

SWANNANOVA NEWS

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Much Oblige, Kind Sir!

Many thanks to Robert R. Hubner of Western Springs, Ill., for naming the Swannanoa News as one of his favorite columns in the Black Mountain NEWS. We can't hold a candle to Reflections and Mountain Musings which were Mr. Hubner's other most liked columns but we greatly appreciate the fact that we are read by the kind gentleman. I'm always amazed to learn that the Black Mountain NEWS is read in so many distant places.

We were curious about the location of Western Springs, so we got out the old atlas and found it situated about 35 miles west of Chicago.

Must be beautiful country up there, wonder if it's anything like our Swannanoa Valley? Again we say in the tongue of a true mountain man, much oblige, Robert Hubner. P.S. Mr. Hubner, if you were wondering just what happened to our Jim in the Jan. 4 issue, please read the Jan. 11 edition.

Evening Grosbeaks Arrive
About a dozen Evening Grosbeaks, a rare sight in this area, flew in last week for an apparent brief stay. These big clumsy looking (but quite agile when frightened) birds always remind me of a herd of elephants on parade as they nonchalantly stroll about in search of food. Perhaps their massive beaks give an appearance to that of the elephant and its mighty trunk. No matter what impression the Evening Grosbeak leaves you with, one simply can't deny that this majestic yellow and brown creature has a place all his own in the bird kingdom.

Home Demonstration Club
New officers were elected at last week's Home Demonstration club meeting. Mrs. Ed Saunooke was chosen president, Mrs. Ervin Davidson chosen as vice-president. The secretary seat went to Mrs. Robert York and Mrs. Noel Whitehead was elected treasurer.

The Swannanoa club is currently engaged in the WLOS Community Club awards drive and Mrs. Eugene Lovin, C.C.A. drive chairman, would greatly appreciate anyone who would help them up their (the



Girl Scout Troop 98, Black Mountain, Mrs. Wm. M. Styles, leader, are preparing the Teen Age Crutch Day Sale kits at volunteer headquarters for March of Dimes Crutch Day sale on Saturday, Jan. 20. Shown in the picture sitting, left to right, Dede Styles and Sandy White. Standing, Phyllis Ownbey, Martha Ann Basnight, and Helen Soos. Other Scouts assisting not in the picture are Ann Terrell, Mary Eastep, Bobby Miller, and Melinda Fortune.

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FREE WHEELING
By Bill Crowell

Okay readers, it's fun time again. So away we go with another collection of gags, jokes and anecdotes presented with a faint guarantee that all that follows is funny.

What's that? Oh, you know some really funny gags? Well, why not share them with other readers. Send your jokes to me, Bill Crowell, Motor Vehicles Department, Raleigh, and we'll print the best ones (with your name) in a later column. Meanwhile, back at the ranch . . .

A dude wrangler, two weeks away from Manhattan, sauntered into a Texas department store and asked to see a saddle. "With or without a horn?" the clerk inquired. "Well," he said, after a moment's consideration, "there doesn't seem to be much traffic out here; let me have one without."

Height of indecision: Driver at the bottom of the sea getting message to come up quick, the ship is sinking.

A tractor salesman, driving through the countryside was surprised to see an elderly farmer plowing his field with a bull. He stopped, collected a sheaf of sales literature, and approached the old man. "How's about a new tractor for the plowing?" he said. "Nope," replied the farmer. "Got two of 'em up to the barn now." Somewhat baffled, the salesman asked why then he was plowing in such a primitive manner. "By golly," the farmer said, "I am to teach this here critter there's something in life besides romance."

"What would you suggest as a gift for my millionaire uncle who is very weak and can hardly walk?"
"How about some floor wax?"

Thad Eure, North Carolina's perpetual Secretary of State, was scheduled to address a graduating class of state highway patrolmen at Chapel Hill. The genial Mr. Eure sat relaxed, listening as patrol Major Charles A. Speed proceeded with the introduction. Major Speed labored long and vigorously and eloquently at his task. He was about to conclude when a tremendous crack of thunder split the heavens outside. The stunning moment was capitalized upon by Mr. Eure when he said in a loud, clear voice, "Great Scott, I thought the good

Lord had struck him dead for lying."

A race horse is nature's only animal that can take several thousands of people for a ride at the same time.

A couple of neighbor tobacco farmers were arguing violently about who got the earliest start on the day's work. One contended he arose consistently at 5 a.m. The other swore he got up at 4:30. And so the battle went for weeks. One morning Jake set his alarm for 2:30, arose wearily when it went off, and stalked over to his neighbor's house. He banged loudly on the door and cried out a hearty good morning to his neighbor's wife. "Where's Sam?" he inquired. She replied, "Well he was around the place earlier this morning but I ain't seen him since."

A Chinese business man, after arriving in New York, discovered several pieces of his baggage missing. Angry, he wrote this note to the airline: "Gentlemen dear sir: I doggone seldom where suitcases are. You fly me but not her. You no more fit for baggage chief than for crying out loud. That all I hope. What the matter of you?"

After reading a colorful advertisement for a book on "How to Grow Tomatoes," an old farmer sent for it. Later the publisher received a letter saying, "The fellow who writ the ad shoulda writ the book."

A neighbor and his six year old son pulled into their driveway after a spin in the country. The lad's mother asked him, "How many foreign cars did you see, dear?" The child replied, "Oh lots and lots. We saw a Mercedes, two Cadillacs, a Volkswagon and four stupids."

—One broiler can produce manure worth two to three cents if it is handled properly.

Methodist News
The Bloodmobile from Asheville will be set up in the church basement on Friday, Jan. 26. There is a great shortage on certain types of blood and those who are capable of giving are urged to donate.

The Swannanoa Valley Inter-Church Cabinet meeting was held Tuesday evening in the home of William Klein at Warren Wilson college.

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the local church attended a sub-district meeting at French Broad Methodist church on Monday evening.

MRS. J. N. WRIGHT IS HOSTESS TO CIRCLE 3
Mrs. J. N. Wright was hostess to Circle 3 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church Tuesday night, Jan. 16, at her home. Mrs. J. M. Goodman was in charge of the devotional with each member taking a part. Miss Sarah Thompson very interestingly reviewed "Understanding and Assurance", "Helpfulness", and "Discipline and Growth" from the circles' study book. "The Values of Suffering." Refreshments were served during the social hour. Those present were Mrs. Mary Cordell, Mrs. Goodman, Miss Thompson, Mrs. D. O. McDougle, Mrs. T. L. Pence, Mrs. June Glenn, Jr., Mrs. Cortez Gaskins, and the hostess.

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the two hour session. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byrd, Mrs. Woodrow Cambron, Mrs. Elsa Brookshire, Mrs. Addie Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suttles, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Norwood, Mrs. Grace Dorothy Joyner, Mrs. Grace Hawkins, and Miss Jean Whitaker. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend these studies.

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