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Peekin' Through The KEYHOLEWith Lib

By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Mrs. Drate Nanney has returned to her home at Merritt Island, Fla., after spending several months with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mahaffey and their small son, Wayne David Mahaffey.

Visiting the F. Louis Grant family last Sunday were Mr. Grant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Ainsley Darby and Miss Doris Brakefield, all of Chester, S.C. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett and daughters, Tammy and Tina of Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Woodcock returned last week from a month's vacation at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. W. C. Field and George B. Field were honored with a birthday dinner party at the Coach House Thursday night, Feb. 27. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wanstall of Hartsdale, N. Y. who stopped enroute from a month's vacation in Florida to their home to visit Mrs. Wanstall's two brothers and other members of the family.

Mrs. Virginia Barr of Richmond, Va., has been spending the past three weeks with her sister, Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and Mr. Higginbotham, while visiting with their mother, Mrs. Nannie Parris, who is a patient at Dogwood Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray and children, Brad and Diana, former residents of Black Mountain, who have been residing in Florida for several years have returned and are making their home on Laurel Lane. Mr. Ray is affiliated with Aero Stencil Corporation. The many friends of the Rays welcome them back.

Miss Lee Hudson of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wyrick spent last weekend in Salisbury with her mother, Mrs. T. Lem Miller and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt had as guests last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson and son, Ray of Andalusia, Ala. Second Lieutenant James T. Goforth, 23, was assigned to the 17th Air Cavalry recently near Pleiku, Vietnam, as a pilot. James is the son of Mrs. Sue L. Goforth of Black Mountain.

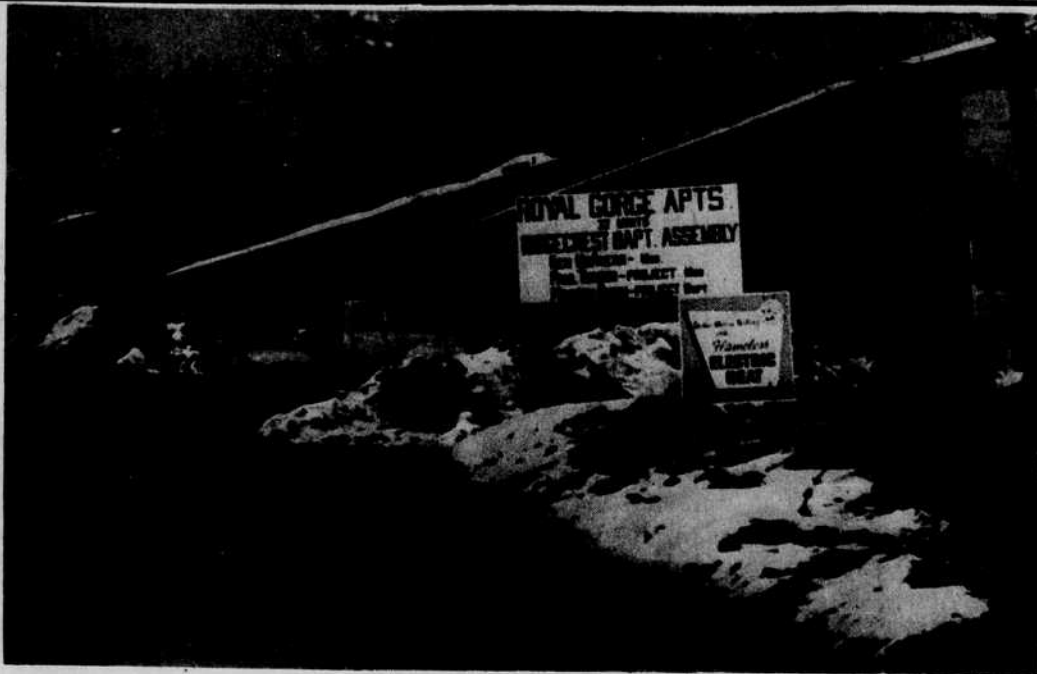
Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Spivey have moved from Laurel Lane to their new home in Meadowbrook, Black Mountain.

Claude Betts has returned home after a month's visit with his two daughters, Mrs. Charles Hill and Mrs. James Mahaffey and their families of Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Tom Blizard, Sr., spent last weekend in Mount Airy with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradford.

Among the newcomers to Black Mountain are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Link, who moved here from Salisbury. They are making their home at 600 Montreat Road. Mr. Link is head of the social services at the new Alcoholic Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Braddy of Salisbury spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt, Mrs. Braddy was a bridesmaid in the Hudson Curtis Wedding last Saturday night at the First Baptist Church.



Construction Of New Apartments Underway At Ridgecrest Assembly

As part of the continuing growth of Ridgecrest, a new housing complex, the Royal Gorge Apartments, is under construction. The buildings, started in September, will contain 32 apartment units and two hostess units, and will be ready for use in May.

The apartments will be completely furnished, including linens and kitchen service, as will all the apartments at Ridgecrest this summer. Special features will include, private balconies overlooking Royal Gorge, electric heat for winter use, and Spanish style furnishings. The exterior of the complex will be natural stone and rough green wood.

Mr. Paul Turner, Superintendent of Maintenance at Ridgecrest, is Project Manager for the \$500,000 construction. Mr. Warren Quinn is the Project Superintendent. Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly is doing the construction.

The new apartments will be rented to Ridgecrest visitors as part of the housing for the 13 weeks of summer activities. Besides these new accommodations, Ridgecrest also has 41 other apartments, 23 cottages that house 4-20 persons, and 13 lodges and inns containing approximately 1800 beds. All these facilities help to house as many as 45,000 persons who visit Ridgecrest each summer.

In addition to the Royal Gorge Apartment Project, Ridgecrest is also building a campsite. Twenty-five sites and a bath house will be constructed to provide facilities for 8 trailers and 17 campers or tents. Also Laureledge and Ridgeway, both bedroom units, are being totally remodeled, and \$200,000 is being spent to add heating systems to several buildings.

Ridgecrest Assembly, a 2,000 acre Conference and Camp Center, is the largest Baptist Assembly in the world.

Grove Stone And Sand Overall Re-Organization

Mr. J. G. Northcott, Division Manager of Grove Stone & Sand and Mr. J. V. Goodman, Assistant Manager, were pleased to announce last week an overall re-organization of production - management personnel.

Mr. William T. Brown, Superintendent of the Grove Stone plant, whose responsibilities encompass overall production supervision, has been with the company since 1960. Prior to joining Grove Stone, Mr. Brown was with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department. He received his education at the University of Tennessee with a degree in Business administration. Mr. Brown is married to the former Joan Guthrie of New York, and they reside with their three children in Black Mountain. Mr. Brown is Past Master of Black Mountain Lodge #663 AF & AM, a 32nd degree Mason-Asheville Consistory A.A.S.R., a board member of the Valley Schools Athletic Ass'n, and a member of the Owen High School Advisory Committee. Mr. Brown and family are members of the Black Mountain Methodist Church where he is a trustee, a member of the Official Board, and President of the Crusaders Sunday School Class.

Mr. Elbert F. Wilson was promoted from foreman to the position of assistant superintendent in charge of plant control and heavy maintenance. Mr. Wilson has been with the company since 1950, and prior to then he was with Morgan Manufacturing Company. He is married to the former Rachel McCormick of Marion, N. C., and they reside at Rt. #1, Black Mountain. They have two children. Mr. Wilson and family are members of the Buckeye Cove Baptist Church.

Mr. James H. Sullins was promoted from foreman to the position of assistant superintendent in charge of rolling and diesel equipment. Mr. Sullins has been with the company since 1959, and prior to then he was with the Lithium Corporation of America. Mr. Sullins graduated from Harris High School in Spruce Pine, and he is married to the former Louise Stewart of Spruce Pine and they have five children. They reside in Black Mountain.

Mr. Paul J. Sparks has been promoted from dispatcher to assistant superintendent of the

Parent-Teen Workshop Begins

A Parent-teen workshop will be held March 13-15, 1969 at the Mills Chapel Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N. C. The general theme will be "Look In! Look Out! Look Up! -- Youth for Christ!"

Mr. Charles Lytle, Principal Owen High School, Mr. Thomas Dropper, Minister, St. James Episcopal Church, Miss Cheryl Harper, Warren Wilson College and two students of Montreat-Anderson College will serve as consultants for the Thursday and Friday session which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Mr. J. W. Owen, Principal, Black Mountain Grammar School and Mr. Ed. Alexander, First Baptist Church will serve as consultants for a parent-teen session.

The purpose of this workshop is to focus Christian concern on problems facing our youth so that they can make a greater contribution to the new day emerging.

The public is invited to attend any or all sessions. Mrs. Evelyn Century is Chairman of the Christian Education Committee and the Rev. Webster E. Lytle is Pastor.

Retirement Center Showing Progress

Gratifying progress is being made on the nursing home and retirement center for the Swannanoa Valley, according to Dr. Paul M. Limbert, chairman of the local AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Committee on Retirement Living. A corporation has been formed under the title of Highland Farms, Inc. This has been the name for many years of the 50-acre property owned by Robert S. Leonard off Tabernacle Road one mile west of Black Mountain. The first step has been taken to secure Federal Housing Administration backing of loans for a Medicare-approved nursing home. Preliminary plans have been drawn for an 80-bed facility with two wings, one for intensive nursing care and the other for convalescent patients. This is to be a one-floor building meeting all Medicare standards and at the same time providing a comfortable, homelike atmosphere. Later, one-story apartment blocks will be built adjacent to the nursing home. The third stage will be the development of clusters of cottages of varying sizes for those who want to live independently yet to be near first-class medical facilities.

All of these residential units will have a direct link with the nursing station. Meals can be taken in a central dining room by those who do not wish to do their own cooking. There will be adequate provision for social and recreational activities for the entire residential and nursing home complex.

About \$150,000 of investment capital will be needed to carry through the first stage of this project. Highland Farms, Inc. has authority to issue both preferred and common stock. Investors will be able to purchase stock in \$5,000 amounts, \$4,000 in preferred and \$1,000 in common stock. Several persons in other parts of the country are ready to take a considerable portion of the investment, but preference will be given to local residents.

Dr. Limbert pointed out that this Highland Farms enterprise is not to be confused with the Medical Center which is being proposed at the same time by residents of Black Mountain and Swannanoa with the initial stimulus of the Kiwanis Club. The latter project aims to provide doctor's offices at a central point where two or three doctors can join in meeting the needs of the entire community. No decision about the location of the Medical Center has yet been made. There would be many advantages, however, in having this center near enough to the nursing home to allow for joint use of certain types of equipment and nursing service.

Directing the Highlands Farms project is Mr. Chester H. Prentice of Providence, Rhode Island, an experienced consultant and administrator in the nursing home field. Mr. Edward DuPuy of Black Mountain has also been taking a leading part in getting this long awaited undertaking under way.

City Elections Will Be May 6

The election of officers of Mayor and Alderman of the Black Mountain Township, will be held May 6, at City Hall. Persons interested in seeking these positions must file no earlier than 30 days nor later than 5 days before the election.

In order to be a candidate for any of these offices, you must be a registered voter in the Township and have a petition signed by five registered voters. The petition can be obtained at City Hall.

Good Neighbor Council To Meet Thursday Evening

A meeting of the newly formed Good Neighbor Council of the Swannanoa Valley will be held on Thursday evening in the City Hall of Black Mountain at 8 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public. Dr. Paul Limbert, who was elected chairman at the last meeting, will preside. Steps are being taken to get more accurate information about the status of the Negro community in the Swannanoa Valley, with special attention to housing, education and employment. Dr. David Hamby of Black Mountain will be present to tell about the Mountain Manpower project.

The Good Neighbor Council was established officially in February as a result of informal meetings of interested citizens over a period of months. Its purpose is to foster the full development of all persons in the area and to strive for equality of opportunity. It will also be a channel through which report of discrimination can be probed and steps taken to bring about better understanding and improved relationships.

Mr. O. L. Sherrill of Black Mountain is vice-chairman of the Council. Other officers are Reverend Webster Lytle, Mr. A. F. Tyson, Mr. James Halstead of Montreat, and Mr. Charles Lytle, principal of Owen High School.

Mrs. Gilbert Exhibits Paintings At Swannanoa

The Swannanoa Public Library has on exhibit ten abstract paintings by Mrs. Eugene C. Gilbert of 620 Azalea Avenue, Black Mountain. Mrs. Gilbert is one of the outstanding artists of the Swannanoa Valley. She began painting several years ago as a hobby and has studied under many different teachers. Mrs. Gilbert says that she has made it a practice to take a painting class whenever she is on vacation in any part of the country. She has exhibited paintings in various shows and one of the pictures in this exhibit was chosen as one of the ten best in the Swannanoa Valley Art League show this past summer.

Mrs. Guert is president of the newly organized Swannanoa Valley Art League. Members of the League credit her outstanding leadership for the success of the organization. She is a member of the Black Mountain Friends of the Library, the American Association of Retired Persons and the Black Mountain Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert moved to Black Mountain in July of 1967 from Winterport, Maine.

	HIGH	LOW	PREC.
March 5	51	26	snow flurries
March 6	47	32	snow flurries
March 7	40	30	.26
March 8	27	40	
March 9	51	35	.06
March 10	37	25	snow flurries

Black Mountain Charity Horse Show Begins 14th Season This Summer

In 1955, the Black Mountain Equitation Club consisting of approximately 14 girls decided it would be a good idea to have a horse show for this area. After talking to the parents and other interested individuals, the first Black Mountain Charity Horse Show was held at the Black Mountain Elementary School.

The parents were doubtful at first as to the show being successful until the girls convinced them that if it were sponsored by the PTA it would be a success, and help raise money for the school. That is why the show was originated and is why it is still in existence today, known as the Black Mountain Charity Horse Show. Fourteen years have passed and the show grows larger and more successful every year.

The show was moved to the Monte Vista Farm in 1966 owned by Mr. Bill Phillips who offered the use of his land at no charge for any of their showings.

In 1964, the show had grown to the extent for the need of professional manager to carry out the proper procedure for the show. The stable and entry fees were collected by the managers for each showing. In order to give more to the schools and community the local residents decided to manage their own show and build stables on the Phillip's property. There was an agreement with Mr. Phillips that the Black Mountain Charity Horse Show have use of his property for ten years without charge and all the income from the shows of the Black Mountain Charity Horse Show go to the PTA for use in the local schools.

The stables at the Monte Vista Farm were financed by selling non-interest bearing notes to civic clubs and interested individuals, repayable in 5 years. The lighting equipment was a contribution and if they had been bought, Lee Edwards High School, the 1968 winner, will be one of the eight teams competing in the festival. This year trophies for first and second places will be awarded in two divisions, high school and junior high school. Awards for the most graceful couples will be made for both divisions, while one award for the best caller will be made. There will also be singing and dancing by individual and group performers. These performances will not be judged.

Charles Hicks, general manager and announcer for WBMS Radio Station of Black Mountain will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Hicks has just received the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Awards Banquet of the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Jaycees. He has been very active in community services, having helped the B. M. Woman's Club in promoting, worked with the Little League, PTA and Churches. He also received Service Alone Self Award from the Rotary Club and was commended by the U. S. Air Force for outstanding aid to the recruiting program.

Pete Reynolds and the Fourists will furnish the music for the dance teams. Reynolds' band has been a very popular feature for the past six festivals.

In 1961 women from the Swannanoa Woman's Club originated the idea of a local Folk Festival. The following objectives were set by the Club and have been met: (1) to encourage and preserve authentic folk music and dances; (2) to give student participants stage experience and the opportunity to perform before the "home town" audience prior to the Mountain Youth Jamboree; (3) to secure funds for the support of the Swannanoa Public Library.

Much of the credit for the success of the Festival goes to the chairmen of the festival, who had a vision, and to all members of the Swannanoa Woman's Club who have supported this project with many hours of volunteer work. The different departments of the Woman's Club share all responsibility and work for the Festival. Another reason for the festival's success is the high quality and authenticity of its performers. Schools and business firms in the Valley have been very helpful and also deserve credit for the festival's success.

There have been several unusual and outstanding performers since the festival's origin. Possibly some of the best remembered are Marcus

9th Annual Swannanoa Folk Festival To Be Held

The 9th annual Swannanoa Valley Folk Festival will get under way Friday March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charles D. Owen High School auditorium with folk music, clogging and square dancing being featured. The sponsors of this Festival proudly claim it to be one of the best and most authentic of any Folk Festival in this area. They substantiate this claim by citing the fact that all entries are very carefully screened and only the best folk artists are chosen - and the people of the Valley seem to agree as the festival has always played to a packed and enthusiastic audience.

Competent judges grade the square dance teams on a point system based on 100 per cent as perfect and in the following categories: (1) team coordination, 55 points; (2) grace and execution of figures, 20 points; (3) choice of figures and presentation to the audience, 20 points; and (4) costumes, 5 points. The trophies that will be awarded are on display at Huggins Jewelry in Swannanoa.

Chief benefactor of the Festival is the Swannanoa Public Library which was established in 1958 as a special project of the Swannanoa Woman's Club. The library is now housed in the ground floor of the Swannanoa Community Center, has in excess of 4500 volumes and is currently working with Pack Memorial Library to increase its services to the community. One new service to the community that has originated in the past year is the showing of outstanding art in various media, of Valley artists. At present, there is an exhibit of abstract paintings by Mrs. Eugene Gilbert of Black Mountain. She is president of the newly organized Swannanoa Valley Art League and one of the Valley's outstanding artists.

The following teams will be competing in the high school division: Lee Edwards, Reynolds and Erwin. Swannanoa, Valley Springs, Newland, David Millard and Hal Fletcher will be competing in the Junior High School division.

Richardson Named Assistant Editor

Larrell C. Richardson, director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, N. C. the past three years, has been named assistant editor of special materials for the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, effective March 1.

Richardson has written articles and curriculum materials for many Sunday School Board magazines and periodicals. He also has written program materials and feature articles for Ambassador Life and Ambassador Leader. He is currently a fiction consultant for Dodd, Mead Publishing Company, N. Y. In addition, he has written and sold over one hundred stories and articles to various national magazines under his name and three pseudonyms. He has been a professional literary critic and book reviewer since 1945.