



Town Topics

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BEAUTY FROM UGLINESS
Many have called our attention to the lovely spot created by Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dotson just across the railroad from the depot.



The old, old brick building was anything but a desirable place in which to live when the Dotsons moved in, back in February. But when spring came they went to work to create an attractive home with a flower garden containing specimens that would be the envy of any gardener.

"The honeysuckle grew in the windows, we had to clear all that away, then the dirt, which looks so rich, was actually only cinders and we had to bring in top soil before we could plant anything. It isn't like we want it yet, but it is a start."

And indeed it is, more than a start in fact, for she has dahlias, marigolds, touch-me-nots, fall asters, and chrysanthemums to mention a few. In the window sills are some of the most beautiful petunias we have seen. The couple painted the sills and they look fresh and clean in contrast to the windows of the rooms in which no one lives.

The Dotsons occupy three rooms of the large two-story building with a room on the ground level for laundry and the privilege of using another upstairs room is needed. Mr. Dotson works for 23 years.

Majorettes Train For Perfection



—Photo by Noah

tumes of the native women and made so real the everyday living of the missionaries there—of which their daughter is one in this field.

Those who were unable to attend this meeting missed a treat.

BLACK MOUNTAIN BRIDGE WINNERS

The Black Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club held its semi-annual dinner Thursday night, Aug. 20, at Glen Rock Inn, Montreat. Following a most delightful dinner, the group went to the Club Room of the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan, Black Mountain, where nine and one-half tables were in play. Winners were: North-South, Charles Ross and Mrs. Al Jennings; 2nd., Mrs. Norcott Pemberton and Mrs. Lawrence Brady; 3rd., Mrs. Oscar Norton and Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew; 4th a tie, Mrs. John McGraw, Sr., and Mrs. A. P. Perley, Sr., and Mrs. J. W. Douglas Jones and N. C. Shu-Bergthold and Lawrence Brady. East-West, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Campbell; 2nd., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White; 3rd., Douglas Jones and N. C. Shu-Bergthold; 4th, Miss Beth Livingston and Mrs. Den Livingston.

Although most high school girls dread the opening of school, these twenty-one girls who are majorettes and cheerleaders are anxiously awaiting school and the excitement of football season. They have been practicing since the eighth of June and feel that they are prepared to perform at the games.

Of the eleven majorettes, six had experience last year. Collette Summit, pictured above in the center, is a rising senior and is head majorette. She is very clever in constructing routines and is a truly competent leader. Other majorettes are Connie Nichols, Barbara Allen, Jane Ricker, Joyce Henderson, and Brenda Williams, who is not pictured above.

Ginger Wallin, who is the drum majorette and "quarter-back" for the band, was on vacation when the photographer caught these girls at practice. Ginger is a lively little blonde who wants to continue twirling in college.

The remaining four are letter girls. They proudly carry the letters O-W-E-N. on their uniforms. Nancy Harris displays the "O"; Sandy Wilson exhibits the "W"; Linda Gail Robertson wears the "E"; and Nancy Jo Marlin spots the "N". These girls do very little twirling; however, they perform with shakers and other novelty ideas.

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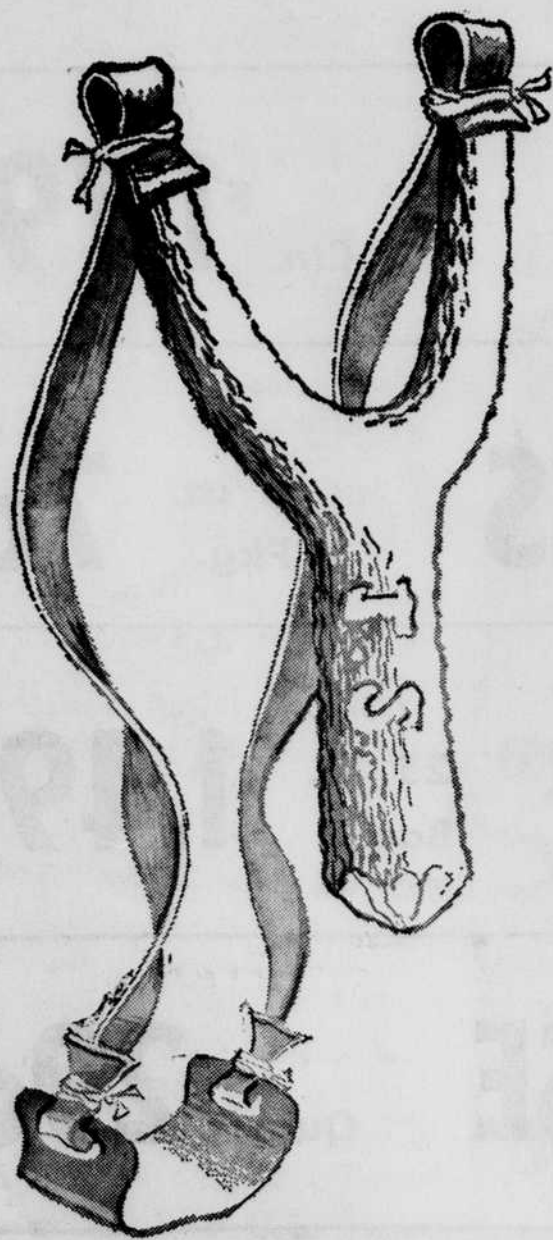
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This is one of the most unattractive parts of our town (all depot areas seem to be), and much has been said and nothing much done about improving the appearance. Here are two people who have invested their own money in improving the physical appearance of their dwelling to the extent of painting inside and out. Their yard is well kept and neat with a table and chairs for outdoor hours.

We think they deserve a pat on the back and congratulations for having turned a drab, ugly spot into one of beauty.

APPRECIATION GROWING
This has been such a terribly busy summer for everyone, with so many things of interest to see and do, that one is almost breathless now that the end is approaching. Because the season is such a busy one we often cannot do justice to the really worthwhile activities occurring only in the summer.

Take, for example, the Antique Show. This is the fourth year for this interesting event which has grown with each passing year until it is one of the outstanding shows of the year. Like the horse show it attracts others from outside this area with similar interests to show their products. Another event is the Sidewalk Art Show which filled the sidewalk space to overflowing this past week in the showing of work done by our Valley artists. This event is free for the looking and it appears that many are eager to look. Add to these things already mentioned, the benefit by the Garden Club which always features some outstanding naturalist, biologist, or horticulturist and you've spent a summer attending attractions that will provide some good memories for the winter months.

FRENCH FOR CHILDREN
Over 40 children under the age of 10 in the Swannanoa and Black Mountain communities have taken advantage of the Church of Lakey Gap on Tuesday, August 18.

A social hour with delicious refreshments served at the Punch Table renewed old friendships and introduced new ones.

Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., gave an interesting insight on "Personal Evangelism" and Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Sr., shared with the group the news of the latest evangelism work of our own beloved Miss Lyde Wilson. At the age of 84, Miss Lyde is now teaching seven children the Presbyterian Catechism from her bed in the Reising Rest Home. She is the only living charter member of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and founder of the Lakey Gap Sunday School and has now begun her work anew.

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meantime the 42 who began their study of French this summer "parlez francais" all over the place!

THE BUMBLER KNOWS
Maybe everyone except me knows how the bumble bee extracts nectar from the flower's with trumpets too long to crawl into. Watching one around the petunias along our walk I noticed that he would always alight on the face of the flower, then crawl over the edge and down the trumpet until he was at the base. There he punctured the lower end of the tube, extracted the nectar, and was on his way to another flower. Thinking perhaps I was mistaken, I watched him follow the same procedure several times. Does anyone know if other nectar-gathering insects do the same?

NIGHT BEAUTY
While speaking of flowers I wonder if there is anyone else who has a moonflower vine? This flower must belong to the morning glory family (or vice versa) because the leaves and flowers are similar except that the moon flower is a night blooming type, pure white, and the interesting point is that once the flower has begun unopening the process take place so rapidly that one can see every move. The bud is not twisted as is the morning glory, and like many night blooming flowers it is quite fragrant. We have only a few vines, but anyone who cares to come and see the blossoms open may do so in the evenings around 7-7:30. You'd better call first to see if there is one due to bloom on that night; they will bloom until frost.

Black Mt. Women Entertained By Lakey Gap Women

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