

The Community Welcomes the Kiwanis Club!

We are happy to welcome to the community the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club which will observe its charter night with an appropriate program at the Monte Vista on Tuesday evening. The Kiwanians join the long list of excellent service clubs that have as their primary purpose community betterment.

Kiwanis is a service organization with high ideals, worthy objects, and challenging objectives which are realized through the activities of its constituent clubs in their respective communities.

Organized in Detroit, Jan. 21, 1915, the Kiwanis clubs now number more than 4,200 with more than one-quarter million members in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Newfoundland, and Hawaii. The rapid growth of the organization was made possible by its outstanding record of community service which has been a characteristic of Kiwanians since the first club was founded. Significant is the motto, "We Build", which was adopted early in the history of the group.

The Kiwanians believe: The free man is a free citizen; the free man is responsible; The free man is a gentleman; The free man is a spiritual man, He is the free man.

This is the type of man which all Kiwanians pledge themselves to try to be. In their own words "this is the man, who, one day, with God's help, will set our world firmly upon its spiritual axis."

It is a tremendous task which the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club has set for itself in the community and there is plenty of work to be done. We pledge our support to them in any and every way possible as they carry out the high ideals set forth so well in their rules.

"We Build" has become more than a motto with Kiwanians as they have grown from that small beginning in Detroit to an organization of international status. In fact, it is a way of life.

Ronnie, Jimmie, and Steve, all of Morganton. Several congenial friends who are football enthusiasts gathered at the Miller Jackson home on the afternoon of Jan. 1 to watch the Bowl game on TV. Of course there was food, fun, and fellowship to follow. Sharing the evening's pleasure were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pate, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinson, and Mrs. Grace Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walters joined the group later in the evening. One delightful feature was the informal music entered into by all. The W. I. Willis family enjoyed their holiday reunion "on the installment plan." Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Willis of Shelby paid a pre-Christmas visit to his parents here, then they all went together to Charlotte to spend a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, J. M. Burnett and family. While there, Dean Willis of Fort Worth, Tex., made a long distance call which all members of the family could hear by means of extension phones. Diana and Michael Burnett accompanied their grandparents back to Ridgecrest for several days' visit before Dr. and Mrs. Burnett drove up to take them home again. Last week-end W. I. Willis visited to Columbia, S. C., to attend the golden wedding anniversary celebration of his brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Willis.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, accompanied by Miss Cordelia Johnson, went to Greensboro on Dec. 24 for a two-day visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. V. Strader. Mrs. Johnson was seized with violent illness on Christmas Day, however, and her visit lengthened to more than a week. Though still far from well, she was able to make the trip home by easy stages, and now improving rapidly.

Dr. Hight C. Moore is still confined to his home during these winter months, but the entire community keeps hoping that with the coming of spring he can once more greet his friends at the church, the post office, and elsewhere. Mrs. Moore, though not at all well, is his faithful nurse. It is good just to know these two wonderful people are up there on the hill in our midst!

RIDGECREST . . . ramblings

Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin Phone: 7134

The first Sunday of 1957 registered an attendance of 107 in Sunday school, yet there were no out-of-town visitors to swell the number! A new "young-adult" class was started with 10 charter members present. Pastor Perry brought a good message on "The Biography of a Christian" (Ephesians 2:1-22) which was followed by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Instead of preaching at the evening hour, the pastor began the teaching of the southside Bible study book, "The Gospel According to Paul" by Dr. Clifton J. Allen. These studies continued each evening through Wednesday will be completed at succeeding Wednesday night services.

Members of Intermediate G. A. held their last meeting of 1956 with their counselor at "Sundown" in the "Hills Home" on Dec. 31. Holiday decorations and refreshments still fitted the occasion and were enjoyed. Barbara Bradley, assisted by three of the girls, presented a stewardship program, after which all present joined in a most interesting discussion of four dramatic situations on Near East mission fields. As each situation was described, the girls tried to answer the question "What Would You Do?" before discovering what actually was done. Those attending the meeting were Barbara Bradley, Delores Melton, Ann Moore, Jean Tipton, May Peck, and Fay Peck.

The regular time for Woman's Missionary society fell upon New Year's day, but that did not interfere. Some members were still visiting out of town, others had guests, some were sick, all were tired after holiday activities, but 11 women met in the home of Mrs. Cecil M. Perry. After the business session, Mrs. W. M. Pate led in a meaningful devotional service based on Psalm 46. The program consisted of a study of the Year Book in which each officer discussed her own duties as outlined for her in that manual. Since all present were either officers or committee members, this proved profitable.

The community was saddened by the passing of Mrs. C. M. Brittain, who died in Smyrna, Tenn., on New Year's day. Mrs. Brittain, owner of "Brittainook" here, was in the home of her son, Chaplain Nat Brittain, at the time of her death. Her funeral on the following Friday was held in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Charles Jolley is spending some time in the home of her son, Ted, in Winstboro, S. C., because of the illness of Mrs. Ted Jolley.

Mrs. B. S. Meeks and Miss Edith VanDuzer returned on Sunday from a delightful ten-day visit in Georgia and South Carolina.

Mrs. Jesse Walton of Atlanta, Ga., spent Saturday visiting her two uncles here, Dr. Hight C. Moore and Eugene Y. Moore.

Spend-the-day guests of the E. F. Hardins on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. James Black and sons, and Mrs. James Black and sons.

Adapted from an article by Raymond M. Gilmore. Dr. Raymond M. Gilmore is one of the country's leading authorities on the present status of sea mammals. He is currently responsible for the investigation of Pacific Coast whales which is now being carried on by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Lions Make Plans For Convention

Plans for the mid-winter convention of Western North Carolina Lions clubs in Charlotte on January 26 were completed at the winter quarterly meeting of the District 31-A Lions club cabinet on Sunday, Jan. 6, in the home of W. Mike Brown, Zone 1 chairman, in Robbinsville.

Cabinet officers representing 35 Lions clubs with some 1,500 members in 12 western mountain counties also discussed plans for the 1957 state Lions club convention to be held in Asheville June 9-11. W. E. (Ed) Michael, Jr., of West Asheville, District 31-A Governor, presided at the session devoted to a review of progress reports on blind aid programs on the state, county and district levels.

Three deputy district governors presenting reports included: R. W. Easley, Jr., of Murphy, Region 1; F. E. Shull of Canton, Region 2; and Eugene M. Jones of Tryon, Region 3.

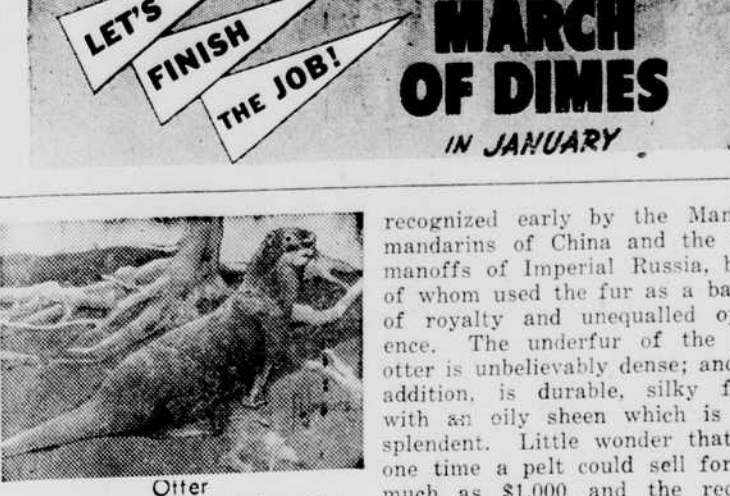
Activities reports were submitted by these five zone chairmen: Joe U. Crum of Cullowhee, Zone 2; A. Roland Leatherwood of Clyde, Zone 3; G. Henry Ramsey of West Asheville, Zone 4; T. Kendall O'Barr of Asheville, Zone 5; and Edwin C. Leland of Saluda, Zone 6.

Others presenting reports were Judge William A. Hart of Weaverville, WNC director of White Cane Drive; and Alan A. Taylor of Hendersonville, member of statewide promotion committee.

Nine past District 31-A Governors now serving as international counsellors participated in the discussions. They are Wesley W. Brown and Hugh Monteith of Asheville, Jennings A. Bryson of Sylva, Herbert W. Sanders and Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain, Hieronymus Bueck of Murphy, Robert R. Barnes of Candler, Alston B. Broom of Hendersonville, and Lawrence B. Leatherwood of Waynesville.

—Many people are always ready to give you the benefit of their ignorance.

1957 March of Dimes POSTER GIRL
BORN TOO SOON
 FOUR-YEAR-OLD MARLENE OLSEN OF BURLINGTON, MASS.—HIT BY POLIO JUST AS THE NATION WAS GETTING ITS FIRST SALVAGE VACCINE—SYMBOLIZES THE COUNTRY'S POLIO VICTIMS WHO STILL NEED MARCH OF DIMES HELP!
 STRICKEN WHEN SHE WAS THREE, MARLENE WEARS A BRACE ON HER RIGHT LEG AND NEEDS CRUTCHES TO GET AROUND. DOCTORS SAY SHE'LL NEED CONTINUING CARE FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS!
 MARLENE HAS MADE UP HER MIND—SHE WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR WHEN SHE GROWS UP!
 MARLENE'S SISTER IS-NINE-YEAR-OLD KAREN—SHE HAS ONE OF THE NEW POLIO VACCINE LAST YEAR!
HER DAD
 CAPTAIN ARNOLD OLSEN, WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR HIS BRAVERY IN THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA.
LET'S FINISH THE JOB!
MARCH OF DIMES IN JANUARY



recognized early by the Manchus and the Romanoffs of Imperial Russia, but of whom used the fur as a badge of royalty and unequalled opulence. The underfur of the sea otter is unbelievably dense; and, in addition, is durable, silky fine, with an oily sheen which is resplendent. Little wonder that at one time a pelt could sell for as much as \$1,000 and the record prices were said to have been as high as \$2,500 on the London market. The color is deep, velvety blackish-brown, with a frosting of whitish guard hairs. The head is often brownish or whitish.

The sea otter ranged from Japan across the entire North Pacific to Baja California. It was hunted down by hardbitten men of the frontier until, by the early 1900's none could be found except in the Kurile, Commander and Aleutian Islands, the Alaskan Peninsula, west coast of Vancouver Island, the rugged Monterey Peninsula and the Santa Barbara Islands of Southern California.

Rigid protection was given the species by the United States Government over its territories and possessions in 1912, and soon a few more otters began to be seen in the Aleutian Islands and the Alaskan Peninsula. But until 1938, the status of the species was in doubt in southern California. With the opening of the highway from Monterey to San Luis Obispo, Calif., 94 sea otters were seen in one herd at Bixby Creek, and the scientific world became enthusiastic that the sea otter would again re-populate its southern home. This hope has already been partially fulfilled and it is now esti-

ated that about 500 inhabit the coast from Monterey to San Miguel Island. In Alaska, the population may number 5,000. Conservation in the form of protection has paid off; someday many sea otter will be seen along the rocky, wave-dashed coast of California, Oregon and Washington, and under rigidly controlled conditions the animal will again be taken for its luxurious fur.

The sea otter is 4 to 5 feet long and weighs 75 to 85 pounds. It has a tail 12 to 18 inches long which trails along conspicuously as the animal swims, making a tell-tale furrow and wake in the smooth water amidst the kelp. The float bulbs of the huge kelp so closely resemble its head that nature has no doubt made the animal aware of this natural protection. But the otter is often betrayed in the vast fields of kelp by its wake as it swims, and also by the harrying action of sea gulls intent on getting a morsel of food from the table set on its chest. For the sea otter brings its food up from the bottom—abalone, sea urchin, or some other item—and rolling over on its back, proceeds to eat in leisure, discarding the shell by a slight toss. Animals are reported to use a rock in breaking the shells. The spectator gasps in wonder as he watches this sleek animal use a tool like a man.

The kelp bed is the sea otter's home and castle, and rarely does it leave to go to sea or ashore. Protection from enemies and calmness of water, with the great supply of food in the forest of stems and leaves and on the rocks to which the holdfasts attach, are the main advantages of the kelp bed. In stormy weather, or under other stresses, it may take to the shore; and in the far north it hauls out on beaches like a fur seal, or moves into rank herbaceous vegetation like a land animal.

Swimming is done mainly by the webbed hind feet, with occasional sinuous propulsions of the body in a vertical plane. The front feet are used mainly for grasping food, a rock, the offspring and for preening the fur.

You may not hear the mewing cry of the baby otter as it frets for the return of its mother from the depths, but you are likely to see the almost human solicitude and affection shown as the fondles and caresses her offspring, rubs noses with it as if kissing, and takes it on her broad chest perhaps to sleep or at least travel de luxe as she swims on her back. A single young is the rule, but twins are known. Nursing is long, perhaps nearly a year, and the young stays with the family even after the next season's baby is born. The breeding and pupping season extend over most of the year.

Play, and perhaps curiosity, best characterize the sea otters' behavior. The old and young gambol and cavort in the water, doing cartwheels while chasing their own tails, or porpoising in pursuit of each other, or in sheer exuberance of pure animal spirits. When danger intrudes, they may raise their bodies out of the water, hold this position, and then dive quickly out of sight.

The otter can wash its face like a cat, scratch itself like a dog, and rear up like a merman. There is no end to the interest which

Poel's Corner
 Conducted by
 Anne K. Sharp, Chairman
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CLOUDS OVER JORDAN
 Oh! the discord in the music that our Christmas season brings! Oh, the anguish in that discord under heavens filled with wings—Mighty pinions, swift to slaughter dropping death on deep despair! Through such hate-infested heavens can the Angels Hymn ring clear?
 Through the hell of war's bombardings, can the world its message hear?
 Shall the bomb and roaring cannon drown that Anthem's sweet release?
 Shall the armies, hot for conflict, scorn the Manger's Prince of Peace?
 James P. Parker,
 Member of the Creative Writing Club.

Peak Competition Predicted in '57

Competition in the food business will reach a new peak in 1957, Ralph W. Burger, president of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company predicted today.

"Intense competition is nothing new in the food business," Mr. Burger said, "and it has helped make Americans the best fed people on earth. It has benefited consumers in the past by leading to better stores, better food offered in more convenient form, and better values. It has benefited efficient retailers by challenging them to do an even better job. Competition can continue to benefit both consumers and retailers in the future if it does not lead to inefficient and wasteful practices."

Pointing out that more stores mean greater competition, Mr. Burger reported more than 1,500 new super markets were opened in 1956, with about the same number either under construction or planned for 1957. Much of this expansion, he said, was designed to meet the needs of our growing population and to serve the large suburban communities developing throughout the country.

With The Sick

Mrs. Ronald E. Finch is a patient at Aston Park hospital.

Isaac Martin is a patient at the Veterans hospital, Durham.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

Classy coming up in about 12 months. In Landis on January 23, Wake Forest's fabulous Bill Barnes will be honored by a big banquet. Get in touch with Bill Brown of Landis, you Deacon supporters, if you plan to attend.

Wouldn't turn my hand over in the difference of the Duke, Wake Forest, and State teams this basketball year. It seems to be most by a matter of where they happen to be playing—as witness Duke's victory over State Saturday night in Durham.

With domestic help costs in North Carolina climbing to \$25 and \$35 per week in some sections, many a housewife in this State saw in the Hungarian refugee problem a long-shot opportunity to help out and get good household help at the same time.

Nothing doing, according to Dr. Ellen Winston of the State Board of Public Welfare, who says there are virtually no domestic servants among the thousands of Hungarians coming to the U. S. for safety.

No farmers either, she says, and very few orchards.

If you are interested in working one or more of these refugees into your business, write the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Refugee Relief Act in Raleigh or contact your church.

Our friend, Charlie Craven, wrote about this well-known Raleigh minister attending a banquet in a Northern city. Beside him sat Emily Post, one who has occupied her long life with "etiquette," which Craven describes as "that science which is calculated to keep a burp under leash and to teach the difference between the cup and the saucer, etc."

The minister observed Miss Post. "Are you Miss Emily Post?" he asked.

"I am," she replied, smiling at this recognition.

"Well, you are eating my salad," said the minister.

The hard-headed, matter-of-fact—sometimes charitable—Advisory Budget Commission—after almost six months of guessing what our State income will be two years hence and listening to needs for its spending—held its final session this week.

Its recommendations now go rushing to the printer in time for revelation when the Legislature comes to town next month.

NOTES—The Governor is spending much of his free time these days on his inaugural address. . . . Look for a dandy . . . Appointment of Herb O'Keefe, Jr., Wilmington native and Duke Phi Beta Kappie as editor of the Raleigh Times is meeting with commendation on all sides here in Raleigh. . . . There are no better newspapermen anywhere than Woodrow Price, new managing editor of the News and Observer; Sam Ragan, the new executive news editor of the N&O-Time; O'Keefe, and Jim Chaney, 36 University of Virginia alumnus who succeeds Herb O'Keefe as feature editor of the N&O. . . . You respect them even when you disagree with them. . . . Carolina Israelite Editor Harry Golden seems to be recovering all right from an early-December heart attack. Here's wishing him his usual robust health.

Although it failed to get the new Presbyterian college, Rocky Mount kept plugging. . . . will soon get going on a Methodist college. . . . has a cool million ready for the project. . . . Wesleyan college. . . . As we move closer to General Assembly time, it looks more like Rep. J. K. Doughton of Alleghany and less like Rep. Uzell of Rowan for Speaker of the House.

Gov. Luther Hodges seems wholly sincere when he says he plans to raise the Highway Commission above political hassles. It has never been done. . . . not attempted. . . . before. . . . Used to be you had to have the support of the far-flung highway setup before hoping to be successful in any seeking of state office. . . . particularly the governorship. . . . The Dept. of Conservation and Development will hold another industrial development meeting here in February.

Look for a reassignment. . . . in name if not otherwise. . . . of attorneys now in the State Highway Dept. . . . Noel Houston, Chapel Hill writer, is working on a book of Harry Golden's best from the Israelite.

A friend of ours just back from New York tells about going to a show in one of those fine old theatres converted many years ago into a movie palace.

Trying to make his dollars stretch as far as possible, he and his collegiate friend bought balcony seats. They were escorted by an usher who marched them up and up, ramp after ramp, to the top balcony level, where he stopped and pointed upward toward more seats stretching into the blackness.

"You'll find a seat up there somewhere. This is as far as I go. Above this level, my nose bleeds."

SPORTS—You folks who attended the Dixie classic—sometimes referred to as the Dixie Classic—here two weeks ago will be interested in knowing that St. Louis and San Francisco, two of the top quints in this or any other country, have already been issued invitations to take part in the 1957

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Games Through The Ages

CHESS, a game requiring high intellectual skill. Played as far back as 5000 B.C. and often called the Royal Game. Its concluding move, "checkmate," stems from the Arabic "shah mat"—the King is dead. The United States chess champion is Arthur Bisguier, age 27, New York City.

MAH JONGG, a Chinese game invented about 500 B.C. (Confucius era). It became the vogue in the U.S. in the 1920's and is still popular with women's groups.

MONOPOLY broke all rules for best-selling games but, nevertheless, became a national craze as it gave adults and youngsters the illusion of wealth and property ownership. Monopoly is sold throughout the world—except in Russia.

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