Black Mountain Boys Take Junior Deputy Sheriff's Pledge!

VOL. 9, NO. 17.

THUR AY, DECEMBER 31, 1953, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

8 PAGES TODAY

League Director

Leonard Keever

Leonard Keever of Black Moun-

tain is director of the Junior Dep-

which to live.

The schedule:

Jan. 6

School floor.

TO HAVE BUSY WEEK

The Beacon Blanketeers will

have a busy week, playing strong

5c PER COPY

REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

hree-year-old Thad McDonald evidently thought his mama forgotten who she was. When doing something she told Fort road. Thad! I mean it."

You mama!'

Letter from Georgia.

The pecan and peanut farmof South Georgia have been d hit this year. The paper Il pecans have shells as thick a walnut and the heavy shell ieties have plenty of shell no goodies. The peanuts plentiful but no market. th Georgia farmers have lost estimated \$6,000,000 on this vation all brought about, we nk, by the Republican admination in Washington.

"And the cotton farmers have hard hit, too. The wareses are bulging with cotton, price is low, the support for crops is not adequate, and boll weavils are staging a meback. Mr. Eisenhower tainly has messed things up general in Georgia.

Even the weather has been cted. This year there has snow, frost, and cold ther 'way down south. Even Republicans' weather man is

"Guess that's enough for one . Write us soon and come us when you can. But you'd fer hurry. Within a few more s all we'll have to offer will sow belly, collard greens, and potliker. Our days of high on the hog are about

ar from you when have time. Postage stamps still only 3 cents but the e of collard greens is goup. They're getting pretty ce here in the Deep South." -R-

It could have happened, but

off to a safe distance, and coming back after the exn and gathering in the fish. Warden, please note: I know this story is the fiction).

this particular day they out plying their trade and ying a day in the sunshine. prepared their charge (Mr. Warden, I have no idea how went about this task. And I remember who told me the and tossed it in. As they d and leisurely walked away heard a sound that caused to literally freeze in their For the first time they ght of the small Rat Terrier had followed them that ning. He was swimming with is might out toward the smok-

dynamite. ney yelled and called but the had learned his lesson well. kept right on going and grasp-the charge in his mouth and ed toward shore. At this point two heroes, whoever they have been, broke all speed ds as they raced for the timber.

ey looked back over their lders, the dog was out of the er now and was gaining ground n alarming pace.

ere were two tall locust trees ng about 20 feet apart nearand they headed for these. thorns made not the least rence as they skinned up a each to the topmost branch

dog, dynamite and all, came up. Seeing the two men erent trees he couldn't dewhich one to honor with his nce, which probably saved He sat down midway bethe trees, placed his prey en his paws, and barked hap-

That was the last seen of shook the locust trees to

AND MRS. POTTER TEND WEDDING

r. and Mrs. J. L. Potter spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. etteville. On Sunday evening tapers in silver holders. attended the wedding of the tist church at Fayetteville. turday evening they attended W. cake cutting at Miss Gaines'

OOP 97 WILL MEET

Lakey Gap Citizens, Township Roads '84

Lakey Gap road begins at the was being just a bit obstinate intersection of Fairview and Old Flat Creek. to-she warned: "Now I'm straight up the creek part of the way and part of the way it would foot-log to walk across. had looked up—surprised—and be on the banks of the creek. In Many people today might not know what a foot-log is. A footing his head said, "No, you not those days they made all roads straight to the foot of the moun-

> As you started up the mountain the right side of the road and Riley Melton lived there. Years later there was a government still over to the left of the road; they made and sold "good old to the log would wash around to the other side of the bank; mountain dew."

> Straight up the mountain to the time Broad River was part of Mc-Dowell county; it was later cut off to Buncombe county to Buncombe county. The road came on across the

> drain. In between these two street were in the woods. roads was a house and an old There were three houses below

in the same vicinity.

looks as if it never could have ever saw. had so much stuff hauled over Above the railroad Silas Doughstory may or may not be In those days that brought in a and Dougherty street. He was officer will be Ronald E. Finch, Burgin, Steve Byrd, Buddy Carp-gene Burgess, Kelly Caldwell, lot of dollars and cents.

well known method of tossing the left, the other to the right. They had three children, Con., parter stick of dynamite with The right road led straight to Walter and Mrs. A. F. Tyson. They ng fuse into a deep pool, hur- Black Mountain. There were no

between the Gustavino bridge and

The road came Creek at that time; there was a

Many people today might not log was a big log with about half of the top hewed off; it was put across the creek and both ends there was a house which stood on put down on solid ground. The log had a chain fastened to one end and the other end of the chain was fastened to a tree. When there was a flood the loose end the chain would hold the log and top was the county line. At that the water went down folks would

The road went across the field mountain, which is Lakey Gap, about where the riding stable is The road came on over a bluff, now; up to Black Mountain down the left side of a drain until evenue, now crossing the railroad it crossed the drain. It was later and up Cherry street to No. 70 changed to the right side of the highway; both sides of Cherry

lady lived there by the name of the railroad: the old Joe Stepp Freeman. There was a large rock house, which stood on the corner below this house in the bank of of Black Mountain avenue and the road and a man broke a jug Vance avenue, a big double log of old mountain dew against it house. Next was the McKay buildand it went by the name of Joy ing. It was just below the brick building where Mrs. Addie Brit-Straight on down the mountain tain lives today. It was a twothere was a church built on the story wooden building. The Miside of the road; they called it Kay family lived on the second Lakey Gap church. Lakey Gap floor; Mr. McKay had his store on church was a well built log house, the first floor. The McKays had Over to the right from the church three children: Mrs. Brittain, Mrs. in a field is where Tommy Stepp Lilly Wilson, and J. M. McKay, lived. John Williamson, Pink Jr. The other house stood between Bartlett, Jeff Deal, the Rev. John the Hosiery Mill and railroad. The Evans and his son-in-law all lived Aldridge family lived there. Mr. Aldridge was a railroad engineer. To look at that old road now His wife was are largest woman I

-Turn to Page 8

Observe 25th Wedding Anniversary



There was a loud explosion Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wells Receive 250 foundation but the two Guests At 25th Anniversary Reception

trees and set out for home the occasion of their twenty-fifth three-tiered wedding cake topped homing pigeon. Which is wedding anniversary, received apwith wedding bells were used on Gahagan, Reese end of a purely fictional story, proximately 250 guests at a rete or less.

with wedding belts were used on
the table which was covered with
ception held Saturday afternoon,
an imported lace cutwork cloth Dec. 26, at Assembly Inn, Mon- an imported lace cutwork cloth. Open Station treat, from 4 to 6 o'clock. White This was used in front of a backchrysanthemums tied with silver ground of an exquisite arrangeribbons were used throughout the ment of greenery, white snapdrag-

Mrs. William Holcombe greeted Thomas. ke's son William M. Clarke the guests and introduced them Stanley Garland. Tall white tap- goodbye.

ey dropped hurriedly out of Mr., and Mrs. W. F. Wells, on ers in silver candelabra and the assisted in serving by Mrs. C. D.

During the afternoon Mrs. Roger Miss Dorcas Gains in the to the following who were in the Viverette rendered a delightful the gas station and Mr. Gahagan receiving line: the Rev. and Mrs. program of piano request num- the recapping department. He has A. Huneycutt, Mr. and Mrs. bers. Guests were shown to the had 17 years' experience in that Wells, Miss Joyce Wells and Billy coat room by Miss Thelma May- type work.

Officers Friday

Masonic Lodge

Will Install

iam Hinkle, treasurer; C. C. Nan- Jerry Kerlee, Thomas Marett, Jones, Stephen Lunsford, David iam Hinkle, treasurer; C. C. Nanney, secretary; R. W. Queen, sender McCall, Billy Moore, Larry McFalls, Jimmie Morrow, Charles and Carl Crisp, junior dea. Morris, Randolph Morris, Wayne Sexton, Robert Sparks, Ted Tilley, con; Leslie Gwaltney, senior stew. Morrow, Ben Mundy, Dallas Nan- Charles Thompson, David Tyson ard; Leonard Keever, junior stew. ney, James Norton, Charles Queen, and Tommy White. ard; W. R. Copeland, tiler; W. A. Bobby Rickman, John Rogers, County Photo) Huneycutt, chaplain; Wade Mor- Charles Roland, Arthur Slagle, row, organist; J. E. Boring, Crait Slagle, Ray Smith, Erwin BROAD RIVER HOME

Finch traced the history of the local lodge from its formation in 1925 down to the present day. It lee, J. A. Walker, L. E. Sigmon, W. W. Jackson, W. B. Kyles, C. W. T. A. Brown, H. D. Crawford, A. Peterson, Lodge unknown; G. A. Ga., Lodge.

The records show that G. Frank Hall and A. G. Callison were the first two persons to receive the degrees from the newly formed Lodge.

The following have served as Baptist Church master of the Lodge: G. E. Kerlee, Dinsmore Crawford, 1929; A. G. Callison, 1930-32; W. B. Kyles, 1933; Robert Hines, 1934; G. L. Kirkpatrick, 1935-36; H. A. Kerlee, 1937; Robert Williams, 1938; R. 1944; Ronald E. Finch, 1945-46; day evening until March 3.

W. W. Reese and Bob Gahagan jour" lobby. The mantle was centered ons, carnations and mums. Mrs. have opened an automobile service Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Clarke of wedding bells flanked by white punch bowl. Mrs. W. I. Willis was Pure Oil building on East State Study Week in January. street.

Mr. Reese will be in charge of

longs to them.

Wells, Mrs. E. H. Knight directed field of Swannanoa, Miss Marcia The new station and shop will at the Swannanoa Free Will Bap- of the guests to the register where Williams of Asheville and Miss specialize in complete auto and tist church Thursday night at Mrs. J. W. Gibbs presided. They Doris Higginbotham, all college tire service. The two owners have 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordialing.

This group of Black Mountain Murphy, Jerald Mundy, Harry boys, with raised hands, signify Nanney, Tommy Nesbitt, Harry their intention of following the Oakes, Albert Padgett. rules as laid down by the pledge Mack Padgett, Jimmy Page which is taken by those joining Ernest Payne, Jack Payne, Edward the Junior Deputy Sheriff's Payne, Jr., Roy Plemmons, William League of Buncombe county. Mr. Pressley, Melvin Reese, J. D.

Officers for Black Mountain boys are now members: Bobby le, Richard Simmons, David Snel-There was lumber, tan bark, erty had a store near where the Lodge 663 AF&AM will be install- Ammons, Carl Bartlett, Glen Bart- ling, Jr., Wayne Smith, Alan Tay poplar squares, cross ties, acid Junior Lodge hall is today. He ed at a stated communication Fri- lett, Joe Blankenship, Alfred lor, Tommy Wagner, Larry White, wood, apples, chickens and eggs. lived up on the corner of State day evening at 7:30. Installation Brooks, Calvin Brooks, Vonlee Tony Willis, John Woodcock, Eumarried twice. I did not know a past master who was principal enter, John Clements, Jimmy Billy Dougherty, Vernon Hampton, The road forked at the Gust- his first family. His second wife speaker at the annual banquet Creasman, Raymond Denny, Julian Marett, Powell Morris, Dano men were out fishing using avino's bridge. One road led to was Jimmy McNair Dougherty, held at Assembly Inn, Montreat. Thomas Dickens, Tommy Gaddy, nie Pressley, David Price, Fred Officers for 1954 are: F. P. Kenneth Giard, Ronnie Hall, Rollins, Howard Stafford, George Higginbotham, worshipful master; Charles Harris, J. D. Harwood, Swafford, Jesse Sexton, Tom-R. H. Burgin, senior warden; G. Alan Holcombe, Robert Hutchins, my Sobol, Mickie Corbin, Douglas D. Tatham, junior warden; Will- Harold Hyatt, Sherman Hyder, Faulkner, Danny Hensley, David Sneed, Ronald Solesbee, Terry Swann, Tommy Thompson, Bobby DEMONSTRATION CLUB Speaking at the banquet Ronald Watkins, Eugene Wheelon, Joe HAS CHRISTMAS TEA Stanley

was on January 25, 1925, that the Frankie Bartlett, Roy Blankenship, at the home of Mrs. Dick Tarbert, with headquarters in Washington, following men met and formed the Tommy Blizzard, Jr., James Brooks, Mrs. John E. Benedict, Mrs. Hor- D. C Black Mountain Lodge: G. E. Ker- Wendall Brown, Franklin Burnett, ace Moore and Mrs. Ray Kirstein Robert Byrd, Carl Clark, Freddie assisted the hostess. The home Mountain school, Mr. Keever began Clark, Tim Corbin, Bobby Cordell, was beautifully decorated with his new duties on Nov. 1. Bun-Brown, G. K. Barnhill, Carl Ker- Earl Craig, David Crumpler, Ray Christmas greenery and snow combe county is one of the first lee, C. M. Buckner, J. O. Burgin, Davis, David Dupuy, Ashley Frady, flakes on the picture window. The in the state to be organized. Clarence Frady, Sammy Freeman, table was arranged with silver JDSL has as its objectives: to A. Hegeman, and G. V. Stepp, all Bobby Gallion, Floyd Gillis, James candelabra and a center piece of acquaint the boys of Buncombe from the Swannanoa Lodge: J. K. Grant, Kenneth Grant, Gerald Christmas bells. Guests were each county with the procedures of Griffis, Richard Hamilton, Anthony presented with small Christmas law enforcement; to give some Burgin, and Gordon Crawford, Old Hampton, Samie Harwood, Jimmy bells. Fort Lodge; G. M. Whitaker and Hinely, Joseph Hensley, J. W. HolThe group autographed a red in the community such as help W. Dillingham, Barnardsville lifield, Oscar Jones, Everett Ken- linen tablecloth to be presented keep the school and grounds Lodge; W. C. Smith, Stocksville dall, Mack Kirkpatrick, Johnny to Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, county clean, assist in parking cars in Lodge; G. L. Pritchard, La Grange Kitchen, Bruce Knupp, Jamie home demonstration agent. Later uniform order so that any person Lodge, and W. H. Suttle, Palla, Knupp, Jack Leatherwood, Jr., they sang Christmas carols and who wishes to leave before activ-Dean Ledbetter, George Loftin, exchanged handmade gifts. Vack Lunsford, David Marett, Roy McGinnis, Tony McMahan, Lloyd Moore, Stanley Moore, James

1925; G. K. Barnhill, 1926; W. W. At Swannanoa To Jackson, 1927; G. A. Burgin, 1928;

The First Baptist church, Swan-R. Viverette, 1939-40; W. H. Pow- nanoa, begins "Studies in the as, 1941; G. L. Kirkpatrick, 1942; Psalms" Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. This A. Burgin, 1943; R. T. Greene, study will continue each Wednes-

Cecil Ham, 1947; Clyde Watkins, The book used as a guide is that 1948; Frank Hudson, 1949; Cecil of the above title written by Dr. Nanney, 1950; Leroy Mashburn, Kyle M. Yates, Houston, Texas. 1951; Robert Hauth, 1952; J. E. authority in Hebrew and Old Testament. The various themes are: "God's high moral standard": "Thanksgiving and shouting"; 'The Good Shepherd"; "The Holy Scriptures"; "How deal with Sin"; 'Forgiveness and Satisfaction"; "Faith, courage, and Serenity"; "Longing for God and His Sanctuary"; and "Foregleams of the Sav-

This study is being made by ther's brother-in-law and sis- with an arrangement of silver W. E. Vernon, Sr. presided at the station and recapping shop in the many churches in the annual Bible The Rev. Charles W. Smith is church pastor.

WATCH SERVICE AT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Keever of Black Mountin is idirector Roberts, Roger Rogers, Dennis of the program, which is being Roland, Talmadge Roberts, J. C. organized in all county schools. Rollins, Wendall Runnion, Roy The following Black Mountain Sanders, Fred Shook, Robert Slag-

The Broad River Home Demon-Earl Allison, Larry Atkins, stration club held its annual tea JDSL is a national organization

ity is completed may do so with-

Those attending besides the out interference; to set up some hostesses were Mrs. Charles Fort- types of recreation for members ane, Jr., Mrs. Nellie Marlowe, Mrs. to occupy their idle time; to teach Hardy Craig, Mrs. Paul Brown children that the policemen are Marlowe, Mrs. Roy Marlowe, Mrs. their friends and are trying to Emil Kirstein, Mrs. E. B. Kimsey, maintain a safe community in and Mrs. Dewey Kirstein.

FARRS VISIT IN S. C. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Farr, Grover cedure to curb juvenile delinquenand Jack, A. C. Owenby and Mr. cy in Buncombe county in the and Mrs. G. H. Farr of Swannanoa youth. spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farr and family in BEACON CAGE TEAMS Marietta, S. C.



Dr. and Mrs. Frank Howard Richardson announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Cad-There will be a watch service bury to Thomas Charles Innes, son the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Innes of Asheville. Miss Richardson is HOME FROM HOSPITAL the physical therapist at Victoria of Scout troop 97 will meet were then shown to the table by mates of Miss Wells. Dr. and leased the building from the Pure ly invited to come and hear the faculty of the Fairview High day at 3:15 p. m. at the City Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and Mrs. Mrs. J. N. Binford bade the guests Oil company. The equipment be- special speakers and special speakers and special speakers and special sing- school. Wedding plans are incom-

Dies In Hospital On Christmas Day Funeral services for Dr. James

Dr. J. M. Buckner

M. Buckner, 74, Swannanoa physician who died at 2 a.m. Christmas Day in an Asheville hospital, were held Sunday afternoon at the Swannanoa Presbyterian church. Burial was in the church ceme-

The Rev. George Talbot, pastor, and the Rev. H. B. Dendy of Weaverville officiated. Masons of the Swannanoa Lodge of which he was a member conducted graveside rites. Women of the church served as flower bearers.

Son of Robert Dallas and Harriet Amanda Buckner, he was born Mars Hill, attended Candler High school, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina Medical School in 1908.

After graduation he practiced at Mt. Vernon, Ky., Walnut, and Democrat before coming to Swannanoa more than 42 years ago. Dr. Buckner's father was in Swannanoa on business and happened to mention that he had a son who was a doctor and looking for a community which needed medical service.

At that time Swannanoa was without an active physician, Dr. R. I. Wilson having passed away short time before. The two Harrison brothers, H. R. and D. W., who were in business together at that time, talked to Dr. Buckner's father and were responsible for bringing the young physician to the community. So eager were they to have him that they offered to furnish board free the first month if he "didn't have enough practice to make expen-

But he was successful from the start. He lived with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harrison at the start and is remembered by the older residents of the community as "the doctor who never refused a call, day or night." Using a horse and buggy he soon gained recognition as a good doctor, a man with a ready wit, and one who could be relied upon to answer any and all calls. He was noted throughout his career for the medical care he gave to the poor.

It is recalled by some of those who were in Swannanoa when the ambitious young doctor made his debut that on the day he was to arrive there was one of the heaviest snows of the winter and he had a hard time getting through with his horse and buggy from

Democrat. He was active in civic and political affairs of the community, the county, and the state.

uty Sheriff's League of Buncombe Dr. Buckner was a member of county which is being organized Buncombe County Medical Socin each school. Operated through iety, 10th District Medical Society, the sheriff's department, the North Carolina Medical Society and Southern Medical Association. He was a member of the staff of Memorial Mission Hospital and St. A former teacher in the Black Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

He was president of the University of North Carolina medical class of alumni in 1940 and 1941. He attended Swannanoa Presbyterian church and was a member of Swannanoa Lodge 561, AF and AM, and the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of the Valley of small details to do at school and

To Be Married

Asheville. He was a charter mem-

-Turn to Page 8



Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gouge of at Beacon Black Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter Joyce Elaine to Robert Bond Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Byrd of Morganton, N. C. The wedding will take place in early fall.

MISS SHIRLEY PRESSLEY WED TO RAY HART

at Clearwater

at Mars Hill

at Beacon

Donkey Basketball

Miss Shirley Pressley, daughter of F. H. Pressley of Swannanoa, and Roy Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgin Hart of Swan-25, at the home of the bride's uncle, W. A. Spivey.

All of Beacon home games are

played on the Swannanoa High

tient at Mission hospital.

MISS VIOLA MELTON, W. DALE CARMICHAEL **EXCHANGE VOWS**

Miss Viola Marie Melton, daughter of Mrs. Mae Melton and the late Perry Melton, became the bride of W. Dale Carmichael, son nanoa were married Friday, Dec. of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carmichael of Asheville, Monday, Dec. 28, in Clayton, Ga.

The Rev. L. O. Vess performed The bride wore a navy faille dress with red accessories and a red rose bud corsage.

After a short wedding trip, the The Rev. James Frizell, pastor couple will reside with the bride's of Grovestone Baptist church has mother. Mr. Carmichael is empany in Asheville.