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Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

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By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith



Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bennett of Atlanta spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Greene. Miss Bennett is the former Miss Greene.

Mrs. Fred Perley left Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ray in Headland, Ala. From Headland, Mrs. Perley will go to Winter Park, Fla., where her daughter, Mrs. Marian Casstevens of New York City will join her for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ullery. They will also have a few days stay with Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence in Key West.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sartt, members of the International Club, returned Monday from a 10-day trip. After spending several days in New York City, the group then went to Mexico City, from where sightseeing trips were made. Before returning home Mr. and Mrs. Sartt left Club Members and visited Acapulco. The entire travel was made by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Wilton are expected home within the next few days, after spending the winter at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard R. Shelton and family of Savannah, Ga., spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Walter R. Davis and Mr. Davis and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Bennett have moved from Route 1, Black Mountain, to Conover, N. C., to make their home.

Mrs. Carl Rose, who has been making her home at 424 Vance Avenue, has moved to Waynesville to live.

Miss Susie Tatham, bride-elect of Robert Pace was entertained last Tuesday evening with a kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. W. S. Procter, R. Elkdale Drive, Asheville. Co-hostesses were Mrs. P. N. Bell, Mrs. Claireta Heydrick and Mrs. Ethel Rogers. Susie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Tatham, North Park Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and sons, Jeff and Eddie of Seneca, Ga., spent last week-end visiting their mothers, Mrs. Lawrence Brown and Mrs. Cline Atkins. The Browns are former residents of Black Mountain.

Mrs. John R. Hay of Winston-Salem and Miss Sarah Mostley of Charlotte, spent last week-end at Mrs. Hay's home Laurel Circle. Both ladies are summer residents of Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Fitch have returned to their home at Firstmont Assembly after spending three months in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grove and children, Karen and Mike, spent last week-end in Max Meadows, Va., with members of their families.

Pfc. Howard B. Bartlett has been assigned to the Army Detachment near Long Binh, Vietnam. Howard is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Howard W. Bartlett, 200 Swannanoa Ave., Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Creasman recently made a trip to Indianapolis, Ind., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Frady and family and Mrs. Creasman's sister, Mrs. Lottie Staley and family. While there they attended their granddaughter's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nanney spent the week-end in Columbia, S. C., with Mrs. Nanney's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flory. Mr. Nanney returned home and Mrs. Nanney remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry Betts are expected home after spending the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Jr., is the newly elected president of The Christian Women's Club of Asheville. The club is an international organization but has no membership and no dues. There are more than 800 clubs with more than 100,000 women meeting for lunch once a month. All interested women are welcome and their only project is to support village and rural missions in America.

Miss Ruth M. White, a biology teacher at Charles D. Owen High School, was nominated for the North Carolina Outstanding Biology Teacher for 1969.

Pvt. Lloyd F. Bashaw has completed a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He is the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bashaw of Route 1, Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt spent last week-end in Salisbury with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brady. On Saturday, Mrs. Nesbitt and Mrs. Brady attended the North Carolina Federated Women's Club Fine Arts luncheon in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cates and daughter, Cherril and Judy Harmon of Durham have returned from a 10-day vacation in Miami, Fla. They were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holman, who have a summer home in Black Mountain. Cherril and Judy are both students at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee.

Lt. and Mrs. David Bashaw and Kim spent the weekend with David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bashaw, Tabernacle Road. Lt. Bashaw has just completed a year of duty with the Air Force as Controller at a radar station in Uisang Bong, Korea.

They will be visiting relatives in this area and Sumter, S. C., for about two weeks before leaving for California for a flight to Okinawa. David will be stationed at a radar station in Yozu Daka, Okinawa for two and one half years. His family will go with him.

Attractions Committee

Reports To Town Board

The Attractions Committee of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce met recently in the Board Room of the Black Mountain Savings and Loan Association to discuss needs for Municipal Recreation for the Swannanoa Valley area. The meeting was presided over by Andy Andrews, chairman of the Attractions Committee. Ralph Andrews, a member of the Governor's Recreation Committee, from Raleigh Gardner Gidley, a professional planner from Winston-Salem.

The various clubs and organizations represented were: Tom Stone, representing Congressman Roy Taylor; Black Mountain-Swannanoa Art Guild, Montreat and Warren Wilson Colleges, the Coaching Staff of Owen High School, the AARP, Black Mountain - Swannanoa Ministerial Association, Presbyterian Home for Children, and local residents.

The main purpose for the meeting was to find out what the area needs most in the way

Lee Edwards Team Wins

The Lee H. Edwards High School square dance team shuffled their way to a second straight first place trophy Friday night at the 9th annual Swannanoa Valley Folk Festival.

People were reported standing in the aisles of Owen High School auditorium during the three hours of folk singing, clogging and square dancing. Sponsor of the event is the Swannanoa Woman's Club which donated the proceeds to the Swannanoa Public Library.

Runners up to Lee Edwards in the senior square dance division was the team from Clyde A. Erwin High School.

In the junior division the Kenilworth Hillbillies took first place with David Millard Junior High School and Hall Fletcher Junior High finishing second and third.

Allen Briggs and Coleen Windham of Lee Edwards were named "most graceful couple" in the senior division; and Gordy James and Kathy Lawrence of David Millard, "most graceful couple" in the junior division.

The other festival winner was John Williams of Newland Junior High School, who was judged "best caller."

Winners' trophies were presented by Mrs. Clarence Stevens, president of the woman's club.

Judges for the events were C. C. Briggs of Arden, Mrs. William Brown of Black Mountain and Carl Cordell of Asheville.

This year's chairman of the annual festival was Mrs. J. C. Coston.

The music for the dance competition was provided by Pete Reynolds and his Tourists.

PTA Basketball Game Saturday

The annual Black Mountain-Swannanoa PTA basketball game will be held this Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. The "fun" game of parents and teachers will be held in the gymnasium of Charles D. Owen High School.

Mr. Jackie Hughes is the coach of the Swannanoa men's team, and James Johnson is the coach of the Black Mountain team. The women's team of Black Mountain, coached by Ruth Norton, includes the following members: Wanda Bartlett Norton, Karen Forrence Glenn, Dana Gilliam Singleton, Jo Ann Fisher Davis, Alma Ballew Johnson, Anna Marie Malloy Levine, Betty Lytle Summey, Zeldia McGee, Mary Ann Clevenger and Emily Glenn.

Samuel J. Caldwell and Phyllis Caldwell are coaching the Swannanoa women and their team includes the following: Edith Buckner Bartlett, Barbara Arrowood Settle, Joyce Parris, Gaye Worley Duncan, Aileen Watson Buchanan, Pansy Watson Greer, Melba Riddle Burnette, Caroline Harwood, Mozelle Smith, Dot Creasman Jones, and Eunice Watson Beddingfield.

All four teams have been practicing hard for the past month and hope to provide some exciting games. Extra special cheerleaders will coach their teams from the sidelines.

Tickets are available from students in the area. Adult tickets are \$1.00 and children's \$0.50.

Proceeds from the game will be used as needed by school officials.

FHA Week Being Observed

The Future Homemakers of America Club at Charles D. Owen is observing FHA Week, March 23-29. In honor of the observance, Sharon Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Banks was selected Outstanding FHA Member. Sharon will represent the Chapter at Bon Marche, March 29.

The theme guiding the club's activities this year is "Citizenship, FHA's Challenge to Cherish." Various projects are being carried out throughout this year in accordance with the year's theme. These include: "Happiness is having dollars and sense" --- a bake sale project; "Color North Carolina Beautiful" --- participation in Owen's Beautification program by planting rose bushes and bulbs; projects for Family, Community, and World Improvement; and "Morals and Manners." Also during the year, the club has had several speakers at their meetings.



Winners at the Juvenile Evaluation Center of the essay contest on "Patriotism" sponsored by The Business and Professional Women's Club of Black Mountain, are shown with Mrs. McDonald, the club's president. The BP&W Club awarded a \$10 First Prize and two Second Prizes of \$5. Because of the overwhelming number of essays entered, the Center also awarded one Second Prize of \$5 and three 3rd. Prizes of \$2.50 each. Winners: (back row-L-R) Amy Sloop, 2nd., Roderick McSwain, 3rd., Eugene Hubbard, 2nd., Mrs. Susie McDonald. (front row) Gladys Stokely, 3rd., Dwight Haynie, 2nd., Linda Morgan, 3rd., Debbie Thomas, 3rd., (not shown is 1st. Prize winner, Sharon Watkins whose winning essay appears in this edition of the NEWS).

Essay Winners Selected At Juvenile Evaluation Center

PATRIOTISM
by Sharon Watson

Patriotism is a word that nobody ever stops to think about. To most people patriotism is just one of our many words in this great big world of words. What does patriotism mean to you? To me patriotism is the biggest word there ever was, even though it has only ten letters. It represents our country, our freedom, our laws, our congress, and most of all, our many people. You don't have to go out and kill someone in another country to be patriotic. All you have to do is have honor and respect for your country and its people. We have more in our own country than any country in the world,

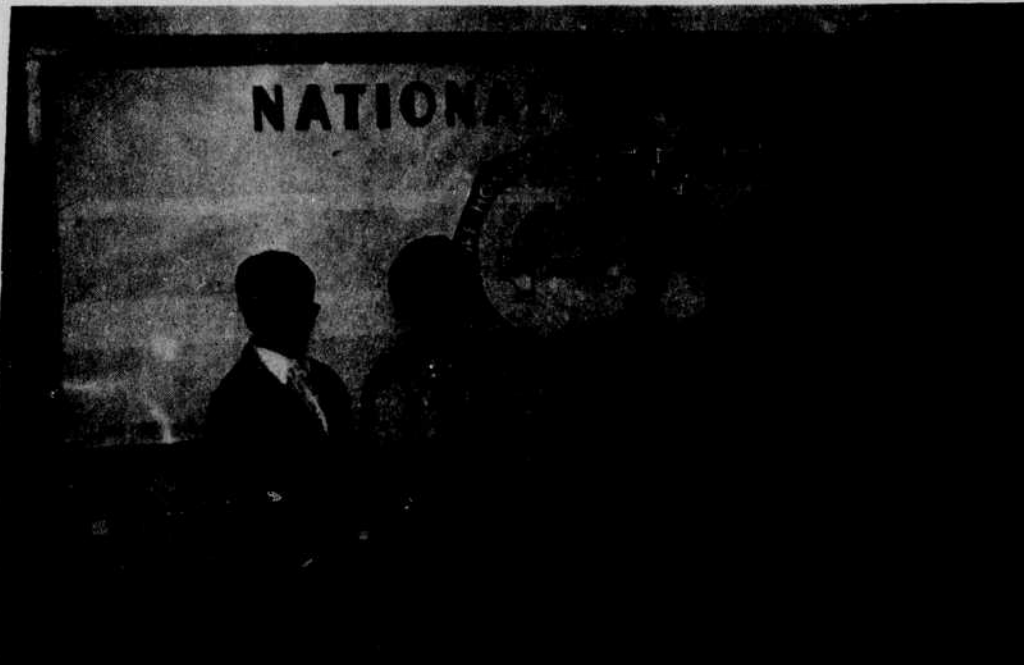
but some people just don't appreciate it. When I hear the Star Spangled Banner my heart swells up with pride, and it makes me so happy to know what a great country we have, and I thank God that we have all that. Think of all the freedom we have, we can go where we please, do as we please, when we please without having a gun stuck in our backs like some people in other countries do. We have boys and men in Viet-Nam fighting for our freedom and many of them have died doing it, and I am very grateful. I just pray to God that it will be over soon. There's not many people who'll die for their own country. I'd rather die than to see all the boys

over there dying, but it makes me happy to know they died for their country.

If I was in another country, I'd never be as happy as I am here, I would be so happy to return to the United States of America. I wish more foreigners could come to the United States to see how very fortunate we are.

What I am trying to say is; everyone should be patriotic and love one another and their own country. No one ever stops to think about how lucky we are for what we have. Would you fight and die for your country? Think about it for a moment! What will your answer be?

FHA Week Designated March 23-29



(L-R) Hope Miller, Vickie Spivey, Brenda Revis and ... land prepare a bulletin board display in the Owen High School Cafeteria in observance of FHA Week.



As part of the FHA Club's participation in Owen High School's Beautification Program, (L-R) Sherry Ray, Marsha Thomason, Kay Willet and Sharon Banks, FHA Club members, are planting rose bushes and bulbs.

Town Board Votes, Extend City Limits

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held March 19 with several items of interest being presented and passed by the board.

The board voted unanimously to extend the present city limits back to the original charter that would take in one mile in each direction from the train depot which is considered to be the central location. This would give the town a larger voter population and the residents taken in by the extension would have city rights, such as: water sewage, fire protection, police protection, garbage service and paved streets.

The board also voted unanimously to repeal the Prohibition Act passed in 1937 prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages inside the corporate town limits. The repealing of this act would make the town eligible for taxes collected from the sale of alcoholic beverages in the State of North Carolina. It has been proven fact that the town has lost a minimum of \$2,500 a year since 1937 by having this act on the books.

It was favorably voted to increase the town board from three to five members to give better representation of citizens of the town. This would not be effective in the coming election. It would be in effect for the 1971 election.

The three above mentioned items will go before the North Carolina Legislature for their approval and if passed, will go into effect as soon as possible. These are the things that the board feels are needed to make the Town of Black Mountain more progressive and are in the best interest of its citizens.

Black Mountain Jaycettes To Sponsor Cancer Drive

The Black Mountain Jaycettes will be sponsoring the Cancer Drive in the Black Mountain Area for 1969. In order to kick off the campaign properly a program on Cancer will be presented Wednesday night, April 2, at the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Building at 7:30 p.m. A film called "Million Club" will be shown which deals with 7 people who have different types of cancer. The film stresses the importance of watching for the seven danger signals as well as early and proper treatment of cancer. Dr. Raper will be present to answer questions after the film.

Among those present will be

There will be an election held May 6, to elect a Mayor and three Aldermen for Town of Black Mountain. In order to be a candidate for office you must circulate a petition and have it signed by five registered voters and pay the filing fee of \$5. No voter may sign more than one petition for a candidate.

The registration period will be from Friday, April 18

through Friday, April 25, excluding Sunday, April 20. The registration books will be open each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 200 Border St., except Sat. April 19 when the books will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at City Hall.

The polling place for the election will be at City Hall. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on election day.

Eight Kearfott Employees Complete Training Course

On March 21, 1969 eight employees of the Kearfott Products Division, Singer-General Precision, Inc., received their diplomas for successfully completing the Supervisory Development Training Program. George Nalesnik, Kearfott Plant Manager was present to congratulate the graduates. Presenting the diplomas during a luncheon at the House in Asheville, N. C. was Don Lane, Coordinator, Supervisory Development Training. Mr. Lane is on the staff of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute.

The SDT Program is a three year training course consisting of 160 hours of classroom instruction given on company time as well as employee time. Classes were conducted primarily by in-plant personnel who are accredited to instruct by the State. The program included courses such as work simplification, cost accounting, safety and human relations. The purposes of the program are to broaden the educational back-

ground, develop leadership abilities, and prepare supervisors for advancement. The program is recognized statewide and administered by the Department of Community Colleges.

Those receiving diplomas were: Emma Dotson and Ina Owenby of Black Mountain; Geneva Harvey, Mary Herron, Nettie Ingle and Russell Oates of Swannanoa; Gordon Walker of Old Fort, and Laura Watkins of Montreat.

Contributions Being Accepted

A number of people have expressed a desire to contribute to the Tabernacle United Methodist Church Organ Fund. This fund was started last summer in memory of Mr. J. P. Parker, one of Black Mountain's most beloved citizens, who passed away in May. Since then other donations have been given in memory of Mr. Glenn Brooks, Mrs. Fannie Lacey, and Mr. John Drake.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution in memory of any of those mentioned, or to some other departed loved one, please do so at this time. The Church now has the opportunity of securing the Organ owned by Mr. Clifford Hotchkiss who passed away in December. It is a very beautiful Organ and one the Church will be proud of for many future years to come.

We want the names of all whose memory will be honored with this Organ engraved on a bronze plaque. And this must be done before the dedication service for the Organ.

Anyone who wishes to honor a loved one and have a part in this Organ fund, please feel free to contribute. Mrs. Glenn Brooks is the Chairman of the Organ Fund. You may contact her personally or write her at Box 763, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711.

Montreat To Host Men's And Women's Florida Glee Club Tonight

The University of Florida Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, well-known throughout the Southeast as the "Singing Gators," will appear here in concert at 8 p.m., March 27 in the Galther Chapel. The group is directed by John Grigsby, a member of the faculty at the University of Florida. This concert is one of a series of programs which will be presented by the Glee Club in its 44th annual concert tour. This year the Glee Club is touring through major cities of the southeast.

The Men's and Women's Glee Clubs are separate and autonomous musical organizations at the University of Florida. Membership is open to any student in the University, although most of the members are undergraduates majoring in Music, Psychology, Engineering, Law, Chemistry, History, Mathematics, Agriculture, Journalism, and Education to name a few. On the basis of an audition students are selected for membership in the fall quarter of each academic year.

The Men's Glee Club, the oldest musical organization on The University of Florida campus, was organized in 1907. It is a member of the Intercollegiate Musical Council, joining Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and all major universities of the country that foster the best in music for male glee clubs. The

group has traveled extensively throughout many parts of the United States and many areas of the Caribbean. On campus they traditionally perform for Gator Bowl, Annual Christmas Concert, the Spring Arts Festival and for many professional meetings held at the University of Florida.

The Women's Glee Club first began performing in 1948 when the University became coed. For many years the groups traveled mainly in the state and were known throughout Florida as the "Singing Sweethearts." The Glee Club has traveled extensively throughout the Southeast, as far north as New York City, west to New Orleans, and in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. The Women's Glee Club performs for campus activities and joins the Men's Glee Club and other University choral groups in presenting Handel's "Messiah."

This year the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, by touring together, offer a unique and varied program. They will be performing music for men's voices and women's voices respectively. In addition they will be combining their talents for mixed selections.

The University of Florida Men's and Women's Glee Clubs are organizations dedicated to the enjoyment and fulfillment of musical expression, the stimulation and promotion of interest

in good music for the benefit of those listening as well as those participating, and the representation of the University of Florida as an institution seeking excellence in art and culture.

The Glee Clubs operate under a charter and are sponsored jointly by Student Government and the Department of Music. The executive council of the Glee Club is made up of the elected officers, the appointed business staff, and the director. Though this group guides the general policy of the Glee Clubs respectively, each member in the organizations has a voice in all final decisions.

To Perform At Folk Festival

The Ricketts family, Romeo, Juliette, Freida and Kay, have been invited again this year to participate in the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival at Union Grove, N. C., on April 4. The invitation was extended by Phil Vanhoy, Master of Ceremonies. The group will appear in songs and dances, accompanied by Mrs. Katherine Ricketts Colvin at the piano. Freida and Kay are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ricketts of Winston-Salem, former residents of Black Mountain. Mrs. Colvin is the mother of Romeo and Juliette.