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**Peekin' Through  
 The  
 KEYHOLE**

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By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Blankenship have returned home from a vacation. They visited their son-in-law and daughter, Lance Corporal and Mrs. Gary Foster at Parris Island, S. C., and a few days stay at Savannah and Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carter of Jacksonville, Fla., who has been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols, has just returned from a visit to Atlanta with her son-in-law and daughter, David and Bootsy Foster, and grandchildren, Cheryl and Jon. The Fosters returned with her mother for a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Broadfoot, Jr., and daughters, Bevan and Susan of New Canaan, Conn., arrived last weekend to visit his parents, Captain and Mrs. H. B. Broadfoot at their summer home on Blue Ridge Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Challas of Pleasant Gap, Pa., have been spending the past few days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Franklin, North Fork Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins and son, Bob, made the excursion from Marion to Erwin, Tenn., on Saturday, July 26. The train was pulled by an old steam engine.

Mrs. Bea Martin is spending a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Bennett and family of High Point. Mrs. Martin's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. McMahan drove her to High Point, last Friday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Chasteen last weekend was her uncle, George W. Parish of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kerlee Jr., and son, Jerry, returned last weekend from a trip to Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, where they visited members of Mrs. Kerlee's family. Returning home they stopped in Gatlinburg, Tenn., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Slatkin and Paula spent last week vacationing at Myrtle Beach. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Slatkin drove to Berea College, Berea,

Ky., to bring their son, Donald and Preston Osteen home. Both boys have been taking extra courses this summer.

William Ogle of Grovemont, underwent surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, last week. His condition is satisfactory.

Mrs. Oliver Davis and daughter, Joy spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stancill of Victoria, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ray Morris of West Palm Beach, Fla., were in town last Monday visiting with friends. Mr. Morris was a resident of Black Mountain for many years.

Mrs. Ruth Cunningham visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Edgerton and family of Elon College, last week. Returning home she stopped and spent some time with Mrs. John J. O'Connor of Statesville, a former resident of Black Mountain.

Mrs. C. M. Teffeteller of Knoxville, Tenn., was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Daugherty, last weekend. Sunday guests were Dr. and Mrs. James Hamick of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dougherty and sons, Ricky and Brian of Decatur, Ga., are visiting their mothers, Mrs. C. A. Dougherty and Mrs. Ruby Medlin of Oteen, through Aug. 10. Prior to coming here they visited Mrs. Dougherty's brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Y. L. Medlin of Charlotte.

Paul Moore, 105 Ridge Street, has been selected to receive a U. S. Office of Education Fellowship to attend the Appalachian Adult Basic Education Teacher - Training Workshop at Moorehead State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ogle and daughters, Donna and Lynn of Charlotte, visited his mother, Mrs. William Ogle of Grovemont, last week, and his father, who is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Lorie Brooks of Black Mountain, Manager of the Elaine Powers Salon, Asheville, has been promoted to General Manager, of all Roger and Norman Smith's eight franchised powers Salons.

The Salons are exclusively for women and are nation wide.

Friends helping Butch Longcoy to celebrate his eighth birthday at the Recreation Park last Saturday afternoon were: Richard Burgess, Steve Hensley, David Hudgins, Melanie Hudgins and Michele Osteen, a cousin.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Kryder of Hot Springs, Arkansas spent last weekend with Mrs. Kryder's parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. S. Hodges, Montreat Road.

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Nix and daughter, Tammy and Mrs. Nix's niece, Miss Kay Morgan, all of Fort Worth, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Burgin, last week. Mrs. Nix is Mrs. Burgin's niece. Tuesday guests of the Burgins included the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown and son, Kenny of Lancaster, S. C., and Mrs. Joyce Hines and Jimmy of Lexington.

L. S. Covin attended a community home coming at Mount Carmel, S. C., Sunday, July 27. Mr. Covin's nephew, Ed Covin, of Rock Hill, came for him and brought him home.

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Marshburn had as guests last week Mrs. Marshburn's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Harker, a niece, Miss Kathy Garner, all of New Bern and a sister-in-law, Mrs. E. B. Rea of Butler. Thursday, Mrs. Ted Rea and daughter, Kimberly, and Mrs. Rea's mother, Mrs. Jordan of Raleigh, stopped enroute to Hermitage, Tenn., to visit with the Marshburns.

Miss Mary Benedict with a group of 45 college students, Asheville - Biltmore College at Oxford, returned last Friday from a six weeks tour of Britain. The group stayed at Regent's Park College of Oxford University. While away Mary and several friends spent a week in Paris.

**Test To Be Held  
 On August 16**

Black Mountain area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps Placement Test at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, August 16 at Room 14, Post Office Building, Asheville.

The Peace Corps uses the Placement test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement. The test requires no preparation and is non-competitive; and applicant can neither pass nor fail.

Persons interested in serving with the Peace Corps must fill out an Application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before the test. Application forms are available from post offices or from the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C. 20525.

Fifteen thousand Volunteers are currently serving in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands, working with the people of those nations in self-help projects ranging from food production to health to education. More Volunteers are needed for programs which will begin training soon.

**NCEA To Defend  
 Members Rights**

Expressing concern about the number of teachers who are apparently being fired unjustly, the North Carolina Education Association's Board of Directors has reaffirmed its determination to defend the rights of its members vigorously.

"We have to get away from the day when a school board can fire a good teacher simply because it doesn't like the way he parts his hair," Charles W. Pearson, president of the Association, said in a statement for the Board.

Pearson said restoration of the continuing contract for teachers has failed to solve the problem of unfair or improper dismissal. He said three firings are presently under formal investigation by the NCEA's Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee, and that a rash of other complaints have either been settled through negotiation or have not reached the formal investigation stage.

Dr. A. C. Dawson, NCEA executive secretary, said the number of complaints received from teachers has been greater than normal this year. He said the NCEA will do all within its power to protect the rights of its members. One of these rights, he said, is not to be fired without just cause and without the use of proper and ethical procedures.

He added, however, that the ultimate answer to the problem is the enactment of a tenure law for teachers. Such a law was proposed in 1967 and 1969 General Assemblies but failed of enactment.

Pearson said that until the day comes when North Carolina has a tenure law, the NCEA will protect its members by persuasion if possible and in the courts if necessary.

The continuing contract for teachers was restored by the 1967 General Assembly. Prior to its restoration, a teacher's employment terminated at the end of each school year, and a board of education could fire a teacher by the simple expedient of failing to issue a new contract. Often, teachers went well into the summer months under the assumption they would be employed again in the fall, only to find out they were out of a job.

Restoration of the continuing contract was expected to help matters since teachers were assured of a contract for the coming year unless notified otherwise by registered letter prior to the end of school. Dr. Dawson said the inherent weakness of the present system is that boards of education can still terminate a teacher's employment without citing a reason. The continuing contract law simply requires that a teacher be notified of dismissal, but it does not require that the board cite any reasons. Dr. Dawson said there have been numerous cases where the procedure for firing the teacher is questionable. He said at least some teachers have faced intimidation during the past year, and that in one case a white teacher in a Negro school found a cross burning in her yard.

He also pointed out that the 8 per cent ceiling set by the law on loans of \$50,000 or less secured by a first mortgage on real property will prohibit attraction of money from outside the state for residential construction. "Money for this purpose will be limited to that available locally," he explained.

**Economy To Be  
 Stimulated**

RALEIGH, N. C. - North Carolina's economy will be stimulated by the revision of interest rate laws enacted by the 1969 General Assembly, President Claude E. Pope of the North Carolina Economic Resources Association said today.

"Ceilings on interest rates which more nearly reflect economic realities will promote a more viable money market in the state. Since money is an essential ingredient for economic growth, it is evident that the action of the recently adjourned legislature will serve the best interests of all North Carolinians," Pope said.

"NCERA commends the General Assembly for taking steps to bring up-to-date the state's 70-year-old laws on interest rates. The searching debate on the issue, and the action taken, has done much to create public awareness of the problem and the need for effective, long-range solutions," he added.

Pope pointed out that further increases in interest rates in the national money market could negate some of the benefits of the new legislation. "While all of us may hope for a decline from the present historically high rates of interest, the fact is that the outlook is for a further rise. When market rates bump against legal ceilings, problems will arise," he said.

**Telephone  
 Talk**

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THE FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE CLASS was building up its chemical vocabulary, and the teacher called on a boy whose mother was a telephone operator. "What," she asked him, "are nitrates?" The boy hesitated. "I'm not quite sure," he answered finally, "but I do know they're cheaper than day rates!" He may not know much chemistry, but he does know the least expensive time to call long distance. On station-to-station calls, extra-low night rates are in effect after seven o'clock every night, and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Sara Duncan is your service representative. Sara's responsibility is to handle all telephone accounts for our customers in the Black Mountain exchange. And believe me, with 22 years experience, she knows the business. Taking orders for service, handling complaints, discussing bills, and her many other duties keep her busy. If you have a problem, need an extension, or for any other reason need assistance, give Sara a call. You'll find her friendly, efficient and helpful.

AND, IN THE PRE-SCHOOL SET, there was the four-year-old who scrambled up on a chair to answer the phone. Jumping down in a rush to call her Mommy, she dropped the handset. It crashed on the chair, fell off, and bounced against the wall. Looking very concerned, the young lady picked up the dangling phone and inquired sympathetically, "Are you hurt?" We appreciate her concern. Phones are made sturdy enough to take a lot of punishment, but it's still best to treat them gently.

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**Bell Analysis**

A Bell Laboratories mathematician recently exploded the old myth that baseball teams are more likely to split than sweep a double-header. Michael Goodman, of the Statistical Models and Methods Research Department at Murray Hill, N. J., is also a baseball fan and sports statistics buff. Analyzing major league double-headers played in 1964, he found that 58 per cent of them were swept. Moreover, he discovered that a good team was more likely to sweep a double-header than win two consecutive single games.

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