

What has the Chamber of Commerce here accomplished during the past 10 years during which Black Mountain, all agree, has enjoyed unprecedented growth?

That's a good question and often asked by those who pay the bill, the members. By their generous support they have paid their good money to keep the organization going. If any group has a right to know or to ask: "What has been done?" this is the group.

On page 9 of this issue of the News 14 members of the Chamber try, through a full page advertisement, to tell, in part, the progress that has been made here since the close of World War II.

Since the Germans and Japs laid down their arms and called it quits, the Chamber of Commerce has been doing all within its power to bring industry and payrolls to the community, to aid the assemblies in every way possible, and to offer assistance to any organization or to any individual seeking to bring a higher standard of living to the Swannanoa Valley.

What success have the directors and members had?

Results speak louder than words. Since 1946 business establishments in Black Mountain have doubled with an increase of 1850 light customers for Carolina Power and Light company, 1500 new telephones for Southern Bell, 1054 new water meters for the Town of Black Mountain, with an undetermined number outside that have joined the Asheville lines, the town limits have been extended several times, and 3.8 miles of city streets have been paved and Highway No. 70 widened.

But that isn't all. Ten years ago the folders published announced that as many as 25,000 came here during the summer. A conservative estimate now is that at least 140,000 visitors come to this mountain paradise during the season from July 4 to Labor

Day. Each year the Chamber of Commerce runs a series of small ads in Florida newspapers which bring hundreds of replies and requests for information about our town.

And if it's new plants and buildings we're looking for, they are not hard to find.

There would be William Crabb and Co., Oerlikon Arms and Tool corporation, Black Mountain Furniture company, Kearfott Company, Inc., and Draper corporation.

There is one new assembly, Christmout, International home of the Christian church. Other assemblies located here have spent millions for improvements and more is on the planning board.

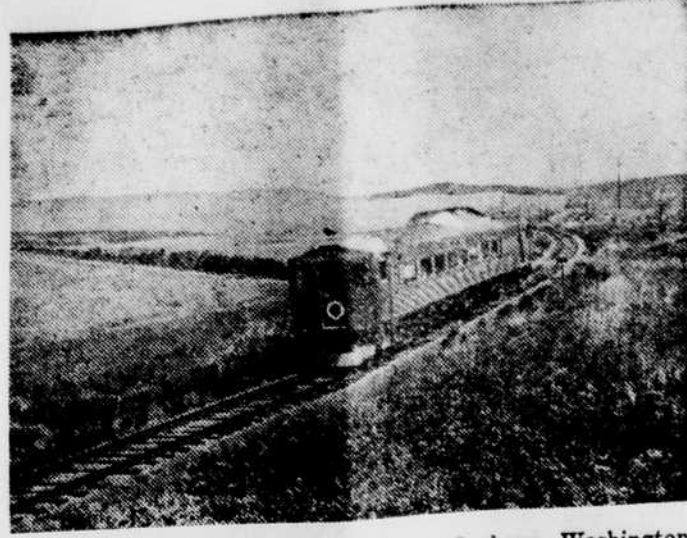
Highway No. 9, from Black Mountain to Bat Cave, a section of the proposed "Sea to Sky" highway which would connect the highest point in Eastern America, Mount Mitchell, with the sea at Myrtle Beach, S. C., has been completed. This was a project of the Black Mountain Lions club with assistance from the Chamber of Commerce members and the town board.

The Chamber of Commerce does not attempt to take credit for all the progress that has been made. Much of it belongs to town officials, including former Mayors J. L. Potter and G. L. Kirkpatrick, and members of the town board.

But the Chamber of Commerce, to use a slang term, has been in there pitching. They have done far more work and have accomplished far more than most of us realize.

As those 14 firms assert in their message on page 9, "We believe that our community stands on the threshold of great things, that our expansion has just begun. We face the future with keen anticipation and confidence".

The News believes that when we pause at the end of the next decade for reflection on the years, 1956-1966, we shall survey progress and growth undreamed of by even the most optimistic.



Across the lonely rolling plains between Spokane, Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho, the Northern Pacific's RDC-2 carries passengers and baggage. Low operating and maintenance costs have made the RDC's practical on runs where traffic will not support regular trains. By contrast, the RDC has also been highly successful in short-haul, multiple-stop service in densely populated Eastern areas.

SELF POWERED RDC'S REVITALIZE PASSENGER SERVICE

By Fred Stauffer

"We'll miss the whistles." This terse comment on the introduction of self-propelled Rail Diesel Car passenger service for an eastern railroad was about the only adverse finding of the public concerning the innovation.

The car which drew the comment is the Budd Rail Diesel Car, RDC for short, which in a space of five years has sold itself to the passengers and the managements of 20 railroads throughout the United States and four foreign countries.

When first shown at the Chicago Railroad Fair in 1949, demonstrated to 55 railroads in thirty states, and first adopted for American use by the New York Central System on its Boston & Albany line in 1950.

War-time development of a small but powerful diesel engine for tanks, similar development of a torque converter drive, and application of disc braking to railroad cars were principal mechanical elements seized upon by The Budd Co. in creation of the RDC. The company, working against its long and successful background of stainless steel car building, set out to combine such elements in a standardized, self-propelled passenger car that would sell itself to the public and the railroads fighting against a deluge of red ink in the passenger traffic figures.

The result was a unit on which initial cost is relatively low—\$169,500 for the 89-seat RDC-1, operating costs down as much as 50 per cent from conventional trains, and public acceptance wide enough to bring new traffic to the railroads as well as hold the old.

Wherever a "Boeinger," a "Shoreliner," or a "Railiner" (all special railroad names for RDC) has made its appearance on a road's schedule there has been public and management clamor, even demand, for more of the same. And customers of less-favored roads, particularly in commuter areas, have looked on enviously as schedules and service of competing roads improved with use of the RDC.

From the public's standpoint the advantages of RDC over the older steam trains or conventional diesel-hauled coaches are many—fast, dependable and more frequent service in an air-conditioned, wide-windowed, comfortable seat car away from the hazards of driving a private automobile on the parallel highway. Specifically, RDC is made in three passenger-carrying models and one all mail and baggage model. The initial RDC-1, the basic design, is an all-passenger car for eighty-nine passengers. Like all others in the line it is powered by

two diesel engines totalling 600 horsepower with driving the axles directly rather than through an electric motor.

With this power the RDC from a standing start can reach 57 miles an hour in one mile, and can five miles in five minutes, and can reach a top speed well over 80 miles an hour. Light weight of the stainless steel unit is a key to this performance as it is, along with the disc brake, in RDC's ability to stop to zero in 2,300 feet.

Such technical data give even a layman an idea of some reasons why the public the country over has accepted RDC enthusiastically. It is a versatile instrument of transportation, representing almost as much a revolution in railroading as the general adoption of diesel locomotives to replace the steam from Horse, fast fading from the national scene. Railroad management on a significant number of lines obviously is well-pleased with RDC, with special reference to lowered operating costs, minimum and easy maintenance, high utilization and an appearance which offers better service to the travelling public. The uses vary widely from introduction of the Budd cars in commuter schedules to the reopening of long abandoned passenger services where conventional passenger trains fell short of paying their way.

Many of the railroad users of RDC have found it economical and practical to use them not only as a single unit but in multiples up to as many as six cars in a train. Each car continues to be self-propelled, and the train can be broken up at appropriate junction points into smaller multiples and reassembled on the return trip into the larger original train. The cars may be operated from either end, requiring no turntable or wye for reversing the movement.

From the outset of the development there was some fear in the mind of management that railroad labor might object strenuously enough to the RDC to frustrate its economic use. That fear now has been largely dissipated.

In an official railroad labor publication an engineer on a road using RDC points out that addition of passenger mileage to the railroad's schedule by use of RDC actually means more runs and more jobs for engineers and other personnel. Since the first day they were placed in service he continues, "The glamour of the steam engine is missing of course, but this equipment is efficient and is doing a wonderful job in commuter service. It is putting passenger traffic back on the rails, where it belongs."

That praise from the mouth of a man doing the daily job of running the equipment on a major railroad sums up much of the feeling of labor, management and the public with respect to The Budd Co.'s RDC.

College Library Will Receive 54-Volume Work

The Montreat College library has been selected to receive one of the 1,600 sets of Great Books of the Western World being distributed through a selection committee of the American Library Association under a grant from the Old Dominion Foundation. Announcement of the names of recipients was made at the ALA headquarters in Chicago by David H. Clift, ALA Executive Secretary.

The celebrated 54-volume work, including the unique index-idea, the Syntopicon, was produced by Encyclopedia Britannica in collaboration with the University of Chicago.

The set of 54 volumes contains whole works, not excerpts, and of 21 of the 74 authors, all their works. It represents the only edition in English, or the only edition aside from rare or expensive printings, or key works by Aristotle, Hippocrates, Galen, Euclid, Archimedes, Ptolemy, Copernicus, Galileo, Harvey, Descartes, Pascal, Newton, Montesquieu, Kant, Lavoisier, Fourier, Faraday, and Freud.

The Old Dominion Foundation, from which the grant for distribution of the books was received, was established in 1941 by Paul Mellon. Grants of over \$20,000,000 have been made by the Foundation for "religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes as shall be in the furtherance of the public welfare."

Complete World Day Prayer Plans

A meeting of United Church Women was held on Jan. 20 in the home of Mrs. John Payne Williams in Montreat. Plans were made for the World Day of Prayer to be observed on the first Friday in Lent, Feb. 17, with the churches, schools and hospitals participating.

The following chairmen were named: general chairman, Mrs. W. A. Davis; hospital services, Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire; school services, Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Owen High; Mrs. Roy Taylor, elementary schools.

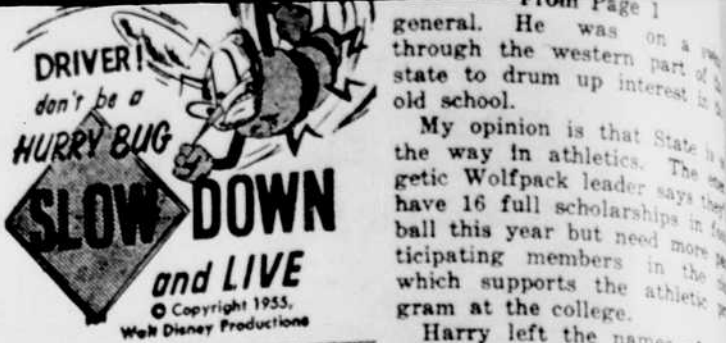
The noon-day meeting will be held in the Methodist church with pastor's of the community in charge.

The evening service at 7:30 will be in St. James Episcopal church with the Rev. Bernard Trexler speaking.

Christians of all faiths will be most cordially welcomed.

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RIDGECREST NEEDS SUBSTITUTE CLERK FOR POST OFFICE

The U. S. Civil Service Commission, Atlanta, Ga., announces an open competitive examination for career or temporary appointment to the positions of substitute clerk, in the Ridgecrest, N. C., post office.

Applications will be accepted from persons who reside within the delivery of the post office named or who are bona fide patrons of such office. Persons employed in the post office will be considered bona fide patrons of the office. Applications must be received or post marked on or before Feb. 8, 1956.

The beginning basic rate of pay is \$1.82 per hour. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. This age limit does not apply to persons entitled to veterans' preference.

Necessary forms and further information may be obtained from the Postmaster at the post office, or from the Fifth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

RETURNED TUESDAY

Mrs. D. F. Mayberry returned Tuesday from a visit with Mrs. Martha Simmons and Mrs. Davis in Statesville.

LEGAL NOTICE

Having this day qualified as a Ciliary Administrator of the Estate of VIRGINIA LAHRU ROGERO, late of Miami, Florida, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of them, duly verified, to be underigned on or before February 2nd, 1957 or else their notice will be held in bar of recovery. Persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 30th day of January, 1956.
R. E. FINCH,
Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of VIRGINIA LAHRU ROGERO, deceased.
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8.

GARDEN TALKS FROM ART'S GARDEN

Two thousand five hundred years ago the Greek poetess Sappho, bestowed the title of "Queen of Flowers" upon the rose and to this day the rose still holds that title. Many are the writings that have been handed down to us. Herodotus mentions the cabbage rose in the fifth century as being a wonderful new rose. The rose was used on the emblem of the York and Lancaster families at the time of the War of Roses.

In times gone by acres of roses were planted in the parks, and the petals picked and distilled to produce the "Attar of Roses". In 1788 a rose was introduced from China called the Chinese Monthly Rose. From this has developed our strain we call "Hybrid Teas". For a rose garden in the sun, they are the ones to plant and every catalog fully does them justice. For partly shaded spots in the garden, particularly at the foot of a border, there are many of the ones called "shrubby roses" that are most satisfactory.

Here in these mountains we have a lot of dampness at night and often fog until late in the morning, which is very conducive to mildew and black spot. That is why I urge you to use shrub roses for your mixed plantings.

Of course, a fence in the sun can be a gorgeous sight, a wealth of color on the fence at once a pride and joy, a delight to any one's eyes. There is also a low creeping rose called Memorial rose. It has shiny leaves that are pretty at all times. The Rogosa roses have leaves like this too, and are almost black spot.

The class called Floribundas give us a lot of flowers to that are the richest of colors and most useful for table use, a new class of roses that has taken the rose lovers by storm. They are named Grandifloras. They just seem to have everything that could be desired. They are tall vigorous growers, compact bloomers, with long graceful buds that open into blooms of nice size with a shading of colors beyond comparison.

Next Week: FLOWERING TREES

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LETTERS

LOST GREAT AMERICAN
Douglas, Georgia
Jan. 28, 1956.
Black Mountain News,
Black Mountain, N. C.
Dear Editor:

When the Black Mountain News reached me today, this time it was not a joy but filled my heart with sadness to learn that a heart attack was fatal to My Dear G. Honeycutt and Buddy William C. Honeycutt.

I met Buddy Honeycutt about six years ago there in Black Mountain. I have been there, seen and talked with him each summer ever year since meeting him in 1949. He was so kind and nice to ever one he met. He always gave me a warm welcome with a great smile. I guess it was because we both were Legionnaires that we met. He was a great Legionnaire, not only a man that was easy to like, and not only a great Legionnaire, but a citizen that was for the up-building and more and better improvements to make a better place for any American to want to live, both Buncombe county and Black Mountain.

I have always looked forward to seeing and talking with him each time I would visit Black Mountain. There are lots of good people there in Black Mountain, but that William C. Honeycutt—with that great smile, will be missed, I'm sure, by so many of his good friends. It is true the Legion has not only lost a great citizen, but Black Mountain and North Carolina have lost a great citizen that will always be missed.
It is great to be an American; and we have lost one of our great Americans, W. C. Honeycutt.
A sincere friend, and one who likes Black Mountain.
—W. B. Alderman.

MISS MONA ALLEN IS GIVEN PARTY

Levon Atkins gave a surprise birthday party for Miss Mona Allen.

Those attending were: Orman Ponder, Dot Allen, James Atkins, Nancy Allen, Jackie Rymer, Pat Brooks, Larry Morris, Gloria Travershair, Bobby Moore, Marie Smith and Bill Moore.

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Black Mountain NEWS

One of Buncombe County's foremost weekly newspapers published every Thursday at Black Mountain, N. C., in the heart of the prosperous Swannanoa Valley, great religious and resort center and growing industrial area.

Gordon H. Greenwood
Editor and Publisher
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NAVY EXTENDS PROGRAM OF RE-ENLISTMENT

Chief L. E. Fay of the Navy Recruiting service announced today that the navy has extended the program whereby ex-navy men in over 60 ratings may now re-enlist in the Naval Reserve for two years immediate active duty in the rates they held at time of discharge.

Men enlisting under this program will be given the opportunity to shift to the regular navy and resume their naval career without loss of rate.

Further information may be obtained from the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, 785 Merrimon avenue, Asheville, N. C.

Fire Destroys McDonald Home

A fire, thought to have been caused by an over heated oil stove, completely destroyed the home of Boyd McDonald, one mile east of Black Mountain, the night of Jan. 25.

C. E. Slagle and McKinley Worley discovered the fire and called the Black Mountain fire department, but by the time they arrived the whole inside of the building was ablaze.

Mr. McDonald and family had gone to the home of the grandfather, J. E. McDonald, who was ill, and was notified by the neighbors that his house had burned.

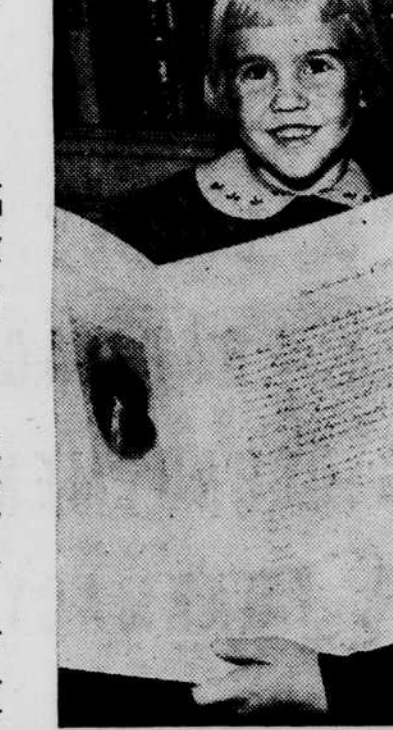
The house and contents were a total loss. The only thing saved were the clothes the family was wearing. The valuation was placed at \$5,000.00, which was partly covered by insurance.

Mr. McDonald wishes to express his appreciation to the fire department and neighbors for their efforts to save his home. In spite of the snow and icy condition of the roads the department rushed to the scene, as did many neighbors to offer help.

HOME FOR VACATION

Miss Phyllis Hutchins, who is attending Woman's College, Greensboro, is home for a few days' vacation.

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OBSERVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH—Robert M. Lamond, 7, Washington family descendant, and Virginia Lu Biscoe, 6, both of Alexandria, Va., view famed George Washington letter on education owned by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. D.A.R. urges observance of American History Month.

Woodmen Install New Officers

Swannanoa Camp 970 of the Woodmen of the World, elected new officers and duly installed them, Thursday evening, Jan. 19, at the Swannanoa Lodge. Installing officer was the North Carolina State Manager Nick T. Newberry.

Officers are: Everett Swafford, commander; Allen C. Campfield, advisor; Floyd Morgan, banker; Hubert Glass, escort; Steven Campfield, guard; Lonnie Hargrave, watchman; Jarvis Green, field representative; Joe S. Porcher, secretary and auditor; Guy Jenkins and Donald Wright.

A supper meeting opened the 1956 year for these officers Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, at Tingle's cafe and plans for the year were made. The regular meeting dates will be on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. Members of Camp 970 will endeavor this year to help in the Boys of Woodcraft "March of Dimes" drives, to aid in raising money for the Owen High School band, to raise funds toward the support and improvement of the Swannanoa Recreation Center, and to give their support toward improving minor local camp problems.

BM School Cage Schedule Set

It has been announced that the Black Mountain school boys and girls basketball team will play the following games:

- Feb. 1, Oakley at home.
- Feb. 9, at Sand Hill.
- Feb. 13, at Fairview.
- Feb. 23, Sand Hill here.

The girls team is coached by E. V. Gouge and the boys by J. K. Mills.
We urge you to come and help support your team.
Alma Watson and Joyce Hutchins, reporters.

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With The Sick

Alan Holcombe is able to be out again after being sick last week.

Walter Burgess was sick at his home last week.

Mrs. O. C. Leiter is sick at her home in the Monte Vista apartments.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dinviddie was sick for several days last week but was back at her desk at the News office on Monday morning.

George Carder has been sick at his home on Portman Villa road for several days.
Burt Stone, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Stone of Black Mountain, had an infected finger lanced Tuesday afternoon.
Morris H. White is a patient in the veterans hospital at Durham to Durham on Jan. 17. He expects to undergo a spinal operation during his stay in the hospital.

Feb. 15 Deadline For 1956 Tags

Here it is in spades car owners. Only about one-third of the bulk of 1,600,000 license tags for 1956 have been sold so far with the tail end of the sales period fast approaching.

Deadline for the display of '56 tags is midnight, February 15. Assistant Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe Garrett warned owners to expect long waiting lines and delays as deadline time nears. He urged motorists to get their new tags promptly.

Vehicles headquarters reported its sales running pretty much on par with last year. Field offices, where the majority of new tags are distributed, say sales are lagging.

Garrett reminded busy car owners that license plates may be secured by mail. "Simply sign your renewal card, enclose it with a check or money order and address to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh. Your tag will be returned shortly," he said.

—Meat and livestock products are the biggest money earners for farmers, largely because of a continuing rise in public demand for beef.

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County Passes Bond Sale Goal

In 1955, the U. S. Savings Bonds Program in North Carolina had its best peace time year on record, according to the annual sales report released in Greensboro by Walter P. Johnson, State Sales Director.

Total sales of Series E and Series H Bonds, amounted to \$54,827,478.25 which was 17% greater than 1954 and 25% greater than

Swannanoa News

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"YOU MAKE THE NEWS"

Music Club.
The Owen High Music club held its meeting Friday evening, Jan. 20, at the Recreation hall in Grove-mont.

After opening devotions, a program was presented by Jean Huntley, David McMahon, Larry Garvette, Vance Davis, and Dorothy Johnston.

Following the program refreshments were served after which the young people enjoyed a square dance with music provided by the "Morgan Brothers."

Josephine Mumpower.
The Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, at the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist parsonage. The president, Mrs. Claude Foster, presided during the business session and the program.

The program based on The Book of Esther was opened with a hymn, followed by prayer by Mrs. Austin Andrews. Scripture from the fifth chapter of Esther was given by Mrs. L. B. Buchanan. Topic No. I, "Call To Service" was given by Mrs. H. H. Smith. Topic II, "Adorned With Modesty," Mrs. Lewis Metcalf. Topic III, "Right Trainings Reward," Mrs. Ernest Raymond, and Topic IV presented by Mrs. John Cansler.

During the business session, election of officers for the coming year was held with the results as follows: pres., Mrs. Lewis Metcalf; first vice-pres., Mrs. Claude Foster, publication and literature; second vice-pres., Mrs. W. H. Smith, education; 3rd vice-pres., Mrs. W. L. Moretz, missions; 4th vice-pres., Mrs. Harold Nichols, stewardship; 5th vice-pres., T. A. Pittman, orphanage; and 6th vice-pres., Mrs. A. L. Wilson, sup-

Are Americans spending too much? That may be a debatable subject. But one thing is sure. They're saving — through purchase of United States Savings Bonds. More than at any time since 1945.

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