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## Reflections

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When the council met in special session at the city hall Thursday night to consider raising the water rates for commercial users, Ross Taylor had an answer for the situation. "It won't bother me if they raise the rates," cracked Taylor, oldest member of the Black Mountain famous big Ts, "I'm drinking sulphur water over at my place." Taylor, who is more than proud of being a member of the big 4, didn't even ask for a tractor for the golf course. You're slipping, Ross.

The meeting was enlivened by several exchanges between Dr. Richardson and members of the industrial group that attended. Shortly after Dean Willis, the efficient city clerk, had drawn a chart to show the citizens just how the new rate would affect their bills, Dr. Richardson turned to B. W. Rowland of the Key City Laundry and exclaimed: "With a water bill like this, Mr. Roland, I don't see how you can wash my shirts as cheaply as you do."

"I don't either," Roland came back, "and you can be sure it'll cost you more from now on."

"I should have kept still," said the doctor. "That's what I'm doing," Mevin Lance explained, "it's going to cost me either way this thing is decided."

J. G. Northcott took the opportunity to treat the house to cokes, and the members never got started on the same theme again.

At one point early in the meeting, while those late were still coming in, Sheriff Laurence Brown broke the silence to point out that the 13 men and one woman present the room was entirely silent. "If there were 13 women and one man present, I wonder if it would be this quiet," the sheriff asked Mrs. Edith Holcombe, assistant city clerk.

Mrs. Holcombe had no answer.

## Don't Let A Final Notice Offend You

The NEWS has this week begun a new system of notifying subscribers of the expiration date of their subscriptions. The first notices of the new type were mailed out this week and the same system will be followed in the future.

The NEWS wishes to make it clear that no paper will be cut from the list until the subscriber has been given every opportunity to have the time extended. But subscriptions remaining unpaid after the customary "grace period" must be removed from our lists according to government regulations. This is not our rule but a law which applies to all newspapers and magazines sent through the mail under second class permit. And it was designed to protect postal employees and the box holders. Otherwise the mails would be so full of circulars and handbills that the postal employees would have time for nothing else.

It should be clearly understood that a newspaper does not depend on circulation revenue to operate. In fact, the small amount you pay for the NEWS would hardly pay

## Softball Teams To Compete Here In County Meet

Invitations have been placed in the mail for the strongest high school teams in Buncombe county to compete in the first annual Black Mountain NEWS softball tournament to be held at the grammar school field, May 11, 12, 13, 14. Proceeds will be used by the high school "B" club to help pay for the erection of an all-weather basketball court near the gym. The entries will be limited this year to eight teams.

With two five-inning games scheduled for each afternoon of the first three days, the finals will be played at 7:30, Friday evening, May 14. Suitable trophies will be awarded the first and second place teams. Starting time for the preliminary games will be 2 p. m.

As all schools invited have not been heard from, pairings will not be announced until later in the month. Co-sponsor of the event with the NEWS is the high school "B" club. Eugene Byrd will serve as treasurer.

## Committee Will Meet Friday

Herbert W. Sanders, chairman of the Committee of the Welfare Planning Bureau, has called a meeting for tomorrow (Friday) night at the city hall. The time is 8 o'clock.

"I am very anxious to have a meeting of the full committee so that we may review our work to date, and to make plans for the next few months," Mr. Sanders said. "Have had several suggestions as to how we may expand our services to the community and want to get these into concrete form so that we may act wisely on them."

L. L. Orgera will be present along with local members who are: R. E. Finch, Roy Taylor, Mrs. J. L. Holman, Jr., Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. A. J. Anthony, A. W. McDougle, C. E. Spencer, Walter Styles, J. L. Potter, Gordon Greenwood, Mrs. Bessie Carr, and Mrs. Roy Taylor. Mr. Sanders will preside.

for the blank paper you get if nothing were printed on it. A weekly paper, as we have stated before, depends on job printing to make ends meet.

We sincerely hope that there will be no misunderstanding in regard to these notices. The greatly increased cost of paper and other operational expenses, plus the strict government regulations which forbid the extension of subscriptions beyond the ordinary "grace period", make it necessary that we follow this rule. There are comparatively few who have not paid and we are sure that they will understand our position.

The Management.

## NEW PAINT JOB

The Woodcock Motor company have been busy the past week painting the building inside and out and installing new machinery. The outside has been painted cream, and the floors dark gray. About four feet of the lower walls have been painted green and the upper part white.

## Half Million Trees Distributed To WNC Farmers

A half million forest tree seedlings were distributed today to more than 250 farmers and other landowners in the fifteen Tennessee Valley counties of Western North Carolina. State District Forester B. H. Corpening, who is in charge of the distribution, stated that "the trees were produced by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Under a cooperative agreement, the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks is distributing them through the Agricultural Extension Service, free of charge, to farmers for erosion control and reforestation purposes. Some of the trees are being distributed to lumber companies and municipalities for forest planting and watershed protection".

The first truck load of seedlings arrived at the state forestry warehouse from TVA's forest nursery at Clinton, Tenn. Within two hours, the 160,000 white pine, 48,000 shortleaf pine, 28,000 yellow poplar, and 6,000 black locust seedlings had been transferred to other trucks, and were on their way to the landowners in Haywood, Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, Avery and Watauga counties. About 50,000 of the trees will be planted in Buncombe county.

Farm management Supervisor W. B. Collins, who was also on hand to help with the tree distribution, stated that "there are about 25,000 acres of idle and eroded land on farms in western North Carolina that should be planted to trees, and I don't doubt that there's three times that much cut over woodland area that needs to be under-planted in order to make it produce what it should produce. We've got a big job ahead of us. We're making a small start now, but next year we hope we can get two million trees for the farmers to plant".

In discussing how the landowners can obtain the tree seedlings' Mr. Corpening said "anyone who is interested in planting trees on his property should get in touch with the county farm agent or any member of the North Carolina division of forestry and parks". He said "there is no charge for the trees, but they are not to be used for ornamental or landscaping purposes. The landowner must agree to plant the trees promptly and protect them from fire and grazing". Mr. Corpening emphasized the importance of fire protection by saying that fires will retard growth and damage large trees, but small trees are killed outright by fire".

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## NOTICE !

For sometime the dog situation in Black Mountain has been of a serious nature. But with the coming of summer and the threat of rabies, the matter is becoming more critical.

Town officials are asking full cooperation of dog owners. Please keep your dogs tied. Those found running loose and causing a public nuisance will be disposed of by the police department immediately.

## Appoint Committee To Study Commercial Rates

### Notice !

Tickets for the Black Mountain Woman's club annual birthday banquet to be held Thursday, April 15, at 7 p. m. at the Monte Vista hotel may be obtained from Mrs. E. J. Anthony, Rice's Quality store, Mrs. Paul Harris at Ridgecrest, Mrs. George Stone at Montreat, and the NEWS office.

All members and their husbands are urged to be present.

## Nancy R. Poteat On Dean's List

Stillwater, Okla., (Special)—Nancy Ruth, Poteat, A & S who was graduated from Black Mountain high school, was one of the 1721 Oklahoma A and M. college students whose names appeared on the deans' list of distinguished students for the first semester, H. H. Flinn, assistant registrar, announced.

To be eligible for this high honor, a student must be aggregating not less than 15 semester hours with an average grade of "B" or higher and with no grades below "C". Only a small percentage of A. and M. students' names appear on the list.

## Woodcock Motor Co. To Sponsor Junior Team

There will be a meeting Friday, April 9, at the city hall of all those interested in a Junior American Legion base ball team for Black Mountain. The time is 7:30 p. m. and both players and the parents of boys who wish to try out for the team are invited to be present.

Sponsored annually by the Ford Motor company, the Junior American Legion program calls for district, state, and national tournaments. Many professional players have used the junior team as a stepping stone to the major leagues. Max Woodcock of the Woodcock Motor company has offered to outfit the local nine with Carl Myers, former college player and athletic director at North Dakota State college, to serve as coach. Games are played on Saturday morning.

All those interested are requested to be present tomorrow (Friday) evening.

## Ideal Beauty Shop Closed For Moving

The Ideal Beauty Shop will be closed until further notice while moving to the new location at the intersection of North Fork and Montreat road, Mrs. O. F. Blankinship, owner and manager, announced today. The shop was formerly located in the Reed building on East State street.

When the place reopens for business it will be in the building recently constructed on the east side of Montreat road, just north of the intersection of North Fork. Watch the NEWS for the date.

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## Council Will Decide Water Question Tuesday

A committee from the Black Mountain industrial group met with city officials early this week to work out plans for increasing the water rate to industrial users of the town. B. W. Roland and Ben Hunter represented the citizens' committee while City Clerk Dean Willis and Thad Burnette took part for the city.

The decision to appoint a committee to study the situation developed from the special session held by the city council at the city hall Thursday night and attended by a representative group of men and women from the industries which would be affected by the new rates. In the absence of Mayor J. L. Potter, J. G. Northcott, member of the city council, presided.

The members of the committee will make their report at the regular meeting of the council which will be held at the city hall, Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p. m. At this time final disposition is expected to be made of the water question. The public is cordially invited to be present.

The water rates for industrial users were raised in 1944 at the same time that the domestic rates were increased, it was learned from an ordinance read by Dean Willis. For some unknown reason the new rates to commercial users were never increased. At the request of Acting Mayor Northcott, Mr. Willis drew a chart showing just how the new increase would affect the large users and what the rate would be compared with that of Asheville and of other cities.

Pointing out the need for the town to develop new sources of water and revenue to meet the rising cost of labor and materials, Thad Burnette, who serves the town board in an advisory capacity, explained that the Black Mountain rate was the same as that which was formerly used by the city of Asheville but was much lower than that which they now have in force. "To insure an adequate supply of water it is absolutely essential that the board find new sources of revenue," Mr. Burnette said. "And Black Mountain is in the same situation as other towns all over the country. All of them have been hard hit by the rising costs from water and other sources of revenue."

Ben Hunter of the Black Mountain Hosiery Mill suggested that a plan be worked out which would make the raise in cost be the same to domestic and commercial users. "If the domestic users have been increased 25 per cent, then we should be charged the same increase," Mr. Hunter maintained. "And we would be perfectly willing to be increased on that basis."

After Mrs. Francis Fitzgerald of the Fleetwood apartments, Mrs. Lee Seagle of the Black Mountain

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