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Eighth Medical Center Fair

By UVA MIRACLE
Our Bicentennial Year and the for our Medical Center Booster's Eighth Fair this weekend June 26-27 from 9-7 at the First Baptist Church grounds on Montreat Road. Eighth Fair??? Was it really eight years ago that the Valley folks started the Swannanoa Valley Medical Center Fair?? It was begun with a hope and a dream and a prayer. A hope and a dream, that through the prayer and hard work, has become a reality in our well staffed, beautifully appointed Medical Center.

Yes, the dream is a reality but the cost goes on. The Fair and Thrift Shop have furnished the "back-up" funds, the potatoes to complement the meat, since it was begun. This year's Fair is a tribute to our beloved "Ernie" who has worked with such patience, long hours of frustrating mental and physical toil to weld the whole affair into a workable, complete whole. Our thanks Ernie. You say this is your last one but I can't believe it. Come next spring the Old Fire Hoss will be chomping at the bit and ready to run.

Many of the old stand-bys will be manning their booths again this year but several new faces will be on hand. The Fair will open at 9:00 a.m. so why bother to cook breakfast. The Black Mountain First Baptist Church will be serving those mouth watering hot ham biscuits and coffee. The folks from Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center will have their world renowned doughnuts. So there's a breakfast "fit for a king."

The very finest in all types of baked good will be on sale at the AARP Booth. Pies, cakes, bread baked by the best cooks in the world, the ladies from Our Valley. If there is something special you want call a member of A.A.R.P. and ask them to reserve it for you.

While we're still on the subject of food — The Pilot's Club is again serving the finest hot dogs under the sun. The hot dogs are special because those gals concoct the most super delicious gook to put on them.

Feel like a hamburger big as the plate it is served on? Just drop around to the Rotary Club's Hamburger Palace. Those guys, make almost as

good trimmings as the Pilot Club gals, for their all beef hamburgers.

The Swannanoa Woman's Club will have gallons of good cold cokes, Pepsis, Sprites and etc. to wash it all down with and you can top it all off with refreshing ice cream from the Black Mountain Swannanoa Junior Woman's Club plus A.A.R.P. Cake.

The Fair, as always, will be a mecca for those seeking the unusual in arts and crafts, for gifts or their personal use. The greatest number of Craftsman ever assembled in this area will be presenting their specialties for you. Many of these displayed their wares at last week's Appalachian Craftsmen Fair in the Asheville Mall. If you saw something there you wanted and didn't get it, you may be able to get it at the Fair and help your Medical Center.

Connie McMeans will again be offering her beautiful and unusual enamel and copper jewelry. Handmade Pottery will be on display by Lisa Milton, Betty Kadan and Happy Valley Pottery. Leather Crafts will be a relatively new comer to the Fair. Linda J. Jly will be presenting leather crafts and jewelry, also Double Eagle Leather Craft.

Anna and Wilson McMakin will again be offering their beautifully crafted jewelry set with semi-precious stones. Georgia DeWick will have on display and for sale rocks and minerals.

None of us will ever forget Alice Turner's Peppermint Patches Boutique. She will be offering her exquisite hand work in quilts, place mats, napkins and we hope some of her fabulous stuffed toys.

If you are seeking the unusual in a toy for a child look to Don Renthro's booth for toys of solid wood. He also has many of our true mountain toys that our parents and grandparents enjoyed.

The "Glass Blower", Claymer Miller of Enka will be on hand to amaze and fascinate you with his skill. His blown glass objects will also be on sale.

"Games for Kids" will again be featured by the Kiwanis Club. This gives the youngsters a break in things largely grown-up.

A Variety Shop will be the offering of ABCCM. A little bit of everything!

The Swannanoa Valley Art

League will have their usual lovely display of paintings. You can usually find something in every field of painting and in any media. There may possibly be some other craft mediums.

Hand made brooms, for every day use or to add a decorative touch to a hearth will be available at Ralph Gates' booth.

Pots by Suzy, made by our Suzy and Jim Buckner, has a variety of all colors and shapes of hanging pots for small plants and sweet potato plants. You can get the plants, for the pots, from the ladies of the Black Mountain Woman's Club. These ladies have the greenest thumbs around, will offer an unusual variety of flowering and foliage plants.

Those talented W.N.C. Hospital Volunteers will have many hand made articles such as pillow cases, quilts, stuffed toys and etc. in their booth.

Holly Hill Ceramics always present the unique in their display.

To make an outfit really your try adorning it with hand painted buttons from the booth of Markham Stearn. They also will have matching ear rings.

Other hand crafts will be presented by Debby Miller, Kay Cole, Mrs. D.L. McLamb, Paul Revis, Crafts by Connor, Blanche Sherrell, these folks of "The Thrift Shop" into categories so come for a pleasant surprise.

The Thrift Shop will have old and new items at bargain prices.

Mr. Head and His Boys will operate as usual - with this - that and the other for you.

If you cleaned out your book

shelves for the Friends of The Library go by the Booth and buy some that some one else donated.

The F. W. flag sales will give you the opportunity to buy one to fly proudly on our 200th Birthday.

Replenish your costume jewelry supply from the Gamma Pi Chapter booth.

Ernie DeWick's used tools will probably be better than most new ones.

The Black Mountain and Swannanoa Valley Lions Clubs are each sponsoring a booth. Both will have products made by the blind as well as other articles. Stop by!

The Three Mountaineers Shop always offers a great variety of their outstanding work at reduced prices for the Fair.

The Medical Center Staff will check out your blood pressure for you for free.

Christmas in June will be the "In Thing" with the Medical Center Christmas decoration booth. Why wait and get involved in the Christmas rush, buy yours here and now.

Fire Prevention methods and tools to do so will be offered by Jim Peels.

The Black Mountain and Swannanoa Fire Departments and Rescue Squads and First Aid will be on hand with displays and demonstrations. Also the Sheriff's Dept. Narcotics Education Van.

And "The Wishing Well", be sure and bring your coupons you received in the mail for deposit. They're worth \$2.00 in purchases at the

Special Rescue Demonstration At Fair

The Black Mountain Fire Department and Rescue Squad will present a rescue demonstration as part of their participation in the Medical Center Fair on Saturday June 26 at 12 noon.

The men will demonstrate the old and new ways of moving a patient, prior to EMT training and the better method after the training went into effect.

They will demonstrate the way an unconscious person is brought out of an upstairs window; Lowering of a person off a roof or mountain; (using the Ingles building for a base of operation). Also the newest in breathing equipment using the Scott Air Pack showing how it assists a fireman in a burning building.

For a thrilling experience and one that will help you to appreciate the work of our excellent Fire and Rescue Department be sure and see this demonstration. You will be given a step by step descriptive narration over the public address system.

Fair, but you must be present to win.

Well that's it — I hope. It really looks like a winner. Our Bicentennial Fair also a tribute to our "Ernie" Let's request sunny skies and happy faces. See you there!

Pot Luck Supper At Carver School

A pot luck supper will be held Monday June 28 at 6:00 at Carver School. Everyone who is registered or is interested in the Carver Open

Concept School is invited to attend. While the parents are meeting the teachers and school board members, the children will be entertained with games and special activities by a group of college students. This will be a good time to learn more about the program and tour the building. Bring one covered dish of your choice. Soft drinks will be furnished compliments of Burger King on Tunnel Road. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and your children and join your friends at Carver School.

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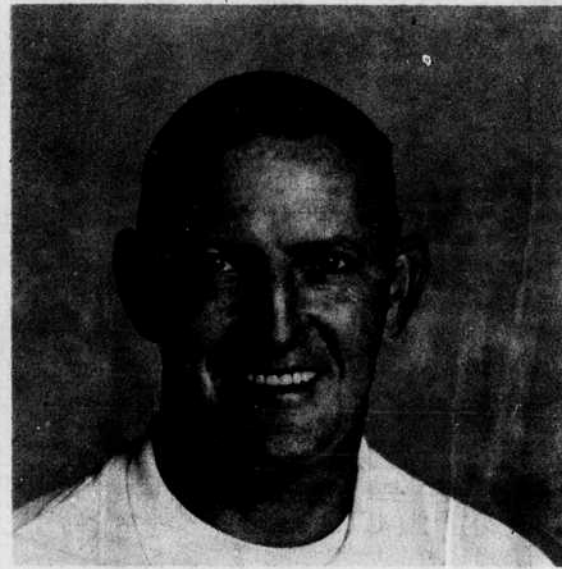
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We didn't do a report on Benji last week and we've really caught it. Folks are still so vitally interested and concerned about that spunky little guy. This is also an attempt to say "Thank You" to all you wonderful folks out there from Benji, his Mom and Dad, Frank and Dorsie, his big brothers Ken and David and from us for the outpouring of love you have lavished on him and his family.

Benji is continuing to improve at a tremendous pace. Monday evening he almost ran us off the road on his "Big Wheel." But seriously he is riding it with complete abandon, gripping the handle bars, exercising his hands. Any of you who have ever listened to the noise from a "Big Wheel" know how raucous it is but Frank says it's the prettiest sound he's ever heard. Benji plays ball and is enjoying all the gifts that were sent to him.

The Friday night Benji was burned none of us could have ever believed that something good could come from a little boy being hurt so. We all wish he hadn't been but something good has happened.

Benji has learned, in spite of the pain, how wonderfully good and loving people, some he doesn't even know can be. Let's list a few good things and say Thank You:

To all of you who wrote letters, sent cards and gifts. Dorsie was told at the Shriners Hospital that the children usually received mail for a few days then it stopped. Not so our boy — thanks to all of you Benji received mail every day while he was there and he is still receiving it. Aren't you proud of yourselves? It has certainly helped.

Gifts of all types and kinds have poured in to cheer and brighten his days. Tweetsie Railroad sent him a trainman's hat, key chain, framed

picture of Tweetsie and a season's pass for him and his family. It would be impossible to list everyone but please know the family thanks and bless you.

Friends rallied with food to care for Frank and the boys while Dorsie was away and it is still continuing. The First Baptist Church set up a committee to handle this and they were well fed. Dorsie says she has a number of unidentified food containers she doesn't know whose. Would you please go by and pick them up.

A fund was established for Benji and contributions have come from far and near.

Prayer has flowed from this Valley to the throne of God unceasingly for this little guy and his family. The doctors have been amazed at his progress. We all believe this (Prayers) have been a great factor.

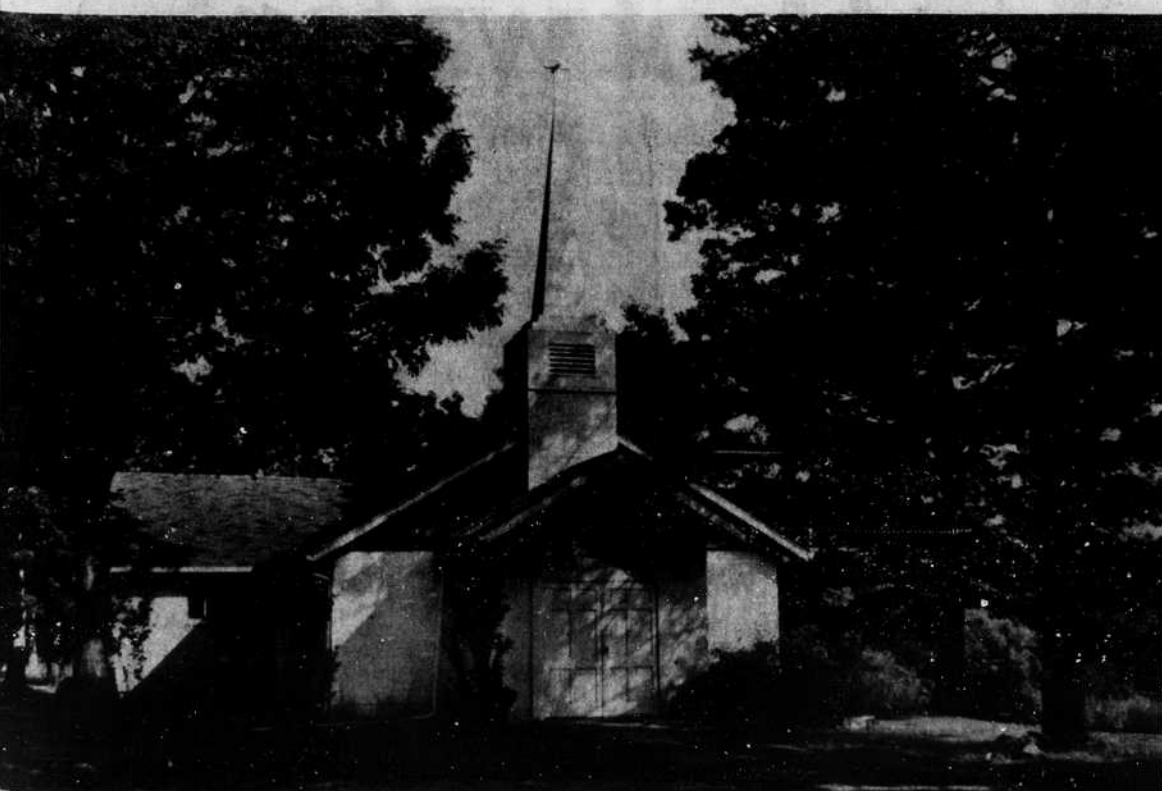
Monday a note and check was received from Bill Hawkins in Burlington. He and his parents the John Hawkins are former Black Mountain residents. Bill and his friends staged a talent show and sent the entire proceeds to Benji.

And over and above all else has been the love that has surrounded all of them.

The Shriners, the doctors, the nurses, the friends, the neighbors (known and unknown) how can you say thank-you - enough, the Fords want to know?

So for all of them to all of you Thank you to the most wonderful folks in the world. But truly the only thanks needed is that Benji continues to improve.

And There Abideth These Three Faith, Hope and Love But The Greatest of These Is Love The Ford's know this — more than ever now. Think About It!!!!



THE LAKEY GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will hold its 54th Anniversary Homecoming Sunday June 27. The Rev. David Parks, pastor, will deliver the sermon at the regular worship hour. They plan to make it a "Church Family Day" and all former

members and their families are invited to attend. Dinner on the grounds will be served at 1 p.m. followed by a song service. The festivities will end at 3:00 p.m.

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Montreat Road To Be Widened

Ted Smith, Secondary Roads Commissioner, announced at last week's town council meeting that he has approved a widening and resurfacing project on Montreat Road which will cost a total of \$50,000 financed out of Urban Bond Funds. This funding is part of \$430,000 spread out over the entire 13th highway division, to be used on small urban projects such as this.