

## Mountain Musings by Gene Byrd

McDowell County Schools tion might have a brighter closed on Thursday, Dec. 21, Christmas. The man had to for the Christmas holidays. have a portion of his leg amhave a portion of his leg am-School remained in session putated, and his financial until 3:15, but our principal need met a ready response used good psychology in let- from my students; I was proud ting the school have a Christ- of them. mas party, beginning at 2:30. The Party Before Christmas I was happy for my stu- 'Twas the party before Christ-'Twas the party before Christdents to have a party. They mas and in my room. had worked hard and had been The only thing lacking was a well behaved so I felt no com-punctions about "unlaxing" and "making merry." The students brought monmop and a broom students with care,

room looked so bare. to help finance the party, Except . . . for a Pepsi spilled on the floor, And . . . some nice little presstudent committee lined up variety program and the on rade mothers took care of And. e refreshments and gifts. ents bought at the store. We had some music and dancith such nice students and others, I really had little to orry about. (Being some-ing of a "worrier" about ing so gay wondered just what the Governor would say! When down the hall I heard new situations, I did worry a little). such a clatter,

Ve arranged the room so rushed to my door to see that we had an informal stage what was the matter . . In opening the door, I injured area, and the talent took over. Christmas carols sung in ose harmony accompanied by my wrist . While were doing the Twist . . . At the sound of the bell to the Mrs. Lindley's little electric chord organ, guitar music by "Uncle Sam" Buckner and door they all flew. "Jeremiah" Greene, a Soaring Sixties rendition of the Char-I hope they'll be back in '62.

thought it co-incidental that as a former pastor of the Lakewood Baptist church that on the same day my family received greetings from Lake-wood, Florida and Lakewood, California. Maybe Lakewood is going to be as popular as the County Board of Educa-

Greenville for a name. To the young lady in Ten-nessee: Of course, I remem-ber you. I'm glad you enjoy the column, and you see I'm not using your name. Maybe I should caution my

Readers that any communication you send me will be held The grade mothers filled my in private if you request it. Otherwise, I like to share good things with my friends. If I ever blunder (I'm pretty good And when they departed the

at it) and say something a-miss in the column, let me know. You could well save me future embarassment. Sign of the times: I received more cards from my Read-

ers than from my former ball-players or students. Proves something, I guess. I'm not real sure what. I wish I had more room for missed

comment about cards; a pleasant subject. The Stepps:

down the hall, they I want to extend belated sympathy to the family of Lewis Hicks Stepp.

Mr. Stepp was a scion of h one of the most distinguished pioneer families of the Valley. He was the oldest child of Revival:

Sixties rendition of the Char-leston by two young ladies, wonderful tap-dancing, an ex-hibition of "Twisting," rec-pecially enjoyed the personal ords and refreshments. We notes included with many

Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taft Elliott and sister Lois in this section.

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1962 - Black Mountain (NC) News - 5 EMERGENCY EMERGENCY MECHANICAL LADIES STAIRS TO MEN SUPPLY ROOM EQUIPT. ROOM MAIN BLDG. The second secon CIVIL DEFENSE IS THE PRICE WE MUST PAY FOR MODERN PROGRESS. ESTERDAY, WHEN EVERY HOME WAS A CASTLE UNTO ITSELF, WITH CELLAR AND BARN WELL STOCKED HCROFILM THE ABILITY TO MEET NATURAL HAZARDS (DROUGHTS, FLOODS, ETC.) DEPENDED UPON THE FORTITUDE OF THE POPULACE ... LODAY, DUE TO EVER-CHANG-ING WORLD CONDITIONS, THE STORING OF FOOD, WATER, MEDICINE

The underground microfilm storage center and f allout shelter under construction at the local office of the Asheville Federal bank on State street shows the arrangement of the underground rooms. New one story structure at the above ground level will be imm ediately above the microfilm storage area and will Ma) adjoin the existing building.

Gap and Stepp's Spring per-petuate the name of this man. Jesse sired a large family and legend has at least two his sons losing their lives in the War Between the States.

I was very interested in and the next most from Geor-

sylvania May 12, 1864, but Stroud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Visiting us at Stone Moun-let McCoy tell it. W. F. Stroud of this section. tain church last Sunday were "Col. Bennett reported that, when his regiment was rushing the second line of works, Tis-dale Stepp of Buncombe's Mrs. Viola Gilliam and chil-rank singing 'The Bonnie Blue Flag' when he was shot and killed 'by an awkward soldier in our rear ranks'."

rear ranks'." in our That fact would have been of great interest to the late Evelyn Goodson who worked so hard and well on the Stepp

Another Loss: The Cragmont community Cedar Creek. has never seemed quite the same since Lank and Hester

was a familiar part of the River.

paper gave his age as 61. I was under the impression that he was born in 1907 the same

was born. I extend my sympathy to his relations and friends. Mountain.

Presently, yo-yos seem to be Rev. and Mrs. James Bry-

and meanwhile the

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CLEANER

ters Naomi and Mrs. Anne Laurence and Mrs. Elliott's Legal Notice Black Mountain. My son Yewitt and I had North Carolina,

Christmas dinner with my son Buncombe County

Elmo Elliott and his wife and reading George McCoy's ar- gone again. Many have met children Clinton, Pattie, Mi-ticle about the Buncombe an untimely death, their last chael and Kay, and George Little, deceased, late of Buncombe Roughs in the Citizen-Times. Christmas. We are entering Moffitt of Old Fort, Rt. 2. County, North Carolina, this is to no-The undersigned, having qualified as death, their last chael and Kay, and George Little, deceased, late of Buncombe We are entering Moffitt of Old Fort, Rt. 2. County, North Carolina, this is to no-

group from Buncombe were what will be in this 1962 year. Sr., of upper Broad River had said estate of said deceased to exhibit Jesse (Junior) and Tisdale God holds the future in his as supper guests Rev. and them to the undersigned Cardler Guest as supper guests Rev. and Mrs. Winstead, pastor of the Church of God in Black Moun-North Pack Square, Asheville, N. C., Stepp. Later in the article it told how Tisdale Stepp met his death. It sems that he was Army came home for Christ- of Swannanoa last Friday eve-in bar of their recovery. All persons

Visiting us at Stone Moun- indebted to said estate will please tain church last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sisk of Concord, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cansler Gwyn Roberson, Administra-

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris 7266, Asheville, N. C.) Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 1962

Creek, and Douglas Ownbey upper Flat Creek last Sunday. ASHEVILLE FEDERAL-We have plenty of snow on

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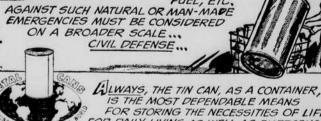
Miss Bettie Gilliam of N. -Tests have proven that tions and has in its storage J. is visiting her mother, sis-ter and brothers on upper steel with nine per cent nickel center over 5,000 rolls of mi-Cedar Creek. Thursday noon, Monte Vista hotel. "Tween-Age" square dance gi

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth El- carrying highly volatile gases of the associations' financial inesses in the event of any disaster.

Four 200,000 gallon stain-Consolidated Western Steel going to necessitate more Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lytle One thing puzzled me. The and children James, Pamlea aper gave his age as 61. I and John of Winston-Salem space, Asheville Federal has

Broad River.

spent the holidays with Mrs. Your Army Recruiter says: ground storage area which Lytle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don't be a rocketman on our would be leased to the Greensour Army.



FOR STORING THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE FOR DAILY LIVING AS WELL AS EMERGENCIES.

PRINTING

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FUEL, ETC.

the film would be protected against hazards including that of atomic fallout. The center will be equiped

Black Mountain with microfilm readers and NEWS printers. Work was started this past week to be complet--NO 9-4101ed as soon as possible.

What to Do in Black Mountain

Jaycee meets 1st Thursday for business, 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Thursday for dinner at Monte Vista, 7 p.m.

Black Mountain-Swannanoa Rotary club meeting, Monte Vista hotel, Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Black Mountain Lions club, Monte Vista. second and fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club, each

"Tween-Age" square dance group meets every Tuesday night at 8 at the Youth Center, just off Cragliott and little son of Balti- such as liquid methane, at records and documents neces-more, Md., spent the holidays temperatures as low as -320 sary to reconstruct their bus-more for the full more for the full and the full more for the full for the f

The following events, sponsored by the Get Realizing that this rapid Acquainted club, to which all interested persons are community scene. Now, he is gone, forever, and the skilled artisan will be River. Cently by United States Group by the Bark was Utited St cently by United States Steel's vice given by the Bank was Vista at 1, duplicate bridge. Every Thursday night, 7:30, Monte Vista hotel, duplicate bridge; instruction agreed to build an under- by Max Woodcock.

Other purely social activities listing in this col-C. L. Ledbetter on Broad Riv- highways; be a missileman in boro bank in order that the umn may call the Black Mountain News. Save this need might be met and that schedule for easy reference.



by Mrs. M. M. Elliott Christmas has come and Included in the roster of the a new year 1962, no one knows

hand.

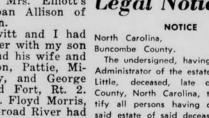
sylvania May 12, 1864, but Stroud, son of Mr. and Mrs. let McCoy tell it. W. F. Stroud of this section.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ownbey of this section of State College in Raleigh.

generalogy.

Stepp's boy, Finley, moved more, Md., spent the holidays temperature to Charlotte. Finley, dressed with their parents, Mr. and degrees F. in his white shirt and overalls, Mrs. Boyd Elliott of this sec--Four 20

year that my brother Harrry er and Herbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Lytle on Bald



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris, tify all persons having claims against

bar of their recovery. All persons

This the 4th day of January, 1962.

tor of the Estate of Ardith R. Little deceased. (Mailing address: P. O. Box

greetings had it so good.

The nice things that many All over the school various of you said about the column orts of good times were had, were most encouraging. We were flattered to have everybody left for the olidays with joy in their

such widely scattered con-My young folks showed un-tacts. Cards came from N. C., refrishness too. During the California, Illinois, Florida, Fortune outstanding landhold-week before Christmas they Ohio, Tenn., New York, Penn-ers of the Valley. In the contributed generously sylvania, Michigan, ,Georgia, I rather imagine his great-that one of the employees of Wisconsin, Virginia, South uncle, Fidel or Fidelio Stepp, was the ancestor of many of the Management of the sylvania of the s My young folks showed un- tacts. Cards came from N. C.,



las and Nelly Fortune Stepp. Silas Stepp died in a prisoner of war barracks in Elmira, N. Y., late in the War Between all the rage. They even have ant who have been visiting special models that will do a their son in Memphis, Tenn., lot of tricks the old ten cent models of my high school days would never do. The fever will pass in due the States.

He was a great-grandson of Joseph Stepp and Fletcher Fortune outstanding landholdcourse oung folks are having lots of

Here's a little poem in the Wild Style dedicated to all the the McDowell County Stepps.

'Yo-yo-sters." Yo-Yo-Yo!, Daddy-O! Pour it on man and Go, Go, Gol Burn up the string on the old

yo-yo! I am not as familiar with Move on out and the beginthe Jeesse Stepp branch of ners pass. this illustrious family as I Fling that Imperial and show

your class.

for his descendants of my ac- Rock the cradle; around the world

Dr. Elisha Mitchell stayed Throw it out and watch it the home of Jesse Stepp on whirl. at the home of Jesse Stepp on whirl. North Fork the night before Walk the dog and shoot the

he started his ill-starred jour- gun; ney back in 1857, and Stepp's Make it cry and have your fun.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.

their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ownbey and daughter Phylis Frieda and Sandra of Black Mountain, and Mr. Ownbey's daugh-ter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tarpan of Oakley. Visiting us last Sunday was

my son Jack Elliott of East Marion, my daughter-in-law, Mrs. V. M. Elliott and daugh-

Lawrence Elliott of the U. Army of Fort Knox spent

and Mr. Bryant's parents in

Silver Springs, Ark., return-

ed to their home in this com-

munity last Thursday. Visiting Mr. R. G. Ownbey

adn family last Sunday was

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ALL TAXES, INCLUDING REAL ESTATE PERSONAL PROPERTY, DOGS AND POLL TAX MUST BE LISTED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

# **AVOID PENALTY**

Section 1109, Machinery Act 1961, imposes a penalty of TEN PER CENT of the taxes for failure to list property or poll.

All property in the Township listed below will be listed at the appointed places in each Township on the following dates:

> TAX LIST TAKERS LISTING LOCATIONS AND DATES IN COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

### **JANUARY 1962**

#### BLACK MOUNTAIN

Mr. Marcus Begley, List Taker, Black Mountain. City Hall, Black Mountain-2nd thru 31st Hours 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. except Saturdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

BROAD RIVER

Mrs. Rector Ledbetter, List Taker, Star Route, Black Mountain, N. C. Garland Nesbitt's Home-6 Paul Smith's Home - 4 Beulah Garrison's Home -2 Roy Nesbitt's Store - 9, 16, 23 Ledbetter's Store - 5, 12, 19, 26 At Home - all remaining days

#### **SWANNANOA**

Mrs. Harry E. Byas, List Taker, Riceville Road, Asheville, N. C. At Home, Riceville Road-2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Beacon Manufacturing Company, Swannanoa-8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Folsom's Superette, Swannanoa-15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. Legion Hall, Oteen-22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31. Hours: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

#### FAIRVIEW

Mr. T. H. Byers, List Taker, Fairview, N. C. G. J. Merrell's Store - 2, 13, 22 W. H. Jenkins - 3 Fairview Feed & Grocery - 4, 15, 23 Howington's Store — 5, 16, 26 Cedarcliff Grocery - 6, 17, 24 Sheets Grocery - 8, 18 Fairview Supply Company - 9, 20, 31 Dotson's Hardware Store - 10, 19, 27 Concord Church - 11, 29 At Home — 12, 25, 30

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