay Watkins, Peggy Stevens, Larry Brooks, William Copeland, Ronnie Pressley, Richard Gahagan, Oneal Davis, Barbara Aiken, Mrs. Maydwell, and Patty Rogers.

Third row, left to right, June Quinn, Gary Watkins, Roger Miller, Carl Mundy, Ronnie Gardner, Ann Hall, Brenda Warren, Michael Causey, and Robert Dalton. (Photo by Edward Dupuy)