



By Eula Greenwood

NEVER AGAIN - "After turning over the keys to the Mansion and the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina to my successor, I took off the white carnation, never to wear one again. As it had become to many Tar Heels the symbol of my administration, so too had the white carnation become a symbol to me of the faith in the future and service to the present that North Carolinians everywhere were willing to give their state."

So ends the 320-page book, "Businessman in the Statehouse", written by former Governor Luther H. Hodges.

FIRST NIGHT - "The telephone rang and I answered it and recognized the voice of Ed Rankin, private secretary to Governor William B. Umstead. "Governor Hodges", Rankin said in a calm controlled voice, "Governor Umstead died a little after nine o'clock this morning..."

"I hung up the telephone receiver and sat back in my chair, stunned. My mind went back to the time when I was campaigning for lieutenant governor. I had on many occasions told North Carolinians that they should be very careful about selecting a lieutenant governor because someday a governor might die in office. Slowly I began to realize that day had come and as of November 7, 1954, I was governor of North Carolina..."

"For a while I prayed there in that chair. Presently, I got up, finished dressing and, with my wife Martha, went to church as I had planned to do before I was notified of Governor Umstead's death..."

"That night, my first as governor, Mrs. Hodges and I stayed in a hotel in downtown Raleigh. We had sent word to Mrs. Umstead, whom we had known since she and Governor Umstead were courting, for her and her daughter not to hurry about leaving the Governor's Mansion. Mrs. Hodges and I were quite comfortable at the hotel and I thought Mrs. Umstead should take her time in vacating the Mansion. We had known Merle Umstead long before she married William Umstead..."

The above quotes are taken from the first three pages in the book. "AIN'T NO MORE"—One of the most interesting human interest stories in the book—

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What to Do in Black Mountain

- Jaycees meet 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 Thursday noon, Monte Vista hotel. The following events, sponsored by the Get Acquainted club, to which all interested persons are invited *Every Wednesday afternoon at the Monte Vista at 1, duplicate bridge. Every Thursday night, 7:30, Monte Vista hotel, duplicate bridge; instruction by Max Woodcock. V.F.W. meets each Wednesday evening at 7 at the post home on old highway 70 beyond Grovestone. Board of Aldermen meet the third Wednesday of each month. Jaycettes meet at Monte Vista at 7:30 First and Fourth Mondays. B & PW Club meets each 2nd Monday at 8:00 P.M. at home of members. Other purely social activities listing in this column may call the Black Mountain News. Save this schedule for easy reference.

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"Governor Umstead was in and out of the hospital during the remainder of his life. After the first few days of his illness, however, he kept the reins of government in his hands and called the shots during the tough 1953 legislative session. He practically never confided in me or asked me to do anything and did not once do me, as lieutenant governor, the courtesy of asking for suggestions as to legislation or how to get it through the Senate. Governor Umstead carried this feeling so far that, although he was in the hospital he insisted that the state not be represented at the inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, rather than have the lieutenant governor go."

However, thanks to the intervention of State Chairman Jordan, Lt. Gov. Hodges did attend the inauguration. INTERESTING—The Hodges book is very, very odd. It was obviously dictated rather than "written". There is a lot of interesting material in it, however. Nevertheless, it does not add much stature to the Hodges Years—and some of it should have been left unsaid.

The lieutenant governor (Ed. Note: Luther Barnhardt) was on my right and Speaker Hewlett was on my left when they brought the ham into the dining room. As was the custom at the Mansion, I was served first and the platter was carried to my right around the table. The country ham looked good, smelled good, and as Clarence, the waiter, passed the ham to the twenty-seventh person, or the one just before the Speaker, I saw with horror that the plate was empty. I said, "Clarence, bring Mr. Hewlett some ham right quick." And, after a pause, Clarence answered, "Governor, there ain't no more."

The Governor learned later that Mrs. Hodges had bought only 28 pieces of ham—or had ordered only that amount cooked. This would have been exactly right—if a certain diner present had not taken two pieces!

SOME BITTERNESS—That Luther Hodges still carries with him a certain burden of bitterness is shown on more than one page in his book. It is indicated through complete absence from the book of several of those who were closest to Governor Umstead. That is one reason reviewers have said that "Businessman in the Statehouse" is more important for

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Welfare News For The People

By Bernadette W. Hoyle Public Information Officer N. C. State Board of Public Welfare

"It is cheaper to meet the needs of children during a few crucial years than it is to have them grow up without education and training, to perpetuate the problems of their family into the next generation."—Dr. Ellen Winston. The "K" family lived a turbulent, unsettled life. Both father and mother worked as domestic servants and their four small sons were cared for by two elderly relatives, both in ill health. Mr. K., an alcoholic, was out of a job frequently and was abusive to his wife and negligent of his family. His drunken bouts chalked up a court record of 24 arrests on charges that ranged from disorderly conduct and gambling, to assault with a deadly weapon on his wife, non-support, and, finally, abandonment.

The grandmother and elderly aunt suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure and were unable to care for the children properly. All were under-nourished. And the mother, weary from responsibility, became ill and was unable to work. The family was reported to the county department of public welfare. With the help of the caseworker, the family was given both moral support and financial help. An aid to dependent children grant was obtained to help them meet the minimum needs of daily living.

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SWANNANOVA NEWS

By Mrs. Hayes Connor

Church News—Revival services are scheduled to begin October 21 through 26 at Swannanoa Methodist church. The Rev. Worth Sweet of Rameur will be preaching at these services which will begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The MYF Subdistrict meeting was held Monday evening at the Azalea Methodist church at eight o'clock. Sonny Hunt of Swannanoa is president of the Subdistrict. A good number from the Methodist church attended this meeting.

Promotion Day was observed Sunday at the Methodist church with special recognition given to those teachers of the church school. The Methodist Men held their monthly meeting at the church Tuesday evening with a large number in attendance. Ernest Holbert is president. Rev. Ben Stamey, pastor of the church, led in the devotional period for the evening.

Methodist Circle Meets—The Morning Circle of the WSCS met with Mrs. Ben Stamey Tuesday, October 2. There were ten members and one visitor, Mrs. Wilma Howell, present.

Mrs. W. B. Kuykendal was in charge of the business session. Hostesses and program leaders for the October 2 were completed at this time. World Community Day Observance, to be held November 2 at 2 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Asheville, was announced. The group discussed making sewing bags for the Christian women in Indonesia. Mrs. Harry Barnes reported she had visited the lady patient at the Sanatorium and taken her a flower. The WSCS members will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, through the year remember her with visits and gifts. Members of the Circle expressed to Mrs. Barnes their best wishes as she will be leaving around November to move her home in Florida.

Mrs. James Powlas gave a most interesting program, using as her topic "Christian Community." Following her discussion she opened a question period. During the social hour Mrs. Rameur Melton honored with a surprise gift for her baby to be. The baby theme was carried out in the refreshments.

The Circle will meet November 6 with Mrs. C. G. McKelvey in charge of the program. The general meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Swannanoa Baptist church met last Tuesday evening at the church at 7:30 p.m. in Florida. Mrs. J. W. Teems; mission study chairman, Mrs. Charles Smith; publicity chairman, Mrs. D. L. Shaver. Two circle chairmen were elected: Mrs. Harry McPeters and Mrs. J. T. Mayfield. Mrs. J. W. Teems; mission study chairman, Mrs. Charles Smith; publicity chairman, Mrs. D. L. Shaver. Two circle chairmen were elected: Mrs. Harry McPeters and Mrs. J. T. Mayfield. Mrs. J. W. Teems; mission study chairman, Mrs. Charles Smith; publicity chairman, Mrs. D. L. Shaver. Two circle chairmen were elected: Mrs. Harry McPeters and Mrs. J. T. Mayfield.

Dr. Davis Gives '63 Schedule—Dr. Calvin Grier Davis, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, announced Thursday the schedule of summer conferences in Montreat during 1963. The conferences at Montreat, the conference center of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, will follow the following schedule: Institute for Outgoing Missionaries, June 15-August 1; Montreat Camp, June 19-August 14; Family Life Conference, June 29-July 5; Women's Advisory Council, July 5-10; Presbyterian Presidents, July 9-11; Women's Conference, July 11-18; Music Conference, July 18-24; World Missions Conference, July 25-31; Church Extension Conference, August 1-7; Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association, August 7; Bible Conference, August 8-21; Campus Christian Life Conference, August 11-17; Regional Westminster Conference, August 26-31; Conference on Christian Action, August 30-Sept. 2.

ROY D. ALEXANDER COMPLETES COURSE AT FINANCE SCHOOL—Army Pvt. Roy D. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Alexander, Swannanoa, completed the five-week disbursing specialist course at the Finance school, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Sept. 14. The 23 year old soldier entered the Army last April and completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S. C. A 1957 graduate of Charles D. Owen High school and a 1961 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, he was employed by Swannanoa Bank and Trust Co. before entering the Army.

HOME TO FLORIDA—Miss Louise LeRoy has returned to Brooksville, Fla., after a visit here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Varn, Church St.

GUESTS FROM CHAPEL HILL—Mrs. N. H. Culbertson of Chapel Hill, Tenn., is a guest of Mrs. R. E. Mumpower.

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VISITATION DAY—Visitation day at the Junction Order Children's Home in Lexington, N. C., will be held next Sunday, Oct. 14. All Junior Order members and any interested friends are invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. There will be an interesting program in the morning.

BRIDGE WINNERS—Six and one half tables were in play Thursday night, October 4, when the Black Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club met at the Monte Vista hotel for its weekly session. Winners were: North-South, Mrs. Will Wacker and Mrs. George Pritchard; 2nd, Cliff Field and Vella Mae Stevens; 3rd, Mrs. Claudia McGraw and Bill Costner. East-West: Mrs. Max Woodcock and Douglas Jones; 2nd, Mrs. Townsend Hay and Mrs. Don Livingston; 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, and children, Robert and Carol, have just returned from a ten-day visit with John Williams and his wife in Fort Lee, Va. While there they visited many points of interest in New York City. John, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, was graduated from the School of Visual Arts in New York City last spring and is now employed there by an advertising agency to do commercial art.

NEWCOMERS—Come to Dr. Richardson's porch and see the view down our Swannanoa Valley. It is cool you can sit around the fire and chat. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson will be at home on Hilltop with some of the members of the Women's club to welcome you to our community. Any time that is convenient for you on Sunday afternoon between three and six, Oct. 14. We are glad you have come to Black Mountain, a town that we all love so much, and we want you to know one another. Old Timers, of course you have a big welcome, too.

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FALL FESTIVAL—(From Page 1) Gourds. There will be a section for homemade breads, special cookies and candies, home grown garden vegetables, household items and so-called "White Elephants". Grade mothers and mothers of the schools have been asked to contribute the above items to be sold. The Christmas bazaar rooms in each building will feature aprons, crocheted work, pot holders, stuffed toys, ornaments, and decorations and many other items that will make attractive gifts for use at Christmas. While parents are busy at the country stores and Christmas bazaars the children will be entertained at a fish pond, fortune telling booth, and at the cake walks, where only home baked cakes will be featured. At about 8:00 p.m., the Talent Show in the Primary auditorium will begin with an excellent program of quartets, short skits, and talent presented. Grade mothers (and fathers) have tickets for registration for the drawings for a 19 inch portable TV and a 20 volume World Book Encyclopedia set. The drawings will be held at intermission of the talent show. All Grade Mothers are reminded to turn in their tickets and money at the Oct. 18 P.T.A. meeting. Additional tickets are available from the principals of each school and at Beddingfield-Konrad Clothing store at 101 Broadway. The Fall Festival is one of the two annual money making projects of the Black Mountain P.T.A. and is a wonderful opportunity to spend a pleasant evening seeing old friends in these busy times. Contributions for the country store and Christmas bazaars are not limited to parents, as many friends of the school have in the past been very generous in sending items to be sold, and it is hoped that they will again this year. Items can be sent ahead of time to any child's room, or left at the principal's office. Perishable items should be brought in on Saturday, the day of the festival, when the committees in charge will be at the schools arranging and marking. A suggested selling price will help the pricing committee on all items.

Boxscores Bloodshed—Raleigh—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 19 a.m. Monday, October 8, 1962: KILLED TO DATE 943 KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 871

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