

Members Address The Garden Club

The March meeting of the Garden club, it was the first of the club's program, for the most of the original members for the program had been appointed to be responsible for the program had been assigned to the program. The new members, however, stepped quickly into the shoes of the original members and put on a lively, informative, and entertaining presentation of the assigned subject, Soil Preparation.

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and how successful "Mother Pitkin" had been inland, and even at the sandy seashore, by carrying to the poor soil loads and loads of compost, mulch, and manure. The overwhelmingly successful results were demonstrated by colored lantern slides of those grounds simply bursting with bloom and beauty. An exhibit was made of the primitive tools by which she accomplished this miracle, a little old wooden stool, a small knife and a short handled spade. The hours of work, the early rising and the love of beauty that went into it were left to the imagination.

Mr. Frank Abernathy, another new member, spoke in the same light vein of the consistency of soil necessary to success, loose, crumbly, and porous, which he used to think of as dirt, but now finds he must think of it in terms of its four essential components; 20% air, 5% organic matter, 30% water, and the rest earth.

Mrs. Roy Smith then told of the function of each of these essential constituents in maintaining the well being of the plants, and of the three ways in which water reaches the plant, gravitation, capillary action, and hydrosopic action. Following this, Mrs. Walter Davis spoke on revitalizing the soil, that is, returning to it everything that had been taken from it, using fertilizers containing the inorganic elements as well as organic compost and mulch.

SWANNANOVA NEWS

By JIM BURLESON . . . Phone 686-3205

Yes, We Were There!
Read the article entitled "Were You There" in last week's Black Mountain News with great interest and much nostalgia.

We were living on the old Jordan farm on Bee Tree road which is now owned by the Edwards family. I remember very distinctly the terrible flood mentioned in the article, also the area used by the villagers to keep their hogs. We spotted several of the hogs far down stream from their pens, quite an unsightly view. My aunt found a nickel that supposedly came from a "pin-ball" machine that had been carried away by the angry waters far up stream.

It's quite an adventure for a boy to ramble through an area after the flood waters have receded, but still its a depressing sight to note what havoc has befallen so many of the old buildings. I'll never forget the awesome feeling experienced when I saw the massive steel-beamed bridge tumble from its footings like a piece of paper-mache, down into the raging current.

The most distressing thing for the young people of that time was the fact the flood had torn up the "ole swimmin' hole." It was a typical swimming hole, with a conveniently located tree and bank from which to dive from. I never used these diving facilities because being of a "tender" age I was a devout coward.

Almost any summer afternoon would find practically every youngun' in the neighborhood down at the swimmin' hole, stirring up the mud. I'm sure the Davidson, McMurray and Price boys, along with countless others remember the old place as vividly as I do; we hope so for those were great days with lasting memories.

7:00 p.m. with square dance competition getting underway at 8:00.

The school may be purchased from any of the Swannanoa Woman's club members, also a number of students from the Black Mountain and Swannanoa areas have tickets for sale. They are \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students.

This will be an evening of good clean entertainment and we whole-heartedly urge everyone to attend.

Cubs Take Train Ride
A group of happy boys boarded one of Southern Railway's finest on Saturday, Mar. 18, along about noon. These young gents were Cub Scouts from Dens comprising Pack 28 in the Swannanoa area.

The Scouts looked real sharp in their blue with yellow trim uniforms, and despite the miserable ice storm that was taking place, were "cham-pin' at the bit" to get started. Some of the boys had never ridden on a train before, and the short but memorable excursion proved mighty exciting.

Before their departure, the members of Den 1, Mrs. John Brown, Den Mother, George Lemieux, Den Chief, were invited to the home of fellow scout, Douglas Howell on Woodland drive, Grovemont, to help him celebrate his ninth birthday. The boys gave Doug some nice gifts and before they left they were a group of bulging Cub Scouts from so much cake, ice cream and candy served by Doug's mother, Mrs. Richard Howell. Those attending the party in addition to George Lemieux and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown were Richard Jones, Bobby McMurray, Teddy Crist, Dickie Brown, Mike Franklin, Charles Gwaltney and Bradley Baxter.

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What's Goin' At Owen

The junior and senior class officers and the president and vice-president of the Future Homemakers of America recently attend a Family Life conference sponsored by the Buncombe County Council of Parents and Teachers at Weaverville Methodist church. Informal discussions were held on the problems of today's youth in their homes and other parts of their environment. Last Thursday night these students gave a program for the Owen PTA with the facts and conclusions of this conference. Kay Goode, president of the FHA, opened the meeting with devotions; Sara Marcia Perley assisted Kay by singing "The Lord's Prayer" as part of the opening. Then the following students presented a panel discussion on "Do the Standards of American Homes Prepare Our Children Today?" Jackie Hughes, Bob Lowe, Patie Bird Talbot and Eugene Smith, senior class officers; Ronnie Morrow, Carol McKinney, Judy Evans, and Barbara Solesbee, junior class officers; Kay Goode and Melanie Meyer, president and vice president of FHA, respectively. The "Troublesome Four", a quarter whose members are Jimmy Morgan, Red and Ted Smith, and Jackie Hughes, presented a program of three songs to conclude the meeting.

What's Goin' At Owen

BY ELOISE STYLES

On Monday, the Mars Hill College Band opened their concert season on the road at Owen. This group presented an hour's program of music, varied from old, familiar marches to contemporary compositions.

Lakey Gap Circle Makes Easter Plans

The circle of Lakey Gap Presbyterian church met Tuesday, March 14, at the home of Miss Lyde Wilson. Mrs. Raymond Clements, president, presided over the business meeting. Plans were made for the Sunday school Easter picnic and the Easter Sunday early services. Mrs. William Clements, Jr. gave the lesson taken from Phil. 2:12-18. After the lesson the hostesses, Miss Wilson and Mrs. G. V. Stepp, served refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. Howard Harris, Vivian Harris, Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Sr., Mrs. Ernest Austin, Mrs. Larry Morris, Chip Morris, Mrs. Samuel Morris, Mrs. Wm. L. Clements, Jr., Mrs. Harry Clements, Mrs. Raymond Clements, Mrs. John Clements, John Clements, Jr., Mrs. G. V. Stepp, and the hostesses.

MARTIN SPEAKS—

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ing instigated by Owen High now that it has a chance to bear fruit. Owen High School is currently operating with 31 teachers and approximately 700 students. The school handles approximately \$80,000.00 in funds during the year. However, Mr. Martin pointed out no clerical help is provided to administer this money and that responsibility is delegated to various teachers who must take time from their classroom duties in order to fulfill this obligation.

President Ward welcomed visiting Rotarian Roger Platt from Asheville and also extended birthday congratulations to Dr. William Faucette. Wallace Grubman, plant manager of American Par Board was recently elected to the office of President of the club. William Klein of Warren-Wilson college was elected vice president.

Other officers elected were Woodrow Patton, branch manager of Asheville Federal Savings and Loan, treasurer; Barney Baxter, purchasing agent Ex-Cell-O Corporation, secretary. Elected to the Board of Directors was Frank Huggins, Dr. William Faucette and immediate past president Wilbur Ward.

These new officers will assume their duties July 1.

Brownies, G.S. Enjoying Seeing 1918 Silent Movie

Monday, March 13, the Brownies and Girl Scouts of the Swannanoa Valley enjoyed a rare treat. They were privileged to view a Girl Scout movie made in 1918. A sound track had been added but the action was the same. The movie showed two girls becoming interested in the Scout program. One sequence showed life in camp with long hair, bloomers, and even a train robber. The film also showed Scout activity for the

war effort. Juliette Low, herself appeared in the film. In addition to the film, the girls enjoyed singing and they turned in their donations to the Juliette Low World Friendship fund. \$18.20 was collected. Troop 98 was the

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—By Lib Harper—
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The Nelson Daugherty family visited with Alfred Lytle in Glenn Alpine Sunday. Mrs. Carolyn Copeland and daughters are visiting the Sr. Copelands this week in Polk county.

Mrs. Grace Greenlee was a dinner guest of Mrs. Mable Laws Sunday.

John Weaver was a dinner guest of the Lawrence Daughertys Sunday.

Donnie Stepp spent the week end in Asheville with his aunt, Mrs. Mildred Haynes.

Rev. McWilliams, pastor of the Macedonia church in Swannanoa will speak this week over station WBMT.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton and Buddy spent Sunday afternoon with the William Whitesides in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Daniels were Sunday guests of the Dave Jones and Mrs. Bessie Farney.

Observing birthdays last week were Pansy Hooper, Lillian Lytle, and Anthony Stafford.

Ray W. G. Boyce was a dinner guest Sunday of the Tom D. Daughertys.

The Civic club will meet the 4th Tuesday night of this month at 8 p.m. at Mills Chapel church. We are urging that all of you attend and help plan for the spring campaign.

My little friend Bobby Whiteside of the Brookside area, had dinner with me on Sunday.

Little Polly Washington, five year old daughter of Mrs. Ruth Washington, underwent surgery Monday at Mission hospital. Polly is such a sweet little girl with a gay and beaming personality, and is known to many of us as the sweetheart of this community. We all miss her and will count the days till she's with us again.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Daugherty on Sunday were Bo Gardner, the Joe Perilliers, the George Thompsons, the Roy Daughertys, Mrs. Max Twitty and mother, and Horace Wells and daughter.

Mrs. Vance Conley of Marion spent several days here with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Hamilton.

We are happy to have new residents move to our community. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Black and children of Montreat moved here several days ago and are now residing at 104 Carver avenue.

The 2nd quarterly meeting was held Sunday at Macedonia A.M.E. Zion church. Elder A. C. Cook presided.

I enjoyed a pleasant Sunday afternoon in Brookside with Mrs. Henry Stafford.

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