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BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
July 18	79	61	.15
July 19	80	55	.02
July 20	87	58	
July 21	86	61	
July 22	84	60	.16
July 23	83	59	.12
July 24	84	61	

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REFLECTIONS

Gordon Greenwood

TOMATOES?

Are tomatoes really growing on the potato plants at the home of Charles Logan, 308 Vance avenue, as we reported last week?

We wondered about this and had many interesting discussions without getting any nearer a solution.

Then on Friday morning we had a scientific explanation from Dr. Elmer C. Pritchard, professor of biology at Stetson University, Deland, Fla. Since he took his Ph.D. in botany at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Pritchard should be familiar with all the pecularities, if any, of the plants of this area.

The "things" we thought were tomatoes are not tomatoes at all, the professor says, but fruit of the potato plants. But let him tell it in his own words:

"Plants which have flowers always produce some kind of fruit. Potatoes are no exception. The potato plant, however, seems to be erratic in producing fruit. Since the potato and the tomato are in the same family, Solanaceae, their fruits when young look very much alike. That part of the Irish potato which is used for food and which is planted is not the seed or fruit but the underground stem.

"This same situation has been observed in the potato growing region of Florida quite frequently," he concluded.

YOUNG POTATO FRUIT

So, what we thought were tomatoes—was, in fact, young potato fruits, which the average person, including many of us, has never seen. This situation happens frequently in some locality of the country but had never struck here before to my knowledge.

"The potato," Professor Pritchard continued, "is actually the stem and the eyes are the buds. As a result when we plant potatoes we plant a piece of the stem with a bud and that is what makes the plant grow."

NO TALL TALE

If you don't believe this story told by the professor, just ask him.

He said that a few years ago he saw a potato plant growing out of a bag of potato chips. The eye in the potato had survived the cutting, treating, and cooking of the potatoes as they were made into chips and had picked the first opportunity to burst into bud and to grow right out of the bag.

We thank the professor for taking time to come in and to give us this scientific explanation and to all others who commented.

At this point Charlie Logan must have the most highly publicized potato patch in Buncombe county.

I wonder what time that potato fruit will be ripe?

NEW PRESIDENT

A man who started his journalistic career in 1932 by publishing a newspaper on a press operated by foot, Saturday was installed as president of the North Carolina Press association.

I was privileged to have the honor of being selected, along with Gordon Tomlinson of the Davie Countty Record at Mocksville, to escort the new president to the platform where he received the gavel from Ashley B. Futrell, retiring president and publisher of the Washington Daily News.

Blue, a veteran of eight consecutive sessions in the North Carolina House of Representatives and a candidate for speaker in 1963, made a good acceptance speech.

After starting his first paper in a shed 'way back when the going was rough in 1932, Cliff has gone steadily up the ladder. He moved into Aberdeen in 1934 and took over the Sand Hill Citizen. Since then he has expanded and now is publisher of a second weekly in his county of Moore and president of a weekly in an adjoining county seat.

There is no more humble, intelligent, considerate, and understanding man in the General Assembly than H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen. He'll serve well.

CHARLOTTE WAS HOT

The temperature in Char-

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Steve J. Oliveira, Seaman Apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliveira of 126 Blue Ridge road, Black Mountain, is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Receiving Station for further transfer to U. S. Naval Air Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Oliveira's station, commanded by Capt. V. A. Blandin, USN, is an intermediate Navy activity which temporarily receives, shelters, and provides for personnel reporting in for transfer to ships or shore stations in all parts of the world, or for separation at the end of their enlistment.

Oliveira is one of an average of 6,000 Navy men who pass through the Receiving Station each month.

Five Kiwanians Make Inter-Club Visitation

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club held its regular meeting Thursday, July 20. The program was given by vice-president Don Quarles. He showed a movie on the scope and type of work done by Ex-Cell-O Corp.

There were six visitors from other clubs present.

Five of the members under the leadership of Hugh White, inter-club chairman, made two inter-club visits Thursday. At 1 p.m. they were guests of the Hendersonville club and from there journeyed to the Brevard club to be guests at 7 p.m. Accompanying Hugh White were the Rev. Harry Shadle, Col. Ray Heath, Joe Bullock and R. C. Wright.

Unwelcome Guest Is "Welcomed"

G. H. (Red) Golightly, shoved aside his southern hospitality early Monday morning on State street and made quick work of eliminating a most unwelcome visitor who entered the town under false pretense, took over a wide stretch of sidewalk in the middle of the block and started into a place of business where he certainly was not invited.

O, yes! the visitor in question was a 30 inch copperhead.

Mr. Golightly was walking along State street minding his own business when he saw something, Mr. Copperhead it turned out to be, come gliding out from under a station wagon which had parked a few seconds earlier at the curb, and head gracefully for the door of a place of business.

But Mr. Golightly didn't hesitate long. He rushed over, grabbed a hoe out of a display rack and while the spectators looked on put an end to the travels of the creature in short order.

How did it get there?

Speculation is that sometime Sunday night the copperhead had crawled up under the hood of the station wagon and settled down for a nap near the engine, attracted, no doubt, by the heat which was still present.

When the tourists, human, that is, drove into Black Mountain Monday morning and the motor heated up the snake started looking for a shady place to spend the day. With this in mind he, and I assume that it was a him snake, took advantage of the first opportunity to drop off the car and run for cover.

But he—or she—made one mistake. IT didn't take time to make sure that the coast—sidewalk—was clear. He certainly didn't dream of running into Mr. Golightly. But now that he has he won't be dreaming any more for a spell.

EASTER STAR REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Black Mountain Chapter 200 OES will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend. t

ERROR LAST WEEK IN DATE GIVEN FOR WEDDING

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding of Melvin Eugene Davis and Katherine Harris, Saturday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakey Gap Presbyterian church.

Through error last week August 1 was given as the date for the wedding; it should have been August 12.

Rotary Bar-b-q Feeds Many But Much Food Left

The local Rotary club, bearing in mind how closely they were pushed to supply chicken barbecue to all customers last year, must have over bought and over prepared this year, for when the Saturday night's crowd had all been fed with Frank Wade's good tasty barbecued chicken, served with potato salad, slaw, green beans and watermelon, there was still plenty left.

Shortly after the doors opened for the first customers at five the line was constantly on the move until around seven when clouds threatened to drown out the outdoor cooks and discourage the customers. At this time it isn't known how well the Rotarians fared financially although many people were fed during the time allowed. It is known, however, that there were 100 chickens, all cooked and ready for consuming and much potato salad, slaw, and beans still to be served, to say nothing of the watermelons still uncut.

A few of the chickens were sold to Rotarians who could make use of them over the week-end, the remainder of the food was delivered to the Mountain Orphanage.

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Auxiliary Installs New Officers

Mrs. Joe Bullock was hostess to Waycaster-McFee American Legion Auxiliary Monday night, July 17, at her home on Ninth street. Mrs. A. R. Rudisill, a past president of the Auxiliary installed the following slate of officers: president, Mrs. Bullock; vice president, Mrs. C. E. Keith; secretary, Mrs. E. W. Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Snyder; chaplain, Mrs. F. W. Stikeleather; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. D. G. Guess.

Mrs. Arnold Jones was appointed rehabilitation chairman, and Mrs. Clarence Joyner, child welfare chairman.

A bake sale was announced for Saturday, July 29, with Mrs. Paul Sherwood and Mrs. Bullock in charge. After the meeting refreshments were enjoyed during the social hour.

WHY NOT?

Why not enjoy the weekend? Go to the Black Mountain Feed and Seed store for your baked goods. Cakes, cookies, breads, etc., will go on sale at 9 a.m. "Members of Waycaster-McFee American Legion Auxiliary are offering many delicious home baked items", those in charge stated.

Town Board Is To Consider Traffic Lights

R. T. Greene, town manager, stated today (Tuesday) that the town board is working on the budget for the coming year, but as yet it is not completed.

At the last board meeting Captain Dutcher, who manages the traffic problem for the city of Asheville, met with the members to discuss the local traffic conditions and to make recommendations.

One suggestion made by the traffic expert was that Broadway be made a one-way street going down, and that Cherry street be made one-way coming up. The installation of traffic lights at Cherry and Church streets is being considered for next year at an approximate cost of $2,000. Some decision is expected at Wednesday's board meeting.

The town has just completed enlarging the off the street parking lot on Sutton street so that the capacity is nearly doubled. New gravel has been added and soon, signs like those on the already existing free parking lots, will be installed.

KIND WORDS FROM WESTERN READER ASKS FOR LOCAL CARDS

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

Enclosed you will find $5.00 to pay for B. M. News. I enjoy the articles by your staff writers. Through your Raleigh correspondent I am able to keep up with Democratic news in North Carolina — much to the surprise of many of the Democrats in the state of Washington.

It may interest Eula Greenwood to know that a few weeks ago one of my piano pupils was asked in her high school class to write of some unusual, authentic occurance. Through Mrs. Greenwood I was able to help the girl by giving her the story of the phone and the unusual deaths.

The girl received a good mark.

I had a most thrilling experience on May 20 (I think it was) when Sec. Luther Hodges was in Seattle opening our yearly Trade Fair, and incidentally paving the way for the opening of the 1962, Century 21, World's Fair.

Under separate cover I am sending you some views of our World's Fair.

Approaching Sec. Hodges that night, I wanted to introduce myself, give him a little of my background (so he'd know I wasn't a fake) and in as few words as possible. I asked him if the name Froneberger meant anything to him and he replied brightly, "It does. Gastonia. And Ed Gill, too!" It seems that Edwin Gill had wired him to be on the outlook for me. Sec. Hodges had received the wire just a few minutes before.

The comments I heard while awaiting transportation to get home were most complimentary to Sec. Hodges and his views.

I am very desirous of getting some postcards of Montreat, Ridgecrest, Blue Ridge, and especially of ROUND KNOB. No one believes my story of the spot where one

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Rev. McCready Tells Rotary Of Friendship

The weekly meeting of the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Rotary club was held Monday, July 24, at 12:15 p.m. in the Monte Vista hotel.

Wilbur Ward assumed his duties as new president of the club and welcomed 12 visiting Rotarians.

The Rev. John W. McCready of Ocala, Fla., who makes his summer home here in Black Mountain on the Old Toll road was the guest speaker.

Mr. McCready spoke on the subject of "Friendship In Its Deepest Sense." Friends are to be enjoyed not employed" he said, "or in other words we should value friends for what they are rather than for what they have or what they can do for us."

Mr. McCready continued with the thought that only what one puts into friendship can he hope to get out of it.

Friends are not as Satellites to a planet, but they are all equal and just as the sun and moon have each their own glory so do friends to friend.

The club wishes to thank all our friends who supported the barbecue in aid of the Scholarship and Hospital Fund which was held last Saturday evening.

Kiwanis Annual Pancake Feast To Be Aug. 19

Kiwanis Annual Pancake Jamboree Saturday, August 19, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., the place, same as last year, THE OWEN HIGH SCHOOL, just west of Black Mountain, on old Highway 70. All the pancakes you can eat, prepared by a special Aunt Jemima Chef, also the yum-yum sausage patties and Golden Staley's Syrup, which made this Pancake Feast of last year such a requested "Repeat Performance." The price for adults $1, children of school age fifty cents. Bring along your infants too, under school age. Don't miss the Pancacke Jamboree because of the youngster and baby sitter problem. Kiwanians are pledged to the welfare of all youngsters; no charge for the tots, accompanied by their parents. Kiwanians will serve, wait table, clean up, but not baby-sit.

Tickets are available now from all Kiwanians. Don't buy just two; treat your summer guests. Tell them of the work Kiwanians are doing and help the cause of Youth Welfare here and in Swannanoa.

And remember, every cent spent for this Pancake Dinner goes to Kiwanis Student Loan Fund and Youth Activities.

Butner Wedding Of Interest Locally

Miss Evelyn Miles and James A. Marshburn, Jr., were married in the Butner Baptist church on Saturday, July 15, at six o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miles of Stovall and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James A. Marshburn of Butner. The couple will live in Creedmore.

The Marshburns are former residents of Black Mountain and still maintain a home on Church street where they visit often.

MRS. T. SOBOL DIES UNEXPECTEDLY IN KANKAKEE, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester T. Sobol have returned from Kankakee, Ill., where they attended last week funeral services for Mr. Sobol's sister-in-law, Mrs. Theodore Sobol.

Mrs. Sobol, a former resident of Black Mountain, died unexpectedly early last week at her home in Kankakee. She is survived by the husband and five children.

VFW Home At New Site, Men Hard At Work

Under the direction of Commander Charlie Lindsey the new VFW home has been moved from the old Moore General hospital to the new site just across old highway 70 from the Grovestone lake with the fisherboy who sits patiently day after day without taking his line from the water.

Many hours of work have already gone into the settling of the new home on its' foundation, and many more hours of work will be necessary before the building can be occupied.

It appears at present as though there will be wooded surroundings to take care of outdoor activities for the group, an ample parking space, and a chance [illegible] some landscaping around the front of the home.

The building, purchased from the surplus buildings at old Moore General, was moved to the VFW lot by the Crouch Moving company who also brought in heavy equipment and made access roads for the veterans who are working there.

From the membership, made up of a variety of service men of different professions, most of the work is being done in the evenings, on Saturdays, and at hours which do not conflict with the normal work day.

Take a drive down old 70 and see the progress being made by the VFW . . . and if you enjoy being a "straw boss," stop and give the boys the benefit of your advice and experience, they may not use it, but at least they will appreciate knowing you are interested.

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING JULY 28

Dan S. Judd, 12th District Republican Committee chairman, announced today that the July meeting of the old 12th and new 11th District Republicans will be held Friday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Panorama Court near Franklin, N. C., U. S. Highway 23 South. The Hon. Clyde Green of Boone, state finance chairman, will discuss plans for financing the '62 campaign.

"Sky High" Is For Those Who Need a View

Black Mountain area now has another development in the making. "Sky High," a section to be devoted entirely to the building of summer cottages, is a privately owned area being developed by Cliff Meyer, local contractor. Already many lots have been sold because of the proximity to Black Mountain (2 miles) and because of the superb view of the entire valley which may be captured from several vantage points.

Mr. Meyer, in opening up this new section, has made use of the old toll road which runs the length of the property and from this has built new roads making all parts of the area accessible.

This tract of land, 23 acres in all, was formerly the Riddle property. It adjoins the already well occupied Charmeldee Acres Mr. Meyer started developing in 1957. His original idea was to build summer homes, but as more people came to the Valley looking for year-round homes he has restricted this property to this type dwelling. There are now 14 homes in Charmeldee Acres, and over 30 property owners who will in time build there. Each of these developments maintain their own roads and own their water supply.

One spur of new road which leads from the old toll road loops to the top of the mountain where there is a large parking space commanding the view mentioned before.

Strange as it may seem to

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Wm. M. Elliott With 7th Army In Germany

Army Specialist Four William M. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Elliott, Vance avenue, Black Mountain, participated with other personnel from the Seventh U. S. Army's 8th Infantry Division in April Shower, a command post exerise in Germany which ended in mid-June.

The exercise was designed as a study of organization, displacement of units, communications and logistics.

During April Shower control staffs fed problems and situations involving the activities of a simulated aggressor force to the participating commands. These units then took the necessary action.

Elliott, a radio and carrier operator in Company A of the division's 8th Signal Battalion in Bad Kreuznach, entered the Army in December 1959, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived overseas last October.

The 25-year-old soldier is a 1956 graduate of Owen High school and a 1958 graduate of Gaston Technical college in Gastonia.

Scholarship Is Renewed For Doug Owenby

Douglas Owenby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Owenby of Broad River, graduate of the class of 1960 at Owen High school, and rising sophomore at N. C. State college, Raleigh, has been awarded for the second year, one of the 55 scholarships in the School of Forestry.

In announcing the awards, Prof. R. G. Hitchings, acting head of the college's pulp and paper technology program, said 22 scholarships went to new freshmen who will enroll in the pulp and paper technology curriculum in September and 33 scholarships for upperclassmen in the curriculum were renewed.

The aggregate value of the 55 scholarships is $32,175.

The chairman of the Pulp and Paper Foundation's Scholarship Committee, Dr. H. Y. Charbonnier of the Union Bag-Camp Corporation, Savannah, Ga., said that all states of the Southeast except one are represented by scholarship recipients—a fact which demonstrates the regional nature of the pulp and paper program at North Carolina State college.

"Bus Stop" Is Silo Selection For Next Week

The old red dairy barn on Old US 70 just west of Black Mountain which houses Silo Circle playhouse, the south's only professional arena theater, presents thru Saturday of this week at 8:30 nightly George Axelrod's hilarious comedy "The Seven Year Itch".

Starring Gordon Smith as the would-be Casanova who is decidedly hampered by a strong conscience and Victoria Greene as the voluptuous neighbor who is the object of his attention, the story of a mild mannered man who dreams of a wild evening with the girl upstairs is certain to provide a wonderful evening of entertainment. Valedia Hill as the wife and Michael Lombard as Dr. Brubaker complete the hit comedy team which gave such a brillant performance in Private Lives earlier in the season. Pretty girls, chosen from local talent of Asheville and Black Mountain, complete the cast.

Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1, Silo is presenting William Inge's warm and wonderful comedy "Bus Stop". This second successful play by the author of "Come Back Little Sheba" was later made into a movie with Marilyn Monroe and Don Murray.

The play opens when a bus out of Kansas City is caught in the middle of a howling snowstorm and pulls up at a roadside diner. All roads are blocked and the five weary travelers are going to remain until morning. Cherie, the Osark-born heroine, scurrys through the doorway in a spangled nightclub gown and seedy fur-trimmed jacket. She's been pursued and practically kidnapped by a 21-yearold cowboy with a ranch of his own and the romantic notions of an unusually headstrong bull. He charges into the diner behind her, ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, live and kicking, all the way to Montana.

These two cantankerous characters proceed to swap insults, blows and nervous confessions throughout the show.

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TINKA RETURNS

Miss Tinka Crawford arrived Tuesday to spend a two weeks' vacation at "Homing" with her parents, Clara and Jim Crawford. Tinka has been acting in an eight weeks' season with the Southern Theatre Festival in the Dunaway Gardens, Newnan, Ga. She played the leading feminine role in the "Pink Party Dress," a musical by Margaret Bland of Atlanta.

Tinka also starred in Paul Green's southern play "No-Count Boy." Tinka has recently directed a four weeks' run of Benet's famous "John Brown's Body."

Miss Crawford will be remembered as the originator and first producer of Silo Circle playhouse.

More Eligible Under Social Security Law

By D. C. Nichols
Field Representative

The new amendments to the social security law, signed by President Kennedy on June 30, give men early benefit rights similar to those women have had since 1956.

The change applies to men between 62 and 65 years of age, and is designed especially to help those who are unable to find or hold employment because of their age or poor health. A man now 62 to 65 years of age can start receiving benefits with the month of August 1961. But if he retires before he reaches

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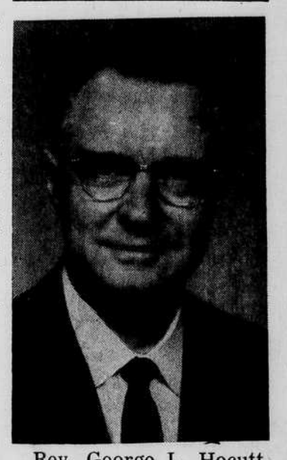

Rev. George L. Hocutt, for the past seven and one-half years pastor of the First Baptist church of Norwood, accepted the pastorate of the Ridgecrest Baptist church effective as of August 1.

Mr. Hocutt has served as pastor of the Norwood church twice — 1941-43 and 1954-to the present, coming from the New South River association. Under his leadership the Norwood church made much progress and grew in numbers, with 207 addition to the church during his present pastorate. One hundred and 64 of these were by baptism. Contributions increased 80 per cent, in addition to $60,-898.00 which was placed in a building fund for a beautiful new church, plans for which were complete when he resigned.

During his pastorate in Norwood, Mr. Hocutt was active in associational affairs and civic work, serving as president of the Stanley association, member of the General board of the Baptist State convention, and teacher of Old Testament in the seminary course for two semesters. He was much in demand as a speaker for programs of many organizations.

The Norwood congregation expressed pleasure that Mr. Hocutt has the opportunity to serve the Ridgecrest church, adjacent to the Baptist assembly grounds, on the crest of the Blue Ridge. Mr. Hocutt was informed that the Ridgecrest church gives one-third of its contributions to missions.

Mrs. Hocutt has been active in church affairs also, being teacher of the women's class in Sunday school, leader for the Girls' auxiliary, superintendent of the Junior department, member of the Norwood Book club and the Woman's club. A graduate of East Carolina college and Assembly Training school, Richmond, she has taught 12 years in North Carolina public schools.

Their daughter, Miss Margaret Hocutt, is scheduled to receive her R.N. degree from Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Winston-Salem, in August.

LIONS CLUB WILL MEET THIS WEEK AT DON'S

The Lions club will hold their regular weekly meeting at Don's Outpost at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 27.

Full atten dance of members is urged.

MASONS WILL MEET FOR PRACTICE HERE FRIDAY EVENING

Black Mountain Masonic Lodge 663 AF & AM will meet at 7:30 Friday evening to practice for the visit of high state Lodge officials who will be here on Friday, Aug. 4.

Ben Marett, WM, has requested that all members and officers attend and take part in this activity.

Members of the Red Cross First Aid Instructors class are receiving congratulations from Mayor Dick Stone on the completion of their course which now makes the pictured participants qualified instructors. The class, taught by J. D. Brown of the Enka Corporation, was held in the Fire department in Black Mountain. This group is one of several to have completed various Red Cross courses this year.

In the picture (L to R), are Mayor Stone, H. B. Robinson of the local police department, Phil Stevens of the fire department, Bobby Wheelon, Mesdames Jessie Lee Glenn, Jean Owenbey, Ruth Smith, Coleen Blankenship, all of Kearfott, and Mr. Brown, the instructor. —DuPuy Photo