

Music Groups Have Made Great Progress!

Although patrons of the schools of the Swannanoa Valley had long dreamed of the day when a full-time band and choral instructor could be provided, no one dared hope that this dream was about to be realized.

But last spring a group with vision, energy, intelligence, and enthusiasm picked up the ball and started to move. And Move they did. The full-time instructor, a well trained and well qualified man for the position, will complete the first half of the work for the school year when he presents the chorus and band in a concert free to the public at the Owen High auditorium Monday evening. It is no secret that those who have heard the students perform have been amazed at the great progress made in the short time since the program began.

The group that accepted the great responsibility of trying to help establish the band and choral departments in the schools, did not act without careful consideration. First,

along with the principals and Parent-Teacher associations, they made a study of the situation at Owen High and at Swannanoa and Black Mountain. Assured that they were on firm ground they launched their campaign. As a result a budget of \$5,000 was set for the first year and the director hired. The results have been gratifying. The community may judge the accomplishments on Monday evening.

But the program is not out of the woods yet. The full cooperation of the community, the board of education, organization, and interested citizens will be needed to establish a permanent organization. This will take work but it can be done. Every parent and friend of the schools should be determined that in the future the students here will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the "universal Language" — Music. Can you think of a subject or an activity that is more important?

Swannanoa News

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Route 1 "YOU MAKE THE NEWS"

Music Club

The Swannanoa Junior Music club held its meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 1, at the club house in Government. Approximately 47 members were present.

The meeting was opened by Carolyn Luckado and Sue Anderson who gave the devotion. Program chairman was Wade Talbot. Those who took part were: Annette Meeks and Ann Walker, singing a duet; Annette Meeks, a solo; Frances Kaplan, piano solo; Nana Owensby, a solo; and John Cooley's band a number of selections. Following the program, members for the new year were initiated. After the meeting refreshments were enjoyed.

Josephine Mumpower Aux.

The Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, Nov. 29, at the Free Will Parsonage. Mrs. Claude Foster presided over the business session and the program.

The program, "Growing Through Enjoying Religion," was opened by singing a hymn and prayer by Mrs. Ernest Ray.

Topic I—"Christ Commanded Us To Enjoy Our Religion" was given by Mrs. Edward Mumpower, Topic No. II, "Enjoying Our Religion Influences Others," by Mrs. Jim Brotherton and topic No. III, "To Get Joy, Dedicate Life To Others," was presented by Mrs. Cline Messer.

Others who attended were Mrs. John Ogle Jr., Mrs. Austin Andrews and Mrs. W. H. Smith.

Birthday Dance. Miss Lynette Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly was honored for her birthday with a formal dance Saturday evening at the Recreation Center in Government. Approximately 60 young people attended and spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening of dancing and fun. Miss Kelly received many lovely gifts from her friends.

Christmas Program. The Swannanoa Valley Music club will present a program of Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Baptist church in Black Mountain. The program will begin at 3 p.m. A number of Swannanoa residents will take part in the presentation. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Every Member Canvass. The Presbyterian church "Every member canvass," took place last Sunday, Dec. 4. Officers of the church were divided into teams which visited every home represented in the congregation.

Home Demonstration. The Home Demonstration club held its meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Brown. Mrs. H. W. Cole was co-hostess and presented each member with an attractive corsage which she had made from holly and small candy cones. Mrs. Dixon Connelly was in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. O. M. Alexander. The topic of the program was Christmas decorations and Mrs. Brown had a display of table decorations which she had made. Mrs. Alexander gave a reading on the Pointsetta and how it became the Christmas flower.

Following the program, the members exchanged gifts, which they had made.

Refreshments were served to the 15 members present by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Cole. The table was spread with a Christmas table cloth and the Christmas motif carried out with a table decoration made by Mrs. Brown. Refreshments were sandwiches, spiced grape punch, and cake.

MRS. STEPP HOSTESS FOR CLUB MEETING

The Christmas meeting of the Home Demonstration club of Black Mountain was held at the home of Mrs. Finley Stepp Nov. 29. It was a most educational meeting. Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans demonstrated how to make a Christmas wreath—the easy way. She showed how to take chicken wire (medium fine) one yard by nine inches, rolled over a broom stick and curled into a circle. This could be filled with ever greens, pine cones, dried flowers, wheat, etc. To give a more finished and feathery appearance, green laurel can be added to the back of the wreath. Equally helpful was the information how to make rosettes from pine cones, how to use the styrofoam (now in green color)—how to wrap steel wool around pine cones, and using them to make a beautiful blaze in the fireplace. Most delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Finley Stepp, hostess, assisted by Mrs. Sam Morris, Mrs. Verlon Morris, Mrs. Ernest Austin, Mrs. W. T. Miller and Mrs. B. Benedict.

Top Communities To Be Selected On Saturday

Winning communities in the 1955 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Contest will be announced at a luncheon at the Battery Park hotel in Asheville on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 12:00 noon.

The Cane Creek community as the Buncombe county winner was among 16 communities in the final judging. A total of 105 organized communities participated in this community, farm, and home improvement program during the year, but the field was narrowed to the 16 county winners for the area judging.

Principal speaker at the luncheon will be Dr. Paul D. Sanders, of Richmond, Va. Dr. Sanders is Editor of "The Southern Planter" magazine and is one of the top authorities on farm conditions in the South.

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is written on the card it is subject to the letter rate of 3c an ounce. However, you are permitted to write a line of greetings and sign your name under the 2c rate. Under a recent ruling of the Post Office Department you are permitted to enclose a personal message in a parcel provided that you make a notation to this effect on the outside of the parcel and pay an additional 3c.
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Carolyn Rice
Linda Whittemore
Charles Sappington
Deborah Diane Ramsey
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J. W. Biddix
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- Dec. 12—
Mildred Sporborg
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- Dec. 13—
Edith M. Burgin
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Thelma Taylor
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- Dec. 15—
Mary Jane Barnwell
Lucile Hudson
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Alfred Astley

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET AT S. H. COBURN HOME

The Black Mountain Woman's club will hold its annual Christmas meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. S. H. Coburn, Montreat road. This is an "exchange party" and each one attending is to bring a simple wrapped gift. A ceiling of \$1.00 has been suggested.

If any wish to bring guests, they are asked to call Mrs. Lee Seagle, phone 4391; this is important.

As We See Ourselves

Three large cheers! They're here at last! What's here? The class rings of course. We suspect that everyone has grown two or three sizes since we were measured for class rings, but we're still rather glad that they've finally arrived.

Volley ball internurals are a welcome bit of variety in the old school grind. Elimination games have determined the best team in each grade, and this week and next week the Juniors and Seniors and the Sophomores and Freshmen fight it out, with the victors in the two games meeting in a championship game just before Christmas vacation. So far only the girls have played, giving the superior sex a chance to sit back and look superior, but our turn will come.

Owen's school bus drivers and prospective drivers, and anyone else who is interested in becoming a better, safer driver, are meeting with Mr. O. M. Alexander every Tuesday. The all-day class is quite interesting and if it produces even one safe driver or prevents one traffic fatality it certainly has been worthwhile.

The Christmas spirit has descended on Owen, and the Owen chorus is doing nothing whatsoever to dampen our spirits. One expects to see reindeer just around the corner when the chorus commences its carolling.

Speaking of the chorus, Mr. Rhodes and Company presented a Christmas program at Reynolds High Tuesday afternoon. Soloists Nana Owenby, Carolyn Spivey, Julia Vickers, and Bobby Jones were featured.

Last Rites Held For Guy Rayburn

Last rites for Guy Rayburn, 41, of Swannanoa were held Friday afternoon, Dec. 2, in the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church with the Rev. John Cansler and the Rev. Larry Sparks officiating. Burial was in the Berea Baptist church cemetery, Riceville. Mr. Rayburn died in a veterans hospital after an illness of several months. He was a native of Cherokee county but had lived in the Swannanoa community for 29 years. He was a loom fixer at Beacon Manufacturing company. Pallbearers were Joe Rice, Pete Robinson, Fred McCuen, J. B. Padgett, Jasper Enslay and Frank Allen.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Essie Atkins Rayburn; a daughter, Miss Peggy Rayburn; two sons, John and Terry, all of the home; a brother, Eugene Rayburn of Swannanoa; and a sister, Mrs. C. B. Dillingham of Swannanoa RFD 1.

Harrison Funeral Home was in charge.

sauerkraut, pork and beans, coconut cake.

Tuesday, Dec. 13—
Baked ham, candied apples, English peas, jello.

Wednesday, Dec. 14—
Ground beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, slaw, apricot pie.

Bread, milk, and butter are served with all meals.

—At night a driver who can see an expected dark obstacle 490 feet at 40 miles per hour can see the obstacle only 430 feet at 70 miles per hour. If he is not expecting the obstacle, he can see it only 220 feet but needs 363 feet for a safe stop. This is one reason night speeders collide with dark colored stock and run down pedestrians.

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Owen High Menu

Thursday, Dec. 8—
Lima beans, candied sweet potatoes, cheese and crackers, pickles, blackberry cobbler.

Friday, Dec. 9—
Fish, tartar sauce, baked potatoes, slaw, orange cake.

Monday, Dec. 12—
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