



When Photographer Bill Darby visited the cafeteria during open house at Owen High school recently, he found this group being served by these young ladies from the home economics department. Approximately 600 attended the open house, N. C. Shuford, principal, said. The Black Mountain and Swannanoa high schools moved into the new plant in January but formal dedication of the building will not be held until May.

### Church Schools Set By Asheville Presbytery

The Rev. R. A. Potter, Arden, chairman of the children's work committee of Asheville Presbytery, has announced two vacation Bible school institutes for the Presbyterian churches of western North Carolina at Sylva on April 25 and Asheville First church, April 28. The hour for each will be 7:15 p. m.

Presbyterians in 10 southwestern counties held 30 vacation Bible schools in 1954, with an enrollment of nearly 2,000, and the institutes, according to the Rev. Mr. Potter, are to aid prospective leaders to plan for better schools in 1955.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, will direct the institute and conduct the discussion of problems of administration. Other departmental leaders will include:

Miss Nanine Iddings, Asheville First church, who will have the kindergarten leaders; Miss Matoka Wilson, Grace Covenant, Asheville, the primary leaders; Mrs. L. C. Federlein, Grace Covenant, the junior leaders, and Potter, who will have the pioneer leaders.

Each institute will be in session about two and a half hours. The sessions will be held at the Sylva Presbyterian church on Monday, April 25 and at the Asheville First church on Thursday, April 28.

The Monte Vista hotel the meeting will be held at Assembly Inn, Montreat. Plans are being made for the procuring of reservations by those members wishing to attend.

It will be a delightful occasion and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

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#### A SETTING FOR EASTER

Queen's ransom cover the ground,  
Daffodils golden in the sun,  
A wealth for the humblest all around.  
A crown for spring when winter is done.

The blue-birds' mellow ecstasy  
Can give my thoughts the right-ful word,  
Glad music floats from every tree—  
Earth's praises to our Risen Lord.

Fit your own words to the bright Church-bell's ringing—  
Here are the words that the choirs are singing:  
("Gounoud's Sanctus")  
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts—  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory—  
Glory be to Thee, oh Lord Most High. Amen."

Earth is an altar of praise and prayer—  
The beauty of holiness everywhere.  
"Christ is risen!" the Church-bells are ringing—  
"Holy, holy!" the blue-birds are singing.

—Miriam Moore Whitehead

#### THE DATE OF EASTER

One of the most important problems of the annual ecclesiastical calendar is to determine the date of Easter. The famous ecclesiastical council of Nice, 325 A.D., laid down the fundamental rules for this calculation. These are still adhered to. The change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar created no difficulty. The basic rule is that Easter shall be the first Sunday which follows a full moon falling on March 21 or next thereafter, i.e., a full moon on or following the date of the vernal equinox. They also laid down a rule that the day on which the moon is 14 days old shall be considered the date of the full moon. This ecclesiastical full moon does not therefore coincide with the astronomical full moon phase. In using the astronomical phases of the moon one should count 14 days ahead from the new moon phase.

At this time, it is interesting that the exact time elapsing between the astronomical new moon and the full moon phase is about 15 days. This is a variable quantity as the lunar orbit about the earth is not circular, but is an ellipse, and the moon has different speeds in different parts of its orbit, and the moon is not at the same place on its orbit at successive full moon phases. The

average phase period of the moon is about 29.53 days and half of this is about 14.76 days, which is the average age of the moon at the astronomical full phase.

The difference between the August full and new moon phases this year, for example, will be slightly less than 14 days, showing that it is possible for the ecclesiastical and astronomical full moons to come not only on the same date but also even quite close in actual occurrence. The members of the Council of Nice were not ignorant of the difference which they were making for the movements of the moon were well known hundreds and hundreds of years before their meeting.

—Mrs. Thos. S. Sharp

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