

We Need More Citizens of His Caliber!

Each year the Junior Chamber of Commerce presents the Distinguished Service Award to that young man of the community who, in the opinion of the judges, has done more than anyone else during the year to make the town a better place in which to live.

This year, after careful consideration of a wide field of candidates, the committee selected Dempsey Whitaker, owner and manager of Lormay's Department store and mayor of the town. This genial young man has been active in many organizations, all with the purpose in mind of improving the community.

In the words of those who nominated him: "He has given his time untriflingly to try to make the Black Mountain American Legion Post a success. He is active in Lions club

work and is now our mayor. An excellent leader, he has served in leadership capacity for many organizations... this young man is very sincere... very cooperative and honest... an outstanding citizen of our community... and one of whom we can be proud... an outstanding personality... has the knack of getting things done without controversy... he supports both morally and financially all organizations of the community... he is one of the finest personalities of our town."

There were other comments but these give an idea of the type person the DSA winner is. Add them together and you have Black Mountain's outstanding young man of the year—Dempsey Whitaker. We need more citizens with his attitude, more with his desire to be of service to his community and to his fellowmen.

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UNDERGROUND. — One afternoon last week I was driving between Elkin and Winston-Salem when an approaching car flashed lights at me. I checked to see if my lights were on. They weren't. The next car did the same thing, and for the next ten miles four out of every five cars did the same thing. The drivers smiled and waved and I waved back.

When I got to the Jordan River Bridge I was not surprised to see a whammy set up by the highway patrol. From that point the car in front of me flashed his lights at every car he passed up until we got to Winston-Salem. It was an interesting experience to have in psychology. Apparently four out of every five people were cooperating to defeat the purpose of the whammy. The fifth one may have taken for granted that the others had been seen.

One thing impressed me. The whammy didn't cause the arrest of anybody who had any sense of observation who was traveling between Elkin and Winston-Salem that afternoon. And yet it had in reality accomplished its purpose. I had never seen a more orderly line of traffic on any highway. Everyone was with a sense of observation and was smiling and cooperating with his fellow travelers.

The thought occurred that if a person is traveling and observed that the flow of traffic is exceeding the speed limit that he would be doing his fellow travelers and himself a favor if he will flash his lights, smile and wave regardless of whether a whammy is ahead or not. One might be and at least it will cause the speed laws to be observed for the next ten miles because one might need a life just saved may be your own.

REAL FRIENDLY. — There are many freshmen members of the legislature in Raleigh, and there has been a lot of "getting acquainted" going on. They are a likeable lot, and easy to get to know or else they wouldn't have been elected. Now they are also a lot of freshmen or new lobbyists on the scene this year and they are busy getting acquainted with the legislators as fast as they can, and also, they are a friendly lot and "half-fellow well-met" or else they would never have been chosen for the work they are sent here to do.

Recently, I saw two of these new lobbyists dining together in a Raleigh restaurant and they were both laughing so hard I inquired as to the cause of the humor. They are from different sections of the state and by some chance had never met. They had struck up an acquaintance in the lobby of the Sir Walter Hotel and had gone across the street to eat.

Each thought the other one was a member of the legislature and both were doing their best to make a good impression, and the conversation had gone something like this: "I hope to get better acquainted with you during the next three months, and if there is anything I can do for you, please depend that it will be a pleasure for me to do so." "Well, now sir, that is most kind of you, and I am at your service and eager to return any favor." This went on for awhile until each one was convinced that he had made a new friend and secured a new vote for his employer.

Black Mountain NEWS

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HERE ON VISIT: Bill Riddle and Bill Carrier of Kannapolis were dinner guests of the M. J. Robertsons last Sunday. Mr. Riddle is Mrs. Robertson's brother.

SWANNANOVA NEWS

MRS. M. C. TAYLOR, SWANNANOVA EDITOR. BOX 255. PHONE 4094. SOCIETY—PERSONALS—CLUBS—CHURCHES

Staff Sgt. James Martin Hillerman, a native of Pennsylvania, was serving with the Marines in Korea since the first of August as a mechanic on a Jet plane. He was working on the plane when it exploded killing him instantly. His wife, Mrs. Earlene McCall Hillerman, was notified by the War Dept., Dec. 22, 1954, of his death.

Mrs. Hillerman was the former Miss Earlene McCall, daughter of Mrs. Edna McCall and the late Earl McCall of Bee Tree road of Swannanoa. She and Mr. Hillerman, both serving with the Marines, were married in Kingston, N. C., May 21. She received her discharge with a sister, Mrs. F. D. Brougner in Gulf Port, Miss.

Two new members present. They will meet every other Wednesday night at the church and alternate Wednesday nights in homes of the members. Buford Lowe is co-member. Buford Lowe is co-member of the Jr. R. A. They meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30 at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cansler Jr. of Johnson City, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mr. Cansler's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John Cansler. The Rev. Mr. Cansler is pastor of the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church.

Mrs. B. S. West is home after visiting several weeks with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harrison in Meridian, Miss. Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary. The Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary of the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 18, at the parsonage with 13 members present. Mrs. Claude Foster, president, presided during the program and business session. The program subject, "Declaring His Glory Now Through Singing the Hymn 'Take My Life, and Let It Be'." John Ogile, Jr. Scripture taken from Matthew 25:14-30 were given by Mrs. T. A. Pittman.

Mrs. W. H. Smith gave a talk on "Recognition of God's Divine Ownership," Mrs. Lewis McCall "Acknowledgment of God's Right As Owner," and Mrs. A. L. Willet "Have They Lost Their Love," and Mrs. Pettit spoke on "Southern Baptist Guide Post." Margaret Campfield spoke on "In the South, The Home Mission Board," and Miss Dorothy Ingle spoke on "Try Love."

Mrs. Charles Smith closed the program with prayer after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Joy Pettit was presented with a going away gift. Her husband, who has been connected with Moore General, has been transferred to Fort Wayne, Ind., and they are going there to live. Also during the social hour members of the circle surprised Mrs. Charles W. Smith with a stork shower and she received many lovely gifts.

Hostesses for the February meeting are Mrs. Annie McMahan and Mrs. Margaret Campfield. General W. M. U. The general meeting of the Women's Missionary society met Tuesday night, Jan. 11, in the First Baptist church auditorium. Mrs. W. C. Shope, president, presided. The meeting was opened by the singing of the hymn for the year "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross." The watchword was repeated in unison. Prayer led by Mrs. Shope. During the business meeting members were asked to collect used Christmas cards of religious origin only, open them flat and cut into so as to eliminate all English and personal language and yet they will still fold like a book. Bring these to the next meeting and they will be gathered together and forward to missionaries on the foreign field requesting them to use in their work.

Circles were asked to turn in their \$1.50 toward the Community Mission project for the month. The Lucy Wright circle had the program. Mrs. Fred McCuen was in charge. The topic was "Pointing The Jews To The Way." Seven candles were used as symbol of Jewish worship. Mrs. Fred Davidson gave the devotionals from Luke 24:13. Mrs. George Penley told "Our Missionary In Palestine Ministering To The Jews." Home Mission Board and Southern Baptists interested in winning the Jews in the South was told by Mrs. Fred McCuen, and Mrs. Dorothy McCrain. After the singing of "Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me," Mrs. O. R. Hardin dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. Lily Mae Miller and six Jr. Boys and Girls in Baptist Training Union visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. T. C. McPeters. Attending were Kaye and Faye Patton, Ronnie Lowe, Becky, Julia and Marjorie Smith. They gave a devotional program from Home Life sang choruses and enjoyed a social hour with refreshments they had brought.

Eugene Stockton has organized an Intermediate Royal Ambassador. They met last Wednesday night at the home of Lester Miller with nine former members and

Refreshments were served by the hostesses to Mrs. T. C. Burnette, Jr., Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Hamby, Mrs. Nannery, Mrs. Lewis Phillips, Mrs. Claude Rice, Mrs. Wade Rowland, Mrs. Conway Tatham, Mrs. White, Mrs. Ray Cockrell, Mrs. George Tatham, Mrs. John Reese, and Carol Watkins.

MRS. AUSTIN DICKENS IS SUPPER CHAIRMAN. Mrs. A. A. Dickens is chairman of the regular monthly supper which the Co-Workers Sunday school class of the Methodist church will have at the fellowship room Friday evening at 6:30. Other members of the committee are Mr. Dickens and Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Schell. All class members are urged to attend.

G. M. ALLRED— From Page 1 several years ago. He had resided in Black Mountain and Ridgecrest for most of his life. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Allred who were in the general mercantile business here for many years. Active in religious affairs, he spent each Sunday afternoon at the Western North Carolina sanatorium working with the patients. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elsie M. Allred, two daughters, Mrs. Leroy Sexton of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Miss Barbara Allred of Ridgecrest; three sons, John M. of Norfolk Va., Nick of Ridgecrest, and Theodore Allred of Travelers Rest, S. C. Also three sisters, Mrs. Janette Daugherty of Black Mountain, Mrs. Elsie Sutton of Williamsburg Ky. and Mrs. Ingham Bradham of Washington, D. C. and nine grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Robert Byrd, I. N. Stevens, George Morrow, Harold Gregory, S. J. Wright and Clyde Bartlett. Honorary pallbearers included T. L. Sheehy, James Ricker, Roy Alexander, Claude Henson, Dr. S. S. Cooley, and Kenneth Simons. Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

MRS. EUNICE R. SMITH, Administrator of the Estate of Hubert D. Smith, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before January 20, 1955 or else this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 3rd day of January, 1955. MRS. EUNICE R. SMITH, Administrator of the Estate of Hubert D. Smith, deceased. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

NOTICE State of North Carolina County of Buncombe. In the General County Court, Gladys C. Sparks, plaintiff, vs. Roy Sparks, Defendant. YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that an action entitled as above has been instituted against you in the General County Court of Buncombe County; that the purpose of said action is the obtaining of a divorce from bed and board by the plaintiff from the defendant; that answer or demur to appear and on or before the 6th day of March, 1955, before the undersigned at his office in the County Court House of Buncombe County, Asheville, North Carolina; and if you do not so answer or demur within the time required by law, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 17th day of January, A. D. 1955. J. E. SWAIN, Clerk Superior Court, Buncombe County, EX-Officio Clerk General County Court. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10.

Phil McElrath Is With State Highway Dept.

Phil McElrath of Black Mountain has accepted a position as a road bid geologist with the North Carolina State Highway commission. He is stationed in Raleigh but will cover the entire state in his work. Graduate of Swannanoa High school and the University of North Carolina, Phil flew 52 missions as an engineer gunner on a B26 in the ETO during the last year.

STEVE UZZELL— From Page 1

years in college, he served for two years on a hospital ship with the navy in the Pacific Theater. He re-entered school in 1946 and received his degree in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina in 1948. He has been associated with his father in the Black Mountain Drug company since that time. He is married to the former Betty Harrison of Black Mountain. They have two small daughters, Martha Scott and Marsha.

MONTREAT

By Miss Julia Stokes

The Montreat Presbyterian church held the worship service in Gaither Chapel at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. The pastor, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, had Communion Meditation: "What is the Lord's Supper?" The church was full with the students and many visitors.

A group of young people of the Myers Park Presbyterian church of Charlotte held a retreat for the week-end. Dr. Donald Dilworth, missionary to Ecuador, gave a most interesting account of the mission work there at the Sunday school hour Sunday morning.

On next Sunday, immediately after the morning service, the congregation will have a short meeting. The budget for 1955 will be presented at this time.

The executive board of the Women of the Church met in the Sun parlor of the Assembly Inn at 4 p. m. on Monday.

The circles of the Women of the Church met on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Circle No. 1, Mrs. W. J. Gammon, chairman, met in the home of the chairman on Mississippi road at 4 p. m.

Circle No. 2, Mrs. Noyes Wilson, chairman, met in the home of Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor on Assembly road at 4 p. m.

The Business Woman's circle met in College Hall at 7:45 p. m. with Miss Stockburger, Miss J. Hanson, and Mrs. Evans hostesses.

The prayer meetings are held each Wednesday at 4 p. m. in the sun parlor of the Inn, and at 7:30 p. m. in Gaither Chapel.

The annual banquet of the Women of the Church was held on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p. m. It was a splendid meeting and a delicious supper was served. Many men were present. The meeting was open for families. The decorations of greens and red berries were artistically arranged by Mrs. Sam Woods and her committee. A basket of red carnations was on the speaker's table.

Mrs. John Payne Williams gave a brief history of the work for the year. The historian, Mrs. Thomas Spence, was out of town. The treasurer gave a glowing report of money given for the year which was far above the budget set.

The guest speaker, Dr. A. A. McLean, gave a most interesting talk on "Use of Our Talents." The Rev. Lee Fisher played one of his own compositions and one of the hymns which was often sung during the Greater London Campaign, a Welsh air which was most unusual and very pretty. The social contact at these suppers is always pleasant.

Among the young people who came from Charlotte for the week-end were two of our summer residents, Ray Cunningham and Henry Wade DuBoise, Jr.

The Misses Josephine and Lillie Woods have returned to Bridlewood after spending a few weeks in

LETTERS

APPROVES STAND Rangoon Lodge, Jan. 18, 1955.

Black Mountain News, Black Mountain, N. C. Dear Jack:

We were so happy to read last week's editorial concerning the proposed toll for the Blue Ridge Parkway. We agree with you in all the points you made and believe as you do that the fee would keep one from enjoying the beauties and accommodations of the Parkway. We use and enjoy the Parkway many, many times during the season and are willing to contribute to further building and improvements. As for those who cry about charging the people to use what they already own as did the Asheville City Council, what about parking meters?

I know of no recreational facility that is as completely enjoyed by the whole family as a trip on the Parkway no matter what the fee. Two dollars seems small enough fee for a family pass to God's own country club.

Sincerely, Harriet A. Styles.

ENJOYS NEWS United States Marine Corps Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to inform you of my change of address which is on the bottom of the page. I find your paper very enjoyable reading and would like to state that it is a big comfort to me who are sometimes far away. Thank you for the prompt delivery.

Sincerely, J. N. Gibbs

Knows Band Members. Dear Mr. Greenwood:

My mother wishes to submit an answer to the question concerning the First Band in Black Mountain, as best to her knowledge, she can name as follows: Mr. Sam Coggins, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Charlie Boone, Mr. Bascombe Burnett, Mr. Lee Goodson, Mr. Duard Walker, Mr. Jim McCoy and Mr. Will Burnett.

Sincerely, Mrs. Gary Gregory.

P. S. My mother said she attended that certain concert. She is 71 years of age.

Class Observes Fellowship Day

A substantial amount was raised toward the building fund of the First Christian church when Fellowship Day was enjoyed by members and friends on Jan. 16. Following church services, a covered dish dinner was served in the dining hall with Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Davis in charge.

Lee Moore was general chairman of the day, with Frank Dixon acting as chairman of the hospital-ity committee. The attractive posters on display in several downtown windows last week were made by David and Nancy DuPuy. Visitors were present from Asheville and other nearby communities.

The Christian church was organized in 1950 by Dr. Howard S. Hiley to serve as host church for the Christian Assembly located one mile south of Black Mountain. It meets in the Jr. O.U.A.M. hall during the winter months and on the assembly grounds in the summer. The Rev. C. N. Williams is the present pastor.

The church has recently added a cradle roll department with Mrs. Mary Aleshire as superintendent. The first of a series of workers' conference meetings will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

BUSINESS WOMEN MEET WITH MRS. CARLAND

The Business Women's circle of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening, Jan. 11 with Mrs. Harry Carland. Mrs. Irvin Page opened the meeting with prayer. Reports were made by officers and committee chairmen. Offerings were made, and the community missions project was planned.

Mrs. W. F. Senn was welcomed as a new member into the circle. Miss Ruth Gilbert presented the program entitled "Pointing The Way to the Chosen People." The February 8 meeting with Mrs. Irvin Page was announced.

A salad course with coffee was served to Mrs. W. F. Senn, Mrs. Robt. Queen, Mrs. Nilla Hall, Mrs. Carl Moore, Mrs. Worth Cook, Mrs. Page, Miss Gilbert and Mrs. Carland.



Physical therapy means quicker strengthening of polio-weakened muscles among young patients at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro. Little Donna Robin Work, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Work of Gastonia, gets her regular P.T. treatment from therapist Michael Myers. This and other types of treatment which speed up the recovery of stricken youngsters requires much time and expense, which can be covered by contributions to the current N. C. March of Dimes.

ST. JAMES ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Officers for the St. James Episcopal church were elected at the covered dish supper at the church. Those elected include Bud Smith, Arthur Smith, Jack Smith, Bawmhauser, Mrs. George Cook, Charles Burks, and Charles B. R. Hunter was elected treasurer for the coming year.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 89

We met on Jan. 17 at the Baptist church and had a flag ceremony. We discussed plans for a reception we plan to have on Feb. 14, Valentines Day. We plan to have the reception from 7:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Then we had a losing game of money, sang "Taps," and were dismissed. —Ann Beddingfield, reporter

—Cattle on feed for the week ending Oct. 1, totalled 1,805,000 or three per cent less than a year ago in the United States.

—Average or better weather the U. S. next year probably will result in increased production both citrus and deciduous fruits.

Supplies of flue-cured and ley tobacco for 1954-55 are less than last year; supplies of other kinds also are large.

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