

Weather table with columns: High, Low, Prec. and rows for Jan. 5-11.

REFLECTIONS

Gordon Greenwood

THE BOWL GAMES!

The results of the bowl games may have surprised some but everybody should have had a winner with all those contests to choose from.

Best game of the day, to my way of thinking, was the LSU-Mississippi affair. Ole Miss proved, without question, its right to be ranked No. 2 in the nation. The only question in my mind is whether or not the boys shouldn't be ranked No. 1. I seriously doubt if there was a football team in the country could have beaten the Ole Miss team that annihilated Louisiana State on New Year's Day.

Georgia was a disappointment. I thought they'd do better against Missouri. Washington's convincing win over Wisconsin was a mild upset.

In future years, if the bowl games continue to grow in number, some of them will have to be scheduled in August before the start of the season. Then during the season the fans will know who the champion is, what the team did in the bowl, and other details that now are never known.

WHAT IS A FARMER?

A farmer is: To his wife, he's a big eater, a heavy sleeper and a worrier. To his minister, he's a believer in God in nature and nature in God.

To a politician, he's someone you talk about in elections.

To a business man, he's a customer.

To his neighbors, he's a friend.

To his children, he's a man who always has a chore for them.

To his dog, he's a man with a quiet voice.

To his grocer, he's God-sent.

To the dairy operator, he's a name on a milk check.

To the insurance agent, he's a big risk.

To the mechanic, he's a mechanical wizard who fixes things himself.

To the doctor, he's a physician wonder.

And to himself, well, only he can tell you that, and chances are he won't.

(You could add, of course, that to himself he's a man who'd be better off in some other job.)

O, YOU KID!

Said one boy to another: "How old are you?" "I'm 12. But I'll be 13 next week. How old are you?" "Why, you're just a kid. I was 13 two weeks ago."

THE WEATHER

The weatherman must have heard us talking about winter last week and sent us some of same. But if it's all the same to him, he can keep the snow, ice, and freezing temperature. I've seen and had enough.

Last week while recalling some of my experiences during the cold winters that they have in the mid-West, I forgot to say anything about the summers which are just as hot as the winters are cold.

We've all heard stories of cooking eggs on the pavement during the summer in many sections of the country and while I've never actually seen it done I've seen it hot enough to make me believe there is truth in the story.

During the great drought in the mid-West in 1936 I heard --note that I didn't say I saw this but only heard-- that the creeks were so dry that there were many fish and frogs that were great big younguns and couldn't swim a lick. In fact the same story said they were afraid of the water.

I SAW THIS! While I didn't see the fish or frogs mentioned above, I

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Dates Changed For Classes In Radiology

The class of instructions on radiology to be conducted by the Buncombe County Unit of Civil Defense under the sponsorship of the Black Mountain Business and Professional Womens club will now be held on Thursday and Monday nights at 7:30 in the City hall. These classes were originally scheduled for Thursday and Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 14.

School Patrol Car Group Says "This Is When"

We now begin to count the number of persons who have actually contributed money toward the School Patrol Car. At this time 57 persons have paid. Several hundred have said "Let me know when." This is "when," brother, the drive is really on. W. W. Early, chairman, said.

Beginning now we have another 100 days left of school. This means a little more than half of our school time remains. The children look forward to this with glee. However, we of the safety committee continue to look upon this last 100 days of school with grave concern. "You see," one committeeman said, "We have almost 1200 children enrolled who go to and from school daily, making 2400 children in and out of only two driveways in less than 2 1/2 hours. These two driveways enter busy highway 70. During the remainder of the school term some 240,000 children will face this danger. This is the reason for our concern."

We are grateful to our local police for their help. They are doing a fine job, but they need help now from each and every parent of each child in our school.

We are asking only \$2.00 from 12 hundred parents. Let's get this show over with before January ends.

Voyager Sees Ship Loaded With Sugar

(This account of a sea voyage from Honolulu to Galveston, Tex., was written by Mrs. Mary Griffin Scarborough of Black Mountain and Goldsboro. This is chapter 2.)

We got back to the ship in time for a 6 o'clock dinner and were told that we were taking on more sugar than at first anticipated so would not sail until ten the next morning. For this we were very glad for all of us are out for fun and it's really wonderful to have no schedules to make. When we finally go ashore we will make reservations on planes and trains to take us to our destinations.

March 11. It was most interesting to watch the loading of the sugar. In Honolulu we had stood on the boat deck and looked down into the hold and watched it being lined with plastic sheets--all done by machinery, so no hands touched it for it must be absolutely clean for the sugar that is to be loaded. This sugar was blown in through a huge blower that filled the corners first and then the vacant spaces. When this was finished the hold was covered with thick boards, then heavy paper, then layer after layer, after layer, of heavy canvas and finally it was battened down securely.

At ten a.m. we saw the tugs approaching to get us started on our way. The pilot came aboard and his little launch bobbed up and down near us. At last we were free and the pilot was ready to leave. We hung over the rail and watched the little launch come near enough to pick him up. He came down the ladder swaying in the wind but easily reached the launch, waved aloha to us and the launch took him quickly away while our ship blew a deep blast to say "aloha" and the little launch answered with a quick finer note. Then we were on our way to Hilo, on the Big Island after spending about thirty hours in Kaula.

We loved to watch the big waves and the prow of the ship as it took them in its stride. Most of us went to sleep in our deck chairs and were aroused by the gong for lunch. We sailed all afternoon and all night reaching Hilo about 6 a.m. on Thursday. As soon as breakfast was over we went ashore telling the steward we would not be back for lunch. A quick auto ride took us to the Hilo hotel and a hearty welcome from Leo Lycurgus the proprietor, and his charming wife, friends of the two ladies from Hawaii and Charleston. We visited orchid gardens, shops, and interesting buildings but were sorry not to meet the father of Leo Lycurgus, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 14.

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—Photo by Ed DuPuy

D. W. Harrison was installed as president of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club at the annual ladies' night program at the Monte Vista, last Thursday evening. Installing officer was Albert Clark, past president of the Asheville club, which sponsored the organization here.

Shown here as they prepared for the festivities of the evening are M. E. Head, retiring president; Mr. Clark; Mr. Harrison; James C. Bartholomew, secretary-treasurer, and Carl Bowness, vice-president.

CITIZENS INVITED TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON POST OFFICE

Those having an opinion as to where the new Black Mountain Post Office should be located are invited to send signed letters to "Post Office Site," C/O Black Mountain News, Black Mountain, N. C.

The letter must be signed and must reach the News office before noon on Tuesday, Jan. 19. This is not a contest nor a project of the News, but is being carried out as a public service so that postal authorities may have a cross section of public opinion in regards to the location of the new post office.

Two sites have been given serious consideration. One, as announced last week in the News, is located on West street near the Richardson Clinic.

The second is on the west margin of Dougherty street near the intersection of State street.

It has long been the opinion of Dr. Frank Howard Richardson that West street should be widened. Plans were announced some time ago to widen Dougherty street from the intersection of State up through the proposed site of the new post office.

C OF C SCHEDULES JAN. 19 MEETING

The Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular luncheon meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 12 o'clock at the Monte Vista hotel. An election of officers for the new year will be held. William Hickey, president, will preside.



Miss Claudia Law and Edward Hall will be married on Jan. 30, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Law of Riceville road, Asheville, have announced. Mr. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall of London road, Biltmore.

Circle Regrets Lack of Bible Teacher Here

Circle 2 of the W.O.C. of Friendship Presbyterian church met Monday evening, Jan. 4, at the home of the circle chairman, Mrs. Ostella Suttles.

Circle officers for the year were named and the plans and projects for the year were discussed. The circle expressed regrets that the local schools were without a Bible teacher and indicated willingness to do anything possible to see that this program was reinstated. It was also decided that several blankets would be sent to the

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GENE FORD WILL BE SPEAKER AT LIONS MEETING

Gene Ford, manager of Excelsior, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions club at the Monte Vista at 6:30 Thursday evening.



—Photo by Gragg Studios

At the invitation of E. O. Whitman, administrative manager, these 30 members of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce visited the AMCEL PROPULSION, Inc. plant on Tuesday morning, Jan. 5. The group was served refreshments in the luncheon after which the members were taken on a tour of the plant which embraces 29 buildings on 1300 acres of land. The group was shown the manufacturing facilities, equipment, laboratories, and testing range.

The plant is fully equipped for research, development, engineering, and prototype production of propellants, propulsion systems and assembly facilities for rockets, missiles, and related items.

AMCEL representatives who conducted the tour are shown in the first row. Left to right are R. S. Eckles, Black Mountain, George E. Moray, executive secretary Chamber of Commerce, George Bumgarner, AMCEL; William Hickey, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Frank Robert, AMCEL.

Included in the guest list were a number of representatives from other industrial plants in this area.



J. B. Lanning, brother of Mrs. Jack Moyers of Swannanoa, proudly exhibits the first pheasant he killed during the past season. He is the son of John S. Lanning. The picture and story were mailed the News from Northlake, Ill.

Library Loans 1,100 Books In December

One thousand one hundred books were loaned by the Black Mountain Public Library in December, reported Miss Ruby Hall, librarian, at the Library Board meeting Monday, Jan. 4. This increased use of the library reflects more borrowing by adults and especially among the non-fiction books.

Additional shelf space is being provided this week by the Town in order to display the growing numbers of books both in the adult and young people's departments. More than 150 new books were added earlier this fall to the collection of interest to young people. Teenagers as well as the very youngest new reader will find new volumes on

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J.O.U.A.M. WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Black Mountain Council 145 J.O.U.A.M. will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. All members are urged to attend. Sherman Shell is councillor.

Mrs. Gay Wells' Mother Dies

Mrs. Lilla Griffin of Woodland, mother of Mrs. W. Gay Wells, Jr., died Dec. 18 in an Ahsokie hospital after a short illness. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church, Woodland. Burial was in the Woodland cemetery. In addition to Mrs. Wells and three grandchildren, she is survived by the husband.

Beacon Manufacturing Co. will Give Town of Black Mountain \$3,500 For Recreation Program

Owen H. Cagers Hand Billmore Double Defeat

The Owen High School girls and boys played strong games here Friday night as they handed the Billmore teams a double defeat. The girls won, 42 to 36, while the boys had to stave off a spirited Billmore rally in the final second to eke out a 46-44 victory.

Billmore played the Warhorses on even terms throughout and led by two points at the half, 24-22, and 32-30 at the three-quarter mark. With four minutes to go the pounding Warhorses drew alongside, 37-all. Caldwell, who played a cool floor game, rammed in two points from the side. Before the spectators had settled back in their seats, Bill Horne roared down the side, jumped high in the air and let go with a goal that made it 41-37 Owen.

But the visitors were not dead yet. They tied it at 41-41 with slightly more than a

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Black Mountain Community Was Perfect: Mann

(Ed. note. While living in Black Mountain Dr. and Mrs. Frank R. Mann made many friends for themselves and for their organization. They were promoted recently and sent to Michigan. But according to the following letter to R. S. Eckles, they miss the community.)

Dear Mr. Eckles:

I neglected to get the Gunn's address and when she sent check it was sent in an envelope or written on a University of Georgia letterhead. I tried to contact them there but the letter came back. I will just send it to you and you can turn it over to them sometime when you see them.

We are finally settled here after a very busy time. We miss Black Mountain and all you good folk there. I believe I expressed this to you verbally, but let me say again that we never lived anywhere that we appreciated more than Black Mountain. It seemed that the climate, living conditions and all were about as near perfect as can be found anywhere.

In my business dealing with you both in the buying of a home and again in selling, I found you honest and fair in every way.

With best wishes to you, your wife, Bob and his family.

Sincerely yours, Frank R. Mann, National Director, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Stone Replaces Burks On School Committee Here

Richard B. Stone, mayor of the Town of Black Mountain and "Mr. Buncombe County" two years ago, was named to the Black Mountain school committee to replace Charles L. Burke who has moved to Atlanta.

Mr. Stone, who was recommended by the local school committee, will assume his new duties immediately.

Other members are R. T. Greene, Mrs. Bert Simpson, K. V. McCurry, and F. P. Higginbotham.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH WILL HAVE BUFFET SUPPER ON JAN. 24

St. James Episcopal church will have a buffet supper Sunday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The price will be \$1 per person. The children will be served at 6 o'clock, followed by adult supervised recreation. At 8 o'clock the Hon. J. Braxton Craven, Jr., judge of Superior Court, will talk on "Approach of World Peace through law."

Beacon Manufacturing company has offered the Town of Black Mountain \$3,500.00 during 1960 to establish and to carry on a program of recreation similar to that now in progress at Swannanoa, Richard B. Stone, mayor, has announced.

The offer was made at a recent conference between Charles D. Owen and other Beacon Manufacturing company officials, and Mr. Stone, representing the Town of Black Mountain.

Hope has been expressed that the town will accept in time for a basketball program for the Black Mountain Elementary school boys to be carried on during the next two months. At present there is no program of this kind available for students of the elementary school.

Page Praises Work of Boy Scout Leaders

During the past few years I have been somewhat affiliated with the youth movement in Black Mountain, especially with the Boy Scouts. I have seen the Boy Scout Troop rise and fall several times since the time when Cecil Nannay, Bob Queen, and Lawrence Brandon headed it. When Mr. Nannay resigned, the troop started having troubles.

There were a few people in the town that cared about the youth. They knew that something should be done to help but they just did not get around to doing it.

The troop had several good scout masters after Mr. Nannay, in Clarence Boone, A. J. Hemphill, Ossie Osteen, and several others. However, these men were bound by their work and could not spend as much time with the boys of the troop as they wished to. Finally the First Baptist church, which had been sponsoring the troop, had to give it up and with that the troop for a time ceased to exist.

In 1954 a man came to Black Mountain who was destined to give the scout troop and the youth of the town a great boost. This man was M. E. Head. I first met Mr. Head when he came up to look at our small but struggling scout troop. With that everlasting smile that is always across his face, he told us that he would try to help the troop and also find a sponsor for it.

Since that time he has more than lived up to his word. Through Mr. Head the Kiwanis club became interested in the youth. The Kiwanis club was backing the troop financially as well as with the all important leaders that are so important to a growing troop. Soon plans were announced for 'Operation Youth' which would bring the new youth center. Working with the Kiwanis club and other civic clubs of the town, Mr. Head and others spearheaded 'Operation Youth' and the youth center was built.

It is great to know that the youth center as it is now is completely paid for, thanks to the kind help of the people of the valley.

Mr. Head was not by himself with his work to advance the youth of the town. Carl Bowness, who is the present scout master of troop 25, helped greatly in the actual building of the center as well as working with the boys at the troop meetings. Without Mr. Bowness the building of the Youth Center would have been much slower, if possible at all.

Gay Wells, who is at the present time doing a wonderful job with the boys, has also been a vital person with the work in the troop. Anyone who has had children in the scouting movement, either Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, surely knows of the work of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Styles. Without the help of these people neither Mr. Head nor anyone else would have been able to accomplish a great deal. These are not all of the ones that have had a hand in the work with the youth of Black Mountain or did work with "Operation Youth," they are just some of the leaders. I feel that I speak for all of the youth of the town, when I say that we are thankful from the bottom of our hearts for all of the help that everyone in our valley has given to the youth. We thank God for Mr. Head and everyone that help through law.

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Decision to offer to expand the program to the Black Mountain community was prompted by the fact that a large number of people here are associated with Beacon, and it is hoped that by having a local program their children will be served.

The second reason was that the program at Swannanoa, directed during the summer by a graduate student from State college, and during the winter months Wade Martin, has proved so successful that it was felt that the entire community could share in the activities.

The summer program offers every type of activity, from football to square dancing. During the winter the program is chiefly basketball conducted at the Swannanoa school.

This comes at a very opportune time. As has been noted before the Asheville and Buncombe County United Fund has dropped the Black Mountain Recreation Council from membership. This means that the local group will not share in the funds and that there will be no youth program here sponsored by an agency of the United Fund.

J. Herbert Coman, public relations director for Beacon, is expected to appear before an early session of the Black Mountain Town Board and outline the offer.

A&P President Sees Stability In Food Prices

According to Ralph W. Burger, president and board chairman of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company "Abundant food supplies will continue into the New Year," said Mr. Burger, "and there is strong evidence that consumer prices will be similar to or slightly below the low levels reached during 1959." The nations leading food retailer also foresees an industry wide leveling off in new store openings, over-sized stores in many areas which are already over stored, and the trend of the past decade toward the stocking of more and more non-food items. And he said he expects the pulling power of promotional sales gimmicks and giveaways to decline. "I believe the industry has just about reached the saturation point in construction of store units in certain areas," he observed. "It has been growing faster than the population increase and population shifts. Of course, none of us can afford to ease up in our efforts to remain modern and to replace old stores with new ones."

During 1959 A&P itself opened approximately 255 new stores. Many of these he pointed out, were designed to serve established neighborhoods where 111 older A&P stores were closed during the same period. Another 390 stores were remodeled during the twelve-month period. "We anticipate that our construction program including remodels, will follow a similar pattern during the coming year," he announced.

On questions of store size and non-foods, Mr. Burger expressed a belief that continued increases in either of these

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LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET MONDAY

Waycaster-McFee American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. M. E. Head, Montreat road. All members are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter is auxiliary president.