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Members of the Black Mountain Woman's club inspect the first school bus shelter constructed for the Finer Carolina project for the year. They are, left to right, Mrs. Willard Weeks, club president, Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, Mrs. Clyde Stubbs, Mrs. W. I. Willis, and Mrs. H. D. Daugherty. This shelter was erected on North Fork road, across from the old North Fork dairy on Saturday, Sept. 25. The Senior Woman's club has asked for donations from various businesses, clubs, and individuals who have donated include Black Mountain Lumber company, Senior Chamber of Commerce, Stone & Sand, Business & Professional Women, Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Potter, John Walker, Robert Williams, Harry Carland, "Chuck" Woodside, Frank Hudson, Bill Gudger, and Stephenson, C. C. Nanney, Mrs. Helen Potat, Brooks Wooddell, H. A. Kerlee, and Mrs. Pearl. The remaining four shelters will be put up within the next few weeks. Locations will be decided at a later date. Another step in making Black Mountain a "A Finer Carolina Town" is the threshold of its completion.



an all day meeting with dinner on the grounds, all friends of the church are invited, and singers are especially urged to come. They will be given an opportunity in the afternoon to exercise their vocal organs. If nothing comes up to hinder us, we will meet you there.

Another grand old man has gone away from Swannanoa township. Lark Buchanan made a great impression on me as a child. His family and mine were quite intimate friends. Dad and mama used to take me with them in a buggy to spend a Sunday with the Buchanans, then the visit would be returned at an early date. What fascinated me was the store

and blacksmith shop at the end of the river bridge. If my memory doesn't betray me, there was a gristmill too. Anyway we used to stay around this interesting place for hours. Mr. Buchanan would give me stick candy from his showcase, and if I got very hungry dad would buy me a hefty siver of cheese and a bag of loose crackers -- seems like cheese tasted better then. But what really held my attention was the blacksmith shop -- seems like I spent a great deal of time as a boy in these murky buildings, and knew a number of accomplished smiths. There were Jesse Fate Burnett, Lot Cordell, my grandfather, John Pitman, Avery Riddle, Johnse Walker, and

others. I will write a long column on this trade that kept the old time transportation rolling when I have more time. But to get back to Mr. Buchanan. Dad used to stop there to have his vehicles repaired and the horses shod. I would stay well back against the blackened walls out of the way and listen to the rhythmic snore of the bellows, my nostrils filled with pungent coal smoke. I would watch the glowing embers, the extreme brightness hurting my eyes, then sparks flying out like small shooting stars. Did you ever smell horses hooves as they were being cut down to make a level base for the iron shoe? Nothing just like it, a hound dogs used to lay around the shops to chew this tough fiber. Yes, Mr. Buchanan's place of business brings back many happy memories to me. The honesty, integrity, kindness, and Christianity of this good man should be an inspiration to everyone. A friend of mine in Beacon said he was helping to put him under an oxygen tent a few days before he started singing "Amazing Grace".

had with this good man and his wife was heartwarming. Wonder why they broadcast such haunting music in Autumn? The reason is sad enough anyway, without such songs as Autumn Leaves and September Song. The tunes should be full of high jestic and gaiety.

Well, the Bee Tree picnic was even better than we promised last week. It is hard to get talent for a program on Saturday, but it was there galore, special singing groups, speakers, reminiscing by the genuine hospitality to visitors. I will only mention one that was on the program, Miss Joan Moser, her dulcimer, and sweet singing. Our beloved Betty Jean had a good time, everyone was so kind and considerate to her. After the last folks had wended their way homeward, and I had exchanged one last joke with Bud Pruett, we stopped at the head of the creek, as we came back. This is one of the older houses on Bee Tree, vacant now, and an almost divine serenity reigned about the place. Old-fashioned flowers grew profusely. As the sun settled behind the western hills, we started toward home, with a certain sense of sweet sadness that comes with the end of a perfect day.

It is with heavy heart that we heard of the passing of Dr. J. N. Binford.

The Joe Bruners and Mrs. Carl Hensley of East Marion visited us Friday night. They came bringing country butter and buttermilk. The Charles Taylors had a long visit with us Sunday afternoon. After they left we took our "evening ride". We met the Dempsey Whitakers on the road and found that Renne had been ill again. We stopped briefly at the Ezra Atkinsons, they are about to get settled in their new home. Then on for a talk fest at the home of the Rev. Eugene Byrd, and finally back to this typewriter.

Once upon a time I moved from a place and left a pack of scrap lumber locked in the basement until I got a place to move it. The whole pile wasn't worth over \$25. There was some mulberry lumber that was the last ever cut by my father, whose gnarled hands had pulled the lever that had sliced up millions of board feet in a lifetime. There were some four by fours that I had saved from the old intake house where Bart and Will Burnette had worked through the

Miss Blankenship Becomes Bride of Paul Hertzler

Miss Doris Marie Blankenship, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wade Blankenship Sr. of Black Mountain, and Paul David Hertzler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Silas Hertzler of Goshen, Ind., were married in the chapel of First Baptist church, Richmond, Va., by the Rev. Dr. Rogers M. Smith, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of French organdy fashioned with a Sabrina neckline, short shirred sleeves, and bouffant skirt falling in tiers. Her veil of silk illusion was caught to a hat of matching organdy and she carried a bouquet of white carnations on a white Bible.

Miss Betty Ferrell of Durham, N. C., was maid of honor and Dianne Shook of Newport News, Va., was flower girl.

John Hertzler of Goshen was his brother's best man. Groomsman were Eugene Weaver of Goshen, and Dr. Kenneth M. Heatwole of Norfolk, Va.

GUESTS AT OAK KNOLL
Mrs. D. I. Roedel, Charles and Ruth, have spent a fortnight at Oak Knoll with Mrs. Roedel's mother and sister, Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire and Miss Ruth C. Aleshire. The Roedels live in Miami Shores, Fla. Mrs. Francis Morton Fox of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Brevard, with Mrs. Ethel P. King.

do of New York were overnight guests at Oak Knoll. Mrs. Fox has recently published the memoirs of her late husband Dr. Francis Morton Fox, who was the chaplain of Transylvania Music camp at Brevard and also an early missionary teacher and minister of Riceville.

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