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REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

are indebted to Miss Sallie Davidson of Swannanoa for following story. Reflections are upon its friends for help supplying stories and bits of

and in your favorite story to

years ago in the town of Mountain the children had place to play but on the call them roads, as they did just dust and mud, as the just might happen to be. Main Street was the present building, McCoy's store, and other country store or two toward the creek and some of the houses fronting on this street. T. K. Brown and his family and there were several boys in this family. morning very early some came to McCoy's store to get coffee matches or something needed for breakfast. Upon the store, the person did so found underneath the a little boy fast asleep. he was shocked, but examination found it was of the Brown boys. This man of him picked him up and found a few yards down the of his mother and she did not understand what happened.

turned out that Brown in checking her boys missed this one. Now, Mrs. Brown as I did and a wonderful mother she was, not understand how she did him. We could in this day time perhaps understand the time as children may be left babysitters, etc. the little boy had gone there his father the evening before. Mr. Brown and Mr. Jim Mc met very often to play checkers. They spent many hours in their favorite pastime. The boy went to sleep they were playing checkers slept there all night. the boy that spent the night was the present Sheriff's her, Tom Brown, who still is in the Black Mountain Town-

—R—

A Professor, to whom we heard the Bafflegab champion-ship, upon being asked the formula for success in public speaking, replied: "... in manipulating your esoteric cognitions and articulating superficial, sentimental, and psychological observations, beware of attitudinous ponderosity and redundancy in elucidations. Let your extemporaneous decantations and unpremeditated exhortations have intelligibility and concious vivacity without rote-rote and thronical bombast. Sedulously avoid all syllabic profundity, pusillanimous vacuity, pestiferous banality and similar transgressions."

Or, in plain language, just talk simply, and naturally, and give all, don't use any big words.

—R—

in Maine a motorist came as a lonely but and was interesting the proprietor with a writing up the locality. Who's house is this?"

What in the world is it built like?"

"Any animals natural to the place?"

"What sort of soil have you?"

"How about the climate?"

"What do you live on chiefly?"

"Have you any friends?"

YS OF WOODCRAFT HAVE SUCCESSFUL DRIVE ON CANCER

Woodcraft Swannanoa drive on April 26 for the Cancer Fund.

worked hard and covered Swannanoa community for food cause. They were able to raise \$41.15 which was one of largest contributions from any organization in the community.

H. E. Stinchcomb is retiring at her home, "Grey" after undergoing surgery Memorial Mission hospital several weeks ago.

Parent Says Patience Thin As School Problem Continues In Muddle

In the following letter received by the News this week One Parent brings up some of the questions which have been troubling most citizens for the past few months.

The News has no answer to give. No representative of this organization nor of any other local body was asked to accompany the survey group. We'll have something to say about that later editorially, but here's the letter. The writer, of course, is known to the editor.

Safety Problems Are Discussed At First Meeting

The Black Mountain Safety Council held its first meeting last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. James A. Crawford on North Fork road.

The subject of the much needed and proposed sidewalk at the High School was brought up and R. T. Greene, city manager, gave both sides of the problem, the division of responsibility between the state and the town. Several suggestions were made as to a practical solution, and Sgt. Edward W. Jones of the highway patrol made a practical suggestion as an alternative in the event that paving should prove impractical or impossible. Mr. Greene was elected chairman of that project, to choose his own committee and work it out as satisfactorily as possible.

The most important subject for discussion was driver training for high school students. An exchange of ideas was made and all members were enthusiastic. It was reported that M. J. Woodcock would donate a car for use in this program. A committee headed by the Rev. W. Scott Root as chairman and Sgt. Jones as co-chairman was elected to investigate plans and materials for this project and it was decided that they would visit Lee Edwards High school to observe their driver training course in action.

Pedestrian safety in the community was discussed. The Town Council was commended for its action on recommendations previously made by the Woman's club. Ways of solving the pedestrian safety problem at the dangerous intersection of Montreat road, State Street, and Broadway were discussed and suggestions offered by various members. Mr. Greene, as city manager, said he would take the matter under advisement discuss it with the mayor, and see what could be done in the most practical way.

A safety patrol for the schools was discussed and a committee elected to work on that project, headed by Mrs. Robert McDougle and Mrs. James A. Crawford. Lawton Allen of the police department has been selected by Mayor Kirkpatrick and R. T. Greene to work with this committee as the school safety patrols in other towns are headed by the police departments and sponsored by them.

Fred A. Duckett Awarded Degree

Fred A. Duckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Duckett of Bee Tree road, Swannanoa, was one of the 62 men who received a Bachelor of Divinity diploma from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest on April 30.

Duckett, president of the student body for 1953-1954, was the first applicant to the Southern Seminary.

This class will have the unique distinction of being the first ever to receive a degree from Southern Baptist's youngest seminary.

Dr. W. Perry Crouch of Asheville, president of the board of trustees, presided at the commencement sermon and exercises, recognizing the first faculty. Thursday, April 29, at 8:00 p. m. Dr. J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist convention, and pastor of the First Baptist church, Tulsa, Okla., brought the commencement address.

Mr. Duckett's four sisters, Mrs. Jack Edwards and Mrs. Jack Adams of Swannanoa, Mrs. Ed Lentz of Marion, and Mrs. James Elliott of Winston-Salem attended the graduation exercises.

What And When?
Dear Editor:

I understand that more than a year ago a request was made of the County Board of Education of Buncombe County that a survey be made of the Black Mountain school to ascertain what was needed to bring this school up to the "standard" as set forth by N. C. State requirements for a standard accredited school. So far as I can learn this very modest request was conveniently lost.

On November 17, 1953, representatives of the combined Black Mountain High school, Black Mountain Elementary school and Swannanoa School P.T.A.'s did, after some rather persuasive urging, get representatives of the county board of commissioners, the county school board and the local school committees to meet in a joint meeting at Swannanoa School auditorium with D. Hiden Ramsey as moderator, to discuss our common school needs and problems.

At this time another request for a survey of the three present schools were requested along with the needs of the new high school now under construction.

No reply to this request, or any action taken, so far as we know.

Some weeks ago, as a result of the necessity of some kind of plan for allocating the much talked of "Second Twenty Five Million" of the school bond money, I understand an "Outstanding Group of Educators" visited the schools for the purpose of making a "Survey" to determine the "Needs." The Black Mountain "Needs" must have been very obvious, for I was reliably informed that more time was spent waiting to be served luncheon in a local restaurant than was spent in the elementary school on the "Survey." We yet do not know the results of the findings of the surveyors, neither do we know what or when the school authorities, both county and state, are going to do about it.

Just before the group making the survey were due to come here, I did hear of one proposal that was made to correct one of our most "Smelly" problems. That was to take two of our present classrooms and make them into rest rooms and toilets. Well, since we have such a "Plentiful" supply of classrooms, (at Ridgecrest) that might have been a splendid idea. You see we have seven rooms rented from the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest now. I understand that next year we will rent not seven, eight or nine, but 11. These are very nice rooms for what they were intended, summer conference meetings. There is no central heat and no heat of any kind in the toilets. Why a proposal such as this was made immediately before a known survey was to be made, is beyond me.

We hope to get what we are justly entitled to out of the "Second Twenty-five Million," BUT don't let our portion of that sum

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Nurses' District Meeting Is Set

Reports will be given on the American Nurses Association convention at the next meeting of the North Carolina State Nurses association, District 1, Wednesday, May 12, at 4 p. m., in the Court House, Asheville. Mrs. Katherine Craig will preside.

Those who attended the April meeting in Chicago from the district were: Sister Xavier, directress of nurses, St. Joseph's hospital; Sister Evangelist, supervisor of obstetrics, St. Joseph's hospital; Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, director of nursing, Memorial Mission hospital; Miss Barbara Landauer, chief nurse, Veterans Administration hospital, Oteen; Miss Ruth Banker, assistant chief nurse, Nursing Education, Veterans Administration hospital, Oteen; Miss Christine Irving, general duty nurse, Veterans Administration hospital, Oteen.

All interested nurses are cordially invited to attend.

TWO DAYS OF BARGAINS AT ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY, SATURDAY

The Tea and Topic club will hold its semi-annual rummage sale Friday and Saturday in the building on Cherry street, formerly occupied by Tyson's used furniture store.

The sale will start at 9:30 a. m. and end at 5:30 p. m. There will be bargains in clothes for the whole family.

Come early for the best buys.

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May Queen and Her Court At Montreat College!



Managers Elect Myers President

Carl C. Myers has been elected president of the Black Mountain Softball league by the managers and team sponsors.

Date for the opening of the four team league has been set for 7:15 p. m., June 1, with McMurray Chevrolet company, A&P Tea company, Woodmen of the World, Swannanoa, and Paul Harris store, Ridgecrest, as participants.

The schedule will run through June and July with a double elimination play-off in August. Regular games will be played on Tuesday and Friday nights with Saturday held open for rained out games and exhibitions.

Team managers who have been driving their charges hard in preparation for the opening game are: M. C. Dickens, McMurray, Jim Shirin, W.O.W., Bud Norton, A&P, and Wilborn Waters, Harris store.

The entrance fee of \$25.00 will be required by each team which will not be refunded. The money will be applied to equipment and general expenses. Also, the managers will supply the secretary-treasurer with a signed roster of not more than 15 players. The roster and entrance fee shall be in the hands of the treasurer not later than May 24.

A meeting of all managers will be held on May 17 to set up the rules and regulations.

Kenneth McCurry is secretary-treasurer.

District Women Will Meet Here

The Women's Auxiliary of the second district, Diocese of Western North Carolina, will hold a general district meeting at the new Parish House, St. James Episcopal church, Black Mountain, Thursday, May 6, at 10:00 a. m.

In addition to Bishop George Henry of the WNC Diocese, those present will include leaders from the various parishes and missions throughout this district who will give their annual reports. A celebration of Holy Communion will be held in the church prior to the meeting.

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Junior Women Win

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FHA Style Show Will Feature HS PTA Meeting

The Black Mountain High school PTA will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday night, May 6, in the grammar school auditorium. The devotion and style show will be presented by the FHA girls, under the direction of Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt.

Ten girls wearing the best costumes will be chosen to participate in the fashion show at the Grove Park Inn on May 14. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and see the fine work the FHA girls have done this year.

Spring Concert Friday By H. S., Junior Bands

One project of the Swannanoa Valley Music club each year is sponsorship of the Black Mountain High School Band and the Junior Band for young grammar school musicians—in an effort to help their growth.

This article is a call to the Valley Music club members and to all valley residents interested in young people.

What is needed for the concert they will give on Friday, May 7 at the Grammar school auditorium is the personal attendance of all those who are interested in the development of the Black Mountain High School Band and its background units of the Junior Band. Come in person, rather than simply to purchase a ticket at fifty cents each.

Playing in a band is something that appeals to young people—is needed for giving the finishing dramatic touch to their ball games, and may lead to skill in solo work on some instrument, or even to the forming of a concert-band—a special group of finished players.

Let's see at the band concert Friday night, May 7, and see the High School Band, the Junior Band, and also the beginners, in operation. Let's know the players by sight. Let's sense what instruments need to be added to their three groups.

Music is fun. Let's keep up in music with the growing fame of our local athletic teams.

Black Mountain is yet to go all-out for worthwhile activities for teenagers. Here is an activity already started needing our backing. Yourself in person, Friday night, May 7, at eight o'clock—Grammar school auditorium!

The ushers for the concert will be beginners and band members, Barbara Page, Betty Ann Douthitt, Brenda Cordell, June Boone, and Toni Rowland.

Numbers will be given by the combined high school and junior bands and awards made for the best all-around student's and most progress in instrument to both bands.

As part of the Finer Carolina program the Alumni association and Woman's club bought chairs for the junior band room and replastered and painted the room.

Proceeds from the Friday concert will be divided between the bands for their instrument funds.

KERLEE CHURCH WILL OBSERVE FAMILY DAY

Kerlee Baptist church will observe family day at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, May 9. Families will be seated together and public recognition will be given to the largest group. A special invitation is given to all families in the community to be present.

Brother Binford's message will be on the essential elements necessary to a happy home life. Evening worship, "Facing Heavy Tidings With a Burning Conscience."

FAMILY BLOOD POLICY TO BE FREE THURSDAY

Want to insure your family's blood needs for the year? If you do, call any member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce or the American Red Cross office and make a date to donate blood when the unit from the Asheville Regional Center comes here for a split operation today (Thursday).

The units will be set up at the Carver school from 1 to 5 p.m. and at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., according to Dick Stone, who was installed as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the high school luncheon Friday evening.

AH & Civic Club Wins Second For Scrap Book

The American Home and Civic club was awarded second place for the year's scrap book at the convention of the North Carolina Federated Women's clubs in Asheville last week. More than 1000 clubwomen attended.

Theme of the book which won in competition with clubs from all over the state was "Mighty Oaks From Little Acorns Grow." The club also placed third in the state for its Children's Home work.

Every Junior Woman's club in the state participated in fund raising and other projects for the Children's Home Society this past year when 320 babies and 99 school age children were helped and placed in happy homes.

The American Home and Civic club and the Junior Woman's club expressed thanks to Mrs. W. B. Burgess, district vice president, for her faithful service during the year.

Three members of the AH&C attended. They were Mrs. E. N. Crumpler, voting delegate, Mrs. Charles W. Stepp, representative, and Mrs. Kermit Allison, president.

The Junior Woman's club was represented by Mrs. W. B. Burgess, vice president of district 2, Mrs. Chester Sobol, president, Mrs. William Brown, voting delegate, Mrs. E. K. Brake, and Mrs. M. L. Williams.

Mrs. Sobol and Mrs. Allison served as hostesses, along with club presidents in district 2 at a formal reception at the Battery Park hotel.

The group enjoyed the junior luncheon at the Battery Park on Thursday at which time Mrs. Allison was chosen to act as one of three tellers during the business voting.

Men's Club Will Promote Play

The Swannanoa Men's club voted to promote a production by the Swannanoa Little Theatre group at their regular meeting Monday evening at the community building.

After hearing Jug Walden, group representative, explain that his organization was not asking financial help but for some civic group to take over the responsibility for promoting and advertising the play, the club voted to accept the responsibility. Tentative date has been set for June 25.

It was voted to have a joint meeting in July at the community building for the installation of new officers which will be elected at the June meeting.

Dr. C. W. Bates, Finer Carolina program chairman, reported that good progress has been made. Four men answered his call for volunteers to help clean up the picnic area on highway 70 west of the bridge Saturday afternoon.

Program chairman for the evening was W. H. Noah who introduced W. F. Culp, district manager of Metropolitan Life Insurance company as speaker of the evening. Mr. Culp discussed the danger of heart disease and told some of the things that could be done to prevent it. He stated overweight as one of the chief trouble makers.

President Jack Smith presided.

Dr. Perry Crouch Will Be Speaker At Revival Here

The Rev. W. Perry Crouch will conduct a series of revival services at the Black Mountain Baptist church May 9-16. Dr. Crouch is pastor of the Asheville First Baptist church.



Director of the program of music for the services will be Carl Perry, graduate of the University of North Carolina and past professor at Coker college. While serving as minister of music at the First Baptist church, Asheville, for the past two years, Mr. Perry has developed nine choirs.



Mr. Perry will direct special music each evening during the revival at 7:45. Services will start at 8:00.

Born near Hickory, Dr. Crouch attended Lenoir Rhyne college and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary at Fort Worth. He was graduated in 1932 with the degree of Master of Theology. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Lenoir Rhyne in 1948.

He is widely known for his work in the Baptist church in the south, has served on the Biblical Recorder board, the general board of the Baptist convention, and the board of trustees of Wake Forest college. He is often called upon to lead conferences in the field of family life.

The Rev. Wilbur A. Huneycutt, pastor of the Black Mountain Baptist church, has invited the citizens of the Swannanoa Valley to attend these services.

\$50 OFFERED POETS IN SIDNEY LANIER CONTEST

A prize of \$50 for a single poem is offered North Carolina poets in the Sidney Lanier contest, which closes July 31.

Please observe the following rules: send only one poem, 3 typewritten copies and no carbons; send name and address on a separate sheet, not on poem sheets; limit, 32 lines or less plus title; a registration fee of \$1.00 is required, attach to submitted sheet; mail entry to the Poet's Council of N. C., P. O. Box 6259, West Asheville, N. C. Prize will be awarded on Poetry Day, Oct. 15.

Edward Cordells Buy BR Cleaners

Sale of the Blue Ridge Cleaners to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Cordell has been announced by W. W. (Pug) Morgan who purchased the business more than two years ago by Robert S. Eckles, III.

Natives of Black Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Cordell assumed management on May 1. Mr. Cordell has had more than 20 years' experience in the dry cleaning business. For the past four years Mr. Cordell has been employed in the office of Dr. James H. Love. They have one daughter Brenda, 9.

Employees will be Mitchell Ammons and Clyde Pucy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordell invite their friends to visit them and to look over their new plant.