

Co-operation Is a Pretty Word

Black Mountain has hit the headlines in a big way in the last week — from Owen's third successful basketball championship tourney in Buncombe county — and Mayor Richard B. Stone's reception of a second "Man of the Year" award this season — to Black Mountain's newly won community honors as "Town of the Month" in the Carolinas "Finer Carolina" program. Every participant deserves well-won commendation.

Behind one of those headlines is a quiet and not-too-often demonstrated record of achievement in community affairs — the plans of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Lions club to co-operate with the

ously planned "Finer Carolina" efforts of the Woman's club to beautify their home town.

Co-operation is often the most difficult of human endeavors—the desirable faculty of working together toward one common end. So an extra bow goes to the C. of C. and the Lions in their plans to co-operate in an annual "clean-up and paint-up" campaign with the Woman's club under "Finer Carolina" efforts, which is already in progress. Through this concurrent effort our town is bound to benefit by results more effective than if each individual group should see fit to go it alone in such a project. This is real community team-work.

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Kidd Brewer's Raleigh Roundup

VARIOUS DIRECTIONS—What about the 1959 Legislature as it moves toward the end of its first month of action?

Ask 50 people and you get 50 widely varying answers. But informants seem to agree on a few basic statements.

Feeling is that the first-termers are hogging the spotlight. Ordinarily, the freshman waits until he knows his way around a little and makes a few friends who can help him when his bill runs into trouble. Not so this time. The stable, older members—some of them nationally known and others with long years of legal training and experience back of them—are quietly studying the scene while those here for the first time seem to be riding off in all directions.

Despite what you may hear to the contrary, the races for speakership in the House and for president pro tem in the Senate have apparently left dissension and slow-healing wounds. Now this is particularly true over in the House.

CALL GIRLS—We hear that the machinery in the House under the capable and veteran leadership of Chief Clerk Annie Cooper is not functioning up to this time as smoothly as in past sessions under her guidance. There have been instances of short tempers and bad humor within the past few days in the give-and-take of House legislative mechanics handled by Mrs. Cooper's big staff of female clerks and male pages and messenger boys and what-have-you.

Most of the girls are housed in another building some two blocks from the Capitol in a sort of stenographic pool near the new and modern motor pool. Informed they would be contacted there by telephone as needed for special House work, some of the ladies laughingly referred to themselves as "call girls." We are advised this bit of joking burned Mrs. Cooper to a crisp and she spared no words in letting the clerks know of her displeasure. Our prediction is that the situation has cleared up considerably by this time.

HOW THEY STAND—Our word is that in the House there are now 65 solid votes out of the 120 against any administration item regarded as being the least bit on the controversial side. Over in the Senate, they say that 20 of the 50 members will follow blindly the wishes of the Governor, with the remaining 30 leaning neither for nor against the administration.

TAX BILLS—In past years, you could hear members of the Legislature in early days of the session complaining and growling about the new taxes proposed by a Governor in his revenue message. "My folks back home just won't stand for any more taxes," they would say. "Why can't we come to Raleigh just one time without having to face new taxes?" they would ask.

And so this time they came, they listened, and for the first time in the memory of most of them, their governor asked for not one dime in new revenue. The impossible so long last had happened, the millennium had settled about them like a warm, dollar-studded shroud. You would think the legislators would be delirious with glee. One session without new taxes! But— I kid you not, as Jack Paar would say—before the session was 20 days of age upwards of a half-dozen far-reaching money bills had been introduced out of the clear blue. These measures would raise your taxes \$25,000,000 per year.

OLD HAND—No governor in our recollection has gone into his last session of the General Assembly with so ambitious a program as Luther Hodges. While you might doubt his judgment, you must admire his spunk. His appointive powers are gone, his new-face days are far-spent, and he's

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Free Will Baptist

Rev. Fred Hall will speak at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the church.

The combined choirs of the church met at the church Monday night under direction of Rev. Fred Hall.

The Boys' Bible club will meet Thursday afternoon at 4:30 under direction of Rev. Hall. This is for boys 9 through 12. All boys of the community are invited to attend.

First Baptist Activities

The R. A.'s and the Brotherhood met together Tuesday night for a supper in the church basement.

A Training Union study course on "Soul Winning" will be taught at the church each night March 9-13.

The Kathleen Mallory and the Flare Wadlets circles met at the church Tuesday night, Feb. 17, with 15 present. Mrs. J. W. Teems taught from the book, "Ways of Witnessing." Mrs. Lester Miller and Mrs. Jean Ramsey were co-hostesses. They served coffee, punch, and apple pie in the home of Mrs. Sylvania Dodson.

The Virginia Fowler circle met at the church Tuesday, Feb. 17. Plans were made to take "sunshine" to the home of Mrs. H. R. Patton, Jr. Mrs. Clarence Brank, Mrs. Noel Wilhide, Mrs. Thelma Gash, Mrs. Reagan Reed, Mrs. Sylvania Dodson, Mrs. T. C. Cole and Mrs. J. W. Teems. The next meeting will be a birthday luncheon at the home of Mrs. Sylvania Dodson.

The General W. M. S. is planning a kitchen and a nursery show on Tuesday night, March 3, at 7:30. All women of the church are invited to attend.

The Lottie Moon circle met at the home of Mrs. H. S. Engle Tuesday night, Feb. 17. Mrs. Elizabeth McPeters taught. Attending were Mrs. Gertrude Allen, Elizabeth McPeters, Roselle Noblitt, Dorothy Engle and Lillian Penley.

The Willing Workers circle met at the church with the Elizabeth Hale circle Tuesday night, Feb. 17. Mission study was on "Ways of Witnessing." Mrs. Fred Davidson spoke on Indians, and Mrs. Clarence Reed gave a talk on "Mountain Missions." Eleven members were present. Plans were made to finish studying the last three chapters on the mission study. These two circles will meet together at the next meeting in the basement of the church.

The Lucy Wright circle met with Mrs. Amos Ledford Tuesday, Feb. 17, on Richmond avenue. Mrs. Bernice Robertson taught two chapters on "Ways of Witnessing." Plans were made to send "sunshine" to the home of Mrs. Sylvania Dodson.

The W. M. U. executive met at the church Tuesday night in the basement.

The Cub Scouts will have a banquet Thursday at 6:30 at the Community building.

Style Show
The Swannanoa Woman's club will present a fashion show at the clubhouse in Government at 8 p.m. Friday for the benefit of the library project of the "Finer Carolina" program. Mrs. M. C. Council of Efford, will direct the event.

The Garden club group will present a fashion event of costumes 25 to 100 years old found in local attics and trunks and worn by nine women from the club.

A 30-minute talent show will be presented. Women in the fashion show will be Mrs. James Patton, Mrs. Henry Franklin, Jr., Mrs. T. W. Folsom, Mrs. Holly Hipp, Mrs. Melvin Hopson, Mrs. James Parks, Mrs. Arvid Buckner, Mrs. W. W. Corn, Mrs. Maurice Jones, Mrs. Robert Reising, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Mrs. John Kelly and Mrs. Sam Alexander.

Jr. Deputy Meeting
The weekly meeting of Buncombe County Junior Deputy Sheriffs and Juniorettes has been announced by Sheriff Laurence E. Brown. The meeting will be at the Swannanoa school at 1:45 p.m. Presbyterian Activities

Men of the First Presbyterian church met Tuesday evening for a covered-dish supper. A program on missions was led by Talmadge Burnette. Louis Joyner presided and conducted devotions. Twenty men attended the meeting.

"Ways of Prayer and Self-Denial" is being observed at the church. The church is having prayer meetings on Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. for women, and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. for men. The regular prayer meeting will be Wednesday night on a panel discussion on the Middle East by some students from Warren Wilson college, led by Miss Marion McKechnie, a teacher at Warren Wilson.

Youth Group
The Greater Asheville Inter-group Youth Conference met last Thursday night at the YWCA in observance of "National Brotherhood Week." The program included a film, singing and skits. Participants from various high schools included Miss Eloise Noah, of Swannanoa, Owen High school, who was in charge of refreshments, Nazarene Revival.

The Rev. James T. Hokada, Japanese-American from Honolulu, Hawaii, is to be evangelist at the First Church of the Nazarene, Church and Park streets.

Mr. Hokada, a converted Buddhist, will speak on his conversion, "From Buddhism to Christianity," in one of the services. He attended Trevecca Nazarene college in Nashville, Tenn., and also Bethany Nazarene college, Bethany, Okla. He served with the U. S. Army during World War II. In 1952 and 1953 he did missionary work in Hawaii. The pastor of the church, Rev. Paul Stoney, cordially invites you to attend.

The meeting will run from Feb. 25 to March 8. Services will begin at 7:30.

Personals
Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Askew, and son Eddie, left for Washington, D.

OBITUARIES

William E. Duckett

William E. Duckett, 76, a native and lifelong resident of Buncombe county and a resident of the Bee Tree section for the past 47 years, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, in an Asheville hospital following a lingering illness.

He was a retired guard of Beacon Manufacturing Co., and a former railroad engineer for Bee Tree Lumber Co.

Services were held Friday afternoon in the Bee Tree Christian church of which he was a former deacon and member. The Rev. Bruce Nay and the Rev. George Talbot officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Amanda Lovin Duckett, three sons, the Rev. Paul Duckett of Leaksville, the Rev. Fred Duckett of South Hill, Va., Carl Duckett of Huntsville, Ala.; four daughters, Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. Jack Edwards of Bee Tree, Mrs. Ed Lentz of Marion and Mrs. Jim Elliott of Winston-Salem; and 14 grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were: Sam Brank, Jim Adams, E. A. Coggins, H. G. Reese, Mac Carson and L. L. Bartlette.

Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

Michael N. Frizzell

Services were held Sunday afternoon Feb. 22, in the Groveside Baptist church for Michael N. Frizzell, infant son of Sgt. Bobby N. Frizzell of the U. S. Air Force and Mrs. Frizzell, who died Feb. 8, in Turkey.

The father is stationed in Turkey. The Rev. Mark Pittman officiated and burial was in Mountain View Memorial park.

In addition to the parents, the child is survived by a sister, Vicki Frizzell; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frizzell of Asheville RFD 5, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Allen of Oteen.

Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

Miss Mary I. Tipton

Last rites for Miss Mary Ida Tipton, 83, of Montreat road, were held Thursday, Feb. 19, in the chapel of Harrison Funeral home with the Rev. Stanley Bennett, pastor of Montreat Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial was in Hernando, Miss.

Miss Tipton died Wednesday in an Asheville hospital following a long illness. She had been a resident of Black Mountain since 1923, and was a retired missionary school teacher, having taught for 25 years in home mission schools.

She was also a former faculty member in Montreat and Black Mountain schools.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Jessie P. Tipton of Black Mountain; two brothers, J. C. Tipton of Hiawasse, Ga., and Dr. S. P. Tipton of North Hollywood, Calif.; 17 nephews and 10 nieces.

Pallbearers were Clarence Worley, Jack Beckwith, William Griffin, Clyde Stubbs, Clyde Watkins, E. E. White, Dr. Carl Snyder and Dr. L. Nelson Bell.

Miss Ruth Merrick

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 25, in the chapel of Morris-Hendon-Black Funeral home, Asheville, for Miss Ruth Elizabeth Merrick, 56, of Montreat, who died Monday afternoon in an Asheville hospital after an illness of several months.

The Rev. L. Stanley Bennett, pastor of Montreat Presbyterian church, officiated. Burial was in Riverside cemetery, Asheville.

Miss Merrick, former acting postmaster at Montreat, was a teacher in the Buncombe county schools, more recently at Swannanoa and North Buncombe. She was a graduate of Brenau college and a member of the First Presbyterian church here.

Miss Merrick was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Merrick of Asheville. A native of Spring City, Tenn., she was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Her brother, Frank, a sergeant, died while in service in World War I. Cousins are the closest survivors.

RICKETTS FAMILY ARTISTS FOR FEB. 28 AND MAR. 6

The Ricketts family gave a program of dance and vocal numbers during a banquet at the Sky club, Asheville, last Saturday night. Frieda Ricketts, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ricketts, presented Hawaiian dances. Romeo Ricketts, with his sister, Miss Juliette Ricketts, and Miss Eunice Dotson, sang several popular songs. They were accompanied at the piano by their mother, Mrs. W. E. Colvin.

This group will entertain the Moose club, Asheville, March 6.

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executions following in its wake was made by Miss Blanca Reinoso. Isaq Anarsi of Jordan, for seven years in his country's income tax department, stationed in Jerusalem, a sophomore here, expressed the hope that the "refugee problem" will be solved as soon as possible.

He indicated his belief that some Marshall plan Point 4 effectiveness had been lost in administration of the programs, in such things "as salaries, fences, new roads," while the real need, he said, is for establishment of "more factories in which employment could enable our refugees to help themselves."

There are no senior colleges as we know them, he explained, education is hard and expensive to achieve.

Arun Preedidok of Thailand, who served four years there in the Department of Education, by which he was sent here to school, traced the history of relationship between his home country and the United States. He asked that more scholarships be established that "we may better come to know the ways of the United States and of democracy." He said this would be the most effective way of combating pressures put upon Thailand by Communism and added, "Although my country and the US are miles apart geographically, they are very close in spirit."

Miss Reinoso, a sophomore majoring in political science, reminded: "After our bloody revolution, there is scarcely a home that is not saddened by the death of a loved one. In the executions which have

When Irwin Belk of Mecklenburg took the floor last week to introduce guests from Charlotte, he announced that there were four he wished to recognize. He named three, then stopped and, with a puzzled expression on his face, turned and looked long and hard at the place where they were sitting in the rear of the hall.

Then the identity of the fourth person hit him right square in the face: "And my wife," he almost shouted in his relief at remembering the rest of the delegation.

Craig Was Good Player
T. E. Story of Wilkes county, remembers George Craig, president of the Swannanoa bank, as a tough man to handle in intra-mural sports at Chapel Hill.

"I was short and heavy, but I remember him especially for the power he had when he hit me in the stomach with his head," Mr. Story recalls: "I can still feel my bones rattle when I think of those games we had between the classes."

Governor's Breakfast
At a breakfast last Friday morning given by Governor and Mrs. Hodges for a group of legislators, the governor told the waiters:

"Start serving up at this end of the table on each side of me. If you run out of ham and anybody is left out this time, I want them to be as far from me as possible and at the other end of the table."

The reason: At the first breakfast the man sitting on the governor's left, kept rubbing his hands and saying: "I just can't wait until they get around to me with that ham. I'm starved. It looks and smells so good."

But he did have to wait. In fact he waited several days. The ham ran out, not as it was supposed to with the last man, but at the man next to the last. Thus, the careful instructions as to where the serving was to start.

But the governor need not have worried. There was plenty to go around. Being in the middle, I had no worries anyway. I ate more than my share of ham, biscuits, red gravy, grits, apples fried in deep syrup, two or three kinds of jelly, and toast.

Maybe that's where that extra poundage came from.

Has Aunt Living Here
I was surprised to learn last week that the photographers making the pictures for the legislature are nieces of Mrs. J. K. Peterson of Black Mountain. They are Mrs. Hallie Siddell and Mildred M. Garner.

REFLECTIONS—

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ing to read each page with meticulous care.

This crown tax, estimated to produce upward of \$20 million in new revenue, stands high on the list of those measures favored at the present. Of course many things can and will happen before the speaker raps his gavel and announces in a serious tone:

"The bill will now be read the third time. This will be a roll call vote. Those in favor answer 'Aye' when your name is called. Those opposed, 'No.' The clerk will call the roll."

I didn't know until informed by Thad Eure at a morning class for greenhorns that roll call vote is required when money is being spent or new taxes levied. That is to prevent some of us from voting yes and then swearing we voted no when you folks here at home call us on the carpet.

—R—
Legislative Notes
Last week I, with the other committee members on prisons, visited and Central Prison for men and the Women's Prison. It was educational, and most of us were surprised at the training schools being conducted at each.

At Central Prison the men have the opportunity to learn several trades, including printing, brick laying, cooking, woodworking, and others. We stopped by to watch as they stamped out license plates for next year, then followed the plates through the various steps until they came out finished products and were carefully slipped into the paper containers, just the way they'll be when you buy them next year. In case you're interested, they'll be black numbers with a yellow background in 1960.

I considered slipping a set of plates under my coat but thought better of it when a prisoner running a linotype said he had been on the same machine for five years. They kept their eye on us so close that I couldn't even sneak a bar of the "Pine State" soap in my pocket. I never did figure out whether they were watching the visitors or the prisoners.

The committee on prisons is studying and has under consideration the possibility of establishing additional schools or training courses in the prisons so that more men and women will have a chance to learn a trade. They would not make products to compete with private industry but would sell only to other state institutions.

This would save the state money. But the greatest advantage would be in the training given the prisoners. It would help them when they are released to become adjusted. Strange to say there is opposition.

—R—
Plenty of Bananas
The story of what's now being served from Room 215 at the Sir Walter, appearing in last Sunday's Charlotte Observer, brought immediate response from Jim Graham of Farmers' Market in Raleigh. He and the Austin Fruit Co. sent over 40 pounds of delicious bananas, fresh off the boat, to my room last Tuesday morning and left a note promising: "When you get low on bananas, just call. We'll keep you supplied throughout the entire session."

No Road Into State
Norwood M. Ansell, Currituck county representative in the legislature, is the only member who has to travel through another state to get to Raleigh. From his home on Knotts Island, Mr. Ansell has to go through two counties of Virginia to reach North Carolina. There is no road from the state to the northeast part of Currituck county where he lives.

But the school children up in that part of the state really have a rough time. It is 47 miles from their home to school. They make the round trip (94 miles) by bus each day.

The genial gentleman from Currituck operates a farm, growing

followed the success of Castro's followers, Cuba is drawing criticism from the United States—but I must tell you that we do not here know all of the facts. If Americans did know them, they would change their minds. I myself had friends among students who were killed by Castro's opponents: in my home town many instruments of torture were used—fingernails torn out, eyes gouged until you could see piles of them on the ground. One confessed killer destroyed 50 people—another 30—in one night. The US needs to understand Cuba. Its citizens think of us as we appear in the movies—with our palm trees and romance. We, in turn, think Americans as rich, dominating, imperialistic—yet individual Americans whom we come to know, we like, despite some feeling against like, the government itself. The US and Cuba are dependent upon each other—the plain facts are that the US needs sugar. I think it is vitally important for American children to know more about the Latin-American nations, more than the movies tell—to learn the Spanish language and history—for they will be the leaders of tomorrow, and need to have a deeper interest and need to have about the next day than worrying about game. I believe the next thorough understanding Latin-America as a whole, realizing that the best means of adding that about such understanding is the establishment of more scholarships.

Miss Lillian Russell presided at the banquet for which decorations were in green and white, club colors, and flags representing nations in which B & PW clubs are located around the world. Eight of the nine past presidents who have served in the 10-year history of the local club were guests of honor, among them Mrs. Josephine Hickey, who reviewed the history of the club, Mrs. Harrie Danenhower, Mrs. Garnet Greenwood, Miss Pauline Tipton, Mrs. Gustavo Brown, Mrs. Laura O'Connor, and Miss M. Sanchez Mott, now district director. Miss Louise Sloan was unable to attend.

Honor guests also included the first vice president, Mrs. Stella Spencer of Lenoir; Miss Rachel McKay of Statesville, treasurer, and Mrs. Mary Sue Jarrett of Shelby. Delegations attended from clubs in Asheville, Brevard, Canton, Hendersonville, Murphy, Sylva, Waynesville, Bryson City and Statesville.

Mrs. Anne Higginbotham introduced two who have become local members in the past year: Mrs. Carolyn Kinser and Miss Dorothy Travis.

Invocation was by Miss Tipton; welcome by Miss Russell, who also made a decorated birthday cake in honor of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the local club. Miss Mott introduced Dr. Jensen, whose wife was also a guest.

The club, reminded that the "Federation is the largest national organization created to serve business and professional women" and "is the spokesman for the interests and needs of all business and professional women. It is national—international—it grows in stature each year.

"Today one in three women is a wage earner. At home, in the office, she may be combining enough chores to make a whirling dervish feel like a statue. We have made great strides in the last 40 years. What a field is before us in the next 40 years. How will we meas-

Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards of Swannanoa, Route 1, have a daughter born Feb. 19 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Headley of Dayton, O., announce the birth of a son Feb. 17. Mrs. Headley is the former Miss Willie Kerley of Black Mountain.

W. C. GREENE ILL IN FLA.
W. C. Greene of Black Mountain, after suffering a heart attack, is in Brevard hospital, Melbourne, Fla. The Greens have been spending the winter at their home in Eau Gallie. Mr. Greene is much improved, but must remain in the hospital for several weeks, his son, R. T. Greene, reported.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE
Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the estate of KATHERINE C. WICKER, late of Buncombe County, N. Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified at her home on the North Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina, on or before February 26th, 1960, or else this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 20th day of February, 1959.

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