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June 4	77	63	.16
June 5	77	61	3.26
June 6	77	62	.02
June 7	84	52	
June 8	83	60	
June 9	65	54	.22
June 10	65	54	.04

## REFLECTIONS

By Gordon Greenwood

The Black Mountain Lions club has given \$25.00 for the purchase of records for the Alvin W. McDougle Memorial which has been published at the Black Mountain High School. A charter member of the club, Mr. McDougle was principal of the elementary school for many years.

There is another White Sox fan in this part of the country. We promised not to give him away but Chet Sobol admits that the Pale Hose are his favorite. And he has a good reason. From his former home in Kankakee, Ill., just a few miles out of S. 45 or the Illinois Central, he was only a hop and skip without the jump to Comiskey Park on the South Side where he saw many of the great White Sox teams in action.

I'm sorry to have left this aged-in-the-wool White Sox fan but he'll still be listed on the roster. Anyone else?

According to one Texan it has already been so hot down there this summer that the lizards crawl to the fire just to get in the shade of the frying pan.

Which reminds me that when I went to Texas I doubted that "you ever leave a track in the Lone Star State." A few months later I knew that was true, and I had a lot of stories of my own that I could tell.

Back to the track story. The sound dries fast out there in the southwest. A short time after the rain stops falling the dust is deep or the ground is packed hard that nothing could dent it. When it rains within a few minutes the ground is covered with a thick paste-like substance that you carry with you. It takes a lot of rain to wet the ground because most of it runs down the cracks which form and grow larger in Texas than in any other state. They're a menace to the farmer until he learns to avoid them.

One Texan didn't crack a smile when he said one day that the summer before they lost a drove of pure bred hogs that they didn't get until the fall rains came and floated the herd, considerably increased, out of a crack that had dried in the barnyard.

I never did know whether he was joking or not—it could have been true.

Planning a vacation in Florida, the retired newspaperman rode a hotel in Orlando to ask if he could bring along his dog. Promptly, the hotel manager wrote back:

"I've run this hotel here through good and bad years since 1920. During that more than a quarter of a century I've never had to call the police to eject a disorderly dog or to break down the door to get an undesirable guest out of the building. Never has a dog set me to a bed with a cigarette, left the water running in the bath room, tossed a pillow case full of water out of a fifth floor window, or written 'Eddie loves Larry' on the wall with nail polish. I have never found a hotel towel or blanket in a dog's suitcase, nor a whiskey ring on a dresser. To be sure the dog is welcome."

The manager added this postscript: "If the dog will vouch for you, come along, too."

We've had many strange letters and other items of mail but none compare with one received this week from the SIMJIAN AND COMPANY, P. O. Box 1582, Tehran, Iran.

The request is for three copies of the News each week. The gentleman says he'll be very much obliged if we subscribe him for a year to News. The three copies will be on their way this week, and someone comes up with an explanation as to what on earth anyone in Iran could want three copies of News, please, admit it has us stumped. Anybody have an idea?

Here's the letter:

Sirs: We will be very much obliged to you if you subscribe us to one copy of News and send us three copies of each issue of both publications together with your instructions to enable us to send you regular copies. For facility you may send the newspapers of one week together by ordinary mail but this is not easy for you to do. If you have old issues please send us all of them and your catalogue of books. Send us also some specimen copies of your other publications.

Faithfully yours,  
—Simjian.



Gills Reach Ruby Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Gill, Ridgecrest, observed their fortieth wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 6. It was a quiet celebration because Mrs. Gill was seriously ill, but letters, cards, telephone messages, flowers and brief visits from friends marked the important occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill have lived in Ridgecrest 37 years, coming from the Chunn's Cove community in 1925. During that time they have worked tirelessly and earnestly in church and civic affairs, giving strength, time, and influence to make Ridgecrest a better place in which to live. As an ordained deacon for more than 40 years, Mr. Gill has served the local church in that capacity for a number of terms. For many years his friendly smile and cordial handclasp of greeting at the church door have made him a familiar and beloved personage to all who entered. Mrs. Gill has served in nearly all offices of W. M. U., including that of president, and has labored faithfully in other phases of church work. Both are still active in Kingdom service.

Five children grew up in this Christian home, although the eldest son, Burton, died at the age of 13. Four others are taking their places of service in the world. They are Ernest Gill of Weaver-ville; Lawrence Gill of Ridgecrest; Mrs. Thelma Griffin and George Gill, both of Chicago.

Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. George Gill and family are spending this special week with their parents. Other guests for the occasion are Mrs. Gill's brother, the Rev. C. D. Creasman, and Mrs. Creasman, from Donelson, Tenn. An important member of the home is Mrs. Mayme Gough, youngest sister of Mrs. Gill.

All in Ridgecrest join with their many other friends in giving congratulations and best wishes to this good couple who have just passed their "Ruby Anniversary."

—Mrs. E. F. Hardin.

## Vacation Bible School Is Set

Vacation Bible school will begin at the Vance Avenue Baptist church June 17 and will continue through June 21 from 9 A.M. until noon. Preparation day will be held Friday, June 14, to register those who plan to attend. All children are welcome through age 16. Mrs. T. E. McCall is principal of the school.

Dempsey Whitaker, right, gives the glad hand of fellowship to Richard B. Stone as he turns over the duties of town mayor to him for the coming two years. Looking on are members of the retiring board, behind Mr. Whitaker, while the new board members are backing up Mr. Stone.

The new board members, left to right, W. L. (Booger) Wheelon, E. H. (Ed) Knight, and A. F. (Bobby) Tyson. Skipping the new and old mayor in the center, reading on around the circle the old board members are Dr. S. S. Cooley, Dr. Frank H. Richardson, and Melvin Lance on extreme right.

## Great Throw Cuts Off Tying Run At the Plate

A great throw from right field that cut Charles Aiken down at the plate prevented the tying run from scoring and preserved a 9 to 8 victory for Kearfott over Grove Stone in a Valley Softball league contest on June 6.

In the second game of the evening Beacon beat Waters Gulf, 9 to 4.

The Grove Stone boys were trailing 9 to 5 when they came to bat in the last of the seventh. Singleton, and Straehla hit safely and Wiggins and Thompson walked. Caldwell and Bennett went out and then Aiken picked on one of Harper's fast ones and drove it far out into right centerfield. The bases were cleared and Aiken came tearing down the home stretch with the winning run, but a great throw from the outfield to Bud Norton, Kearfott catcher, saved the day. Norton grabbed the ball and let the runner slide into his hit and the game was over.

Kearfott outhit Grove Stone, 9 to 7. Waters Gulf pushed over a run in the first inning on two hits to go into the lead over Beacon but the Blanketeers came back to score two in the third, two in the fifth, four in the sixth, and one in the seventh. They racked up 12 hits while McElrath was limiting the Good Gulf lads to seven.

The line scores:  
Kearfott 1002024-9 9  
Grove Stone 0300014-8 7  
Harper and Norton; Stephenson and Aiken.

Second game:  
Waters Gulf 1000003-4 7  
Beacon 0020241-9 12  
Trammell and Plemmons; McElrath and Hardin.

BEAUTIFICATION: Organized efforts have brought about more attractive approaches to town-residential area clean up, fix up, paint up campaigns, and business district modernization. The general appearance of your town is an important factor to the happiness of your present citizens and to the attraction of new citizens and business.

RECREATION: Activities designed to fill the hours away from work or school are important to a community's happiness as well as its growth. In the summer months, a planned recreation program for young people is a necessity. Youth groups will often undertake some of the clearing work for parks, playgrounds, etc. For the older citizens, clubs, musicals, theaters and lectures round out a comprehensive recreation program.

Black Mountain is striving along these lines in giving its citizens a well rounded community, a better place to live, and thus a finer Carolina town for 1957.

## B&PW President Reports To Club On State Meet

A comprehensive report of the state Business and Professional Woman's convention, recently held in Goldsboro, was given by delegates Lillian Russell, president, and Laura O'Connor, state chairman of national security, at the meeting Monday night, June 10, at the Monte Vista hotel.

An orientation program was conducted by Annie L. Higginbotham, 2nd vice-president and chairman of the membership committee.

B&PW will furnish chaperons and refreshments for the Teen-Age club Thursday evening. Chaperons will be Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Higginbotham, Miss Lillian Russell, and Mrs. Madelon Parks.

Members are reminded that dues must be paid by July 1 or pay a penalty.

Elizabeth Whitton, formerly of —Turn To Page 5

## BM Recreation Program Will Open Monday

The Black Mountain Youth program, including the youth center, tennis and swimming instructions, will open Monday, June 17 with a full schedule. The Black Mountain Youth program is sponsored here by the United Appeal of Buncombe county. The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter of the American Red Cross is co-sponsor of the swimming program.

According to present plans there will be instruction in tennis two days a week from 4:00 to 6:00 in the afternoon. The beginners will play on Tuesdays and the advanced group on Thursdays. Instructors will be Ralph Singleton and Ned Straehla.

Headquarters for the Black Mountain Youth Center, directed by Eugene Byrd, will be in the old Black Mountain High school building. Activities will include basketball, pingpong, badminton, horse-shoes, volleyball, softball, track, and field events.

Those who wish to register for Youth Center will do so the first day they appear at the Gym with their age group. The schedule is as follows: (Hours 9:00 to 12:00 each morning)

Mondays, Intermediates (boys and girls), ages 12, 13, 14.

Tuesdays, Teen-agers (boys and girls), age 15 up.

Wednesdays, Intermediates.

Thursdays, Teen-agers.

Fridays Junior boys, ages 9, 10, and 11.

The swimming program, which has become one of the most popular phases of the summer recreation activities, will have the following schedule:

Mondays, adults and teen-agers; Tuesdays, boys 10, 11, 12; Wednesdays, boys 7, 8, 9; Thursdays, girls, 7, 8, 9; Friday, girls, 10, 11, 12; Saturday, junior life saving.

## American Legion Aux. Chicken Supper June 26

Waycaster - McFee American Legion Auxiliary will have a fried chicken supper at the Black Mountain Club house Wednesday, June 26, beginning at 6 p.m. The price will be \$1 per plate.

Tickets can be bought from any Auxiliary member, or call Mrs. A. R. Rudisill, 7114.

## Weekend Revival Set At Swan. Free Will Baptist Ch.

The Rev. L. E. Ballard, along with the Musical Messengers and all youth attending Cragmont Free Will Baptist Assembly, will be with the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church for a weekend revival beginning Friday night through Sunday morning of next week.

All youth are especially invited to attend. The Rev. Wayne Smith is church pastor.

## DAR CHAPTER WILL MEET FRIDAY AT 3:00

The Ruth Davidson DAR Chapter will meet Friday afternoon at 3:00 at the Monte Vista. All visiting DAR members are invited to attend.

## AT DUKE COMMENCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Craven attended commencement exercises at Duke University, Durham, last week.



—Ed Dupuy Photo

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Gruver of Black Mountain will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday, June 18, with open house at their home on Connally street from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All friends of the family are cordially invited.



Preston, the Hypnotist, is shown above as he demonstrated his hypnotic gaze to Eddie Canor. Preston will present his world-famous stage show at the Black Mountain Primary school auditorium on Thursday, June 20, at 8:00 p.m. This is a part of the five nights of entertainment which will be presented each evening in the school auditorium, June 17-21.

The highlight of this outstanding attraction is Preston's demonstration of real hypnotism, during which he will actually hypnotize local volunteers from the audience, causing them to perform many strange and unbelievable antics while under his spell. This unusual entertainment is brought to Black Mountain through the efforts of the PTA and Chamber of Commerce, and is guaranteed to be the finest—and funniest show you have ever seen.

## Cowboys, Hypnotist, Musicians, Poet Will Headline 5 Days of Entertainment By The Dixie Region I. P. Association

Five gala evenings of entertainment are promised by the Dixie Region International Platform Association which will meet in Black Mountain next week for its fourth annual convention.

As a part of their meeting the delegates will present a different type show each evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Primary school auditorium. This convention is being held here by invitation of the Black Mountain PTA which will receive a part of the proceeds to be used for school improvement. W. W. Earley is general chairman.

On Monday evening the Dixie Starlight Revue will "get the show on the road" for those who like their entertainment fast and snappy. This will include music, singers, dancers, and magic. Featured will be 15 teen-agers, all headed for success in their chosen fields.

Tuesday evening Vincent Burns presents "A Poet's Theater." This has been called "one of the most colorful and inspiring programs in America." The second part of the show will consist of a talk by Dr. Tennyson Guyer, one of the nation's greatest speakers.

Those who are interested in live snakes, lizards, turtles, and alligators won't want to miss the Wednesday evening performance when J. D. Ruick will give a lecture-demonstration on "The World's Reptiles."

But that isn't all. As an added feature Glenn L. Morris will show his Modern Miracles of Science which will demonstrate electronics at work and play.

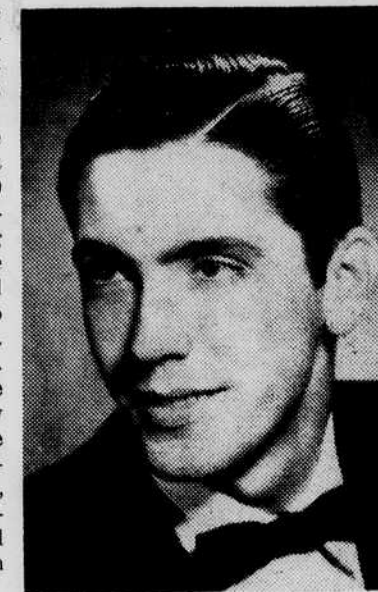
Thursday Preston, acclaimed as one of the top 10 hypnotists in the world and winner of the famous Blackstone Cup, will pull rabbits out of the hat and perform many other tricks that will leave the audience talking and wondering for days to come.

Friday will bring to the stage Chautauqua Echoes, a two-hour show featuring Buck McClean, the American cowboy, Bob Hanscom, famed character impersonator, Tom Kirk, the Scottish baritone, Claude Babcock, sober-faced comedian, and Jimmie Crum, guitar and song specialist.

For next week, June 17 through June 21, Black Mountain will be the entertainment capital of the South. —Turn to Page 5

## Homecoming To Be Sunday At Lakey Gap Ch.

The Lakey Gap Presbyterian church will hold its annual homecoming Sunday, June 23. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds at 12 o'clock. At 1 o'clock Bruce Robertson will deliver the message. Everyone is cordially invited to come and bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the fellowship.



The Rev. Alex Dunn of Gibson, N. C., will open a revival Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Church of God on Lakey street in Black Mountain. Services will continue each evening at the same hour for two weeks. There will be special singing each night.

The Rev. James L. Morton, church pastor, has invited the public to attend these services.

## Jr. Women Attend GFWC Convention

Members of the Black Mountain Junior Woman's club attending the 66th annual convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs in Asheville last week, were Mrs. J. C. Bennett, Jr., Mrs. M. L. Williams, Mrs. W. L. Wheelon, Mrs. C. T. Sobol, Mrs. A. J. Hunt-singer, Miss Alice Turner, Mrs. Webster Williams, Mrs. Bill Pinyan, Mrs. W. W. Phillips, Mrs. William Fyffe, and Mrs. Neal Price.

Members served as hostesses with the Junior Home & Civic club at a coffee hour for all Junior delegates Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Williams attended an afternoon business session and all members mentioned above attended the Junior banquet Sunday evening. At the banquet a report was given by all State Junior directors and a fash-

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## BM SR. WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS AT MEETING

Members from the Black Mountain Senior Woman's Club attending the National Federation of Women's Clubs in Asheville last week were Mrs. B. J. Byron, Mrs. W. K. Weeks, Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mrs. Madge Duke, and Mrs. James A. Crawford.