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## Christmont Celebrates 20th Anniversary

In 1949 when 609 acres of beautiful mountainous land were accepted by the International Conference of Christian Churches in Cincinnati for an assembly ground, there was no building on the land other than an old barn. This land located 1 1/2 miles from Black Mountain, was a part of the old Guastavino Estate.

Three laymen, members of the First Christian Church of Asheville, Judge Jarvis, Mr. L. T. New, and Frank Dixon of Black Mountain took an option on the land and held it for the N. C. Convention of Christian Churches. Later it was purchased by this church organization. Forty acres were added to the 609 and it was incorporated as South-Eastern Christian Assembly. Sometime later, a name contest was promoted and the name Christmont was chosen by a committee of the International Convention. This name had been pre-

sented by Mrs. Eva Thyse of Asheville.

The barn was soon converted into an outdoor Tabernacle with shavings on the floor and picnic shelter on the side. For several years outstanding leaders spoke from this improvised platform to groups of people who came from N. C. and several surrounding states. Some camped on the grounds.

Families helped build 5 cabins and 9 cottages which now have baths and equipment for light-house-keeping. Progress has been slow and steady. The large all purpose building, Aldridge Hall, named in honor of a dedicated layman Mr. M. G. Aldridge of Macon, Ga., continues to serve well. The kitchen and dining room with a large fire place are in this building. Also the assembly office which will soon be moved to a new building, now under construction, is located here.

Residents of Black Mountain recall large buildings being moved down the highway in 1961, when some of the Army hospital buildings at Swannanoa were sold. These long buildings were cut in sections, moved to the Christmont Assembly Grounds rejoined, remodeled and have served well as Fellowship Hall and Mother's House, a dormitory.

Many happy hours have been spent in the modern swimming pool, and on the Lee Moore Nature Trail and the Blue Ridge Trail which reaches the crest of the mountain above Christmont. The latest addition to recreation is the magic square, a black topped, fenced area for tennis, basketball and several other games.

The Brubaker Memorial Playground for smaller children helps keep them happy while their parents attend conferences.

During the 20 years, 23 homes have been built. About half are year-round residents,

the others are occupied by families who remain 5 or 6 months and often return for the fall colors and sometimes the winter snows.

Under construction now, is the Guest House which will contain two large lobbies with fireplaces, a managers apartment, 20 bed-room units, an assembly room, Chapel, offices, kitchen area, and deck porch. This building will be completed by December first.

The goals and ideals of the Christmont Assembly are to develop and train ministers, laymen and laywomen, youth and children in Christian living. Thus family camping receives much attention as well as Lay Schools, Youth Conferences, Audio - visual, and music programs.

One of the early couples to attend programs at Christmont were Dr. and Mrs. James M. Cook. Dr. Cook, for many years president of the International Conference of Christian Churches and one of the

organizers of the National Conference of Christian Churches and the World Council of Churches, now serves as President of the Assembly. He and Mrs. Cook chose this beautiful place for their retirement home.

Many years of valuable, dedicated service have been given by volunteers. Some gone on, many now serving what has been wrought on these grounds - materially and in the lives of people - has been done through love and Christian dedication.

The climax of the 20th Anniversary Celebration will come during Christmont Week, July 28 - August 1st at the Annual Patron's Dinner. This is an occasion anticipated by people who attend from seven South-Eastern states.

The recent additional paving of roads adds to the value of the Conference Ground and the convenience of residents and guests. The recently constructed water tank of 60,000 gallons is owned and operated by the

Assembly.

Christmont Christian Assembly does not live in the past. Those who have served well are honored, but Christmont looks ahead to the next 20 years while serving the needs of people today. Among those who have served in positions of leadership have been the late Dr. Howard S. Hilley, Dr. Homer Haislip and Mr. L. T. New, also Mrs. Eva New Brothers, Mr. Charles McAfee of Macon, Ga., Mr. A. E. Walters of Christmont, Dr. Hayes Farish of Lexington, Ky., Rev. Bruce Nay of Christmont, M. R. Walter A. Davis and Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire of Black Mountain, Mr. Herman Strietman of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Riley B. Montgomery of Lexington, Ky., Mr. Howard Kester of Black Mountain, Mr. Charles Strong of Flint, Michigan, Dr. G. S. Willey of Dunedin, Florida. Dr. Gaines M. Cook now serves as President and Dr. Ruth Barbee of Atlanta as Chairman of the Board.



### E. F. Hardins Plan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

In honor of their parents who were married fifty years ago this month, the children of the Reverend and Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin of Ridgecrest are entertaining for them with a reception in Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain, Sunday, June 22, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. No formal invitations are being issued, but the Hardins will be happy to greet all friends who care to call on this occasion. The Hardins were married on June 3, 1919, but celebration of the golden anniversary was postponed to June 22 because some of the children and grand-children could not arrive earlier. Hosts for the reception are Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sawyer (nee Mildred Hardin) of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Holt (nee Claire Hardin) of Greenville, N. C., Chaplain (Lt. Col.) and Mrs. Louis M. Jackson (nee Mary Nell Hardin) of Stuttgart, Germany, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Hardin of Rockville, Md.

### Grammar School Promotions, Awards Made

Thursday, June 5th, was Promotion and Awards Day at the Black Mountain Grammar School.

This was a combined program for and by the combined seventh and eighth grades.

The Scripture was read by Melanie Hyatt. Nancy Klutz led the audience in the Lord's Prayer and Pledge to the Flag. America the Beautiful was sung by the audience.

The school principal, Mr. James Owen, introduced the visitors and made the announcements.

The Woodmen of the World History Awards were presented by Mr. Joe Porcher. Those receiving first place trophies were Melanie Hyatt, Sam Thielman, Debbie Glenn, Rosalie

Phillips and Nina Hollifield. The second place winners were presented Bibles. They were Terry Reese, Marcia Melton, Regina Davis, and Paul McAnear.

The Rev. Jimmy Lyons of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church was introduced by Mr. Sam Alexander, one of the teachers. His main emphasis was that our young people are our hope for tomorrow and reminded all present that Dr. Billy Graham had said that "the next four years could either see the bloodiest revolution in history or the greatest revival," and that is up to us which we have.

He gave a very stirring reading on "I Am the United States." One of the major and most moving parts of the program

was the choral numbers presented by the combined seventh and eighth grades numbering approximately 300 voices. These young people had been taught only one hour a day for the past eight weeks by Mr. Ed Alexander, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. James Sullins, pianist from the same church. The chorus was not selected but all students of both grades were used. Their talent was astounding as they presented four difficult numbers. Pick up Bale of Cotton, Moon River and their two closing numbers You'll Never Walk Alone and Now is the Hour. Mr. Alexander said "I am amazed at the wealth of musical talent in this area."

Rev. Lyons pronounced the benediction.

### Nursing Home Project Advances Construction Plans For Summer

Plans for a new Medicare-approved nursing home one mile west of Black Mountain are moving so well that it is hoped construction can begin late this summer, according to Dr. Paul M. Lambert, president of Highland Farms, Inc. The necessary investment capital of \$100,000 is assured and the prospect is that it will be oversubscribed. Twenty individuals or couples have invested \$5,000 each for 50 shares of stock, of which 40 are preferred and 10 common stock. All but two investors are residents of the Black Mountain - Asheville area, indicating the determination to make this project under local ownership and control. This is definitely NOT an enterprise that is being sponsored and managed by "outside interests".

Officials of the Federal Housing Agency gave the first step of approval in May by authorizing the development of plans for a 60-bed nursing home at Highland Farms, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leonard. They also authorized the securing of an insured mortgage of \$518,400 for construction.

### Students Receive History Awards And White Bibles

Camp 970 Swannanoa, N. C. presented fourteen American History Awards and fourteen white Bibles to the students of the following schools.

Owen High School: Laura V. Gill, Timmy G. Chandler, Helen Heath, History Awards. Second place, merit awards, Marilyn K. Brown, Judy N. Metcalf, and Patricia J. Chapin. Red Oak: Myron Ingle, Cheryl A. Roberts, History Awards. Second place, merit awards, Lynn Parker and Joe N. Hipp. Swannanoa: Martha Dunton, Emile Davidson, Mike Russell, Jane Beebe, History Awards. Second place, merit awards, Danny Gregg, Gail Burnett, Erwin Smith and Malcom Jones.

Black Mountain: Melanie Hyatt, Debbie Gragg, Terry Reese, Rosalie Phillips and Paul McAnear, History awards. Second place, merit awards, Regina Davis, Nina Hollifield, Sam Thielman and Marcia L. Melton.

These schools had a total of 28 bus drivers that received the safe driver's award. They are Steve Davis, Lindsay Garland, Jerry Morris, John Stroud, Charles Bullman, Clifford Milton, Martha Jones, Douglas Davis, Gary Cody, Douglas Davis, John Sullivan, Ellen Roberts, Phyllis Stuck, Terry Lee, Sam Robinson, Don Young, James Blankenship, Neal Bias, J. C. Williams, Phillip Ogle,

### Jaycees Hold Orientation

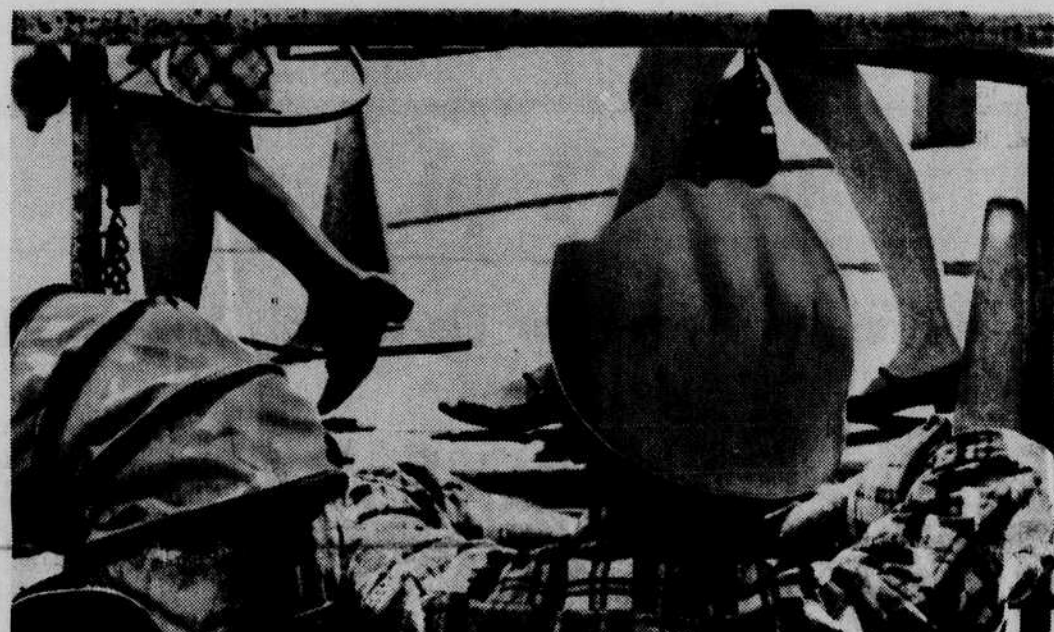
The Black Mountain Jaycee chapter held its orientation meeting June 9, 1969, at the Jaycee Room in the Monte Vista Hotel. Those present were: Tommy Blizard, Doug Harrell, Carl Bartlett, Ray Glass, Jack Clevenger, Mac Blizard, Jack Cole, Lee Clapp, and Jim Hutto.

The program began with Tommy Blizard discussing the organizational structure of the Jaycees on the local, state, and national level. He emphasized the democratic nature of this structure whereby the local members exercise the majority of influence. Next he gave a detail explanation of the aims that each Jaycee chapter strives for toward community improvement and stimulation. This civic involvement depends largely upon the internal and external responsibilities of each member.

Following this discussion, Carl Bartlett was asked to describe the term "Spoke". This achievement is awarded to a Jaycee who has asserted himself in a full time capacity and completed necessary requirements. It was pointed out that this award had to be earned by the end of the first year of membership.

Next, Jim Hutto discussed the term "Spark Plug", indicating that this was another achievement that required full time service, in addition to a more advanced participation. This award is presented only to those members who have belonged to the group for one year or more. Before the session ended each member present admitted that an orientation meeting was not only essential for new members, but also provided a renewed stimulus to old members; reminding each Jaycee what his duties are to his group, his community, and his country.

John Orr, Lamy Craig, Roy Hensley, Patty Reed, Frank Craig, Paul Jackson, Herbert Cox and Matthew Roberts. The above awards were presented to the students and bus drivers by Field Rep. Joe S. Porcher, at the awards day at the above schools with the entire student body, faculty, and many visitors present.



THE SCENERY'S CHANGED!

On his way out of a manhole, this telephone company cable installer takes happy note of the fact that with the change in season, there's been a change in the scenery around his "office." Ah, the good ole summertime!



Miss Raulerson



Miss Sullins

### Raulerson-Sullins Scholarships

Miss Patricia Ann Raulerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Raulerson of 106 Dilling Avenue, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship to Mars Hill College by the James G. K. McClure Educational Fund. In rewarding scholarships, the McClure Fund, established to aid deserving academically promising residents of Western North Carolina, considers scholarship, leadership, Christian character, financial need, intellectual promise, and demonstrated ambition. The scholarships are renewal.

Miss Raulerson plans to major in music, concentrating on clarinet as her major instrument. She hopes to become the director of a high school band. Miss Raulerson transferred to Owen High School from Co-ca, Florida at the beginning of her senior year. She began her study of clarinet while a seventh grade student. While a member of the band in Florida, she won four superior medals in solo ensembles and three superior medals for marching. She was selected for the Florida State Band.

While a student at Owen, Miss Raulerson served as Student Correspondent for the Black Mountain NEWS. She was very active in the Carousels Drama Group and participated in a Student Drama workshop at Mars Hill College. Miss Raulerson also won the District Speech Contest in the

### Library Friends Elects Officers

At the Annual Meeting of Friends of the Library on June 2 the Rev. Thomas Droppers was elected president, succeeding Dr. Paul M. Lambert. Miss Sally Wheelock and Mrs. A. F. Tyson are the new vice-presidents and Mr. G. Albert Clough succeeds Mr. B. G. Byron as treasurer. Mrs. Kenneth McAnear continues as recording secretary and Mrs. Raymond Heath as corresponding secretary.

Reviewing the activities of the past year, Dr. Lambert reported that there has been a marked increase in the number of books circulated: 52,764 in 1968 - 69 as compared with 43,185 for the preceding twelve months. During the last two years use of the Public Library of Black Mountain has doubled. Mr. Byron reported a very satisfactory state of the treasury, thanks to proceeds from the Thrift Shop in recent summers. Special appreciation was expressed for the work of Mrs. Byron and her associates in conducting the Thrift Shop, which will not be continued in 1969.

In her report on behalf of the Program Committee, Mrs. Culver Smith spoke of the excellent monthly meetings, the newly established Adults Films and the continuation of the story hour during the summer. The next film showing will be on July 24 at both 3:30 and 8:00 p.m. Friends of the Library now number 238, according to Mrs. Shirley Turner, and this number is bound to increase as parents recognize the importance of supporting this outstanding community enterprise.

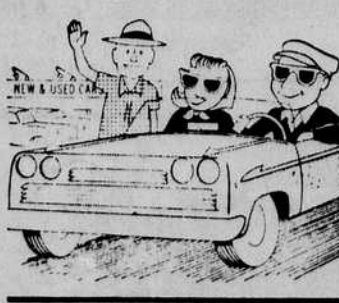
Mrs. Paul Lambert was asked to continue as hostess for the refreshment periods that precede each morning meeting. Elected as members of the Board of Directors in addition to the officers were Mrs. William Carpenter, Mrs. Jack Hile, Mr. Bolard More and Mrs. Max Twitty.

### Automobile Dealers Offering "Values Galore" In "The Valley" This Week

The Valley's automobile dealers are offering "Values Galore" on both new and used cars this week.

The dealers are dedicated merchants and take pride in the fact that they are a part of a growing and prosperous community. These dealers are

happy to offer you, "Values Galore", in new and used cars, also they invite you to come by and inspect their facilities, as they are sure you will be interested to know that they are equipped to take



care of your service needs, their mechanics and service personnel are trained and dedicated people, who take pride in you, their customers. They treat your car, as a Doctor treats your child.

These dealers invite you to come in, you'll be amazed at the Values.

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- BLACK MOUNTAIN INS. AGENCY
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- THE SWEATER SHOP
- GARLAND TIRE CO. INC.
- TYSON FURNITURE CO.
- COLLINS DEPT. STORE



### Greenwood Outstanding W.C.U. Senator

G. Gordon Greenwood, who was graduated from Western Carolina University on June 1, with a major in finance, was awarded a plaque as the outstanding Senator for 1968-1969. Vice president of the student body at Western Carolina University, Buddy has been a counselor for three years, a member of the Senate for two years and a member of the Student Legislature for the past two sessions.

A graduate of Charles D. Owen High School, he has accepted a position with The First Union National Bank. He will spend the next four weeks at Bank Headquarters in Charlotte.

Buddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Greenwood, 18 Portman Villa Road, Black Mountain.

### Tea & Topic

The Tea and Topic Club met June 9 at the home of Mrs. R. T. Greene. During the business session the members voted to spend \$10.00 to the Black Mountain library for a book to be chosen by the librarian. The members discussed the Medical Center Booster's Fair and the flower show and urged the support of both projects.

Mrs. Gordon Greenwood presented three professional case workers from the Buncombe County Welfare Department: Mrs. Gertrude Brown, Mrs. Andy Furg, and Mrs. Jean Jarvis. In a series of skits three demonstrated the various types of aid given to those needing assistance. Following the skits, a lively exchange of questions and answers took place enabling the club members to understand the different types of assistance offered and the limitations and restrictions prescribed by State and Federal laws.

### Burgess Reunion

With ages ranging from four months to eighty years, the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Mrs. Miles P. Burgess enjoyed a family dinner together Sunday, June 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burgess on Blue Ridge Road. Guests included Mrs. Gold Pyatt, Marion, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pyatt, son, Gregory, recently of Norfolk, Virginia, but enroute to travel for a three-year term of their other son, Jeffery, in training summer camp in North Carolina and could not be at home-coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Smith, sons, Russel and Mark, Fuquay-Varina, N. C., Mr. Mrs. J. T. Greenwood, Mrs. N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Terry Burgess and daughter, Terry, recently of Austin, Texas, but enroute to Huntsville, Alabama, where Terry is attending the Aerospace program. Mr. and Mrs. Max Burgess, Asheville, N. C. and Phil and Joe, Becky and Mrs. William Schramm, Baltimore, Md., daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Greenwood, were the other members of the fam-