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BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY,
AND YOUR FRIENDS, WE
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FOR THE NEW YEAR

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Town Topics

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1962 A Record Industry Year

"This was the best year in our company's history for industrial growth, 8 1/2 per cent above the record year of 1960," according to Dan E. Steward, Carolina Power & Light Company's vice president in charge of area development.

Steward reported in a year-end summary that new and expanded industrial plants in the CP & L service area in the past 12 months totaled \$110,126,986, an increase of \$44 million over 1961 and \$8-3/4 million over the record year of 1960. CP&L's region covers about half the land area of North Carolina and a fourth of South Carolina.

The report includes 70 entirely new industrial plants, representing investments of approximately \$66 1/2 and 120 expansions expected to cost \$43 1/2 million. They will create 12,796 new jobs and nearly \$39 million in new payrolls.

"The record investment is due to greater interest, activity and cooperation of State Development Boards, railroads, individuals and organizations at all levels in what has become a most competitive business," Steward said.

He had special praise for local chambers of commerce, industrial development groups and individuals who promoted industrial growth in their areas. "Your efforts and personal attention," he said, "really clinched the sale in many negotiations with industries seeking new homes." He added, "Communities that really want industry and work to get it where industries locate."

His report includes projects creating at least 10 new jobs and costing \$25,000 or more, which are new plants or expansions of existing plants. Installation of new machinery for modernization or for new production techniques.

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Nominations For D. S. A. Now Being Compiled

The Black Mountain Jaycees have released to all Black Mountain businesses, civic and fraternal organizations, application blanks for the annual nomination for their distinguished service award.

Committees from each of the organizations will select a young man between the ages of 21-35 to be considered for the coveted award. Nominees will be judged on (a) contributions to general community welfare during the year, (b) evidence of leadership ability and (c) evidence of personal or business progress.

The judging committee will be composed of distinguished citizens of the community, now over 35.

Nominations must be in by January 12, 1963.

Merchants And Town Board Are Concerned

About 20 merchants and town board members met Wednesday night to discuss plans for improving the parking situation in the business section of Black Mountain.

Merchants and town officials, concerned with the reported exodus of already established businesses to the new shopping center are taking a serious look at the parking problem with an eye toward improvement early in the coming year to make as much space as possible available for shoppers within easy walking distance of shopping areas.

Although nothing definite was decided at this meeting and there was much interest and several suggestions made to ward betterment. The group is scheduled to meet again in January to bring in ideas on which some final decision will be based.

Town officials were not ready at this time to make any statement as to what the group had in mind, but announcement is anticipated following the January meeting.

Kiwanis Club Ladies' Night Installation

The Kiwanis Club of Black Mountain-Swannanovia will hold its annual Ladies Night-Installation Dinner at the Monte Vista hotel Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 P.M.

The principal speaker, Dr. William Highsmith, is now president of Asheville-Biltmore College. His post graduate work was largely in history of which one would guess Southern History was his chief interest since his academic life has ranged from Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma to Florida and he married a Mississippi girl. In fact he was a member of the Historical Association and Secretary Treasurer of the Conference of Academic Deans of the Southern States. Needless to say his chief interest now will be in the history makers, The Youth of our Southland.

In addition to the good fellowship for which the club is noted the formality of installation of new officers will be part of the program. It is expected that other items of special interest to members and friends will be included also.

MEALS FOR MILLIONS

Members of the Sunday School department of the local Methodist church are joining this year with thousands of others over the nation in giving to others less fortunate by bringing an additional offering to be used for the purchase of "meals for millions."

Concentrated foods are used from the nation's surplus in the making of meals which make an entire meal for 3c. For the past three Sundays the donations have been collected by teachers; Sunday December 23 the total was turned in for the purchase of these meals.

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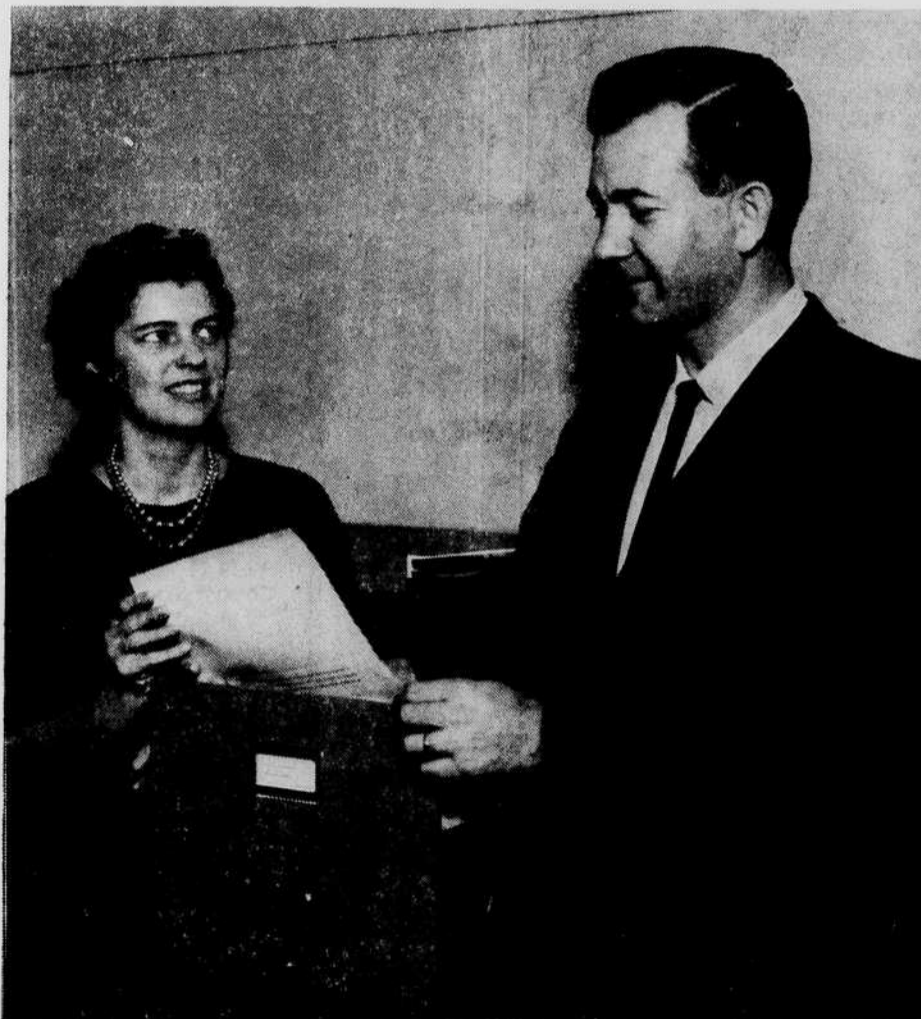
HAPPY
LANDING,
YOUNG
FELLOW!



Here he comes, young Mr. 1963 . . . brand new and all abrim with bright new prospects for this old world of ours! May he bring to you and yours 365 days chock full of good health, happiness and prosperity . . . complete fulfillment of your rosiest dreams.

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
The Black Mountain News

Michael Ledbetters Enter Foreign Mission Field



Pastor and Mrs. Michael J. Ledbetter, of Stokesland Baptist Church, Danville, Va., were appointed missionaries to Guatemala today by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Richmond, Va.

Telling the Board of his Christian experience, Mr. Ledbetter said that he began to consider missionary service in 1961, after hearing a missionary speak at the Danville church.

Mrs. Ledbetter said she joined the Mocksville Baptist Church at the age of nine. After college studies, she served five years under another missionary organization. She resigned in 1958 to marry Mr. Ledbetter.

"The decision to remain in the States to get married was harder for me to make than the decision to go to a foreign country," said she. "But I

knew it was the Lord's will. I have been very happy in the Danville church, and I thought I would be spending the rest of my life as a minister's wife in the States." But she was ready to seek appointment for Guatemala when Mr. Ledbetter made his decision.

Mr. Ledbetter, native of Asheville, N. C., spent most of his childhood in nearby Black Mountain. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Horace Ledbetter of Broad River. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Mrs. Ledbetter, the former Ethel Trivette, was born in Winston-Salem, N. C., where she spent most of her childhood. She received the associate of arts degree from Mars Hill (N.C.) College and attended Southeastern Seminary.

Before going to the Danville church in October, 1958, Mr. Ledbetter was assistant pastor and music director for Rutledge (Tenn.) Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Garner, N. C.

The Ledbetters have two children, David Michael, age 10, and a younger son, David Michael, age 7.

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Local Students To Have Chance For College Aid

Three students from two local high schools will have a chance next September to embark on College careers, thanks to a group of helpful citizens known as the Good Neighbors of Montreat-Anderson College.

Organized about a month ago, the group has as its goal the establishment of scholarships totalling \$1,000 for the assistance of graduates of Owen High School at Swannanovia and Old Fort High School at Old Fort who wish to attend Montreat-Anderson College.

Dr. Ivan B. Stafford, vice-president of the college, said the scholarships would be available for two students from Owen High School and one from Old Fort. Selection of the recipients will be on the basis of scholarship character, and a competitive examination administered by the Good Neighbors Committee on Scholarships.

The Good Neighbors grew from an inspiration of William H. McMurray, Sr., of Black Mountain, who envisioned such a group about a year ago, according to Dr. Stafford, as a means of keeping people who live near the college informed as to the school and its needs and aims, and assisting in the financial support of the institution.

Such groups are encouraged by a national body known as the Council for Financial Aid to Education, which said in a statement: "American business corporations produce much of the nation's wealth. They have a tremendous power for good. We believe they can exercise it in a meaningful way—by providing voluntary support for colleges."

Most of the members of the Good Neighbors are businessmen or the official representatives of local business.

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Owen Girls Take Fifth Straight Victory, 35-29

The Owen High School girls' basketball team kept the victory string intact December 19 as they romped to a 35 to 29 decision over T. C. Roberson.

In the final game of the evening the Roberson boys defeated Owen, 53 to 38.

Leading the Owen girls in scoring were Judy Boring and Linda Hyams with 11 each. Sandra Haney had 6.

Terri Rozzell, who played last year on a championship high school team at Cleveland, Tenn., was outstanding for Owen. Although she did not score any points, she hustled on every play.

The speed of Rozzell, Leonard Byas, and Haney did much to keep the Roberson girls off balance for most of the game.

After falling far behind in the first quarter, the Owen boys perked up and played the winners on even terms for the last three.

Richard Pittman with 12 and Ronnie McNary with 11 were high for Owen.

Girls' Game
OWEN (35) — Boring 11, Hyams 11, Haney 6, Maddox, Rozzell, Leonard 3, Byas 2, Patton 2, Johnson.

ROBERSON (29) — Butler 15, Nesbitt 9, King 3, Moody 2, Bishop, Lyda, Gasperson, Holmes, Kiser.

Halftime: Owen 16-11.

Boys' Game
OWEN (38) — McNary 11, White, Pace 2, Maddox, Harper, Ballard 5, Pittman 12, Hardin 6, Hughes 2.

ROBERSON (53) — Radeliff 11, Dumas 2, Green 20, Nesbitt 6, Owen 2, Elingburg 10, Tate 2.

Halftime: Roberson 26-15.

TURKEY-HAM SHOOT

On January 1, 1963 beginning at 10 a.m. the Black Mountain Gun Club will hold a turkey and ham shoot at their range beyond Tom Browns' dairy. The shooting will be under the supervision of the Black Mountain Gun Club and all proceeds will go to the North Fork Community.

Welcome one and all—ladies, children and gentlemen. There will be shotgun matches with ammunition furnished. There will also be rifle matches, any caliber, open sights, off hand position only. For the rifle matches bring your own rifle and ammunition.

There will also be trap shooting on the side for those interested.

Refreshments will be provided for the ladies of the North Fork Community.

KIWANIS HOLD DEC. 20 MEETING

The Black Mountain-Swannanovia Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting was held Thursday, December 20, in the Monte Vista hotel with President Don Quarles presiding.

Bill McMurray announced the Club's installation meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Monte Vista hotel. Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. Dr. Highsmith, President of Asheville-Biltmore College will be the speaker. The wives and lady friends of the members of the Club will be guests.

The president urged the members to attend next week's meeting when Roy Royston will have charge of a unique program.

Visitors were Sam Leonard and Porter Lamm from the Asheville Kiwanis Club.

DEC. 30 IS DAY FOR STUDENT RECOGNITION

Sunday, December 30 will be Student Recognition Day in the local church for all Methodist young people who have been away from home attending college. A portion of the service on that day will be devoted to the recognition of these students.

LIST TAXES EARLY TO AVOID WAITING

Mrs. R. T. Greene, who has been appointed tax taker for the Black Mountain township, today asked that citizens list their taxes early during the month of January, and avoid waiting in line.

During the latter part of the month there is always a rush and a great deal of time is wasted waiting in line. This can be avoided if those who have property, automobiles, dogs, cats, etc., to list will make it a point to list early in the month.

Mrs. Greene will be at the Black Mountain Town Hall from 9:00 to 5:00 week days during the month of January except Wednesday and Saturday when the hours will be 9:00 to 12:00.

At the end of January the books are returned to the tax office in the County Court House.

There is a penalty for late listing.

\$327 Million For Dividends On Insurance

More than \$327 million in GI insurance dividends—including a special dividend of \$90 million—will be paid in record time, according to J. D. DeRamus, Manager of the V. A. Regional Office, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Plans for payment of both regular and special 1963 dividends were announced by the White House November 22.

Under a greatly speeded-up timetable, the entire payment of both regular and special dividend payments is expected to be completed during the month of January, 1963, DeRamus said.

About \$222 million of the total is the regular 1963 dividend that will go to nearly five million World War II veterans holding National Life Insurance (NSLI) policies.

More than \$15 million will go to 250,000 World War I veterans who hold U. S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI) policies.

Regular dividends, which are distributed annually, have regularly been paid on the anniversary date of the original issuance of the policy. On this occasion, the payments will be speeded up to

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This proud beauty is viewed from the south end of Ridgeway as one travels north. Needless to say, she is one of the peaks along the Parkway range and almost all winter her snowy, icy top is majestically framed by blue sky in the background and hemlocks bordering each side of Ridgeway in the foreground. I believe she is Craggy, beloved in the summer for her magnificent rhododendron blossoms, and in the winter for her jeweled headdress.

January Bargains

It seems such a pity that the best bargains of the entire year are offered in January when the poor pocketbook is well nigh flat and the fervor of gift buying has spent itself. Not that I know of anyone who does so, but it would be a marvelous time to shop for next Christmas. The greeting cards you thought too expensive before the holidays are suddenly within your means and, by standing the box on the side so the envelopes won't stick during the summer, you are ready for early addressing next fall. Maybe this is the time to invest the gift money received, surely clothes, linens and many other items present a temptation to the person with "mad money".

Brownie Returns

After an absence of all summer long during which she raised her family, Brownie, our pet squirrel of last fall, has returned to wheedle her way into our lives again. She seems willing enough to answer Grandpa's call from the upstairs window and come close to catch on the first bounce the nuts tossed to her. Her family must still be dependent on her for she scurries away toward the creek with each one. Has anyone any grosbeaks at their feeders yet? Their noisy chatter and lovely feathers has endeared them to our family and we eagerly await their return. Last winter they were here in large numbers, the winter before none at all. Either their memory is short or else they like to vary their locale. Three years ago when we had such a severe winter there were birds never seen here before to show up as our feeders—either that or we took more time in which to identify each one. Purple finches, the aforementioned grosbeaks, and the pine siskin were favorites with us that winter. The little old titmouse is a cute thing, he is a regular magpie for hiding food. One of his favorite cubbards was the underneath side of a metal awning outside our dining room where he would stick grain and bread which we never did see him return to remove.

From Others

The good old days were when the moon was just something the cow jumped over. The Press, Vista, Calif.

A child: A creature who stands half-way between an adult and a television set. The Reporter, Milwaukee, Wis.

Did You See?

In the November McCall magazine a quotation from the Black Mountain NEWS? The quote came from one of Mr. G's REFLECTION column sometime during the football season. One never knows how such things happen because, as near as we can figure, no one in any way associated with the magazine subscribes to our paper.

Ice Skating

On one of the small roadside pools near Swannanovia numbers of boys and girls were ice skating during the week the weather kept hovering around zero. Never having seen ice skates in the

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