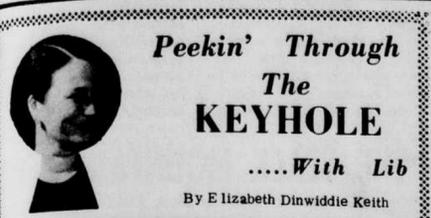


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Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

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By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moss have returned to their home on the Old Toll Road after spending three months in Miami, Fla.

Steven D. Pope, U. S. Navy, Meriden, Miss., spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pope, Old Toll Road, Black Mountain.

Miss Carolyn Hudson, bride-elect of Michael Curtis was honored last Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt and her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Braddy of Salisbury entertained with a lovely tea at the Nesbitt home, Montreat Road.

The hostesses presented Miss Hudson with a white pom on corsage and a serving tray. Approximately thirty guests were included in the courtesy.

Miss Cheri Cates of Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cates, 1118 Montreat Road.

Gary Allen Shell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Shell of Black Mountain, was named to the Dean's list at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, for the first semester.

Henry is a freshman and is majoring in geology.

Billy Jumper has returned to his home in Columbia, S.C., after spending two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jumper, who drove to Columbia to bring him back for a visit. Enroute home they stopped in Greenville to attend the Ringling Brothers Circus.

Billy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jumper and sister, Anna Anita came up and spent the weekend here. Saturday, Billy celebrated his fifth birthday.

celebrated with a party at his grandparents' home.

Mrs. Guy Pressley will leave Saturday, March 1, to join her husband, Spec. 4 Guy E. Pressley, serving with the Army in Bamster, Germany. Mrs. Pressley is the former Miss Jean Ashaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bashaw, Tabernacle Road.

Mrs. S. S. Cooley returned Thursday after attending the wedding of her daughter, Miss Margaret Ann (Peggy), Cooley and Dr. Ching-fen Hsiao on Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the chapel of Tainan Theological College, Tainan, Taiwan. Mrs. Cooley's cousin, Mrs. Eugene Morgan of Narberth, Pa., also attended the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wansell, stopped enroute from a month's vacation in Florida to spend several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Field, the Ridge Road. Mrs. Wansell is Mr. Field's sister.

A/C Jerry E. Atkins, has been recognized for helping his team earn the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. He is a supply inventory specialist in

the 437 Military Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S. C. A/C Atkins is a graduate of Charles D. Owen High School, and attended Asheville - Buncombe Technical Institute. He is the son of Mrs. Inez Atkins, 307 Vance Avenue, Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt had as their guests last weekend Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Braddy of Salisbury. Miss Kathleen Nesbitt of Raleigh, and Reid Mathews of Hertford.

Carroll Russell, EO3, who returned to the states Feb. 15, after a tour of duty in Vietnam is now spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russell, before going to Gulfport Seabees Base, Gulfport, Miss. where he will be in school for six months. Carroll is scheduled for another tour of duty in Vietnam following his six month's schooling.

The Management of Excelsior Finishing plant, a menswear Division of Deering Milliken, has announced the promotion of Woodrow W. Leonard, Jr., from assistant overseer of Dying to process Engineer. Mr. Leonard, a graduate of the University of Georgia, was formerly employed by Beacon Manufacturing Company, Swannanoa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Leonard Sr., of Westminster, S. C. Mrs. Leonard is the former Sandra Marie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Wilson of Black Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard reside at 405 Skyview Drive, Clemson, S. C.

"Dear Friends" To Play At Brandywine

On February 27, 28 and March 1st, and again on March 7, 8, and 9, Reginald Rose's drama "Dear Friends" will play at the Brandywine Theatre on the grounds of the Manor Retirement Home, 265 Charlotte St.

"Dear Friends" was first presented by the CBS Television Network, CBS Playhouse, on December 6, 1967. The story revolves around three seemingly happily married couples trying desperately to reunite "Dear Friends" a fourth couple bordering on the brink of divorce. In flashbacks, the audience sees how each of the couples arrived at its present condition. The stage production is the first in this part of the country.

Barbara Friedman and Lou Ronder, who worked together in Brandywine's production of "Laura" a few years ago, will be the hostess and host for the peculiar party. Lou Ronder is also directing the production.

Gene Connor and Sue Connor will play man and wife, a situation that rarely occurs in local theatre.

Jim Hughes who has appeared in several Brandywine productions and also several recent ACT presentations will play opposite Sam Felmet, who is making her local debut. Gus Heydt, who has been in two recent ACT plays, will play opposite Marlene Smith who is also a Brandywine and ACT regular performer. Curtain time for all performances is 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 and tickets will be available at the door.

Women's Club Hears Dr. Lipsey

Dr. James H. Lipsey, an orthopaedic surgeon from Asheville, was the guest speaker at the Black Mountain Jr. Women's Club meeting February 11.

Dr. Lipsey completed his orthopaedics training at Campbell Foundation in Memphis in 1963, and then spent 13 months in the service of Project Hope in a landed based program in Saigon, Viet Nam. Since entering private practice in Asheville, Dr. Lipsey has spent 2 months on another tour of duty in Viet Nam, sponsored by the AMA.

Dr. Lipsey supplemented his talk to the club with interesting slides.



Miss Sherry Strickland Miss Ruth Robinson

Owen Girls Entered In Scholarship Contest

Miss Ruth Robinson and Miss Sherry Strickland, seniors from Charles D. Owen High School, have been entered in the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship Contest by the Black Mountain Women's Clubs. The contest, sponsored by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, offers a 4 year scholarship of \$750 a year to any state college or university, to the girl judged the outstanding girl graduate in North Carolina. Each girl must be sponsored by a Women's Club.

Ruth Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Robinson of Swannanoa, is being entered by the Black Mountain Jr. Women's Club. Ruth has maintained a high scholastic average at Owen besides participating in school activities and working after school. She belongs to the Future Homemakers of America, and the Beta Club, an honor society that promotes leadership. Ruth has also been a member of the girls basketball team, the Health Careers Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The Women's Club of Black Mountain is sponsoring Sherry Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strickland of Swannanoa. For the past several years, Sherry has been a volunteer at the V. A. Hospital. She, too, is a member of the Beta Club, and also the Annual Staff, the French Club, and is

secretary of the Health Careers Club. Sherry's scholastic average at Owen has been outstanding also.

On March 1, the two Owen girls will compete in the District #2 Contest at the Brevard Methodist Church. A winner from each of the 15 districts in North Carolina will enter the finals at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, on March 22.

The girls will talk with the judges and their scholastic records reviewed. The judging will be based upon Character, Scholarship, Intellectual promise and potential, Ability and Leadership, and Desire and Ability to go to college.

B&PW Club To Sponsor Essay Writing Contest

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Black Mountain during the month of February, will sponsor a contest at the Juvenile Evaluation Center for students who wish to write essays of Patriotism. The month of February is Patriotism Month for all Business and Professional Women's Clubs, nationally and internationally.

There is no age limit for the contest, any student at the center may enter. The essay must be between 500 and 1,000 words and be the original thought of the student.

There will be a five man committee to judge the essays and to decide the three winners. The judges will be J. Louis Parrish, James L. McLemore, Gene V. Cantrell, Joe Peoples and R. L. Clark. The awards will be presented in an assembly program March 18. There will be a \$10 first prize and two \$5 second prizes awarded.

Mr. Parrish, director of the Juvenile Evaluation Center stated that he was very pleased with the project and that it was a worthwhile contribution to motivate the students to do some positive thinking.

Mrs. Susie McDonald, President of the Club is in charge of the contest. She stated that the students were interested and she felt that the response would be good.

Limberts Make Florida Visit

Dr. and Mrs. Paul M. Limbert of 201 Blue Ridge Road, Black Mountain, have just returned from a week's trip to St. Petersburg, Florida, where Dr. Limbert gave the main address at the annual meeting of the Willis Chapter of retired YMCA Secretaries. This is the largest chapter in the country, including both permanent and winter residents from all of northern Florida. About 100 persons attended this luncheon meeting. The Limberts took this opportunity to visit with former Black Mountain residents now living at Mease Manor in Dunedin. Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Willey and Mr. and Mrs. Lester McKee. These two couples are comfortably settled in their new quarters. Mrs. McKee is recovering from a serious operation she had at Christmas time in Arizona. They continue to receive the Black Mountain News and are interested in keeping in touch with their many friends in this community.

Marine Lance Corporal Jack G. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Bradley of Paddsettown Road, Black Mountain, is serving with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 333 at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S. C.

His squadron is a unit of Marine Aircraft Group 31 of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing.

Master Sergeant Henry M. Slade, son of Mrs. Blanche Slade, Rt. 1, Swannanoa, N.C. has been awarded the Strategic Air Command Certificate of Distinguished Educational Achievement at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Sergeant Slade was selected for the award for his accomplishments in the U. S. Air Force off-duty education program.

The sergeant is a manpower management superintendent. He served during the Korean War.

A 1950 graduate of Stephens-Lee High School, Asheville, N. C., he earned his A. A. degree at Allan Hancock Junior College, Santa Maria, Calif., and also studied at Chapman College, Orange, Calif.

His wife is the former Helga Mueller from Germany.

Kiwanis News

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis Club heard Dr. Samuel Gleason describe some of the scenes of his recent Holy Land tour. Dr. Gleason, of Danville, Virginia, was introduced by Rev. C. W. Solomon, guest of the club for last Thursday's noon luncheon. Other guests attending were Sam Leonard of the Asheville Kiwanis and Rev. James Smith, First Christian Church of Asheville.

Army Private William G. Ray, 20, whose mother, Mrs. Viola M. Ray, lives at 225 21st St., Hickory, N. C., completed a field communications crewman course January 17 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the eight-week course he was trained to string wire

Baptist Children's Home To Become Reality

A home for dependent, neglected and homeless children in Western North Carolina will soon be a reality because of the manner in which the residents of Buncombe County are supporting the efforts of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina to raise money to establish this much needed facility.

More than \$321,000 has been pledged or received for this home with Buncombe County contributing \$18,266.83. Seventeen Western counties are involved in this program with additional contributions coming from persons in other locations throughout North Carolina.

The proposed home, named The Broyhill Home, in honor of the J. E. Broyhill family of Lenoir, will be located on a 96 acre tract between Waynesville and Clyde. It will provide group care for about 50 boys and girls from Western part of the state and will serve as the hub from which will radiate all the various child care services and ministries of the Children's Home.

"Preparation of the campus site will begin this Spring and will involve considerable grading, building of a road, making provisions for necessary utilities and water control", according to Dr. W. R. Wagoner, president of the Children's Home. "When this has been completed, plans call for the construction of two cottages.

It is hoped that contracts to build the cottages can be awarded by mid-summer."

Total campus development will include four family style cottages, a campus center which will provide administration, recreation, and educational facilities, and a superintendent's home. These six buildings will surround a seven to ten acre lake.

Fund raising program, named the Founders and Builders Program, is still underway in all Western counties with more than 700 volunteers involved in the various activities of the campaign.

Estimated cost for building the Broyhill Home is \$634,000 directed to W. Isaac Terrell, director of development for the Children's Home, who is directing the program. "If gifts continue to be received as they have in the past few days from residents of Buncombe County, we hope that construction will begin soon."

Carter Preslar, Asheville and Nane Starnes, West Asheville are co-chairmen for the Founders and Builders Program in Buncombe County.

Plans are under way for the ninth annual Swannanoa Folk Festival to be held at the Charles D. Owen High School in Swannanoa, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21.

The Festival, sponsored by the Woman's Club, has gained in popularity each year since it was first launched in 1961. The Festival has a three-fold purpose: to encourage the preservation of authentic folk music and dances; to give student participants stage experience and the opportunity to perform before the "Home town" audience prior to the Mountain Youth Jamboree; and to secure funds for the support of the Swannanoa Public Library. Teams of both clog and smooth style square dancing will compete for trophies, which are awarded on a point basis by qualified judges. Solo and group performers will entertain with folk and traditional singing, dancing and instrumental music.

Patrol Applications Being Accepted

Highway Patrol Applications will be accepted.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol announced today that applications are being accepted for its basic training school which will begin at the University of North Carolina's Institute of Government in April.

Major E. W. Jones, head of the Patrol's Training and Inspection Division, said there are openings for 40 men in the 14-week school.

The school, according to the Patrol officer, is "an intensive college-level course of study covering all aspects of traffic control and law enforcement. Instructors are experts in all pertinent fields from pursuit driving to marksmanship."

Applicants must be 21 to 30 years of age, 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches tall, and weigh a minimum of 160 pounds. They must be U. S. citizens and a resident of North Carolina for one year immediate prior to employment, with a high school diploma or the equivalent and must be able to pass rigid physical and mental tests. Vision requirements of 20-20 are standard, but 20-40 is accepted if corrected to 20-20 by glasses or contact lenses.

According to Jones, only persons measuring up to these minimum standards will be considered.

Applicants should contact the first sergeant at their nearest Highway Patrol Station as soon as possible.

Opportunity Corporation Needs Residents' Help

The Opportunity Corporation as part of its Urban Renewal Program is helping disadvantaged families of Buncombe and Madison Counties to relocate to better housing.

The Corporation has been able to help some families find better homes, but is in desperate need of furniture, blankets, sheets, pillows, and household items. If the Opportunity Corporation is to help these families find a better way of life, they must be able to help furnish these people with

necessary household supplies. With the supplies, the corporation can begin its programs on home management, home health and general homemaking skills.

If you have blankets, sheets, furniture, etc. that you would like to donate, or if you would like to volunteer to help these families with everyday homemaking, call Mrs. Gladys Brown at the Old Stephens Lee Building in Asheville, 252-2495. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Swannanoa Valley Folk Festival Is Scheduled

Mrs. J. C. Coston, Jr., chairman of the Festival, requests that any talented student or group of students, interested in auditioning for the Festival contact either Mrs. D. Hussey at 686-3345 or Mrs. T. G. Sawyer at 686-3608. An auditioning date and time at the Swannanoa Elementary School will be announced later.

Adult tickets at \$1 and student tickets at 50 cents may be purchased from any club member, or at the door.

Southern Bell Adds New Service

Southern Bell is adding another service to those currently handled by the female operating staff at the O. Henry Avenue center in Asheville. The additional assignment will serve the long distance information calling of the nation to area "704" points. Specifically, this is customers calling the universal information number, 555-1212. Local operators will not have information for all cities in Western North Carolina, but will switch customers to desired information centers as part of their new assignment.

This service has been offered by the Charlotte center since its conception. However, the corporation has been unable to recruit adequate manpower to provide for an accelerated growth in long distance calling there. So, in mid-December it was decided by traffic network managers that these 7500-a-day calls could be routed to Asheville to be further operator-switched to their final destination from there.

So, engineers, planners, installation and network managers went into an emergency effort to shift this calling from Charlotte to Asheville. 30 circuits were available on the high-usage Charlotte to Asheville microwave system. Adequate switchboard space was available for terminating these trunks and for the additional 15 operators required to process the new calling. Special positions were set up to create a unique ten-women directory assistance unit. This unit will provide the "55-1212" callers with information on Charlotte numbers. Almost a third of the 7500 daily calls request Charlotte information. To help the overload existing there and to avoid the need for circuits to return these requests to Charlotte, the unusual unit of women will provide the desired Charlotte numbers from Asheville.

George M. Tisdale, Asheville District Manager, says that the new service is similar to a new industry coming to town, starting with around 25 employees and an annual payroll approaching \$100 thousand. The prompt transfer of this service from Charlotte points out the flexibility of the national switching network and is probably indicative of things to come, Tisdale said. Smaller cities are able to hire and retain employees better than the large metropolitan areas and consequently, telephone planners will move more and more calling away from these areas in order to maintain excellent telephone service for the network users.

Play Readings For Friends Of Library

Dramatic readings of two one-act plays will be presented on Wednesday March the fifth at the monthly program of the Friends of the Library in the handsome new Black Mountain Public Library Education Room. This is the fifth play reading program presented by members of the Black Mountain community, each play having been chosen not just for entertainment but for literary value as well, and to bring the joy of the written word, well-spoken, to the interested local public.

The first of the plays, Overtones, by Alice Gerstenberg will be read by arrangement with David McKay Company, Inc. of New York City, who not only granted permission for use of the play, but has courteously expressed a warm interest in this reading production.

"Overtones," first appeared in 1913 and may be considered a forerunner of Eugene O'Neill's "Strange Interlude." This play employs a technique which presents the characters' public faces and also the hidden selves (or the primitive, violent ids). The audience, consequently, will see two charming, sophisticated women at tea and will hear also what these women are actually feeling and thinking as the plot develops.

"Overtones" is a difficult play which presents a real challenge to the four women involved. The capable cast is as follows:

Harriet-----Betty Tyson (Hostess at tea)
Betty-----Jean Abbott

Helena Ivanova Popov Libby Olofson (a young widow, mistress of a country estate)
Grigori Stepanovitch Smirnov Sefton Abbott (proprietor of a country estate)
Luka Culver Allan Smith (servant of Mrs. Popov)

"The Boor", will be read by arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. of New York City. Director for both plays has been Mary Beth Underwood.

These monthly programs are open to the public and free of charge. A social hour will precede the play readings at 10:00 o'clock.

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Valley Medical Center Progress Being Made

On February 10, forty local citizens met at the Monte Vista Hotel to consider a proposal to develop a medical center in the Swannanoa Valley. The Kiwanis Club served as the convener, with the understanding that the project will be community-wide in its plans, resources and leadership.

The meeting was attended by representatives from service clubs and organizations interested in, and willing to support a medical center. It is proposed that a list of interested persons be compiled from which a steering committee and a subsequent Board of Directors will be selected.

The proposed medical center would be located strategically to serve the whole valley. It would contain three or four offices for medical doctors, also offices for a dentist and oculist. Plans include an X-ray, Emergency Aid, Oxygen supply, laboratory, comfortable waiting rooms, three or four beds so as to stabilize accident or other emergency cases in preparation for removal to a hospital.

It is understood that neither a clinic or a hospital are envisioned. This will be a facility for providing service which is neither practical or possible with present facilities, but we do need that local service.

There are many problems to be solved—legal, financial, location, construction and general management. However, inasmuch as this is a community project we will have good sources to draw upon. Arrangements are under way to activate the Steering Committee. Advice, assistance and constructive criticism are invited. Send communications to Kiwanis Club, Box 224, Black Mountain.

Soon plans will be announced for the "Swannanoa Valley Medical Center Boosters" an organization of youth who will promote and support the center.

The Black Mountain Baptist Church has generously offered their educational building and grounds for a two-day Fair, July 4-5. This "fair" will be the occasion for raising initial funds for the Medical Center construction. A committee headed by Ernest DeWick, will plan, promote and manage the Fair.

North Carolina stations which will carry the program at its scheduled time are WRAL-TV, Raleigh; WWAY-TV, Wilmington; WNCN-TV, New Bern; WGHP-TV, High Point; WCCB-TV, Charlotte; and WLOS-TV, Asheville.

Arrangements for the filming, completed last December, were made through the State Travel and Promotion Division.

Much of the hunt is conducted from horseback through the pine forests and "blackjack" country of the North Carolina Sandhills.

Quail Hunting At Pinehurst

Quail hunting at Pinehurst will be featured in ABC-TV's "The American Sportsman" television series on Sunday, March 9, according to the State Travel and Promotion Division.

It will be televised before what is expected to be the series' largest audience. The award-winning hunting and fishing program is normally seen from 4-5 p.m., but on March 9 will be televised at 6 p.m., at the conclusion of the Citrus Open Golf Tournament.

Appearing in the Pinehurst segment, which will run approximately 16 minutes are singer-actor Bing Crosby and San Francisco Giant pitcher Gaylord Perry of Williamson. Frank Swain of Pinehurst is the guide for the hunt.

Weather

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Brown Gets Purple Heart

Army Specialist 4 Bobby Joe Brown, husband of Donna Williams and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, of Old Fort, has been awarded the Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal for wounds received while engaged in hostilities in Vietnam. Brown was flown to a hospital in Japan and remained there for three weeks before being shipped back to Fort Bragg in December. He is a graduate of Old Fort High School and was sent to Vietnam upon completion of Special Training at Fort Knox, Ky. December of 1967.