

	High	Low	Prec.
April 11	61	30	
April 12	45	40	80
April 13	39	35	30
April 14	65	27	
April 15	55	44	
April 16	53	33	50
April 17	55	33	

REFLECTIONS

Gordon Greenwood

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Several members of the General Assembly have been seriously considering introducing a bill to correct a situation which has existed in the state for too long.

Although we have on the statute books a compulsory school attendance law, we do not do too little to see that it is enforced. Some county and city units have attendance officers but in many counties no one actually does the job. As a result many pupils are not in school, and county and city units lose many teachers needlessly each year because no one actually goes to the trouble to round up all those under 16, absent from classes without just cause, and take them back to school.

Currently, each county and city education unit is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the compulsory attendance law under rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education. But the law at best is not strong enough. It says only that the units "may" employ special attendance officers to be paid from funds provided in the current expense fund budget of such administration unit."

WELFARE DEPARTMENT
The law provides further that in case this is not carried out by the unit in question, the duties shall be performed by the superintendent of public welfare.

As a result we have in North Carolina only 69 units with warrant officers. The other 104 units trust the duties to the superintendent of public welfare.

NO STATE FUNDS
If such an act were introduced it would include the attendance officer in the regular state budget with the county, probably, furnishing the office, supplies, telephone, and other local items. This would not cost the county or city units very much money but would be of benefit to them as they work to improve their daily attendance, which is the basis on which teachers are allotted.

HOSPITAL EXPENSE
Rising costs of hospital and medical care have been a source of worry not only to the individual but also to the hospitals. Chief complaint has been that indigent patients, those not eligible for aid under the federal or state welfare program, have caused the deficit of the private hospitals to go higher and higher.

Under terms of Senate Bill 12 and a bill introduced in the House by Dr. Rachel Davis of Lenoir county, the state would be able to participate in the plan for this type patient, which means they would receive federal matching funds.

But matching funds is not a good term since the federal government would furnish 80 per cent of the money, the county and state dividing the other 20 per cent.

Under terms of the two above measures the hospitals would receive \$13.80 per day whereas in some previous circumstances they have received only \$1.50 per day from the county alone.

BILLS DIFFERENT
The bills are somewhat alike but differ substantially on two or three points.

Under Senate Bill 12 in order to be eligible for assistance the patient must meet the requirements set for welfare cases, while the Davis Bill would make any person over 65 eligible for medical assistance, providing he can prove that he is unable to pay.

Neither of these two programs should be confused with the proposed Social Security measure which has yet to be considered in the U. S. Congress.

BLACK MTN. LODGE WILL REHEARSE FRIDAY NIGHT
Black Mountain Lodge No. 603 will hold a rehearsal Friday evening, April 21, at 7:30. All officers are urged to be present.

H. L. Maret, Master.

Look Who's Here!
Mr. and Mrs. Harey F. Harwood, Jr., of Black Mountain, have a son born April 13 in Memorial Mission hospital.



The Navy Recruiting office in Asheville announces that Miss Harriett Ann Waters of Swannanoa enlisted in the Navy on Mar. 31. Miss Waters is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred Harris and the late J. F. Waters of Swannanoa.

Miss Waters is a native of Swannanoa and a graduate of Owen High school, class of 1960. Her first assignment is the U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. Here she will undergo 10 weeks of recruit training in Naval Orientation and many other courses that will pertain to her career in the Navy.

C. E. STROUPE TO BE SWORN IN AS H.W.Y. PATROLMAN

Charles E. Stroupe of Winter street, Grovemont, will be sworn in as state highway patrolman in Raleigh on April 24.

Mr. Stroupe was manager of the Dorato Motors Esso service station at Oteen prior to entering the highway service.

Mr. Stroupe is married and has one daughter.

Track Teams Win For Owen In Two Meets

The final tally of scores accumulated in the county-wide track meet for high school girls, held at Owen this week gave the Owen Lassies an edge over all contenders. Their score of 19 1/2 was closely followed by Enka with 18 1/2 and North Buncombe in third place with 16 1/2. Erwin, with 6 1/2 and Reynolds with five points were the low scorers in the event.

The following is a list of the various events with winners and schools they represented: 60 yd. dash: Robinson, Enka; Freeland, North Buncombe; Garrison, North Buncombe; Lyday, Erwin. Time: 7.9. 200 yd. relay: Owen, Enka, North Buncombe and Reynolds. Time: 29.9. 300 yd. relay: Owen, Reynolds, North Buncombe, and Erwin. Time: 41.7. 400 yd. relay: Erwin, Owen, North Buncombe, and Reynolds. Time: 57.2. High jump: Bobby White, Owen; Sandra Haney, Owen; and Hamlin, Erwin. Were all first place with a —Turn to Page 8

Ruth Norton Is New VFW Auxiliary Pres.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9157 was held at the Post Home on April 13.

The installation of new officers was conducted by Hazel Vaughn, 17th district president. They are as follows:

President, Ruth Norton; Sr. vice president, Doris Reed, Jr. vice president, Viola Copeland; treasurer, Hazel Burnett; chaplain, Dot McMahan; trustee, Mona Lindsey; guard, Josephine Clements; conductress, Florence Melton.

Other officers will be appointed at a later date. Discussed at the meeting was the new Cancer Program for the auxiliary. Hazel Vaughn talked to the members present about the program.

The wives of the Post members who are not members of the Auxiliary are requested to contact one of the members of the Auxiliary and/or come to the joint meeting of the Auxiliary and the Post on April 24, about the cancer program. It is very urgent that we contact all the eligible members at the earliest possible date.

Spring Concert At Owen High Friday, April 28

Approximately 300 students will perform on the Owen stage the night of April 28 either in song or with the Owen band. The Swannanoa 8th grade chorus, over 100 strong, with Mrs. William J. Fawcette directing; the Black Mountain Elementary chorus of nearly 100 with Mrs. Cliff Meyer directing; the Owen chorus of 65 members, and the Owen band with Woodfin C. Rhodes directing, will participate.

Admission fee \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students. This money is used to help defray expenses of our music program. Come out and help support our Valley music program.

Christmount To Hold Spring Board Meeting

The Spring Board meeting will be held at the Monte Vista Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21, President H. H. Strietmann of Cincinnati presiding.

Plans for summer conferences and building program will be presented by the executive director Dr. Howard Kester for approval by the board.

A breakfast for the Women of Christmount will be served at the Monte Vista hotel at 8 o'clock Friday morning preceding their semi-annual business meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. Kester attended the South Carolina State convention of Christian churches last week in Charleston, S. C.

Square Dancing To Be Feature of Thurs. P.T.A.

The Black Mountain P.T.A. will meet Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. A program of square dancing will be presented by the Black Mountain Elementary and Junior Square Dance teams. Miss Evelyn Cauble is director of the Elementary team and Jerry Wilson is caller. The team won first place in the Swannanoa Folk Festival on March 25 and was runner-up in the Mountain Youth Jamboree in Asheville. The Junior team is directed by Miss Joan Hanlon and Albert Holcombe is caller. This team also was a finalist in the Mountain Youth Jamboree.

The executive board of the P.T.A. will meet at 6:45 p.m.

Work Shop Attendance Has Been Poor

Attendance at the Civil Defense Work Shops being conducted under the sponsorship of the Black Mountain Business and Professional Women's club under direction of the Buncombe County Civil Defense unit has been very disappointing, and it is felt that many of our citizens are missing an opportunity to avail themselves of valuable instruction and information with regard to self-preservation and protection.

The class on Friday evening of this week, April 21, will be held at the Black Mountain Presbyterian church at 7:30 p.m. and instruction will be on Family Fallout Shelters and means of survival in event of nuclear attack. Mrs. Gertrude McCabe will be instructor and we urge everyone who possibly can to attend this class.

We Salute --

We Salute YOU on Your Birthday!

April 19 — Mrs. Sallie K. Hamby, Mrs. W. L. Snypes, Lula T. Moore, George Sarti, Sr., Rosella L. Underwood, Cliff Meyer, Thelma Carswell, H. W. Estes, Jean Smith.

April 20 — Margery Wolfe, Charles Spencer, Roy G. Clark, Arthur B. Olsen, Nora Craig, Frank R. Donoho, Mrs. Della Vess.

April 21 — Charles Sanburn, Donna Lee Wason, A. C. Leonard, Jimmie Dodge, Charles Dodge, Lester Ballard, Jr.



Pictured here is the Sheriff of Buncombe county, Laurence E. Brown, at the tender age of 13, with his own pair of oxen. The yoke, chains, and rope reins wound around some part of the gear would indicate that the young man has put in a hard day plowing somewhere nearby.

I-40 Paving To Get Under Way By May First

Weather permitting, work preliminary to paving the interstate 40 section between Marion and Old Fort should have gotten under way Thursday or Friday of last week, state highway engineers stated.

Work on the 13 miles link joining the nearly completed stretch of I-40 between Burke county and highway 226 south of Marion to the dual-lane Old Fort-Ridgecrest closed in January due to the weather.

Blythe Brothers Company of Charlotte has the paving contract at an estimate of \$2,640,000. Workmen expected to start this past week cutting sub-grade, stabilizing the roadway, and putting down base in preparation for pouring concrete about the first of May.

When this section is completed the distance between western North Carolina and the middle of the state will be shortened considerably.

BASEBALL TEAM STARTS SEASON WITH THREE WINS

Owen high baseball players are off to a good start for the spring season with three wins in a row and no losses.

They are leaders in their division with wins over Reynolds, Biltmore and Bethel.

J. L. Garrison is getting along nicely at his home after undergoing surgery at St. Joseph's hospital last week.

A. H. Westbrook Marries In Knoxville

Sunday, April 16, Miss Patricia Ethelda Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cary Griffith of Cleveland, Tenn., and Arthur Hampson Westbrook, son of Mrs. Ruth H. Westbrook of Black Mountain and Lloyd Westbrook of New Haven, Conn., were married in a lovely ceremony at 4 o'clock in the Episcopal church chapel on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The Rev. Mr. McMillan officiated.

The vows were exchanged before a background of greenery, and arrangements of pastel yellow and white chrysanthemums. The bride wore a beige suit dress with matching accessories, and an orchid corsage.

Mrs. Richard Westbrook of Asheville was matron-of-honor. She wore a royal blue sheath dress with contrasting accessories and an orchid corsage.

Richard Westbrook of Asheville served as his brother's best man.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held on the campus at the home of a friend.

Mrs. Westbrook is enrolled at a Chattanooga School of Nursing and is now in Knoxville for special training. Mr. Westbrook is affiliated with Fort Sanders Hospital laboratory, Knoxville, while he is attending the university.

DR. SNYDER LECTURES AT OWEN HIGH

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The president also announced the "get acquainted" meeting for April 29, which is being sponsored by the Senior Woman's club. Kinwanis made a contribution for refreshments.

Rotarians Visit Many Countries - Via Film

The regular meeting of the Black Mt.-Swannanoa Rotary club was held Monday in the Monte Vista hotel.

Our member, Sam Millar, an engineer at Warren Wilson college, had the program for today. Sam recently took a two weeks' trip to Scotland, Ireland and England, where he took us by means of colored slides and comments.

We visited, as Sam did, several of the ancient castles and cathedrals of Scotland, Ireland and England that date back to the ninth century. We journeyed to Iona Island where many ancient kings are buried. We saw Big Ben in London and the statue of St. Patrick in Down Patrick. Sam even showed us the college which he obtained a degree, and the Pub where he used to go, as well as his home town in Ireland. Sam's talk was a step in history.

Wilbur Ward, president, presided, and welcomed guests from Marion, Florida, and Asheville, as well as Bill Lawrence president of the Asheville club. He also announced a district conference to be held next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Grove Park Inn. All Rotarians and Rotary-Anns were urged to attend.

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HELEN E. HATCHER

A new circle, organized at Swannanoa Baptist church since Oct. 1, now has 17 members and started with just the chairman, Mrs. L. L. Enloe, and the co-chairman, Mrs. W. C. Shope. The circle was named for Mrs. Helen E. Hatcher after they heard a very inspiring report by Mrs. Hatcher of her trip to the World Baptist Alliance in Rio de Janeiro. She told of passing through former mission fields and of being greeted at airports by some of her "Brazilian sons and daughters", as she calls them. Mrs. Hatcher, who has a large home at Ridgecrest, dedicated to the future comfort and joy of active missionaries, and who is still a real missionary wherever she is, was born in New York of English Episcopal and Methodist parents. She became a Presbyterian when a child and after attending Wesley college and two years of Bible Seminary was sent by the Presbyterians to Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1913 to work with girls in Mackenzie college. While there she attended a Baptist church and became a missionary Baptist. She returned to the States and met and married F. M. Edwards, a Baptist missionary from Texas. They were appointed to Brazil. The work was so hard and the missionaries were so scarce that the strain was too much for her missionary husband—who died after only eight years.

Mrs. Edwards kept on with her organization of women's work and teaching in the interior and Bahia until she returned to the States for a furlough, at which time she met and married Mr. Wm. Hatcher—another Baptist preacher. She resigned her position with the Foreign Mission board but continued her work as librarian. She and Mr. Hatcher served the college and seminary in Sao Paulo, Brazil, until 1933 when, upon the invitation of the Portuguese, they sailed for Lisbon, Portugal, to open a seminary there. They were forced to give up the work in 1939, because of the war. —Turn to Page 5

Square Dance Teams Win Four Awards

The square dance teams coached by Miss Joan Hanlon and Miss Evelyn Cauble won recognition for their coaches, themselves and their coaches in the Youth Jamboree in Asheville last week.

The elementary team, winners on the first night of competition, were runners up for the finals for which they earn a trophy. They also won the award for best sportsmanship of all teams participating which was a high tribute to the two women who had worked with the team. Their good grace in accepting defeat shows training which is far harder to put into practice. It is most difficult to not exhibit feelings, especially when their little team has for at least two years, been so near victory only to see it snatched from them on the final night.

The junior high team went to the finals also, but did not reach the "runner-up" status of the younger team. Albert Holcombe, their caller won the title of best caller for the group.

Edith Morris, for several years singer of folk songs in the Jamboree, was awarded a gold medal for her singing. She is a student at the Black Mountain elementary school.

Love of Horses Means Much To Myers Girls

Diane Meyer first became interested in horses when she came from Florida seven years ago to visit a dude ranch in the summer. Then, after being around horses at a younger age, she grew to love them strongly.

At that time there was one horse in particular that she especially loved, although she was not allowed to ride him. He was a chestnut gelding with a large star on his forehead. (He was 17 hands high and Dianne was only four feet tall.) The owner of the ranch felt that he was too large and spirited for her to ride. Dianne's older sister Melanie was taller and more experienced with horses, since she rode him on trail rides and in shows, she grew to love him, too. Mr. Meyer, realizing how much they loved horses, bought the horse, Major, and boarded him at the ranch in the winter while they were in Florida. —Turn to Page 4

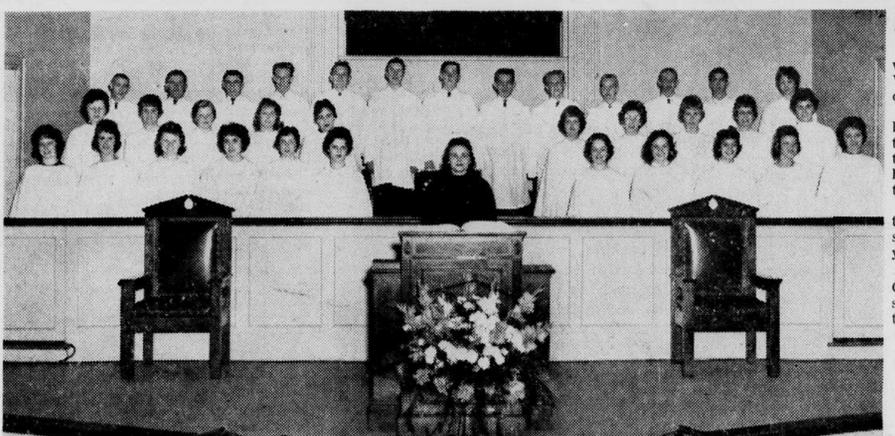
Committeemen Reelected For Valley Schools

The Buncombe County Board of Education reelected committeemen for a two year term to serve the schools in the Valley.

School committees named were: Owen — Mrs. Margaret Kelley, Mrs. Grover Ledbetter, Roy W. Alexander, Harry M. Noblitt, Gordon H. Greenwood.

Black Mountain — Richard Stone, R. T. Greene, Frank Harris, Kenneth V. McCurry, Mrs. Mildred H. Simpson.

Swannanoa — Mrs. Robert J. Davidson, Roy Armstrong, Mrs. Lovey DeWeese, Talmadge Burnette, J. Herbert Coman.



CHAPEL CHOIR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: back row, left to right, Buster Harvey, Mac Blizard, Eric Jolly, Jimmy Edwards, Ronnie Watkins, Andy Craig, Ted Nanney, Gary Summey, Mike Miracle, Terry Ledbetter, Bobby Ball, Ronnie Morrow, Suzie Tatham. Second row, Barbara Page, Becky Hudson, Pat Champion, Clare Hamby, Nancy Gregory, Martha Ann Basnight, Barbara Solesbee, Patty Glover, Toni Rowland, Sandra White. Front row, Phyllis Ownbey, June Boone, Ann Harris, Ann Campbell, Linda Beddingfield, Flo Barnhill (accompanist), Miss Hildegard Jo Stanley (director), Irene Ledbetter, Becky Allred, Lynn Hemphill, Barbara Boone, Judy Evans. Not pictured, Sandy Wilson, Nonnie Bost, and Ray Heath.

The Chapel Choir of the First Baptist church of Black Mountain is composed of young people ages 13-17. They rehearse weekly to provide music for worship services, special programs, and state contests.

On March 2, this group competed in the Regional Youth Choir Festival at the First Baptist church in Asheville. Each choir had to have two numbers memorized and they were graded by three out-of-state judges on technique, diction, and interpretation. The Chapel Choir sang "O Lord Most Holy" by Cesar Franck, and a negro spiritual "Let Us Break Bread," and was given a rating of "A" by all three judges. This makes the choir eligible to go to the State Choir Festival in Winston-Salem at Wake Forest college this Saturday, April 22. The 37 voice choir will participate with 150 other choirs in the state Saturday singing 11 hymns and anthems, under the direction of William J. Reynolds, music editor for the