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REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

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Finer Carolina Group Wants RR Station Painted

If we were to look at our community through the eyes of our tourists, or through the eyes of a stranger, would we see a completely beautiful and clean town? All except for the railroad station and its right-of-way.

The railroad station and right-of-way provide the first impression that many people receive of our town. A poor impression indeed. Why!!! This is the ever imploring question being asked by many of our towns folk and visitors of Black Mountain.

A good coat of paint for the station and a general over-all clean-up of the station and surrounding areas is a needed solution.

A community such as ours is in need of a station that can greet its tourist trade with a lasting impression of a clean, beautiful and favorable town in which they long to remain.

Our civic clubs are at present backing the Arts and Crafts club, under the guidance of Mrs. Mary Aleshire, with the sole purpose of trying to remedy this situation.

Certainly with the backing of our 16 civic clubs, church groups and individuals the proper authorities will sit up and take notice, giving Black Mountain the necessary assistance to continue in its boundless efforts in making Black Mountain a "Finer Carolina" town.



Miss Marcie Hampton of Asheville will reign as queen of the North Carolina Apple Festival at Hendersonville this week. The Owen High school Warhorses will play the Hendersonville Bearsats under the lights Friday night as a feature of the event which attracts record crowds each year.

New Fishing Lake Opening Is Set For Saturday

Opening of Begley's Fishing Lake and Recreation area has been announced for Saturday, Sept. 1. The lake is located on Sunset drive, just inside the town limits off the Lakey Gap road.

"Although we will not have all the facilities completed by Saturday, we plan to open so that the fishermen and those who love the outdoors may have a place to enjoy these last few weeks of good fishing weather," Marcus Begley, owner, explained. Extensive plans are underway for a complete recreation area, for young and old, but will probably not be ready before spring, Mr. Begley said.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult or their parents. The floodlights, 24 super bulbs, will give adequate light for fishing at night. They will remain on until 10:00 p.m.

The lake has been stocked with 3500 pounds of pike, catfish, western carp, bream, and bass. There are approximately 2 1/2 acres of water which comes from a stream at each end of the lake. The depth will be more than 10 feet when the lake is full. Fishing will be from the bank or from the small piers which are in the process of being completed. Bait and supplies will be available. The soft drink stand will be open Saturday but is not entirely completed. Rest room facilities will be available for men and women.

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GOVERNOR HODGES SPENDS WEEK-END HERE RESTING

Gov. Luther Hodges left Wednesday morning for Raleigh after spending the week end in Western North Carolina inspecting roads, resting and relaxing, following his return from the Democratic convention in Chicago.

The governor arrived at the Black Mountain airport at 6:00 p.m. last Friday where he was met by J. G. Northcott and taken directly to the Northcott Lodge on Broad River. His only guests during his stay were Mayor W. W. Shope of Weaver-ville and Chaplain Wayne W. Williams of Chunn's Cove. The governor had scheduled no meetings with leaders of this area. He played an important part in the Democratic convention in Chicago and came to the mountains to relax from his duties.

Sunday afternoon Gov. Hodges visited in the Northcott home on New Bern avenue and was shown over the town by the host. Later they went to see Everett Jordan, who has been sick at his summer home in Montreat. The governor left late Monday afternoon to go to the Grove Park in Asheville to confer with Brandon Hodges on tax matters. He inspected roads of the area on Tuesday and spoke later in the day at Hendersonville.

Tyson's Return From Vacation In Havana, Cuba

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tyson Jr. have just returned from a 4-day vacation trip to Havana, Cuba, which was awarded Tyson Furniture Co. by Walker Martin, Inc., the General Electric distributor for North Carolina, and the General Electric Co. The award was made for the outstanding job that the whole Tyson Furniture organization has made during the past six months in selling famous General Electric appliances.

A total of 132 persons made the trip by Eastern Air Lines Super Constellations from Charlotte and Raleigh to Miami and then on to Cuba by way of Pan American and Cuban airlines.

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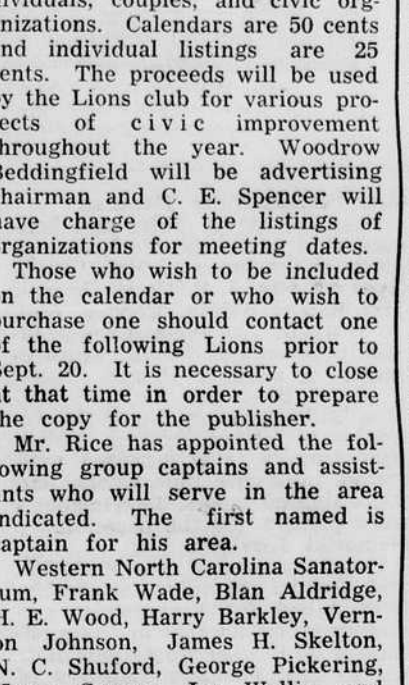
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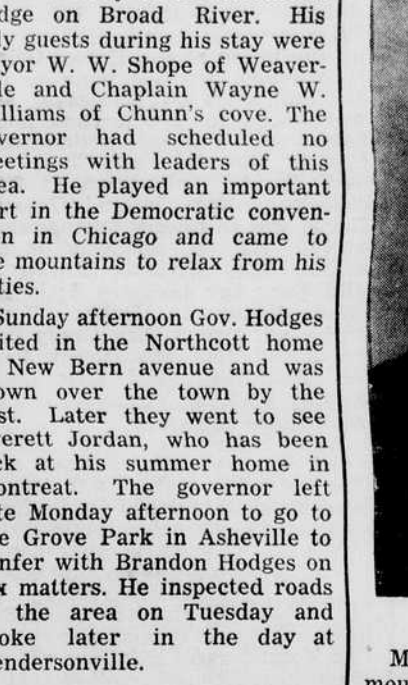
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Girl Scout Troop 4 will begin regular meetings Friday, Aug. 31, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Scout room at the primary building. Please bring your registration fee of \$1.00 for the year, weekly dues of 5c, and Girl Scout handbook. Last Friday the troop had a clean up of the meeting room followed by a picnic at Lake Tomahawk. Eight girls and the leader participated.

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL TO MEET SEPTEMBER 4

The Black Mountain neighborhood of the Pisgah Council of Girl Scouts will meet Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 at the home of the chairman, Mrs. S. S. Cooley. All leaders and troop committee members are expected to be present.

TEEN-AGE PROGRAM TO BE CONTINUED ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Because of interest in continuing the early teen-age youth program on Tuesday nights, the director, Vernon Johnson, and the recreation planning committee have made arrangements to carry on the program that was planned only for the summer months into the fall and winter if there is sustained interest.

Nancy Wilson, a graduate of Richard J. Reynolds High school of Winston-Salem, has plans for a dancing career in New York.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Winston-Salem and Black Mountain, Nancy will leave for New York in September to begin her ballet training. She plans to study with Ballet theatre regularly and to take musical comedy and jazz ballet classes in her spare time. She plans to teach ballet in the future. Miss Wilson has been student instructor in Winston-Salem for the past three years. She has been studying ballet in Winston-Salem for the past five years with the School of the Dance.