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# BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

DEVOTED 100% TO OUR COMMUNITY — THE GROWING SWANNAHOA VALLEY

## Weather

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Feb. 16	50	23	
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Feb. 21	40	28	
Feb. 22	42	32	26

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## REFLECTIONS

Gordon Greenwood

### PREDICTIONS

No, I didn't have advance notice that the snow was coming two weeks ago when we published the picture of the winter scene near SEVERAL YEARS back near the Blue Ridge gate.

Please note by capital letter above that the picture was made at least five years ago. It was just a coincidence that it appeared on Thursday and that the snow started late the following Friday night and has been coming down in sheets since. If I thought publication of the old picture had the least thing to do with causing the snow, I'd never publish a winter scene again. My opinion is that the snow was caused by the groundhog.

### MENARY

Harold J. McNary, resident manager of Blue Ridge Assembly, is not really angry about the picture but he'd just as soon we checked with him before publishing anything else about "sledging and skating" at Blue Ridge. Seems that the photograph, coupled with the snow, brought several calls and reminded the public that Blue Ridge did have an excellent place for winter sports—provided there was snow on the ground. I mentioned that I wouldn't mention Blue Ridge again without first making sure it's all right and that he is prepared to stay close by the phone and entertain visitors.

### NORTON, VA.

Speaking of snow, Gene Slatkin and I, along with a radio engineer, spent Saturday visiting Norton, Va., and points between here and there. Two nights before we arrived they had 16 inches of fresh snow piled on top of several inches that had fallen before. Saturday morning there still wasn't a set of chains to turn to Page 8.

## Woodcock Names Heads Of Committees

Morris L. McGough, executive vice-president, Asheville Agriculture Development Council of the Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker at the regular noon luncheon meeting of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce at the Monte Vista hotel, Tuesday, Feb. 16. There were 33 members and guests present.

Mr. McGough gave an account of the progress in rural development in this area in the last 10 years. In 1940, six thousand people had moved from the urban to the rural area; now there are 27,000, or 3 1/2 times as many. New plants have been built in many areas and with the introduction of labor saving machinery, progress is made possible as people are released from the farm to work in industry. 40% of the people living in rural areas are part time farmers. Progress to a higher standard of living, only as they progress in producing food. The gross income from milk last year was one million dollars, while poultry raising jumped from the bottom to the top place in the last ten years. Ten years ago there was only one stock yard in the area, now there are three.

## Joe Kirstein Leads Class At Carson-Newman

Joe Kirstein son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey S. Kirstein, Sr., of Broad River was on the honor roll at Carson-Newman college for the entire fall semester.

By secret ballot he received the unanimous vote of his class as the student most interested in his college studies. He led his class in economics and in psychology, being the only A student in freshman psychology. His average was 97. The next highest average was 85. Joe is a pre-engineering student with a concentration in mathematics in which he is also an A student. He was a 1959 graduate of Owen High school. He and his wife are both students at Carson-Newman college and live on the college campus.

## Large Crowd Braves Cold To Attend Tea

Girl Scout Troop 98 would like to thank their many friends who came out in the wintery weather last Sunday to make a success of the Valentine Tea which was held at the Monte Vista hotel. Although a week late the exhibit of old fashioned Valentines was greatly appreciated by the guests, and everyone enjoyed the musical program.

The program began with a piano selection "Indian Love Call" by Janice Wheelon. The Troop chorus sang "Tell Me Why" which was followed by a flute duet featuring Helen Soos and Rebecca Allred. Lynn Hemphill played a piano solo "Romany Life." This was followed by the chorus singing "The Lilac Tree." A piano solo "Minuet" by Ann Stubbs followed. Cathy Gonzales read two poems, "Little Girl" and "A Valentine for My Mother." Helen Soos and Rebecca Allred, flutists, Lynn Hemphill, Beckie Burgess, —Turn to Page 8

## DINNER WILL BE FRIDAY AT CARVER SCHOOL

A chitterlins and barbecue dinner will be served from 5-8 p.m. at Carver school on Friday, Feb. 26, for benefit of the school lunchroom. Tickets are 75 cents and may be purchased in advance or at the door. It may be eaten in the lunchroom or taken out. The public is cordially invited to attend the dinner which is sponsored by the Friendship Club No. 1.



Carl E. Duckett, whose mother Mrs. W. E. Duckett lives at Swannanoa, was given a special certificate of achievement by Maj. Gen. John B. Madaris prior to the general's recent retirement as commanding general of the Army Ordnance Missile Command.

The young Swannanoa soldier was cited for outstanding service as an electronic scientist with the Signal Office of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency from July, 1956 until June, 1958 and as scientific advisor with the Signal Office at the Army Ordnance Missile Command from June, 1958 to January, 1960.

## CO-WORKERS SUPPER WILL BE FRIDAY

The Co-Workers Sunday school class of the Methodist church will hold its monthly covered dish supper Friday evening, Feb. 26, in the fellowship hall. All members and their families are cordially invited to come and bring a covered dish.

Cecilia Wyrick has been ill with a cold.

## Improvements Are Under Way At Blue Ridge

Extensive improvements are now being made in three buildings and 11 cottages at the Blue Ridge Assembly, according to Harold J. McNary, business manager of the assembly.

Before the assembly opens its 1960 season in June, some improvements will have been made in all 40 of the institution's buildings, McNary said.

In Robert E. Lee Hall, headquarters and main residential building of the assembly, the main lobby is being renovated and new draperies and venetian blinds are being installed on guest room windows. Eleven of the rooms also are being repainted, rewired, and their floors refinished. In Asheville Hall, a residential building whose construction was financed partially by gifts from Asheville residents in the late 1920's, a complete renovation is now in progress. Asheville Hall houses 110 people and also contains an auditorium and classrooms.

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Take a closer look! You should know most of the people appearing in this picture.

The photographer didn't bother to put his name on the back of the photo, but it is of the 7th grade at the Black Mountain school in 1953. Frank Watkins pulled it out of his scrap book and brought it to the News office last week. Examine the picture thoroughly before reading the list below. They are all identified except one girl, second from right in fourth row. No one knows who she is. Do You?

Dan Turner, now an employee of the North Carolina State Highway Department, is the young man in front. The others in order of their appearance, left to right, are:

## GROUP TO DISCUSS TEACHING OF BIBLE IN SCHOOLS HERE

All persons interested in the teaching of Bible in the public school have been invited to attend a meeting each Thursday morning at 10:30 in Apt. 4 of Fleetwood Apartments.

"This is for the purpose of seeking through prayer God's leading as to whether we should put the teaching of the Bible back into our schools in Black Mountain," the announcement said.

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3. Susan Currell will serve as moderator.

Page Sylvester, Margaret Gragg, Azalee Garrison, Katherine Plemmons, Nell Jones, Pauline Nix, Roxana Shaw, Louise Mease, Mary Propst, Jerome Aldridge, Carolyn Gregg, Mary Belle Stepp, Annie Mae Brooks, Joan Bridges, Mozelle Johnson, Katherine Smith, Alberta Watkins, Lawrence Brandon, Alma Plemmons, Florence Kirstein, Ethel Hudgins, Nettie Bartlett, Saxon Kerlee, Wesley Pence, George Ledford, Nema Aldridge, Doyle Jones, Dean Willis, Ruth Cordell, (unidentified), Nora Summey, Worth Dalton, Frank Watkins, Clyde Gray, Howard Hammonds, James Knight, Ruth Freeze, Bradford Johnson, Charles Taylor, Roy Mashburn, Howard Barnwell, Hubert Smith, Delmar Watson, Clarence Massey, Bob Rogers, George Ennett, George Gill, Frank Simpson, Mrs. J. P. Ashley, teacher, and A. W. McDougle, principal.

## Course Is Set In Detection Of Fallout

A second class of instruction in the use and operation of radiological instruments for the detection of fallout in the event of nuclear attack, will be held in the Black Mountain Primary school lunchroom, beginning Monday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Roger Stuck, instructor of physics at Warren Wilson college, will direct the course, giving instruction in the use of Geiger Counters, Ionization Chambers, etc. He is one of the few persons licensed by the Atomic Energy Commission to handle Cobalt 60, and is a very able and interesting instructor.

The course consists of 10 hours instruction, lectures, and movies, and will be held on the following dates from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.:

Monday, Feb. 29; Thursday, March 3; Monday, March 7; Thursday, March 10, and Monday, March 14.

The Black Mountain Business and Professional Women's club is sponsoring this course in the interest of public welfare and preparedness. It is under the general supervision of the Buncombe county office of Civil Defense.

Please contact Mrs. Fred Higginbotham by phone after 6:00 p.m. if you wish to enroll for the course, or to complete the lessons you may have missed in the first class. The class will be limited to 30 persons.

## To Onlookers Drill Looked Like Real Fire

The siren screamed its mournful warning, members of the Volunteer Fire department rushed to their posts, and traffic ground to a halt as the fire truck roared to the Black Mountain Drug store where smoke was pouring from the basement.

It was shortly after dark on Monday evening. No one except Jim Uzzell and employees of the drug store, and Johnny Rice, fire chief, knew that it was only a drill to test the efficiency of the department. To the firemen the blaze looked real, and the girl overcome with smoke—all part of the pre-arranged plan—had to be carried out of the basement in a hurry.

To the large crowd that quickly gathered—at a safe distance, of course—it looked like the real thing. In fact it was so real that officials became concerned and are taking this opportunity to assure the public that it was only a drill.

But to the onlookers the flames seemed to be eating at the heels of the firemen as they went quickly about their business of removing the personnel from the building and bringing the blaze under control.

Story is that at one time it looked so real that even Mr. Uzzell and the fire chief got worried. However, this could not be confirmed at press time.

## All-Number Calling For Swannanoa

Customers of Southern Bell in the Swannanoa area will soon receive a new service—the latest system of telephone numbers according to W. R. Cooke, manager.

When the new dial building in the Government section is placed in service at 11 p.m. April 9, 1960, Southern Bell will introduce "All-Number Calling" into Buncombe county. This exchange will be known as the "68" office, and the customers it serves will have seven-numeral numbers rather than the two-letter and five-numeral now used in Black Mountain.

Extension experiments and actual usage have shown All-Number Calling to be faster and more accurate. And the new system will make possible more number combinations, an important factor in the future growth of the community.

Customers who now have North numbers but who will be served by the "68" office will be notified of their new seven-numeral numbers. And the new numbers will also appear in a new telephone directory to be issued shortly.

Telephone users served by the "68" office will continue to place orders and pay telephone bills at the Black Mountain office.

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## Ex-Cell-O Milk Carton Sales Soar

DETROIT, MICH., Feb. 20—Americans purchased an estimated 14,700,000 paper cartons of milk in 1959, George D. Scott, vice president of Ex-Cell-O Corporation, said. Ex-Cell-O's Pure-Pak Division accounted for 10,214,000,000 or approximately two-thirds. This was an increase of 7.5% over 1958 sales of 9,497,000,000. The Pure-Pak trade mark is the most widely used food package trade mark in the world.

## American Parboard Division of National Starch & Chemical Corporation announces the promotion of M. G. Turner and Ruffner Atkins to position of night supervisor. The promotions were made in view of their outstanding work at Parboard over the past years.

Atkins (r.) lives in Black Mountain and has three children, ages 19, 12, and 11 years. Larry, the oldest, is also an employee of American Parboard. Ruffner has been with Parboard about three years.

Turner (l.) lives in Old Fort and has three children, a son age 9, and twin girls age 4. He has been with Parboard about 2 1/2 years.



National Starch & Chemical Corporation executives recently visited American Parboard Division here at Black Mountain. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Dr. R. W. Merritt, National Starch & Chemical vice-president of manufacturing; W. K. Grubman, American Parboard vice-president and general manager; James Dillon, National Starch & Chemical senior vice-president; and A. H. Haigh, Jr., American Parboard technical manager.

Dr. Merritt and Mr. Dillon toured American Parboard Feb. 14 to inspect changes and improvements made since National Starch & Chemical bought American Parboard late in 1959.

## World Day Of Prayer Will Be Observed

The Black Mountain Council of United Church Women will sponsor the observance of the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, with a service at the Methodist church on State street from 12:05-12:35. The purpose of the day is to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer, to pray for all the peoples of the world, and to make an offering for Christian missions at home and abroad.

This is the 74th observance of World Day of Prayer which began in 1887. On the first Friday in Lent thousands of Christians around the world will be united in a service of prayer and thanksgiving in 60 languages and 1,000 dialects. Services begin on the Tonga Islands, west of the International Date Line, where Queen Salote leads her subjects in prayer. Throughout the day observances are held in 145 countries on six continents, ending with the set.

## Many Groups In Area Hear Rev. Harris

The Rev. Gertrude Harris returned to her work at the Koinonia Foundation of Baltimore after a long week-end in this area.

While here Miss Harris assisted in the observance of Brotherhood Week, Race Relations and the Week of Compassion.

She high-lighted the Town meeting on Saturday night for the Department of International Affairs, preached on "The Way to understanding among nations on Sunday morning at Groce Methodist church of Asheville, and on Sunday night she preached at Tabernacle church.

Having preached in country churches of Maine for 14 years, she was perfectly at home Monday as guest of honor at the luncheon meeting of the Black Mountain Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Glenn Bryan.

The Home Demonstration clubs of North Carolina are the sponsors for the wide teaching of adult illiterates by the Frank C. Laubach method now being used in this state.

Charts designed by Dr. Laubach were displayed and literature used by Koinonia was given out during each service. While in this area, Rev. Harris was a house guest of Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire, who is a member of the Council of Koinonia Foundation, representing them in this area.

## S/Sgt. Strong Completes Marine Course

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (PHT NC)—Marine S/Sgt. Ben E. Strong, brother of the Rev. Charles W. Strong, formerly of Christmount Christian Assembly at Black Mountain, N. C., husband of the former Miss Frances L. Myers of Ponca City, Okla., was graduated, Jan. 25, from the Radio Chief Course at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

The eight-week course included instruction in Naval communication procedure, principles of radio, sending and receiving of Morse code, and general communications within the Marine Corps ground elements.

## C. Waldrop Transfers To Black Mtn.

Charles Waldrop has come to Black Mountain from Winston-Salem to be associated with John Brown at the American Breeders' Service office here. He has been with the service since August 1951 and originally came from Shelby. He says it feels good to be back in the mountain country.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrop have two daughters, one attending Wake Forest college and the other in grammar school here. They belong to the Baptist church.

## Sanitarians Meetings Set

"Community Sanitation Improvement" will be the theme of five sectional meetings for sanitarians which will be held during the period March 7-16 throughout the state.

These meetings will be sponsored by the State Board of Health in cooperation with the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

Dates and place of meetings are as follows: March 7—Clinton; March 9—Sanford; March 11—Washington; March 13—Shelby; and March 16—Charlotte.

## Fire Causes \$1,000 Damage To Reed's Cabin

Fire believed started by an overheated oil stove caused an estimated \$1,000 damage to a cottage at Reed's Cabins, located on No. 70 just west of Reed's Court, at approximately 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19. The cabins are owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Reed.

Ironically enough Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown, who lost their belongings when the Carl Trickett home burned recently near the Black Mountain Primary school, had planned to move into the Reed Cabin on Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Reed today expressed appreciation to the

## Bridge Club Franchised By A. C. B. L.

The Blue Ridge Duplicate Bridge club, which holds its weekly meetings at Don's Outpost, this week received its franchise from the American Contract Bridge league. Effective immediately weekly winners will be issued fractional master point certificates.

The first master point tournament is scheduled for March 6.

Temporarily, until new facilities at Don's are completed, the club meets Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All bridge players are cordially invited.

## CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT SWANNAHOA

Tickets are on sale for the chicken dinner which will be held at the Swannanoa Methodist church from 5-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5. The cost is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children.

The WSCS of the church is sponsoring the dinner and will use the proceeds to repair the parsonage.

Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be purchased from members of the WSCS or reservations may be made by calling the parsonage, NO 9-7759.

No tickets will be available at the door.

## MONTREAT THANKS JOE REESE FOR EXCELLENT JOB

Saturday afternoon two weeks ago during the height of the storm a large tree blew down, fell across the power lines on Tennessee road in Montreat, and started a fire.

The fire was soon extinguished, the tree was sawed in two and removed.

Following this Joe Reese climbed the high poles, untangled the lines, and worked in the cold and snow until 8:00 p.m. to restore lights in the homes of Montreat. It was 10:30 p.m. before he could restore the light service at Assembly Inn.

In recognition of this unselfish service the residents of Montreat issued the following tribute to Mr. Reese:

"So often we wait till the one we wish to commend can no longer enjoy the flowers. This little bouquet is sent while Joe can still hear it and while he can still realize that his efforts did not go unnoticed."

"Montreat appreciates some one who is dependable and willing to go beyond the call of duty." To Joe Reese we say: "A job well done."



Gordon H. Greenwood, publisher of the Black Mountain News, today announced that he would seek reelection to the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Native of Black Mountain, Greenwood attended Buncombe county schools, N. C. State college, the University of Illinois, and the University of London, England. During World War II he was a psychologist with the U. S. Army in Europe.



Catherine Whitesides, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitesides of Old Fort, was a member of the cast which presented Iphigenia In Tauris, a Greek drama, at Appalachian State Teachers college recently. Catherine is a freshman majoring in home economics. She is a graduate of Old Fort High school.