

What's Goin' . . . At Owen

By Nancy DuPuy

During the past week the various classes at Owen High school have been electing officers. Nominations were made by secret ballot and run-offs were held.

The seniors are very proud to announce as their officers for this year: Dean Ledbetter, president; Sue Smith, vice president; Mary Bannerman, secretary; and Mary Ann Ballard, treasurer.

Bill Horne is president of the famed junior class; Robert Brown is vice president; Wilma Hall, secretary; and Emilie Alexander, treasurer.

For the sophomore class, Jackie Hughes is president; Dennis Sumner, vice president; Emese Soos, secretary; and Bruce Clapp, treasurer.

President of the freshman class is David Snipes; Dean Brown, vice president; Kay Greene, secretary; and Donald Harwood, treasurer.

After business was taken care of at the F.T.A. meeting on Jan. 14, the club sponsor, Miss Nancy Wrenn, distributed the state F.T.A. newsletter and told of scholarship and loan opportunities open to those interested in teaching. Then the girls and boys took a "test" to determine their aptitude for teaching. Each person answered the questions as he himself judged his qualities to be.



They decided that some would have trouble teaching, but it was encouraging for most of them.

An interesting event happened recently to one of our teachers, Mrs. Hazel Wilson. She had been planning for some time to buy an electric skillet. She gathered material, shopped around, and debated what to do. Finally, last week she decided to go ahead and order it from the salesman who comes to the school. Then a couple of nights ago, she and her husband went to the Owen Credit union where door prizes were being given away. They were quite surprised when Mr. Wilson won an electric skillet!

A Y-Teen club is being organized at Owen. Those interested after school recently to get the club started. Mrs. William Klein from Warren Wilson college, spoke on the purposes and possibilities of such an organization, saying members would be granted all privileges at the YWCA. We are hoping that the Owen Credit officers and become an outstanding club at Owen.

We are still enjoying books from the Science library. Our second shipment will be sent on to the next school and we will receive our third group next week.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed a "hypnotist" program presented at school Jan. 14. Preston, an instructor of hypno-therapy, first performed a "vanishing bird cage" act. Delores Pope and Joyce Hutchins, who helped in this received souvenirs for their part, one, a paper hat; the other, a pair of fancy paper pants, that matched, no less! When Preston asked for volunteers, there were many enthusiasts, but each wanted the others to go. A few simple tests found the ones who would be the best subjects. And then the fun began! Wendall Brown made a lovely hula dancer (complete with grass skirt and lei). Patty Byrd took on the role of a romantic Marilyn Monroe and Lloyd Moore, a dramatic Elvis Presley.

Mack Kirkpatrick made an amazing speech and told a few jokes. Other participants were Adelaide Clark, Jackie Jarrett, Donnie Ballard, Armilda McKinney, and Avery Allen.

We have some here at Owen who love school so much that they come even when it is closed. Mrs. Margaret Carr, for one! She and several students came prepared for work last Monday when many of the roads were so slick that county schools were closed. If only more were so enthusiastic!

Mountain Musings

By Gene Byrd

There wasn't room for my column Jan. 15. If, perchance, I have one or two "gentle readers," please don't censure the editor, the ads are the bread and butter and we want the News to continue a long time. Since my musings are not especially dated, these efforts will be used as befit the occasion and the space.

I might have felt worse last week over the omission of the column had not Kidd Brewer's "Raleigh Round-up" also been omitted. Not only is this column of great interest but the man who writes it is a colorful character, indeed. He was an all-Southern fullback at Duke in the early thirties and scored the winning touchdown against Carolina in his senior year. He later coached football very successfully at Appalachian.

The name, Kidd, is merely a cover for the omission of the Pierce Oliver Brewer, if my memory and information serve me correctly. He also bears the honor of being the only man to hit a home-run off my pitching in my official softball pitching career. I had asked me to attend my softball and my team drew the formidable faculty team in its first assignment. Since no one else would pitch, I had to. I lasted two innings, in which I gave up four runs. The clincher came when Brewer lofted a long fly to centerfield, on which my center-fielder first ran in and then backpedaled desperately, too late to catch the well-hit ball that rolled all the way to Kraut creek. That was 21 years ago, and no one else has asked me to pitch since.

I would like to extend my sympathy to the bereaved family of "Uncle" Joe Reese. Mr. Reese was one of the most colorful people in our valley. I used to converse with him at the little store that used to stand just outside the Montreat gate. I met him on North Fork when he was young and, especially, when he used to stay with the "Old Man" Lewis Ingram as he called him, were most interesting. I always wanted to hear him pick a banjo, but this never seemed to extend my sympathy to the bereaved family of "Uncle" Joe Reese. Mr. Reese was one of the most colorful people in our valley. I used to converse with him at the little store that used to stand just outside the Montreat gate. I met him on North Fork when he was young and, especially, when he used to stay with the "Old Man" Lewis Ingram as he called him, were most interesting. I always wanted to hear him pick a banjo, but this never seemed to extend my sympathy to the bereaved family of "Uncle" Joe Reese. Mr. Reese was one of the most colorful people in our valley. I used to converse with him at the little store that used to stand just outside the Montreat gate. I met him on North Fork when he was young and, especially, when he used to stay with the "Old Man" Lewis Ingram as he called him, were most interesting. I always wanted to hear him pick a banjo, but this never seemed to extend my sympathy to the bereaved family of "Uncle" Joe Reese.

HORSEPOWER HORSE SENSE

by DUDLEY WILLKENS

A friend of mine who just bought a new car dropped by the other night—with the car, of course.

He took me for a ride on a new expressway recently completed and opened up his gleaming new package of horsepower. "Just feel that pick-up! Look at this acceleration!" he said gleefully.

I reminded him I thought new cars had to be broken in gradually. "Nonsense, horse and buggy stuff. Doesn't apply to these new cars," he replied.

Well, my friend is making what I think is a very common mistake these days. I hope he may avoid a big repair bill in a couple of months, but a letter that came to my desk this morning tells a different story.

It's a circular of the Carter Consumer Service, a public service information agency, operated by the country's largest independent maker of automotive fuel systems.

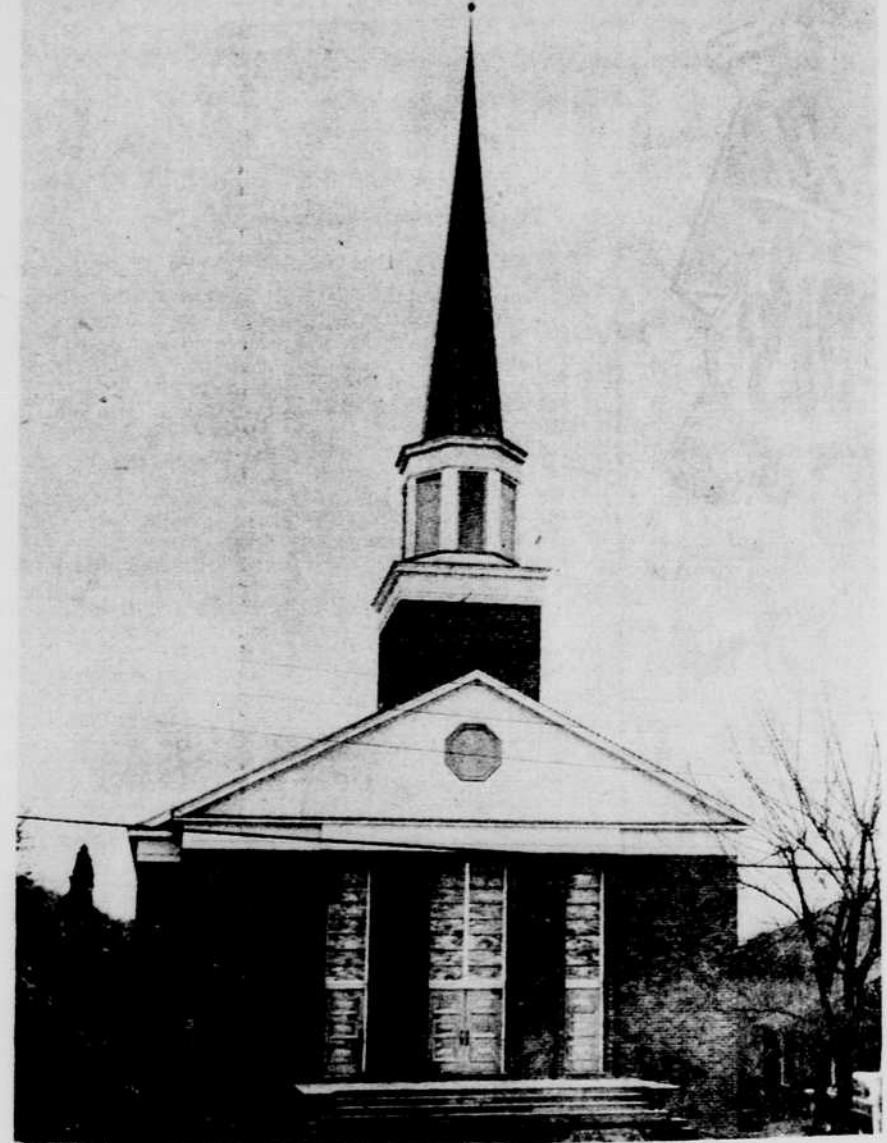
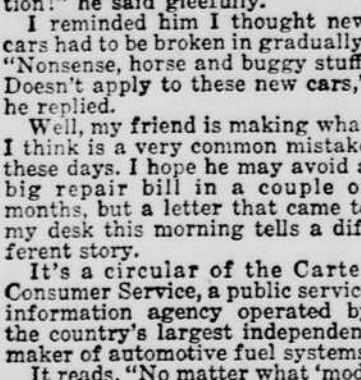
It reads: "No matter what 'modern' theories you hear, your new car should be broken in carefully the first 2000 miles. Working parts need to be seated properly—while well lubricated to avoid scoring and overheating."

It says that a new car should be used on the open road rather than in heavy traffic. A suggested procedure is to warm it up at about 35 miles per hour. Then speed up to 40.

Every few minutes accelerate to 50 MPH and release the gas pedal. Let the car return to 40 MPH for another few minutes. This puts just enough load on the engine to help parts seat themselves.

Don't make like Barney Oldfield when you take the wheel of your new car. Follow the new car instructions the automobile manufacturer gives.

Sound like good horsepower horse sense to me.



—Photo by Darby

Sunday, Feb. 1, will bring the opening day programs of the new First Baptist church at Swannanoa. The beautiful Colonial brick structure shown above is scheduled to be the setting for dedication services at 10:30 a.m. on that date.

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Back to Brother Reese, he was the son of the late J. K. and Julia Cordell Reese. His grandfather, Banks Cordell, was once a very substantial citizen of Bee Tree, and he was a nephew of Joe Cordell, a famous old-time Baptist preacher. The Reeses and Cordells constitute a numerous and worthy clan.

I wonder how many of us have ever stopped and meditated over the wonderful service rendered to our valley by Ray Harrison. From my observation over a long span of time, he goes the "second mile" in kind consideration to bereaved families regardless of financial or social conditions. Not only that, he helps the officiating ministers do their best by putting them at ease.

My wife and I have just decided to nickname our oil heater, "Furnace," then we can boast of having a furnace heat.

In view of this cold weather, I about ready to adopt the expedient of an old couple I once knew in Boone. When I asked them how they kept from freezing, and Boone at five below with the wind blowing, they told me they told me that it was very simple. They slept on one featherbed and under two more and were perfectly comfortable. The old gentleman once put me in my place in the field of religion but that is another story. I wonder how many of my readers remember sleeping on featherbeds during the winter months.

Before January gets away, I want to extend belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Cora Dula who attained the age of 79 on January 1. "Miss Cora" is one of our finest, sweetest inhabitants of this valley; her ancestors were among the first to come into the area. Anyone who could nurse their mother and then an only daughter as they succumbed to the dread disease of cancer and retain the outlook that this woman has must be accounted among the "salt of the earth." Mrs. Dula says that the famous Tom Dula of "White Oak" fame, probably was one of her late husband's relatives. Mountain people pronounce the name Dula often as "Dooley." Of course, according to the census of 1850, a Thomas Dooley aged 41 lived in Buncombe county, but he doesn't sound romantic enough. I had a great basketball forward once nicknamed "Dooley."

"No doubt my space quota. I'm abusing. So, I'll stop, for now, this Mountain Musing."

Industry Shows Great Growth In State During '58

North Carolina's efforts to strengthen and diversify its industrial development program on a state-wide basis reached new heights during 1958 with \$253,074,000 invested in new and expanded facilities.

The quarter billion dollars invested in new plants and expansions announced by Governor Luther H. Hodges today topped any other calendar or fiscal year in history. In addition to new investment records, the governor said the total number of new projects, payrolls and employees added were greater this year than the previous record year of 1957.

The record industrial development period just ended was made possible by 423 new and expanded facilities which provided 21,757 new jobs, with an annual payroll of \$72,635,000. Percentage-wise, this was a 32.48% increase in investments over 1957, a 34.06% increase in jobs made available and a 35.23% increase in payrolls.

Careful food preparation helps assure good eating.

Grand View Terrace had as dinner guests last Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mashburn.

—The Villa Carlotta in the Lake Como region of Italy has a relief frieze, "The triumph of Alexander," which was sculpted in 1811 by order of Napoleon.

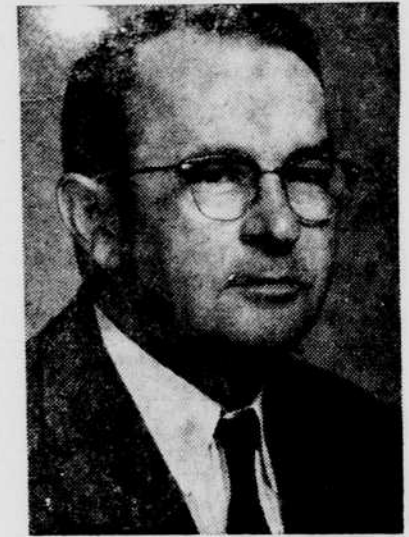
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"Pappy" Morrow and M. E. Rondel will furnish the entertainment when the Lions will assemble tonight for their regular meeting at the Monte Vista. It was learned today from Bulletin Editor H. W. Sanders and program Chairman Bill Hickey.

Mrs. Carter Uzzell spent several days last week in Greenville, S. C., with Mrs. Robert Quillen.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Huneycutt have returned from Pompano, Fla., where they spent several weeks basking in the sun and fishing.

Ronald E. Finch has returned from Winston-Salem where he attended a board of trustees meeting of North Carolina Baptist hospital.

Troy Fortner was named guncolor of Black Mountain Council No. 145 at the election of officers held at the Jr. Order hall Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMurray attended the showing for dealers of the new 1949 Chevrolet in Atlanta on January 15.

At a recent meeting of Rhododendron Camp No. 196, Woodmen of the World, Harry Gray was elected Consul-Commander for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ledford, Mrs. Jenie Padgett and daughter Gail of Asheville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mashburn.

Harry N. Atkins has been transferred from the A&P store here to the A&P Super Market on Biltmore avenue in Asheville.

Circle No. 2 of the Methodist church met Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, at the home of Miss Louise Simmons on New Bern ave.

Mrs. Clifford Longcoy was hostess to Circle 1 of the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, at her home on the Montreat road.

Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb entertained with an informal tea Thursday afternoon at her home "Grey Gables."

Howard Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins, is home on a ten-day furlough. Howard is stationed in Wichita Falls, Tex.

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