

Mountain Musings

by Gene Byrd

Happy New Year and Happy New Decade

As we leave the fabulous fifties and venture into the unknown quantities of the sixties, there is much to look back and consider. Much has transpired in the past ten years that has greatly affected our lives in many ways. Our sleepy little valley has seen the burgeoning of new industry and new prosperity. We have had the privilege of making new friends and experienced the loss of old ones. We have made advances in some fields and sustained losses in others. We have witnessed the coming of uneasy peace with the unsatisfactory termination of the Korean conflict; the impact of the Supreme Court's segregation decision has been felt in the Southland and elsewhere. Teen age and adult delinquency and criminality have constituted a problem. Educationally we have been shaken out of our comfortable rut by Russian developments and schools no longer merit the description of "glorified playhouses and de luxe baby sitting agencies." Our communities have experienced the mixed blessing of a consolidated high school program.

Personally I feel that during the last hectic ten years, I had maturity forced upon me. The loss of my mother and father in the span of eleven months, a division in the church I loved so dearly, the demise of greatly loved friends and the moving away of others, my first losing season in athletics, some adverse financial circumstances all combined to make me feel that "I had been through the mill." Yet, I have evolved enough philosophy to see that there is good in the things that we presently judge as bad and that there is often an element of bad in the things we feel to be good. Many good things have happened to me and mine and "counting my blessings" makes me humble and happy in the old year wanes. (I count my Dear Readers among those blessings.)

Among My Christmas Cards I believe our Christmas cards this year have been the nicest ever. So many have emphasized the sacred and spiritual side of the season, but the best part by far has been the little personal notations that add so much to the oftentimes cold printed word. I missed here many who have faithfully communicated over the years, but I welcome the newcomers.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Wednesday, Dec 23, at the Monte Vista hotel winners in the duplicate division of the Get-Acquainted club were: North-South, L. S. Covin and Miss Martha Covin; second, Miss Peggy Dennis and Mrs. Max Woodcock; third, Mrs. G. L. Pritchard and Bill Costner. East-West, Max Woodcock and Mrs. Douglas Jones; second, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White; third, Douglas Jones and C. H. Fellows.

—After a series of quick stops, the temperature in the brake system of your car may exceed 250 degrees.

C. W. Konrads Entertain With Christmas Party

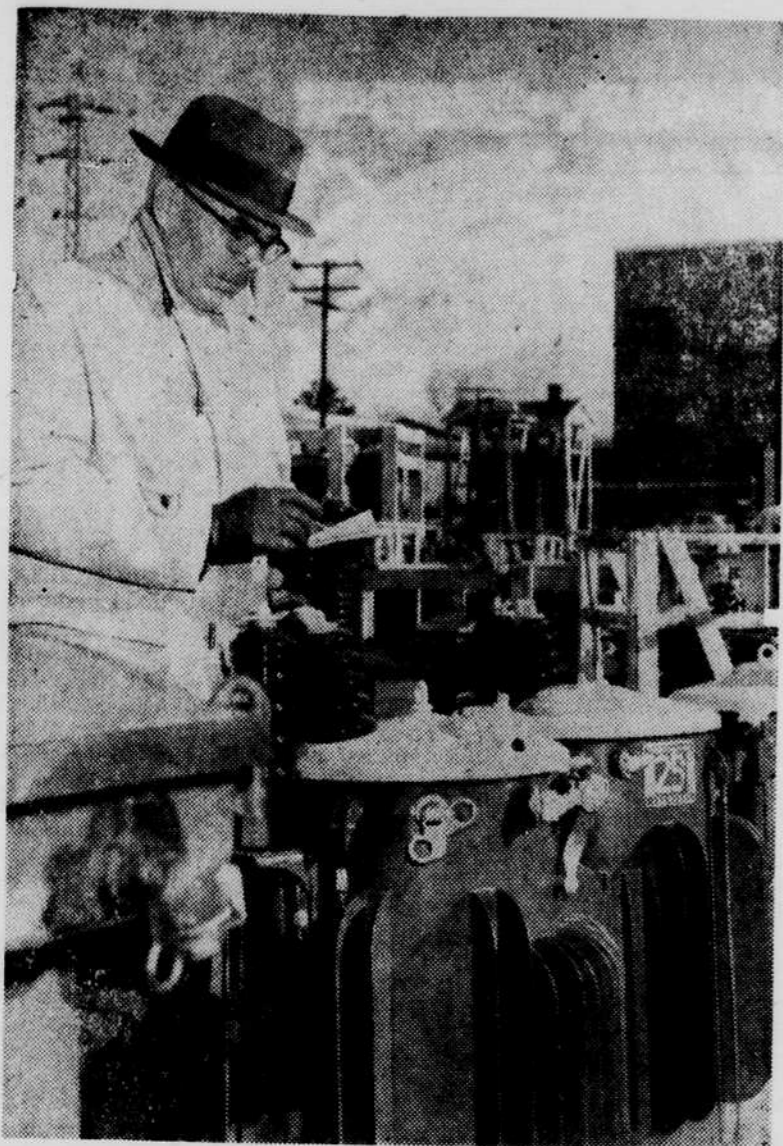
The lovely Christmas parties given during the holidays was one given by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Konrad, who entertained with open house at the Monte Vista hotel Sunday, Dec. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. The beautifully decorated tree, lighted candles, and other decorations used in the lobby made a beautiful setting for the occasion. The table was covered with a lace cloth, and was laden with colorful refreshments that carried out the holiday theme. Mrs. Chester Sobol, Mrs. H. McGuire Wood and Mrs. Townsend Hay assisted Mrs. Konrad in greeting the guests. Children of the guests were entertained in the recreation room of the hotel with a puppet show given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Farm School road, Swannanoa. Approximately 100 persons called during the party. Thirty children were present for the show.

Bee Tree News

by Mrs. C. M. Howie
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(Dec. 31)
This Christmas has been a very quiet one in this vicinity.

The Doyle Howies of Swannanoa and the Herman Owenbys had a turkey supper at the home of the Doyle Howies Thursday night. Attending the supper were the Doyle Howies and children, the Herman Owenbys and children, and the C. M. Howies. After supper gifts were exchanged. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Mrs. Gertrude Howie of Longs Branch road who fell and broke her ankle Saturday, Dec. 19, was released from the hospital Monday, Dec. 21. She still is suffering very much pain. Visiting her this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Morgan and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams, Aunt Ida Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howie, Doyle Howies, Mrs. Alma Brooks, and Mrs. Lucy Brooks. Visiting the H. C. Morgans during Christmas were all of their children. Walter Road's son Donald, came in from school to spend the holidays with his father and step-mother of Longs Branch. The Doyle Howies are having a house built on Longs Branch road, starting this week. Mrs. Leona Davis who suffered a light heart attack Wednesday evening at her home in Canton, was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital where she is undergoing treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reece of Upper Bee Tree visited the Elmore Burnetts and the H. G. Morgans this past week. Belinda Howie spent Saturday night with her grandparents, the C. M. Howies.



HOT WEATHER IS HIS CONCERN—Bundled against the winter cold, Wallace Gardner, Carolina Power & Light Company line performance analyst, plans for next summer's hot weather when transformers such as these will carry heavy power loads. These are new "squirrel-resistant" transformers recently introduced by CP&L.

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FOSTER JOHNSON, Executor
Dec. 24, 1959; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 1960.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

State of North Carolina County of Buncombe In the General County Court. GENEVIEVE ELLA COX, Plaintiff, vs. BOBBY STEELE COX, Defendant. To BOBBY STEELE COX, The Defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina by the Plaintiff against the Defendant, for an absolute divorce of the Plaintiff from the Defendant on the grounds of adultery.

The Defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear on the 7th day of January, 1960, or within thirty-seven days thereafter, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Ex officio Clerk of the General County Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, and to answer, demur, or otherwise plead to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this complaint. This the 15th day of December, 1959. (s) ZEBULON WEAVER, JR. Clerk Superior Court, Buncombe County, Ex officio Clerk General County Court. Dec. 17, 24, 31; Jan. 7.

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Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman Creative Writing Group

WHAT IS THIS COMING YEAR?

It is a door. By which we reach new fields of service for our God and fellow man: A door by which we can Explore Wide spheres of usefulness Our world to bless; And reap the sheaves God's Word of witness yields.

It is a task Set by the Master of our souls, A little part of our life's work below:

And so we ask The holy wisdom, which alone controls Our labor, teaching what and where to sow: That the year, at its end, May show God's glory and man's profit blend.

It is a book, With many pages and as yet all white, On which to write The history of thought, and deed, and word

In this new group of days. We pray Thee, Lord, As Thou shalt look Upon the book, when written o'er, may all be to Thy praise. —William Olney.

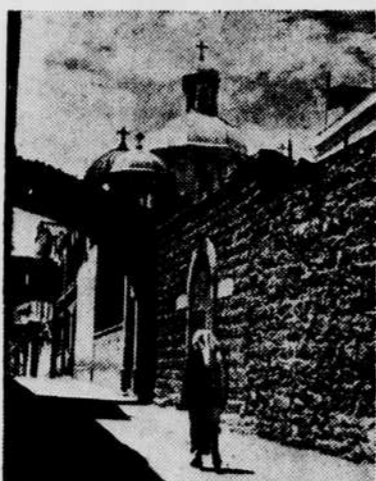
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Willie Watson, Deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of George Pennell, Esquire, Attorney at Law, 508 Jackson Building, Asheville, North Carolina, on or before the 10th day of December, 1960, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 10th day of December, 1959. Fredric O'Kelley, Administrator. Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 1959; Jan. 7, 14, 1960.

The State Motor Vehicles Department says an unsafe speed is any speed too fast for the condition of the road, the weather, the traffic, or your car.

The Way and the Light



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