

# Mountain Musings

by Gene Byrd

ther his education creates a feeling of mixed emotion in the hearts of his many friends. We are happy that the opportunity has presented itself for this sincere and gentlemanly educator to go into broader fields, but the community will be the poorer for the leaving of Guy and his very charming wife and family.

I shall always remember Guy as a formidable coaching opponent, good sport, good educator and a worthy friend. We had an opportunity last summer to replay a lot of athletic contests without the wear and tear on ulcers of the original combats. It was good reminiscing man-talk.

Since Guy is a reader of this column and since I have tried without success several times to call him in the evening to convey my respects, I'll just use Brother Greenwood's paper to get through to him.

**The Cup of Sorrow**  
Continues to Fill  
The death of Mr. Will Greene leaves a gap in our community life. I have known Mr. Will for many years, he was known and loved for his kindness and gentle spirit.

Mr. Greene was a bulwark in the church and in the community life of Black Mountain. He contributed more to the well being of the town than many can ever realize.

The Muser extends sympathy to the widow, children and grandchildren. Your loss is not yours alone.

I would also like to extend my sympathy to George and Bob Burnett on the loss of their brother Austin E. Burnett. (I believe that E. stood for Eugene).

I met Austin at a homecoming once in the old days; he impressed me as a nice person.

The fact that he was the son of Berry and Sophronia Burnett, born in the Burnett kingdom of North Fork, and known to many of our older citizens makes his passing noteworthy. He was born April 9, 1881; thus, he had lived a long life.

We are Proud of Willard!  
The daily newspapers noted last week that Willard Farrow had been appointed administrator of the Home for the Aging in Charlotte. (This is a very fine Methodist institution.)

I am sure this was a well deserved promotion. Willard graduated from Black Mountain High school in 1931, if my memory serves me correctly. He was a very fine student, but his courage was what impressed me. He was of very slight build, but he loved football. Day after day he would endure the hard grind of calisthenics and butt heads with some of the behemoths that were ours in that day. Larger boys would suddenly discover they had to work at home and quit the team but not Willard. I don't remember Willard playing much football, but I remember the standing ovation the student body gave him when Coach Wayne Priest announced he had won a letter for faithful and meritorious service.

I am sure the combination of intelligence and perseverance displayed by this fine man in his younger days will stand him in good stead in the position he now holds.

**A Worthy Dedication**  
The Charles D. Owen high school annual for 1960, "The Black Swan," has been received and distributed.

It is a good annual and the staff and sponsors deserve great credit for many hours of labor.

Emily Alexander greatly impressed me with her presentation of the annual to the student body. Her pleasant speaking voice and well chosen words added to the occasion.

The annual was dedicated to one of our high school teachers, Thomas W. Nesbitt. The dedication eulogized his years of service to youth and his presentation of scientific knowledge.

The contributions of Tom Nesbitt to school and community life since he came here in 1936 have been many and varied.

He is a valuable citizen, and a worthy dedication it was. (He even got my Judy interested in science.)

**Methuselah Byrd**  
Recently a very nice couple from Pompano Beach, Fla., the McNabs, went exploring my North Fork property with me. I liked this couple very much; their dream of a mountain retreat was quite wonderful.

As we walked and talked, I was a little taken aback when the charming Mrs. McNab stopped short and said:

"I hope you live to be one hundred and fifty years old."

All I could manage was a feeble, "Why?"

"I'll take that long for you to carry out all your plans," she commented.

(I have since learned that the McNabs have located their dream site near the Pisgah Forest. I am glad for them.)

Shut up, students of mine, I AM NOT THAT OLD YET. Low and Cool

One of our good church members, Lucille McElrath, is one of the operators of Tot Town at the Westgate Shopping Center. One of her youthful charges, some four years old, told her that his preacher really yelled when he delivered his sermons. He then related that his Daddy was a preacher too and climaxed his remarks by saying:

"My Daddy doesn't holler real loud. He just preaches low and cool."

How do you like your preaching, loud and hot or low and cool?

**Please Porridge**  
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Keep that preaching low and cool.

Tell them about the selfish Rich Fool, But keep that preaching, low and cool.

Young Timothy be a worthy tool, And keep that preaching, low and cool.

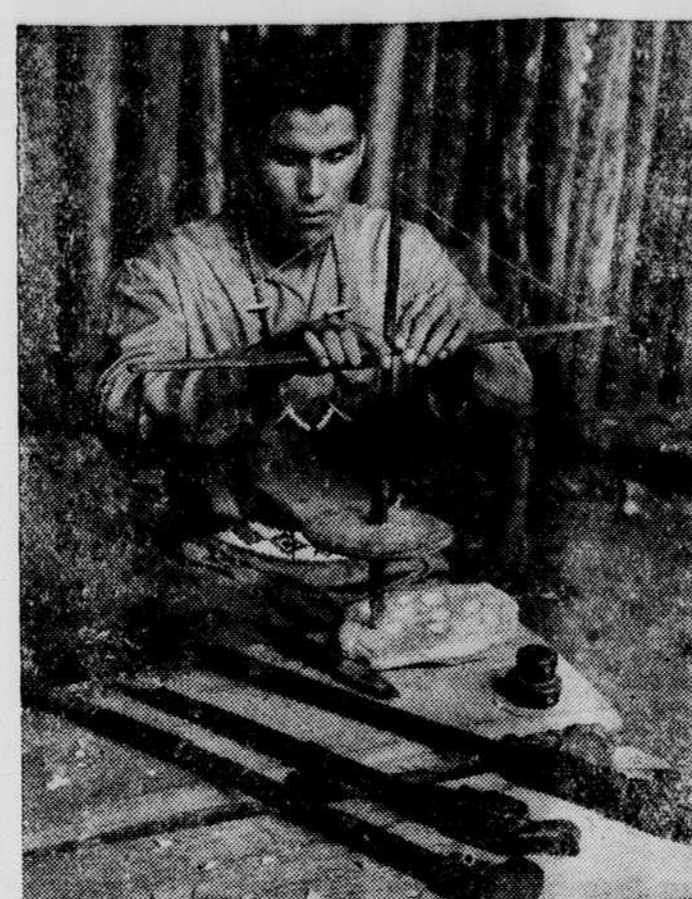
(Change of mood)  
Refuddled in a world of fear

We need the Gospel, loud and clear.

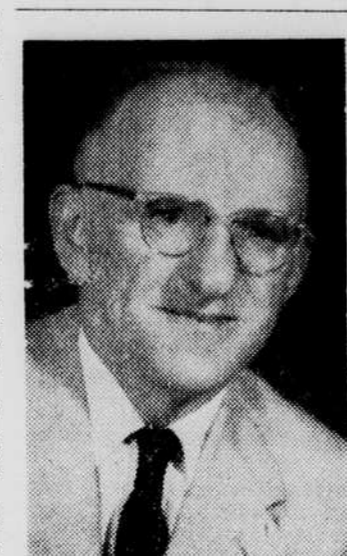
Deafened by the cynic's jeer, Hark! Salvation loud and clear.

O praise the Lord, my Savior Dear, Trumpet His Love both loud and clear.

Whatever style, your talents take, Use it all for the Kingdom's sake.



James Conseen, member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, demonstrates the ancient skill of his forefathers, at Oconaluftee Indian Village, Cherokee, N. C. With primitive tools, and excellent craftsmanship, James Conseen produces artfully carved pipes, ceremonial bowls, and weapons which compare favorably with the work of modern-day artisans.



## Bullman In Landing Exercise

**FORMOSA (FHTNC)** — James A. Bullman, hospital corpsman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bullman of Black Mountain, N. C., took part in a huge amphibious landing exercise March 22, on Formosa's southern coast with units of the Okinawa-based Third Marine Division.

The exercise, termed "Operation Blue Star," called for the Third Marine Division to assemble in the area on March 20 along with units of the Hawaii-based First Marine Brigade and U. S. Republic of China navy, marine and air force elements.

Purpose of the operation, which comprised over 18,000 Marines and 70 Navy ships, was to promote closer working relations between U. S. and Republic of China forces in practicing the conventional and vertical assault type amphibious landings.

Cabe has been a member of the Candler Lions club for the past 10 years and has a perfect attendance record since his induction into membership. He served as president during the 1957-58 club year and Zone Four Chairman during the 1958-59 club year.

The Candler Lions leader is Chief Electrician at the American Enka Corporation, treasurer of the Enka Credit Union, and has been a resident of Buncombe county for the past 30 years.

**BRIDGE WINNERS MAY 18**  
North-South: 1st, Mrs. Ray Harrison, Mr. N. C. Shuford, 2nd, Miss Mazie Buie, Don Livingston; 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones.

East-West—1st, Mrs. R. T. Greene, Mrs. Max Woodcock; 2nd, Mrs. Stuart Miller, Miss Bett Livingston; 3rd, Mrs. Harrie Danenower, and Cliff Field.

—In New Bern, N. C., the first State Legislature met.

## What's Goin' . . . At Owen

by Tim Spiro

Last week was a good week for the seniors. Invitations and senior cards came in. Their arrival brought graduation much closer in the minds of those who will graduate. Cries of, "Let me have one of your cards!" were met with "I want one of yours, too."

Perhaps this week graduation appeared closer to new seniors than ever before. The under classmen worked on their schedules this week. New courses to be offered next year are Spanish I, Latin III, Home Economics III, Agriculture IV, Business English.

**PARTY IS GIVEN AT GREGORY HOME**  
Mrs. Percival Gregory of Laurel Circle entertained a group of friends at her home last Thursday. With a background of varied and colorful flowers, luncheon was served in the garden.

Guests attending were Mrs. Rush Whiteside, Mrs. Homer Braunsweig, Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Albert Jern, Miss Mary Walters, Miss Lela Walters, Miss Bertha Walters, Mrs. W. W. Pharr, Miss Susan Currell, Miss Mazie Buie, Mrs. J. W. Ager, Mrs. Joseph Duglinton, Mrs. W. S. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Bergthold, Mrs. James Revis, Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. Townsend Hay, Mrs. Hubert White, Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. Guy Burchfield, and the hosts.

The annual was dedicated to Mr. T. W. Nesbitt "for the many years he has given to education . . . for his quiet way of making the mysteries of science clearer . . . for his love of the humorous . . . and for his understanding of the student."

The Beta Club will have its last meeting of the year tomorrow. There will be swimming, tennis and sunning for those who wish to participate. Then a cook-out will bring the year's activities of the Beta club to a close. Mrs. Parris has done an outstanding job as sponsor of this club this year.

New Bern, N. C., now celebrating its 250th anniversary, was the first in North Carolina and third in America, next to Boston and Philadelphia, in celebrating Independence Day.

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This advertisement, first published in June of last year, was received with immediate and widespread acclaim throughout the South. In response to many suggestions that its inspiring message bears repeating, we are happy to do so at this time.