



Clifford Longcoy, Jr., extreme right, of Black Mountain, was named to George D. Wetherill's exclusive "\$100,000-a-year Club" at a recent dinner meeting in Philadelphia. Here he is shown with four other members of the club receiving an engraved silver plaque from John T. Ash, Jr., Wetherill sales manager.

Graduate of Black Mountain High school and the University of Tennessee, Mr. Longcoy is a veteran of service with the U. S. Navy. He has been connected with the Wetherill company since his graduation from UT. He covers North Carolina and several southern states. His father, C. R. Longcoy, Sr., was with Wetherill for many years prior to his retirement two years ago.

**MONTREAT**  
By Miss Julia Stokes

The Youth Fellowship met in the Rec room in the Assembly Inn at 4:45 p.m. Sunday.

Vespers were held in Gaither Chapel at 7:15 p.m. The comradeship group had the program.

The Life Service group was held at 8 p.m. in Gaither with Mrs. J. H. Skelton as guest speaker. Her topic was "The Christian Home."

On Monday at 6:30 p.m. the Men of Montreat had a good attendance at their supper meeting in Assembly Inn.

The executive board of the Women of the Church was held on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the sun parlor of Assembly Inn with the president, Mrs. Collins Lee, in charge.

The circles of the Women of the Church will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14 as follows:

Circle No. 1, Mrs. A. C. Holt, chairman, will meet in the home of the co-chairman, Mrs. W. J. Gammon, on Mississippi road at 3:30 p.m.

Circle No. 2, Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse, chairman, will meet in

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the home of Mrs. Noyes Wilson on Lookout road at 3:30 p.m. The co-chairman, Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor, will preside.

The business woman's circle will meet in the home of Miss Gay Currie with Mrs. J. E. Maddox as co-hostess. They will meet at 7:45 p.m.

The prayer meetings are held each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the sun parlor of the Assembly Inn and at 7:15 p.m. in Gaither Chapel.

There will be a school of missions during February in Gaither Hall. Mrs. W. J. Gammon is chairman of world missions for the Women of the Church. The meetings will begin on Feb. 10 with a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. in the home economics room, Gaither Hall. Everyone is invited. After the supper the different groups will meet for study. At this meeting Dr. Carlton White will be the speaker for the adult group. Miss Betty Maxwell will have the young people. Miss Gay Currie and Miss Betsy Watling will have the children. The adults will be under the direction of the Men of the Church.

On Feb. 17, as this is the World Day of Prayer, Montreat will join with Black Mountain in the services held in Black Mountain. Services will be at noon in the State Street Methodist church, and at 7:30 p.m. in the St. James Episcopal church with the Rev. Bernard Trexler speaking.

The Women of the Church will be in charge on Feb. 24.

The meeting on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. will be under the direction of the Young Adults with Miss Virginia Buchanan as speaker. This will be the closing meeting and the World Mission offering will be taken.

The Senior Hi-Fellowship of Abington Presbytery held a retreat over the week-end. This group had Benjamin Fulton as president and they held their worship service with the Montreat church service. There were some 180 young people and their leaders registered.

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor is out again after a few days' illness with an attack of the flu.

Miss Annie Webb was honored by a farewell party given by Mrs. C. A. Stubbs in her home on Tennessee road on Friday before Miss Webb left for Florida. Some forty friends attended. Games were played and coffee was served by Mrs. McGregor. The house was decorated in the Florida Beach scene. The guest of honor was

given many attractive farewell presents. Miss Webb, who has been a teacher in Montreat college and was principal of the Montreat School for Girls for many years, is retiring this year. She will continue to live in her Montreat home in the summer, but will spend her winters in her cottage in Florida. She will spend some time in travel. She has many friends in Black Mountain and Montreat who wish her well.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller are spending the winter in Florida. Mr. Miller, a former teacher in Montreat college, retired last May and is doing special teaching in Florida schools.

The Rev. John R. Williams has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Johns Island, S. C. He will begin his work there on March 1. Mr. Williams is filling his engagement this week in the Presbyterian church in Pageland, S. C. He will return to his home on Assembly drive for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will move into the manse in Johns Island on Feb. 15. They will be greatly missed here in Montreat, but we hope they will get back to spend their summers here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coburn are visiting in Florida for a few months. They are touring many of the southern states on behalf of Camp Merri-Mac.

Mr. S. L. Woodward is quite ill in Memorial Mission hospital.

This clipping will entitle Ruth Gilbert and one guest to free admission to see "Station West" at the Pix Theater.

—In spite of the millions of dollars spent by the U. S. in exploring the Antarctic continent, no move has ever been made to claim any portion of Antarctica.

**DRYING INFLUENZA CONTRIBUTION**  
By Mrs. M. M. Elliott

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crenshaw and children have been taking their vacation in Florida, have returned to their home in Forest City.

David Nelson of the U. S. Army, stationed in Korea, received his discharge and returned to his home on Upper Cedar Creek, David and his wife, Hilda, are having quite a bit of work done on their home, underpinned and a new bath room and water put in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Taylor, who have been taking a month's vacation in Florida, have returned to their home in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. McPeters of Greenville, S. C., visited Mrs. McPeters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Voss, recently.

Kenneth Elliott of Raleigh spent a few days' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elliott last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lytle and children of Winston-Salem visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Leebetter on Broad River and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Lytle, on Bald Mountain week before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol White of Thomasville spent the week-end with Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Marlowe, and children on Flat Creek and other relatives in this section.

Mrs. Presley Ownbey, who has been very ill in Marion General hospital, is improving and hopes to be able to return to her home this week.

**CP&L Fights Hike In Freight Rates**

An increase as big as railroads have proposed would create a "serious problem," he added. The Utilities Commission has protested the increase, declaring that freight rates have risen 83 per cent since World War II.

Carolina Power & Light company this week (Feb. 3) protested the proposed seven per cent hike in railroad freight rates. A plea to the Interstate Commerce Commission asserted the increase would have cost CP&L an extra \$384,329 last year.

Production Engineer Raymond S. Talton asserted that 84.5 per cent of CP&L's power is produced with coal, which is hauled exclusively by rail. Last year's freight bill was \$5,490,411, or 20.2 per cent of total operating costs, he said.

**MR. THOMAS S. SHARP HONORED BY GROUP**

Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp has been awarded an honorable mention in a pen women lecture contest. She is a member of the New Bern Branch of American Pen Women. Consuls of Mexico, Central America and South America made the award for lecture series designed to bring "About a Better Understanding of Our Southern Neighbors." Mrs. Sharp gave 16 illustrated lectures on Ancient and Modern Civilization and Culture of Mexicans, Mayans, pre-lucas and Incas before various clubs, colleges and other groups during 1955.

She has been asked by the con-

test committee to speak at the biennial convention of Pen Women in Washington, D. C., April 10. She will receive the award at that time.

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