

	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 29	40	34	
Dec. 30	47	31	
Dec. 31	44	26	
Jan. 1	39	19	
Jan. 2	40	26	.06
Jan. 3	53	38	.40
Jan. 4	38	27	

REFLECTIONS

Gordon Greenwood

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Now that your resolutions have all been broken, which means for sure that the holiday is over, may we take this opportunity again to wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

May all your troubles be little ones.

—R—
IT WAS COLD!

The cold weather over the week-end brought back memories of the first year I spent in the Mid-West and stories pertaining thereto.

I well remember stepping out one morning and freezing my ears before I found that it was far below zero where it remained for days on end until all records were broken for Central Illinois. It was colder than even the natives remembered. Several years later I won a bowl of wheaties, topped with peaches, when I recalled that one morning during the "cold spell" in Champaign it was a cool 25 below zero.

During that period of blizzards roads were blocked by drifts which at one time covered rows of cars that became stuck on the highways. It was a new experience for me to see the state highway patrol searching for cars by shoving broom sticks down through the drifts until they hit "something hard." Those in the cars at this particular spot left their vehicles, walked back to a small town on the railroad, and were later brought into Champaign on the train.

—R—
FROZEN HOT BISCUITS!

My story of this little cold spell caused Ashby McCoy to recall that one morning during the great blizzard, the same one referred to above, Mrs. McCoy placed a pan of biscuits in a stove which was red hot on top, and they, the hot biscuits, froze before they could bake.

I didn't see the frozen biscuits but I did see, during the same period, ice cubes six inches long blown out of the gas line of a car I was driving across the prairie. I had never seen frozen gasoline before but I saw it then.

Hear Talk By Retired Missionary

The Rev. Finley M. Grissett, Sr., retired missionary from French Cameroun, Africa, gave a most interesting and informative lecture, illustrated with colored slides, at the joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild Monday night in the Fellowship room of the Methodist Educational building. Members of the Guild were hostesses.

The Rev. Mr. Grissett, who with his wife, came to Montreat in June, 1959, went to French Cameroun in 1920 and was in the mission field there for 39 years with the Northern Presbyterian church. His son, the Rev. Finley Grissett, Jr., is a minister in the Salisbury, N. C., Presbyterian church. Another son is a student at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., studying radio and television church work. There are three other children.

Mr. Grissett was introduced by Mrs. William T. Brown, program chairman for the Guild. Others on the program were Mrs. Carl Kerlee, who gave the devotional and the Rev. John McWhorter, who brought a message on "Peace in Our Time." Mrs. Lee Tiller accompanied the group in singing "In Christ There is No East or West." Mrs. J. L. Holman, Jr., Guild president, presided at the meeting.

After the meeting a social hour was held, during which Russian tea, sandwiches, and cookies were served to the group.

Those on the social committee were Mrs. Melvin Hobson, Mrs. Bill Pinyan, Mrs. Gray Stephens, and Mrs. Holman.

MRS. HOWE'S SISTER DIES IN TENNESSEE
Mrs. Ernest Howe was called to Lynchburg, Tenn., Tuesday because of the unexpected death of her sister, Mrs. Laster Brown, who died early Tuesday morning at her home in Lynchburg.

Cite Need For More Merchants In C of C Here

An urgent appeal for more support for the Chamber of Commerce through the coming year. Mr. Moray asked that these ballots be returned as quickly as possible in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Although the Chamber enjoyed a great year in 1959, Mr. Moray points out that the need is great for more merchants to join and participate in the activities, and to attend the regular monthly luncheon meetings at the Monte Vista on third Tuesday.

At the last meeting Mr. Hickey took note of the small number of retail merchants attending and pointed out that most of the activity of the Chamber of Commerce is directed toward increasing business and shopping in the town.

Mr. Moray's yearly report follows: The Chamber of Commerce has just ended a successful year in many ways. Eleven new members were added to our membership, but there are quite a number of merchants and professional men who do not seem to see the value of such an organization. Our sole purpose is to make this a better town in which to live and shop.

An effort was made to make the approaches to the town more attractive, and with the assistance of the Woman's Club, an improvement has been made. With the cooperation of the Service Clubs, signs were placed at the east entrance of Black Mountain and the west entrance of Swannanoa, announcing the time and place of their meetings.

Several new industries have made inquiries concerning the possibility of locating here, and with the additional space at Kearsott Company's plant, there are over 5,000 people employed in our factories. A special effort is being made to show the people of Black Mountain that in most instances they are able to buy the things they need in our local stores but one local merchant made the statement that most of his business comes after the local people "come back from Asheville."

We feel that this is not quite fair to our local merchants, as they make every effort to have everything needed for our comfort.

The Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Association will —Turn to Page 8

\$500 Check Sent Youth Center By M. Head, Jr.

The Black Mountain Youth Center (Operation Youth Inc.) received a gift of \$500.00 last week from Middleton E. Head Jr., of Westerville, Ohio. With the check was a note to his father on Montreat road which read in part: "I know how close to your heart is the Black Mountain Youth Center, so I am enclosing my check for its use."

The grandchildren have attended Camp Ridgecrest and Camp Crestridge. No doubt they sold the father on the wisdom of a little investment in the youth in this community.

Fire Department Dinner at Don's Will Be Jan. 18

The Black Mountain Fire department will have a dinner at Don's Restaurant Monday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner the regular meeting will be held during which time an election of officers will take place. Other important matters will be brought to the attention of the group. All members are urged to be present.



—Photo by Gragg Studios

Sea Cruise From Honolulu To Texas Described

(Ed. Note: The following account of a sea voyage from Honolulu to Galveston, Tex., has been written for the News by Mrs. Mary Griffin Scarborough of Black Mountain and Goldsboro. In this first installment she describes the start of the trip.)

On Board the S. S. Antinous
By Mrs. Mary Griffin Scarborough.

Monday, March 9, 1959.
At 3:30 p.m. today at Honolulu seven passengers including me came aboard the S. S. Antinous, a freighter bound for Galveston, Tex. We seem to be quite a congenial group, though from different parts of the country — one couple from New York City, one couple from Vancouver, Canada, two ladies from Charleston, S. C., but who have lived in Hawaii for the past 25 years, and yours truly from North Carolina.

On touring our ship we found that we have most comfortable quarters. My stateroom is a large outside room with three portholes, a private bath, two large walk-in closets, plenty of drawer space, bedside table, night light and other lights, a large dressing table with a very large mirror and smaller mirror over the lavatory — plenty of everything for comfort.

The ward room (dining room) is just a step away. It has six tables to seat the captain, his ten officers and the seven passengers. There is another ward room for the 48 crew members. The food is excellent and in great abundance. Besides the three regular meals there is a mid-morning —Turn to Page 8



Miss Sarah Louise Gouge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gouge of Black Mountain, who announce her engagement to Yancey Leonard Medlin, son of Mrs. Y. L. Medlin and the late Mr. Medlin of Oteen. She is a student at Berea college, Berea, Ky., and Mr. Medlin is a member of the faculty of Eastern Kentucky State College. A summer wedding is planned.

Sea Cruise From Honolulu To Texas Described

Santa Claus didn't lack for attention when he attended the party given at the Black Mountain Elementary school gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 20, by American Parboard corporation for employees and their children. Approximately 150 were present to participate in the festivities during which they received presents and refreshments.

After the singing of Christmas carols by the group, Santa distributed the gifts.

Kiwanis C. To Install Officers for New Year

Many special invitations have been sent for the meeting tonight. Invited as a special guest will be the lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International. Following dinner, special entertainment, and a "get-acquainted" session, Albert M. Clark, past president of the Asheville club, will install the local officers.

The Dec. 30 meeting was conducted as a "Round Table in keeping with the Christmas season." Miss Jane E. Bowness, home for the holidays from Duke University, was invited to lead at the piano, while the Kiwanians sang several Christmas carols.

Miss Jane, who is the daughter of Carl Bowness, the newly elected vice president of the club, has on several occasions entertained the Kiwanians at the piano, and is greatly appreciated by all members. No better music echoes through these hills.

Crane Gives Minimum Wage Requirements

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane today issued a summary of the chief provisions of North Carolina's new Minimum Wage Law, which went into effect on New Year's Day.

Crane called attention to the following provisions of the law:
1. Starting Jan. 1, 1960, all employers of six or more covered workers must pay each covered worker wages of not less than 75 cents an hour for all hours worked.
2. An "employer," as defined in the statute, means "any individual partnership, association, corporation, business trust, or any person or groups of persons acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee."
3. Coverage under the law is spelled out on an employer basis, not an establishment basis. If an employer has as many as six non-exempt employees, they are all covered even though they may work in different places throughout the state.
4. The unit of time employed for determining coverage is the pay period used by the employer. Any time the employer has as many as six non-exempt workers on his payroll, all six are covered by the law for that pay period.
5. Enforcement of the law is the responsibility of the Department of Labor, under the Commissioner of Labor. The Commissioner or his inspector may inspect payroll records and may require from any covered employer a full and correct statement, in writing, of the wages, hours, names and addresses of his employees. (To be continued.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Patton of Swannanoa have a son born Dec. 25 in St. Joseph's hospital.

B&PW Club Will Sponsor Course in Radiology

The Buncombe County Office of Civil Defense, under the sponsorship of the Black Mountain Business and Professional Women's club, will conduct a 10-hour course in Radiological Instrument Operation beginning on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing for two-hour periods on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings until the 10 hours are completed. These classes will be held at the City Hall in Black Mountain.

Alan A. Taylor, Deputy Director of Civil Defense for Buncombe County, will conduct and instruct these classes, using instruments and equipment furnished by the National Civil Defense organization. The course will consist of instruction in radiology instrument operation, monitors in detecting radio activity during fall-out, familiarization of instruments and vocabulary in connection with monitoring techniques, the use and calibration of instruments during emergency operations, and other valuable information for use in case of enemy attack.

Because of insufficient number of instruments it will be necessary to limit each class to 30 persons, but Mr. Taylor and the B. & P.W. club are very anxious to fill this quota for this first class, and if sufficient interest is shown, there will be other classes. If you are interested in learning how to care for yourself and family in the event of nuclear attack and fallout, please contact Mrs. R. A. Kelley, phone NO 9-8125, or Mrs. Fred Higginbotham, NO 9-7159, after 5:00 p.m. or on week ends.

Quartet Will Give Program At B. R. Chapel

The Messengers Quartet will present a program of sacred music at the Blue Ridge Chapel, Sunday, Jan. 10, 1960 at 7:30 p.m. Members of the quartet: Earnest Clarke, Hamilton Brittain, Wilson Cooper, Woodrow Singleton, and Kathleen Lowman, the accompanist are from Drexel, N. C. Currently, they have their own television program, channel 13, on Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy this time of superb gospel singing. The chapel is located just off of Blue Ridge road, one-half mile south of Route 70.

PUBLIC INVITED TO HEAR QUARTET AT HOMER'S CHAPEL

Everyone is cordially invited to Homer's Chapel church Sunday night, Jan. 10, at 7:30 to hear the Kingsmen Quartet of Asheville.

MASONS WILL CONFER FIRST DEGREE ON CLASS FRIDAY NIGHT
Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 A.F. & A.M., will hold an emergent communication to confer the first degree Friday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30. All Master Masons cordially invited. L. T. Keener is W. M.

Black Mountain Gained 296 New Phones In 1959

Black Mountain gained 296 telephones in 1959 bringing the total to 3,237 telephones.

Southern Bell added that number to keep pace with the area's continued growth and progress, W. R. Cooke, manager announced today.

To expand and improve service, an average of over \$172,000 was spent every working day of the year on telephone construction in North Carolina, Cooke said.

In meeting the state's telephone needs, the company gained more telephones in 1959 than in any previous year, adding approximately 53,000 phones. This is an increase of nearly 10 per cent over 1958.

Southern Bell's total outlay on construction and expansion in the State was over \$28-million in 1959. The payroll for its approximately 5,550 employees in the state amounted to over 26-million.

Construction was started in September 1959 on a new exchange at Swannanoa at a cost of \$94,300, when completed in April 1960 will serve 900 telephones that are presently served out of Black Mountain. All telephone numbers in the Swannanoa area will be changed, and a new telephone directory will be published with the new telephone numbers in it.

During the year the company paid nearly \$18-million in taxes on its North Carolina operations. Over \$6-million of this total was paid locally to the state, cities, and counties with the balance being paid to the Federal Government in income taxes.

The company also collected from telephone users an additional \$6-million for the Federal Government in excise taxes on telephone service in North Carolina.

The telephone plays an increasingly important role for North Carolinians. Calls over Southern Bell telephones in the state averaged over three million a day. Nearly 110,000 of these were long distance calls.

Telephone growth and expansion continued strong throughout the state. Today there are over 620,000 Southern Bell telephones in service compared to 420,000 five years ago, an increase of about 50 per cent.

The growing trend among farbel families to have one or more extension telephones in their homes is evidenced by the fact that today about 27 per cent of all homes have extension phones compared to 10 per cent in 1953.

Industries Here Should Be Appreciated

"Local communities should show their appreciation for the industries they already have and do all possible to help them grow and expand," William R. Henderson, a member of the North Carolina State Department of Conservation and Development told members of the Swannanoa Men's Club and guests at the regular meeting in Government Tuesday evening.

"You here in the Swannanoa Valley are extremely fortunate, compared with most any other section of the state or area. You should work with the industries you have to create a favorable climate for their growth," the speaker, who was introduced by the Rev. William T. Ratchford, asserted.

Other important steps to consider before trying to attract a new plant is whether or not the community can absorb the new industry, what effect it will have on the labor market, and how it will be accepted in the area.

If these questions can be answered in the affirmative, then the community should form some kind of organization to work with the Conservation and Development Department. This group should be prepared to furnish information that will be needed from time to time for those desiring to locate an industry in the state.

Site On West Street Is Chosen For New Black Mountain Post Office

The Post Office Department has selected a site for consideration of bids for a new post office building at Black Mountain, it has been announced by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

The building planned for Black Mountain will be representative of modern facilities now being erected in other areas under the Post Office department's Lease Program. Consideration will be given to the provision of air-conditioning. Further negotiations at Black Mountain, including the posting of advertisement, development of bids, etc., will be conducted by Real Estate Officer William H. Allen, P. O. Box 4786, Atlanta 2, Ga. Interested bidders should be encouraged to contact Mr. Allen.

The site is located on the west side of West Street between State Road and Sutton Road and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tyson, Jr., of Black Mountain.

March of Dimes Campaign Is Launched Here

The general "kick-off" meeting of the 1960 Buncombe County New March of Dimes Campaign was held recently in Asheville.

Chairmen of all committees gave progress reports for the drive, scheduled for the entire month of January.

Deputy Sheriff Seth Perkins and members of his committee: Mrs. Neva Haden, Mrs. Juanita Brown, Lewis McKinney and Tenella Holmes outlined the plans for the annual peanut sale, scheduled for January 15 and 16.

Dr. Joseph Schandler, chairman of Special Events, reported on the annual coffee day to be held on January 23 and the March of Dimes Bowling Tournament, scheduled for the first two weeks in January.

Roy Taylor, chairman of the Advance Gifts, reported on the December mailing of 400 appeals to businessmen and industrialists in Buncombe county.

Coin collections, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Tucker, Jr., was reported to be underway and all coin containers were being distributed by the police and Sheriff's department.

Harvey Elkins, chairman of the Annual Dance; John Jarvis, chairman of Labor Solicitations; Reverend Otis Dunn, chairman of the Negro Division; Dave Lyons and Leo Willette, Publicity chairman; and Mrs. Robert Gibson and Miss Inez Sorrells of the Mother's March made reports.

The mail appeal, under the direction of Mrs. George Morgan, was mailed on December 31. Over 33,000 letters, the largest in the Chapter's history, were sent to residents of Buncombe county.

Other chairmen of the Buncombe County New March of Dimes Drive are: W. A. McElduff, Business Appeal; William Moore, Lawyer Appeal; and Mrs. E. P. White, Jr., Private Schools.

Gardner-Webb Campaign At \$300,000 Mark

Gardner-Webb college launched the new year in high gear Monday, with two meetings of trustees and administrative personnel on the same day classes resumed from the holidays.

The newly organized executive committee of the board of trustees held their initial meeting at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. T. Hendrix of Gastonia is committee chairman and holds the number two post with the board. Only routine business came before this group.

Directors of the current fund-raising campaign had a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Reports went well past \$300,000 in the \$550,000 drive. The last report showed \$271,000 on Dec. 18, but general chairman P. L. Yelton says he has several substantial gifts to report tonight.

The income figures represent advance gifts of major amounts. The group might be organized for general solicitation with attorney A. A. Powell of Shelby serving as Cleveland.

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Pfc. R. Hutchins Is With 101st Airborne Div.

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AHTNC)—Army Pfc. Robert T. Hutchins, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchins, Rt. 1, Black Mountain, N. C., completed the 101st Airborne Division typing and military correspondence course Dec. 11 at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Hutchins received instruction in typing, office machine operation and military correspondence procedures.

He is regularly assigned to Company B of the division's 327th Infantry at the fort. Hutchins entered the Army in May 1958 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Mrs. Rickman Becomes Bride Of K. Atkins

Miss Billie Sue Rickman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rickman of Black Mountain, and Kenneth Atkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Atkins, also of Black Mountain, were married Dec. 26, in Pickens, S. C.

Mrs. Atkins is employed at Knight's Pharmacy. Mr. Atkins is affiliated with Kearsott company.

WE REGRET
We regret that space forced us to omit many news items in this issue. We hope to be back on schedule next week.