



Town Topics

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The Time Has Come

As good as it looks this summer, the time is rapidly approaching when the local swimming pool will no longer be usable; already it is inadequate for the large numbers who daily use the pool.

Bill Rucker, director of Operation Youth's summer recreation program stated to the board members Tuesday night that he would predict two years will see the end of use



for the present pool if luck holds out—one year if it does not.

The patched places on the pool work up, the filter system is not large enough by about 1/3 for the load, water pressure is not enough to vacuum

the bottom of the pool by use of the equipment on hand and frequent drainage and refill is impossible because homes around the lake area would be virtually without water for the time necessary to complete the job. Coupled with the above comes the fact that to empty the pool takes an unbelievable number of hours so that a complete change of water would put the pool out of use for about four days a week.

The ideal location for the pool, according to the youth director, would be to place it with all the other recreation facilities at the Youth Center. This would take more money than most of us make in a year—about \$100,000 is the estimate, and there would have to be some rearrangement of funds, voting of bonds, or something, within the next two years. It is a matter to consider.

Pool Paying
The pool this summer is self-sufficient for the first time in years. The large numbers using the pool account for the difference no doubt.

Classes have been well filled and new classes will begin Monday. There is no question that the pool is the most popular division of the program in which everyone may participate. If you want to see youngsters really working, yet enjoy the effort, go down some morning after 10 and see them in their classes.

Other Activities
Early in the morning, from 9-10, the tennis classes under the direction of Bill Coulter finds the boys and girls of the tennis classes plugging away at the art of serving, logging, driving and score keeping.

Soon tournaments will be under way and anyone who is interested may view them from the sidelines.

The two chairs located on the peninsula at the upper end of Lake Tomahawk must belong to someone who

lives near enough to run down and fish a few minutes in the evening or early morning. Two weeks ago the chairs were more picturesque, they were wooden with round rungs in the back rest and looked very comfortable. These folding chairs are more business-like, but serve the purpose as well as to illustrate the point that all the area around this section is for recreation. View the lower porch of the club house and see how many fish there are from this level.

Basketball is not particularly a summer sport—that is unless you are a basketball enthusiast—several girls braved the heat which mounted into the 90s in order to keep up the practice sessions begun some weeks ago. If all goes as planned and the parts can be located to complete the job, lights should be installed very soon as evening games and practice can replace these warmer hours. As one may see, poles are ready, the ditches for the wiring have been dug, and everything possible is in readiness.

Mr. Head, who gets around almost every day to see how our program progresses, is well pleased that some sort of activity is in progress at all times. It isn't necessary that an instructor be present, boys and girls use the basketball court almost constantly. In addition the indoor games in use, too. This is ideal; it means that any boy or girl may use equipment at any time he wishes, it typifies free play and fills in the time between the scheduled practices and games.

The baseball program has always been popular for both spectators and participants. It brings in to play boys and girls from the second grade through the first year in high school; this in turn brings parents who like to see their sons play.

This is one of the most satisfactory summer programs we have had.



PROFITABLE EGGWASHER—Edgar Mshaffey of Canton and Wayne Overcash, CP&L agricultural engineer, examine the newly installed electric egg washer on the Mehaffey farm. This new machine will step up productivity while saving over \$1,800 yearly in labor costs.

RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

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At the Church:

"Do you have services here during Assembly time?"

This question, asked by one attending the current Youth Conference, has been asked many times, and to the sometimes surprised questioner the answer is always the same.

Yes, Ridgecrest Church is a Baptist Church, carrying out its full program throughout the year. Our people cooperate with the Assembly and take advantage of its privileges and opportunities just as do other churches all over S. B. C. But this does not hinder the regular work of our part of Christ's great commission to His church.

In the Community:

"House full, yard full, and running all over." This expression describes conditions, not only on the Assembly grounds proper, but the entire village of Ridgecrest.

More than 3,000 people registered for the recent Music Week, and now there are almost 4,000 in attendance of Youth Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Walsh Watts returned Sunday night June 28, after an eight-day trip from our mountains down into warmer climates. Dr. Thomasville, arrived Saturday to spend a week with

for a week of teaching in the annual School for Preachers held in our Baptist Seminary there. Mrs. Watts spent those days in South Carolina, visiting her sisters and other relatives and friends in Spartanburg, Springfield, Cross Anchor, Crester, and Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Carter of Kingstree, S. C., are spending the week in Wee-Fie-A-Dilly while a fine group of young people from their church housed up at the Assembly for the conference.

On Saturday, June 27, Mrs. Everette Murray and her son Stephen, joined her mother, Mrs. Hoyle Lowery and Mr. Lowery of Greenville, S. C., for a few days of vacation "down east."

They first visited Mrs. Murray's brother, Dr. Niel Anderson, and his family in Durham, then both families went to Wrightsville Beach for a couple of days.

Chaplain (Major) Louis M. Jackson came up from Fort Benning, Ga., to spend the weekend here with his family.

Mrs. Spencer Meeks and children, Sandra and Barry, are visiting Mrs. B. S. Weeks and Miss E. H. VanDuser this week. Dr. Meeks joined his family here for the weekend, but returned early Monday to his research work at Georgia Tech., in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Black of Thomasville, arrived Saturday to spend a week with

their daughter, Mrs. L. L. Bidix, and her family.

Miss Lois Carter is recuperating from emergency major surgery in Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. She and her mother, Mrs. Charles Carter, left Ridgecrest a couple of weeks ago for Nashville. There Mrs. Carter remained for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. William J. Falls and her family while Miss Lois went to Seattle, Wash., to attend a meeting of National Teachers' Association.

While there she became painfully and seriously ill and had to be rushed back to Nashville via airplane. Although still quite ill, her condition is reported as satisfactory.

Coming in over teletype to the Assembly a few days ago was news of the death of Rev. McKinley Gilliland, in a hospital in Birmingham, Ala. Rev. McGilliland, a S.B.C. missionary was born of duty in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, for in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary since 1947. His wife, Dr. Martha Jordan Gilliland, has been staff physician in Ogbomoso Baptist Hospital for the same period of time.

Their daughter, Diana, is a student at Wake Forest College.

Hon. Ralph Odum, Asst. Atty. General of Florida, came up from Tallahassee for a couple of days' visit last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Odum.

Mrs. Archie Jenkins, of Pageland, S. C., with her daughters, Ann and Barbara, are spending this week in their cottage on Yates Ave.

Enjoying the vacation week end camping at Crabtree Meadows was one of our family groups, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Turner and children, with Miss Alice Turner and Dan and Donald Turner.

After the services of Sunday, Rev. George L. Hocutt caught a midnight bus for Burgaw, N. C., to join Mrs. Hocutt in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bowden. Mrs. Hocutt, who has been in Burgaw for a couple of weeks, will return home on Wednesday, with her pastor husband.

Mrs. Zeb Lackey (nee Margaret Denny) and her children, Gail, Douglas, Tommy, and Janette, of Newport News, Va., spent the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Denny, of Asheville,

but found time for brief visits with relative here and in Black Mountain.

Camping in the Smokies during the holiday weekend proved a happy (though chilly) experience for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buchanan and some of their kindred. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Edwards of Spartanburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kennedy, Jr., with Mrs. Joe Kennedy, Jr., with Mrs. Kennedy, Barbara Ann Howie, Debra Lee Law, Sharon Mary Magann, Barbara Ann McGraw, Kathleen Morton Nesbitt, Patricia Elaine Robertson, David Thomas Rozzell, Patricia Smith, and Scotty Andrew Wagner.

In winter or summer, Lake Dew is a lovely scene. Whether covered with ice in January, lying placid and cool in August, or reflecting the bonfires kindled for Vesper services during the Assembly season, it has an atmosphere of peace and tranquility all its own. Recently this quiet atmosphere was disturbed by some thoughtless youngsters who appropriated Ridgecrest grounds as their own property and destroyed young ducklings floating in the stream.

A few days ago one of the maintenance staff placed an

old gray goose on these waters. Already the newsworthy owned Lake Dew, and making nearly as much noise as the boys who stoned the duck. How like some people is the old gray goose!

Cheerleaders Earn Awards

1963-64 Cheerleaders earn certificates at Oteen were: Martha Anne Bascom, Barbara Ann Boone, William Edward Bumgarner, James Howard Frazier, Donna Elizabeth Genetti, Barbara Ann Howie, Debra Lee Law, Sharon Mary Magann, Barbara Ann McGraw, Kathleen Morton Nesbitt, Patricia Elaine Robertson, David Thomas Rozzell, Patricia Smith, and Scotty Andrew Wagner.

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SHOPE CREEK

By Mrs. Thelma Buckner

Personal
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilliam got the young people and intermediate classes of the B. F. U. together in the recreation room at Berea Baptist Church for a social on Saturday evening, July 4th. Weiners, hamburgers and homemade ice cream were served as refreshments.

On Sunday, June 28, the Clontz descendants got together again with Mrs. Anna Gregg of Upper Shope Creek for their annual family reunion, with members coming from Old Fort, Spindale, Forest City, Florida and from this community. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buckner of Arden, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Moody and Pat of Swannanoa, Miss Elizabeth Piercy of Old Fort, and Miss Gloria Buchanan of this community. There were 65 present.

Troy Greeg has been discharged from Oteen VA hospital after seven months as a patient there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingle, Jr., Mom and I took a motor trip down to Watauga County on Monday. We stopped in Blowing Rock and spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gregg. We also stopped in the Blue Ridge to see Mrs. Lula Newton, but she was not at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moody and Jerry spent the weekend in Clay County.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gregg and Robin spent a few days last week in Franklin.

Mrs. Clyde Stroupe of Oteen spent the Fourth as the guest of Mrs. Bertha Nichols.

Mrs. Laura Gregg recently fell at her home and was badly shaken up.

Robin Gregg received a bad burn on his hand while burning trash for his mother.

The ladies of Berea Baptist Church will have their W. M. S. Meeting on Monday evening at the church.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gregg at St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday, July 5th.

Mrs. Graham Creasman is home again after being a patient for a few days at St. Joseph's hospital.

Sherry Gregg, who was six years old in June 17, spent a few days in Black Mountain last week as guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingle, Jr.

Mrs. Zeb Nichols and Wayne, of St. Dennis Street, Swannanoa, were our guests on Saturday night.

LITTLE LEAGUE TOP BATTERS

Top ten batters from the Little League teams are:
Players T. G H A B Pct.
Tyfill, D. (B) 8 14 24 .583
Osteen, J. (B) 8 13 24 .542
Padgett, J. (C) 6 7 15 .467
Morris, J. (B) 8 13 29 .443
M'M'n, M. (C) 7 7 16 .438
Nichols, B. (C) 7 8 20 .400
Harris, G. (D) 7 8 20 .400
George, J. (C) 8 9 24 .375
Gee, W. (D) 7 8 22 .364
Pitching: Morris and Turbyfill, Braves 4-0; Padgett, Cubs 2-0; Nichols, Cubs 1-0.
Homeruns: Walter Gee (4) Dodgers; John Morris (4) Braves; Jed Osteen (3) Giants; Mike McMahan (2) Cubs; Jeff George (2) Cards; Nine tied with 1.

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