

Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

With Lib

By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stafford of Government have returned home from a two week vacation to Hawaii. Enroute they visited Las Vegas and San Francisco. Their trip was made by plane.

Miss Janice Wheelon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheelon made the Dean's list at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., for the first semester.

Desmond Hussey of the State Highway Patrol was guest speaker at the Asheville Cosmic Club last Thursday Night at the S and W Cafeteria. Mr. Hussey spoke on the hazards of driving under the influence of alcohol and showed members a new breath-testing device being used by the Highway Patrol. He demonstrated the test to the group.

Lt. Col. Russell Rowland, Mrs. Rowland and their children, Karin, Rosalind and Russell, Jr., of Augusta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fortune of Kingston, Tenn., spent the weekend with Mrs. B. W. Rowland. Other visitors besides Mrs. Rowland's children were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Peek, Jr., of Stroudsburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Perkins, 14 Rhodendron Avenue, had as guests last week their son-in-law, Jay Thomas Poblner and daughter, Neal of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allison, 10 Church Street report seeing an Albino brook trout at their rd feeder in the back yard Saturday afternoon.

Toby R. Owenby, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Air Force. He is a jet aircraft mechanic at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., S/Sgt. Owenby was graduated from Charles D. Owen High School, Valdosta, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Owen of Black Mountain. His wife, Betty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gilliam, also of Black Mountain.

Miss Patty Glover has returned to the University of South Carolina, Columbia, after spending a semester break with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Glover.

Area Men In Service

William E. Willis, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Willis, Swannanoa, N. C., was promoted to Army specialist four Dec. 30 near Pleiku, Vietnam, while serving as a wireman with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division; 35th Infantry.

Machinist Mate Third Class Clarence E. Greene, USN, son of Mr. Dwight E. Greene of Black Mountain, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Vickie A. Arrowood of 110 Route 1, Asheville, N. C., arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico aboard the submarine tender USS Howard W. Gilmore.

The ship is in Puerto Rico as a unit of the combined forces in a "Springboard" training exercise "Springboard" which is held yearly near the island.

With the exception of a three-day cruise to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, the submarine tender will remain at San Juan until the end of February.

Seaman William K. Fowler, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian I. Fowler of Black Mountain, N. C., is serving aboard the combat stores ship USS Mars in the South China Sea.

Since its deployment from its Yokosuka, Japan homeport in October last year, Mars has replenished supplies for ships of the U. S. Seventh Fleet off the coast of Vietnam.

Although Mars uses its helicopters to transfer supplies, it also utilizes them whenever an emergency arises, such as medical emergency missions. During a recent emergency Mars answered a call from the destroyer USS Huntington to transfer an injured crewman for medical treatment aboard a local aircraft carrier.

Crech Named Rehabilitation Business Manager

Roy Ralph Crech, Jr. of Shelby has been named business manager of the new 100-bed Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center at Black Mountain.

Ben Aiken, general business manager of the Department of Mental Health, who made the announcement, said that Crech brings a total of eight years experience to the job. He assumed his duties January 1.

The center, which is not yet ready for occupancy, is expected to begin accepting patients in the near future. When it opens it will serve the Western Region of the State as defined by the department, Aiken said.

Crech, a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators, holds a M. A. degree in hospital administration from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He was formerly the administrator of Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby and prior to that, was the assistant administrator there. He also served as administrative assistant at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

A native North Carolinian, Crech attended public school at Snow Hill and was graduated from East Carolina University where he studied social science and English. He is married and has four children.

Valuable Book Given Library

Miss Frances Jordan of Raleigh, North Carolina, Extension Specialist in Family Life Education has presented a beautiful and valuable book to the Library honoring Dr. and Mrs. William Morgan of Black Mountain. Miss Jordan is a friend of long standing of the Morgans.

The new book is "In Wilderness is the Preservation of the World," by Elliot Porter with selections from Thoreau, selected by Porter to accompany his exquisite nature photographs in color.

This book is on the shelves ready for use by the community. It was presented to the library by Dr. Mildred Morgan at the monthly meeting of friends of the Library on February 3.



Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center Plans To Accept Patients In Early March

By: Jackie Franklin

Construction of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center just west of Black Mountain, on Old U. S. 70 has been completed. Only the job of grading and landscaping remains to be finished. The \$800,000 building complex, begun in October of 1967, has been accepted by the State from the architect and contractors.

The Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in Black Mountain is one of three new centers in North Carolina that will begin operating this Spring. One of these new centers will be located in Greenville, and one in Butler, which for the past 15 years has had the only center in North Carolina. Eventually it is hoped that four centers will be operating across the State at convenient locations for all residents of North Carolina. The center in Black Mountain will serve thirty western counties of North Carolina.

The building complex, itself, was designed and constructed to meet the demands of the center's program. Five buildings are conveniently located near each other, and are connected by a covered walk.

A patient will enter the front building containing the administrative offices, the admission offices, and the infirmary. Behind the main building are located two buildings containing the five modern furnished dormitory units. Patients will eat in a separate dining room that is served by a well-equipped kitchen. Counseling and recreational activities will take place in the therapy building, which contains offices and a large all-purpose room. The complex has adequate facilities for 108 patients.

According to Mr. Roy Crech Jr., business manager of the new center, they hope to have the center completely staffed and equipped, ready to begin accepting patients, early in March. Mr. Crech now has an office at the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in Black Mountain, and he is presently recruiting supervisory personnel and from there will complete the staff. Those interested in employment should call 669-6431. The center, estimates Mr. Crech, will probably have a staff of 90 and an annual budget of \$600,000.

During this time, according to Mr. Billy J. Link, head of the Social Service Department at the center, "the patient will be helped to help himself." Through counseling, group therapy, and educational programs, the patient will be helped to better understand the nature of his illness and will be helped to deal with it. The center plans to adopt a flexible program to meet the individual needs of each patient. Recreational, industrial, and occupational therapy, plus family counseling, will be developed and utilized according to specific needs.

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Retired Persons Actively Support Area Programs

The Swannanoa Valley Chapter #225 of the American Association of Retired Persons is actively supporting programs to involve this area's older persons in the affairs of the community. President Robert R. Hubner of 107 Fairway Drive, Black Mountain notes that the Chapter is actively cooperating with Chapters in Asheville, Hendersonville and Brevard for the establishment of a Retirement Living Home in this area to meet the demand for this type of care.

Members are engaged in Community Projects, Red Cross Bloodmobiles, as well as volunteers at Oteen Veterans' Hospital.

The local Chapter conducts monthly meetings at the Public Room of the Black Mountain branch of the Asheville Federal Savings & Loan Association, 300 West State St., on the 2nd Friday each month. In addition it reports on insurance and legislative programs included with other business, a feature on various subjects of interest to the members is presented.

The February meeting will be held at 10 A.M. Friday, Feb. 14th, when Mr. & Mrs. Buell H. Francisco of Asheville will show and narrate color slides of their recent trip to the Orient. All interested persons are cordially invited.

Information concerning National and Local Chapter membership may be obtained by telephoning 669-5001.

President Hubner goes on to say that the Swannanoa Valley Chapter #225 is also working through its national leadership to achieve lives of independence, purpose and dignity for older persons everywhere.

"The members of the American Association of Retired Persons believe in dynamic maturity as a sound approach to the later years. Retired persons want to continue to contribute to society . . . to stay in the mainstream of life. And they're finding dozens of ways to accomplish these aims."

Municipal Recreation Planned

The thought of relaxing and doing the things one enjoys most is frequent for young and old alike. This is one reason Municipal Recreation is something that every town deserves and needs. This is why we have an attractions committee at work with this goal in mind today. This committee is composed of local men who are interested in you and your families and what you have to do with your spare time.

There are many thoughts that come to mind when you think about recreation for an entire town. The main thought possibly is where would the money come from. The Federal Government will give a grant of 50% matching funds to any incorporated township for recreation. This means you could put your tax money to work in the area of most importance, the community. Matching funds are from land appraisal and recreation, money given by individuals and clubs. The value for this will be matched dollar for dollar by the Federal Government.

There will be a meeting held later this month to decide exactly what the town needs in the way of a fully rounded out recreational program. The meeting will be attended by members of the State Recreation Committee and an organized planner. This is something that will be able to grow with the community and give every age group a way to spend leisure time and enjoy themselves.

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"Woman Power" - American Style

By Wray Crockett

I sit up in bed. It is 2:30 a.m. My, that dream! It seems I can still hear their screams! The youth of a nation, millions of them, being swept downstream by a flood of filth and violence!

"What does this mean?" I ask myself. "My children are so young, and all sound asleep." Then comes the question, "But what of the mother who does not know where her son or daughter is tonight? Do you not care for these?" It was then I cried, "Oh, Lord, what can I do?"

As I toss in sleeplessness, the following incidents come to mind: Young man leaps to his death from our city's tallest building. My nine year-old son sent to corner grocery and stopped by teenager who asks for his money.

Sixth-grade girls, two of them, intercepted by teacher, circulating lewd scrapbooks in classroom. Young secretary stabbed in church office. In our city! While downtown movie shows: "QUEEN OF BLOOD" -- Blood Bath! New High in Blood-chilling Horror!" Same newspaper but in another town: "Man sought in abduction of two children. Eight year-old left in pool of blood!" I shudder!

I ask myself, at the rate crime is avalanching, what kind of world will we have in which to rear our children, within say, five or ten years from now? I agree in a sense with those who say morality cannot be legislated--that immorality is condition of the heart. But while legislation may not make a bad man good, it can certainly make him think twice before he pawns his badness off on somebody else, especially a minor.

Take for instance, pornography, and the Supreme Court's recent decision concerning it. Why doesn't somebody do something? A forest fire out of control looks pretty hopeless, too, but we don't sit back and let it take over! We fight it! With all available men and equipment, we fight until it is extinguished! A fire not our children more important?

Next day I call a friend. "Forget it," she advised in essence. "You can't fight City Hall, you know." I wonder. I call another friend. "I'd sure like to do something, but I don't know where to begin," she confessed.

I write a well-known teen director and author in New York City. "Why not try it from where you stand?" was his advice. Reminded me of the question put to Moses in the desert of Sinai: "What is that in your hand?" Not that I'm a Moses or anything, but I have a pen in my hand, and I have another dream--this one in my heart. It is the dream of an American mother! Or is it a vision?

Do you hear what I hear? It is the plaintive heart-cry of the mothers of America. No, not just the mothers, grandmothers and every warm-hearted woman in our country. Louder and louder it rises, until it sounds like the roar of a hundred Niagaras! Coming from every teeming city, town, obscure village and mountain trail. The women of America have had enough!

We have had enough of what we believe to be misinterpretations of our Constitutions by our Supreme Court Judges, who are appointed for a lifetime--not elected to office as other important officials; and to the tune of approximately \$40,000 yearly, each, in America tax dollars!

We have had enough apathy on the part leaders to such goings-on. We have had enough of being told to work on these things at the community level, when dealers in smut and violence have the Highest Tribunal in the land on their team!

Suppose, for instance, a mother does confront a trash peddler and pleads with him to remove pornography from his stands? Since he was unscrupulous enough to display the stuff to begin with, he needs only to state, "Lady, there's no law against it."

But the dream. Let us not stop here. Do you see what I see? An American mother steps out of a throng unnumbered and stands before nine men on the Bench:

"Sirs," she begins, "with all due respect to your office, the mothers of America would like the floor, in behalf of our children. The silence is appalling. We feel that the Supreme Court of the United States has done more in recent months to shatter the American Dream than any other group. We feel that you have betrayed us and our children!"

"Bible-reading and prayer have long been silenced in our classrooms, where future leaders are in the making. No matter that the Bible was America's first textbook, on which the foundation of our country was built and its great leaders formed."

"One woman and nine men (or was it eight?) bear this responsibility, as heavy as it is!"

"By the same token, in the matter of individual rights, why is the teaching of evolution not ruled unconstitutional? Many parents accept the Genesis account of the Creation, but that does not assure them the right that their child will not be taught evolution as a fact -- not the theory that it is, unproved and unprovable."

"Let me ask you--if you had known in advance that the three astronauts in the recent lunar travels had included in their flight plans their well-timed and moving Christmas prayer and daring declaration of the Creation with, 'In the beginning God . . .!' would you have ruled this too as unconstitutional?"

The dream goes on, as another mother steps forward. "My son is a policeman. He is called out on a kidnapping charge. A little girl is missing and a suspect is picked up. My son is required under your interpretation of the Constitution to inform the suspect that he does not have to talk. He doesn't talk. The parents are frantic to know if their child is still alive. You say the suspect must be protected. What about the child? What about the parents? Who has more rights--the criminal suspect, or the innocent child and law-abiding parents?"

A stooped and sorrowful little mother then steps out of the sea of faces and stands before the Judges. "Sirs, I lost my son in Vietnam. Our President says we must give our sons to fight communism abroad. You say we must not only allow the Communist Party to operate in our country but permit them to work in defense plants making the very materials with which our boys must fight. Why? Why spend approximately \$400,000 a day to kill one communist in Vietnam, while requiring us to offer sanctuary to another communist under our own roof?"

"I understand under your more recent ruling, communists have been employed to teach in American schools. That really is getting in on the ground floor. Tell me, Sirs, did my son die in vain?"

The dream does not end there. Our new president finds the procession continued in the flow of letters, telegrams, petitions, etc., form every corner in America.

"Mr. President, while committees study other committees to determine the cause of crime, the High Court of our land extends license to violence and pornography under the banner of democracy. We believe in democracy too, but we would not allow wild animals to be turned loose in the midst of our children. Yet, here it is, stalking

everywhere, an even greater menace--the prodigy of every evil imagination, written, spoken and filmed, to prey on young minds. And at a time when they seek to establish sexual and other behavior guidelines for a lifetime!"

"Mr. President, we are wondering if, instead of appointing Supreme Court Judges for a lifetime of service, you would consider having them elected to office, or at least appointed for a reasonable term?"

"Mr. President, we also respectfully request that recent decisions reached by the Judges Bible-reading and prayer in the schools, communists in defense plants and schools, licensed pornography, law enforcement obstructions, etc.--be reviewed by these newly elected judges."

"Mr. President, it is not enough to have a 'Beautiful America' program. We appeal to you for a clean-up job that will beautify our lives and the lives of our children! We need 'teeth' in our laws to check this poison of perversion, this disease of depravity!"

The President reads another letter, a telegram, then a letter with petitions enclosed. Finally he speaks, "It is enough. See that this gets top priority. And label it 'Woman Power!'"

A shout is heard in the land! And in due time an endless calvacade proceeds from the heart and soul of America to converge on the "pigsties" across our beloved country. And the battle call is: "Release your desensitizing grip on the bodies, minds, and souls of the dearest on earth to us, our children!"

Only a dream, you say? But wait! You can help turn this dream into a real-life drama. The stage is already set. Awaiting only the leading characters. Before the curtain rises a call goes out for leaders; organizers, supporters with financial backing if necessary. Needed at once: Fountainheads to release the powerful undercurrent of love and concern for our youth. A purifying stream that will flush this nightmare of sewerage from the sidewalks of America, where faltering young feet must travel.

If one God-defying woman can shake a nation to its foundation, cannot a myriad of God-fearing women turn the world upside down for rights? (And that is not to 'leave the men out. Good men everywhere are ready and willing to accept such a challenge!)

If wholeness and respectability is to be restored to American life; indeed if we are to survive as a nation, then we must soon realize this dream of "rightness", this vision of hope! "So help us, God!"

Kerlee Baptist Starts Contest

A Sunday School Contest started last Sunday at Kerlee Baptist Church and will run through June. Each new member will count fifty points and each one present will be graded by the Six-Point Record System, with a possible grade of 100 points.

The pastor, E. F. Baker, will be Commander-in-Chief; the Superintendent, Robert Harris, is Field Marshal; Mrs. Dolly Bartlett is General of the BLUES; and Robert Padgett is General of the REDS; the class leaders will be captains of the reds and blue sections of each class. Miss Janet Bartlett is the contest Secretary; and Miss June Silvers is General Secretary of the Sunday School.

The time of meeting of the Sunday School has been changed to 9:45 A.M. instead of 10:00. In order to get credit for being on time, which is 10 points, it is necessary to be inside of the auditorium when the 9:45 bell taps. The first bell will ring at 9:00; the second at 9:40; and the third, which is the one that counts, at 9:45. The spirit of rivalry has already started; last Sunday, the BLUES made 910 points and the REDS made 900--how will it be next Sunday?



Black Mountain Lumber Co. Robbed Of Over \$600 Cash

The Black Mountain Lumber Company was robbed of over \$600 between closing time Friday and opening time Saturday morning. Entrance was gained coming down from the roof assembling ladders to make a walk way into the building. This is the first time this happened in the company. Jim Daugherty, owner of

the business stated he had been expecting it for the past 20 years. Black Mountain Lumber Company tools were used to rip open the back of the safe from which the money was taken. The Buncombe County Sheriff's Department is investigating the robbery. There have been no arrests made at this time.

Horse Show Committee Meets

The first meeting of the Black Mountain Horse Show Committee was held Monday, Feb. 3, at the Monte Vista Hotel. The meeting and discussion was centered around dates and plans for this year's horse show. The main interest was how and what to do in order to give the people a better horse show and make it something of interest to the entire community. The committee elected board directors and chairmen. They will be announced at a later date.

Register For Phone Check

For the benefit of those who may have missed reading a previous article about the Safety-Check telephone service being planned by the Home Life Committee of the Black Mountain Women's Club, attention is again called to the Senior citizen and shut-ins in our community who may wish a daily telephone call from this committee to check on their safety and well being. This service is designed for those living alone, and if you wish to be included with the small number who have already responded, call or contact Mrs. Fred Higginbotham, phone 669-7159.