

Tar Heel . . . PEOPLE & ISSUES BY CLIFF BLUE

UTILITY DEBATE . . . In recent months there has appeared to be a widening of the breach between the private power companies and the REA associations furnishing power.

I have discussed this matter with both the private and public utility representatives. I have discussed the matter with numerous legislators. Most with whom I have talked seem to feel as I do, that there should be some common ground on which both groups might stand and serve.

TELEPHONES . . . I have noted that the private and public telephone companies seem to be getting along fairly well without any big debate going on or battle brewing.

Some years ago the private and public telephone companies worked out rather closely defined territory boundaries that have been held pretty inviolate except in rare instances.

Also high on the controversial list are taxes, which the REA group pays but little, and REA service in municipalities. It will not be easy to work the matter out for national organizations are attempting to tell both the private and public utilities how to face the issue which makes a settlement harder to arrive at than if it were strictly a Tar Heel affair.

BOTH TO SERVE . . . In our opinion, both the private and public power companies will continue to serve. As the REA group grows strong they will undoubtedly start paying taxes. In fact some of the REA leaders have indicated a willingness to pay taxes.

HIGHER EDUCATION . . . The Senate passed the Higher Education bill last week and the matter will be before the House for decision this week.

It's interesting to note that the part about the report of the Commission on Education Beyond the High School which caused so much debate last fall—the recommendation that the UNC President and other college heads be members of the State Board of Higher Education was never made a part of the bill, and is now—only a few months later not causing a ripple. Governor Sanford can be given credit for pouring oil on the turbulent waters.

RE-DISTRICTING . . . The chances for passage of a Senatorial Re-Districting bill improved last week with the overwhelming approval by the House Committee on Senatorial Re-Districting of the Currie Bill. The bill is expected to pass the House without too much difficulty.

ABSENTEE VOTING . . . The outlook for passage of a reasonable and practical bill to curb the abuses which have grown up under the absentee ballot law is good.

SUB-COMMITTEE . . . Its taking the joint Appropriations sub-committee longer to complete their job than was expected at first. The processes of Democracy are sometimes slow, cumbersome and costly, but they are well worth the price we have to pay.

STEEL . . . With steel prices having gone up, you can expect another round of inflation.

EDWIN GILL . . . With National Library Week upon us, we can think of no better message for the occasion than a brief excerpt from an address by State Treasurer Edwin Gill to the Friends of the Library at Chapel Hill several years ago.

"Books, my friends, are summer-rain and winter-snow. They are the dogwood of the spring and the crisp serene beauty of autumn. Books are people with all their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows. Books tell not only of deceit and treachery, but of the Faith, the Hope and the Charity of mankind. Books are also the human heart—that last refuge and cloister of the human soul. Books live and breathe and have within them a sort of circulation of the blood. They are saints and sinners. They are the hot, meaty robust talk of common men, absorbed in the everyday banalities of life. They are also the cool and lofty speech of philosophers. And lastly, books are a part of freedom—part of the spirit of liberty itself.

North Fork News

As we write this, smoke is filtering in the valley from the fire on Craggy. The pitiful waste and destruction is horrible. Not only the beauty will be gone, but the trees, the laurel and rhododendron, the wild flowers, and the animals.

Don't forget the Ham and Turkey Supper at the Asheville Club House at the edge of the Asheville Reservoir on Monday evening, April 29th.

Supper will be served from 5 till 7. Children under 12 will be served for 50c, adults for \$1.00. Since there is no supply of dishes at the Club House, and many people object to eating from paper plates, bring your own plate, cup, and silver.

The 4-H Club met at the home of Mrs. Howard Willet Saturday morning to paint flower pots. They plan to gather galax and plant it in the pots for sale to finance their projects.

A meeting will be held this Saturday at nine o'clock, with Mrs. McGuire Wood as the leader. Those attending last week were Kay and Phyllis Willet, Theresa and Pamela Williams, Robert Clayton, and Jeff Morris.

At ten o'clock, the boys went with their leader, Thad Burnett, to the DeVore's cellar, where they cut out wooden birds.

We were all shocked to hear that Jack Cordell, Sr., to his dogged determination, he came back to his store on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Germain have returned from West Lafayette, Indiana, where they spent Easter with their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas DeVore, and three daughters. Dr. Brewster is a professor of chemistry at Purdue University.

Miss Margaret Klotz of Liverpool, New York, flew in Wednesday evening to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. DeVore.

Returning from a trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, the William Browns found a former boss of Bill's awaiting them. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Squires of Belleville, New Jersey, were returning from a winter spent in Florida, and stopped off to talk over old times and old friends.

SWANNANOVA NEWS

By Mrs. Hayes Conner

Mrs. J. W. Taylor returned Sunday after spending two weeks in Portsmouth, Virginia, with her daughter, Mrs. Lyle Baker, and family.

Mrs. Vernon Hall, District Spiritual Life secretary of the W.S.C.S., taught the study course, "Dimensions of Prayer," Monday evening at the Swannanova Methodist church. The entire membership of the church was invited and a good number were present.

Revival services are in progress at the First Baptist church in Swannanova this week. Evangelist, Rev. Tom Young, pastor of Victory Baptist church, is doing the preaching. The services are being held daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and will continue through Friday. There will be special music each evening.

Club Has Program on Hat Making. Mrs. Frank Huggins was hostess to the meeting of the Arts and Crafts club Thursday, April 18. Mrs. Celwyn Gibbs was in charge of the regular business session.

Mrs. John Brown gave a most interesting program on "Hat Making." She showed several beautiful hats she had made. She also gave step-by-step instructions on the making of a hat and also designed a hat.

Special guests present were Mrs. T. F. Summet, Mrs. Robert Keeney, and Mrs. Boothroy. Members present included Mrs. Kenneth Davidson, Mrs. Winfred Corne, Mrs. W. M. Venable, Mrs. James Parks, Mrs. Talmadge Burnette, Mrs. Gibbs, the hostess, and the program leader, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Huggins served delicious refreshments during the social hour. Book Club Meets With Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. Sam Alexander was hostess to the regular meeting of the Book club Tuesday evening, April 16.

Mrs. Alexander presided over the regular business session.

RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS MRS. ELBERT F. HARDIN PHONE: NO 9-7134

At The Church: A gracious week of revival has filled hearts and blessed all who attended. The visiting minister, Rev. John G. Hicks of Union, S. C., brought messages of deep spiritual help, so that the church was revived and strengthened. Several additions to the membership and dozens of rededications took place, but these visible results were only a part of the good that was done.

Even those who thought they had no musical ability found they could sing under the leadership of Al Melnik of Hominy Church, Candler. We are grateful for the ministry of these two in our midst.

A number of visitors from Old Fort attended services several evenings during the week to listen to Mr. Hicks, who was a much loved former pastor of First Baptist Church of that town.

In The Community: The next-to-front pew of the church looks better now. Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Hatcher are back in their regular places there. How joyfully the congregation welcomes them home again! They arrived Tuesday from winter quarters in Ft. Myers, Fla., but will remain for a few more days in Monte Vista Hotel before coming out to settle down in Boonecrest.

Airman I/C Stanley B. Moore and his bride, the former Miss Olivia Penland, left Friday to set up their home in Goldsboro where he is stationed at the Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base.

Mrs. Elsie Allred and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Y. Moore spent Wednesday in Kingsport, Tenn., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore.

Misses Martha Allison, Glenda Lakey, Lucy Murray, and Sandra Wright accompanied Mrs. Neils Larsen of Spruce Pine to Columbia, S. C., for the week end to attend a special conference at Columbia Bible College.

On Saturday Mrs. B. S. Meeks and Miss Edith Van Duzer motored to Tryon to have lunch with a group of friends.

The members voted to give two books, "The Revised Emily Post Book on Etiquette" and a "Book of Games," to the Swannanova Public Library.

Mrs. John Kelley, who was in charge of the program, introduced Mrs. Albert Lathrop of Asheville, who talked on books in general. Mrs. Lathrop gave previews of a number of books.

Mrs. Frank Huggins assisted Mrs. Alexander in serving during the enjoyable social hour which followed. There were 15 members and two visitors present.

Mrs. Whitt Hostess to Garden Club. The Swannanova Garden club held their April meeting with Mrs. A. B. Whitt.

The following officers were installed to serve this year: chairman, Mrs. W. B. Stone; vice-chairman, Mrs. Whitt; secretary, Mrs. Bremon McInturff; treasurer, Mrs. Agnes Penland.

Members will exchange plans at the May meeting which will be held with Mrs. Floyd Hensley.

PTA Meets Tonight. Open house and the installation of officers will be held at the regular meeting of the Swannanova PTA tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria at the conclusion of the meeting.

friends from Columbia, S. C., who were attending the Carolina Bird Club meeting in that mountain resort. Active members of this club for years, these two ladies no longer join in the field activities, but did enjoy the lovely springtime scenery enroute and mingling with these special friends and others.

Mrs. Walter McCarthy of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Harris for a few days. Coach Norman Harris and family from Gardner-Webb College joined the family group on Sunday for several hours.

Dewey Thomas came up from Punta Gorda, Fla., Fri. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas for awhile. Mrs. Thomas came home from the hospital on Saturday but will be confined to bed and wheel chair for some time yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Poor spent the week end in their cottage here but returned to Virginia for a few more days before really moving back for the summer.

Miss Mary Paschal is spending several days in her home on Weeks Ave., having some painting done and getting things ready for her sister to join her soon.

Mrs. Lena Barger, Mrs. Elsie Alexander, and Mrs. Mary Bell Hamilton, R. N., from Mooresville were spending the day guests on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown.

The pastor of Mooresville Baptist Church brought a people to the Barger Cottage for a Friday-Saturday holiday.

Miss Barbara Bradley of Carson-Newman College spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley.

News from Ridgecrests at Oteen hospital is that they are improving. Miss Mary Speight is now able to be in a wheel chair a good part of the time, and Howard Wright was allowed to go for a short drive on Sunday p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gray and sons, Jimmy and Buster, spent the week end with friends in Lenoir.

With the big steel forms now in place the actual work of pouring concrete begins this week in Swannanova Tunnel. A new group of workmen has arrived for this task.

Watch Ridgecrest grow! Aside from the several buildings being constructed at the Assembly itself, private homes are also going up. Rev. Eph Whisenant is building on the corner of Cemetery Drive, adjoining the Tom Neely property. Another new home is going up next door to Rev. J. J. Johnson and belongs to a daughter of Rev. Herbert Bacon, a former pastor in Black Mountain.

Rev. Tom Brown and family of Anderson, S. C., spent one night last week in their cottage here.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Beiers of Greenwood, S. C., were in their home on Tupper Road several days of last week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Squires from Thursday to Sunday were her mother, Mrs. Dewey Hosmer and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patterson with their daughter, Peggy, from Bessemer, Ala. Mr. Patterson, uncle of Mrs. Squires, is also a brother of our Fred Patterson, who has been a patient in Memorial Mission Hospital for several weeks but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Banks moved last Thursday from the cabin-apartment at Sutherland's to a home on Blue Ridge Road, Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sutherland are spending some days in their Asheville, S. C., home and with their children in Greenville.

Miss Olive Lawton was in Ridgecrest for a brief period one day last week and will soon return for extended stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Angline of Columbus, Ga., spent several hours of Saturday with her sister, Mrs. George L. Hocutt, and Mr. Hocutt.



By D. C. Nichols Field Representative Over 50 million people have now worked long enough under social security to qualify for cash disability benefits

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