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Chamber Chatter

ED WEBER tend a luncheon meeting at Montreat Anderson College on Tuesday, April 20th. A great opportunity to learn more about one of our fine local colleges. Call 669-2300 for reservations.

I. DIRECTORS MEETING: Breakfast Meeting 0745 hours Wednesday, April 14th Highland Farms.

II. REGULAR LUNCHEON MEETING: Everyone is invited to at-

Report From The Office Of Town Manager

This week I would like to ask the citizens of Black Mountain to cooperate with the Town Management in making suggestions and/or expressing opinions about the Town's new swimming pool and how you feel it should be managed. We are still planning that the pool be open in June, and are in the process of making out a schedule for the pool that will be as beneficial to the greatest number of our citizens as possible.

We would appreciate some public opinion in the following areas: What do you expect the admission price to be for children or adults? What should a family and a single membership cost? What hours would you like the pool to be open?

Not only would we be open to consider your suggestions, but this is your chance as a citizen of your Town to express your opinion and be heard. Just drop your comments by the Town Hall between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or send us a card with your suggestions in the mail. Our mailing address is: 225 West State Street, Black Mountain.

Any person who is interested in applying for lifeguard this summer at the pool, please stop by Town Hall and pick up an application form. All persons who will be considered are required to have an up-to-date Water Safety Instructor's certification.

This Week In The Valley

- THURSDAY, APRIL 8**
12:30 - Kiwanis at Monte Vista Hotel
6:30 - Black Mountain Lions Club at Monte Vista Hotel
- FRIDAY, APRIL 9**
10 a.m. - A.A.R.P. at Black Mountain Library
7:30 p.m. - Gospel Sing, Lakewood Baptist
- SATURDAY, APRIL 10**
2 - 4 p.m. Potpourri, Black Mountain Library
1 - 3 p.m. Registration Summer League Ball Grammar School
- SUNDAY, APRIL 11**
Attend the church of your choice.
- MONDAY, APRIL 12**
7:30 p.m. - Town Board Meeting, City Hall
2 p.m. - Black Mountain Woman's Club Board Meeting, Black Mountain Savings & Loan
1 p.m. - Great Balloon Ascension, Black Mountain Grammar School
- TUESDAY, APRIL 13**
12:30 - Rotary Club, Highland Farms
7 p.m. - Swannanoa Valley Lions Club, Holiday Inn East
7:30 p.m. - Lioness Club, B & J Drug Swannanoa
10 a.m. - League Women Voters, Shepherd House, W-W College
7:30 p.m. - Bicentennial Celebration, Owen High School
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**
2:30 p.m. - Black Mountain Woman's Club, Black Mountain Library
7:45 a.m. - Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Highland Farms
- THURSDAY, APRIL 15**
12:30 p.m. - Kiwanis, Monte Vista
All clubs and organizations are urged to please get their schedule of meetings so we can perfect a permanent calendar for each week.



DAM SAFETY Coordinator J. C. Bumgarner probes into what went wrong with the dam that failed in February near Canton. At left is consulting engineer Charles Gardner of Law Engineering, the firm hired recently by the owner of the dam to destroy it. J. C. is a former resident of Black Mountain.

Bumgarner Named Dam Safety Coordinator

The loss of four lives during the early morning failure of an earthen dam in western North Carolina during February has focused attention on the state's dam safety program.

Legislation established the program in 1967, but it wasn't until 1971 that funding was provided for one full-time employee. His chief task was to review an comment on proposals for new dams. During the past year two new positions have been added. J. C. Bumgarner has been named Dam Safety Coordinator.

But inventories and estimates indicate that as many as 2000 existing dams in North Carolina fall under the scope of the program. In general any dam higher than

15 feet can be regulated by the state, however, the Dam Safety Act of 1967 does not require owners to register existing dams with the state - only proposed dams must be examined.

With part-time help from state sedimentation control and mine reclamation engineers the three dam safety inspectors will be able to examine approximately 400 existing and proposed dams each year out of the total of 2000 or more eligible for inspection.

The N. C. General Assembly may be asked to deal with the program in their upcoming session.

J. C. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bumgarner of Black Mountain.

Revival Calvary Free Will Baptist

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, on U.S. 70, West, Swannanoa, will begin a series of Revival Services on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Services will continue through April 17 at the same hour.

The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Larry Hughes, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Canton.

Special music will be provided by the church choir and visiting soloist and vocal groups.

The Rev. Frank Cantrell, pastor, and the congregation request your presence at these services to worship with them.

Common Cause Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for Common Cause's 11th Congressional District will be held on Sunday, April 11, 1976 at 3 p.m. at Humanities Lecture Hall on the UNC-Asheville campus.

Principal speaker will be George M. Jensen, WNC activist recently profiled in the Asheville Citizen. Major topic for discussion will be "Campaign '76" with a briefing on what local Common Cause members have done thus far to make the presidential candidates listen and respond to the real needs and questions of North Carolina residents.

Common cause is a non-partisan citizens lobby dedicated to good government at the federal, state, and local levels. Members, and non-members are invited. Refreshments will be served.

A Man Who Loved Black Mountain

By **ALFRED "BUB" TYSON**
Betty and I recently visited our son and his wife in Tucson, Arizona. While there, I went to see a man who lived here in the late 1920's - His name is George Bideaux.

George was in World War I. About 1923, he was trying to regain his health and decided to go to Florida. On his way, he stopped off in Black Mountain to see a friend he had been in the army with, Mr. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Fitzgerald had organized a Chamber of Commerce here and George happened in just as a meeting was in progress. Later, Mr. Fitzgerald told George that he also was planning a trip to Florida in a few days, so they could go down together and suggested that George stay at the Monte Vista a few days. Neither of them ever went to Florida and George stayed here for the next 5 or 6 years, and made a host of friends.

About 1929 George was offered a position with the Associated Press in San Bernardino, Ca. The job was to

begin about April 1 of the next year. So George decided to go out early and take his time going across the country. He bought a ticket to El Paso, Texas. On the way, he met a man from Tucson, Arizona who extolled the virtues of Arizona to him. When they reached El Paso, there was a raging blizzard, so George just bought a ticket on to Tucson. He has been there ever since. He never got to San Bernardino.

George homesteaded 40 acres of land at the foot of the mountains, just west of Tucson, but never could get sufficient water and let Uncle Sam have the land back.

When I went by George's Rock Collection Shop, I only meant to stop for just a few minutes, but he would have none of that. He wanted to know about his old friends. So he took me to lunch in the swanky Pueblo Club atop one of Tucson's tallest buildings. At his questioning, I proceeded to tell him about almost everyone who lived in our little town in the late 20's. You would be amazed at his memory.

He asked me about the

Garlands, The Browns, The Simpsons like Cook, Cecil Nanney, Ben Hunter, Jim Dougherty, Clyde Jumper, The Phillips family, The Hardwicks, my sister Martha, The Carlands - just to mention a few who are still with us and gosh knows how many of his old friends like Mike Miller, Herman Saunders, Bob Hines, Adrian Hardwick, Ronald Finch, Tom Pierce, Bill Cooper, N. C. Shuford, Perry Priest, The Sanfords, The Morgans and many more who are not here now.

I know I have left out many of his friends that he asked about.

George has seen Tucson grow from a raw little town to a big city. In his time there, he has owned the Bisbee Newspaper and an interest in the famous "Tomestone Epitaph."

He told me that he had not planned to come back to Black Mountain again because he felt he would know no one. But after he found out he still had many old friends here, I would not be surprised to see George walking the streets of Black Mtn. once again. - I hope he does.

Valley Happenings

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held by the Mountain Triangle Temple at 209 Lakey Street from 9:00 til 5:00 Saturday, April 10.

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BENEFIT GOSPEL SINGING

The Lakewood Baptist Church is sponsoring a Benefit Gospel Singing, Friday April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Among those on the program is the Fellowship Quartet and the Davis Trio. There will not be an admission charge but a free will offering will be taken for the Building Fund.

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BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

A Bicentennial Program "The First White Settler West Of The French Broad river, Captain William Moore and The First White Settler West Of The Blue Ridge Samuel Davidson." April 13, 1976, Swannanoa Valley Lions Club, Meeting 7 p.m. Holiday Inn, East, program chairman is club president Wynn Corn.

F. Jack Cole, president of Carolina Federal Savings & Loan Association, Asheville will present these programs. The slide presentation includes Captain Moore's story of the General Griffith Rutherford Expedition against the Cherokee in 1776 and Moore's return to settle in Hominy Valley, the first white settler West of the French Broad River. Included in the program is the story of Samuel Davidson, killed in 1784 by the Cherokee on the ridge line of Jones Mountain. Davidson was the first white settler in Buncombe County, West of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in Swannanoa.

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SUMMER LEAGUE BALL REGISTRATION

All children wishing to play Summer League Ball must register for teams, Wednesday, April 7th, at 4:30 thru 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 10th, at 1:00 thru 3:00 p.m. at the Grammar School Field.

Children that will start First Grade in August 1976 will be eligible to play.

All children MUST present Proof of Age, (Not to be taken up). No registration fees at this time.

- "T" League 6-8 Yrs.
- Little League 9-12 Yrs.
- Girls' Softball 6-15

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Swannanoa Valley Unit of the League will meet on Tuesday, April 13, 10 a.m., at Shepard House, Warren Wilson College. Representatives of the Tax Committee, of which Sybil Thompson is chairman, will be present to help the group delve further into questions raised in the general meeting held on the preceding Thursday in Asheville.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIE

"Man in the Wilderness" will be shown in Warren Wilson College's Bannerman Hall this Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7.50.

"Man in the Wilderness" stars Richard Harris as Zack Bass, a man left to die in the Northwest Wilderness after being mauled by a bear. It's the stirring story of one man's courage, determination and will to live.

The public is invited to attend.

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MASONS

Masonic Lodge 663 will meet in Emergent Communication for conferring the Master Mason's Degree, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday April 8 at the Lodge Hall. All members are urged to attend.

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A.A.R.P. MEETS FRIDAY

The Swannanoa Valley Chapter 225 of A.A.R.P. will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 9, in the education room of the Black Mountain Library. Bob Terrell of the Asheville Citizen will show slides of The Holy Land. Members and friends are invited to the social hour at 9:30.

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MISS LOUISE HARRIS was the First Place winner in the Advertising Division of the Buncombe County School's Art Festival held recently in Asheville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris, Jr. of Ridgecrest and a student at Charles D. Owen High School. Miss Ann Knight is her Art Instructor. Miss Harris' winning entry was a formal invitation in black decal letters on white.

Little known ten years ago it has become almost as common as syphilis and gonorrhoea. And, genital herpes can have serious consequences. Children born to mothers suffering from this type of herpes can develop Neo Natal herpes which is most often fatal. Also, there appears to be evidence that women with herpes run a greater risk of developing cervical cancer.

Right now there is neither a certain treatment or cure for genital herpes. Although researchers feel that eventually a vaccine may be the answer, none is close to development.

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