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REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

Success is what you have after manager has announced. ou have forgotten what you are orking for. _R-

No one seems to be in a erry to look at a newspaper xcept those who are looking for job, a house to rent, the price a stock, the results of the ces, or a mother who wants know how many were present the birthday party given for lie last week. Where else they find it?

R If you want to keep the friendand good will of the women. ays guess "under" on their Ever notice how cool the s can become on short notice some one ups their age a A good rule to follow is to past 10 years under on judgment from there on.

-R any citizens here believe the Fisher Boy" in Grove Stone ke should have a pole. For vetal years he was a familiar ght as he sat quietly on the oca-Cola sign in the middle of lake with his line drifting zily in the wind at the end of is pole. Whether or not he ver caught anything, he never evealed.

(Note, After writing the above, flections went shopping for a ne for the young man. Acrding to all indications he ILL be supplied within the with everything ear future eded to make the picture comlete, line, pole and all.

ill be lonesome no more) One resident who moved here everal years ago explains that "Fisher Boy" in the lake was he first real friend she had the community. In her own rds "anytime I felt low dur. ng those early days of living e, I'd just get the family in car, drive out by Grove Store d say 'hello' to our friend who t so quietly in the lake with e majestic Craggies in the This gave all of us ckground.

Some day we promise to folthe advice of some of our aders up and down the Valley d write a feature story on 'Mr. Fisher Boy" who has be-

Band Box Closed For Remodeling The Band Box will be closed for

the next few days for remodeling, Mrs. W. S. Holcombe, owner and Workmen under direction of

Frank Byrd, building contractor, C. C. Dougherty, owner of the

was placed in the building 25 or their first indoctrination. He ex-

TICKETS GOING FAST FOR LIONS BARBECUE

Tickets for the Lions club barbecue and bingo party are moving at a rapid rate and indications point to a record crowd. e up to 40 and then use your Woodrow Beddingfield, ticket chairman, told the News this morn-Tickets may be purchased ing. from any member of Mr. Beddingfield's committee or at the Black

Mountain News. Reservations should be made as early as possible Those attending will have a choice of either pork or chicken and will then be eligible to participate in the gigantic bingo game which will start as soon af-

ter the meal is served as possible. SWANNANOA O.E.S. WILL

HAVE BAKE SALE FRIDAY Swannanoa Chapter 132, O.E.S. will hold a bake sale Friday beginning at 8 o'clock in the Town of performing all duties.

Grill, Swannanoa. good things on sale. Come early and buy your Sunday cakes and other good things to eat

JR. WOMEN-JAYCEES BAKE SALE MARCH 12

Are you having a party Satur- munication. Roy Burgin, worshipday, March 12? Or are you tired ful master, will preside. All of doing your own week-end bak- Master Masons are invited to at-Then plan to buy your tend. cakes, cookies, pies, bread, yes, even candy, at the Junior Woman-J.C. bake sale.

Satisfy your sweet tooth while you help build the funds to redo the Black Mountain club house. Remember, Saturday, March 12!

School Safety **Patrol Members** Start Training

started Monday morning tearing duty as school safety patrolmen of out the wall which separated the the Elementary school held their Band Box from the part formerly first meeting last Friday, Feb. 25, occupied by Lucas' Office supply. in the school library. Miss Pau-The entire inside will be remodeled line Tipton, school patrol supervisand redecorated in time for the or from the faculty, and Mrs. grand opening set for some time James A. Crawford, chairman of after the middle of March, Mrs. the safety patrol board, met with them

building, said that the division wall State Highway Patrol gave them plained to them the chief purpose of the school safety patrol which is a national school organization

and has rules and regulations set up which are to be followed. He discussed their various duties and how they should be performed, such as bus patrol duty and traffic control duty with relation to their school mates and the local policeman on duty. He emphasized that they will not be policemen and will not qualify to take disciplinary measures - that the main duty of the safety partol is to help other boys and girls to get to and

from school safely and to set the examples themselves of the best practices. They are to remind and to protect. The next step in the training,

YOUR CHRISTMAS

gest ever in the community.

the chairman.

(See story in adjoining column for details of the anniversary dinner.)

Sgt. Jones, said, is that the pa- Editor, trolmen be assigned their individ- Black Mountain News. ual duties and then they should re- Dear Editor: ceive specific training for them. Scoop: You have Chic Young's Then the patrolmen should be original "Blondie" now living in

gradually rotated so that in the your town. Back in depression long run each one will be capable days about 1932 I think Chic and I were making town to town on a Lester V. Morris of our city po- selling tour. While in a certain There will be cakes, pies, cand-lice force, who is now on traffic city on Atlantic coast Chic found ies, cup cakes and many other duty, will meet with the safety her and got his idea for his fam--Turn to Page 5

ous comic strip. "Baby Dumpling" is grown now. I saw her while passing through Black Mountain MASONS TO MEET FRIDAY and unbeknowing to her questioned

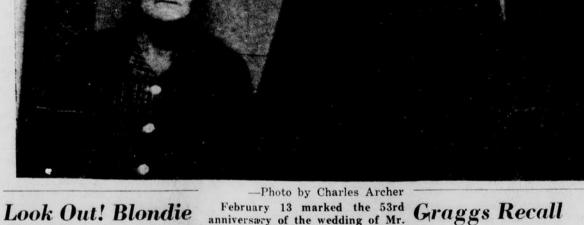
May Be Your Next

Door Neighbor

Black Mountain Masonic Lodge about her past residence, etc., unwill meet at 7:30 Friday evening til I'm satisfied that she is the real at Lodge hall for a stated com- McCoy.

As you see Blondie in the comic strips, there she is same as ever States. as this lady is blondie. She does not know that she is Blondie, but you have got her. I wonder if you can spot her? Chie took her her-

BE SURE TO RETURN band's name and mixed it up some to get Dagwood. He didn't like CARD WITHOUT DELAY the guy so he called him Bumstead. This is the only clue I'll Merchants and businessman



anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Riceville section shown here in Early Days of their home. The photo hanging on The S. Valley the wall directly behind them is

and Mrs. Jobe Lewis of Madison minister.

Celebrate 3rd Anniversary

A group of 120 persons gathered est. at the Swannanoa school cafeteria

give you, of course, you don't ex- a brief history of Scouting.

Growth of School Problems Cited At Lions Meeting

Two men, both well known in the educational field in Buncombe county, spoke at the regular meeting of the Lions club last week. They were N. C. Shuford, principal of Owen High school, and R. A. Tomberlin, supervisor of instruction of the county. They told of how the schools had grown and of their needs at present.

As an example of the growth of the community Mr. Shuford pointed out that when he joined the faculty here the school was located in what is now the Monte Vista annex and had five teachers. When they built 10 rooms of the present elementary school plant in 1918 local citizens were amazed at the size and declared that it would probably never be needed. The same applied to the old high school building which was finished in 1928

"But during the last seven years "But during the last seven years American Legion Black Mountain without building any more rooms. This has been done by using 11 at Ridgecrest, two in the basement, and music rooms and the library.

"Even though we have just moved into the new high school plant, we already need two addi-

county. Her father was a Baptist Mr. and Mrs. Melvin V. Gragg of will have space," he stated, in trict, was the speaker at the reg-Riceville, were married. Mrs. explaining that the community is ular meeting of the American Gragg, the former Arra Lewis, growing at a very rapid pace. Lewis of Madison county. Mr. industry would mean to the com- on "What the American Legion Gragg was raised nearby and is munity but few stop to realize that Stands For" and told of the work the son of Jim Gragg. This couple the school payroll here amounts which has been carried out under came to the Swannanoa Valley to more than \$300,000 per year," the Legion program. when only a mud road ran along Mr. Shuford concluded.

the bank of the Swannanoa be- Citing the increase in enrolltween Black Mountain and Ashe- ment since 1928, Mr. Tomberlin cutt chairman of the nominating ville. What is now modern homes said that North Carolina is spend- committee which will present a and farms was then a great for- ing only \$161.00 per year per child, slate of officers at the April meet-

While during his life Mr. Gragg in the nation. Friday night, Feb. 18, to cele- has done a number of things inbrate the third anniversary of Cub cluding carpentering, blacksmith- state furnishes all buildings, equip- March 16, in conjunction with the Scout Pack 2 and the 45 anniver- ing, working in cotton and saw ment, and supplies for schools. But Auxiliary to commemorate the sary of Scouting in the United mills and logging, basically he has this is not correct," the county birthday of the Legion which was always been and remains today, a supervisor explained. "The state formed in Paris, France, at the

The invocation was given by farmer. Though most winters he does not support the schools fully close of World War I. Rev. G. B. Talbot, and a supper carpentered, when spring came he and that is why more funds are prepared by the mothers of Cub remained true to the soil. When he needed. Buncombe county is forced that 1955 dues should be paid be-Scouts was served. John Connet, moved from what is now Swan- to spend thousands of dollars each fore March 15. acting as master of ceremonies, nanoa to Riceville out near the year for schools, above that which led the group in the singing of Berea Baptist church, he cleared the state provides. The proposed

Cub Scout songs. W. M. Graham, land for a farm and built his house 25 cents supplemental tax would Tyson Hits 28 neighborhood commissioner, gave which he lives in today. As others bring in approximately \$175,000 The moved in, he helped them build per year which would be used for principal speaker of the evening their houses until today Riceville schools," he said. Mr. Tomberlin was Wayne W. Williams, who is a thriving community, the hill- emphasized that more money is needed if the schools are to be kept Mr. Gragg recalls his early at their present level.



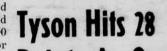
6-A Veterans Drive, Asheville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alfreida Elaine, to William Martin Shaw, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shaw, 7 Sheridan Road, Asheville. The wedding is planned for June.

Dist. Commander Heard By Post 129

Hilliard Penland of West Ashe tional rooms so that each teacher ville, commander of the 32nd dis-Legion Waycaster-McFee Post 129 "We talk of how much a small here Tuesday evening. He spoke

Dempsey Whitaker, post cam mander, appointed W. C. Honeymaking it seventh from the bottom ing. In other business the post made plans for a covered dish "Many people think that the supper to be held on Wednesday,

All members were reminded



Asheville, N. C. of Mrs. Gragg's parents, the Rev. On February 13, 53 years ago, was the daughter of Rev. Jobe

120 Help Pack 2

me so much a part of the mmunity. _R_

The United States might be a better off if more of our citns returned to the habit of ittling instead of chiseling. -R-

A new club is being formed Black Mountain but right now one will accept the presincy. R. S. (Bob) Leonard, rmer Weaver college football reat of the Talman era, now wner of Highland farm here ominated me but I was forced decline this high honor.

It's a small world.

-R-

nner with hot biscuits at the ne of Mr. and Mrs. Francis O. yly at Laurens, S. C., last Sunafternoon, I casually mented Wilmar, Arkansas, which ruck a respondent chord and ought an immediate response om Dr. William A. Ross, who, ong with Mrs. Ross, was present the occasion.

It was back before the turn of te century that Dr. Ross, fresh at of the University of Arkansas, ent to Wilmar to teach in the tew County institute which had started there. He rememred the town for its sawmills activities in the logging and mber business.

Until I returned to Camp binson in 1943 upon the intence of Uncle Sam that I be guest, my impressions of Arkas were gained second-hand some mountaineers who and their way out there many ago and took me along be-I was old enough to bother neighbors or steal their water-

According to these reporters, heast Arkansas, some years was a land with the longest spell, the most wild hogs, the biggest mosquitoes in the ed States. The latter defied hing less than a 12-gauge

wouldn't know about the rain. left a camp out in the midwith our overcoats and on. The next day when left the air-conditioned coach Camp Robinson, the streets, h were poured with pure tar, melted and we sank almost of sight with our heavy load clothes and other unnecessary pment. It rained slightly the night and then didn't rain ther drop for the 10 weeks we in that locality.

-R_ The Wylys live in the home Mrs. J. W. Todd, one of Monstrongest supporters. -Turn to Page 10

GRILL WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, MARCH 14

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garrison, proprietors of the Grill, corner W. State and Cherry streets, announce the spring opening for

March 14. The Grill has been redecorated and a new lighting system has been installed. They will serve sandwiches, short orders, and complete dinners, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison said.

BETTY HOOPER BRIDE OF CHARLES CREASMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Hooper of Canton announce the marriage of While "resting" following a ham their daughter Betty, to Carlos Creasman, son of Horace Creasman and the late Mrs. Creasman of Canton.

who want to cooperate in the pect the same hair-do now as then Christmas parade and decorabut that is the way she wore her tions for the coming season are hair at that time. For obvious requested to return the cards good reasons I can't give you my sent them some time ago by name but what I have told you is the truth. Many have been returned but

An ardent reader of the state's more are needed to make the best weekly newspaper. 1955 Christmas season the big-Those who do not plan to

SARG'S WILL RE-OPEN HERE ON MARCH 3

cooperate can help the committee by indicating that in Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Loftus have moved to Black Mountain the space provided on the card the chairman said." "We need to operate Sarg's Restaurant. Mrs. Loftus is the daughter of Mr. and to know what interest, if any, there is here for publicizing Mrs. W. S. Brantley.

our town for the Christmas Sarg's will be opened for busseason, and making 1955 the iness on Thursday, March 3, and will serve regular dinners and best we've ever had here. This is strictly for the benefit of short orders. They will make a the merchants," he explained. specialty of Hickory Smoked Barbecue

spoke on "Daniel Boone, a Scout." sides dotted with houses. Awards were presented by Cub-

> Billy McMurray, Stuart Peters, and Richard Carter were awarded the rank of Wolf. Silver arrow points were awarded David Gibbs, Richard Burnette, Penn Szytta and Chuck Peters. Billy McMur-

ray was awarded a gold arrow point. Mike Blaine and Jack Jarret received service stars and Chuck Peters the assistant denner stripe. Dennis Runnion and Tal-

madge Burnette Jr., received graduation certificates. Boy Scouts George Talbot, Charles Blaine, and Bill Alexander were awarded Den Chief Cords for their service as Den Chiefs

Church Census **Teams Will View Demonstration**

The mass meeting for the purpose of giving instructions to those who will help with the church census here will be held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. William Klein, chairman, said today. The religious census for the

Black Mountain community will be on Sunday, March 13. According to the chairman those

who attend the mass meeting at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon will have an opportunity ert Wright. to see a demonstration as to the proper procedure to follow. At least 300 are expected to attend.

FIRE TRUCK SMASHES LORMAY'S WINDOW

The Montreat fire truck crashed into two plate glass windows in Lormay's Department Store, at

age will amount to about \$300.00.

MOORES ENTERTAINED

While a group of eager Cub Scouts look on, Mrs. S. E. Steele cuts the huge birthday cake served at the Swannanoa school cafeteria February 18 as the Cub Scout Pack 2 of Swannanoa celebrated its third anniversary and the 45th anniversary of Scouting in the United States. The Scouts are, Ted Smith, Dennis Runnyon, and Michael Dunn. The cake was decorated by Mrs. Steele and Mrs. William Smith, Dennis Runnyon, and Michael Dunn. The cake was decorated by Mrs. Steele and Mrs. William Timkins: Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Wayne Williams, famous for his stories of the history of the mountains of this section. He spoke on "Daniel Boone, a Scout."

-Photo by Darby

master Talmadge Burnette. Stevie farming in the Swannanoa Valley Under consideration now are Cannon was initiated as a Bobcat, when he took his wheat to the plans for additional classrooms at nearest grinding mill which was the old high school building here After trailing for a good part located in Biltmore, taking a full and new toilets at the elementary of the first half, Coach Eugene day to make the trip and meeting school.

other farmers waiting at the mill Teachers for a school system came roaring back to ring up 23 for views on crops, insects and the such as Black Mountain and Swan- points in the third quarter and rains. He also recalls taking wag- nanoa are alloted on the daily go on to win as they pleased on loads of logs to Asheville for average attendance for the previ- against Valley Springs in the Bunsale with no convenient tunnel ous year and funds for the opera- combe county tournament Tuesday through which to go and having tion of schools on the state alloted evening at the Auditorium. The to go over the top of Beaucatcher teachers only. All vocational teach- final score was, 55-42. Mountain, a good half day's journ- ers' departments, cafeterias, lunch- Big point maker for the Owen ey. The valley has changed since rooms, auditoriums, and gymnas- six in the torrid quarter was Patthen with Asheville only as far as iums are set considered in this ty Tyson, who found the range the telephone and to go by bus allotment.

takes but 35 minutes. Mr. Gragg was familiar to many trict was the only school system from the side. But Patty had able of the older residents of Black in the county having a special tax assistance from Lynda Martin, a Mountain in years gone by, having for the operation of the school, busy forward, who had one of her come here to peddle eggs and to The proposed 25 cents supplement- biggest nights at the hoop with attend meeting of the Odd Fellows. al tax would have to be approved 13 points. Today he hardly goes out, but he by the voters and would be on a and Mrs. Gragg are members of county wide basis. the Christian Creek Baptist church

and Mr. Gragg has been a deacon **Eight** Churches for over 25 years. The Graggs have five daughters, Miss Rosa Lee Gragg, Miss Eviline Participate In

Gragg, Mrs. Fate Fender, Mrs. Services Here A. Stephenson, and Mrs. John Foster-also one son, George S. Eight churches of the communi-

Gragg. They have 12 grandchilty participated in the services for dren and two great-grandchildren. the World Day of Prayer last Fri-At a buffet dinner recently in obday. Two meetings were held for servance of their 53rd anniversary the public, one at noon in the Methall of their family were present. odist church and the other in the Also present were Joyce Lamb, evening at the Baptist church. Mrs. George S. Gragg, Fate Fender, H. A. Stephenson, O. S. Mcgiven in three schools and three Mahan, Judy McMahan, and Robhospitals.

Patricia Sawyer Accepted For O. **C.S. By Air Force**

Patricia Sawyer, daughter of

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonia, Texas, on March 18. Graduate of Black Mountain High school and Western Carolina college at Cullowhee, Miss Sawyer

has been a member of the faculty

A. W. McDougle, principal of the Black Mountain Elementary party for them. On Saturday night school, returned home from the a party of 14 had dinner at the hospital Tuesday. He is recovering rapidly.

Points As Owen Defeats V. Springs

Byrd's Owen High school girls

for 16, scoring on set shots from In the past the Sand Hill dis- around the free throw circle and

Owen will play in the semifinals Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. Coach Ned Straehla's Owen High boys won their first game, an overtime, against West Buncombe, but were eliminated Saturday night by Leicester High, 55 to 53.

Tyson Appoints Nominating evening at the Baptist church. Some sort of prayer program was **Committee**

Nominating committee for the The offering will be sent to the Black Mountain Lions club has General Department of Church been appointed by A. F. Tyson, Women, National Council of the club president.

Dr. S. S. Cooley heads the group Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. to be distributed for Home Mis- which will report at the April sions and also to relieve suffering meeting: Other members include in foreign countries ravaged by Robert Williams, William Hickey, Herbert Sanders, and W. W. White.

The directors have voted to order 25 dozen brooms to be sold at Tyson Furniture company on a year around basis. This will take the place of the annual broom sale which is conducted by the Lions club throughout Buncombe county and the state each spring.

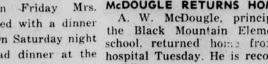
Mr. Tyson has announced assignments for the following Lions: William Klein, Vernon Johnson, and John Rice to the boys' and girls' committee; Frank Buckner and John Rice, community betterment; and Kenneth Evans, health and welfare.

-The Navy's first airplane flight from a ship was in January 1911 from the battleship USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco harbor.

Repairs were made Monday night. No one was injured.

The George W. Moores, former-

from Bath, S. C., to spend the the past two years. est Hilfiker. On Friday Mrs. McDOUGLE RETURNS HOME



failed to hold.

about 2:00 o'clock, Monday afternoon. According to Russell Nanney, driver of the truck, the brakes

It was estimated that the dam-

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Gregg Sawyer of Black Mountain, has passed her examination and test for the U.S. Air Corps Officer Training school and will report to

en million items in the construction of a modern Navy submarine. BENEFIT PARTY

war and famine.

FINER CAROLINA WILL BE MARCH 11 Call Mrs. Marie Parks, Black

Mountain 8208, or Mrs. Roberta Corne, Asheville 3-3767 for reservations to the benefit card party on Friday, March 11. at 8 o'clock in the Swannanoa

-The Navy uses more than sev-

community center, sponsored by the Finer Carolina committee. Proceeds will be used for the various community projects, Mrs. Margaret Kelley, general chairman, said.

ly of Black Mountain, were here at Lee Edwards High school for

week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ern-

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