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By Gordon Greenwood

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"Get The Frying Pan"

"Get the frying pan hot, sis, while my neighbor takes my picture, 'cause I'm starved to death," Garrett (Fat) Harper of Swannanoa yelled at his sister late Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27 just before he proudly displayed the large bass and pike he caught out of Lake James. Mr. Harper caught the bass on his fly rod with a lizard, and the pike on his casting rod with a night crawler.

Legion Bar-B-Q Tickets Moving, Plan Building

Sale of tickets to the American Legion's 34th birthday anniversary chicken bar-b-que are moving fast and indications are that a record number will attend, officials reported today.

The bar-b-que will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, at the Black Mountain clubhouse. The sale of tickets will be halted on Saturday, March 13, in order to give the cooks plenty of time to prepare for the huge crowd expected to attend. Up to that time they may be purchased from any Legionnaire or at the Black Mountain News office.

The public is invited to attend. Good entertainment is promised, along with plenty of good food.

A record number of members were present for the regular meeting of the American Legion Post 129 last week.

Refreshments, including what some called "good Navy" coffee, were served following showing of a movie by Ross Taylor. The post passed by voice vote a resolution to rent the present club building above the Black Mountain Hardware store to any and all clubs and religious organizations of the Swannanoa Valley. Proceeds will be applied to the building fund.

The Legion Post is making plans to build a suitable club house to accommodate all clubs of the Valley. Efforts will be made to secure long term leases with the other clubs to defray the expenses of operation and maintenance.

A letter is being prepared and will be mailed soon to all clubs requesting their cooperation, providing they are interested in the project.

Ronald E. Finch Is Appointed To Executive Group

WINSTON-SALEM, March 10—Ronald Finch of Black Mountain has been appointed a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Baptist hospital for 1954, Brantley C. Booe, of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board of trustees, announced today.

Mr. Finch has been a member of the hospital board for one term. Twenty-four board members are serving staggered terms of four years each.

Mr. Booe also announced that the hospital's new $3,500,000 South Wing is nearing completion. One patient floor has already been opened and others will be put into service as soon as nurses to staff them can be employed. The South Wing, on completion, will provide 150 additional beds, bringing the hospital's total to 450.

BUILDERS CLASS PLANS BAKE, RUMMAGE SALE

The Builders class of the First Christian church will hold their monthly social meeting Sunday evening, March 14, following a covered dish supper at 6 o'clock in the Junior Order hall where the regular church services are held each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

This class will also conduct a bake sale and rummage sale on the lawn by the Black Mountain Ice company Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vaden Marett is president of the Builders class.

Baptists Expect 250 To Attend Study Course

More than 250 persons are expected to attend the Swannanoa Valley study course to be held at the First Baptist church of Swannanoa. Meetings will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for five nights beginning Monday, March 15. All Baptist church members in the area are again urged to attend. A nursery will be available for the children.

Since last week's announcement two changes have been made in teacher assignments. The adult union manual will be taught by the Rev. James H. Black and the story hour leadership manual by Miss Mary Rice.

Everyone is urged to share his car with someone who does not have a way. Cars with available space should meet at their church between 7:00-7:10 p.m. and see if anyone would like to go with them. Since many young people are expected to attend, there will be a great need for extra transportation.

Swannanoa Given Finer Carolina Check For $100

Mrs. W. A. Porter, chairman for Finer Carolina program for the past two years, was presented a check by Mrs. Vivian Bushong, director of the Finer Carolina program, for outstanding achievement during the past year. Similar award was presented last year also to the Swannanoa group.

In presenting the award, Mrs. Bushong said in part: "Excellent leadership in the past two years, united effort in the public spirited residents of the community, has accomplished much in the Swannanoa area. An outstanding job of making Swannanoa community a better place in which to live and future will produce better boys and girls."

Mrs. Porter in accepting the award said: "I am happy to accept the ward on behalf of the committee. This was made possible by splendid cooperation of the community as a whole."

Mr. C. W. Bates, chairman for 1954, presided at a short business session. The following committee chairmen reported: Men's club project, C. S. Porter; Women's club project, Mrs. W. A. Ward; Garden club project, Mrs. John Brown; community council, S. R. Neskaug; Merchants' Assn., W. A. Porter.

FRIDAY IS "NURSES' DAY" AT BLOOD BANK

Friday, March 12, will be "Nurses' Day" at the Asheville Blood bank. Sister Mary James is chairman of the program planning committee. Nurses will either donate or solicit donations of blood.

Polio Nursing Institute for registered nurses will be held March 30 to April 2. Nurses who wish to become eligible to join the Red Cross will find this valuable for credit. For further information please contact: Miss Pauline Powell, Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, or Sister Mary James, St. Joseph's hospital.

Arts Garden Center Will Open Monday In Eckles Building

Opening of Art's Garden Center, Inc., in the Eckles' Building on Broadway, Black Mountain, will be Monday, March 15.

Officers of the corporation which has been authorized to engage in the florist business are: Arthur Radcliffe, president; Keith Townsend, vice president, and Mrs. Keith Townsend, secretary and treasurer.

The Eckles Building will be used only as temporary quarters until the new building is completed on Highway 70 West, across from Sarg's restaurant.

Specializing in flowers for all occasions, the corporation will offer both local and telegraph service.

Native of Arkansas, Mr. Radcliffe grew up in Illinois and has been in the floral business since 1907. For several years he had his own nursery and greenhouse in Waukegan, Ill. He came here from Roanoke, Va., five years ago. He studied floriculture at the University of Wisconsin and has attended numerous florist schools for short periods.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have been residents of Montreat since 1947. Born in Korea, daughter of missionaries, Mrs. Townsend came to the States when she was 14 and is a graduate of Queens college.

Mr. Townsend is a native of Iowa where he attended school. Following five years in the signal corps, two in the Pacific, he was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

The public is invited to attend their opening Monday.

City-County PTA Study Conference Will Be March 15

The seventh annual study conference sponsored by city-county PTA councils and Family Life council will be held March 15 and 16.

The opening session will be Monday at 8 p.m. in William Randolph school. The theme will be "Parent-Youth Relationships." Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall will speak on "Bridging the Generations." A panel discussion on "What Do Parents and Youth Need To Get Together On?" will be held.

Dr. Duvall will give a summary. Lunch will be served in the Lee Edwards cafeteria for 50c per plate.

BLACK MOUNTAIN LODGE TO CONFER FIRST DEGREE

Black Mountain Lodge 663 AF & AM will confer the first degree Friday night at 7:30. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Fred Higginbotham is worshipful master.

METHODIST CIRCLES MEET

The circles of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday as follows:

Circle 1—Home of Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire, 10 o'clock, covered dish luncheon.

Circle 2—Home of Mrs. Glenn Bryan, Cragmont road, 3 p. m.

Circle 3—Home of Miss Mary Young and Miss Edith Chatterton, 3 p. m.

Circles 4 and 5—Joint meeting for study course, home of Mrs. George Johnston, Grovemont, 7:30 p. m.

A Blanket From Beacon Mfg. Co.!

Those who won prizes at the annual Valentine party sponsored by the American Home and Civic club were: left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wiggins, Beacon blanket, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fortune, box of candy, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Culler, box of stationery. Looking over Mrs. Wiggins' head from the back row is Mrs. Joseph Cheek, former president, who drew the names for the door prizes. Club members who planned and directed the program were Mrs. E. N. Crumpler, Mrs. Charles Stepp, Mrs. Douglas Hamby, Jr., Mrs. G. C. Carson, Mrs. Frank Frank Watkins, Mrs. Thad Burnette, Jr., Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Mrs. Lawrence Brandon, and Mrs. Lewis Phillips.

How Many Remember This Stage House?

This is the second in a series of old pictures of the community sent the News by Miss Sallie Kate Davidson of Swannanoa.

No doubt many of the older residents will recall this old stage house which was a familiar landmark in the early years of the community's history. Though it was made many years ago the picture is still extremely clear and sharp.

The News would like to hear from readers who remember any of the history connected with any of these old shots. Just address your letter to the editor.

Ed Cordell Recalls Wreck On Narrow Gauge Railroad On October 28, 1912

By Ed Cordell

After reading Bascombe Burnett's article in the News on Jan. 7 about the great fire, I started thinking of the past. I remember the fire very well and some things that happened about a month before the fire.

Dickey and Campbell had a large band mill on Ridgecrest road and a narrow gauge railroad up the mountain to Mt. Mitchell to bring the logs down to the mill. I was on one of those trains on Monday morning, Oct. 28, 1912.

This train went out early every Monday morning to take out supplies and all the workers who came out on Saturdays to their homes in Black Mountain. The train wrecked on the way out at Buck Flats near Montreat. I was injured along with Ray Dickey, now deceased, George Brigman who lived at Barnardsville, and Arthur Stepp (colored) who lives on Cragmont road. A Mr. Crawford from Jackson county was killed. There were several men that escaped. I don't remember their names now.

The train left the track and rolled down the side of the mountain. The steam was flying from the engine. The injured were calling for help. Someone went out for a doctor. Dr. Terrell (now deceased) who owned Cragmont San., Dr. Cotton (deceased) who owned a T.B. San. where Bridewood Girls' Camp now is, all came out to help us. They doped us up to ease our pain, then brought us out on a hand car. That's a car the repair crew used to keep up the track. All went to the hospital that day except me as I had no broken bones. The Doctors couldn't tell just what my trouble was. Dr. Terrell kept me over here the first night. He decided I had a ruptured spleen and I went to the hospital Oct. 29. In those days doctors didn't know what they know now. There was only one doctor in Asheville that would undertake the operation. That was a Dr. Fletcher (also deceased). My attending physician was a Dr. Echols. He told me a man couldn't live without a spleen but I decided he could as I'm still here. I spent 28 days in the hospital. Was there when Woodrow Wilson was elected president and Grove Park Inn was being constructed.

Perry Melton (deceased) and I were putting up telephone wire from the mill to Mt. Mitchell. We lived in a tent and only came home on Saturdays. Saturday before the wreck on Monday, which was Oct. 26, we started to ride home on this same train. It got off of the track at Mill Creek spring. Perry and I walked into Black Mountain through Montreat. When I got home my wife (deceased) told me she had a dream during the week about a wreck and I was in it and was hurt. She asked me not to ride back on Monday but as it was the only means of transportation I rode anyway. We were on a flat car and I promised her I would ride where I could jump if the train wrecked. We had switch backs to climb the hill. You went forward a while then switched over and went backwards a while. Sometimes you would be sitting on the lower side of a car in winding around the mountains, then you may be changed to the upperside. The last thing I remember was reaching over for a supply of provisions I had in a suitcase to change to the other side as I had promised. It was on a stiff curve. The whole train went down the hill. We had a range stove and lots of baled hay. It all went down the hill. A Mr. Gibson from Swannanoa was the engineer. I'm not positive who the fireman was, but I believe it was Jack Moore (colored) who works for Mrs. Terry now. I was at that place not long ago; large trees have grown up in the place. Lots of things can happen in 42 years. I was in the hospital 28 days. I came home one day and the fire was that night. I figure the fire was about Nov. 26, 1912. Mr. Burnett says he's three score and twelve. I'm on the same trail but seven years behind. You can guess the rest.

Darkhorses Lose To Woodfin Five

A red hot team from Woodfin High eliminated the Darkhorses from the Buncombe county tournament at the Auditorium Tuesday night in the quarterfinal round, 57-46.

The Black Mountain girls met Leicester Wednesday night for the right to advance to the semi-finals.

For the first half Tuesday evening Coach Buffalo Humphries' charges played the Wolverines from the banks of the French Broad on even terms. The Ponies, paced by Dale Ritchie and E. V. Gouge, took a two point, 15-13, first quarter lead. But the Wolverines rallied and went out ahead, 31 to 27, at halftime.

The third quarter proved the undoing of the Darkhorses' hopes to future tourney play when the Woodfin five spurted and widened the bulge to 13 points as the final quarter started.

Semifinal games will be played Friday and the championship round Saturday. An estimated 300 fans were turned away Tuesday night when police stopped the sale of tickets. More than 4200 fans jammed every corner of the Auditorium for the session.

The Lineup:

Woodfin (57)	(46) Blk. Mtn.
F—J. Medford (12)	(9) Burgess—F
F—Chambers (21)	(6) Melton—F
C—Morris (6)	(14) Ritchie—C
G—Sluder (10)	(7) Reese—G
G—Young (7)	(10) Gouge—G

Subs: Woodfin: Laster (1), Boone, McElrath. Blk. Mtn.: Parris, Buchanan.

Officials: Nockow and Rhodes.

Three Elected To Serve On Board

W. G. Harrison, Frank Martin, and Denver Harbin were elected members of the board of directors at the monthly meeting of the Swannanoa Valley Merchants association at the Towne Grill Tuesday evening. President D. W. Harrison presided.

C. S. Porter, general chairman, announced that plans had been completed for the coming community-wide promotion which will be participated in by the majority of the merchants. Details will be released next week.

Robert Davidson, William Porter, and Ray Balard were appointed to serve on the clean-up committee which will sponsor a project in the 1954 Finer Carolina program. This project was accepted by the merchants for the coming year.

The association meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ALEXANDERS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Perry M. Alexander, Sr., have returned to their home in Swannanoa after spending two months at their winter home in Deland, Fla.

MRS. BURGESS TO LEAD GIRL SCOUT HYMN SING

Highlighting Girl Scout Week in Black Mountain will be a Girl Scout community sing Friday, March 12, in the elementary school at 3 p.m. Friday is the 42nd birthday anniversary of the organization of the first Girl Scout troop in the Americas.

Mrs. Billie Burgess will lead the group in the learning of some new Girl Scout songs and the singing of some songs they already know. The new executive for this council will be present and introduced to the neighborhood group.

Mothers of Girl Scouts are invited to share this occasion with their daughters. "You all come." Troop 54 will entertain at a social hour following the sing.

DR. COOLEY WILL SPEAK AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. S. S. Cooley will speak to the elementary school assembly Friday morning at 11 o'clock on "Safety At Home and At Play."

This is in connection with the safety program sponsored by the Woman's club.

O.E.S. Elects Mrs. Mary Hauth

Black Mountain Chapter No. 200 O.E.S. elected the following officers for 1954-55 at a meeting held in the Junior Order hall on Tuesday, March 2: worthy matron, Mrs. Mary R. Hauth; worthy patron, Leroy Mashburn; associate matron, Mrs. Sadie D. Gouge; associate patron, T. J. Stephenson; secretary, Mrs. Gladys Ham; treasurer, Mrs. Reva S. Hinkle; conductress, Mrs. Martha T. Simmons; associate conductress, Miss Princie Maphet.

Appointive officers are: chaplain, Mrs. Myrtle Stephenson; marshal, Mrs. Beulah Mashburn; Adah, Mrs. Viola Copeland; Ruth, Mrs. Mary Martin; Esther, Mrs. Annie Laura Higginbotham; Martha, Mrs. Margaret Sabiston; Electa, Mrs. Mary Potter; warder, Mrs. Ethel Gardner; and sentinel, Clyde Watkins.

A public installation will be held March 23 at 8 o'clock in the Junior Order hall. All members and friends are cordially invited.

Betty Austin, Shirley Mull Awarded Caps

BEREA, KY., March 10 — Miss Betty Carolyn Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Austin and Miss Shirley Irene Mull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mull, were awarded their "caps" after completing the first six month training period at the Berea College School of Nursing recently.

Miss Florence Gibson, head of the nursing school, and Miss Martha Wylie, instructor in the school, presided at the capping exercise. Dean of the college Louis Smith was the principal speaker.

Receiving the "cap" is a milestone in the career of a student nurse at Berea. It marks the completion of the six month training period during which time class work and ward experience have been sufficient for each candidate to decide whether or not she wishes to continue in the course, and for the faculty of the school of nursing to observe the student and judge her fitness for the profession.

Miss Austin and Miss Mull were among 24 freshmen nurses successfully meeting the standards. They have been highly recommended for further training in the school of nursing. Both are graduates of Black Mountain High school with the class of 1953.

Warren Wilson Cow Beats U. S. Average

"Averaging 21 quarts daily, Wilcoll Cordelia, a registered Holstein owned by Warren Wilson college, recently completed an official Herd Improvement Registry production record totalling 13,903 lbs. milk and 532 lbs. butterfat in 316 days.

"Testing was supervised by North Carolina State College of Agriculture, in cooperation with The Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

"Milked 2 times daily, Wilcoll Cordelia was 2 years and 10 months of age when her test began. Her total was about 2½ times the production of the average U. S. cow."

MRS. BRITTAIN VISITS SISTER

Mrs. Addie Brittain visited her sister, Mrs. Lillie Wilson, in Asheville last Sunday.

Call Issued For Clothing For All Age Groups

Do these nice spring days start you thinking about spring cleaning? What will you do with those clothes which you don't wear, but are taking up badly needed closet space? Everybody has a certain number, and sometimes we just don't know how to pass them on to someone who could make use of them.

The Grammar School P.T.A. and Junior Women are sponsoring a community clothing closet under the 1954 Finer Carolina program in Black Mountain. Headquarters in the front apartment over the Black Mountain Hardware are freshly painted and ready to open to provide clothing for all age groups. The closet will be open each Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4 p.m., staffed by members of the Junior Woman's club. P.T.A. Welfare Chairman Mrs. Harriet Styles will work closely with parents of school age children in furnishing clothing through the closet, and it is hoped that the needs of these children will be served more fully through the organized clothing closet. Mrs. Dorothy Burgess is chairman of the Junior Women committee.

Clothing may be left at two places in Black Mountain, the City Hall during the week, or brought to the closet above the Black Mountain Hardware on Saturday. In case of fire which destroys the household of anyone in the community, clothing will be furnished. The project has been highly commended by county welfare workers, who will work closely with the local group.

Will the community respond by giving their used clothing? We think so. Take whatever you have to either the City Hall or the Closet on Saturdays.

Sanborn Rites Held Sunday

Last rites for Charles Goddard Sanborn, 79, who died at his home last Friday after a long illness, were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal church with the Rev. John McTammany, the Rev. Scott Root, and the Rev. J. Harlan Gruver officiating. Burial was in Tabernacle cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sam Davidson, William C. Nichols, Billy Henry, Earl Hampton, C. G. Metcalf, and Glenn Stafford.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. George F. Holt, Dr. S. S. Cooley, Dr. George G. Gilbert, Steve Edmonds, Julian A. Woodcock, Plummer Mitchell, M. E. Rondel, C. R. Longcoy, Roger Viverette, Jack Davis, William Hamilton, and William Honeycutt.

Mr. Sanborn, a native of Portland, Maine, moved to Asheville in 1924 and lived there until a year ago when he came to live with his step-daughter, Mrs. Madelon Parks at 114 Connally street.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal church and was active in church affairs until his illness. A lay reader in the Episcopal church for many years, he had conducted services in Waynesville, Chunn's Cove, Haw Creek, Grace, church, Craggy, St. James, and various other places in Western North Carolina. He was a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Generous and kind, his philosophy of life was "Love one another", and he was loved by everyone who knew him.

Always interested in flying, he was at one time the oldest active aviator in North Carolina. His son, Brian Sanborn, who was at one time manager of the Black Mountain airport, was killed along with his foster sister, Evelyn Sanborn, in an airplane accident in North Wilkesboro in 1933.

In 1906 he was married to Mrs. Flora Elgee of Portland, Maine, who survives him.

Other survivors are a son, Earl Sanborn of Manasquan, N. J.; his step-daughter, Mrs. Madelon Parks; and five grandchildren.

FORMER PASTOR WILL PREACH SUNDAY NIGHT

The Rev. O. J. Hagler of Carthage, N. C., will be guest preacher at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30. The Rev. Mr. Hagler is well known here having served as pastor of the Baptist church for six years.

AT OAK KNOLL

Mrs. Leo Coleman of Carthage, Ill., is visiting her aunt Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire at Oak Knoll. Mrs. Coleman has spent the winter in Florida. She is also interested in the Christian Assembly here.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

The Junior Woman's club will observe Sunday, March 14, as go to church Sunday. Members are asked to attend a church of their choice.