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REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

Three-year-old Thad McDonald... evidently thought his mama had forgotten who she was.

Letter from Georgia

"The pecan and peanut farmers of South Georgia have been hard hit this year... The price is low, the support for the crops is not adequate...

Lakey Gap Citizens, Township Roads '84

By G. A. Burgin

Lakey Gap road begins at the intersection of Fairview and Old Fort road. The road came straight up the creek part of the way and part of the way it would be on the banks of the creek.

As you started up the mountain there was a house which stood on the right side of the road and Riley Melton lived there.

Straight up the mountain to the top was the county line. At that time Broad River was part of McDowell county; it was later cut off to Buncombe county.

To look at that old road now it looks as if it never could have had so much stuff hauled over it.

settlors on the road at that time between the Gustavo bridge and Flat Creek. There was no bridge over Flat Creek at that time; there was a foot-log to walk across.

There were three houses below the railroad: the old Joe Siemp house, which stood on the corner of Black Mountain avenue and Vance avenue...

Officers for Black Mountain Lodge 663 AF&AM will be installed at a stated communication Friday evening at 7:30.

Black Mountain Boys Take Junior Deputy Sheriff's Pledge!



Masonic Lodge Will Install Officers Friday

Officers for Black Mountain Lodge 663 AF&AM will be installed at a stated communication Friday evening at 7:30.

League Director

This group of Black Mountain boys, with raised hands, signify their intention of following the rules as laid down by the pledge which is taken by those joining the Junior Deputy Sheriff's League of Buncombe county.

League Director



Leonard Kever

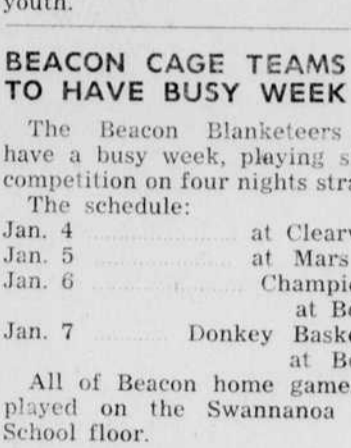
BROAD RIVER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS TEA

The Broad River Home Demonstration club held its annual tea at the home of Mrs. Dick Tarbert, Mrs. John E. Benedict, Mrs. Horace Moore and Mrs. Ray Kirstein.

FARRS VISIT IN S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Farr, Grover and Jack, A. C. Owenby and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Farr of Swannanoa spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farr and family in Marietta, S. C.

Engaged



Miss Shirley Pressley, daughter of F. H. Pressley of Swannanoa, and Roy Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Hart of Swannanoa were married Friday, Dec. 25, at the home of the bride's uncle, W. A. Spivey.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

The Rev. James Frizell, pastor of Grovetoone Baptist church has returned home after being a patient at Mission hospital.

Dr. J. M. Buckner Dies In Hospital On Christmas Day

Funeral services for Dr. James 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.

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 at 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.

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.'

He was active in civic and political affairs of the community, the county, and the state. Dr. Buckner was a member of Buncombe County Medical Society, 10th District Medical Society, North Carolina Medical Society and Southern Medical Association.

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 Asheville. He was a charter member.

To Be Married



Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gougge of 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.

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 of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carmichael of Asheville, Monday, Dec. 28, in Clayton, Ga.

Observe 25th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wells receive 250 guests at 25th anniversary reception.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wells Receive 250 Guests At 25th Anniversary Reception

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wells, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, received approximately 250 guests at a reception held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, at Assembly Inn, Montreat, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Baptist Church At Swannanoa To Begin Studies

The First Baptist church, Swannanoa, begins 'Studies in the Psalms' Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. This study will continue each Wednesday evening until March 3.

Gahagan, Reese Open Station

W. W. Reese and Bob Gahagan have opened an automobile service station and recapping shop in the Pure Oil building on East State street.

WATCH SERVICE AT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a watch service at the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

AND MRS. POTTER END WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Potter spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. Potter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Clarke of reville. On Sunday evening attended the wedding of the daughter of Mr. William M. Clarke and Miss Dorcas Gains in the First church at Fayetteville.

TOP SCOUT WILL MEET

Girl Scout troop 97 will meet Monday at 3:15 p. m. at the City Hall.