

Bittersweet
by Oden Walker

Black Mountain News gets all the time—this column has been running for the last weeks. On the Home Scene, I have known the real thing. I have known the Whittaker ever since he was up, and we are happy to have of such brilliancy on the later of a Starlin and I exchanging stories in his men, he was pointing out to how some of the best stories about common things. While about sorters were trying to scoop on the latest murder story, he wrote a touching feature about a squirrel turned out to be the piece of resistance of the week, then making me feel good he had written such a thing. "Now I have so much in com- 'oh," I answered, "you were both nuts." There has been a long time since and the opportunity to attend season outing at the Recrea-

Park, this year we went. It is said that food, drinks, and ice cream is prepared for 5,000 people. I believe it was most that many there. The last time I was there they served the soft drinks in the bottle, but now they pour them into paper cups, probably facilities the cleaning up. Long lines of children (and a large number of children grown-ups) were standing in line to get on the riding devices. We noticed that the North Fork kids were from line to line in a tight little clique. Minnie and I gave them our tickets. We think we will go back sometime and ride the miniature train, we just didn't have the heart to crowd ahead of all those children.

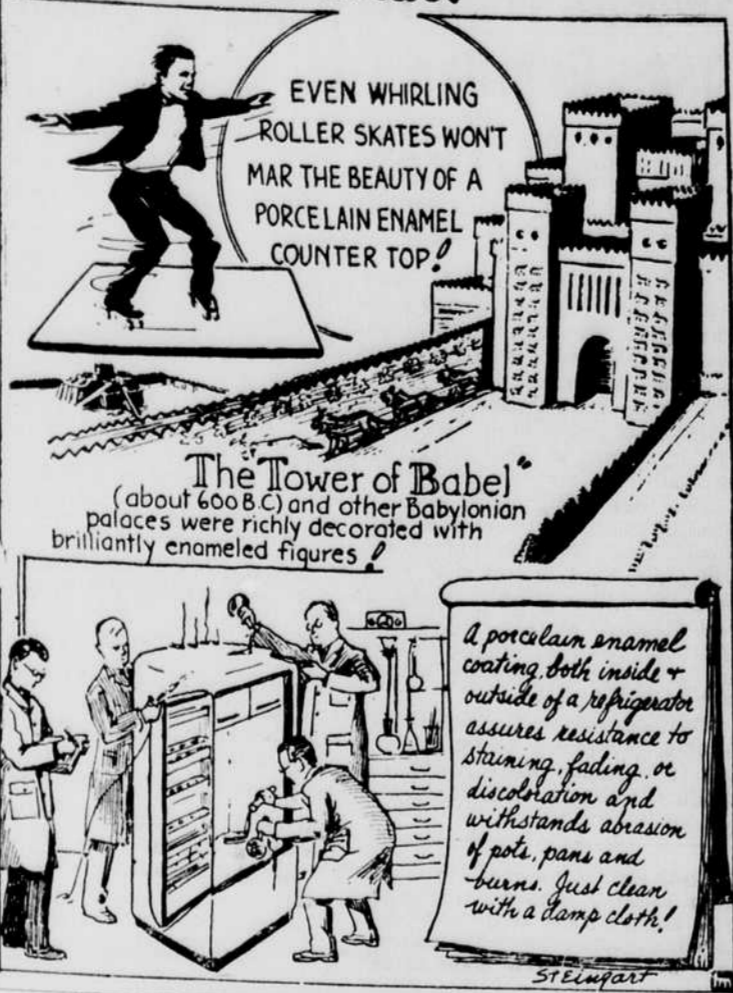
There were four long lines to be served supper, it took well over an hour for everyone to get through. Afterwards one could hardly walk on the picnic area for stepping into discarded food. One fellow was going happily about with a bucket and stick spearing slices of lucious ham from the ground, most likely to take to his dogs. The wastefulness of Americans is pitiful, that is the reason they weep so when a little depression comes along, they can pour so much out on the ground. We met so many old friends, and some new ones. Among these was Mrs. Paul Young, a most charming lady, and a faithful reader of Bittersweet. Toward the last of the party we saw many parents and grandparents searching for errant children. We talked a while to "Pee Wee" Pruitt, who was lamenting about the high cost of maintaining a Ford convertible and "all that goes with it." It was my understanding that I was to do an exhibition waltz with a certain young widow, but we never did find out if there was to be a dance or we never did find the widow either.

When we left the park we went to East Marion and spent the night with the Bruners. We found that they had just bought a new Chevrolet. There will be a baptizing at Mountain View church this coming Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Marrett will furnish background music during the service. You are cordially invited to come. Thomas Morris has traded for a Dodge. I don't know just what model.

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On The Home Scene

By Starlin Whitaker

Here's a Yancey county list of those who are working in Swannanoa:

Archie and Charles Riddle, Willard and Rex McMahan, Sheridan Roland, Hilton Roberson, Sheridan, Max and Jim Pate, Hubert Penland, Avery and Carol Ray, Ellison; Frank, France, Fred and Lee Allen, Ralph, Fred, Freda and Alphin Mumpower, and Roselle Nobitt.

C. A. Bullard, of Quitman, Ga., who 8 years ago spent the night near Black Mountain, made up his mind then and there that he wanted to move his family to the mountains and live here. He spent the day recently in search of a business that would keep the ladder in use, and expects to join us soon.

He and Mrs. Bullard and sons, Clyde, Jr., and Allen, are of the same opinion, the mountains appeal to them.

When Carrol Alexander worked two or three days at the Southern Railway depot in Asheville in 1918, he didn't at the time know he had found a life-time job. He has been with the Asheville division for 26 years.

His late father, H. H. Alexander, was a retired baggage man in Asheville at the time of his death. Whether Carrol inherited a yen for railroading is a matter of conjecture.

At any rate he is acquainted with the ins and outs of handling express and freight, anything concerning baggage and routine freight station jobs. He does his stint both in the Black Mountain and Swannanoa stations—and is on the last lap toward retirement.

E. R. Owensby, of Swannanoa had never met our Caldwell Owensby of Black Mountain until Caldwell's Austin went kaput. The Swannanoa, an expert machinist, built a crank shaft for the Black Mountaineer's baby automobile. They became more than passing acquaintances to one another.

Since the Austin manufacturer went out of business our Austin enthusiast has bought three different cars, in order to have parts for repair. Mrs. J. K. Peterson furnished one, Luther Kanupp another.

Zeb Suttles, champion fox hunter, was happy Friday night. A rain had dampened the leaves and to the woods he went, as did his six Walker hounds.

Suttles, a well known painter by day, came from an old line of hunters. His late father, William "Bill" Suttles, and his brothers Harry and Kenneth both of Asheville, all are hunting men.

I. H. Gibbs, 81-year-old young man, father of Mrs. Pearl Jarrett of Swannanoa, claims he needs a regular job. He has had experience in numbers of jobs, he says, but he never wants anything but what he can do with his "hoss-swap pin." There's a doubt about that business in his mind. He would prefer something that called for dealing with the public, preferably a job with music in it. He plays a fiddle and banjo, all the old-time tunes one may mention, and is a jolly conversationalist.

In 1918 Second Lieutenant Norman Clifford Shuford came to Black Mountain. He was on furlough and was hired, while in uniform, to come back here as principal of the Black Mountain school. The entire school was housed in the old Monte Vista hotel building, now a wooden annex to the hotel.

When he returned the next school year things began to happen. He didn't allow smoking on the grounds. No gambling, such as playing marbles for keeps, was permitted. Corporal punishment was in use, and the only recommended way to solve behavior problems. Sometimes things were rough. Home made black jacks, bean shooters and once and awhile a pistol-totin' guy was reported. All in all, the red-headed "Prof," as we all called him—has come through with distinction. He has been in two wars—World Wars I and II—and is one of the most admired men in the county.

The Dewey Kirstein's, Broad River, who own one of the finest orchards in the county, report a heavy crop of apples this year. Golden delicious and Stayman winesaps are plentiful. Mrs. Kirstein, mother of three boys, Dewey, Jr., Joe and Jack, explained that Dewey, Jr., walked

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 55 ELECTS BETTY FORTUNE

Girl Scout Troop 55 held its first meeting of the year at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon, Sept. 9. The following officers were elected: president, Betty Fortune; vice-president, Regina Stafford; secretary, Connie Taylor; scribe, Beverly Bryan. Patricia Browning from Mrs. R. H. Kaplan's troop will assist Troop 55 this year. Those attending were: Mary Ham, Betty Fortune, Connie Taylor, Regina Stafford, Carolyn Dotson, Beverly Bryan, Wanda Lunsford, and Judy Marret.

an estimated 3,000 miles to attend Black Mountain high school, before buses were provided for that section. Dewey is an instructor in the geology department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Loyd (that's the way he spells it) Phillips, has been busy lately at getting a '41 Ford ready to compete in amateur auto races. He has equipped the automobile with an airplane seat, and up-to-date safety bars. He is the only Swannanoa or Black Mountain man known to be engaged in entering the Western North Carolina contests.

D. L. Rumble, for six years a merchant a mile east of Black Mountain on the old Ridgecrest road, is the first businessman on the old route to reestablish a business in this section. He has a new store on the Broad River road.

The Martins, headed by M. L. Martin, state champion fiddler, are a talented group. Not one but all of them do more than one job!

Wade, who won national fame as a woodcarver, stays everlastingly at that craft, while his brothers, Wayne, Fred and Quinten, in addition to trying their hands at carving, have done excellent jobs in building with stone. Fred, a regular Black Mountain employee, is also a photographer.

Their dad, M. L., is called on continuously to play at conventions, fairs and gatherings in all sections of the State. He has taken top place twice at the State Fiddler's jamborees, in Raleigh.

Eight Black Mountain housewives are engaged daily in one of the most important of everyday activities. They are the workers in the grammar school lunchroom. These busy women feed an estimated 300 (daily and seemingly) have fun listening to childish chatter, settle hungry stomachs with soups and hoods.

They include: Mrs. Florence Melton, supervisor, Mrs. Augusta Brackett, Mrs. Hazel Creasman, Mrs. Alma Bailey, Mrs. Nell McAfee, Mrs. Mona Lindsey, Mrs. Jeter Riddle, and Mrs. Clark Nanney.

James V. Reeks and his assistant, Woody Stepp are living in hope. That is, they hope they will be lucky enough to find \$300 loose dollars, as did the second-hand furniture dealer, where he once worked. He found the money in a flue box of an old stove.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles says the death rate in North Carolina is about 60 miles per hour. Why be in such a hurry to reach the end of the road. Slow Down and Live.

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Warren Speaker At Montreal

MONTREAT, Sept. 10—Students and faculty members of Montreat College and Montreat Preparatory School today heard the Rev. Paul F. Warren, pastor of the Grace Covenant church, tell them that there is great value in a Bible-centered institution such as Montreat. Speaking at opening chapel exercises this morning in the college auditorium, the Rev. Mr. Warren stated that the Bible is the only infallible rule of use and practice and that it is right that Montreat should be a Bible-centered institution. He was introduced by Montreat.

Chilly Mountain Air Brings Color To W.N.C. Peaks

Chilly mountain air has brought about the first color changes in western North Carolina's tree-covered slopes, signaling the on-coming autumn spectacle which annually attracts thousands into these hills.

Motorists along the Blue Ridge parkway and Great Smoky Mountains may now see early beginnings of the fall brilliance as it makes its way down mile-high peaks, flooding the slopes with magnificent scenery.

From early September into early November the autumn traveler may see this colorful show, with the peak in color occurring in mid-October at the median 3,000 feet. National Parks and Forests will remain open through November and indications are that record-breaking numbers will travel along the Blue Ridge Parkway into the vast resort area in and around Asheville. President J. Rupert McGregor, Dr.

McGregor also welcomed both new and returning faculty and student members and introduced Dr. McGregor, new English department head and acting dean of faculty. Dr. Monroe presented the following new faculty members to the group: William A. Boram, journalism and director of public relations; Mrs. Ellen Sanders, science; R. Leon Hall, business and education; and Mrs. Geza Soos, French. Also introduced to the student body for the first time was the Rev. Stanley Bennett, who will be installed as pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. Miss Annie Webb, principal of Montreat Preparatory School, introduced two new members of her faculty, Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse and Miss Cassandra Stockburger. Music was performed by the Montreat church choir under the direction of Allan Guy.

CP&L Dedication To Honor Edison

Carolina Power & Light Company will dedicate its new Wilmington plant on October 21, the 75th anniversary of Thomas A. Edison's invention of the incandescent lamp, it was announced today. Louis V. Sutton, CP&L president, told company directors meeting here today that the dedication date would coincide with a nationwide salute to Edison. Directors discussed plans for inviting the public to tour the new plant during "open house" on dedication day.

Quarterly dividends also were declared: \$1.25 per share payable October 1 to holders of \$5 preferred stock at the close of business September 15, and 25 cents per share payable November 1 to holders of common stock at the close of business October 8.

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