

**P.T.A. MEETINGS**  
AT BLACK MOUNTAIN AND SWANNANOA SCHOOLS  
**Thurs., Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.**

# BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

YOUR COUNTY NEWSPAPER

**Weather**

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Sept. 9	79	47	
Sept. 10	84	44	
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Sept. 13	72	50	
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**REFLECTIONS**

By Dorothy Mattison

The Black Mountain News is not quite what it was a few moments ago—and never will be again—for word has just come of the sudden passing of Oden Walker, the News' "Mr. Bittersweet"—one of the most thoroughly-read and enjoyed columnists any newspaper, anywhere, ever had the privilege of printing.

There was never a "blue Monday" around here with Oden dropping in to bring his copy and append to it, by word-of-mouth, a few more of the unlimited store of anecdotes and reminiscences garnered in all the years he had spent here in his beloved mountains and valleys.

He was a member of one of the pioneer families of this area and his passing came only two weeks, less a day, within that of the death of that figure who often played a prominent role in his writings, his mother, "Aunt Roxy Walker." Sorrowing over her "leaving," it was at that time that Oden dropped a word or two of his personal philosophy about "crossing over yonder" into the land he so often sang about in his local appearances before many a local gathering. He said: "I don't figure I'm a very emotional fellow. Now, that isn't to say I'm not sentimental. Everybody knows I'm sentimental. But I don't believe in getting emotional about something as natural as life and death. They are both just plain the most interesting adventures that can ever happen to folks—but, of course, the folks who are left behind aren't always able to look at it that way."

"Mr. Bittersweet" did manage —Turn to Page 8

**Rites Thurs. 2 p.m. for Oden Walker at First Baptist Ch.**

Oden Walker, one of Black Mountain's best-known citizens will be laid to rest Thursday afternoon (today) in Mountain View Memorial park. Services will be held in the First Baptist church at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Eugene Byrd, pastor and close friend of Mr. Walker, and the Rev. Robert Clayton, pastor of Mountain View Baptist church, conducting the services.

Mr. Walker, author of the Black Mountain News weekly column, "Bittersweet," was one of the first regular writers for the News. He also was a poet, writer of plays and a singer. Among his many talents he was an expert wood craftsman.

Mr. Walker was the son of the late Julius A. and Roxanna Pittman Walker. His mother died Sept. 2 at the age of 98 years. —Turn to Page 5

**18 Teachers on Staff of B. Mtn. Primary School**

Faculty members of the Black Mountain Primary school as announced this week by Principal Leonard Keever comprise the following:

Fourth grade: Miss Bronte Kemper, Mrs. Flora Briggs, Mrs. Eldred Thompson, Miss Evelyn Noble and Miss Joy Edwards.

Third grade: Mrs. Frankie Earley, Mrs. Josephine Hickey, Mrs. Jessie Bennett and Mrs. Della White.

Second grade: Mrs. Evelyn Ann, Mrs. Allene White, Mrs. Margaret Hendon and Miss Luella Thayer.

First grade: Mrs. Mae North, Mrs. Lores Whitaker, Mrs. Mary Jo Brown, Mrs. Nora Hummer and Mrs. Ruth Kennedy.

**BLUE RIDGE ASS'N. YOUTH RALLY SEPT. 20**

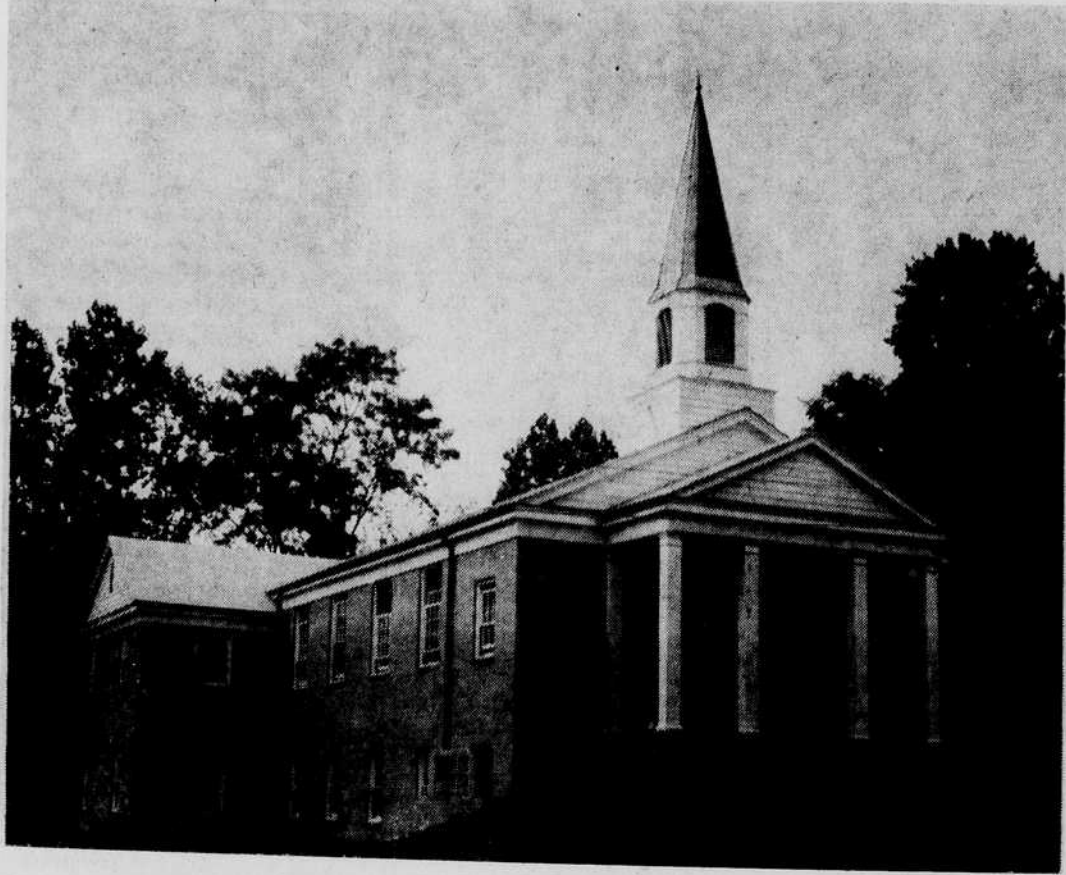
The first "Youth Rally" of the Blue Ridge association will come Saturday night, Sept. 20, at the Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist church at 7:30 p.m. Every church of the association is urged to bring their youth and send them to this meeting. Rev. Wayne Smith, pastor, stated.

He reminded that this will be the time to organize and to elect officers.

**GREENWOOD'S PROGRESS**

Gordon Greenwood continues to convalesce satisfactorily at his home after undergoing surgery recently at Memorial Mission hospital. It is anticipated that he will be back at his desk at the Black Mountain News on a part-time basis within another week.

**Friendship Church Dedication Sept. 21**



(Photo by Gragg)

The new Friendship Presbyterian church on Montreat road will be dedicated at special services on Sunday, Sept. 21.

On Sunday, September 21, members of Friendship Presbyterian church will dedicate their new building. This is located on Montreat road just outside the Montreat gate.

This beautiful building has been under construction less than six months and is ready for occupancy, with adequate facilities for Sunday school, social and other activities, the pastor, Rev. Carroll R. Stegall, announces. The architecture is of Colonial style. The pews have not as yet arrived for the seating capacity of 200. Temporary seating has been arranged.

The speaker for this special occasion is the Rev. R. E. McClure, D.D., executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, his next being, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The service will start at 11 a.m.

Home-coming will also be observed on that date, with dinner served in the spacious Fellowship hall.

At 7:30 that evening the annual revival service will begin, the speaker being the Rev. Carroll R. Stegall, Jr., D.D., son of the minister of the church. Dr. Stegall is a well-known "chalk artist" evangelist and pastor of Northminster Presbyterian church, Greenville, S. C.

The public is cordially invited to join in the fellowship with the members of Friendship in all these services.



Rev. Carroll R. Stegall, Jr., D.D.

**Two PTA's Slate Thurs. Meeting**

With schools of the area in the fourth week of their fall terms, mothers and fathers are due to report back to school tonight (Thursday)—when the first PTA sessions of the new school year are scheduled. First meeting of the Owen PTA is scheduled for Oct. 2.

Meetings of the Black Mountain and Swannanoa Parent-Teachers associations are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at the respective school buildings. The Swannanoa program will be an open house at the school.

Joe Scannell, program chairman, will introduce Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr., president of Blue Ridge assembly, for an address at the Black Mountain PTA on this date. Harry W. Clarke will preside.

Ellis Vaught, first vice president, will be in charge of the program for Owen High's first PTA —Turn to Page 5

**Legion to Sponsor Membership Drive in Near Future**

Waycaster-McFee Post 129, American Legion, voted to put on a concerted membership drive at its meeting last week.

Sherman Shell was elected as general chairman for the drive. He appointed as team captains, Johnnie Hall and Lewellyn Goodman, with the understanding that the losing team is to treat the winners to a dinner at the close of the drive.

"This is a drive to enroll every veteran of any war period who resides in this area and who possesses an honorable discharge," Chairman Shell said. "The Legion needs you and you need the Legion," he continued. "Membership is the cheapest insurance you will ever purchase."

The Post also voted to buy again this year a steer to be given as a prize about Nov. 21. There will also be games and other prizes at the round-up meeting at which the award will be made.

Turkey shoots are in the offing with dates to be announced later.

**U. S.-Sponsored Science Library at Owen High**

Science will be emphasized, underscored and pointed up during the current year at Chas. D. Owen High school.

Principal N. C. Shuford's application for participation in the Traveling High School Science Library program has been accepted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and 200 outstanding, evaluated, up-to-date "best seller" type books in the sciences and mathematics will circulate to the school library from Washington, D. C.

All branches of science will be covered and the reading level will range from books the brilliant junior-high student will find interesting to some that will give the outstanding high school senior a taste of advanced work. The collection lists for more than \$1,000, —Turn to Page 8

**School's Out on Sept. 23 as Staff Attend NEA Meet**

The Western District Annual Convention of the North Carolina Education Association will be held in Asheville, Tuesday, Sept. 23, with teachers from Black Mountain and Swannanoa attending. Classes will not be held in local schools on that date.

The day-long meeting is one of ten NCEA district meetings scheduled for this fall as a part of the NCEA's in-service training and professional development of members of the teaching profession.

Over 2,000 teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents, and other school personnel from the fourteen counties comprising the district will attend the meeting.

Section meeting speakers will include two from Black Mountain: Miss Lou Lindsey, for classroom teachers, and Mrs. Edith Metcalf Bryan at the elementary education section.

W. L. Barkby, Canton, will preside over the general session at Lee H. Edwards auditorium. Other district officers are Hazel S. Sprinkle, Mars Hill, vice president; Mrs. Belle Ratcliffe, Waynesville, secretary; and Mrs. Edna F. Rogers, Waynesville, NCEA director.

Dr. Lyman Ginger, junior past president of NEA, will deliver the principal address at the general session. Dr. Ginger is dean of the department of education, University of Kentucky.

Others to appear on the general session program are: Mrs. Belle F. Ratcliffe, supervisor, Haywood County schools, Waynesville; W. P. Griffin, principal, Lee H. Edwards High school, Asheville; Glenn Robertson, NCEA president, principal, Beulah High school, Mount Airy; Mrs. Edna F. Rogers, NCEA western district director, Allen's Creek school, Waynesville; Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, Raleigh; Mrs. Ethel Perkins Edwards, executive secretary, NCEA, Raleigh; and Earl C. Funderburk, superintendent, Asheville City schools, NEA director, Asheville. —Turn to Page 8

**Many Dignitaries Attend Service for Rev. W. Williams**

Last rites for Rev. Wayne W. Williams, 63, former pastor of the First Baptist church, Black Mountain, retired U. S. army chaplain and one of this section's most enthusiastic outdoorsmen, were held Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13, in the First Baptist church, Asheville.

The Rev. W. A. Huneycutt, pastor of the First Baptist church, Black Mountain, and Chaplain Deyo Williams of Oteen VA hospital, officiated. Burial was in Lewis Memorial park with military rites at the grave.

Palbearers were Dr. G. F. Prather, Dr. James I. Cornwell, J. G. Northcott, Bill Shope, A. E. —Turn to Page 5

**GOAL SET BY COLLEGE ALUMNAE FOR A "LIVING ENDOWMENT"**

Goal of a living endowment program by alumnae for Montreat college is announced as an additional \$1000 by Dec. 15 and total pledges of \$6250 by Commencement day next spring.

Sponsors of the project, with Elizabeth S. Hoyt acting as co-ordinator, explain that the latter sum represents "annually the interest at two and one-half per cent on an endowment of one quarter million dollars. You can do it," she tells alumnae in a current bulletin addressed to former students. She urges them also to write and talk "to Montreat college friends about the living endowment."

**JESSE JOLLY'S MOTHER DIES IN MISSISSIPPI**

Mrs. Will M. Jolly, lifelong resident of Okolona, Miss., mother of Jesse Jolly of Black Mountain, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Okolona Community hospital, after having been hospitalized for two weeks following a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly and daughter, Susan, returned to Black Mountain last week after having attended funeral services on Sept. 5.

The late Mrs. Jolly was the former Miss Fannie Gaskin. She was born and reared in Okolona. She would have been 89 in November. In 1943 Mr. Jolly preceded her in death. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Carrie Brand and Miss Mabel Jolly of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Lee Corley and Miss Myrtle Jolly; and by another son, Landers G. Jolly of Memphis, Tenn. She also leaves nine grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

**'Operation Youth' Seeks Firms' Gifts**

**Pledges to Date At \$1500 Mark**



Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire

Many times a visitor to sessions of the United Nations, and a constant and interested student of its organization, and the functions and the possibilities it offers for solution of international problems, Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire will give an address on the UN as a major feature of the Black Mountain Business and Professional Women's club's week-long observance of "National Business and Professional Women's Week" here in October. Annual United Nations day also comes in October.

The week's observance locally will open with attendance of the club in a body at morning services at the Methodist church on Sunday, Oct. 5. Mrs. Aleshire's address will be a feature of a dinner and program on the following evening, Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Monte Vista hotel. (Members are asked to make personal reservations for themselves and for husbands who wish to attend, by calling Miss Ruth Gilbert (NO 9-8291) by the Saturday preceding the event, Oct. 4). Miss Gilbert is chairman, aided by Mrs. Laura O'Connor and Mrs. Helen Johnson on the public affairs committee which will sponsor the celebration. Members will meet to attend church services at the Methodist church at 10:45 a.m. on Oct. 5 in front of the church.

**Mayor Urges Observation of Constitution Week With D.A.R.**

The current week is designated as "Constitution Week" in a proclamation issued by Mayor Richard B. Stone of Black Mountain, at the request of Ruth Davidson and Edward Buncombe chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The DAR annually sponsors nationwide observance of the date. Local members of the organization are affiliated with these two chapters. This year's anniversary of Sept. 17 marks the 171st of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional convention.

The proclamation, announced here by Mrs. Walter Burgess of the Ruth Davidson chapter, sets forth this message under the signature of Mayor Stone and attested by R. T. Greene:

"WHEREAS, To accord official recognition to this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic exercise which will form a noteworthy feature of the occasion, seems fitting and proper; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation by the President of the United States of America designating Sept. 17 through 23 each year as Constitution Week;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard B. Stone, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Black Mountain in the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 1958 as "Constitution Week" in the City of Black Mountain, and urge all our citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantages of American citizenship."

**Clubs' "Finer Carolina" Chairmen Name Projects for Year**

Pledges and gifts totalling approximately \$1500, toward a goal of \$7500, were announced this week by sponsors of "Operation Youth" for which a financial campaign is being currently conducted in an effort to erect a permanent youth center for use of Black Mountain's young people.

This is a "Finer Carolina" project, one of those to be conducted in the community during the coming year. This week marked the first of the meetings for discussion under the new 1958-59 chairmanship of Chairman Max Woodcock of the over-all community sponsorship of various "Finer Carolina" projects during the coming year. The meeting, held at City Hall on Monday night, was attended by "Finer Carolina" chairmen representatives from the various clubs in the community, from whom reports were heard on the projects they plan to sponsor.

Financial reports on the campaign progress of "Operation Youth" included announcement of 11 gifts and pledges of the sum of \$100 or more. These sponsors comprise: M. E. Head, \$100; Kiwanis club of Black Mountain, \$200; R. Carl Bowness, chairman of Operation Youth, Inc., \$100; Lance's Esso service, pledge of \$100; Tyson Furniture Co., pledge of \$100; Western Auto Associate store, pledge of \$100; Uzzell's Rex-all Drug store, pledge of \$100; Key City Pharmacy, pledge of \$100; Black Mountain Lumber Co., \$100; Knight's Pharmacy, pledge of \$100.

Rev. William A. Huneycutt, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. John L. McWhorter, pas —Turn to Page 4

**Democratic Bar-B-Q and Rally Here on Oct. 25**

"Everybody from Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Broad River and Oteen townships is invited to attend" a free barbecue and Democratic rally on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 25, at Owen High school, the general chairman for the program, Mayor Richard B. Stone of Black Mountain, announced today.

The barbecue supper will be served from 6 to 8 p.m., and at the latter hour there will be a speaker of national reputation, Chairman Stone said.

**Local Hosiery Mill Has Annual Outing**

The Black Mountain Hosiery Mill held its annual picnic for employees and their families Saturday, Sept. 13, at "Intheoaks."

Various recreational facilities were available and many enjoyed bowling, swimming and golf. The group also enjoyed guided tours of the estate, which is now a WNC Episcopal diocese center.

This affair, to which both the management and employees look forward, was quite a success in attendance and participation, the sponsoring committee reported.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUPPER**

The First Christian church will hold its church-wide supper Wednesday evening, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. All friends of the church are extended an invitation to attend. There will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST REVIVAL TO OPEN**

The First Free Will Baptist church will begin revival services Sunday night, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. The Rev. E. L. Beachboard, pastor, extends a cordial welcome to the public to attend. There will be special singing during the revival.

**CO-WORKERS CLASS HOST TO CRUSADERS**

Members of the Crusaders class of the Methodist church will be guests of the Co-Workers class at its regular monthly covered dish supper meeting Friday evening at 6:30 in the fellowship hall of the church. Members of both classes and their friends are cordially invited to come and bring a dish of their choice, the committee in charge states.



Miss Ruby Harrison and Patrick Wagner were wed in a double-ring ceremony Sunday, Aug. 31, in Bennettsville, S. C. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harrison of Swannanoa, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wagner of Altoona, Pa.