



## District Governor At Local Rotary Meeting

Dr. Jesse P. Chapman, District Governor of Rotary International, was the guest of the local club at the Travel Eze Restaurant, Tuesday, December 23 at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Chapman discussed plans for the District Convention which will be held at Assembly Inn, Montreat, in April. Members brought gifts for the family they had adopted for Christmas. The program, an original story, "What Became of the Gifts the Wise Men Presented to the Christ Child" was given by Mrs. Uva Miracle.

## Friends Of Library Hear Talk On Historic Clocks

Monday at 8 o'clock the Friends of the Black Mountain Library will hear Mr. Joseph Fox speak on clocks — clocks in recent history. Mr. Fox is an authority on clocks; he builds them — not just plain clocks but those that do interesting things. For those who come early to the meeting in the Education Room at the library, there will be some fascinating books on clocks to look at. These are from Mr. Fox's own library. Black Mountain is very fortunate to have an artisan and inventor of Mr. Fox's caliber. He is a native of Wisconsin, studied at Marquette University, served in the Air Force in World War II, was Editor of a magazine on Trains.

## Rehab Center Gets Writeup

The new Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in the Swannanoa Valley was written up in "Resume," a bi-monthly newsletter published by the N. C. Dept. of Mental Health recently. The brief story concerned the center's dedication ceremonies on Oct. 9, at which Lt. Governor Taylor was speaker. The dedication was in conjunction with a meeting of the State Board of Mental Health, held at the center the night before. For eight years he was a television Art Director, and just prior to coming to Black Mountain with his family, he served in the U.S. Foreign Service, the last two years as Peace Corps representative in Borneo. The Friends of the Library extend a very warm welcome to the public to attend this lecture.

EDITH FREEMAN, president of the Black Mountain Club, is shown presenting J. Lewis Parrish, Superintendent of the Juvenile Evaluation Center a check to be used for buying Christmas gifts for the children.

## Juvenile Center Holiday Made Bright By Pilots

Christmas at the Juvenile Evaluation Center was given a boost by Black Mountain Club. A delightful party for all the youngsters and Santa Claus came to call. The donor list previously published has grown even more. Recent additions were: Mrs. Vivian Gibson, Mrs. Ralph Magnan, Lowry Turpin, Sally Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. James Shuford, Mrs. T. V. Lusk, Mrs. M. C. Stanley, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion and B. Corbett.



CURRIER AND IVES never created a more beautiful scene than Pine Lodge after the nine inch snowfall on Christmas Day. Located near the Montreat Gate in Black Mountain, it was one of many lovely settings around the valley. A day after the heavy snow the sun came out brilliantly, causing sharp contrast between the

sparkling whiteness on the ground and the darker woodwork that prevails on many valley homes. By Sunday warmer temperatures and heavy traffic had turned the beauty into dark brown slop. More snow scenes around the valley are on page four. (Photos by Jim Aycock.)

## Greenwood Sees 1969 As Year Of Challenge

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After a year in office, Chairman Gordon Greenwood of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, said 1969 was an interesting year, one full of challenge.

Greenwood said, "During the preparation of the present budget, the county commissioners were able to increase services to the people of Buncombe County by \$515,000 without an increase in taxes."

Greenwood said the single biggest financial shot in the arm for the county this year was the voter-approved one per cent additional sales tax, which will go into effect March 1, 1970.

"We don't know yet how much the sales tax will produce, but we are dedicated to allocating at least half of the revenue to the improvement of schools in Buncombe County, including the city schools," Greenwood said.

Greenwood said after the personnel in the health and welfare departments are moved into their \$2.3 million quarters under construction across from the Courthouse on College Street, the commissioners hope to start work on a \$330,000 Courthouse renovation. It will provide 11 courtrooms with additional space for court personnel which will be needed when the District Court system is implemented here next Dec. 1.

The county also is in the process of providing a \$250,000 para-medical building to train personnel in the medical-related professions at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute.

Greenwood said, "None of this would have been possible without the fully support and cooperation of Commissioners John Daniel and Roy Trantham."

## Deep Snow On Christmas Day Turns Valley Into Winter Wonderland

### "White Christmas" Thrills Young And Old With Beauty

It was a White Christmas in the Swannanoa Valley as the weather made news here and around the country. Nine inches fell in our area of the state, transforming bleak winter into beautiful winter wonderland.

Snow began falling at mid-morning on Christmas Day. Slight accumulation remained from snow several days earlier but the new snow quickly covered everything. Temperatures in the twenties assured us all that melting would take several days.

The holiday period meant that most people failed to get time off from work because of snow... they were already off anyway. By the next day travel was possible with caution and everyone working was expected to be there.

Law officers were quoted as saying the road conditions were as bad as any seen in recent years. Highways in the mountains were impassable as accumulations there were often twice that in the lower areas. Flights into and out of the Asheville airport operated on

schedule except cities closed by the snowstorm.

Power failures were no problem in the valley, where no sleet fell and snow appeared dry. Most accumulation was on the ground. Trees and power lines failed to hold the powdery stuff.

Counties around Buncombe reported various depths, with Mitchell having 21 inches in places and eastern counties having less than Buncombe.

No traffic fatalities in the county appeared to be caused by snow, although there were many minor collisions and skids. Some cars were abandoned.

### Zoning May Be Law Next Week

Zoning in Black Mountain may be law after the next city council meeting, reports R. T. Greene, city manager. Final consideration will be given to the proposed ordinances in the city hall at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 8, the next regularly scheduled meeting, Greene said. The public is invited to attend.

### Swannanoa Men's Club

The Swannanoa Men's Club will meet at the Community Center in Grovemont on Monday January 5, 1970. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Members and guests are urged to give the club a boost for the new year by attending.

### Reader Tells Us Of Christmas In Florida

Just in case some grouchy folks didn't like our White Christmas here in Swannanoa Valley, we are letting them know how it was in Florida on that joyous day. The following poem was sent to us by Mina Kerlee of Naples, Fla, just for us frozen readers up here.

CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA  
T was the night before Christmas and all thru the town  
No noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down.

No children in flannels were tucked into bed  
They all wore their shorty pajamas instead.

To find wreaths of holly was not very hard,  
For holly trees sprouted right in the back yard.

In front of the houses were daddy's and moms  
Adorning the bushes and coconut palms.

The slumbering kiddies were dreamin in glee,  
And hoped they'd find water skis under the tree.

They all knew that Santa was well on the way,  
In a Mercedes Benz instead of a sleigh.

And soon he arrived and started to work,  
He hadn't a second to linger or shirk.

Children with new sleds for Christmas were delighted; those with bicycles had long faces. By the weekend warmer temperatures had melted most of the snow and the countryside looked sloppy. By press time Tuesday all was gone except for the deep drifts and mild temperatures promised that even they would quickly disappear. A soft rain speeded the process.

He whizzed up the hiways and zoomed up the roads  
In an SL-300, delivering his loads.

The tropical moon gave the city a glow,  
And lighted the way for Santa below.

As he jumped from the auto he gave a weak chuckle  
He was dressed in bermudas with an ivy league buckle.

There weren't any chimneys but that caused no gloom,  
For Santa came in thru the Florida room.

He stopped at each house, stayed only a minute,  
And emptied his sack of the stuff that was in it.

Before he departed, he treated himself,  
To the glass of papaya juice left on the shelf.

Then he turned with a jerk and bounced back to the car,  
Remembering still he had to go very far.

He shifted the gears and stepped on the gas,  
And up highway 41 he went like a flash.

And I heard him exclaim as he went on his way,  
"Merry Christmas", Naples... I wish I could stay.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Spirit of the

New Year brings to mind a greater appreciation of old acquaintances and a higher value of close friendships. Lest we not forget our loyal friends and neighbors, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your good will throughout the year and to wish you good health and prosperity, always.

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