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March 8	60	26	
March 9	54	26	
March 10	68	35	.03
March 11	64	44	.02
March 12	75	54	.54
March 13	71	52	.22
March 14	67	43	.55

REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

F. H. Richardson, program man for the Lions club last believes in going to the line plenty of ammunition. Though plenty of speakers for his pro- last Thursday evening Mrs. C. Crawford, the very cap- sity chairman for the Black in Woman's club, and Sgt. of the State Highway Patrol, signed Max Woodcock the dif- task of providing the humor e occasion.

Woodcock began by apolo- for having had only one to prepare his speech. It that he had thought of many but when tried out on his they didn't strike the right

instance some didn't see funny when he told of a cut on his leg and no to his pants. "I know it this week because I took last week and it wasn't he explained.

When he turned to introduce speakers he put the finishing on his part of the fun- very happy to present Mrs. and Sgt. York," he con-

Jones may have zeroed in a motorists with the patrol's own and much discussed but until that time he claimed to be an interna- hero. The Lions thought it eat fun.

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pupils in Mrs. W. W. All room were worried. All their birthdays had been list- the "We Salute" column their teacher's was missing. there this week. If her will turn to the birth- of this issue they'll her name in print. They it would be a surprise.

R—
old gentleman wasn't feel- well. His daughter-in-law ways grumbling just because careful to aim his stream o juice at the spittoon or p lace as she thought he be. It had been his home e was first married but away in the bottom of some as a will, still un-registered, gave the entire home place son and daughter-in-law. his morning as he dozed by with the verbal lashing he had taken still ringing ears he suddenly roused turned to his daughter- and said: "I wish you'd me the will. There is a or two I want to check to e everything is all right." a this important paper was in and handed to him he d through and carefully e each page. He looked at e for a moment and then e horrified lady watched, it in two and tossed it into ring flames. Then turning daughter-in-law he said with authority than he had shown y months:

Now on I'll spit where I might as well concentrate e future. It's too late to e past.

R—
you hear about the divorce ok place before the mar- ion. While on their way down e of the church the soon-to- e and groom were left in e when the lights went out. e girl wasn't lost. She e way. The man did too. e her at the altar.

R—
Sgt. Jones had complet- g talk at the Lions club g last week I had an op- ty to carry out an order 'way back in the fall l. At that time a leathery cop in Cambridge, Mass., me what a flashing red meant in North Carolina? e reason might have been, rse, that I had just paid rthly attention to the g red light to which the ched Irish boy attached ch importance.

Let me go with a lecture, e giving me to understand, e, that a "flashing red in Massachusetts means e lad, and you had bet- e ver be caught driving the e what you've just been e at. And another thing, e as you get back to e Carolina you ask the first e see what the flashing e means in your state." e I asked Sgt. Jones e night, was I surprised e in that it means the same, e both states — STOP. e Someone must have told e in Mass. so that they e copy us. I'm sure we e of it first.

Monte Vista School Rhythm ill appear on Tot Town WLOS-TV, Asheville, on day, March 23, at 4 o'clock.



W. A. Huneycutt

W. A. Huneycutt First President Of Owen High PTA

The Rev. W. A. Huneycutt, pastor of the Black Mountain Baptist church, was elected president of the Owen High Parent-Teachers association in a meeting held in the school auditorium Saturday evening.

Other officers are Mrs. Latt McMahan, first vice-president; Mrs. Harry Barkley, second vice-president; J. L. Medlin, secretary, and Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., treasurer. This slate of officers was presented to the general membership by the steering committee which had been appointed by Principal N. C. Shuford to study the possibility of organizing a PTA for the school. On vote of the membership the steering committee was authorized to serve as a nominating committee. The above named officers were elected by unanimous vote.

The steering committee members were Mrs. C. D. Thomas, Mrs. McMahan, Mrs. Roy Alexander, chairman, Mrs. Max Woodcock, Mrs. Tyson, and Mrs. John Connett.

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Miss Barbara Wade Becomes Bride of George Godfrey

Miss Barbara Jean Wade, daughter of Lt. Comdr. Frank Wade, U. S. Navy retired, and Mrs. Wade of Black Mountain, was married to Sgt. George Godfrey, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kincaid, also of Black Mountain, on Thursday evening, March 10, at 7:30 o'clock in the Black Mountain Presbyterian church. The Rev. W. R. Klein, pastor of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony, assisted by Chaplain J. H. Skelton, Jr., of W.N.C. Sanatorium.

Mrs. J. H. Skelton, Jr., organist, and Mrs. Robert L. Torrance, soloist, presented a program of wedding music.

The church was decorated with floor baskets of white mixed flowers and tree ferns interspersed with candelabra holding white cathedral tapers.

Ushers were Mark Shuford, Marion E. Taylor, Ray Thomas, and Bill Wade, brother of the bride, all of Black Mountain. Marion D. Godfrey served as his brother's best man.

Miss Ruth Bartlett, cousin of the groom and close friend of the bride, was maid-of-honor and only attendant. She wore a floor-length gown of heavenly blue net over taffeta with bolero packet also of net and matching taffeta head dress. Her flowers were a colonial arrangement of pink carnations and baby's breath.

The bride wore a gown of white chantilly lace over taffeta with chapel-length train. The neckline of the bodice featured a double row of seed pearls. The sleeves were long and fitted with calla lily points over the hands. Her fingertip veil was edged in lace and worn with a Mary, Queen of Scots headdress. She carried a white prayer book topped with a white, purple-throated orchid and showered with satin streamers with lovers knots holding shattered carnations and baby's breath.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship room of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Barkley received at the door, and Miss Connie Dougherty kept the bride's book. Assisting at the reception were Mrs. C. D. Thomas, Mrs. C. C. Myers, Mrs. Dan Espey, Mrs. J. A. Robson, Mrs. E. E. White, Mrs. A. M. McCoy, Mrs. Don Wright, Mrs. Wade Rice, Miss Lily Woods, and Mrs. Marion Godfrey.

The couple left for a wedding trip through the Smoky Mountains and Eastern Tennessee. The bride's going-away costume was a dusty pink faille sheath dress with navy faille duster and navy and white accessories. Her cor- —Turn to Page 7

Oldest Citizen Of Community Is Dead At 105

Funeral services for John Myra Stepp, who was probably the only living resident of the community who could recall when the Confederates and Yankees marched through the Swannanoa Valley at the conclusion of the War Between the States, were held at the Mills Chapel Baptist church on Cragmont road at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Burial was in the Church Yard cemetery. He was 105.

The Rev. M. M. Hooper officiated. Born in 1850, the former Negro slave took the name of John Myra Stepp when he was freed by President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation issued Sept. 22, 1862, following the battle of Sharpsburg. When this went into effect on Jan. 1, 1863, he took the name of his owner, Joseph Stepp, a stagecoach operator. His mother's name was Myra and he had become known as Myra's John. He has been known since as John Myra Stepp.

"Uncle John" had never used alcohol or tobacco and had never been sick enough to call a doctor. Although he could not read or write, he believed in education and insisted that his children receive at least a secondary education. One son is a college graduate.

Four wives preceded him in death.

Surviving are 15 children, John, Lee and Blaine of Florida, William Edgar and Joe of New York, Mary, Joshua, Bessie, Maggie, Minnie, Ruth and Jesse of Black Mountain, Jake Azor and Kate, also of New York, Charlie Stepp of the Air force, and 29 grandchildren. They are: Mrs. Doletta Walker, Mrs. Zeppin Averett, Ronald Stepp, William Stepp, Linda Stepp, Jacob Stepp, Jr., Bruce Stepp, Gladys Fortune, John Fortune, Helen Fortune, Edgar Pertiller, Annie Lou Pertiller, Archie Pertiller, Percy Lee Pertiller, Mary Frances Pertiller, Myra Joyce Pertiller, John Charles Pertiller, Barbara Pertiller, Mrs. Dorothy P. Benjamin, Billie Jean Canady, Cecil Van Stepp, Lila Whittington, David Whittington, William Whittington, Leona Whittington, Sharon Whittington, Virginia Whittington, George Larry Whittington, and Drennon Matthews. Another grandson, Edward Canady, enlisted in the air force in August, 1952, and was drowned at Fort Bragg on May 15, 1953. There are nine great-grandchildren.

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Photo by Charles Archer

If these girls look sad, they have a right to be. They have played their last game as a team for Owen High school. It began way back when they were in the eighth grade. They have been playing together since. The girls are, left to right, Patty Tyson, all-county forward for two years. Anne Leatherwood, high scoring forward, Joyce Justus, all county guard, Lynda Martin, called the "Buzzsaw" of Buncombe county basketball for her expert floor work, Nancy Jo Thompson, steady guard who played an important part in the team's success, and Buzzie Brown, all-county guard. The trophy Miss Martin is holding is for second place in the 1955 Buncombe county tournament. Dorothy Allen was not present when the picture was taken.

Determination, Intelligence Made These Girls Outstanding As Team

By Charles Archer
On graduation day next May, seven girls will leave Owen High who have shared together a rich experience. These girls are well known to all of Black Mountain as members of the Owen High girls basketball team. They have played together since they were in the eighth grade and as the season closed a few short weeks ago, were sad that basketball for them as a team was over. For the last time had they shared being a part of a smooth running organization, only the result of teamwork.

The girls, Patty Tyson, Anne Leatherwood, Joyce Justus, Lynda Martin, Nancy Jo Thompson, Buzzie Brown, and Dorothy Allen began their basketball career at the old Black Mountain High school five years ago. One of the girls had a basket in her backyard so every day after school and on Saturdays they practiced. During that first year they won the Buncombe county junior championship and the next year that title, plus the Western North Carolina crown at Mars Hill. Last year they went to the semi-finals and this year to the finals of the Buncombe county tournament, losing their last game by a heartbreaking two points.

In trying to determine what made these girls click together so well as a team, we tried to approach the question from three angles: how the girls themselves felt, the feelings of Coach Eugene Byrd, who has worked with them since they began playing, and the thoughts of N. C. Shuford, Owen High principal, who has known the girls throughout their careers. In talking with Mr. Shuford, we asked him if the girls were somewhat similar to other athletes who, while doing quite well in sports, took little interest in scholastic activities and proved mediocre students. Mr. Shuford said that these girls were definitely superior students, and to prove his point quoted to me from their high school records. We found that they had not only much better than average grades but that two of them were in the upper 10 per cent of their class and one had a very good chance of carrying off top honors as head of the class. Most of the girls, too, have more credits than they need to graduate — as many as a year's extra work. Mr. Shuford felt that participating in sports had helped the girls scholastically as well as to become better citizens by learning the meaning of teamwork and fairplay.

Next we talked with the girls and found that all have enjoyed school sports immensely. Sad that they years as high school students are drawing to a close, they nevertheless are all looking forward to entering college next fall. Joyce Justus is going to Vanderbilt university to major in physical education; Lynda Martin will attend St. Genevieve of the Pines; Anne Leatherwood has chosen Richman Professional Institute, a part of William and Mary, to study for a career in occupational therapy; Nancy Jo Thompson and Patty Tyson plan on attending the University of Georgia. Nancy to major in math and Patty in secondary education; Buzzie Brown will attend Western Carolina college to study physical education, and Dorothy Allen will study physical education at Montreat.

They all plan to take part in college sports but think that with their studies, they may not be quite as active as in high school, and with all of them, their education comes first. They feel that by having been friends for a number of years during lower school, they more quickly developed teamwork, but most of all the common love of basketball.

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600 Attend Open House Saturday At Owen High

Approximately 600 friends and patrons attended open house at Owen High Saturday evening. Although many parents had visited the school during the past few weeks this was the first opportunity the majority had had to see the entire plant since the new \$650,000 consolidated school was opened for the second semester. Principal N. C. Shuford greeted the guests at the door. All teachers were in their classrooms where they were assisted in explaining the activities by student council members who also served as guides and helped with registration. Halls were crowded during the visiting hours from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Health Educator Will Be Speaker

Don Dancy, public health educator for the Buncombe County Health Department, will be the principal speaker at the meeting tonight (Thursday) of the Black Mountain Elementary School PTA in the auditorium. Starting time will be 7:30.

Mr. Dancy will discuss briefly the polio vaccine which may be given to first and second grade children this spring. He will also explain what benefits are available for citizens through the health department of the county. There are many which the average person may not know about and these will be discussed fully.

F. P. Higginbotham, PTA president, will preside. He has requested that every parent interested in the polio vaccine or any phase of school work attend the meeting tonight.



Photo by Edward DuPuy

Sgt. George W. Godfrey and Mrs. Godfrey, who were married at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church at 7:30, Thursday evening, March 10, are shown at the traditional cutting of the wedding cake at the reception which followed in the Fellowship room of the church. Daughter of Lt. Comdr. Frank Wade, U. S. Navy retired, and Mrs. Wade, the bride is a senior at Western Carolina college at Cullowhee. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kincaid of Black Mountain. Sgt. Godfrey left Monday night to return to his post at Fort Jackson. He will leave soon for duty in Europe where he will be joined later this year by Mrs. Godfrey.

Owen High Eleven Will Go Against W.N.C. Top Teams

The Owen High school Warhorses will face one of the strongest schedules in Western North Carolina in 1955. This was learned today when Head Coach Ralph (Buffalo) Humphries released the card for the coming fall.

The Warhorses will meet the top teams of Buncombe county, the Blue Ridge conference, and will journey over to the stadium to taste Triple A competition against the Asheville Maroon-Devils just for luck.

To pry the lid off and get things simmering the "Hosses" will clash with the Hendersonville Bobcats, Blue Ridge title holders at the stadium. One week later they'll go back to try to determine what the Triple A school — Asheville High — has that Hendersonville didn't.

Then will come county schools, the power-laden Irvin High, Biltmore, Oakley, North Buncombe, and Sand Hill in succession. The Nags will complete the season against three Blue Ridge conference foes, Asheville School, Brevard, and Waynesville.

If there's a tougher schedule west of Manteo for a county high school, send it along. Seeing is believing.

THE SCHEDULE:

Sept. 2	Hendersonville at Memorial Stadium
Sept. 9	Lee Edwards at Memorial Stadium
Sept. 16	Irvin High at Oakley
Sept. 23	Biltmore
Sept. 30	Oakley-Fairview here
Oct. 7	Open
Oct. 14	at North Buncombe
Oct. 21	Sand Hill-Candler here
Oct. 29	at Asheville School
Nov. 4	at Brevard
Nov. 11	Waynesville here

Choir To Feature Work Of Frantz On Annual Tour

The Catawba Choir will present a concert of sacred music Sunday afternoon, March 27, in Gaither Chapel, Montreat, at 4:00 o'clock.

The choir, from Catawba college, Salisbury, is directed by John T. Fesperman, and the Montreat program will be the first which the group will give on a tour through North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

A feature of the program will be the performance of a new work by Harold Frantz, head of the music department of Montreat college. This music, a setting of Psalm 139 for chorus and trumpets, was commissioned by the Catawba choir especially for this tour. Each year the choir commissions a new choral work by an American composer.

The program at Montreat is open to the public, and there will be no charge for admission.

Quartet Will Be Heard By Music Club

The Swannanoa Valley Music club will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, in the second floor auditorium of the Western North Carolina sanatorium.

Several new features will be included: piano solos by young students showing considerable promise, several selections by a vocal quartette, a brass ensemble of valley students at Lee Edwards High school, and vocal solos.

The quartette includes Edward DuPuy, Mrs. D. Collins Lee, Mrs. Miller Jackson, and Keith Mitchell.

The program: All Through the Night, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen—Quartette; Polonaise in A by Chopin—Frances Kaplan; Malaguena, Lecuona, Dorothy Burgess; Opus 142, No. 3 by Schubert—Peggy Cooley; selections for brass ensemble; Nocturne by Chopin—Mary Armistead; How Do I Love Thee by Lippe, Sure on This Shining Night by Barber, Do Not Go, My Love by Hageman—Mrs. Keith Mitchell; The Holy Spirit—Quartette.

DR. CARLTON WHITE WILL SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. Carlton White of the Belgian Congo Mission will speak at Friendship Presbyterian church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Dr. White is now serving on the staff at the Veterans hospital, Oteen. Members are urged to attend and all friends are cordially invited to come and hear Dr. White.

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