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Blue Ridge Assembly Receives \$100,000 Gift For Memorial Chapel

The YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly is the recipient of a \$100,000 personal gift for the construction of a chapel and three rooms to be joined to the Blue Ridge Center. The gift is from Mrs. Charles (Billie Camp) Younts and will be a memorial to her parents the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas Camp.

As a general rule when such a gift is given to an organization only facts are reported and we (the people of the Valley) never get the opportunity to know anything at all about the "giver". This time is different. Frank Washburn, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Assembly invited us to lunch with "Miss Billie" and we spent several hours with her and oh what a wonderful, gracious, charming, Christian, southern lady she is. We were also pleasantly surprised to find we already knew her equally wonderful husband, Charles Younts, through the Black Mountain Rotary Club which he attends regularly during the time he spends at Blue Ridge. But this story is mostly about "Miss Billie" and her love and concern for others. May I just tell it to you as I saw it in her?

Miss Billie's father was the founder of the Union Camp Paper Mills, these grew out of the Camp Manufacturing

Corporation. Born in Franklin, Va. on a plantation, which has been in her family since an original land grant from the King of England, she grew up with her sister Miss Ruth, of whom she was especially fond and the rest of a very close knit family. She adored her father and they were great buddies, riding horse back together and just sharing little joys.

The Younts first came to Blue Ridge in 1945 when they and others persuaded Dr. Weatherford to open the Assembly, which had been during the war years for the Southern Industrial Conference. While there they learned Dr. Weatherford would be willing to sell it for \$125,000. Upon returning to Atlanta, Mr. Younts, who had always loved the YMCA and was President of the Atlanta Division, felt the Southern Division should own Blue Ridge and started a movement to raise money to buy Blue Ridge. Each YMCA in the South contributed and now they own it. This is still "Miss Billie's" story - I'm only quoting her.

"When we first came to Blue Ridge we stayed at Asheville Hall. The grounds were so muddy I crawled out the window to the driest ground and walked to Robert E. Lee Hall." She laughingly told us.

"Blue Ridge has grown much. Especially under Frank's leadership."

A ship board romance brought Billie and Charles together in a love affair that has lasted for 46 years. "We were both not so young when we met," she said. "But when I saw him I said, 'That's My Man!' I don't know how many young men had my glove size but I'd never really cared for anyone before. Charles said he remembered me as the girl wearing more orchids than he'd ever seen before." It was oh so very evident that they not only still love each other very much, but truly like each other. They have no children but share their bounty with thousands of children.

"I used to sit on the porch of Robert E. Lee Hall and dream and vision a lovely chapel just down the hill and in front, then suddenly one day I realized a building was going up, the Blue Ridge Center. I thought my dream of a chapel was gone. Then Frank (Washburn) proposed having a Chapel, a science laboratory connected with the Center and I concurred. The Chapel will be Paul Douglas and Ella Camp Memorial."

The new chapel will have a seating capacity of 250. It will be 50 feet long and the interior will be 48 x 40 feet. The interior back wall will be of

stone with a hanging cross. (The interior will be very similar to the Chapel at Warren Wilson College.)

There will be two additional meeting rooms and the Science Laboratory will be used to conduct a college science program in cooperation with UNC-Asheville.

Blue Ridge is not the only area to be aided by this lady and her family. They gave the land for the Paul Douglas Camp Community College in Franklin, Va. They also donated land for an industrial complex and a recreational park to Franklin.

"God has so blessed and prospered us. He has been so good to all of us that to serve Him and show our thanks to Him we must reach out and help others."

She and her beloved sister, Ruth, who died in December, and for whom she is still deeply grieving, are giving \$250,000 to the Salem Baptist Orphanage. Miss Ruth left \$125,000 in her will and Miss Billie is matching it.

No jet setters these great folks. The Lord has prospered them and they share their bounty and blessings with others.



JUNIOR AND DIANE BROWN are the new owners of what was formerly David's Restaurant on Richardson Blvd. It will now be called Brown's Restaurant. Both Diane and Junior are natives of Black Mountain. They pledge the same time service as in the past and will be catering to the working public of Black Mountain. The restaurant will be observing the same hours as previously except they will be open additionally from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday serving an evening meal. (Photo by Marilyn Rucinski)

Yale Alumni Awards Medal To Dr. Holden

President Reuben A. Holden of Warren Wilson College was awarded the Yale Medal for outstanding service to Yale University at an Alumni Day luncheon ceremony in New Haven, Conn., Saturday.

Donald E. Bitsberger of Boston, Mass., president of the Yale Alumni Association, read Dr. Holden's citation, and Yale President Kingman Brewster, Jr. presented the award. More than 900 alumni and their wives were present.

Dr. Holden's citation follows: "Ben Holden's degrees from Yale are impressive and numerous. However, his service to Yale spans as many decades as the number of degrees he holds, and the variety of that service far outpaces any such number. While he has been a leader of the University professionally, this award is made to him for his many volunteer activities for Yale and for New Haven, and as an expression of gratitude on behalf of the literally thousands of alumni whom he has befriended and helped in all manner of ways, far in excess of any requirements of his professional responsibilities. Special note should be made of how he labored to alleviate the traditional frictions and abrasions which, for generations, have kept Town and Gown apart."

"For all these services, which would require volumes rather than sentences to enumerate, the Association of Yale Alumni proudly awards this unofficial ambassador of good will, its highest honor, the Yale Medal."

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale Class in 1940, Dr. Holden was discharged as Lt. Col. from the Army in 1946 and



DR. REUBEN A. HOLDEN

spent one year as assistant to the Dean of Yale College. He was made assistant to the president in 1947, associate secretary of the University in 1951, and secretary in 1953 - a post he held until he resigned to come to Warren Wilson in 1971.

During the post-war period he did graduate study at Yale, receiving his M.A. degree in 1948 and his Ph.D. degree in 1951.

Yale awarded him the honorary degree of L.H.D. in 1971. This was the first time the University had ever granted an honorary degree to an active member of its administration.

In addition to his numerous community activities which he was in New Haven, Dr. Holden wrote three books, "Yale-in-China, The Mainland", a history of the Yale-in-China Association; "Yale: A Pictorial History"; and "Profiles and Portraits of Yale University Presidents."

Corner Stone Unveiling At Highland Farms

On Monday afternoon R. Curtis Ratcliff, Chairman of the Buncombe County Commissioners, took a leading part in the unveiling of a cornerstone on one of the buildings in a large new apartment complex now under construction at Highland Farms Retirement Community. Taking part in this ceremony also was Allen Rice, junior member of the construction firm of H.M. Rice of Weaverville in charge of the project, and Ron Jenkins, representing Clyde Savings and Loan Association, which is helping to finance the project. Paul Limbert, president of the Board of directors of Highland Farms, Inc., presided at the unveiling. Chester Prentice, executive director, described briefly the over-all plan for the new building.

In his comments preceding the unveiling Mr. Ratcliff spoke highly of this important

contribution to the housing of older citizens and expressed pleasure that this is a successful enterprise which give tax-paying support to Buncombe County.

There will be 66 apartments in the new complex in addition to a greenhouse, workshop, and other features for all Highland Farms residents. Added to the 60 apartments already in use, this is by far the largest housing development in the Swannanoa Valley. Mrs. Bunny Harris, Residence Director, reports that 70 percent of the new apartments are already reserved by the payment of the pre-entry fee.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the stockholders of Highland Farms, Inc. was held on Monday afternoon. In his report, President Limbert commented on the sound financial situation of the corporation at a time when economic conditions in

general have been uncertain. The Health Care Center, adjacent to the apartments, has been operating at full occupancy for several months with a long waiting list. Mr. Prentice outlined several possible directions for future expansion: additional rooms for the Health Care Center, cottages to be built on the eastern side of the 50-acre property, or possibly a residential hotel for persons or couples who are unable to live independently in apartments.

Re-elected as Directors of the corporation were Miss Winnie Coxe, Mr. Frank Washburn and Mrs. Hubert White. Also elected for a two-year term was Mr. Roy Olofson, The Officers of the Corporation were re-elected: Paul M. Limbert, president; Edward L. DuPuy, Vice-President; Judge William M. Styles, secretary; and Chester H. Prentice, Executive, Vice-President and Treasurer.



GROUNDBREAKING — The cornerstone for an additional 64 retirement apartments was unveiled Monday afternoon at Highland Farms near Black Mountain. Participating in the ceremony were (L-R): Chet Prentice, executive director of Highland Farms; R. Curtis Ratcliff, chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners; and Dr. Paul Limbert, president of Highland Farms. The new apartments will be in addition to 60 units and a 60-bed health care center now at the development. (Photo by Edward DuPuy)

C. Roger Hibbard New Assoc.

Director At Blue Ridge Assembly

Edward V. Welch, Vice-President and Chairman of the Personnel Committee of the Blue Ridge Board of Directors, announces the appointment of C. Roger Hibbard, Assistant General Director, YMCA of Durham, N.C. to the position of Associate Executive Director.

Mr. Hibbard was born in Charlotte, N.C., attended Furman University with a BA degree in Business Administration, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1966. He attended Springfield College receiving a Master of Education degree with a major in Community Leadership and Development.

He served in the United States Army Adjutant General's Corps as a First Lieutenant 1968-70.

His professional YMCA experience includes serving as Physical Director at the Johnston Memorial YMCA in Charlotte 1967-68, Executive Director YMCA Camp Cheerio in High Point, N.C., 1970-74, and as Assistant General Director in the Durham YMCA responsible for the Central Branch and the financial management of the Association 1974 until his recent appointment as the new Associate Executive at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly. He is a senior YMCA director, an American Camping Association certified camp director. He is a member of the Association of Professional Directors, ACA, the Appalachian Trail Conference, and serves as treasurer of the North Carolina Chapter of the APD.

His community activities include membership in the North Durham Rotary Club.

His honors and recognitions include being listed among Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, Outstanding

Young Men in America 1972, and Among Men of Achievement 1973.

Mr. Hibbard and his wife, Rosalyn, have one daughter, Allison. They will be assuming their responsibilities on May 1, 1976.

**Town Board
Meeting
Monday Night
March 8
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.**



A TIGHT SPOT — Police Chief C. E. Slagie provides a police escort to help move this house from Lakey St. to School Rd.



THE CONSTRUCTION in the background is for the new chapel at Blue Ridge Assembly. It will be a memorial to Paul Douglas and Ella Camp and is being given by their daughter Mrs. Billie Camp

Younts. Left to right are Bill Watts, Jr. of Birmingham, President of the Board of YMCA; "Miss Billie", Mr. Charles and Frank Washburn, Executive Director of Blue Ridge Assembly.

3 - Day - A - Week Mail Service Studied

Some members of Congress and leaders of postal unions said Friday that the country would not accept a cutback in mail delivery to three days a week.

Three-day-a-week delivery is among the options open to the deficit-plagued Postal Service in its campaign to cut costs. J. T. Ellington, a senior assistant postmaster general, disclosed in an interview.

Ellington said "our most immediate option" is eliminating delivery on Saturday or one other day of the week.

Postal officials had previously said they were considering such a move. Eliminating delivery on Saturday would save \$350 million per year and the savings would be somewhat higher if delivery were dropped on a business day, they said.

"We are not excluding anything from consideration," Ellington added.

The Postal Service would have to obtain approval of the Postal Rate Commission, an independent agency, before eliminating any service.

Asked about three-day-a-week delivery, Chairman Charles H. Wilson of the House postal facilities subcommittee said, "It's ridiculous even to consider anything like that."

It's stupid," Wilson, D-Calif., said, "This is going to stir up the American people considerably."

Another member of the subcommittee, Paul Simon, D-Ill., said, "This is another step in the wrong direction. The Postal Service is making the same mistake that the railroads did. If they cut back service, they are just going to increase their deficits."

Sen. Gale McGee, D-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, said, "I don't expect three-day service unless others outside the

Postal Service fail to live up to their responsibilities. I'm speaking about Congress and the President."

McGee is sponsoring a bill to ease the Postal Service's financial crisis by doubling its

congressional subsidy for three years. The postal deficit is estimated to reach a record \$1.5 billion for the fiscal year ending June 30.

McGee said the Postal Service does not believe three-day-a-week delivery "would be good postal policy. But they do have to stay solvent. They have to have some alternative ready so that they can pay their bills."