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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Mar. 8	34	25	
Mar. 9	20	18	
Mar. 9-8	inches	of snow	
Mar. 10	42	20	
Mar. 11	30	20	
Mar. 11-10	inches	of snow	
Mar. 12	32	25	
Mar. 13	33	16	
Mar. 14	42	14	

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Byrd's Column Draws Stern Objection From Unexpected Source

Letter In the Mail Today:
In my column of Thursday, March 3, I mentioned the candidacy of Roy Taylor and Gordon Greenwood for the respective offices for which they had announced. I then made the following statement:

"In addition to their own sterling qualities, both men are blessed with charming and capable wives. It is increasingly important that men in public life have intelligent and educated wives. I am sure that Garnet and Evelyn will be more than a credit to Gordon and Roy in any circumstance."

I didn't expect any repercussion from this innocent and sincere compliment, but I got one from an unexpected source.

In the same mail that I sent out my material for Mountain Musings for Thursday, March 10, I received a letter from Heinz Rollman of Waynesville, N. C. Since I think it would be of interest to my readers, I pass its contents on to you.

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I have seen your "Mountain Musings" in your issue of Thursday, March 3, and I am sure you will forgive me if I disagree with you that for men in public life the choice of their wives is so tremendously important.

I believe that the voters represented by the candidates and not the candidates' wives, and I believe that the life of an elected official should be no more influenced by national legislation than would the wife of a furniture manufacturer influence the buying of furniture.

I believe that all the official cocktail parties that take place when the legislature is in session in Raleigh, and that the year-round cocktail parties where Congressmen show their wives are poison for our laws, for our lawmakers, and the public. I hope every legislator has a wonderful wife and that she pursues her own interest in life, Girl Scout work, or Red Cross work, or taking care of the children or anything for which she feels she is best qualified.

I have had Presidents in my history whose wives have been very prominent and we have had other Presidents whose wives shunned the limelight and are quite happy not to travel 50,000 miles every year. We have had good Presidents and we have had bad Presidents, but they were the bad executives and not their wives.

I have the greatest respect for women and have appointed women to more high positions in industry all over the world than most industrialists have ever done previously. I, naturally, have the greatest respect for women and would respect any woman who runs for elective office.

An elected official becomes the trustee of the people, but so do his wife, or his mother, or his children. It is even possible in my mind if an elected official has the moral right to discuss the people's business with his family. It is something very real if please. The world is now — Turn to Page 8

Kenneth Martin Takes Part In Army Exercise

MANAU, GERMANY (AHT)—Army Pfc. Kenneth E. Martin, son of Mrs. Bernice Martin, route 1, Black Mountain, N. C., participated with other personnel from the 516th Engineer Company in Exercise Winter Shield at the Grafenohr-Hohenfels training area in southern Germany, Feb. 1-7. Winter Shield, an annual winter maneuver designed to determine the combat readiness of Seventh Army troops, — Turn to Page 4

CATHOLIC HIGH STUDENTS WILL PRESENT COMEDY

Students of Asheville Catholic High school will present a comedy, "Camouflagage," March 18 at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of St. George's, The Pines. Proceeds will be used for the 1960 graduation breakfast and equipment for the school. Tickets will be on sale at the door for 50 cents. For advance tickets call Mrs. Anderson, Edmond, ticket chairman, AL 2-8826 or Mrs. W. O'Donnell, AL 3-2904.

Jaycees Awards Banquet Will Be Thursday

President Frank B. Williams of the Black Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce announced that the annual awards banquet will be held at the Monte Vista hotel, March 17, at 7 p. m.

Speaker for the evening will be the popular and well known Gene Wike, owner and operator of the Sports Mart in Asheville. He will be presented by Bill Pinyan, master of ceremonies.

The award which will be presented is the Jaycee Key-Man Award to the outstanding Jaycee for his efforts of the year. Certificates of appreciation will be given to those individuals or businesses, which have contributed toward the Jaycee efforts of community betterment.

Mr. Williams also stated that the awards for the annual Christmas Lighting will be presented. This award is in two categories, commercial and residential.

The first place winner in the residence category is Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Buckner for their outstanding design and Christmas scene painted on the picture window of their home. Mr. and Mrs. Carter Uzzell won second place for the beautiful manner in which their home was lighted.

There was only one winner in the Commercial category, the Monte Vista hotel for the outstanding Nativity scene.

In keeping with sincere appreciation of efforts by others than the club members, the Jaycees have invited their bosses to accept their hospitality and thanks for the evening.

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Membership Training Week Is Set

The First Baptist church will participate in Membership Training Week, March 20-24. The emphasis will include every department of the church and a place is planned for every member of the family.

The courses with their leaders are as follows: adults—Training in Church Membership by Rev. Charles W. Smith; young people—The Challenge of Church Membership by Mrs. Lawrence Barnhill; intermediates—Now You Belong by Mrs. George Pickering; juniors—My Church and I by Mrs. Perry McMahan; primaries—The Story of Samuel by Mrs. A. J. Hemphill; beginners—Good Times at Church by Mrs. A. T. Usher; and nursery—Daytime and Nighttime by Betty Brandon.

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Taxi Drivers Praised For Faithful Work

(Editor's Note: The following was written by a resident of the community, who wishes to remain anonymous. It is self-explanatory.)

Our world has been beautiful in its white dress of snow, trimmed in crystal icicles. (Beautiful but at times most inconvenient) during the most weeks. This emergency has brought out sterling qualities in the hearts of many people — qualities of unselfishness, thoughtfulness, and gratitude. Our community owes a special debt of gratitude to the men in the taxi service—men who have been so faithful in their helpfulness during this time of inconvenience—taking people to their work, to church, to the hospital, to various community functions, and even delivering groceries to those off the beaten track. When it was not possible to reach houses in their cars, they have walked up snow-covered trails with these foot parcels.

These men have worked day and night to accommodate our townspeople. Financially this has been a losing battle. What with snow tires, chains, lost bumpers, and other parts—these have far outnumbered the income, but they came at our call and came with a smile.

Black Mountain townspeople wish to pay a tribute of respect and gratitude to these loyal men who have made life easier for us all during these weeks of being snow-bound. — A Resident.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WILL OBSERVE BIRTHDAY

Waycaster-McFee American Legion and Auxiliary will celebrate the birthday anniversary of the Legion with a covered dish supper Thursday night (tonight) at 6:30 in the Legion hall. Members of both units are cordially invited to come and bring their families.

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Vandals Spoil Everybody's Fun, Burn Books

Blue Ridge officials today expressed regret that some of those using the Assembly road for sledding during the recent heavy snows saw fit to turn vandal and destroy valuable books and papers belonging to G. K. Roper of Richmond, Va., and the door to the gate house.

The books and papers stolen from the building and burned, along with the door to the gate house, had been stored there by Mr. Roper. The vandal and vandals broke into the small building which marks the entrance to the Blue Ridge grounds, carried the books and papers outside, and burned them along with the door to the place.

During the snow season hundreds have enjoyed riding down the Blue Ridge hill—the mile long run from the Assembly buildings to the gate. The gate house now standing empty with the contents reduced to smoldering ashes outside bears mute evidence of how a few reacted.

Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr., president, and other Blue Ridge officials told the News this morning: "We are greatly distressed because of the vandalism of a few."

T. Ventulett Receives \$1000 Scholarship

Thomas W. Ventulett III, grandson of Mrs. L. B. Poole, has received a \$1,000 scholarship to the American Institute of Architecture on recommendation from Georgia Tech. He expects to enroll at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

Swannanoa Men May Establish Youth Bureau

A bureau to aid the youth of the Swannanoa community in finding employment and employees to find suitable workers may be established by the Swannanoa Men's club.

At the meeting this week President J. Herbert Coman appointed Dr. Hubert Clapp chairman of a committee which will study the situation and report at the April meeting. The bureau would be similar to that which was in operation in Black Mountain a few years ago.

Other committee members include Coman, Charlie Porter, and Gordon Greenwood. The club voted to develop a play area, provided permission is granted, at the community center in Grovemont. Paul Patton will head the committee which will be in charge of this project. He will be assisted by Roy Alexander and Wilbur Ward.

The club discussed the parking situation in Swannanoa, welcomed Warren Jones as a new member, and named Sam Alexander and Mr. Coman to represent the group at a meeting with the library committee on March 28.

Fred Davidson will have charge of the April program. At this meeting every member is urged to bring a prospective new member.

There are still plenty of the "Swannanoa Industrial Valley" auto tags on sale by members of the club. They cost \$1.00 and are permanent.

B & PW RADIOLOGY CLASS SET TONIGHT

The radiology class being conducted by the Buncombe County Civil Defense office, under the sponsorship of the Business and Professional Woman's club, will be held Thursday night (tonight) in the Black Mountain Primary school lunchroom at 7:30. Another class will be held Monday night, March 21.

Contributions Sought By United Church Women For Many Projects

It was with regret that the committee of Black Mountain Council of United Church Women cancelled the World Day of Prayer noon service planned for State Street Methodist church. It was almost impossible for cars to park near the church even if they had been able to get that near.

It is felt that many Christians in Black Mountain joined others around the world in praying for peace and world brotherhood even though we were unable to assemble in one place to pray.

If you care to have a part in the projects the World Day of Prayer 1960 offering will promote at home and abroad, such as migrant work at home, the literacy program and Christian literature program, interdenominational work in hospitals and in educational projects, you may hand your offering to anyone of the World Day of Prayer committee members: Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. Carl Bowness, Mrs. James Skelton, Mrs. E. W. Austin, or Mrs. W. A. Davis, president of the local Council of United Church Women, or Mrs. Max Woodcock, treasurer.

We can not let our local council fall down in its 1960 World Day of Prayer offering. Contributions from the Woman's organizations in local churches and from individuals will be welcome.

This is the artist's drawing of what the new post office in Black Mountain will be like. The new building will be located directly behind the present structure on West street on a lot containing more than 16,000 square feet. The new post office building will be modern throughout with the latest type heating and lighting. Space will be provided for many more lock boxes which have been in short supply here for several years.

U.S. Post Office Dept. Calls For Sealed Bids For New Bldg. Here

Sealed bids for the construction of a new post office building in Black Mountain on West street have been called for by the United States Post Office Department, according to an announcement made today by Postmaster Charles L. Greer.

The lot selected as the site for the new building is located on the west side of West street, between State street and Sutton avenue. It contains 16,500 square feet of space and will provide ample room, the plans show, for the building, parking space, and the loading ramp for mail trucks which will be located at the rear of the plant.

The floor plan has been devised so as to permit the smooth flow of mail from front to rear and from the incoming trucks to the lock boxes which will line the east and south walls of the building.

DR. WEATHERFORD IS IN HOSPITAL

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, 84, is a patient at Wesley Long hospital in Greensboro, where he suffered a stroke Saturday morning.

Latest reports to reach the News at press time was that he is getting along fairly well.

Dr. Weatherford's son, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, Jr., a professor of economics at Swarthmore college, has been notified by cable in Malaya where he is doing research as a Fulbright Scholar.

SWANNANOVA WSCS SUPPER SATURDAY COME WHAT MAY

Rain or shine the W. S. C. S. of the Swannanoa Methodist church will have its chicken supper Saturday night, March 19, from 5 to 7:30 p. m. Proceeds will be used for repairs on the parsonage. This supper has been postponed several times because of the bad weather.

WOMAN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW MAY BE SATURDAY

If the weather permits the Black Mountain Woman's club will hold its fashion show Saturday, March 19, at the Monte Vista hotel. This is an open meeting and everyone is cordially invited to attend. The time is 8 p. m.

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Weeks Tells Of Great Growth Of Ridgcrest

The regular meeting of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter of the American Red Cross was held Monday, March 15, at the Monte Vista hotel.

Dr. Willard K. Weeks of Ridgcrest told of the growth of the Ridgcrest Assembly, which is one of 16 religious assemblies near Asheville. He said it was a nation-wide Baptist Assembly having over 2300 guests per week with a maximum last year of 3385. Most of the states in the United States are represented including Alaska and Hawaii, with guests also coming from Canada.

Included in the religious program are boys and girls camps which have become very popular. Out of 12 to 14 hundred applicants only 500 or 600 can be accepted. These camps are run with a religious emphasis.

Ridgcrest has grade A accommodations for 2300 Baptists and is run with a staff of 400 to 425 workers, who do 34 different types of work. Since Nov. 1950 when the receipts were \$389,000 the growth has risen to provide \$700,000 in receipts. Last summer 323,724 meals were served in two dining halls, one accommodating 1800 people and the other 600.

Dr. Weeks stated that since Ridgcrest is a non-profit organization it is always run in the red. The staff members are paid \$5.00 per week plus housing and meals. Added to this at the end of the season a love offering is divided among the whole group. These workers are interested more in the spiritual than in the monetary gain from their work. In spite of the low income the staff last year donated \$1677 for missions of the Baptist church—with a large share going to foreign missions.

The assembly has its own reservoir to provide water for all the guests and 48 hydrants each with 150 pounds pressure for fire protection. This reservoir provided 29,109,130 gallons of water last year. By 1972 another reservoir is to be built to provide additional water for the expected growth.

The grounds include a Memorial Park and a Stage Coach house museum besides all the other buildings. \$3,000,000 has been allocated for the next three years, \$500,000 of which is for capital investment. By 1964 the year round operation of the assembly is planned for.

Last year through the generosity of donors a new chapel and gymnasium were built. With last year's registration at 30,100, and 18,000 new reservations since January, 1960, a bigger year is expected this year. Mr. Weeks stated that with the growth of Ridgcrest Assembly, Black Mountain would also be benefited, due to the increased payroll, the purchase of lumber and supplies as well as the money spent by guests in the township.

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Red Cross Aids Many Families In Distress

Details of how the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter of the American Red Cross has handled calls for fuel, food and medicine during the emergency caused by the heavy snow and cold of the past few weeks were given today by Willard K. Weeks, chapter chairman.

The local chapter has jurisdiction over that part of Buncombe County east of the VA hospital at Oteen.

"The majority of calls are for food. In fact, we have answered more than 50 such requests prior to last Sunday afternoon," the chairman pointed out. "The work at the chapter office has been on a continuous basis since Friday when the situation was reported critical.

"We would like to thank the merchants who have cooperated so well in filling food and fuel orders quickly.

"The personnel at the State Highway Weight Station on Highway 70 have been extremely helpful in reporting cases and in transporting food and fuel. And so have the Black Mountain Police Department, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department, and many other groups and individuals. We want all of them to know that their efforts have been appreciated," Mr. Weeks concluded.

At the chapter office here in Black Mountain Mrs. Bessie Hobson has worked hard to coordinate the efforts of the various groups and individuals. She was given valuable assistance by Mrs. George Moray, office clerk, and William S. Holcombe.

Kearfott Will Sponsor Film, Cancer Program

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A memorandum from C. H. Riley, plant manager, to all women employees said in part:

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At the end of March a film on early cancer detection will be shown in one of our local high schools. In addition to the film, we are arranging for a prominent local physician to be present at the showing to answer questions which may be of interest to you regarding cancer.

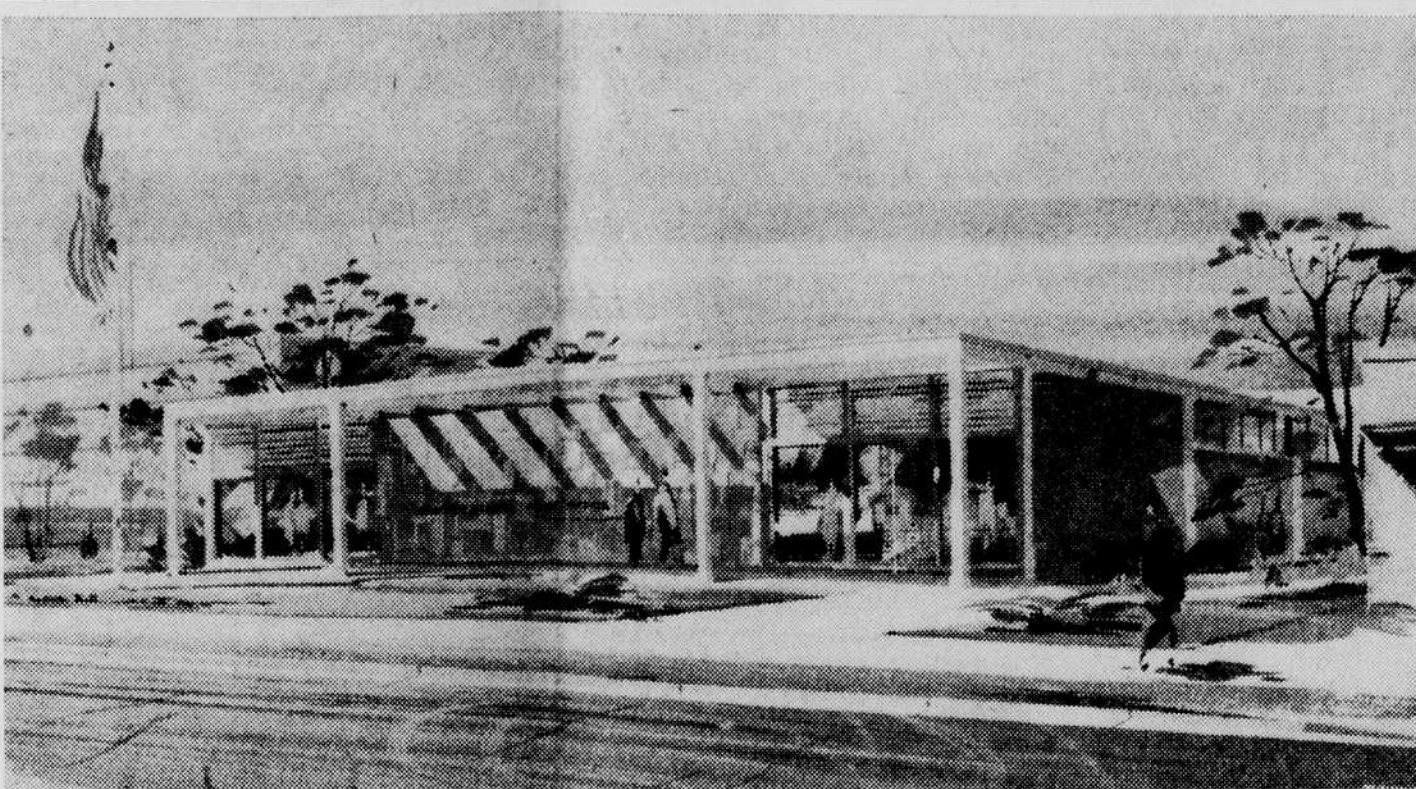
I urge you to read the enclosed pamphlets carefully and make use of the information offered. Our most valuable possession is our health.

The program, Mr. Riley told the News, will be open to all women of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa area, and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

Sewing Classes To Start Mon.

Attention, young and old: Owen Vocational Home Economics department will start classes in sewing Monday, March 21, at 3:30 p. m. in the Home Economics department of Owen High school. Mrs. Mavis Nesbitt and Miss Vera Price will be instructors.

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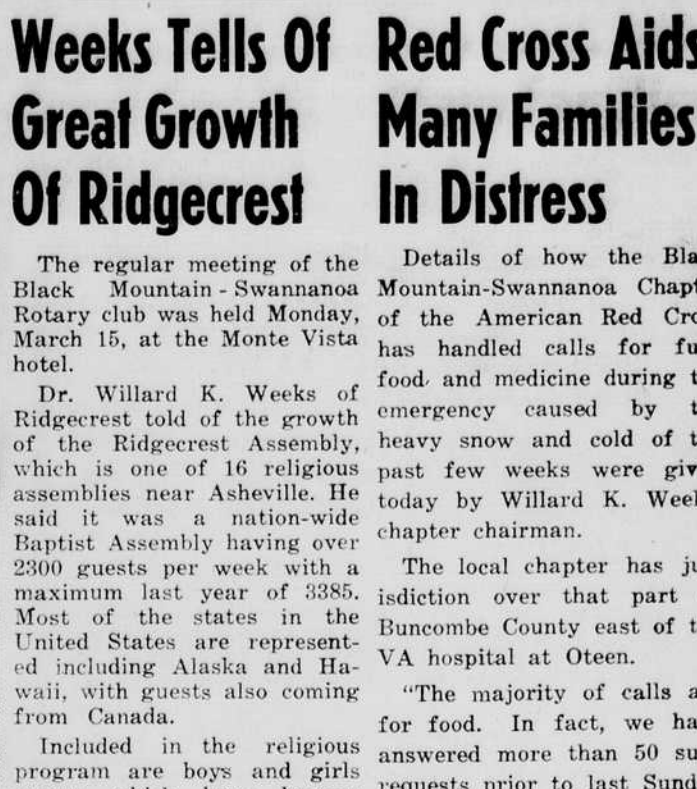
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