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Swannanoa Wins $1000 Award as New "Finer Carolina" Projects for This Year Start

REFLECTIONS

by Gordon Greenwood

PRAYER FOR TODAY
"Oh, Lord, let my words be tender and sweet, for tomorrow I may have to eat them."
—R—

We (Lib Dinwiddie and I) know the bank account of at least one of our subscribers. It looks about like mine.

How do we know it? Well, that's an easy question. We know, for instance, that late in July she wrote checks for $8.40, $3.00, $1.65, and $5.00.

She had a balance of $34.65 when she started. Subtracting the total of the checks, or $18.05 from the original amount, she had $16.60 in the bank when she wrote the check for the year's subscription. Since she is a good friend of ours, and used the News statement to bring her bank statement and balance up to date, we didn't think she'd mind to see her figures in print. Anyway, no one would object to owning to having that much money in the bank so late in the month when most of us are rushing around trying to beat the outstanding checks to the bank before they are returned marked "insufficient funds."
—R—

That reminds me of the old

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BURT EDWARDS is the hero, Edward Somers, of the Silo Circle playhouse's current attraction, "The Bride's Lament", old-fashioned melodrama which has met with such favor that it is being held over for the current week, evenings at 8:30 p.m.

He will also have the male leading role in next week's final production of the season, "The Male Animal", in which he will appear as Professor Tommy Turner in this hilarious comedy co-authored by James Thurber and Elliott Nugent. In next week's show he will play opposite Marcia Leigh, who also carries the feminine lead in this week's play.

School Principal Cites Vocational Training Needs

Guy Burchfield, principal of Black Mountain Elementary school, spoke to the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis on the need for vocational guidance and vocational training in the 7th and 8th grades for pupils who drop out of school because they lose interest in purely academic subjects.

He spoke at a meeting last week.

"Some of these youngsters could learn to make things with their hands, but, finding nothing which they find practical, leave school as soon as they reach the age of 16 and become bitter toward society," he said. He stated that the situation is tragic for the youngster and for the community in which he is to live.

"The emphasis today is on the pupil who can advance with the scientific age, but we still owe something to those who are unable to meet the requirements of advanced subjects," he continued.

Guests were A. W. Paul, Tampa, Fla.; Lynn Crenshaw, South Jacksonville, Fla.; Sam Leonard, Montreat; R. B. Stone, city; R. M. Crowder, Winston-Salem; Robert F. Cooper, Jr., Jackson, Miss., and Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr., Blue Ridge president.

Woodcock Is New "Finer Carolina" Chm. for Blk. Mtn.

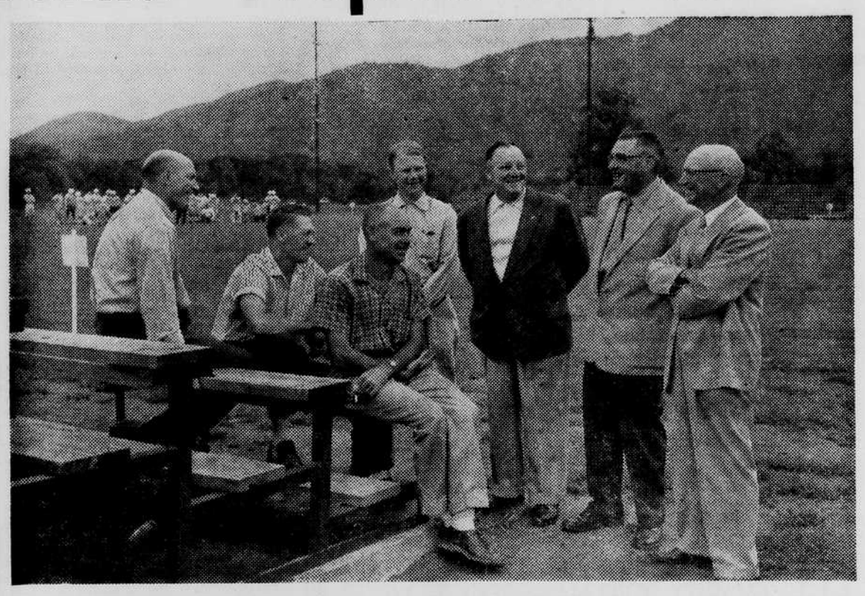
Max Woodcock, newly appointed "Finer Carolina" chairman for Black Mountain this year, announces the date of the first meeting of the local FC committee for the coming season, and asks all members of the committee to reserve the evening of Monday, Sept. 15, to attend the session at City hall. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

"It will take everybody in the community to carry out really fine 'Finer Carolina' projects, which in turn will redound to the individual benefit of everyone who lives in this community," Mr. Woodcock reminded. "This is the time for every civic organization to consider seriously what each hopes to accomplish through this extremely worthwhile civic improvement program," he suggested. "We hope to hear soon the identity of each 'Finer Carolina' chairmen appointed by all of our clubs.

"Everyone wants to live in a beautiful and progressive community," he continued. "This annual opportunity is a wonderful chance to improve living conditions, promote good citizenship, better health and safety—in short, to continue the development of a sound community spirit, the foundation of all community progress," he said.

At the first meeting of the Black Mountain "Finer Carolina" chairman with several of his sub-chairmen last Saturday at his office, Mr. Woodcock introduced the representative of Carolina Power & Light Co., sponsor of the "Finer Carolina" program, Mrs. Vivian Bushong. Mrs. Bushong reminded that September 1 is the deadline for entry of projects in the annual contest, for which a total of $6,750 is offered in prizes this year. The contest will run through June 30 of 1959. Five projects may be submitted, and communities are asked to submit four of these for judging, based on the scrapbooks to be submitted at the conclusion of the project year, in addition to the results as determined by impartial outside judges visiting the various communities to inspect their projects.

Mr. Woodcock was selected by a steering committee comprising Mrs. Mary Aleshire, Miss Sanchez Mott, Civic Council president, and M. E. Head. Mr. Woodcock is a member of the Methodist church and the Lions club of Black Mountain. He is owner of Woodcock Motor company. He originally came to Black Mountain in 1918 and was a student at the local grammar school, going on to continue his education at Porter Military academy, Charleston, S. C., and afterward being graduated from Washington and Lee University.



BOOSTERS COMPLETE FIELD—The Valley Boosters Club sparked an athletic field program to win Swannanoa first prize in the Finer Carolina contest sponsored by Carolina Power & Light. Booster leaders are shown at the new field: (left to right) Grady Luckadoo, Fred Ensley, John Jones, Maurice Jones, Grant Ballard, George Penley and N. C. Shuford, principal of Owen High School. Another top Finer Carolina project in Swannanoa was the opening of a community library.

Black Mountain Receives Prize of $150

Twenty-eight communities in the two Carolinas were tapped last week as winners in Carolina Power & Light company's seventh annual "Finer Carolina" community development program.

Top winners include Swannanoa recipient of a $1,000 award. A project prize of $150 goes to Black Mountain. Cash prizes totaling $6,750 are being distributed among 18 of the winning communities. Ten more are singled out for honorable mention in their self-help programs.

Top winners, recipients of $1,000 each, are: Siler City and Swannanoa, N. C., and Dillon, S. C. Second-place winners, to which go cash awards of $500 each, are: Spruce Pine, Parkton and Oxford, N. C. Third-place winners of $250 each are Pageland, S. C., and Ashebore and Harrells, N. C.

Winners of $250 single project prizes are Liberty and Castle Hayne, N. C., and Hartsville, S. C. Project prizes of $150 like that of Black Mountain, go to Hot Springs and Hamlet, N. C. Third-place project prizes of $100 each go to Wallace, Farmer and Sanford, N. C. Black Mountain's award was based on co-operation with Swannanoa in the Shuford athletic field project at Owen High. Fred Higginbotham was local chairman.

Honorable mention "Finer Carolina" communities are Roxboro, Malvern Hills of Asheville, Hazelwood, Ramseur, Fuquay Springs, Swansboro, Vanceboro, Fletcher and Troy in North Carolina, and Darlington in South Carolina.

Three economic experts judged CP&L's Finer Carolina entries: Dr. W. E. Cole, head of the department of sociology, University of Tennessee; Dr. W. S. Buckingham, professor of economics, Georgia Institute of Technology; and Dr. Samuel H. Hobbs, Jr., professor of rural sociology and research at the University of North Carolina.

"Finer Carolina" projects in the 1957-58 contest ran the gamut, from tourist attraction to recreation, community beautification to

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Albert Kissling Services Held In Jacksonville

Albert Kissling, 84, father of the Rev. Albert J. Kissling, minister of the Riverside Presbyterian church, died Aug. 12, in a Jacksonville (Fla.) hospital.

Mr. Kissling was a native of Nashville, Tenn., and had lived in Jacksonville since 1954, moving there from Black Mountain. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in Black Mountain, where he had served as an elder for many years. Prior to his retirement, he was associated with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sara Kissling of Jacksonville; two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Anderson of Los Alamos, N. M., and Mrs. J. G. Smith of Fort Worth, Tex.; and two sons, Cmdr. Paul P. Kissling and the Rev. Mr. Kissling of Jacksonville.

Funeral services were held in Jacksonville in the Hardage and Sons chapel with the Rev. Mr. Kissling officiating. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Hendley-Slagle Wedding Aug. 15

Miss Beatrice Slagle, daughter of Mrs. E. B. Slagle and the late Mr. Slagle of Black Mountain, and Ray Hendley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hendley of Old Fort, were married Friday morning, Aug. 15, by the Rev. Eugene Byrd in his home.

Mr. Hendley is employed with the Clearwater Finishing company, Old Fort. Mrs. Hendley is employed at the A & P Tea company, Black Mountain. They will make their home in Old Fort, following a wedding trip to Myrtle Beach.

Those present for the marriage were the bride's mother, and Mrs. Paul Hendley, Mrs. Melda Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pressley, Mr. and Mrs. James Allison, Miss Mary Hendley, and Miss Jo Tomlinson.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WOMEN TO SPONSOR SALES

Women of the First Christian church will hold a baked goods sale on the vacant lot between Eckles Real Estate office and Dr. Brake's office, Broadway, Saturday, Aug. 23, beginning at 8:30. A rummage sale will also be held in the little building next door to Viverette's Radio supply, State street, beginning at 9 a.m.

REV. PRESLEY SPEAKS AT SUNDAY SERVICE

The Rev. F. T. Presley will preach at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, Aug. 24, at Vance Avenue Baptist church. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

TEACHERS AND NEW STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL AUG. 26

Schedules regarding opening of school were discussed by Buncombe County principals at a meeting in Asheville last Tuesday. Teachers of Primary and Elementary schools in Black Mountain are to meet at their schools Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 9 a.m. New students will register Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. School will open on the following day, Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 8:30 a.m.

Owen Prepares for Season's Opener Sept. 5

Coach Vernon Kyker and assistants of Owen High school are holding two workouts daily on the practice field at Moore VA hospital as they prepare for the opening game of the season on Sept. 5 against Edwards at Memorial Stadium.

Only one regular from the 1957 team, Joe Robinson, fulback was among the more than half a hundred candidates that greeted the coaches at opening sessions. The staff will have its job cut out for them to find replacements for the other 10 regulars lost by graduation and transfer. In all 15 lettermen are gone.

Although 10 letter winners from 1957 are back, only Robinson, star punter and kicker, was considered regular.

Several boys have been showing well at all positions. The coaches have been more than pleased with the spirit shown and expect to have a green but fighting team to represent Owen this coming season.

Helping Kyker are Art Ditt, Ned Straehla and Charlie Tallant.

Darragh-Thorpe Marriage Aug. 3

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Mary Jane Thorpe, daughter of Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Jason Thorpe of Black Mountain, to Herbert Quinton Darragh, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Q. Darragh of Austin, Tex. The ceremony was performed in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on Aug. 3.

Mrs. Darragh attended schools in St. Petersburg, Fla., and is a graduate of Asheville-Biltmore college. She has been working at the University of Texas for the past several months. Mr. Darragh attended the University of Texas before serving in the Air Force. He is now employed by the Lower Colorado River Authority. The couple will reside in Austin, Tex.

(Photo by Edward L. DuPuy)

These girls, who are numbered among the 46 swimmers passing beginning swimmers' tests, will receive Red Cross certificates at exercises to follow the annual swimming meet scheduled at the Black Mountain community pool tomorrow (Friday) at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Their names are listed below among those to receive awards.

With the end of the summer season near and the close of the community swimming pool scheduled next week as the beginning of school approaches, the annual open swim meet is scheduled for tomorrow evening (Friday, Aug. 22) at 6 p.m. Another feature is presentation of awards after the exercises to the record number of 46 who have learned to swim and accomplish other aquatic feats in classes conducted under auspices of the Red Cross and instructed by Ned Straehla and Ralph Singleton.

Events in Friday's meet will bring medals to winners in the following classifications for boys and girls: for 14-year-olds and up, 50-yard free-style; 14 and up, 50-yard breast stroke; 14 and up; 25-yard back stroke; 10, 11, 12 and 13-year-olds, 25-yard free style; and 25-yard breast and back stroke events; for 7, 8, and 9-year-olds; 25-yard free style. There will also be a diving competition. Those who wish to participate are asked to sign up at the pool this week.

Those who successfully completed Red Cross courses include the following:

Life-saving and water safety, Clarence Clough.

Water safety aide: Barbara Riddle.

Beginning swimmers, boys: Eugene Allen, Ricky Allred, J. C. Bumgardner, Hayden Clark, Lindsey Garland, Ronnie Gentry, Stanley Gilliam, Billie Hamby, David Ivey, Walter Jones, Chip Knight, Bob McKinney, Dennis O'Connor, Jerry Wilson, Tommy Wright, Joe Espey.

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A P officials this week announced that the company's super-market in Black Mountain at 113 Broadway has been honored by being selected as one of 13 stores in the Carolinas to be cited for outstanding courtesy and service to its customers. W. K. Beattie, supervisor of the company's operations in this area, made a presentation of Honor Store scrolls to employees. Scrolls bore the signatures of R. M. Smith, president of the Southern division of A&P, and P. M. Bealer, Jr., vice president. Employees also shared in Savings bonds and cash awards signifying appreciation for achievement in the field of better customer relations. Among those at presentation exercises were, left to right: Supervisor Beattie, J. P. Stakias, local manager, who has 16 years of service with the organization; L. G. Barnhill, head of produce department; Douglas C. Hamby, assistant manager; and Charles Swayngim, head of the meat department.

JOHN I. ANDERSON, newly elected president of the North Carolina Press association, visited in Black Mountain last Saturday on behalf of the organization.

At the office of the Black Mountain News, he congratulated Gordon Greenwood, publisher, on the fine job of news coverage that this newspaper renders this community. He also named Mr. Greenwood on the arrangements committee for the press conference of Governor Luther Hodges in Asheville on Sept. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hughes of Swannanoa, Route 1, announce the birth of a son Aug. 14 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Funds Needed For Early Start On Youth Center

The chairman of the board of directors of the Black Mountain "Finer Carolina" project, Operation Youth, Inc., Carl Bowness, issued a call this week for a speed-up of contributions for the development of this proposed youth center.

"We are anxious to get the building under roof before cold weather," he said, "and funds are needed to begin the project."

Checks made payable to Operation Youth, Inc., and delivered to or mailed to Steve Uzzell, Black Mountain, will be appreciated and a receipt will be given suitable for tax purposes, he said.

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Open House at Fire Department Mon., 10 a.m. to 8

The public is invited to attend open house at the Black Mountain Fire department at City hall next Monday, Aug. 25, any time between the hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Two firemen will be on duty to show the public through the department, and to point out the various improvements in equipment and housing of the department which have recently been made.

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Swannanoa Plans New "Carolina" Projects for Year

Discussion of this year's "Finer Carolina" projects in Swannanoa, including principally the building of a swimming pool and sponsorship of a youth activities program, has taken place at three meetings of the FC committee thus far this season.

Announcement is made of committee chairmanships for the Swannanoa "Finer Carolina" program this year, including Wilbur S. Ward as chairman; Louis Joyner, co-chairman; Mrs. Robert Reisig, secretary and publicity chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Penland, co-chairmen for the scrapbook.

Representatives from all civic organizations in the town to the "Finer Carolina" committee have also been named, it was announced this week.

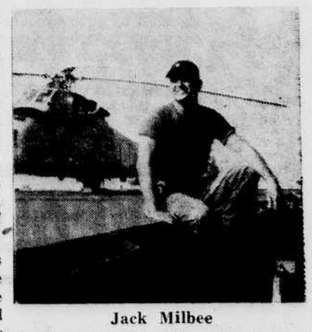
Local Navy Man Milbee Is Now Stationed In Strategic Lebanon

Navyman Jack Milbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones, of Vance avenue, Black Mountain, is with the 6th Fleet off the coast of Lebanon and, in a letter home, reports on activities in that center of unrest in the Middle East.

The young man was in the first group of U. S. forces going into the area, going in on the Wasp at the time the Sarasota also put in at Beruit. He writes "The Marines now being removed are joining the 6th Fleet. The situation looks much better. They are still flying around the clock, but were allowed to take two days' rest just outside the City of Lebanon and to do some swimming off ship."

He added, "Everything seems calm, but we were aware of the fact that the rebels were in the hills surrounding the city and ready to fight. However, we're hoping to return to the States in September."

Navyman Milbee is married to the former Frances Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Whitaker of Black Mountain. They have two children, Michael and Denise, who, with Mrs. Milbee, are residing in Quonset Point, R. I. As a student, Milbee was graduated from Black Mountain High school and attended Asheville-Biltmore college, where he played football under Coach Herbert Coman.



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