

RICHARD A. WARD, Plaintiff,
vs.
BERNICE WARD, Defendant.

NOTICE
The above named defendant, Bernice Ward, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced and verified in the General County Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that the plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the General County Court of Buncombe County, in the Courthouse in Asheville, North Carolina, within thirty days after the 2nd day of May, 1959, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 1st day of April, 1959.
ZEBULON WEAVER, JR.,
Clerk of Superior Court, Buncombe County, North Carolina,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the General County Court.

April 9, 16, 23, 30, 1959.

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THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY urges us to fight this dread disease with a check-up and a check. Sounds like a smart idea to me. How about you?

Mountain Musings

By Gene Byrd

As I write this column this morning, a clear, bright, windy April morning, my emotions are somewhat conflicting. I cannot escape a sense of solid satisfaction as I look at God's handiwork, the beautiful yellow and red blooming shrubs, the cheery jonquils, the colorful banks of new life after the winter's sleep. Withal, there is a feeling of sadness for the loss of two friends, Mrs. Ella Byrd and Bob-bly Harrison, in the days just past. How well I know the sense of loss and desolation that comes to the family when a loved one departs this world.

Mrs. Ella Byrd, on her father's side, was descended from the old Fortune family, pioneer settlers of the Swannanoa Valley. Her grandfather, Squire Fletcher Fortune, a strong leader in the old Tabernacle church, at one time was one of the great landowners and slaveholders in the Valley. The present Tom Brown farm embraces the Fletcher Fortune home-

site. Ella Byrd's mother was a Hamby, the daughter of Thomas and Susan Lytle Hamby. Susan Lytle was connected with the Lytle family, for whom Lytle Cove was named. This family, with great connections in both Buncombe and McDowell counties, also furnished great leadership in the old Tabernacle church. Ella Byrd's husband, Tom Byrd, a leading citizen in this community, passed away a number of years back. I have had the privilege of teaching one of this couple's children, Sam, and a number of the grandchildren and their response has been good. The word in our community is that Tom and Ella Byrd raised a fine set of children and grandchildren.

Perhaps I should make a note of explanation to my readers that are unused to mountain customs. In this Valley, it is not considered a mark of disrespect to address an older person by the first name. In fact, I believe, two thoughts are conveyed. First, it is a mark of affection; secondly, people in this Valley do not grow old. There are people of my acquaintance who have passed the Biblical span insofar as chronological age is concerned, but they are not old in attitude, young. My! what wonderful people we have. I revel in the joy of their fellowship.

Our sympathy likewise is extended to Sara Pressley Harrison and her family. They have had so much to endure, and the untimely death of the husband and father a number of years back, the son and brother killed in an auto accident just a few years ago, and now Bobby's tragic accident. I was fond of Bobby. I first noticed him in the eighth grade at Black Mountain because he loved basketball so well. Later at Owen, he was in my classes and was an obedient and well-behaved boy; quite often he would ride with me to school in the mornings. On one occasion, Bobby helped me in some work at North Fork. As we worked together, his natural reserve broke down and he talked of what he hoped to do in life. Those were good hours together, and now he is dead. In him I sensed a hunger for something good in life, a longing for something he could not express. I think that is true in so many of our young people today.

Tomorrow, Sunday, God willing, the little Methodist church at Tabernacle will extend again, as so often in the past, its arms of comfort to grieving families. Again, as through the years the old hymns will be sung and the humble men of God will proclaim words of comfort and faith.

Bobby Harrison was descended from the man in whose home the old North Fork Baptist church was established in 1828. The Rev. Thos. Stradley, later founder of the present First Baptist church of Asheville, is reputed to have convened a meeting in the home of Eldredge Burnett for the purpose of establishing a church. The "Old Man Ellise Burnett" became, as Julie Walker said, the "main spoke" in the old church for years. Eldredge Burnett, who owned much land and several slaves, was the father of Alfred Burnett, who was the father of Maggie Pressley, who was the mother of Sara Harrison, the mother of Bobby. So descendants from pioneer neighbors will be buried from the same church on the same day.

The shocking news has just come to me of the accidental death of Mrs. Willa Evans in Black Mountain. Mrs. Evans was a member of the well known Hall family, daughter of the merchant "Lum" Hall, and sister to my good friend, Miss Annie Goodson. When I was a lad, her store was noted for its fine selection of goods, and in recent years, I have greatly admired her beautiful flowers. I feel cheated that I never knew her better. This ties in with the old Valley superstition that when you hear of one death in the community, you will soon hear of two more. Again, I express sympathy to more bereaved people in our midst.

Life is made up of sunshine and shadows. Right now, up and down the Valley, there are many palpitating hearts because tonight the juniors of Charles D. Owen High School are entertaining the seniors with a banquet and prom at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville. For some of our youngsters, this may be only the first of many social occasions; for some it will be one of the few times they will have this type of experience but to all it spells EXCITEMENT. Oh, the starry eyes of youth. (My wife and I are a little excited, too.) At least the etiquette books will get a work-out and that special feeling that comes from a dress up occasion will prevail.

A new expression of affection: Our little daughter, Jackie, has a fine case of the red measles. These have certainly made her feel bad. When, on Friday, the fever and itching had her most miserable, she cried so much for Daddy that I was called home from work a little early to take over for my sorely tired wife. As I hastened home and entered the bedroom, my little bestie's hands were already extended her arms to me. I inquired what the trouble was to be met by this response, "Daddy, I had a sickness for you." Well, a little rocking in my fat lap, a little singing of "Bye, O, Baby" to the tune of "Come Thy Fount," proved efficacious and soothing, healing speed descended upon our little one. At least she didn't say she was sick of me.

I'll bet Albert Cordell and Goro Burnett have some tales to tell about their Florida trip. I'll bet those good buddies wallowed in the "Fountain of Youth" to "beat the band", although I suspect they found that on the headwaters of the North Fork of the Swannanoa a long time ago.

So much talk, so very confusing, I'll have to rest this Mountain Musing.

OLD MASTERS AND MODERN ART SHOW AT N. C. MUSEUM

A W. R. Valentiner Memorial exhibition is now open to the public at the North Carolina Museum of Art April 7 through May 17, featuring more than 100 masterpieces of art lent by 31 major museums and private collectors throughout America, Europe and Canada.

The event will serve as a tribute to the Museum's first director, the late Dr. Valentiner, art historian and scholar. Among the works will be examples by the old masters, Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Titian, Tintoretto, Botticelli, Rubens, Van Dyck, El Greco, Velasquez, Holbein and modern artists, Monet, Gauguin, Matisse, Modigliani, and early sculptors, Donatello, Tino da Camino, Cellini, as well as moderns, Marino Marini, Henry Moore, Charles Despiau and John Flannagan. Admission is free.

Hours are Tuesdays, Saturdays, 10 a.m., 5 p.m.; Sundays, 2-6 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES INCREASE OVER '58

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. March 23, showed 238 killed this year, as compared with 185 killed to this date last year.

Overnight hotel stops and special side trips to points of interest will be made on the trip. The bus will leave Greensboro, Monday, May 25. It can accommodate 30 to 39 passengers. The tour will include New Orleans, Dallas, Big Springs, El Paso and Flagstaff, with tours of Carlsbad Caverns and Grand Canyon.

In California the group will visit

Miss Miller Feted At Shower Mar. 27

Miss Glenda Miller, bride-elect of Arno W. Stahle, was honored with a shower Friday night, March 27, at the home of Mrs. Deward Glenn. Games were played and refreshments served.

Those present were Mrs. Oliver Reese, Mrs. Neal Bartlett, Mrs. Harry Carland, Mrs. Jim Glenn, Mrs. Mary Carroll, Miss Shirley Stafford, Miss Brenda Glenn, Miss Dianne Miller, Mrs. Wayne Rayburn and Mrs. Tom Miller. Those unable to attend, but who sent gifts, were Mrs. C. C. Godfrey, Mrs. Phil Glenn, Mrs. R. W. Seawright, Mrs. Betty Wrenn, Mrs. Viola Creaman, Mrs. Leonard Swann, Mrs. Troy Fortner, Mrs. Robert Glenn, Mrs. Clarence Pegg, Mrs. June Glenn, Jr., Mrs. June Glenn, Sr., Mrs. Bill Fortune, Mrs. G. C. Carson and Mrs. Ben Reese.

N. C. Tour Will Go to General Federation Meet

A special tour from North Carolina to the General Federation of Women's clubs convention in Los Angeles in June will be made by chartered aid-conditioned bus, according to Mrs. Raymond T. Dent of Spruce Pine, state Federation president.

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