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Get Your Name On The Lions Club Calendar!

# BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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## REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

People do read the paper. If you don't believe it, ask the folks at Swannanoa who last week brought to a man the hundred dollar error made in the date their office was established.

The copy said plan as day 1818, years ago. But due to a typographical mistake, common around newspaper office, the story said Major W. B. Stone and I died most of the close readers at least one still believes it a pure case of sabotage.

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Strange but true. A man with strong local connections and his wife were swimming at Little Beach this past summer when a heavy wave caught them and dumped the pair hard, the man sank his teeth.

For the next hour or so the best couple on the beach was the man and his wife as they everything but turn the inside inside out to find the missing molars which were in demand for ornamental purposes as well as for eating.

Darkness fell and so did their spirits as they made their sorrowfully to their tent.

It is reported on good authority that the wife was almost in tears as they gave up the falsies lost forever.

But during the night they regained their faith that all was not lost and the first crack of dawn found them on their way to the hunting ground to have their look before the crowds came.

On the way they were suddenly attracted to two small shells who had been out looking for something and the man and woman almost shouted for joy at the young lady said: "Look at what we found this morning on the beach."

What they had found was the set of missing teeth which had been lost quite a distance from the shore.

Who said he didn't believe his prayers were answered?

—R—

You can take a mountaineer out of the mountains but you can't take the mountains out of the mountaineer.

Many of us who were born here in the Blue Ridge range know how that is. No matter where you go or how long you stay there always something that is not until "Those days I'm climbing till I climb that mountain in the Blue Ridge far away."

This week from far out at Route 140, Burlington, Washington, comes a poem written by Mrs. Annie Hemphill, former resident of McDowell county. Mrs. Hemphill has those Blue Ridge Mountain Blues. Read her poem and if you don't agree.

# Million Dollar Electronic Plant To Build Here

State Vice President



O. M. Alexander

O. M. Alexander of Swannanoa was elected vice-president of the 6,000 members of the North Carolina State Employees association at the annual meeting held in High Point. President is Phillip B. Pollock of Pollockville.

Graduate of Swannanoa High school, Mr. Alexander attended the University of North Carolina for two years and was graduated from Cecil's Business college. He was associated with his mother, Mrs. R. D. Alexander, in the operation of Alexander Inn for several years. For the past six years he has been connected with the State Highway Patrol with the Department of Motor Vehicles, stationed in Asheville.

Active in civic and church affairs of the community, the new state vice-president was for two years president of the Swannanoa PTA, secretary of the Swannanoa Men's club, and a member of the board of directors. Member of the board of deacons of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church, he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for the past eight years.

Will Graduate



Miss Ruth Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins of Black Mountain, will be graduated from Watts Hospital School of Nursing, Durham, on Thursday, Sept. 30. Miss Watkins was graduated from Black Mountain High school in 1951.

## Power Will Be Interrupted On Cragmont Road

In keeping with its policy of rendering dependable electric service, the Carolina Power and Light company is making repairs to a section of the feeder line serving Cragmont road. All work possible has been completed while the lines were energized; however, in order to complete the maintenance work safely, it will be necessary to temporarily interrupt service Thursday, Sept. 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Electric service to all customers on Cragmont road, Rhododendron avenue, and in the general vicinity of Tomahawk lake will be affected.

Officials of the Carolina Power and Light company stated that these hours were selected in order to render the least inconvenience to its customers in these areas.

## Bell's Radio Relay Will Be Demonstrated

How telephone calls and television programs speed through space along the Bell Telephone System's Radio-Relay route will be demonstrated to the Lions club here Sept. 23 by Charles McCuiston of the Southern Bell Telephone company.

Miniature radio-relay apparatus, representing the equipment used to connect Atlanta and Charlotte, to the coast-to-coast chain of towers at Washington, D. C., will be used to explain the principles of the new development in the field of communications.

The Southern Bell representative will explain that hundreds of telephone calls and television programs can now be transmitted simultaneously without the use of wire or cable by means of high-frequency radio beams called microwaves. This new skyway communications route permits static-free transmission from towers which are about 30 miles and range up to 290 feet in height. The microwaves travel at the rate of four billion past a given point each second before they are placed on regular wire circuits and carried to telephone sets or receivers in the home.

Radio-relay was described as one of many new advances that have resulted from research done at the Bell Telephone laboratories in the past years. Model equipment will be used to show how metal lenses focus the radio beam from horizon to horizon along the chain of towers. These lenses are so effective that only five watts of power—the amount in a normal flash light—is needed to relay the signals along their way.

A question and answer period will follow the demonstration.

## Get Your Name On Lions Club Calendar Now

Last chance to sign up for the Lions club birthday calendar and get in line for a year of fun in watching your neighbors' birthdays roll around is fast approaching. A. M. McCoy, chairman, said at the regular meeting of the board of directors.

It costs 25 cents to list a birthday date and calendars are 50 cents each. All money above cost of printing goes for the aid to the blind program which the local Lions club sponsors.

Call any member of the Lions club or drop by the Black Mountain News in order to be listed.

It was announced that the white cake drive will be held in Black Mountain starting Sept. 23. Again this year the clubs of the district will compete in a contest. Last year Haw Creek raised \$14 per member during the drive. Dinsmore Crawford is chairman and will explain the campaign at the Lions club meeting at the Monte Vista tonight.

In other action the directors voted to reinstate Frank Buckner, who has been ill, and accepted Dr. J. Robeson of the Western North Carolina Sanatorium as a regular member. The club will support Lawrence Leatherwood of Waynesville, superintendent of Haywood county schools, for district governor and Herbert W. Sanders was instructed to write the Waynesville club a letter to that effect. The club will meet at the Monte Vista throughout the winter.

## Music Club Will Meet Sept. 30

On Thursday, Sept. 30, at 8:15 p.m. the Swannanoa Valley Music club will hold its opening meeting of the year at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Cooley, 221 New Bern avenue, Black Mountain.

Members are asked to note the date and to invite musicians or music lovers who should be enrolled in the club. Come prepared to suggest new types of programs for the year or worthwhile projects.

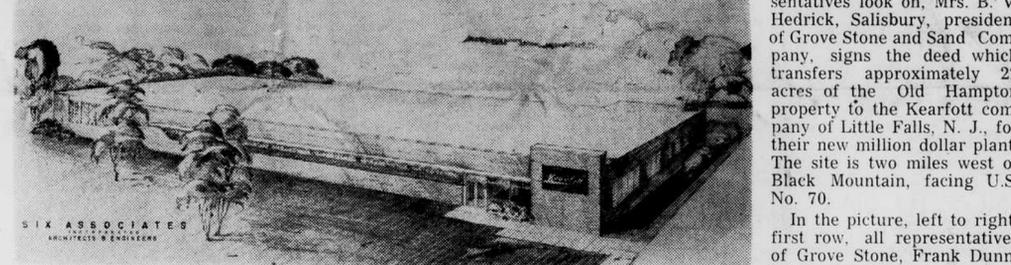
An unusually interesting and fruitful year seems to be opening with a community Christmas program by combined choirs as the first project.

This meeting is for planning and for fellowship.



Grove Stone President, Mrs. B. V. Hedrick, Signs Deed For Kearfott Plant Site!

## Architect's Drawing Of Kearfott Company's New \$1,000,000 Plant



SIX ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

## Request Funds For 6 New Classrooms, 4 Toilets

Budget Of \$4000 Adopted By PTA

What the PTA means to the school was told by three speakers at the regular meeting of the elementary group at the school last Thursday evening.

Speaking for the parents, Mrs. Frank Watkins pointed out that it was a privilege as well as an obligation to belong to the PTA. "It gives a chance to know the progress and to work for the betterment of the children," she stated.

Mrs. W. W. White, teacher, said it was a grand feeling to know that an organization was working for the improvement of the school, that underprivileged children would be provided with food and clothing, and that the welfare of the teachers as well as the pupils was considered. She said that the PTA gives the teachers an opportunity to know the parents.

Leon Gregory, representing the students, said it made him feel good to know that mother and dad were working with the teachers. He stressed the enjoyment of entertainment at the parties—and the value of the Halloween carnival which helps to keep many boys and girls out of trouble on that night.

A budget of \$4,000, based on the maximum need, was adopted for the year. Teachers and PTA officers were introduced. The Rev. Thad McDonald gave the devotions and President F. P. Higginbotham presided. Mrs. William Styles was in charge of the program.

Six Associates of Asheville have prepared the plans for the new plant which Kearfott Company, a division of the General Precision Corp. of Little Falls, New Jersey, will build on the property purchased Tuesday from Grove Stone and Sand company. The site is approximately two miles west of Black Mountain on a part of the Old Hampton tract which Grove Stone bought some years ago.

Back row, left to right, Walter Burgess, president, Chamber of Commerce; William Hickey, C of C treasurer; R. T. Greene, business manager of Town of Black Mountain, and Gordon Greenwood, C of C Industrial Council.

## Warhorses Play First Home Contest Friday

Biltmore's Yellow Jackets will be here Friday afternoon at 3:30 to help the combined Swannanoa-Black Mountain High school football team open the home season.

Although the boys from Biltmore have lost two games this year, in the opinion of Coach Buffalo Humphries of the Warhorses they have a much better team than the record indicates. "They're much better than they've shown so far and have one of the best tailbacks in the county. They'll bear watching," Humphries said. "We can't afford to let up against them because they have backs that can go all the way from any place on the field," he observed.

Except for Don Wilson who will miss the game because of an injured side which has bothered him all year, the team will be ready for action.

Last Friday night at Oakley the Warhorses turned back the Woodfin gridders, 21-6, in a Buncombe County league contest. As the game opened clouds of dust covered the players following each play but this was "settled" to some extent by rain which fell throughout the final three quarters.

The Warhorses uncovered a passing attack which brought two scores and broke the otherwise close contest wide open.

After Patton, who scored all three touchdowns, had plunged over for a TD in the first quarter, Greene ran for the extra point. It was 7-0 in the second quarter.

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## Council Adopts \$65,818 Budget For Coming Year

A budget of \$65,818 for the fiscal year has been adopted by the Black Mountain town board, but the tax rate will remain at \$1.75 per \$100 valuation, the same as for the past few years.

The budget, largest in the history of the town government, provides \$7,000 for labor for the water department and \$8,000 for supplies, the largest single items. For other departments the fire department receives \$4,000, police \$4,500, sanitary \$5,200, streets \$3,000, street lights \$2,100, and sewers \$100.

Interest on bonds will total \$4,907.50, while \$4,000 will be used on the bonds principal.

Officials pointed out that there has been an increase of \$100,000 valuation for town property for this year over last, despite the fact that the valuation of automobiles dropped due to depreciation.

Major portion of the revenue for the year will come from taxes, \$28,000, and the water department.

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## Kearfott Co. To Have Payroll Of \$12,000 Weekly

Construction of a new \$1,000,000 electronics manufacturing plant on the Old Hampton property, two miles west of Black Mountain, facing U.S. Highway 70, was announced Wednesday by Fred D. Herbert, president of the Kearfott Company of Little Falls, N. J.

Employing approximately 275, the new plant will have a weekly payroll of \$12,000. Plans are to use local labor, except for a minimum of technicians who will be brought from the New Jersey plant. More than one-half of the employees will be women. A small electric motor will be the principal product manufactured here.

The 22 acre site was purchased from Grove Stone and Sand company and is part of what is known as the Old Hampton property.

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"We are happy to announce our intention of building a new manufacturing unit here and are looking forward to becoming a constructive part of the economy of Western North Carolina," Fred D. Herbert, Jr., company vice president, said in a statement released, Wednesday.

"The Kearfott company is one of the oldest of our American Electronics manufacturers, dating back to 1917, and is a major subsidiary of General Precision Equipment Corporation.

"This section was selected after many months of searching through New England and the south and we feel confident that we have made the correct choice."

THANKS C OF C FOR HELP

Frank Cox, executive vice president of the Asheville Industrial Council, expressed gratitude to the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce for the offer of help and cooperation.

He also pointed out the tremendous aid supplied by the State Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh whose officials, Mr. Cox explained, went all out to supply information and do what they could to help bring this new plant to North Carolina.

CONTRACT AWARDED

The grading contract for the land was awarded Tuesday to the Perry Alexander company. The building, which will contain 30,000 square feet of floor space, will be a one story structure with air conditioning in one-third. Plans were prepared by Six Associates of Asheville. Construction is expected to start in October and production of electronic components within six months. Grading will start at once.

Founded in 1916 in New York the Kearfott company made marine equipment and instruments. The founder died in 1917 and the company was taken over by F. D. Herbert, who is now president. F. D. Jr., is vice president, and a second son, Sidney Herbert, secretary and director of purchases.

Manager of the Black Mountain plant will be a native Tar Heel who is "glad" to be returning home. He is Frank Waldhost, formerly of Wilmington and a 1925 graduate of the University of North Carolina with a degree in electrical engineering. He moved north shortly thereafter and has been away since. He and Mrs. Waldhost expect to move here soon.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

Walter Burgess, president of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday "we are pleased that the Kearfott company has selected our community for the site of the new plant. We would have them know that they are welcome and that all of us here stand ready to offer any assistance possible. We hope that they will consider themselves a part of our community and will consider all of us friends upon whom they may feel free to call if and when we are needed."

## MRS. SARTI ENTERTAINS FOR SALISBURY VISITOR

The home of Mrs. George Sarti was the scene of a lovely informal tea last Friday afternoon when Mrs. Sarti entertained in honor of Mrs. George Weant of Salisbury, who is visiting Mrs. Ernest Hilfiker.

Arrangements of mixed fall flowers were used in the home to decorate. Guests included Mrs. Fred Perley, Mrs. A. P. Perley, Mrs. B. A. Moeller, Mrs. Fred Dawson, Mrs. Lee Hiltz, Mrs. John McGraw, Sr., Mrs. Benjamin Hunter, Mrs. John Reading, and Mrs. Ernest Hilfiker.