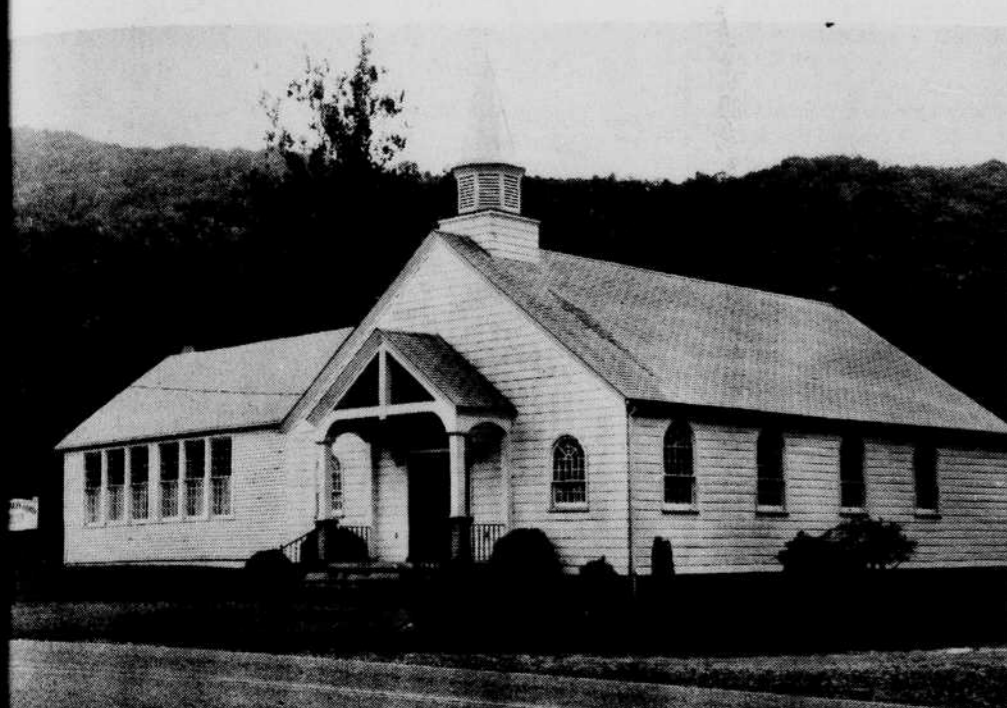


90th Year Celebration Sunday



One of the oldest and best loved of all community gatherings in the mountains is the Bee Tree Picnic held each year on the Bee Tree Christian Church. This year will make its nineteenth celebration. It is held each year on the first Sunday in September.

It is not a Sunday School or Church picnic, nor a reunion of a family, but a reunion or home coming for residents of the entire community as well as those from the cities nearby and other states.

Many prominent people have been speakers from year to year. These have included Governor Locke Craig, Governor J. Melville Broughton, James G. K. McClure, D. Hiden Ramsey, Judge Zeb V. Nettle, Judge Sam Cathey, and Governor Luther Hodges. Last year's speaker was Mrs. Charles D. Owen, Jr., member of the Buncombe County School Board. She was introduced by the present County Superintendent of Schools, Fred H. Martin.

The programs have not varied very much from year to year. Around ten o'clock in the morning the people start gathering in the church yard. They shake hands, talk about things in the past and "Do you remember", brings on long reminiscing about the past as well as discussion of new happenings and developments.

The program gets underway at eleven o'clock with the singing of an old hymn. Then a preacher is called upon to offer a prayer. Usually his prayer is one of thanks to God for the blessings that are ours; for fellowship, freedom, the beauty of the hills and the goodness of the people, their liberties and their privileges.

fried chicken, ham, all kinds of salads, meat, pies, preserves, homemade bread and fruit. The best cooks in the country are represented here.

After dinner many of the crowd return to the church for a continuation of the program, while others remain outside to talk over old times.

The years pass, then as now, saw many of the young people leave the Valley for service and work, but most try to get back on the first Saturday in September.

Many of those who were present in earlier years are no longer with us, but they are represented by children, grandchildren and even into the "great" grandchildren.

The people look forward to coming here from year to year to enjoy the fellowship and it reminds us that we can become so absorbed in our own little world and achievements in this fast moving modern world, that we must not forget the simple pleasure of fellowship with our fellowman and our need for God.

The closing lines from a poem by Ernest C. Durham of Raleigh, former chaplain, spoken in the N. C. Senate, are as appropriate today as when they were spoken by Governor Hodges in his address in 1957:

Thank God for people and especially every child, To whom we've kindly spoken and who looked on us and smiled. Thank God for what men say to others through their kindly eyes. Thank God for men whose radiant faces point us to the skies; Thank God for fellowship with others as we work and play, and while expressing kindred thoughts as we look up and pray. Yes, thank the Lord for fellow comrades, as we move along. While helping one another to receive new hope and song.

May the picnic continue for another ninety years of bringing friends together.

Another part of its history and also a help in continuing the tradition of the mountains is a square dance on Saturday night at the Swannanoa Club House. This is enjoyed by young and old.



New Pastor At United Methodist Church

The Reverend Joseph M. G. Warner recently assumed the duties as pastor of Black Mountain United Methodist Church. He is married to the former, Miss Carolyn Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pope, of Rose Hill, N. C.

They have three children, Joseph Mark, who is a junior at Owen High School, Anna Pope, who is a fourth grade student at Black Mountain, and Sarah Lee, who entered the first grade this year.

Mrs. Warner is a first grade teacher at Black Mountain Elementary School this year.

Mr. Warner received his A.B. Degree from High Point College in 1949 and his B.D. Degree from Duke University Divinity School in 1952. He has served the following Churches: Saint Luke, Commonwealth, Duncan Memorial, and Bethlehem in the Charlotte District and Oakley and Burnsville in the Asheville District.

Mr. Warner is a member of the Asheville District Board of Area in Ecumenical Affairs. The Warners have made their home in the Black Mountain United Methodist Church parsonage on Church Street. Mr. Warner's father, Mr. D. O. Warner, is living with them.

News-Bits

BY JAMES C. BARTHOLOMEW

The White House must be haunted. Men for years have spent \$ millions to occupy it, then seem to prefer to live elsewhere. Franklin Roosevelt had "Warm Springs" White House, Lyndon Johnson "Texas White House" Harry Truman, the "Little White House" at Key West, Dwight Eisenhower his "Palm Springs White House; and now Richard Nixon has San Clemente, Calif.; as "The Western White House". Jackie Kennedy could not have done a good job fixing up the White House, we wonder if she has started to re-arrange, or give a new look, to some of those ancient Greek structures at Athens, - The Parthenon, Nike Apteros, etc; perhaps her new husband Onassis, draws the line there.

REPUBLICAN LEADER EVERETT DIRKSON when prodded by one of the opposition, that Congress had accomplished very little in its first eight months replied "Well, we haven't done the Country any harm."

WATCH FOR Justice Dept. probe into Costra Nostra ties with Chicago's Mayor Daley's Democratic organizations. It is rumored it will go before a federal grand jury later this year.

F. B. I. Director, J. Edgar Hoover reported last week crime has increased 122 per cent since 1960, saying crime continues to outstrip population 11 to 1. Total citizen involvement for law and order is necessary. Call the police, report to the sheriff or dist. attorney if you know a crime is being perpetrated.

TIME MAGAZINE reports out on the Ted Kennedy affair, 823 were critical of his conduct.

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN states there is to be an autopsy in Asheville, on the bodies of the young couple who met death, being washed over the Rainbow Falls in swim suits. Must be a law for the very rich, and another for the not-so-rich, an autopsy was not necessary for the drowned girl companion of Ted.

TAXES & DEATH are two certainties in life, and if the first keeps increasing in its demands on taxpayers, the second certainty is soon to come as the only relief possible.

Lockadoo Reunion

The annual reunion of the Luckadoo family was held Sunday, August 24, in the Swannanoa Clubhouse, with Mrs. Rebecca McCraw as hostess. Approximately 100 attended a covered dish meal. The Luckadoo family originated in Ireland and its initial North American Settlement was Golden Valley township in Rutherford County, N. C.

Poem Getting Old?

Getting, no GOTTEN old I'm told since a fall, now on a cane I'm sold. My teeth falling out, likewise my hair, the funny thing is I really don't care. My eyesight's departing, I can't read fine print my temper is caustic, sharp as a flint. My ears miss the point of each yarn---I feel like screaming out "DARN" "Be brave and courageous and all that BLAH," "A Sweet little Lady---NOT ME, NO SAH!"

Valley Art Classes To Begin

Several painting classes will be sponsored by the Swannanoa Valley Art League beginning this month. These classes will be open to the public and a summary of the classes show opportunities for aspiring artists of all ages, the beginners as well as the more experienced.

Mrs. Allie Vining of Swannanoa will again be instructing beginners on Friday mornings and Tuesday evenings starting September 21st. Mr. Thomas Gilmarten of The Southern Highland Craft Guild will again be teaching Basic Principles of Painting on Thursday evenings beginning September 25th; and

Mr. Yest Van Der Meer, faculty member of The Asheville School for Boys, will continue his class in Basic Elements of Drawing and Painting starting September 27th, and a class for the more experienced painter, a course in Creative Painting beginning September 22nd, on Monday mornings.

For more detailed information as to times, places and costs, telephone Mrs. Charles Green of Black Mountain at 669-6325. Mrs. Green is the new Education Chairman for the Art League, succeeding Mrs. Robert J. Davidson of Swannanoa. We salute Mrs. Davidson for the outstanding job she has done for the past two years in securing such excellent instructors. We welcome the new chairman, Mrs. Green.

Coffee Funds Donated By Bell Employees

Southern Bell plant employees from the 24 O. Henry Avenue telephone center have presented a \$500 check for Irene Wortham Day Care Center to director Mike Burke. These funds were available from the employees' coffee fund profits. A member of the telephone group visiting Irene Wortham summed up the feelings of the other employees, "from personal experience we know of the need and the good work being carried out by the center and the selection was an easy one for us."

Other worthwhile community projects provided from this fund during the past few months have been the purchase of two pairs of eyeglasses for needy persons and a contribution to another employee with a severely ill child.

Bill Hoffman of Black Mountain is the foreman of the group of Southern Bell employees who have donated their coffee fund profits for two years to local charities.

Support Our Owen Warhorses

Owen High Cheerleaders -1969 Season



Shown above are the cheerleaders elected at Charles D. Owen High School for the 1969 football season. The squad is composed of 4 Seniors, 3 Juniors and 4 Sophomores. L to R (first row) Peggy Rozzell, Connie Connors, co-captains and Terry Buckner. (Second row) Doris Curtis, Beth Rice, Rhonda Singleton, Rebecca Singleton, Jane Gilbert, Lena Hussey, Dale Gordon and Sarah Andrews, Captain.

The girls have practiced long and hard all summer preparing for this years football season. Now that the season has begun, they are urging each and everyone of you to come and help support our Owen Warhorses.

Justus Couple Celebrates 69th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Justus of Black Mountain who were married September 4, 1900, will celebrate their 69th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 7. Their children and grandchildren will be hosts at open house in their home in Black Mountain on that day. Friends and relatives will be welcome to call between the hours of 2 and 5 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Justus have one daughter, Mrs. Glenn Brooks; one son, Mr. Roscoe Justus, both of Black Mountain. They also have seven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Warren Wilson Begins 76th Year

Warren Wilson College began its 76th academic year with a convocation in the college chapel. President Arthur M. Zimmerman presided and Dean Henry W. Jensen and Walter Anderson, president of the student senate, also took part in the opening ceremonies.

Mrs. Mary K. Scarbrough will continue to assist as assistant to the Deans and Admissions Officer. Mrs. Irving L. Churchill will join the library staff and Mrs. R. Mae Schultz will be director of Sage dormitory.

The college operates its own farm along the Swannanoa River. This supplies beef and pork for the dining hall. All students work on the farm or in maintaining buildings, grounds and various campus facilities.

Warren Wilson was organized in 1894 as boys' boarding school. It became a coeducational junior college in 1942. In 1963 the decision was made to expand the institution to senior college rank, and the first senior class was graduate last May.

Members of Warren Wilson's board of trustees from Western North Carolina are: Mrs. Charles D. Owen, Blittmore, Richard G. Jennings, Cashiers, John W. Spicer, Asheville, and Mrs. T. Henry Wilson, Morganton.

Dividend Announced

The directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company have announced a quarterly dividend of 60 cents per share of the company's stock.

The dividend will be payable Wednesday, October 1, to share owners of record on Thursday, August 28.

There are about 3.1 million share owners of AT&T stock.

Local Chapter Donates Funds For T.V.



The Rhododendron Chapter of the American War Mothers, Black Mountain, North Carolina, donated funds for a television set to the VA Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina. The check was presented to Dr. Linus A. Zink, Hospital Director, by Mrs. John Weaver, President (left), Mrs. Cora Whiteside, VAVs, and Mrs. Henrietta Edwards, secretary.

To complete the major construction the trustees of Warren Wilson have authorized a campaign for funds to construct modern physical education building on the campus. This will replace the present wooden gymnasium which was built in 1910 and is too small to handle the increased enrollment of the college. Grading of the new physical education building has been completed. New full-time members of faculty and staff at Warren Wilson this fall are: Dr. Cyrus Anderson, Education, Kenilworth, N. C.; Betty L. Bauer, English, Betty Burriss, Art, Chung-Yun Chung, History, Dr. Irving L. Churchill, English, Samuel S. Fry, Mathematics, Dr. Francis P. Hulme, English, Dr. Gordon Neuringer, History, Myler Robinson, Music, Dr. Edward Scott, Philosophy, Evelyn E. Sellers, French, Dr. Ward E. Thomas, Sociology, Barbara Jean Vanover, Education.