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## The Pre-School Clinic To Be April 18

The Pre-School Clinic will be held Tuesday, April 18, at 9 a. m. for all children eligible to enter school in the fall of 1961. Those eligible are the children who will be six on or before midnight October 16, 1961.

The state requires that all children be vaccinated for small pox, whooping cough, diphtheria, typhoid, and at least one inoculation for polio before being admitted to school. May we urge you to have your children vaccinated now rather than wait until warm weather. Vaccinations may be had from the family doctor or the Youth Center first Thursday of each month at 1 p. m.

Please bring the child's birth certificate and records of his shots to the Pre-School Clinic. They must be verified by school personnel at the clinic.

The present 1st grade students will not attend school on April 18 (the day of the clinic).

**Black Mountain Bridge Club To Have New Game**  
Starting Wednesday, March 22, the Black Mountain Duplicate Bridge club will initiate an afternoon game starting at 1:00 p. m. every Wednesday at the Monte Vista hotel.

All bridge players are cordially invited to attend.

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## Mountain Musings

by Gene Byrd

Treat in Store:

It appears that the first Valley Folk Festival to be held Saturday evening in Owen High school auditorium will be a real treat.

The more I hear concerning the program and the people connected with it, the more I feel that something worthwhile is a-borning.

I am always impressed and touched when a group of people, without ulterior motives, attempt something for the good of the whole community.

Since our area has been noted for years as a rich source of folk lore, and since we have a number of outstanding folk music artists, it is in order that these riches be perpetuated. We cannot keep the intangibles alive except we interest the youth of the valley in their heritage.

But Alexander tells me that it is planned to make the festival an annual affair. I'm glad.

Betty also relates that the Silo Circle theater has big plans for the coming summer. Supporters of this enterprise will be glad to hear this.

**Let's Help Artus:**  
Artus Moser, distinguished in so many ways, is searching for authentic items to be placed in the restored Zeb Vance birthplace on Reems Creek.

If any of you have any items that were in use before the Civil War, Mr. Moser would appreciate hearing from you.

**Speaking of Ballads:**  
I was rather amazed when I read about the recent visit of the Russian delegation that visited Bascom Lamar Lunsford over on Turkey Creek. It seems that they wanted to hear a rendition of Casey Jones, but none of the musicians present knew more than a few snatches of the song.

I wager a generation of "railroad men" turned over

in their graves then and there. One cannot easily banish the sight of an old section hand, patting his foot to get the beat, tilting his chin and then with great gusto belting out on:

"Come all you, rounders, if you want to hear the story about a brave engineer, Casey Jones was the rounder's name. On a six-eight wheeler, boys, he won his fame."

As a little lad, my favorite line went something like this: "Casey said, 'Boys you had better jump. There's two locomotives, and they are going to bump.'"

**Poor Old Corena:**  
Us old timers always like to hear one of the old times revived.

A while back, my teen-aged son told me about one of the latest hits in the teen circles. Upon inquiry, I found that the title was Corena.

Hearing this song took me back in time to my fourth grade days. We went to the auditorium to hear a program on fire prevention. A speaker held forth for a while. Then he informed us that a young man named Walt Davis would sing for us.

A good looking young fellow came on stage and, accompanying himself with a guitar, sang Corena. I can hear it in memory's ear now.

"I love Corena, tell the world I do. Just a little more living, make your heart beat true."

During basketball season, a station-wagon load of players and fans were on their way home. The front seat was pretty well filled by such personages as Mrs. Kirby Whitaker, Clyde Gray and the Old Muser. A gay group of teenagers occupied the remaining two seats. Someone said, "Let's sing Corena."

Kirby, Clyde and I started singing the tune we knew; the young folks started with the tune they knew. Well, about all I can say is that Corena died an unnatural death somewhere between the expressway and Beaucatcher tunnel.

It's something about the beat!

**The Face of Sorrow:**  
I want to extend my sympathy to the family of Fred Dotson.

I was honored when these fine people asked me to conduct the last rites for their loved one.

I didn't realize how many friends of my mother and father were numbered in this

group until I met with them on Friday evening at the funeral home.

Also I felt that I made new friends; among them the two brothers of the deceased who are ministers.

Saturday was a raw, cold day, but a large group of mourners filed the Tabernacle church to pay last respects. After the services at the gravesite, a gentleman came up and asked me if I were Aden Byrd's son. I was proud to answer in the affirmative.

"You look like him," he said. "Thank you, thank you, sir," I said.

**Jealous:**  
T'aint fair. My wife's spouse Isn't fed on ruffled spouse.

**The Face of Spring**  
Japonica and forsythia write with colored chalk  
In reds and yellows, bright hues  
Vivid on the face of spring.  
Blue, blue skies made her blue eyes.  
Dark clouds, her ringlets cling.  
Framing, the very face of spring.

## BROAD RIVER

by Mrs. M. M. Elliott

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowerman and sons Johnny and Jimmy, of Cincinnati are visiting Mrs. Bowermans parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hall, and son Roy on Broad River. Mr. Hall has been in poor health for some time. Others visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hall recently were their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman and daughter of Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hall and children of Black Mountain.

We attended the singing at Laurel Springs Baptist church last Sunday night. The singing was very good, choir singing, and some special singing. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf and their children's quartet from Marshall. The singing has been changed at Laurel Springs from the second Sunday nights to the second Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Dean Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins Ledbetter who is a student at Western Carolina College and Miss Carolin Stroud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stroud, made Alpha Honor Roll during the winter quarter, the highest possible honor roll at the College at Cullowhee.

Mrs. Daisy Elliott and son Wayne and his wife and little son of this section and Mrs. Elliott's Mother, Mrs. Louise Davis of Old Fort visited Mrs. Davis's father Major Connor and his wife in Gilky last Sunday.

Rev. John Zanon an ex-catholic Priest of Charlotte, now a Southern Baptist preacher preached at Laurel Springs Baptist church on Flat Creek last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shipman, of Old Fort, Rt. 2 stopped by for a visit with us last week.

My son Yewitt and I visited my sister Nancy (Nan) Ownbey in Asheville last Monday.

On our way home we stopped by for a visit with my nephew and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Oren Vess in Buckeye Cove. Mr. R. G. Owenbey's sister Miss Frances Ownbey of Black Mountain and Mr. Owenbey's nephew, Forest Owenbey of Swannanoa visited Mr. Owenbey and family in this Community recently. We were glad to have with us at Stone Mountain Church last Sunday Rev. Ralph Gough's wife and son Stephen of West Marion.

My son Jack Elliott and his wife of East Marion visited us last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. James G. Davis, of Upper Cedar Creek, had as guest last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Stroud and children, Nancy and Tommy of Broad River and Mr. Elijah Lawing near Marion. Rev. William Grandy of Hendersonville preached for us at Stone Mountain Church Sunday before last.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN BRIDGE WINNERS**  
The Black Mountain Duplicate Bridge club met Thursday, March 16, at the Monte Vista hotel. Winners were: N-S, 1st, Miss Martha Covin and Lawrence J. Brady; 2nd, Lowry Covin and Mrs. Lawrence J. Brady; 3rd, Mrs. Ray Harrison and Mrs. Hugh Stevens. E-W, 1st, Max Woodcock and Mrs. Don Wright; 2nd Mrs. R. T. Greene and Mrs. Nancy Luxemburger; 3rd, Douglas Jones and Woodrow Beddingfield.

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## Little Women To Be Given Here On April 8

The Girl Scouts of Troop 98 have been busy for several weeks rehearsing and collecting costumes to be ready for their presentation of "Little

Women" in the Primary school auditorium, April 8.

The girls have wanted to produce a play for several years and finally decided on "Little Women", a three-act comedy adapted from the novel by Louisa May Alcott. This story has been a favorite for many years and is especially pleasing when seen on the stage. The play is being presented by special permis-

sion of Northwestern Press, Inc.

Several local people have been kind enough to loan period costumes and accessories and it will be worth the price of admission just to see the fashion show of another age. As the costumes are collected and stage properties are developed, the girls are becoming more enthusiastic about learning their parts. Everything points to a very enjoyable evening for all.

The ticket sale will start March 27. Tickets will be available from members of Troop 98 and will also be available at the door.

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