



**Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE**  
... With LIB  
by Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Mrs. J. W. Francum and sons David and Darrel, spent the holidays in Lenior with Mr. Francum's mother, Mrs. David H. Francum and other members of the Francum family.

Mrs. Gene Burke and small son are making their home at Begley's Trailer Park. Gene is in the Navy and is stationed at Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Burke is from Puerto Rico.

Mrs. J. O. Morgan returned last Friday from Baltimore, Md., where she spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Mark Wakefield and Mr. Wakefield. Another daughter, Miss Edith Morgan, of New York City came down and spent Christmas with her family in Baltimore.

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese are holding an Executive Council

Meeting at "Intheaks", Wednesday and Thursday (today). Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., are planning to attend the Southern Furniture Market at the Southern Furniture Exposition building in High Point, Jan. 15 to 19. Others from Tyson Furniture Company, who also may attend are C. J. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson and M. E. (Bill) McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wilson visited relatives and friends in Rock Hill, S. C., last week end. Among those who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries within the next few days will be Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Burgess, Jan. 13.

Among our New Comers to Black Mountain are Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Buchanan and two children, Terry Wayne, who is

four years old and Vickie Lee, eight months old. The Buchanans moved here from Savannah, Ga., and are residing at 201 West Fifth st. Mr. Buchanan is one of the senior Engineer Assistants at Kearfott Company. They are members of the First Christian Church.

During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Ed W. Bartlett of Blue Ridge had as guests Mrs. Bartlett's son, William W. Smith of Burlington and her granddaughter Miss Shirley J. Smith, who has completed her basic training in the WAVES at Bainbridge, Md., and is now stationed at Philadelphia. A friend, Spike Hammel was also a guest. Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith of route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gragg, Jr., and Miss Gail Wilson of Detroit, Mich., visited his father, W. B. Gragg during the holidays.

Lt. and Mrs. Urban A. Daniel and son, Tony, of Camp Pope, N. C., were guests of Mrs. R. E. Mumpower during the holidays. Mrs. Daniels is the former Miss Emily Hastings, and is Mrs. Mumpower's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Nugent of Summer Haven, Swanna-

**Mountain Musings**  
by Gene Byrd

**January:**  
And so we continue the first month of the year—January named in honor of Janus a god in Roman mythology that ranked second only to Jupiter—Janus, the god of the rising and setting sun, the two faced god that could look back and look forward. Thus, January is a good month for looking back and looking forward.

I think of January in terms of the living and the dead. Some wonderful people have been born in this month, and many fine people have passed away in this month.

When I think of births in January, I think of Grandma Daugherty and Cora Dula both born on the first day of the New Year, Gabriella Cordell, Arthur Patton, Ada H. Burnett, "Aunt Em" Daugherty, Aunt Jennie Daugherty, Ralph Burnett, Monroe Morris, Max Morris, Paris Daugherty's John, Bob Burnett, Cordie Burnett's William, Sandra White, Bascombe Burnett and others that may have escaped my memory or my records.

(Incidentally, I want to drop back to Dec. 25 and offer my felicitations to "Mr. Educator" N. C. Shuford. Seems like it's a little unfair to be born on Christmas Day from some angles.

People born in the period between Dec. 21 and January 19 are born under the sign of Capricornus or the Goat, a sign that rules the knees. "Horoscopes" tell us that

noa, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Russell and sons, Ricky, Mike and George of Grovemont are home after a vacation at New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Russell E. Perry, S. R. of the Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and Ulys William Perry, FM3, of the USS Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va., spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Opal Campbell, 106 Fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allison spent the holidays in Temple, Tex., with their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. James B. Chandler and children, Allison, Sebring and James III. Mr. Allison returned last Thursday, Mrs. Allison remained for a longer visit.

Miss Lola Woods of Asheville, a former resident of Black Mountain, is spending this week with Mrs. John G. Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Guess left Wednesday for an indefinite stay in Bartow, Fla. They will visit Mrs. Guess' sister, Miss Harriet Pritchard of Winter Haven, while they are away.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miller have gone to Holly Hill, Fla., for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Simpson of Greenville, S. C., visited his mother, Mrs. J. T. Simpson last Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Mumpower left the first of the week for an indefinite stay in Winter Haven, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hastings and Tampa, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mumpower. Her niece, Mrs. Urban A. Daniel of Camp Pope, N. C., accompanied her to Florida.

**Womans Club News Corner**

**Creamed Broccoli and Mushrooms**  
Ingredients: 1/4 cup butter or margarine, 1 tablespoon finely diced onion, 1/4 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/16 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 cup milk, 1 can (3 ounces) chopped broiled mushrooms, 1 pkg. (10 ounces) quick frozen chopped broccoli.

Method: Melt butter in top of boiler over direct moderate heat. Add onion and cook about one minute. Stir in flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Add milk and mushrooms, including liquid in can; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens and boils. Add partially thawed broccoli. Cook, covered, over boiling water until broccoli is barely tender, about 30 minutes. Stir occasionally to distribute broccoli. Serve at once.

These are the last recipes from the gourmet luncheon. As a group there were fewer recipes for breads than any other classification, perhaps that is why they were saved until last, certainly not because they aren't delicious.

**Cranberry Nut Bread**  
2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons double acting baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup shortening, 3/4 cup orange juice, 1 tablespoon grated orange rind, 1 egg well beaten, 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1 cup cranberries, coarsely chopped.

Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, soda and salt. Cut in the shortening until mixture resembles coarse meal. Combine orange juice and grated rind with well beaten egg; pour all at once into dry ingredients, mix just enough to dampen. Carefully fold in chopped nuts and cranberries. Spoon into greased pan (9x5x3). Spread corners and slide slightly higher than center. Bake in 350 oven about 1 hour until crust is golden brown and toothpick inserted comes out clean. Remove from pan, cool, store over night for easy slicing. Mrs. W. J. Gammon.

**Instant Ralston Muffins**  
1 cup sifted white flour, 1/6 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup uncooked instant Ralston, 1/4 cup salad oil, 1 egg beaten, 1 cup milk, Heat oven to 400. Butter 12 medium muffin pans.


Sift together flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Mix with Ralston. Combine oil, egg and milk, add to flour mixture. Stir only until ingredients are moistened. Bake in muffin pans filled 2/3 full for 20 minutes or until brown. Serve immediately or freeze. Yield: 12 muffins. Grace Berghold.

**Nut Bread**  
2 eggs, 2 cups brown sugar, 2 cups sour milk (or butter milk), 4 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 2 teaspoons soda, 1 cup chopped nuts.

Beat eggs and sugar thoroughly. Add milk and beat well. Add dry ingredients, stir until all flour is damp; do not beat. Stir in chopped nuts. Bake in large loaf pan 5 1/2 x 10 1/2 in 350 oven for one hour.

This bread keeps well and is a good base for sandwich spreads. Frances B. Heath.

—U. S. Marine Corps fighter pilots knocked down 209 Japanese planes during the first month of operations from two airfields on Okinawa. The Marines lost but four in aerial combat.



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**Humorous Aside:**  
In reference to the school's closing because of the numerous bus students involved, a local wagster, remembering Mr. Roberson's determined drive for consolidation of schools, quipped; "He'd better watch out for them. He's got a fellow who's responsible for so many young'uns riding the bus."

**Premature Spring:**  
"If winter come, can Spring be far behind?"  
From the rash of marriages and engagements among my young friends it would appear that Dan Cupid, far from hibernating, has been quite active. (By the way "W. B." did you get "that ring"?)

Blatantly but sincerely: Betty, Mack, Cecile, Eileen, Robert, Charles and Ellen, Charles and Judy, I wish you matrimonial bliss.

In the "engaged" department, I extend congratulations to Kay and James, Betty Jo and Danny, Marjorie and Frances and Don, Clarence and Jane, Margaret and Danny, Rita and Jack.

Who'll be next?  
**Crazy, Man!**  
Some would probably delete the comma in this paragraph heading.

I think the world must be hungry for humor after a fashion. I received more comments on last week's Yo-yo poem than I have essay. I have enough requests for "off-beat" humor of the Muser variety, that I'll limber up the fork and toss out a few more.

(Maybe my serious minded Readers will have to make requests in self defense. Horrible Thought Department: It would be easier to quit reading the column. Please don't!)

**The Mad Muser Strikes Again, And Again, And Out!**  
Jack be nimble; Jack be quick.  
To live in traffic is quite a trick.

**Financial Note:**  
"Sweetest, words of tongue or pen,  
Enclosed, my boy, you'll find a ten.

**Outer Space:**  
"Twinkle, twinkle, little star."  
I wonder whose nose cone you are.

**Ostracized:**  
"I wandered lonely as a cloud,"  
Onion-eaters were not allowed.

**Pot-Pourri:**  
The inhabitants of the Byrd's Nest are so happy to hear that Sophia (Mrs. John Miller) is recovering from a bout of sickness during the holidays. She is Judy's lovely mother-in-law and her kindness to Judy and us is tremendously appreciated.

Congratulations to the Guy Burchfields on the birth of a daughter. You folks are still missed hereabouts.

It sounds as if the Ned Straehla family are having a successful year in France. Note to the Asheville Citizen: Black Mountain proudly claims the Straehlas.

Good for you, Andy Stafford.

Memo to Owen and Old Fort basket-ballers: We are proud of you and hope the ball keeps bouncing your way.

I hope the column will keep on being the letter from home that some of you have been kind enough to say that it is.

Wonder if "Miss Annie" is watching any football and basketball games on that newly acquired TV.

To M. B. "I'm sorry, all those pains you've felt. Just let that snow lay and melt.

**Taxation With Representation Is . . . . .!**  
No sooner had we gotten over the jolt of a gentle reminder that Buncombe County expects all good men to come to the aid of their country with tax money than the mail bulges with notices from Washington and Raleigh anent such things as State and Federal income taxes, not to mention license tags for automotive vehicles. I don't think loyal citizens begrudge tax money for worthy purposes. Occasionally we can't help mumbling. "I wonder where the greenbacks went?"

**Sad Words**  
The saddest words of tongue or pen;  
Time for income tax again.  
Nephew takes a long-faced view.  
Of Uncle's call for revenue.

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