

Book Club

Mrs. Bob Davidson will be hostess for the meeting of the Book Club...

Free Will Baptist

The Blue Ridge Association Youth Rally will convene at Cragsmont...

W. A. Buchanan Celebrates

W. A. Buchanan, who came to this section approximately in 1920...

Those present were Mrs. Carrie Presley, Mat Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pace and son Billy...

Methodist Men's Club

Men of the Methodist church enjoyed a delicious supper prior to their meeting January 15.

The Rev. W. T. Ratchford made a report on problems and progress, to round out the old year...

Those who were in charge of the supper were Mrs. Pearl Jarrett, Mrs. W. T. Ratchford, Mrs. H. G. Farr, Mrs. H. C. Gibbs...

Presbyterian Men An election of officers was held during the meeting Monday night...

The Rev. G. B. Talbot conducted a program in which he pointed out things a Christian should do...

On hand for the meeting and covered dish supper were Jim Davidson, W. H. McMurray, Sr., E. N. Howell, Fred Davidson, Dr. H. L. Clapp, Perry Alexander...

Mrs. Charles Porter received members of the Garden department of the Woman's club Wednesday night, January 3.

Special feature of the program was the showing of Arthur Radcliffe's film of historical Williamsburg.

Those attending were Mrs. D. W. Harrison, Mrs. George Leuschke, Mrs. T. J. Hunter, Mrs. W. A. Ward, Mrs. A. B. Whitte, Mrs. J. B. Nichols, Mrs. Herman Cole...

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Alexander Sr. are leaving Thursday for Florida where they will spend two months at their winter home in DeLand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes received a New Year's present with the arrival of a new daughter in Memphis, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. William Noah, Buckeye, accompanied by daughters, Mary and Eloise, visited their son Bill, who is stationed in the marines in Parris Island, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stephenson, Buddy and Norma Ann Stephenson, Buckeye Cove, spent Christmas with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Quenton Enloe in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Shaver and family spent a vacation visiting with Mrs. Shaver's mother in Winston-Salem recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnson, Buckeye, spent Christmas in Florida.

A. B. Whitte is spending a few weeks in Fort Royal, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ragsdale, Pulaski, Va., enjoyed a week's vacation during Christmas visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith Ballard, and Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Smith, Grovesmont.

Mrs. A. B. Whitte entertained the Porter family on Christmas night with a covered dish supper, and an exchange of presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter and sons David and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davidson and son Steve, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols, Mrs. Elwood Carter and daughter Mary Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis and sons, Howard and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hunt, Buckeye Cove, are vacationing in Florida.

The Horace Stoupe family, accompanied by Richard Campfield, have returned from a two-weeks' vacation at Pompano Beach, Fla., and Dunedin, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gash.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Teems visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ward, Mrs. A. B. Whitte, Mrs. J. B. Nichols, Mrs. Herman Cole, Mrs. Eugene Loven, Mrs. G. B. Talbot.

Music Club The meeting of the Swannanoa Music club Jan. 3 was opened with prayer by Ann Woodcock and script led by Ann Perry.

Music for the evening's entertainment were piano solos by Elizabeth Vaught, Annette Meeks, and Jane Bowness. Guitar playing and

Donald Gant, son of Mrs. Louise Gant, Buckeye, has returned to Furman University after a holiday at home.

Miss Lula Frazier, Jamestown, N. C., was a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Parks, Bee Tree road, during the Yule season.

Mrs. John Lemmond and son Sammy, Charlotte, are guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. James Parks, Bee Tree road.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Allen are parents of a son born January 2 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Don Luckadoo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Luckadoo, Bee Tree road, and Jack Allen, son of Hardy Allen, Riceville road, returned to Cullowhee, following a vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles English spent the Yule holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Branch, Lumberton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sorrells, Asheville, were dinner guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Charles English.

The Rev. Ollie Matthews was a guest minister at the services last Sunday at the Buckeye Baptist church.

There is little doubt that in 1892 few people in the mountains particularly those living in the rural sections, had the advantage of a newspaper. In fact it would be most interesting to know the number of subscribers. Asheville was only a small community, according to a drawing by Loehr and published in 1851, with the courthouse and on Church street, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches playing an eminent part of the almost pastoral scene.

One puzzling thing in the paper was an announcement of the arrival of mackerel on February 16, yet the paper is dated in October. A question immediately comes up—what happened to the people who ate the fish?

Perhaps you will find it entertaining to read the news as read by your ancestors over a hundred years ago.

Asheville News, 1852. Startling Scene in a Church. The Boston Journal relates the following: Last Sunday afternoon, in the First Congregational Church, in North Chelsea, during the singing of the second hymn, a rabid dog of enormous size rushed up a side aisle and commenced an attack upon the pew of Mr. Jonathan Harrington. Failing to effect an entrance, he sprang upon the pastor, who, in a split second, leaping to the rescue, he, beating furiously against the doors until he fell on the head stair exhausted and frothing with impotent rage. The audience were instantly thrown in great confusion, and a general, perhaps fatal, rush for the door seemed about to ensue. They were somewhat reassured, however, by a caution from the pastor, Rev. Norwood Damon, "to be composed, and remain in their seats, as the surest means of safety."

At this crisis Mr. Ephram Pierce, a youth 18, and son of Capt. John Pierce, stepped from his place, seized the animal by the back of the neck, and, notwithstanding several attempts to bite, succeeded in dragging him from the house unharmed. The doors were closed and the dog fled—(here the print is not readable)

Such a happening today would cause a "stir" to say the least. Think what it would have meant in those days with no innoculations available. Some horrible stories have been told about people who were bitten by a rabid dog. But, then that's a story for another day.

Epitaph For transposition, inversion, and alliteration, the old epitaph on the Earl of Kildare, in Ireland, is very remarkable.

"Who killed Kildare? — who dared Kildare to kill?"



Beverly Hills News

Mrs. Fred Watson Box 9194, Asheville, N. C.

A New Year's Eve service was held in the Beverly Hills Baptist church. Speakers were Don Young, Rev. Hughes, James Clouse and Mack Fore. Refreshments were served in the junior building by Mrs. Christine Thompson, Mrs. Harriet King, Mrs. Ethel Gudger, and Mrs. Agnes Watson. This was planned as a watch-night service but since there were so many youngsters it was decided to conclude the service early.

The New Year around here was ushered in with a lot of noise, and "Happy New Year" from one neighbor to another was heard as well as on the telephone. I'd like to wish every reader of the Black Mountain News a "Very, Very Happy New Year." I'd like to urge every reader to attend church regularly in the coming year.

The W. M. U. of Beverly Hills held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, Jan. 3, and was presided over by Mrs. Nell Thompson, program chairman. Opening prayer was by Mary Knight and Mrs. Snowe Riddle gave the devotional. Mrs. Ruby Bell had charge of the program. Those taking part were: Mrs. V. L. McCurry Sr., Mrs. Dorothy Snyder, Miss Mary Knight, Mrs. Earl Hensley, Mrs. Agnes Watson and Miss Mary Francis. A business session was held and plans were talked about and a committee appointed to work with the intermediate committee for the Sweetheart Banquet coming soon in connection with the Youth Revival.

active duty for a period of two years.

Colonel H. W. Orcutt, Chief of the Third Army Recruiting District, said that after the two years of active duty a young man will serve three additional years in the Ready Reserve followed by one year in the Standby Reserve.

The Third Army Recruiting Chief said that in the Ready Reserve, a member attends prescribed military classes once each week for a minimum of 48 drills a year. In the summer months he would also receive a maximum of 17 days active duty training. Colonel Orcutt pointed out that the Reservist receives a day's base pay, in line with his grade, for the weekly drill. The active duty training entitles the Reservist to full pay and allowances for the full time he is on duty.

Young men are advised to contact the nearest Third Army representative of the U. S. Army Recruiting Service for complete details of the six year reserve enlistment.

Family Medicines Just received a full supply of Sands Sarsaparilla Medicinal Cod Liver Oil, Christies Galvanic Curative, Winstars Balsam of Wild Cherry, Moffats and Phoenix Bitters, McMun's Elixir of Opium, Louder's Family Preparation, Perry's Lead Shot of Vermifex and a general assortment Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils and dye stuffs—all of which are offered on our usual accommodating terms. James W. Patton.

Read—Read All persons indebted to Smith and McDowell for 1851 are required to come forward and make settlement, either by note or cash, as we are determined to make settlement once a year. Smith and McDowell, March 18, 1852.

Lost Pocket-Book About the 15 of July the pocket-book of the subscriber was stolen containing one note on Stephen Jones, dated about the 25 of December, 1851, and due one year from date, which interest from date; also one note on Isaiah Dobson for \$10, dated probably some time last winter, and due one day after date; also various receipts and other papers, not now particularly recollected. The public are hereby warned against trading for any of these papers, and the subscriber will be thankful for any information tending to their recovery. L. D. Willis, Buncombe Co., 1852.

The above appears in an old paper, which makes an interesting comparison with today's news. Time and progress have done much to the printing industry. Reading old papers or letters makes one think of dressing up grown-up style at an early age, or looking at pictures made a few years ago. It's fun to go "peeking back," for a little while, at least.

Young Men May Now Enlist In Army Reserve

Youths facing military service can enlist in the Army Reserve under the provisions of Section 261 of the 1955 Reserve Forces Act.

The program entitles a young man between ages 17 and 26 to enlist in the Army Reserve for a period of six years with a call to

GLEANERS CLASS HAS REGULAR MEETING

The Gleaners Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Jan. 3 for its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. V. McMahan, Blue Ridge road with 14 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the class president, Mrs. Elenor Nanney. Mrs. May Lou Stafford gave the devotion. Mrs. Lila Wood read a poem, and Helen Johnson led the group in prayer.

After the business meeting the group enjoyed a social hour at which refreshments were served. Mrs. Jennett Farr and Ruth Queen helped serve. Those present were: Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. Lila Wood, Mrs. Florence Melton, Mrs. Beatrice Polson, Mrs. Jennett Farr, Mrs. Ruth Queen, Mrs. Margrett Ledbetter, Mrs. Mary Lou Stafford, Mrs. H. W. Morrow, Mrs. L. A. Loftus, Mrs. Elenor Nanney, Mrs. Ruby Briggs, Mrs. Robert Reese and the hostess, Mrs. McMahan.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS Mr. and Mrs. Phil McMahan of Raleigh spent Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. McMahan. They also visited members of her family in Murfreesboro, and Nashville, Tenn. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. M. V. McMahan.

MRS. A. H. PAIT GUEST FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. A. H. Pait was a guest of Mrs. Grace Tolley, owner and manager of Tolley's Nursing home, Asheville, for Christmas Eve night and Christmas Day. Mrs. Pait's husband has been a patient of Mrs. Tolley's for more than a year.

Mrs. Pait reports her visit there a new and wonderful experience for her at Christmas time. The spirit of Christmas was all over this large home. Mrs. Pait's wish is that all patients in nursing homes were given a happy Christmas as those at Tolley's Nursing home. Mrs. Tolley, her son and staff of employes went all out to make as merry and happy Christmas as possible for each one of these elderly sick folks, Mrs. Pait said.

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