

# Swannanoa News

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"THE COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE"

## West Point in 1873

The article in last week's paper seems to have created an interest in old letters written from West Point by W. L. Gash, judging from the comments and queries I have received. I thought it would not be amiss to write about a few more, which are interesting.

Thanksgiving could be the title of a letter written on Nov. 26, in which he tells the holiday began at four p.m. and lasts until four the next day. "Cadets are not allowed any 'uniform' article in their possession, but still, a great many have even a little stove, in or on which they make candies out of sugar, stew oysters, from the press hall. This evening after release from quarters I went into another division to visit another friend and on every floor I could smell buckwheat cake, oysters and candies." Writing on Thanksgiving day he mentions that "Uncle Sam has provided the cadets with a splendid gymnasium, in which are boxing gloves, spring boards, Indian clubs, wooden horses, horizontal ladders, a ten pin alley, swings. The cadets are having a high old time today. About half of them have gone to a pond on the top of a mountain, which is called 'Old Crow's Nest.' It, like everything else here, has a history. The water in this pond is frozen so that it affords good skating grounds, and all who could parade a pair of skates have gone thither for that purpose."

Grandad Gash speaks of the enjoyable dinner of oyster soup, turkey, apples, raisins, and almonds, and no mention is made of "gun wadding," as found in former letters. From a letter dated Nov. 1, keen interest is expressed in baseball. "I hear that Swannanoa has gained a decided victory over Cane Creek in the way of baseball. Bob Wilson, in a letter, told me also, that Swannanoa was to play Hominy in Asheville today. I hope my old niece would be victorious. How I would laugh if they were to beat Hominy. Though I am afraid they have been beaten again." Certainly would be interesting to know who played with Swannanoa in 1873.

## American Home.

The American Home department of the Woman's club, assembled in the home of Mrs. A. B. Whitt, June 25, for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Grace Lewis and Mrs. Margaret Kelly were co-hostesses for the evening. Mrs. Roy Russell, chairman, conducted the business session.

Colored films of pictures made by Buddy Gibson while in service in the air force were shown by Maurice Jones. Scenes included San Diego, San Francisco, Mexico, Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. The program took on a special interest, as pictures of far away places unfolded, which were taken by a serviceman familiar to many.

Guests included: Mrs. Arthur Ray Cannon, president of the Women's club, Maurice Jones, Mrs. A. B. Whitt, Mrs. Kenneth Davidson. Others present: Mrs. William Blaine, Mrs. Holly Hipp, Mrs. Charles Hogsd, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. Howard Lewis, Mrs. Dwight Morgan, Mrs. Selmer Neskaug, Mrs. Roy Russell, Mrs. Lawrence Waincott, Mrs. J. J. Walden, Mrs. Maurice Jones.

**Troop-E-Troopettes**  
Mrs. D. G. Lewis and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, served as hostess for the meeting of the Troop-E-Troopettes, in the patrol headquarters Monday night, June 25.

Mrs. Howell McKinney presided at the meeting during the absence of Mrs. Dean Arrledge.

This was the final meeting for the summer. The next will be on the last Monday in September. Present: Mrs. Hattie Erving, Mrs. Jewel MacDonald, Mrs. Jack Wright, Miss Dela Pamphill, Miss Lizzie Houston, Mrs. Howell McKinney, Mrs. Phillip Clay, Mrs. D. G. Lewis, and Mrs. H. C. Johnson.

**First Baptist Observe Music Week**  
Music week was observed by representatives from the First Baptist who had a pleasant stay at a cottage in Ridgecrest and attended music classes during the week. Those who participated from Swannanoa: Annette Meeks, Ann Walker, Becky Brothers, Betty Patton, Mary Kay Morgan, Mary Jane Whiteman, Marilyn Smith. The group was accompanied by Mrs. Rachel Smith, choir director of the First Baptist.

**Presbyterian Men.**  
The monthly supper meeting of the men of the Presbyterian church occurred on Monday, June 25. Fred Davidson led with the opening prayer. Dr. Hubert Clapp, president, presided at the meeting. At the business session plans were discussed for building a new addition to the church. Program title "Christian at Home, At His Work, and in His Community."

W. H. McMurray closed the meeting with prayer. Serving the supper: Mrs. George Talbot, Mrs. Paul Young, Mrs. Eugene Lovett.

Present for the supper meeting: Norman Freeman, W. J. Freeman, J. L. Connelly, D. M. Connelly, Fred Davidson, James Davidson, H. L. Clapp, W. H. McMurray, James Parks, Paul Patton, Paul Young.

**W. S. C. S.**  
The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday evening, June 20, in the recreation room of the church. The members welcomed Mrs. Roy Franklin as a new member and Mrs. Lillian King, who had not been able to attend for some time.

Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. King each had a part on the program, "The World Beginning in My Community." Mrs. G. H. Farr had charge of this interesting program. Others helping were Mrs. Hazel Norman, Mrs. Nellie Wilkins, Mrs. Mildred Scott, and Mrs. Lois Gibbs.

Mrs. G. M. Powlas, new president, presided, and Mrs. J. V. Brington and Mrs. Ted Smith served as hostesses. Others present were Mrs. C. W. Bates, Miss Laura Shufford, Mrs. Pearl Jarrett, Mrs. Nell Bass, Mrs. Elmer Griffin, Mrs. W. G. Harrison, Mrs. Elmer Debruhl.

**Josephine Mumpower Free Will Auxiliary**  
The hymn, "Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us," led by Mrs. W. H. Smith, was sung by members of the Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary Tuesday night, June 26, which opened the program. Mrs. T. A. Pittman led in prayer, and Mrs. Virginia Metcalf was in charge of the program.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, Cragmont, who spoke on the mission fields in Cuba. Mrs. Ballard told of how as a young girl of the desire to go to Cuba, and of the day when she did so. Upon arrival Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, directors of the Free Will Mission fields in Cuba, became her friends. Mrs. Ballard expressed wonder at the people of Cuba, for after their conversion they are so unashamed and willing to do work for the Lord, and so willing to sacrifice to help others. Mrs. Ballard stressed the need of our own self denial, and the need for more mission fields throughout all the land. The Free Will Baptist church has established 70 mission points in Cuba in 17 years. Mrs. W. L. Moretz is recognized in Cuba for her many acts of kindness and generosity to the people of Cuba.

The program closed with prayer. Present: Mrs. Mary Nichols, Mrs. R. L. Ballard Jr., Mrs. Perry Buckner, Mrs. Melvin Biggs, Mrs. James Brotherton, Mrs. Harold Nichols, Mrs. Howard Gardner, Mrs. L. B. Buchanan, Mrs. Austin Andrews, Mrs. John Cansier, Mrs. Willard Wilson, Mrs. T. A. Pittman, Mrs. Horace Stephenson, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. John Ogle, Mrs. Ernest Ray, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. Ballard, guest speaker.

During the monthly pack meeting of the Cub Scouts, the following received awards: Don Carter received a bear badge. Stuart Peters earned a silver arrow on a bear badge. Mike Blaine won the webelos badge, which is the highest rank in the Cub Scouts.

In order to earn a webelos badge a boy must be ten and half years old, must be a lion cub scout, necessary that he complete service project of two months, visited boy scout troop which he plans to enter, and he must also pass the tender foot scout requirements.

In addition, Mike Blaine received the silver arrow point on the lions badge, plus three years service star. Mrs. Blaine also received a

## Guy Moore Fans 14 Oakley Men

Black Mountain won and lost in Buncombe County League contests over the week-end.

Saturday afternoon at Venable the locals had their victory string shattered when the home team grabbed a 7 to 3 decision. Strangely enough the teams scored all their runs in one inning. Venable counted seven times in the fourth on two errors, base on balls, single, double, triple, and home run. Black Mountain pushed over three in the second. Losing pitcher was Jess Owenby who paced the hitters with three out of four.

Guy Moore fanned 14 Sunday as he pitched the Black Mountain entry to an 11 to 4 triumph over the Oakley nine. Arnold Curtis was the leading hitter with two out of three.

Black Mountain will play Sunday at Beech.

## MRS. JOHNSON IMPROVING

Mrs. Vernon Johnson is recuperating from a recent attack of pneumonia and expects to be out again soon.

miniature badge, which shows the fact that she is the mother of a webelos scout.

Troop 28 of the Boy Scouts left for Camp Hope Sunday, July 1, to spend a week of never to be forgotten days at canoeing, archery, and other sports, as well as the development of character and fair play. Scout campers David Buckner, Charles McPeters, Harry Gibbs, Louis Severson, Jr., Talmadge Burnette, Jr., Charles Blaine, Archie Rutledge, Bruce Clapp, Lee Clapp, Howard Rutledge, Mike Blaine, Robert Brown, Donald Cook, Stuart Feetwood, and Stephen Fleetwood were accompanied by Scout Master William Blaine and Assistant Hugh Rutledge.

**Personals**  
Sgt. R. W. Burleson is home on leave following an 18 months' tour of duty in Japan. Sgt. and Mrs. Burleson and family plan on leaving in approximately 30 days for Hawaii where they will make their home for two years.

J. F. Brown and family, and Miss Jane Brown of Asheville spent the week-end in Effingham, C. where they attended homecoming observance at Fairfield Presbyterian church of Orange county on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller and son Freddie with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Patton and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Hull of Lake Lure last Sunday and attended Memorial services.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Doss Buchanan, Marion, took leave Friday for a week's vacation in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brington and son Gary are spending two months with Mr. Brington's mother in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Brington has just received his Masters degree from the Purdue university.

Mr. and Mrs. Edna Gragg are spending the week in Kansas City, Mo., in the fall.

Johnny and Perry Buckner, Jr., are spending the week in Black Mountain with the Spillman Gragg family.

Last Sunday Mrs. Sue Putnam returned to her home church, Bee Creek Baptist church, Spruce Pine, to observe decoration day. Those who also made the trip: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and family, the Tom Hollifield family, Cecil Putnam family, Spillman Gragg family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards and family, and the Perry Buckners. The group enjoyed a picnic at Hemlock Camp Grounds.

S. R. Neskaug and Garry Carson attended a Future Farmers of America convention in Raleigh Wednesday through Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Hughes attended the wedding of Mary Vann Hughes and David Finley in Old Fort June 30.

Frank Pulliam, Milwaukee, Wis., arrived Sunday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pulliam.

Mrs. Charles Walker plans to leave Thursday to visit her mother in Jacksonville, Fla. Jimmy Pruitt, Burnwell, S. C., is spending a vacation with Mrs. J. L. Pruitt. Glenn Pruitt visited with Mrs. Pruitt last week-end.

Ernest Holbert is home from the hospital much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Honeycutt are parents of a son born June 29 in St. Joseph's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Powell have moved to Hendersonville. The E. G. Roberts family have returned following a week's vacation visiting friends and relatives in North Augusta, S. C., Winston-Salem, and Morganton.

Mrs. Landon Kites, Shenandoah, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Waddell, her mother, Mrs. Clara Mason, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Wade, daughter Ann and Mrs. Tom Smith at Elk Garden, Va., spent last week visiting with Mrs. G. B. Talbot and family. Patty Bird Talbot entertained Ann Wade on Wednesday, following prayer meeting, with supper and games. Seventeen honored the guest from Virginia.

Mrs. A. Talbot, Thornwell Orphanage, who recently returned from Oregon with the Rev. G. B. Talbot, is a visitor with the Talbot family, and is planning to visit Columbia, S. C., before returning home.

Mrs. Clara Mason had a birthday July 4. The occasion was observed by dinner given by her children on Sunday. Scottie Porcher and Curtis Hall spent the week-end in Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bennett visiting with Mr. Bennett's brother, Hicks Bennett, in Lenoir on Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Bennett, Spindale, is visiting for a few days with Mrs. J. P. Bennett. William Rice, brother-in-law of Mrs. J. P. Bennett, is a patient at Moore General hospital.

Donald Gene Banks and Joyce Anderson, Weaverville, were married Friday night at the home of Mrs. J. O. Miss Anderson's aunt, Mrs. J. O. Tolley, Edwards avenue, by Rev. Burnette.

Frances Robertson who has been a patient in the hospital, is home and doing very nicely.

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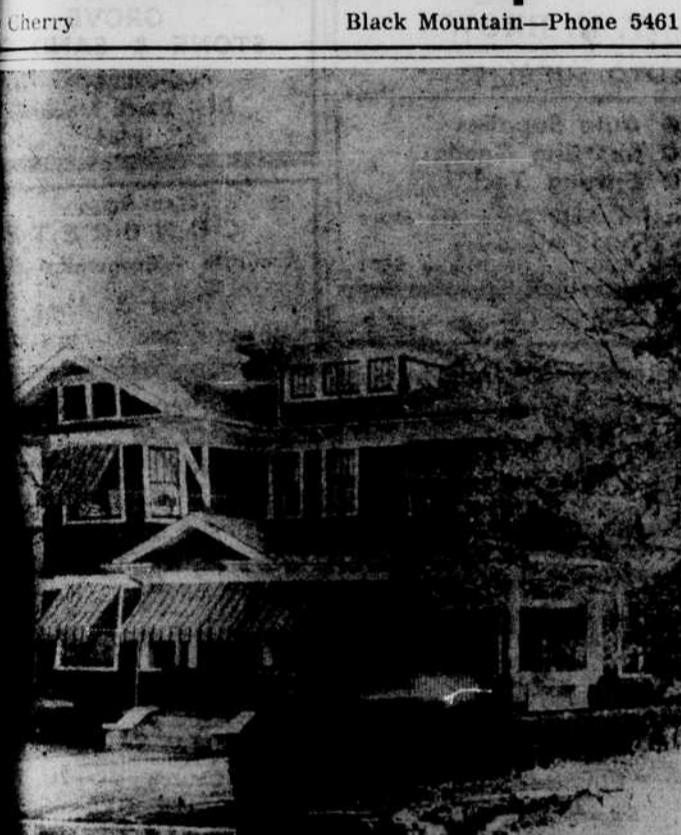
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