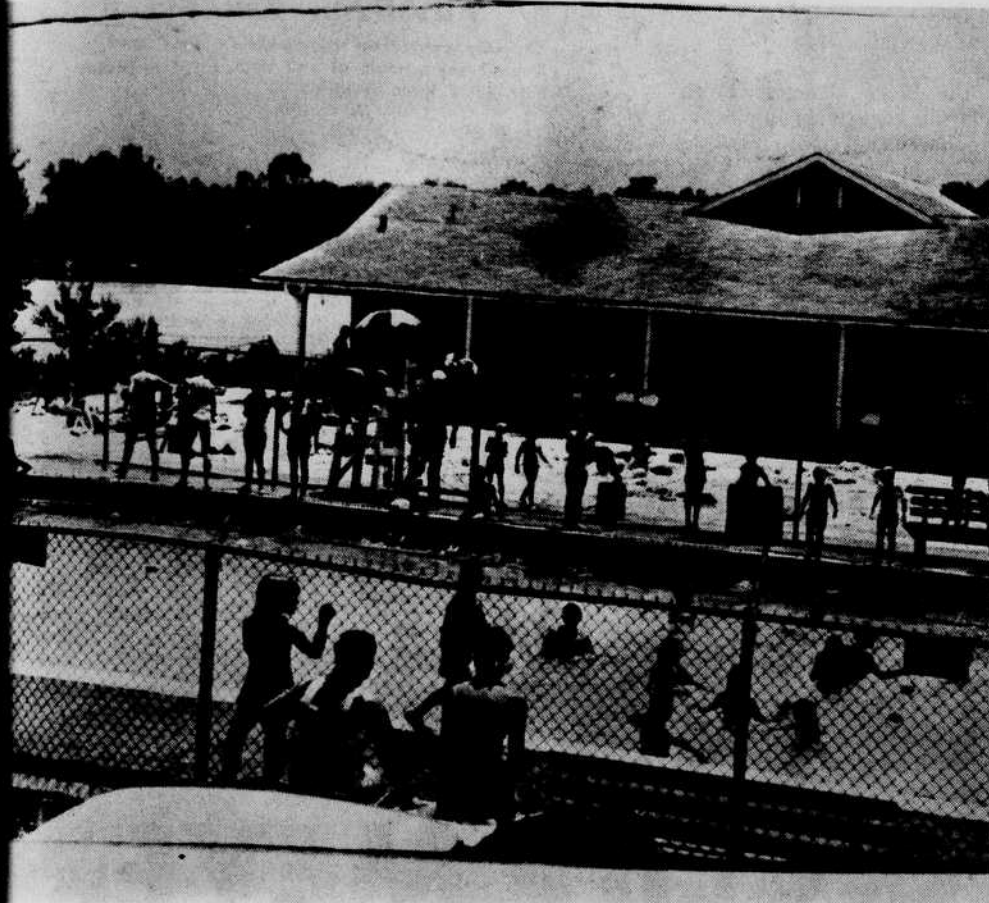


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Medical Center Fair Deemed A Success



Wasn't It A Lovely Fourth

They tell me when you become nostalgic about the past it is a sure sign you're growing old. Well, I guess I'm getting old because this Fourth of July really brought back memories. Wasn't it a lovely Fourth of July?

The Swannanoa Valley Medical Fair brought back memories of other community get-togethers on this great day. The V. F. W. Post and Auxiliary's 9157 booth with "Old Glory" flying proud and beautiful against the sky brought a lump to my throat and the little flags clutched proudly in the hands of little children let us know love of country is not dead.

In the middle of the First Baptist Church parking lot a band was giving forth with music, the likes of which had never been heard there before, no not an old fashioned brass band but a real "rock and roll" string group with a pretty girl singer. These youngsters volunteered their services for the FAIR and were there both days. We felt they must be recognized. Carolyn Bartlett was the pretty singer; Randy Bartlett, Rhythm Guitar; Robin Harvey, Drums; Richard Moore, Lead Guitar and Keith Jones, Bass Guitar made up the band. They call themselves "The Diamond Doorway." Thanks, youngsters, you really added to the day.

All the booths with their lovely displays, the chance to buy that really good book you had so wanted at a reduced price, the apron booth - who could resist the little girl aprons with matching ones for her doll, Gramma couldn't.

Out hat is off to the ladies of Mills Chapel Baptist Church, Thomas Chapel Methodist Church, Mount Zion Methodist, New Salem Baptist, and Macedonia Methodist of Swannanoa who kept their ovens going around the clock to keep their booth filled. One lady baked twenty cakes.

There was an art gallery that would have done any big city proud. We certainly have a wealth of talent in this Valley.

The Puppet Show was a success with both young and old. One man was heard remarking as he left, "I haven't had so much fun since I was a boy."

The Jaycees "Dunk a Jaycee" Booth was a great success and I saw Tommy Blizzard get at least four baths.

I know I have not covered nearly all the organizations or booths. They were all great and I really enjoyed them.

The thing that was most inspiring was the feeling of comradeship. That good old fashioned neighborly feeling. The sense of everyone working together for a common need and goal. Also wasn't it wonderful to find out we could all still enjoy good clean fun?

There were hundreds of people there, in those two days, from our Valley and Visitors from all over the country and I believe they too went away saying "It was a lovely Fourth of July."

Introducing The New Gospel Sound

by Sam Harvey Newman

RIDGECREST, N. C. -- The words were familiar.

"Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me."

But it didn't sound churchy. Matter of fact, it was moving, modern, memorable, contemporary.

Directed by Philip Landgrave, professor of sacred music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., more than 100 young people sang the new Christian musical "purpose."

Accompanied by guitars, drums, clarinets, bongos, flutes, and the piano, the sound was "cool," "alive," and "enjoyable."

The words were new -- Twentieth Century -- yet had meanings expressing the same old Gospel that has been around since the time of Christianity's founder, Jesus Christ.

The youthful voices, "This day I'm going to try harder. This day I'm going to try harder to live more like my Lord. Yesterday is gone forever. This day is right here ever."

The music was a blend of jazz and Negro spiritual, plus Gospel rock. "It was real, man," Tommy Hill, a member of the choir from Jackson, Miss., said.

The choir was made up of young people attending Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here. The performance at Ridgecrest was possibly one of the best performances anywhere for the director, Philip Landgrave, who wrote the musical.

At the close of the musical, the atmosphere was reverent, thoughtful, a mood of expectancy filled the audience.

Cecil Sherman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C. gave a brief invitation and as the choir sang "Just As I Am" to the modern arrangement of Philip Landgrave, 94 persons came forward in old - fashion, old - time Baptist style. God was in it.

As Cecil Sherman, who is regarded as one of Southern Baptists' most progressive pastors, said, "The message of the Gospel is changeless, but the form or medium for delivering that message may change with each generation."

Many skeptical older folks left the Ridgecrest auditorium, with a new attitude, a new "purpose," and perhaps through this new sound in church music, Southern Baptists have found one way of bridging the so - called communication gap between parents and young people.

Mr. John A. Rayburn of Weaverville, North Carolina, has just completed the Allstate Agent Training course which was held for three weeks at the Allstate Southern Zone Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Rayburn is the son of Mrs. Essie Rayburn of Swannanoa, North Carolina, and is married to the former Connie Dean, of Mars Hill, North Carolina.

Rayburn joined Allstate in April 1969 and will work as an Agent in the Sears Retail Store in Asheville.



Brown's Skill Wins NAS Track Pontiac

Driving like he had a crate of eggs in the back seat, Tommy Brown of Black Mountain finished fourth in a 125-lap late-model sportsman race at the New Asheville Speedway Friday night and was awarded a 1969 Pontiac Firebird by the speedway for leading the point standing through July Fourth.

In direct contrast, Harry Gant of Taylorsville pushed his 1965 Chevelle like a man on a hot seat and scored his first feature victory at N. A. S. taking home a \$700 paycheck for his troubles.

A holiday crowd of a few more than 7,000, according to a speedway's count gave the track a draw of 13,000 spectators for its last two races. Many of the spectators arrived in the afternoon and consumed 125 watermelons and about 500 pints of ice cream furnished free by the speedway.

It was perhaps the smartest race the young Black Mountain driver ever drove, considering what was at stake. Knowing he could win the car with a fourth place finish, regardless of who

won the race, Brown didn't try to win the race. He didn't try to pass the leaders, and when they wanted to pass him he let them by - and then tried to keep them in sight.

He tried to avoid trouble on the track and fortunately for him, trouble didn't come seeking him out.

Of those in contention, only Brown and Jackie Fox finished

the race. Fox finished third. With the title to the car signed over and safely tucked away, Brown said, "I don't ever want to get involved in anything like this again. You can't believe the pressure it put on me and my crew. We worked 24 hours a day for six days to get my car ready for this race."

Brown blew the engine and wrecked his racer at N. A. S. a week ago.

Tommy said, "I owe a great deal of gratitude to Tom Owenby of Owenby's Garage and Ralph Morris of Morris Body Shop, both of Black Mountain, who worked from Saturday until Friday night to repair my

car. I could never have won without them."

Musical entertainment starts July 4 at the Brevard Music Center and runs through August 17. Guest musicians appear on the weekends. The North Carolina Skin Diving Council will hold its annual competition on July 20 at Cape Hatteras.

The 8th annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention is held at Elkin, July 5. The Parkway Playhouse at Burnsville opens its 23rd season on July 8 and runs through August 16. Plymouth holds the 13th annual Water Festival on July 19-20. The Macon County Gemboree, 4th annual, is held at Franklin, July 24-26.

Many communities throughout the state hold special celebrations on July 4.

Whether you like bagpipes, rock and roll, or Brahms, sound plays an important part in July vacation events in North Carolina, the Variety Vacationland.

James Helgreen Elected President

The Western Chapter of North Carolina Society of Accountants elected officers for the 1969-1970 year at the June meeting. Those elected were: President - James N. E. Helgreen, Black Mountain; Vice - President - D. L. Lasher; Secretary - Treasurer - Bob Soesbee, both of Asheville.

Depositing on the need for specific services, the Accountant does many things. Some of the things which the Accountant does best, and some of the services he offers include: Ex-

pressing an opinion of Financial Statements; Provides expert advice on Tax Matters; Offers solutions to Business Problems; Provides Management Services; Help Secure Loans; Installing Accounting Systems; Preparing Financial Reports and Audits to properly reflect the Conditions of Your Business; Assists in Estate Planning. The Accountant works closely with Your Attorney and Your Banker in all Financial and Business Matters.

Appreciation Given

No coach in the world is more competitive than one who coaches a Little League Team. When those coaches call and ask that young men who are running the Little League Program be publicly thanked and congratulated for the good job they are doing you can rest assured they must be "really" good.

This week the NEWS was asked to do just that.

Jerry Buckner is in charge of Little League Baseball. The umpires are Gary Massey and David Hensley. The official Scorekeeper is Bobby Wheelon and Mike Kitchen is Official Scoreboard Keeper.

We were told by the coaches, The boys know the rules. When they make a call they are willing to explain it. There have been fewer arguments and less dissension than we have ever had before. It's the best year we've ever had.

So congratulations fellows for a job well done.

WNC Events

The 17th annual Horse Show is held at Waynesville, July 17-19. Whitewater Falls Annual Picnic is held at Brevard on July 26. This is the 21st edition.

Asheville is host to the 42nd annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival, July 31-August 2.



Today we feature our last Little League Team - the Dodgers coached by George Cochran. In their game, Thursday, July 3, they lost to the Cardinals by a score of 7 - 5.

Weaver of the Cardinals scored two home runs and Padgett of the Dodgers scored one. The winning pitcher was Rusty Norton and the losing pitcher was Gary Padgett. In the picture above the Dodgers are - Front Row - Leon Hall, David Ford, John Payne, Randy Hammond, Jimmy Parker, Kermer Long, Billy Hopkins, Bradley Ashton. Back Row - Manager George Cochran, Gary Padgett, David Wilson, Robin Inabnett, Keith Nix, Kevin Gray, and Bobby Cochran.

B. M. Pool Is A Very Busy Place

The first three weeks of the swimming pool have been busy. Mr. Watkins and his assistants have given swimming instructions to fifty-five swimmers, twenty Advanced swimmers, thirteen Intermediate and Life Saving Instruction to sixteen for a total of hundred and four.

Opening of the Recreation Program on June 28th, several swimming and diving contests were held. Bill Fussell won first place in boy's freestyle swimming and Ricky McGinnis was second.

Karen Osteen was first in girl's free style swimming and Virginia Brittain was second.

In the underwater swimming Bill Fussell again took first place for the boys and Virginia Brittain was first for the girls.

In the diving contest Sandy Konrad was first place winner for the girls and Stevie Melin was champion diver for the boys.

Black Mountain Horse Show Scheduled

Final plans and arrangements for the 14th annual Black Mountain Charity Horse Show, which is scheduled for July 24th, 25th, and 26th at Monte Vista Farm.

The Show this year is different, in that it is an all Hunter and Jumper show, fully accredited and recognized by the American Horse Shows Association, and is one of three

such shows in the mountain area during the present season. Interest of participants in Black Mountain shows in previous years in this type riding, prompted local show officials to offer a recognized show this year. The point system is employed in these shows, and entitles riders and exhibitors to participation, by accumulation of points, in Regional and National Shows.

Entries have been received from exhibitors throughout the South, and indication are that there will be many excellent riders and well known show horses here for this event.

A total of fifty-six classes will be offered in various phases in the Hunter and Jumper Divisions, including Stake Classes. Cash prizes, trophies and ribbons will be given.

Prize lists and schedules have been widely distributed throughout the South and Southeast, and it is hoped this show will attract exhibitors and spectators in large numbers in Black Mountain.

The first performance is scheduled for 9:00 A. M. on Thursday, July 24th, and the final show at 7:30 P. M. on Saturday, July 26th.

As in the past, proceeds from the show after expenses have been met, will be given to the Black Mountain Schools.

The Horse Show Committee is planning another one day show on Labor Day weekend featuring gaited and western classes, as well as fun classes.

Advance Tickets Now On Sale

Advance Tickets Sold By Black Mountain Junior Woman's Club

14th Annual Black Mountain Charity Horse Show

July 24, 25, 26, 1969 MONTE VISTA FARM

ADMIT ONE ADULT Price \$1.50

Tickets Compliments of Black Mountain News

ADMIT ONE STUDENT PRICE 75c

Tickets Compliments of Black Mountain News

Don Denning To Coach At WCU

LOWHEE - Don Denning, who compiled a 45-10-3 record in five years of high school coaching in Georgia, has been named an assistant football coach at Western Carolina University.

Denning, 31, will serve as defensive coordinator on the WCU football staff.

He was named the Georgia Coach of the Year in 1964. He took Douglas County High School, Douglasville, Ga., to a 13-0-1 record and the state 2-A championship.

Denning coached at Dublin School, Dublin, Ga., for past four seasons, compiling a 32-10-2 record and winning regional and sectional championships in 1966 and 1967. He was named regional coach of the year both seasons.

He is a native of Sandersville, Ga., where he was an all-state quarterback in 1955.

Denning played quarterback at Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., for two seasons before a knee injury ended his playing career. At PC, Denning was a teammate of Bob Waters, now Western Carolina's head football coach.

Denning is mathematics and physical education graduate of Presbyterian and he served as a 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Army following graduation in 1960.

He is married to the former Toni Garrett of Sandersville, Ga., and is the father of one daughter, Lori, age nine.

Announcement of Denning's appointment fills one of two vacancies on the WCU football staff.

Art League To Meet

Special note should be made of the summer meetings and program of the Swannanoa Valley Art League. The July meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, July 13 at 4 P. M. in the office building of Christ-mont Assembly Grounds. The picnic originally planned will be omitted. Mr. Douglas Smith of Asheville and Atlanta is the scheduled speaker. Mr. Smith is a recent graduate of Auburn College, Georgia, with a major in Art. He has specialized in the techniques of collage and will demonstrate this form of creative art. He will use some of his own work to illustrate his talk. He is currently employed as a free lance artist in Atlanta.

All League meetings are open to the public. Everyone interested is invited to come and bring a friend.

Flat Rock Presents Two Dozen Red Roses

A charming, light-hearted comedy, "Two Dozen Red Roses," will open the 37th theatre season of the Vagabond Players of Flat Rock Playhouse this coming Tuesday evening, July 12, at 8:30. This romantic comedy, by Kenneth Horne and Aldo de Benedetti, has delighted both London and Continental audiences with its theme of flirtation between the sexes.

Alberto and Varina Verani are a happily married Italian couple. Marina, however, wants to prove to herself that she is still attractive to men. She plans a trip designed for this purpose to which Alberto somewhat unwillingly consents. When Bernardo, the florist next door, delivers the first in a series of orders for two dozen red roses, Marina not only hastens to change her travel plans, but also her outlook on life.

Mary Arnold Garvin and Thomas Molyneux will portray the leading roles of Marina and Alberto.

Miss Garvin, who rejoins the Vagabonds for her fourth season, comes from Columbia, S. C. She recently directed "You Can't Take It With You" and "This Property Is Condemned" for the Workshop Theatre of South Carolina.

Harry Carlson, of New York, returns to the Playhouse stage after a year's absence in the role of Tomasso, the Verani's mutual and well - meaning friend. Carol Ann McKenzie will appear as Rosina, the Verani's attractive maid who conspires with the florist Bernardo, played by Bill Knisely. Flat Rock audiences will remember Miss McKenzie's principal performances last season in "Make a Million" and "Cradle Song."

Walter O'Rourke is set designer for the production, with James Twynham and Joe Young as technical assistants. Dick King is stage manager, with James Gilchrist in charge of lighting and Dennis Maulden as sound technician. Rita Case is property mistress, assisted by Lise Bilboldt. The entire production is under the direction of Anita Grannis, stage director for the Tar Heel troupe since 1953.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday evening at 8:30 with matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2:30. Flat Rock Playhouse, The State Theatre of North Carolina, is located three miles south of Hendersonville, on U. S. 25.

Public Law 89-593 enacted September 20, 1966, authorized the postal service to increase weight and size limits on shipments between larger cities. On July 1, of 1970 and 71, the length and girth limits are scheduled to rise to 78 and 84 inches, respectively, on shipments first - class post offices.

Parcel Post Rates Increased

The size limit on parcels sent to or from smaller offices, rural or star routes, military post offices, and all Alaskan and Hawaiian post offices stays at 70 pounds, with a combined length and girth of 100 inches, Postmaster Williams added.

The maximum parcel post weight limit will be increased from 30 pounds on shipments between the larger post offices in the third through eighth parcel post zones. (More than 150 miles.) On packages sent locally and to offices in parcel post zones one and two, the ceiling has been 40 pounds. The maximum size of packages sent between all first-class offices remains 72 inches in combined length and girth.