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## Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

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By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Fred P. Higginbotham was among the Western North Carolina Masons receiving the 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, recently in Asheville. The class was made up of members from the 19 counties that make up the Valley of Asheville in the Organization.

J. C. Champion received word that his brother, D. R. Champion of Washington, N. C., had died unexpectedly. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Val A. Lee have arrived from Jacksonville, Fla., to spend the summer at their home on Greenbrier Road.

Mrs. Sanchez Williamson attended the Asheville Business and Professional Women's Club golden anniversary celebration last week in the Gold Room of Battery Park Hotel. Mrs. Williamson is Western Area Vice-president.

Lonnie Gould has returned after spending several weeks with members of his family and friends in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. Fred Parker spent last weekend in Lebanon, Ohio, with members of her family. She made the trip by plane.

Miss Connie Dougherty of Black Mountain was the guest speaker at the April 17 meeting of the Colonial Library Club held at the home of Mrs. T. P. Richardson, Jr. of Montford Avenue, in Asheville, N. C. She spoke in detail about her work in office management, illustrating her talk with samples of each step used in the procedure, from the beginning to the finished piece.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kemp, of Oak Forest, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Smith of Enka,

were last Saturday guests of the Jack Speveys in the new home in Meadowbrook.

Mrs. Betty Summey and Mrs. Opal Grove represented the Black Mountain PTA at the State PTA Convention in Charlotte, from Tuesday to Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Allen of 48 Coleman Ave., Asheville, parents of Mrs. W.M. Styles celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Sunday afternoon at "Rangoon," the Style's home on Lytle Cove Road. Friends called from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mr. Allen served for thirty-six years as Boy Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Daugherty have returned from a visit with their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Daugherty, Chuck and Herby of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Mrs. Daugherty's sister, Mrs. O. C. Minatre of Franklin, Tenn. They also went to Florence, Ala., to visit Dr. Daugherty's brother, T. H. Daugherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chasteen and sons, Louis and Britt, spent the weekend with Mr. Chasteen's sister, Mrs. C. T. Burnette of Springfield, Va., and Mrs. James Durham of Fairfax, Va. They also visited the National Zoo in Washington, D. C., and were there for the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Mrs. T. V. Lusk has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. I. D. Hiscock and family in Charleston, S. C. Two other sisters, Mrs. Margaret Dyer of Lansing, Mich., and Mrs. Leonard Surtles of Delray Beach, Fla., were also there. On the way home Mrs. Lusk stopped in Greenville, S. C., for an overnight visit with Mrs. Gladys Morris, a former nurse at VA Hospital, Oteen.

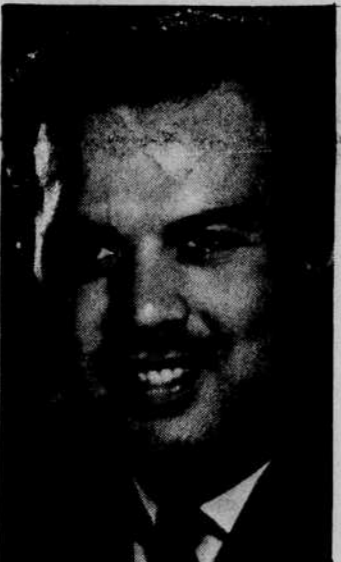
## Eight New Candidates File For Town Election



Louis Ladner

Mr. Louis E. Ladner of 100 Short Street, Black Mountain has announced his candidacy for the office of Alderman in the May 6 Municipal Election. Mr. Ladner, if elected, hopes to further community progress which he feels has been at a standstill. He sees a need for enforced dog laws and an improved program for the upkeep of the streets in the town. "I believe its time for new people with new ideas to direct this community in the direction of progress."

Mr. Ladner, an employee of the Black Mountain Lumber Co. for the past 8 1/2 years, is a native of Guilford, Miss. He graduated from St. John's High School and attended Perkinson Jr. College. He has served in the U. S. Navy for 2 1/2 years. Mr. Ladner and his wife, Nancy, have three children. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Black Mountain.



Donald Bailey

Mr. Donald L. Bailey has announced his candidacy for the office of Alderman in the upcoming Municipal Election to be held May 6.

Mr. Bailey, a native of New Castle, Pennsylvania, is currently General Manager of Radio Station WFGW-WMIT. He has been a homeowner in Black Mountain for the past eight years, residing with his family at 101 Hilltop Road. He has served as president of the Black Mountain PTA, Charity Horse Show Corporation, and Friends of the Library. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, and is currently serving as an active Deacon and Superintendent of the Young Adult Department. Mr. Bailey appeared in the publication "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1967. He attended Houghton College and Bob Jones University. Don makes the following statement, "Any citizen of a community has a certain responsibility for active participation in its affairs. With this in mind, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Alderman in the town of Black Mountain. If elected, I promise honesty and efficiency true to the non-partisan office of Alderman."

William Hickey

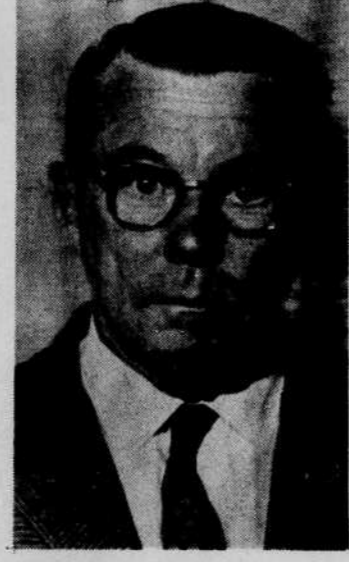
William "Bill" Hickey, retired cashier and vice-president of the Black Mountain Branch of the Northwestern Bank, announces his candidacy for the office of Alderman in the May 6 Municipal Election. Mr. Hickey states that he is not enough a politician to give you evasive answers to your questions, or make you vague promises about things that both you and he know cannot be accomplished. He says that if the people of Black Mountain see fit to elect him, he will see that they will get the honest, open and efficient town government that they, as tax payers, deserve.

G.V. Nanney

Upon announcing his candidacy for Alderman in the May 6 Municipal Election, Mr. G.V. Nanney pledged, if elected, "to work for the welfare of the Town and its tax payers." Mr. Nanney has been a resident of Black Mountain for 56 years.

Mr. Hickey is presently Chairman of the Board of the Black Mountain Branch of the Northwestern Bank. He is also a Director of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Lions Club of which he is presently Treasurer, and a member of the United Methodist Church, serving as a Trustee and teacher of the Adult Sunday School class.

Mr. Hickey is a graduate of Duke University and a former teacher in the Mitchell County Public Schools.



Chester T. Sobol Jr.

Chester T. Sobol, Jr. announced on Friday his candidacy for Alderman in the Black Mountain Municipal Election to be held May 6.

Tom is a native of Black Mountain and is Sales Manager with Morgan Manufacturing Co., Inc. He received his A. B. degree from East Carolina University. While at East Carolina, he was active in Student Government affairs—serving as Senator and Vice-Chairman of the Honor Council. He is listed in "Who's Who" among students in American Colleges and Universities.

Tom is an active member in St. Margaret Mary's Church and is Chairman of the Steering Committee to promote and establish a recreational club in Black Mountain. His professional affiliations include the American Management Association. He is a committee member of Precinct #2 and served as Judge in the 1968 County, State and National Elections. Mr. Bailey is married to the former Beverly Byrd and they have one son, C. T. Sobol, III.

Dr. James Love

Dr. James H. Love announced on Monday, April 14, his candidacy for alderman in the Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, May 6.

Dr. Love, a Black Mountain dentist, has been a resident of Black Mountain for the past 20 years. The NEWS carried the announcement of Dr. Love's candidacy in last week's edition.

## Tyson Will Not Seek Re-Election

(Ed. note—Mr. A. F. "Bub" Tyson will not seek re-election. The following is his statement to the NEWS.)

I have decided not to run for the Town Council again. The town as a whole has made progress over the past 10 years. There are certain parts, such as the downtown business section that have not kept pace. This has been a disappointment to me. I think it is time that the individual property owners' take a good hard look at his or her business property and either improve it or offer it to the Town for demolition and use of the space for parking or resale. At the present it does not look like we can get any federal help to accomplish downtown renovation. We are going to have to do it ourselves, and if we can, that's a better way.

I want to thank all of you who gave me the opportunity to serve as a town councilman over the past 10 years.

Alfred F. "Bub" Tyson

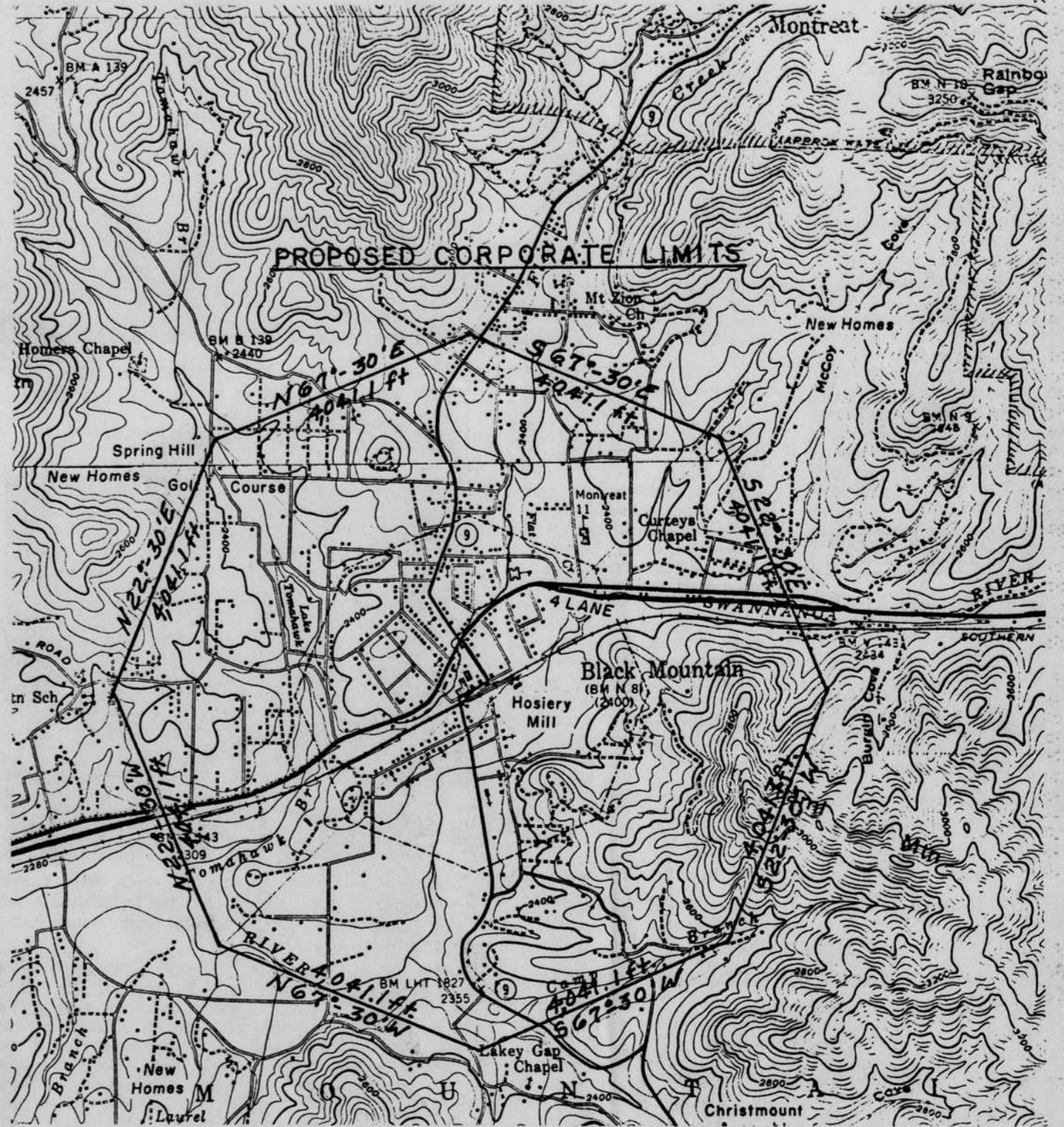
## Begley, Stone Seek Re-Election

Marcus Begley

Marcus Begley incumbent member of the Black Mountain City Council, announces that he will seek re-election as Alderman in the May 6 election. Mr. Begley has served Black Mountain in this capacity for the past ten years. It is important to Mr. Begley to see several projects completed so he is seeking one more term in office.

Richard Stone

Richard "Dick" Stone, also announced that he will seek re-election as Mayor of Black Mountain, an office he has held 12 years. Mayor Stone will have some comments for the NEWS next week.



## Map Shows Proposed City Limits Extension

This is a map of the proposed extension of the city limits of the Town of Black Mountain, as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce. This extension is now pending before the General Assembly in Raleigh. The Legislature has been requested to amend the Town Charter to its original limits of one mile from the center of town, the Southern Railway depot.

The NEWS would like to commend the action taken by both the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council. We feel this move is greatly needed for the continued growth, development, and prosperity of Black Mountain.



## Marion Godfrey Joins R. S. Eckles And Son

Mr. Marion D. Godfrey, a life - long resident of Black Mountain, has joined the staff of Eckles Realty in a full-time capacity. Since 1965, when Mr. Godfrey received his Realtors License, he has been employed part-time for Eckles.

Mr. Godfrey worked in construction for 12 years, and with the Black Mountain Lumber Company for the past 10 years.

After graduating from Black Mountain High School, Mr. Godfrey attended Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina, and Blanton's Business College for two years. After serving in World War II as a bomber pilot, he continued with the Air Force flying transport planes, until 1962. Mr. Godfrey has 27 years of active and reserve service in the Air Force and has achieved the rank of Major. He is presently a training officer with the Asheville 9943rd Air Reserve Squadron.

Besides his Reserve duties, Mr. Godfrey also serves the Town of Black Mountain as Vice President of the Fire Department, and was elected constable in the last general election. He is past president of the Gun Club, which he helped to organize, a member of the National Rifle Association; the Reserve Officers Association; and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Godfrey is married to the former Marjorie Eller of Swannanoa. They have two children, Theresa, a junior at Warren Wilson College, and Richard, a senior at Owen High School.

## Calendar of Events

The Swannanoa Valley Art League study group in art appreciation meets April 28 at the home of Mrs. William Styles, Rangoon Cove Road, Swannanoa. Mrs. Styles will discuss the life and work of the French Impressionist Gauguin, illustrating her talk with color slides. Members and the public are invited. If there is a problem in transportation Mrs. Styles may be called at 686-3854, or Mrs. Eugene Gilbert at 689-8431. This is the third in the series of discussions. The second at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. DeWick was very well attended with twenty-two members and guests present.

The theme for May Fellowship Day will be presented by two Rehabilitation Counselors in our area. Mrs. Sarah Norwood from the Juvenile Center will speak on opportunities to serve the needs of the young boys and girls.

Mr. Harry Coker from the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center will tell of services needed there. (See Calendar on page 4)

## National Distillers And Co Has 2 For 1 Stock Split

National Distillers and Chemical Corporation achieved record sales in the first quarter of 1969, John E. Bierwirth, chairman, told stockholders at the annual meeting here today. However, even though all of the company's operations except those of its chemical division and its titanium affiliate, Reactive Metals, Inc., showed increased profits, net income for the quarter declined 10 percent, Mr. Bierwirth said. He indicated that organization changes made in the chemical division are beginning to be reflected in an uptrend which is expected to accelerate as the year progresses. He also pointed out that, as previously reported, Reactive Metals is in course of recovering from a four-month strike which was concluded at the end of January. He indicated that the outlook for the titanium company is good, particularly in the second half of the year.

National's liquor, Almaden wines, Bridgeport Brass, and international divisions are all expected to continue to achieve improved operating results, as they did in the first quarter. Stockholders approved a 2-for-1 split of the company's common stock at the meeting, increasing the authorized number of common shares from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 and changing the par value from \$5 to \$2.50 per share.

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 1969 totaled \$7,920,000, equal preferred dividend requirements, to 58 cents a share on 12,974,347 average number of common shares outstanding. This compares with net income of \$8,783,000 for the first three months of 1968, equal to 66 cents a share on 12,719,681 average number of common shares outstanding. The 1968 results have been restated to give effect to the surtax. Sales for the 1969 first quarter were \$250,255,000, compared with sales of \$225,819,000 in the comparable period of 1968.

Mr. Bierwirth told the stockholders that National expected sales for 1969 to exceed \$1,000,000,000 for the first time and indicated that net income for the year should be higher than in 1968, when National reported a net of \$39,274,000, or \$2.51 a common share. He said that results for the first half of 1969 will probably be below those of 1968 but that an increase in net income for the second half is expected to more than offset this.

"We believe that 1969 will be the first of another series of years in which National will show progressive increases similar to those in the years 1963 through 1967," Mr. Bierwirth said. Drummond C. Bell, president of National, told stockholders of the outlook for the company's new textile division which now consists of Beacon Manufacturing Company, a major producer of blankets and home furnishings, and is to be augmented in the near future with the acquisition of Inwood Knitting Mills, Inc., a leading manufacturer of knitted piece goods for apparel uses. Mr. Bell stated that sales of the textile division should exceed \$80,000,000 for the year and that the profit outlook is favorable. In connection with the 2-for-1 common stock split, existing certificates will continue to represent the same number of shares of the split stock and need not be surrendered. New certificates representing one additional share for each share held of record on April 16, 1969 will be mailed to stockholders on or about May 5.

## WEATHER REPORT

	HIGH	LOW	PRE
April 15	55	45	.48
April 16	76	53	.67
April 17	78	47	
April 18	77	59	
April 19	70	55	
April 20	67	36	.05
April 21	71	37	

## Town Voices

In My Opinion . . .

JOE BULLOCK STATES that there are so many things to be for that there is no need to be against anything. Yesterday has past and we need only to look to the future and work on it today. This applies to the betterment of the Town of Black Mountain as well as the Swannanoa Valley. (Ed. note - Joe's actively looking to the future as he announced his candidacy on Monday for city Alderman.)

MRS. BARBARA HELGREEN says the best thing to help the growth and betterment of the Town of Black Mountain would be to extend the city limits so more people could become personally involved in the affairs of the town.

MRS. MARGARET SLAGLE DESIRES to be resident of the Town of Black Mountain for many reasons -- the most important being, having the right to vote and having a voice in what goes on in the Town of Black Mountain.

MRS. NAOMI BRIGMAN THINKS that last week's editorial was the best to appear in the NEWS since she's been reading it.

MARCUS BEGLEY FEELS that for many years the city limits have needed to be extended and that offices for five aldermen needed to be created. (Ed. note - This has just been taken care of in the March meeting of the Town Council.)

MR. R. C. MOSS SEES a need for new blood in city government. Mr. Moss believes that Black Mountain is not reaching its full potential as a tourist town because of the lack of interest of the town's people. He thinks it is time that the people speak out and not be afraid of City Hall.

MR. WELDON EARLEY PROPOSES synchronization of the traffic lights to help the traffic situation. Also an additional light at Ridgeway and State Streets is needed. In regards to the upcoming election, he

thinks it is great that people are finally becoming interested in their community.

MRS. WANDA ALLEN ASKS why haven't the holes in the street on Laurel Circle been repaired. This situation has existed for at least two months.



## Lakey Gap

## Revival Begins

April 27

Among the special selections of music and song which are being for the revival meeting, beginning April 27th, are: the young people of the church, the "Joybells," Riceville Quartette, Dave Pelletier, Nesbitt Chapel Young People, Vance Avenue Baptist Church Quartette, the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Ferrell, the "Happy Hearts" Quartette, the Church of God Trio, and others.

The services begin at 7:30. The Rev. Charles McNutt of Roanoke, Va. is the evangelist. He has conducted over 80 revivals, and has been blessed of the Lord with tremendous success. All are cordially invited for a real blessing. Come and find an answer to some of life's most perplexing problems.