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Date	High	Low	Prec.
Jan. 1	57	35	
Jan. 2	48	15	
Jan. 3	39	10	
Jan. 4	48	24	10
Jan. 5	53	40	23
Jan. 6	50	30	
Jan. 7	47	29	09

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REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

Carl Bowness, who moved to Black Mountain from Florida via California, has this bit of information regarding some sections of the Sunshine state as a place for permanent residence. Says Mr. Bowness: "Out along the keys in the vicinity of the seven mile bridge in the overseas highway, which runs from Key Largo to Key West, you can wave a pint cup and catch a quart of mosquitoes. He should know. For many fishing seasons he spent the week ends 'at work' on the bridges but was fortunate enough never to have been bothered by the pests. Not that they weren't around. That they were but he believes that after a long time of being exposed to their worst behavior he developed a system too tough for them to bother.

At least one woman took her husband's Christmas gift seriously.

When she asked him a few days before Christmas what he wanted for Christmas, he replied, "a blonde!"

Although his wife had always had coal black hair, come Christmas morning her husband had his blonde—his wife. Just to please him she took him at his word and dyed her hair as blonde as chemicals would make it.

Who was the Black Mountain man who gave his wife money to buy a Bible only to have her bring home a roll of tarpaper instead? And to add to the confusion she suggested that he make the proper use of said paper. He did.

When Warren Hall's mother died Mrs. W. H. Holman sent a message of sympathy which was acknowledged on one of Mr. Hall's programs. Mrs. Holman had received a Colgate Toothpaste Chest and letters from several states, including Massachusetts and Texas. The writer from the Lone Star state was very thoughtful. She sent along for Mrs. Holman's use a 3 cent stamp and a piece of paper to be used for the reply.

The man was as proud as a peacock at the state fair. His food freezer was filled to the brim with the meat from his fall and early winter hunting excursions and he had a spring in his step as he went about his work. He could hardly wait for the day to come when the freezer would start giving up its delicacies.

He and his family left for a month's vacation. On their return, someone remarked that there was a peculiar odor in the room that housed the freezer, but it was passed off without investigation. But the odor grew worse instead of better until one day he opened the lid just to prove that everything was all right. But things weren't all right. The entire contents were ruined.

Then it came to light. One of the small children had accidentally pulled the cord one day (probably hiding behind the freezer to escape the Indians) and the power had been off since before they had left on their trip.

Among the Christmas cards was one with these words: "Hi, you old geezer. Doesn't seem like 11 years." The Old Sarge.

The Old Sarge sent me one night to "pick up" a loaf of bread at the cook house. When I asked naively enough how do you get it (he'd been coming back with a loaf without any trouble) he explained: "Just walk in and pick it up. They won't care. That's how I do."

I followed instructions, walked in and picked up the bread, and started to leave, thinking what nice fellows these boys are. But—the next thing I knew I was getting the dressing down of my life, being threatened with court martial, and all but thrown out the front door.

I learned then that it makes a big difference—whether the serge picks up the bread or sends a private.

F. S.—I got back with the bread. Through thick and thin I held on. Even though the mess boys were rough and tough they were not half as rough as the Old Sarge would have been if I'd come back without the loaf of bread, sorry as it was.

The Atlantic Coast, Pacific Coast, and Southeastern Conference teams didn't fare well in the bowls on New Years. Looks as if the only way to get an even match will be to match the Big 10 and Southwest Conference teams and let the rest of the conferences play each other. Biggest surprise was the Baylor, third team in the Southwest Conference, handled Tennessee's second ranking team in the nation during the regular season. If Baylor is third best in the Southwest, the other teams can be thankful that Texas A & M, conference champion, was not eligible to go to a bowl. It might even things up if they barred all but the last place clubs in the Southwest and Big 10.

Junior Deputies To Participate In March of Dimes

The 1957 March of Dimes will open in Buncombe county on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Richard B. Stone is directing the campaign in the Black Mountain community. "Peanuts for Polio" under the guidance of Sheriff L. E. Brown and Seth Perkinson, aided by the Junior Deputy Sheriffs, will again be a feature of the drive.

The Mothers March on Polio will be on Thursday night, Jan. 31 and the drive will be climaxed by the March of Dimes Ball to be held at the Manor hotel on Feb. 2.

The Rev. E. B. King has been appointed chairman of the Negro March of Dimes with headquarters at 23 Adams street. Rev. King will also be in charge of the Negro Junior Deputy Sheriffs.

William W. Wells, campaign chairman, said, "This coming polio campaign is a time for renewed dedication. We've scored a great triumph with the Salk vaccine. Many Buncombe county children were saved from polio this past summer because they were protected by the vaccine. But we've got to finish the job. For real protection, everybody eventually should have three properly spaced injections. And we can't forget the 80,000 victims of polio who still need our help in making their handicapped lives worth living."

County school dime cards will be distributed this week.

Twenty thousand contribution mailing envelopes which have been addressed by the Rhododendron club of which Miss Anne Evans is president, will be mailed out this week after being stuffed by the children of the Asheville Orthopedic hospital.

Warlassies Hand Valley Springs First Defeat

The Owen Warlassies staged off a last ditch rally by the Valley Springs girls here Tuesday evening to hand the south Buncombe county team its first defeat of the season, 31 to 30.

In the nightcap the visiting boys pulled away in the third quarter to go on to a 61 to 47 victory over the Owen boys.

The girls' clash had been booked as one of the most important of the season and the fans were not disappointed. There was never more than a couple of points separating the two throughout the first half. Owen managed to edge through with a last minute goal to take a 17 to 15 lead as they took time out for the rest period. Both teams played a cautious, waiting game in the third stanza. Valley Springs tied it up at 21-all seconds before the end of the period.

Osteen, Morgan, and Greene combined their efforts to build up a 31 to 25 margin in the fourth but the visitors roared back to come within one point of knotting the count as the game ended.

Lynn Morgan paced the Owen attack with 16 points. Outstanding for the locals was the great play of Bartlett, Robinson, and Clayton in the backcourt. This trio blocked shot after shot that might have made the difference in the final outcome.

Jerry Bridges kept the Warhorses in the running with a fine exhibition of shooting from the outside as the boys played the Valley Springs five on even terms for the first two quarters. The visitors jumped off to an 8-0 lead but Bridges cut the spread and the score was tied at 12-12 at the quarter.

It was 27-24, Valley Springs, at halftime but the locals slipped in the final periods.

Bridges led the Warhorses with 20 points.

—GIRLS' LINEUP—
V. Springs (30) (31) Owen
F—Ward (14) (16) Morgan—F
F—Mosser (14) (2) Watkins—F
F—Ledbetter (2) (10) Greene—F
G—Cornwell Clayton—G

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TEEN-AIDERS INVITED TO WLOS-TV PARTY

The Black Mountain Teen-Aiders have been invited to appear on the WLOS-TV Teen-Age dance party between 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19. The Teen-Aiders are all members of the 8th grade at the Black Mountain school. Reed Johnson is caller and he and his partner leader.

Also invited to the party are couples that attend the regular Tuesday night dance club, which is sponsored by the Black Mountain Recreation council. Vernon Johnson is director of this program. A total of 67 attended on Tuesday night.

This is an activity of the United Fund of Buncombe county.



DAN NANNEY GIVES IDENTITY OF THOSE IN OLD PHOTOGRAPH

How many of the former Black Mountain basketball stars did you recognize in the picture published in the News last week?

If you didn't know too many of them, you had plenty of company, but at least one man knew them all. And he should. D. L. (Dan) Nanney, who is busy at the town hall now listing taxes and will be for the rest of the month, remembered the picture immediately. He was present when it was made. In fact it is Dan's handiwork—the B. M. H.—that you see so clearly on the ball.

Now if you'll have junior bring last week's News in from the sun room, spread it on the table so that all may see, Mr. Nanney will give you the correct identification. He evidently is not afraid of the fairer sex or he may be hiding behind the fact that the year the picture was made is not given.

Reading left to right, (same order for all rows) the girls are, Ruth Stepp Lance, captain; second row, Ellen Duvall, Lila Nanney Israel, (directly behind the captain) and Eleanor Miller; third row, Carrington Holman Green and Fay York; back row, Betty Johnson Wrean, Mae Miller, Marjorie Kerlee, and Dollie Burnette.

Several have asked where he got the picture. A stock reply is: "It was furnished by a friend."



Mrs. Julius Edward Bloodgood of Norfolk, Va., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Barbara Ann Bloodgood, to Lt. (jg) Guy Rector Ledbetter, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rector Ledbetter of Black Mountain Star Route. Miss Bloodgood, daughter of the late Mr. Bloodgood, is a junior at Westhampton college.

Lieutenant Ledbetter is a graduate of Berea college (Kentucky) and is serving with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.



Airman 3/C Norman E. (Eddy) Harris will leave Old Fort Jan. 24 for San Francisco. He will travel across the country by air but will make the trip to southern Japan by boat.

Airman Harris is on a 35-day leave at the home of his parents here. He entered the Air Force last June and spent four weeks at Lackland AFB, Texas, before being transferred to Scott AFB in Illinois, 10 miles from St. Louis.

Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris. He was graduated in 1956 from Old Fort High school where he was outstanding in basketball and football. Eddie, as his friends call him, made the first touchdown ever made by a member of an Old Fort High school team.

PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLE MAKES PLANS FOR YEAR

"Jesus and Citizenship" was the theme for the year adopted by Circle No. 1 of the Black Mountain Presbyterian church at its first meeting held at the home of Mrs. S. S. Cooley Tuesday morning. Mrs. Carl Bowness, chairman, presided.

The circle made plans for the year, named the devotions chairmen for the months, and selected hostesses. The discussed plans for the Men's club supper which they were to serve Tuesday night.

Those present included Mrs. Roy Babb, Mrs. S. M. Bittinger, Mrs. Charles Carmichael, Mrs. Meta Case, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Ray Harrison, Miss Susan Hooker, Miss Sara Kirby, Mrs. S. D. Knight, Miss Catherine Mourning, Mrs. Jeter Riddle, Miss Rose Rule, Mrs. Tippi Wallace, Mrs. J. J. White, Mrs. W. A. Allison, and Mrs. Bowness.

Men's Club Sets New Record With Sale of Extra

The Swannanoa Men's club collected a total of \$185.82 on the sale of the Christmas extra for the Free Lunch Fund, Chairman Eldridge Coggins announced at the regular meeting of the group Monday night.

Mr. Coggins directed sale of the extra in the Swannanoa community. His efforts and the work of the other members of his committee were praised by club president, Dr. Hubert Clapp, who called it the finest thing this club has done.

After hearing that there has been a great lag in the polio vaccine program, the club discussed ways of enticing more children between the ages of two or three months and 20 to take the shots which have proved very effective against the disease. Many took the first two shots but few have bothered to take No. 3, described as the most important of all. It was explained that the shots can be taken by those up to 50.

There is no charge for the shots at the clinics which are scheduled from time to time around the county. One will be held soon at Dr. H. R. Miller's office in Black Mountain.

The Rev. William Ratchford announced that the American Red Cross Bloodmobile from the center in Asheville will be set up in the basement of the Swannanoa Methodist church on Jan. 17 for a regular visit to the community.

A film, "Live Better Electrically" produced and distributed by the Carolina Power and Light company, was shown.



Pvt. Marie Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Melton of Blue Ridge Assembly drive, spent a 15-day leave with her parents.

Marie, a 1956 graduate of the Charles D. Owen High school, entered the (Wac's) Women's Army Corps in October of 1956. She took her basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., where she finished Dec. 20.

After her Christmas leave Marie will attend an Army Secret Service school at Fort Slocum, N. Y., for eight weeks.

STAFF TURKEY DINNER

During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood entertained the Black Mountain News staff and their families with a turkey dinner at their home.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moray, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Milovitz, Mrs. D. P. Dinwiddie, George Carder, Charles Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hammond, Roy L. Russell, P. B. Nugent, and Buddy and Ricky Greenwood.

ATTENDING SCHOOL

Glenn Stafford is in Salisbury this week attending a mechanic's school. Mr. Stafford is head of the maintenance department, troop E, of the N. C. Highway Patrol.

This clipping will entitle Roy Burgin to two free tickets to see Walk the Proud Land at the Pix theater.



Sen. Kerr Scott Requests Full Report On Moore

The community today is awaiting a report from Senator Kerr Scott regarding the closing of the Oteen VA Hospital Division at Swannanoa, Moore VA hospital.

In a letter to the Black Mountain News written Jan. 2, Senator Scott revealed that he and Congressman George Shuford of Asheville have asked the Veterans Administration for a full report on the situation.

Senator Scott pointed out that in a letter Dec. 11, 1956, Dr. William S. Middleton, chief medical director of the VA, had assured him that there were no plans for the closing of Moore General hospital.

The director's letter to Sen. Scott said, in part: "This is in response to telephonic inquiry from your office concerning rumored plans for discontinuing operations of Moore General hospital or its consolidation with the Veterans Administration at Oteen, N. C."

"We have no plans for the closing of Moore General hospital at this time. The rumor may have started as a result of reports to this office concerning the station's plans for the first phase of the Oteen modernization program."

Although this was written on Dec. 11, a few days later the announcement was made that 180 employees at Moore and Oteen would be released immediately with approximately twice that number to follow by the end of June.

At approximately the same time that the announcement was made here that Moore would close or be sharply curtailed for the sake of economy and because the beds were needed, Rep. Teague, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, was in Georgia inspecting sites for a new VA hospital.

"I appreciate your recent letter letting me have information about the announcement of the Veterans Administration concerning the proposed closing of the hospital at Swannanoa, and I can certainly see that this action would mean to the employees concerned and to the economy of the area," Senator Scott wrote the News.

Continuing he said, "I had earlier been assured by the Veterans Administration medical director regarding a reported closing of Moore General, or its consolidation with the hospital at Oteen, and I enclose a copy of his letter for your information."

"I have been in touch with Congressman Shuford, who is also concerned with this proposed action, and we have asked the VA to furnish us with a full report on the situation."

"I will write you again as soon as I have this report."

Croslands Commemorate Anniversary

Punta Gorda, Fla., Dec. 26 (Special)—Old timers throughout old DeSoto county, especially the immediate neighborhood of Punta Gorda, well recall the marriage of Miss Emily Adelia Whitten to Thomas Cecil Crosland in the Punta Gorda Presbyterian church, Nov. 14, 1906. Her father was a well-to-do member of the board of county commissioners, Mr. Crosland a fish dealer with his own boats and fish house. The home established that day has been a center of social and religious life that has made itself felt throughout the vicinity and whole Southland.

Commemorating their fiftieth anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Crosland welcomed their entire family during the holidays. Christmas dinner served at 5 p.m. was not just another Christmas dinner, but a long-delayed and joyous family reunion of the 37 members of the family and it was the real Golden Wedding Celebration. Seated around the festive board were father, mother, seven children, four sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law and twenty-two grandchildren.

A thumb-nail sketch of the children and their families:

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Frambrough (formerly Mary Agnes) live in Ocala, Fla. He is a chiropractor and she teaches in Ocala High school. Their son Pete is also a chiropractor and was recently inducted into the U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. Mary Emily is a junior at Baylor university, Waco, Tex., majoring in home economics and elementary education. Jim is a junior student in Ocala High school.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Smith (formerly Emily) live in Ridgecrest, N. C., where he is assistant.

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Jimmie R. Reid Wins Promotion In U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, D. C. (FHTNC)—The Navy Department announced the promotion Nov. 16 of Jimmie R. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Reid of Route 1, Box 68, Black Mountain, N. C., to aviation electrician's mate third class, USN, while serving with Patrol Squadron 40, U. S. Naval Station, Sangley Point, P. T.

The promotion followed successful completion of a Navy-wide petty officer examination conducted in August.

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