

# At Last! We're To Have New Pens!

Don't look for it to happen too soon but indications are that within a few months the old-style, scratchy, hand-dip-pens in post offices will be a thing of the past. Postmaster Arthur E. Summerfield has said so in announcing that competitive bids have gone out for the manufacturing of half a million ball point pens and as many refills for use in post offices throughout the country.

The post office arrived at this decision, the PMG said, after an extended study of pens in actual use in selected post offices in various sections of the country. The results proved so encouraging that overall use was recommended by the industrial engineers of the department.

The officials expect very little pilfering of these pens by the general public. Few will risk up to a year in prison or up to \$500.00 fine to steal a pen labeled "Property of the United States Post Office Department."

That, in the opinion of most of the public, will be the greatest improvement in the post office department since Buffalo Bill traded his horse for an airplane. The most even tempered has had to put an extra valve on his thermometer as he tried to scratch out a line or two with the old-type pen which went out of use years ago but didn't disappear from the post office. Regularly the post office employees refilled the ink wells, straightened up the useless pens, and hoped that someone would find use for the desk at last.

Strange that the post office department held to the old type pens long after the geese lost their fear of being trapped for the quill and came out of hiding.

Goodbye, old friend, you may be absent from the writing stands but you will not be missed.

# LETTERS

THANK YOU  
March, 1956

Editor Black Mountain News  
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Sir:  
The support which your paper gave to our recent campaign was a very important factor in the success of the 1956 Heart Fund Drive. We have always regarded our annual campaigns as an opportunity to reach a broad public with the facts about heart disease. Obviously we could not accomplish this educational purpose without your help, and you are rendering an important public service.

"Thank you" seems small return for what you have given to the cause of Heart. We trust that your real reward lies in the satisfaction of having made an important contribution toward the better health of your community.

Sincerely,  
W. D. Carmichael, Jr.  
State Campaign Chm.,  
N. C. Heart Assn.,  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

# FARMERS SHOULD APPLY FOR CROP INSURANCE

Payments to policyholders in 1955 in 32 North Carolina counties where tobacco or cotton risk crop insurance was offered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture amounted to \$199,775 for over eleven hundred claims. Damage by hurricane and dry weather for the most part prevented insureds in most claim cases from receiving enough from sales to pay cash production costs. The Federal Crop Insurance corporation made up the difference. Claims would have been very much greater if the 1955 hurricanes had come in July rather than August.

Applications for insurance are not accepted after cotton is planted and after tobacco is transplanted to the field. Interested producers should file applications immediately at FCIC county offices, or through FCIC representatives in their communities.

# LETTER FROM TEXAS

April 5, 1956

Dear Sir:  
Am enclosing check for \$3.00 for a year's subscription to the Black Mountain News. My husband, Clarence Mauney, is an Old Fort boy and since his father passed away last December we don't get any news of North Carolina and Old Fort.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. C. P. Mauney,  
2812 Burton,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

# OUR HALL OF FAME

April 3, 1956

Dear Editor:  
After standing for a long time before the picture of Old Black Joe in the Foster Memorial Museum at White Springs, Fla., my thoughts ran something like this: When our legalistic highbrows in Washington, and our criticizing zealots in the South have been lost in oblivion, Old Black Joe, in pensive mood, will still inhabit our Hall of Fame.

In humble condemnation of their warring words, the hands once strong for faithful, loving service, are lifted now in tearful protest at the strife.

He, with Uncle Remus, should forever haunt the souls of those who claim to know the answers to our Southern racial problems.

J. P. Parker.

# BAND, CHORUS WILL GIVE CONCERT MAY 4

The annual concert by the Owen High school band and chorus will be Friday, May 4. Tickets for the event are on sale throughout the Black Mountain and Swannanoa Communities.

With the proceeds from the concert leaders hope to pay, to a great extent, for the 50 uniforms which were purchased recently. At least \$750.00 is needed.

Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

# CIVIL SERVICE

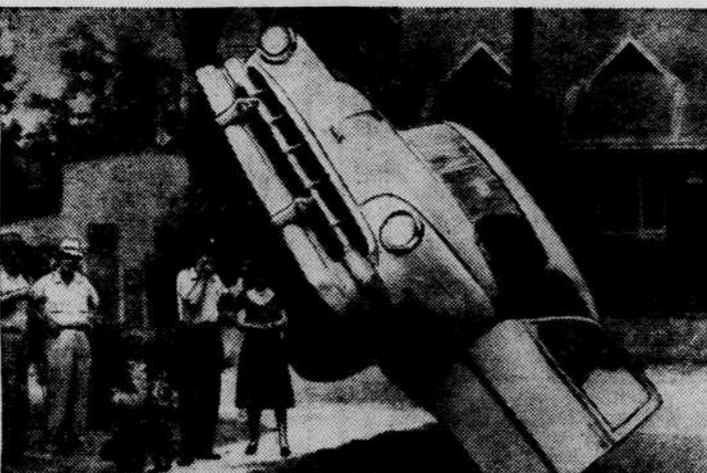
The United States Civil Service commission announces that applications are now being accepted for positions in the personnel, administrative, supply, and aircraft trades fields for duty at Overseas Air Force stations.

Appropriate experience is required. In some cases, education may be substituted for experience. No written test will be given.

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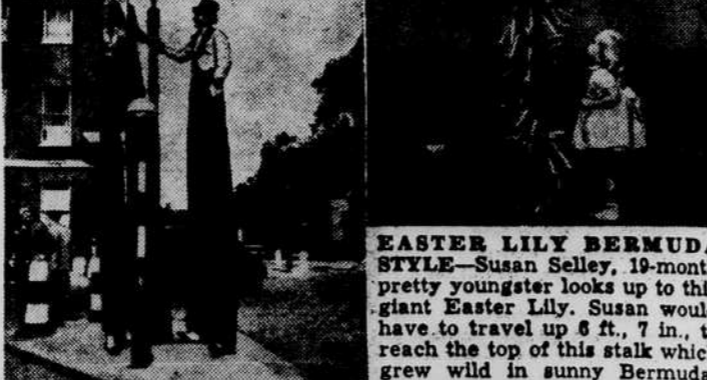
# Getting Up In The World

IT WAS A WOMAN DRIVER! Kenneth, Mo., policeman holds chin in disbelief as Mrs. Harrison Clay, Flint, Mich., explains how she drove car up bent wire where it hung at this precarious angle. Damage to car—bent hub cap.



# STILTLED CONVERSATION

These two carnival performers make sure they have no "eavesdroppers" while relating some tall tales on a London street corner. The occasion was a festival in Soho, a famed quarter of London. (World Wide Photos)



# EASTER LILY BERMUDA STYLE

Susan Selley, 19-month pretty youngster looks up to this giant Easter Lily. Susan would have to travel up 6 ft., 7 in., to reach the top of this stalk which grew wild in sunny Bermuda.



HIGH ALTITUDE PUSH—These two operators of International TD-24, 200 hp, 20-ton bulldozers, seem to be trying to out-push each other. Actually, they are helping to build a road on top of a mountain for the U. S. Marine Corps near Camp Pendleton. Over 65% of the 320,000 cu. yds. of material being moved is rock, but it is child's play to these two giants.

# Protection Cuts Wildfire Losses



Sponsors of Southern Forest Fire Prevention Conference meeting in April say loss to average fire on "protected" forest acreage in the South is only 24 acres, while fires on "unprotected" forest burn 115 acres.

# This is the Law



By Robert E. Lee  
(For the N. C. Bar Association)

# AUTOMOBILES

Joe lends his automobile to Sam for use during Sam's vacation. Sam wrecks the car. Without contacting Joe or getting any authority from him to do so, Sam has the car towed to Tom's garage and tells Tom to "fix it up." There is a repair bill of six hundred dollars on the car, which considering the wrecked condition of the car is reasonable in amount. Sam doesn't have the money with which to pay Tom. Can Joe get the car from Tom without paying to him the six hundred dollars?

No. In North Carolina there is a statute which gives to any mechanic or artisan a possessory lien upon any article of personal property which has been altered or repaired at the request of the "owner or legal possessor." Sam was the legal possessor of the automobile at the time the repairs were authorized. Tom may continue to keep the automobile until he has been paid a just and reasonable charge for work done and material furnished.

There is no such statute in most of the other states; and in these jurisdictions only the owner of personal property may authorize repairs which will become a lien upon the property.

Casper Taylor buys an automobile on the installment plan. The conditional sales contract or chattel mortgage given to a finance company is properly registered. Taylor subsequently wrecks the automobile, and takes it to a garage where he authorizes the necessary repairs to be made upon it. The repair bill amounts to five hundred dollars. Taylor is unable to pay the garage bill. He also ceases to pay the monthly payments to the finance company. May the finance company repossess the automobile from the garage without paying to its proprietor the five hundred dollar repair bill?

No. In North Carolina a mechanic's lien for repairs is given preference to the lien of a conditional sales contract or chattel mortgage even though the latter be registered and prior in point of time.

The particular repairs were authorized by a "legal possessor" of the automobile.

Bill borrows Henry's automobile and, while being driven by Bill, it is damaged in a collision. The collision is not the result of any fault or negligence on the part of Bill. May Henry recover from Bill a judgment for the damages to his automobile?

No. Bill is not liable for any damage done to the automobile without his fault.

While John is driving an automobile he has borrowed from Abner, the automobile is wrecked as the result of the negligent operation of a truck driven by Frank. May John recover the full amount of the damages from Frank?

Yes. Although the borrower is not answerable to the owner for loss or injury to the property without his fault, the borrower may sue and recover from a third person the full amount of the damages caused to the property in his possession.

The borrower holds any amount he recovers in excess of his special interest in trust for the owner of the automobile. The owner of the automobile in turn recovers this amount from the borrower.

# RENT IT! - CLASSIFIEDS!

# BROAD RIVER

By Mrs. M. M. Elliott

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lytle and children of Winston-Salem spent the Easter holidays with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ledbetter of Broad River, and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Lytle of Broad Mountain.

Rev. and Mrs. Wade Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ownbey and daughters, Alice and Edna, were dinner guests of Miss Frances Ownbey near Black Mountain last Sunday.

Visitors at Stone Mountain church last Sunday were Mrs. Roland Elliott and little daughter of Crooked Creek, and Rev. William Snydes of Ridgecrest. Mr. Snydes delivered the message.

We had as dinner guests last Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and little daughter, Fay.

Yewitt Elliott visited Brisco Connor in Mumfread Cove last Sunday afternoon.

Bruce Nanney and son and Bruce's nephew of Canton were in this community on business last Saturday.

Mrs. Otis Vess, who has been very sick, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson's little son George, who has been very sick, is much better.

Mrs. M. M. Elliott, Broad River correspondent for the Black Mountain News, has been ill for the past week with a severe cold and flu.

# METHODIST CIRCLES

Circles of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday as follows:  
Circle 1—Fellowship hall, 3 p.m. Mrs. H. W. Sanders and Mrs. D. G. Guess, hostesses. Circle 2—Home of Mrs. June Glenn, Jr. 10 a.m. Circle 3—Home of Mrs. Charles Fortune, 10 a.m. Circle 4—Fellowship hall, 7:30 p.m.

# SGT. PRESSLEY IS GUIDE

Sgt. George W. Pressley served as guide when the state championship basketball team visited the Waverly (Iowa) Air Base recently. Sgt. Pressley explained "Radar in One Easy Lesson" to the team members who were shown with him in pictures which appeared in many newspapers.

# SELL IT! - CLASSIFIEDS!

North Carolina honey production for 1955 amounted to 3 1/2 million pounds, 30 percent below the record high of 6.4-10 million pounds produced in 1951.

# MRS. TAYLOR'S FACULTY ENTERTAINING GIRLS AT LUNCHEON

The freshman girls of Mrs. Earl A. Taylor's home economics classes entertained the faculty at a luncheon, Thursday, April 5, at noon in the home economics department. All members of the four student teachers from Montreat College. The girls planned, prepared and served the luncheon which consisted of baked ham, potato salad on lettuce, buttered limas, celery and carrot curls, radish roses, pepper rings, hot rolls, butter, pineapple chiffon pie, and tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Burgess announce the birth of a son, April 6, in Memorial Mission hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warren are parents of a son born, April 7, in St. Joseph's hospital.

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- 1954 CHEVROLET Belair 2-dr. . . . \$1,295.00  
• Low Miles, Fully Equipped
- 1952 CHEVROLET 4-dr. . . . \$795.00  
• Styline Deluxe
- 1953 MERCURY Station Wagon, auto. trans. \$1,195.
- 1951 CHEVROLET Styline 4-dr. . . . \$645.00
- 1951 CHEVROLET Fleetline Sedan . . . \$595.00
- 1951 STUDEBAKER Sedan V-8 . . . \$545.00
- 1952 PLYMOUTH coupe . . . \$545.00

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1948 DeSOTA	1946 FORD 2-dr.	1941 CHEVROLET coupe
1946 CHEV. Sedan	1946 CHEV. 2-dr.	1940 CHEVROLET
1947 CHEV. Sedan	1946 FORD Coupe	1946 MERCURY
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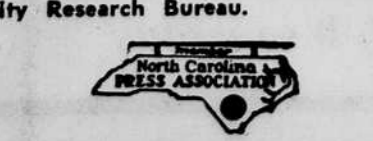
# Black Mountain NEWS

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# VALLEY BOOSTERS

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peal to light the field in time for the 1956 football season. The car will be shown in various sections of the Swannanoa Valley so that the public may inspect it prior to the barbecue. The club has offered two prizes to those selling the most tickets, \$25.00 to the adult and \$15.00 to the student. There will be other prizes to be announced later. Tickets making purchasers associate boosters are on sale throughout the Valley.

A 30-knot hydrofoil landing craft is now planned by the Navy to replace the 8-knot medium landing craft now in use by the Atlantic Amphibious Force.