

## Youth Center for a "Finer Carolina" and a Finer Black Mtn.

As this week's Black Mountain News goes to press, the recently activated committee for establishment of a permanent Boy Scout clubhouse here is busy with plans for launching an all-out fund-raising job to make possible the building of the Scout quarters as first unit and nucleus for a future permanent youth center here.

Both the Scouts and the personnel of the local City Council are to be commended for their vision and co-operation in getting the project under way. Community hats should

be doffed deeply to the Scout group—who might, had they been possessed of less vision—have limited their undertaking to the benefit of Boy Scouts only. As it is, all the youth of the community will benefit by having a place of their own to which they may turn, with the right kind of things to do to guide youthful energies into desirable channels.

This is indeed a "Finer Carolina" project—and one for deep pride to be shared by every donor of monetary help toward translating the project into reality as soon as possible.

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### OLD FORT NEWS

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#### Delegates

The Old Fort Fire department has two delegates to the convention being held at Lumberton. Ralph Harris and George Grindstaff left on Sunday.

#### Jeffery Keith Bartlett

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bartlett are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, 12 oz. son, Jeffery Keith, born July 22 at Marion General Hospital. Mrs. Bartlett is the former Miss Johnnie Gibbs.

#### New Daughter

Word has come from Bronson, Fla. of the birth Friday, July 25, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Locke Grant, former residents of Old Fort. The young lady weighs 9 lbs., 10 oz. The Grants have two other children, a son and a daughter.

#### Building Progressing

The huge and handsome new warehouse at Old Fort Finishing plant is nearing completion. The roof is now being sealed. Work on the new gatehouse will begin soon.

Guest Construction Co. of South Carolina is doing the work, using local labor.

#### Mr. Laughridge Passes

The death of R. C. Laughridge, 73, at his home July 21, brought to an end the long gallant battle he fought against an implacable foe. His fight to regain his health, and his courage in his adversity won the admiration of all of his fellow townspeople.

For years he operated his shoe repair business on Main street, and many a person had him to thank for the shoes on his feet. In lean years, he would say, "Oh, I guess," for some stitching he had done. Sometimes he made minor repairs free. Old Fort is much the poorer for his passing, and he will be missed by all of us.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Old Fort Methodist church by the Rev. Walter O. Cooper, pastor.

Burial was in Dyersville Methodist church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hannah Crawley Laughridge; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Thiele of Floral Park, N. Y., and Mrs. Flint A. Norwood of Columbia, S. C.

Also surviving are three brothers, John and Will Laughridge of Dyersville and Cronje Laughridge of Greenville, S. C.; and one sister, Mrs. Emma Weaver of Lawndale.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradley last week were Dr. and Mrs. O'Neil Jacobs of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Austin Lenon of Newberry, S. C.

Mrs. Ruth Baker, representing Bakers Jewelry and Gift Shop, attended the Southeastern Jewelry, China and Glass show in Atlanta, Ga., last week. While there she purchased a new line of fall jewelry for the shop. She also had opportunity to visit her sister, Mrs. Brundage, who lives in Atlanta.

Robert White has returned to Kessler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., after a 10-day leave at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson left Old Fort on Saturday for Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Richardson was to enter George town University hospital for a very delicate operation on her heart.

Miss Anne Davis of Morganton, niece of Mrs. Ralph Harris, is a house guest at the Harris home.

Rhomari McCae, Sr., is a patient at Marion General Hospital. His condition is described as fair.

Virgil Silver underwent major surgery at an Asheville hospital on Friday, July 25. He is expected to leave the hospital the latter part of this week.

Miss Margaret Marley was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Caplan, her brother-in-law and sister. From Old Fort Miss Marley went to Lenoir to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Marley. Miss Marley is principal of a city school in Goldsboro.

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### Sen. Erwin Says:

WASHINGTON — It has been estimated that organized crime has an annual "take" of \$30 billion in this country.

#### Crime Threat

The Senate Rackets committee has been probing to determine the extent of infiltration by the Mafia into organized labor and management in the United States. As one who has heard the testimony before our committee, I am compelled to say that organized crime and the underworld syndicates have a virtual stranglehold on some areas of the country, chiefly the larger cities. This poses a severe threat to society and the operation of legitimate unions and businesses. The purpose of the inquiry is to determine what legislation is needed.

The enormous amount of money made in narcotics and other illegal activities these gangs accumulate large sums of money which they use to buy into businesses to be used as fronts. They seek control of unions for the same purpose.

#### The Mafia

In dealing with the Mafia, a secret organization of hoodlums and gangsters which originated in Sicily, our committee has been striking at the bedrock of organized crime. Although other investigations by the Congress have been more in the headlines, I believe our work is making a significant contribution to the elimination of the criminal element in unions and management. It is encouraging that the Department of Justice is now beginning to move to arrest some of the hoodlums and gangsters that appeared before our committee.

But the problem must be placed on the doorstep of the citizens of local communities and their officials. Unless the people are willing to demand that their authorities be charged with the elimination of crime take action, there can be no effective containment of the serious problem.

The Mafia is one of the most difficult organizations to handle because it is a closed criminal gang of Sicilians. It apparently divides the country into regions for its operations. Evidence shows that the gang has invaded some labor unions and some businesses and operated with corrupt officials in instances by bribes, payoffs, extortion, murder, intimidation and the whole scale of crime. The Mafia, according to testimony before our committee, had its convention in New York State last November. The list of gangsters and hoodlums in attendance constituted the top hierarchy of crime in this country.

Senator McClellan has stuck to the work of the committee in the labor or management field.

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### Swannanoa News

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Miss Kaye Patton attended the 4-H State convention in Raleigh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlap, III, and their sons, George, IV, and Jeff, and Mrs. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. Barkley, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlap on Bee Tree road. Mrs. Barkley is owner of the Barkley hotel in Escanaba, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMahon and son, Bruce, spent last Sunday at Lake Lure with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Massey, Jr., and children, Sandra and Billy.

Miss Sandra Massey is going to spend next week with her grandparents, Mrs. E. J. Hensley at Haw Creek.

Mrs. James Hall of Martin road, Swannanoa, went into St. Joseph's hospital last Tuesday for a minor operation.

Mrs. Evelyn Edwards visited her brother, L. B. Edwards, in Annapolis, Md. Mrs. Edwards' daughter, Mrs. Lucille Melton, and son left for Indiana last week to join Mrs. Melton's husband, who has been attending school there and has now obtained employment there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey visited Mrs. Spivey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Anderson, who have been spending the summer with relatives in Nantahala.

Mr. and Mrs. France Roper visited Mr. and Mrs. Sim Roper in Andrews.

Mrs. Tilda Wood, Central avenue, Swannanoa, visited in Georgia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Autry and children, Lynn, Debbie and Jackie of Baltimore, Md., are spending several days with Mrs. Autry's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rayburn. Mrs. Autry is the former Miss Mae Ledford.

Miss Ann Early, R. N., is doing nicely after being hospitalized for several days.

Mrs. Lucille Melton and Mrs. Rumble spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Melton's niece, Mrs. Lidia Crisp in Marion.

Mrs. Wilma Akers and daughter, Alice, have returned home after spending a month with Mrs. Akers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hampton, in Fort Pierce, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton accompanied Mrs. Akers and Alice on their trip

### Family Reunion Lasts One Week For Newlands

Five of the seven children of Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Newland, Sr., and their families recently gathered at their parents' home on Oakland drive in Black Mountain for a long-awaited reunion.

Although all of the children were born and reared in Korea while the parents served there as missionaries for the Presbyterian Board of Missions, the children all returned to the United States for their college work. Six of them are residing in this country now.

Twenty-two in all had a continuous picnic for a week. Meals on the lawn, introduction of small children and family talk with the telling of personal and professional experiences brought members of the entire family up-to-date on each other.

L. T. Newland, Jr., wife and three children came from Baltimore where Mr. Newland has recently been named an instructor in the Army college.

The eldest daughter, Louise Capen, her husband, Carl, and their four children came from their Northern Baptist mission station in Thailand where they have been

since 1935. They previously served two terms as missionaries in China.

Thomas W. Newland, wife and son came from Knoxville, Tenn., where he is administrator of Ft. Sander's Presbyterian hospital.

Rev. H. Reid Newland, pastor of Dade City (Fla.) Presbyterian church, attended with his wife and two children.

Mrs. Sarah M. Keyser and son from Atlanta, Ga., were also here for the entire week.

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### Swannanoa Boy Is Among 4-H Winners

Ten members of the Buncombe county 4-H Pullet Chain sponsored by the Farmers Federation received "Pullet Chain Achievement" certificates from James McClure Clarke, Federation president and W. Riley Palmer, Buncombe County Farm agent at the farm co-operative's annual county picnic held yesterday at the Recreation park.

Chain members receiving awards were Rebecca Dalton, Asheville; Colein Jamerson, Weaverville; Donald Stubbs, Asheville; Bruce James, Candler; Steve McLean, Asheville; Erwin Shepherd, Swannanoa; Betty Ann Micalunos, Fletcher; Perry Huff, Leicester; David Revis, Weaverville; and Bruce Sharpe, Leicester.

The Mission Chorale, composed of student nurses of Memorial Mission hospital, won the best local act prize. The group was led by Carroll Hadley. Other prize winners were the H & C quartet composed of Susan, Annie and Jim Clarke, all of Fairview, and Jane Herbert, Asheville; Mitch Snelson, Leicester, musical chairs winner; Dumont Clarke, Jr., Fairview and Brenda Alligood and Betty Gettry, both of Asheville, balloon contest winners; Mrs. Florence Stephens, Asheville, oldest person present; Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Stroup, Fletcher, oldest married couple present; Mr. and Mrs. James McClure Clarke, Fairview, largest family present; and Cleonard Settles, Fairview, who brought the largest truckload of people to the picnic.

Following a reception, the couple left for a honeymoon in Paris, Brussels and London. They will reside at 520 Jepson avenue, Indian River City.

The bride's mother attended the wedding.

William L. Wheelon announces the appointment of Stephen Roberts, formerly of Marshall and Mars Hill, as registered pharmacist, at Key City Pharmacy in Black Mountain.

Mr. Roberts was graduated from the School of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina, following preparatory studies at Tennessee Military Institute and Wingate Junior college. He has served as a pharmacist in Mars Hill for the past year. Mr. Roberts is making his home on Tomahawk avenue.

Other local entertainers were Jewel Dean Raper and Mary Frances Brendle, both of Candler; J. V. Fowler, Fletcher; Rebecca and Rose Dalton, Asheville; Marcus Martin, Swannanoa and Freda and Key Ricketts, both of Black Mountain.

Additional speakers at the picnic were D. T. Redfern, president of Coble Dairies; Morris McGough, executive vice-president of Asheville Agricultural Development Council; Robroy Farquhar, managing director of the Flat Rock Playhouse; Dave M. Snelson, Buncombe County Federation director; Wilbur Stovall, Federation hatchery manager; Rev. Jack Waldrop, religious department director; Max Roberts, picnic director and operator of Carolina Tobacco ware-

### HONEYMOON IN EUROPE

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Titusville. He is now affiliated with Pan-American World Airways. He attended Pennsylvania Polytechnic Institute, did graduate work at the University of Florida and Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone.

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### Kiwanis Club Is Entertained At Camp Ridgecrest

The Kiwanis club program last week was provided by Harry McCall, director of Ridgecrest Boys' camp. His staff, in full Indian dress, put on an Indian war dance that was both entertaining and informative of Indian philosophy. A real Indian would have been proud of the acting of Harry's "pale-faces," members reported.

Guests present were John Hafner and Charlie Norman of the Asheville club, Harry Wilson of Alabury, Ga., and W. H. McMurray, Sr.

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house; Phil Burch, hospital care representative, and Palmer. In spite of a steady rain a picnic lunch was served and watermelon and lemonade were provided in abundance by the Farmers Federation.

### JUNIOR CHOIR ENJOYS OLD FORT OUTING

The junior choir members of Friendship Presbyterian church enjoyed a picnic and wicker roast at Dripping Rock, near Old Fort, Saturday evening, July 26. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Settles and Mrs. S. L. Joyner accompanied the group.

Those present were Kaye Settles, Dawillah Davenport, Barbara Rickman, Marguerite Campbell, Sheryl Gadd, Melinda Fortune, Carole Settles, Thomas Copeland and William Copeland.

Need for books for the Blue Ridge assembly library is contained in an announcement by President Robert Spiro, Jr. Local residents are urged to look over their own libraries with a view to seeing if there are volumes which the owners would like to make available to this project.

The library serves thousands of conference guests and students. Particular needs are cited as follows: An encyclopedia of recent vintage; an up-to-date unabridged dictionary, classics, works on theology, philosophy, history, sociology, good fiction and travel books, good children's books and other useful volumes.

—A good set of farm records will increase your farm income.

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**CIRCLE 4 MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 4**  
Circle 4 of the Black Mountain Presbyterian church will meet on Monday, Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. with Mrs. W. C. Honeycutt, as guest. The lesson will be taught by Mrs. Sherman Long. Mrs. Olive Davis will be in charge of the conversation period.

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