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**Weather**

| Date | High | Low | Prec. |
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| June 8 | 85 | 54 | |
| June 9 | 88 | 53 | |
| June 10 | 88 | 60 | .23 |
| June 11 | 85 | 55 | |
| June 12 | 83 | 54 | .05 |
| June 13 | 86 | 58 | |
| June 14 | 86 | 59 | |

## REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

Advice to all of us: "Don't be afraid of losing your religion that you're afraid to take it to work with you."

—R—

A city dweller who sent for a book on 'how to grow giant tomatoes in your backyard' sent a letter of advice to the publisher: "The man who writ the infernal book shoulda writ the book."

—R—

The oldest first Lieutenant in the Air Force, 50 years old if he was a day, had this explanation for his failure to get promoted: "It was during the campaign in the Pacific," he explained. "Every night the C.O. insisted on getting out of bed for an alert. After a couple of months, I found a large monkey in the hills, dressed him in one of my old uniforms, and trained him to run to my plane when the alert sounded, hop in, start the engine, and sit there with his hand on the throttle until the all-clear sounded.

"For weeks it worked beautifully, but one night the all-clear never came, and I rushed out onto the field just in time to see my plane, with the monkey at the controls, taking off from the field and joining the formation. There we were, the C.O. and I, the only two persons left on the field.

"And that's why I'm the oldest first lieutenant in the Air Force," the officer concluded. "And I wouldn't mind it so much—if it weren't for the fact that the monkey is now a colonel."

—R—

Lt. and Mrs. Max Flack are leaving Texas with joy and sadness. Stationed with the navy for the past 18 months at Kingsville, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," the Flacks are moving to Pensacola for six weeks and then they hope to some base on the west coast.

The weather down Texas way is hot but "we were treated better by the civilians there than in any place we've been," they said. Which coincides with what a lot of other people think and say: "Some of the world's nicest people live in the Lone Star state. They don't say so much for the climate in some sections.

Personal note to all Texans: I had your hometown in mind when I said 'some sections.' Yours is tops.

—R—

When Ronald Finch told the Lions and Masons of his experiences while visiting England with Nelson Bell of Montreat, he commented vividly on the actions in the House of Commons where he listened for a while to Churchill and the other members debate issues of the day.

One thing that worried Ronald was the apparent lack of manners in the Parliament members. The Black Mountain attorney, who spent a term or two in the state legislature, couldn't understand why the members didn't keep quiet while the man or woman who had the floor completed his speech.

But heckling the speaker is a standard procedure in the British Isles and most parts of the empire. Any time a spectator doesn't agree with what's said, he lets it be known in no uncertain terms and as loud a voice as possible. Two Americans visiting the House of Parliament during the debate caused a near riot when one, while the guide wasn't looking, (he thought), tried out the nice leather seat which had been reserved out as that of the Prime Minister. He was promptly caught from behind by a policeman and almost tossed out of the place. To add insult to injury a man in a tail coat appeared a few seconds later, and not only sprayed the "seat" on seat but the entire place with something that smelled a great deal like lysol.

The Yanks never did figure out just what type of disease the British thought the Prime Minister had caught from the 'exposed chest.'

Anyway, I can truthfully say that 'I once sat in Parliament,' but not for long.

So far Ronald has not admitted making that kind of mistake, even for money terms 2 and 3 and part 6 did sound confusing.

—R—

Seven years after I wondered what one of the guys who led a school of more than 300 men was doing. So, Sunday afternoon I drove up, far up beyond the water level of the French Board river to the Madison county plateau to see the Walnut High school graduate back in 1943 placed first in a school containing, among others, graduates of the Harvard Law school, Yale, Syracuse, and other colleges and universities of less fame.

It was on the final exam at

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**DON'T FORGET CARD PARTY**

Don't forget the Junior Woman's card party at the clubhouse Friday night, June 25, at 8 o'clock. There will be prizes and refreshments.

## Ronald Finch Was Close As 'That' To Elizabeth

The Billy Graham London Crusade has had more effect on Church going in England than anything that has happened there for generations and some churches which had not been full for more than 30 years were filled to overflowing to hear members of the team, Ronald E. Finch, Black Mountain attorney, told members of the Masonic Lodge and the Lions club here last week.

Mr. Finch spent two weeks in the British Isles during the crusade with Dr. Nelson Bell, Dr. Graham's father-in-law, of Montreat.

"Because of the influence of Billy Graham and his wonderful team, church attendance in England, which had slipped to 10 per cent and below, has started to climb again", Mr. Finch explained. He said the churches of the British Isles need three things: coal to give a little comfort, paint, and more cordiality.

He was surprised at the caste system which he found much in evidence but praised highly the friendliness of the British people whom he found eager to be of help. He saw Churchill in action in Parliament and was fortunate enough to see Queen Elizabeth. He and George Burnham, reporter for the Chattanooga, Tenn., News-Free Press, had gone to church at Westminster Abbey but found the cold too intense and left. Walking around to Buckingham Palace they saw the queen and other members of the royal family leave for church. They later went to the church and through the help of a guide saw the party leave from a few feet distance.

Burnham told of the experience very vividly in an article which appeared in the Chattanooga paper following his return.

Along with Dr. Bell, who made the trip to attend a medical meeting, Mr. Finch traveled across country to Scotland and was greatly impressed by the beauty of the countryside, the lack of frame houses (they're all of brick or stone), the absence of woods as we know them in America, and the 'millions' of sheep he saw grazing on the downs of Scotland.

It was a strange sight to the Black Mountain attorney to see the thousands of bicycles which line the highways and byways, especially on Sunday when the entire family goes for a ride in the country.

## Program Opening Is Huge Success

First week of the youth program, presented each Monday evening at the Black Mountain clubhouse has been termed a huge success by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tinney who served as chaperones for the first night, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This is a Finer Carolina project, sponsored by the Community Council of which Mrs. John J. O'Connor is general chairman. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Guisasola of Warren Wilson college are supervisors. They are paid by the United Fund. Refreshments are purchased and served by the club or organization furnishing chaperones for the evening.

Monday evening, first of the season, a total of 51 teen agers registered and participated in the activities. "They all seemed to have a good time, enjoy the fellowship and activities, and conducted themselves in a very orderly manner," Mr. Tinney said.

"We urge all young people to avail themselves of this opportunity which is free to all teen agers in the Swannanoa Valley," Mr. Tinney explained.

Plans are being formulated to expand the activities at the clubhouse. Watch the Black Mountain News for further details which will be announced as soon as completed.

Mrs. L. H. Gregory's First Graders Are Presented In Fairyland Program!

Here is the cast, all students in Mrs. L. H. Gregory's first grade room, which presented a play "Fairyland" in the Black Mountain Elementary school auditorium before a large and enthusiastic audience shortly before the close of school.

Announcer, William Henderson; Hansel and Gretel, Grover Farr and Sharon Biddix; Fairy, Patricia Perian; Mary had a little lamb, Judy Mitchell; Jack be nimble, Danny Patton; Jack and Jill, Sharon Adcock and Larry Miller; Little Miss Muffett, Lucille Bartlett; Little Jack Horner, Leon Rayburn; Little Bo-Peep, Linda Owenby; Little Boy Blue, Gordon Greenwood; Billy Boy, Janice Wheelon and Terry Talley; Mistress Mary, Leigh Brittain; Simple Simon, Eugene McDonald; Polly put the kettle on, Dianne Allen; The Muffin Man, Dwight Hall; Cindrella, Barbara Ann McGraw; Goldenlocks, Anne Stubbs; Little Red Riding Hood, Sherran Griggs; The Bad Wolf, Fred Hart; Old Woman in a Shoe, Patricia Champion; Children, Barbara Gregory, Nana Blankenship, David Crowe, Edna Mae Surrett, Clara E. Hamby, J. R. Rutledge, Carol Smith, Armon Blevins, Harold Shepherd, Barbara Talton, and Ray Nelon. Farmer, Robert Taylor. —Photo By Edward DuPuy

## Unbeaten Teams Clash Thursday

Two powerful and undefeated softball teams will collide headon and the noise will be heard from tunnel to tunnel—Ridgecrest to Beaucatcher — Thursday evening under the lights out at the grammar school field.

The two powerhouses of the Valley Softball league are McMurrays and Harris Store of Ridgecrest who will take the field at 7:15 in the first part of a doubleheader.

Saturday evening President Carl Myers and his staff assistants will present the second double header of the week when Clyde's meets WOW and McMurrays pairs off with Morgans.

All of these games are worthy of top billing and fans are sure to see some of the most exciting plays of the season this week.

The games of the next few days will separate the weak from the strong and only the best will survive the ordeal which Thursday and Saturday will bring.

For the convenience of those fans who lost the schedule published earlier, it is hereby repeated.

JUNE:

17—Harris vs McMurrays
Clyde's vs Morgans
19—Clyde's vs WOW
McMurrays vs Morgans
21—Lumber Co. vs WOW
Harris vs Morgans
24—Clyde's vs McMurrays
Lumber Co. vs Harris
28—Morgans vs WOW
Lumber Co. vs Clyde's

JULY:

1—McMurrays vs WOW
Lumber Co. vs Morgans
5—Harris vs Clyde's
Lumber Co. vs McMurrays
8—Harris vs WOW
Clyde's vs Morgans
12—Harris vs McMurrays
Clyde's vs WOW
15—McMurrays vs Morgans
Lumber Co. vs WOW
19—Harris vs Morgans
Clyde's vs McMurrays

### J. C. ODOM SPENDING NAVY LEAVE AT HOME

J. C. Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Odom of Black Mountain, arrived home Sunday to spend a few days with his parents before leaving for his assignment with the U. S. Navy.

J. C. has just completed his schooling at the M.M. "A" school in Great Lakes, Ill. He will go to San Diego, Calif., to be assigned to his ship. J. C. graduated from the Black Mountain High school in 1952. Before entering the Navy he was employed at the A&P store here.

### BENEFIT SUPPER WILL BE AT JOUAM HALL

The Builders class of First Christian church are sponsoring a benefit supper at the Junior Order hall on June 23. Proceeds from the supper will go toward the building fund of the church.

Price of tickets are $1.00 per plate and many be obtained from Mrs. Lee Seagle at Black Mountain Ice plant.

How Many Of These Do You Remember?

Some weeks ago this picture arrived in the mail from a subscriber in Philadelphia. This gentleman, who has been away from Black Mountain for a good while, found the picture in an old album.

How many do you know? The names were written on the back of the picture but this week see how many you know of this former basketball team which once represented Black Mountain. The picture with the identity of the players will be published in the News next week. Send in your identification right away.

New Minister

New minister of the Black Mountain Presbyterian church is the Rev. William R. Klein. Graduate of Davidson with the class of 1951, he completed his work at Union Theological Seminary, Richmand, in May. He assumed his new duties here on June 1.

Native of Atlanta, the Rev. Mr. Klein and Miss Dorothy MacLeod, daughter of the late Dr. Murdock MacLeod, were married in 1952. While a student at the seminary he spent his vacations serving in the First Presbyterian churches at Kings Mountain, and Danville, Va.

## Bruce DeBruhl To Attend Meetings

Bruce DeBruhl, state president of the Kentucky Future Teachers of America, has been spending the past few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer DeBruhl, on the Bee Tree road in Swannanoa.

He will leave for Washington, D. C., on June 17 where he will spend three days at the headquarters of the National Education Association, the U. S. Office of Education.

He will be in Albany, N. Y., June 22-26, to participate in the N.E.A. Teacher Education and Professional Standards conference at State Teachers college.

June 27-July 2, he will be in New York City representing the Kentucky Future Teachers at the National Education Association convention and coordinated activities.

On July 12 Bruce will go to Twin Lakes, Salisbury, Conn., where he will attend the Institute of World Affairs, a six week seminar on world relations and politics. He has received a full scholarship to cover tuition, room, and board at the Institute.

## Brown Rites Are Held At Hazard

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 12, at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist church, Hazard, Ky., for William R. Brown, father of Mrs. Marcus Begley, who died at his home June 9, on Padgett Town road here following a long illness.

Burial was in Englewood cemetery, Hazard. Mr. Brown was a retired school teacher and had resided in Black Mountain for the past six years. Surviving are the widow; two daughters, four sons, 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### WILL CONFER DEGREE

The third degree will be conferred on a candidate by the Black Mountain Lodge Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

## Mrs. Whitehead Wins In Contest

The judges in the national poetry contest have just announced that 1000 entries were received, from which eight poems were chosen for awards. The task was difficult, the judges said, because of the high excellence of the poems submitted. They came from all parts of the country.

There were three cash prizes and five honorable mention awards, and all of the five were given equal standing. Winners were from Florida, San Francisco, Pennsylvania, two honorable mentions from Chattanooga, and one honorable mention award to Black Mountain, won by Mrs. Miriam M. Whitehead for a poem entitled "End of The Drought".

Mrs. Whithead is a member of the Chicago Branch of The League of American Pen Women, in which she has held many offices, including that of vice-president, chairman of membership committee, etc, etc. She was guest-leader of the Poetry group of the Asheville Pen Women during the three years that she spent at the Battery Park hotel. She also is the founder of the Creative Writing club of Black Mountain.

The Authors' and Artists' club of Chattanooga were sponsors of the national poetry contest this year, and the winners were announced at their June dinner in the Red room of Hotel Patten.

### PRIZE TO BE GIVEN FOR OLDEST FATHER SUNDAY

In observance of Father's Day Sunday at the church of God, Lakey street, a prize will be given to the oldest father attending Sunday school and the father of the largest family present.

A Sunday school drive has been going on for some time and each Sunday a different superintendent is selected. This Sunday Walter R. Davis will serve and he invites everybody to come and bring their families to Sunday school.

## BIBLE SCHOOLS

### METHODIST

The Vacation Bible school of the Black Mountain Methodist church will close a two weeks' session with a special program during the Sunday school hour. The work of the school will be on display in the fellowship hall following the 11 o'clock service.

### KERLEE HEIGHTS

Vacation Bible school will begin at Kerlee Baptist church with preparation day, Friday, June 18. Hours are from 8:30 to 11:30. School will continue for two weeks. All children in the community through 16 years of age are invited to attend. Teachers for the school are: beginners, Mrs. Cordie Bartlett, Mrs. Roy Hollifield, and Mrs. Pat McMahan; primaries, Mrs. Max Willis and Mrs. G. M. Bradley; juniors, Mrs. Mildred Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Harris; intermediates, Mrs. Faye Quinn and Mrs. Pearl Holloway; pianist, Miss Joyce Riddle, and principal, Mrs. O. O. Surrett.

### FIRST BAPTIST

The daily vacation Bible school at the Black Mountain First Baptist church will open June 21, for a 2-week session. Classes will be held daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 till 11:30.

There will be four departments: beginners, primaries, juniors, and intermediates. A staff of teachers and officers from the First Baptist church will be assisted by members of the Ridgecrest staff. The pastor, W. A. Huneycutt, will serve as school principal.

All boys and girls between the ages of four and 17 are invited to attend. Transportation will be provided for the outlying areas of Black Mountain.

Citadel Graduate

Cadet Donald H. Grunert of Swannanoa received the Bachelor of Science in Pre.-Med. degree at the Citadel on June 12. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, chairman of the board of Eastern Air Lines, was the commencement speaker. A lieutenant in the school military program, Donald is a member of the Citadel Yacht club, and the American Ordnance association. He will enter the Duke University School of Medicine next year.

### BE SURE TO DIAL 78! WHEN CALLING ASHEVILLE

Be sure to dial 78 before calling an Asheville number.

Apparently some of the telephone subscribers in the Black Mountain - Swannanoa community are forgetting that they must dial the 78 prior to calling an Asheville number. As a result they've been getting Black Mountain numbers when they thought they had Asheville.

Mrs. Robert Hauth has been sick at her home for the past 10 days.

## Injuries Slight In 2-Car Crash

Four Black Mountain young people were injured slightly, none seriously, when the car in which they were riding was rammed by a 1953 Cadillac at the intersection of the Old Black Mountain highway and U. S. 74 at the Cat and Fiddle at 3:15 p. m. Wednesday of last week.

The four and their injuries were: Jack Atkins, driver of the 1953 Ford, bruised knee; Johnny Atkins, bruised chest; Sana Martin, bruised leg, and Norma Justus, cut and bump on the head.

Treated at St. Joseph's hospital all were released immediately except Miss Justus who was detained overnight because of the head injury. She was dismissed Thursday morning and returned to her classes at Emory university in Atlanta Monday.

According to Jack, he was driving in the direction of Black Mountain on the Old Highway (No. 81) when the Cadillac, driven by an out of state man, ran the stop sign at the intersection of U. S. 74 and crashed into the side of his car. Damage to the Cadillac was estimated at $800 and to the 1953 Ford $350. The cars did not overturn.

### I. N. STEVENS OPENS STORE ON STATE ST.

I. N. Stevens, a well known painter in this community, opened a fruit and vegetable store on West State street, just west of the hotel, on Friday, June 4.

Besides fruit and vegetables, Mr. Stevens has a large variety of items, including baked goods, candy, soft drinks, and novelties.

### WEEKEND GUESTS

Mrs. Dorothea Hill of Greenville, S. C., was a weekend guest of Miss Sara Mosely, Montreat road.

### TAYLORS WILL HAVE REUNION ON JUNE 27

The Taylor family will hold their annual family reunion on Sunday, June 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Taylor, North Blue Ridge road.

All relatives and friends are cordially invite dto attend.

Miss Marion Perley Will Play At French Tea!

June 23 will be a gala occasion at St. James' Parish House on Vance Avenue. From four till six o'clock, tea will be served a la francaise. English will be spoken unless French is preferred.

An incidental program of French music will be played by a distinguished harpist, Miss Marion Perley, who has studied in France and is now harpist with the North Carolina Symphony. Miss Perley started her harp education while a student at St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines in Asheville and later was a pupil of Mildred Dilling, famous concert harpist, and Henriette Renie of Paris.

For several years she has been solo harpist with the North Carolina Symphony orchestra and others. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Perley of Black Mountain, she has been appearing in concerts in New York.

## Valley Little Theatre Will Present Play

The Swannanoa Valley Little Theater will present its first summer production, THE HOUSE NOBODY LIVED IN, a mystery-comery in three acts, on Friday, June 25, at 8:00 p.m., at the Swannanoa High school auditorium.

The play, by Raymond Dumkey, furnishes plenty of suspense and lots of hearty laughs. The setting, an old mansion believed to be haunted, is the scene of a murder, and many ghostly antics.

This play is being staged for the benefit of the Swannanoa Men's club as part of their fund-raising program for community improvement, and is being promoted by this club.

Artus M. Moser, veteran actor and director, is directing the production, which features talent from both Swannanoa and Black Mountain. The cast includes the following delightful local performers: Fred Davidson, as "Virgil Keech," wealthy and eccentric owner of The House Nobody Lived In; Bill Gudger as "Barrow," the strange caretaker; Sam Alexander as "Wilson Orlando," a man of many talents; Pearl Folsom and Margaret Kelly as "Dolly" and "Anastasia," two clubwomen who want to find out "Are Men Human Beings?"; Joyce Straehla plays the part of "Judy Keech," lovely young daughter of Virgil, and Ned Straehla plays "Sherman Norton," who loves Judy, but holds little affection for her father; Betty Alexander appears as "Mrs. Brenda Fortesque," a lady who knows ghosts exist, and Ruth Penland as her maid, "Jinx Johnson," who is afraid her mistress is right; Norma Hussey and Betty Brown as "Gloria and Bonnie," two young women whose presence is as mysterious as their activities; and Pud Penley, who clears up all questions as "Inspector Holmes."

Tickets may be obtained from members of the Men's club. Admission prices are 50c for adults and 25c for children and young people through high school age

## Studios Plan Full Summer Schedule

Archer Studios, dealing with many phases of photography, opened in Black Mountain on June 15. On that date, the studios, located at No. 1 Montreat road, opened its first division, that of the commercial studio workshop, and become available for portrait sittings, architectural photographs, weddings and special occasions. Special consideration will be given to the photographing of babies and children. The studio will also offer the service of photographing special occasions, be it birthday party, wedding, or convention with 16mm movies, color slides, and/or black and white stills. The studio will also handle custom developing and printing of all sizes of roll film.

On July 12 the School Workshop will open at the studios, offering an eight week session of photographic courses. Courses offered will be in beginning photography, advanced photography, design, vision, and proportion, and a back-

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## Wade R. Rowland At Summer Camp

Cadet Wade R. Rowland, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rowland, of Black Mountain, reported to the six week Chemical Corps ROTC Summer Camp at Fort McCellan, Ala., on June 19, 1954.

During the summer camp, the techniques of firing individual and crew served weapons will be stressed. Practice marches, field exercises and field maneuvers will be conducted using field equipment. To further develop initiative and leadership, all students will be rotated in positions of responsibility and command.

During the past year, Rowland has been a cadet 2nd Lt. and Deputy Platoon Leader in Company I, Third Battalion Cadet Regiment Senior Division Chemical Corps Army ROTC, Wake Forest college. He was promoted to cadet 2nd Lt. on Sept. 1.

Mr. Roland attended Black Mountain High before enrolling in Wake Forest college where he is majoring in general science. A junior he is a member of Beta Beta Beta Thea Chi, Alpha Phi Omega and the Cadet Officers club.

### ANNUAL LAKEY GAP HOMECOMING JUNE 27

The annual homecoming of Lakey Gap Chapel will be held on Sunday, June 27.

The program will be announced in next week's News.