

Public Hearing Was Wednesday Night

New Zoning Ordinance Will Become Law Soon

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New construction of residential, business and industrial development in and around Black Mountain will be subject to zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations for the first time if plans of the Board of Aldermen go through this week.

A public hearing Wednesday, Sept. 17 is close to the last step in completing the new building codes and making them law. The Black Mountain News goes to press late Wednesday and will carry the complete story in the September 25 issue.

With few exceptions the new laws will apply only to planned construction and not to existing buildings and land divisions. The most notable exception is a two-year period of grace in which existing signs, mostly business advertising signs, must be made to conform with the new codes. Signs will be regulated as to location, position on buildings, height, square footage, illumination and movement, and permanence.

Monday night the Board of Aldermen and the new Planning Board sat with other interested citizens in the city hall and listened to James Donnelly explain the proposed regulations. Donnelly represents the Division of Community Planning office in Asheville, which operates under North Carolina's new Department of Local Affairs. He prepared the proposed ordinances which are patterned after standards now law in many of the state's cities.

W. W. White, chairman of the planning board, led discussion of the ordinances. Copies were distributed among those present.

If the ordinance becomes law, Black Mountain will be divided into zones which are restricted to special types of construction. For example, industry and business will not be allowed to build in residential areas. Building lots must be of a certain size, depending on location, and must have certain minimum footage across the front.

To repeat an important point, existing property will not be affected; only new construction and planning must conform to the new law if it is passed.

Black Mountain and its one-mile jurisdiction outside of town are to be divided into seven zoning districts designated as follows: two residential districts with different construction requirements, a central business district, a general business district, a light industrial district, a heavy industrial district, and a floodway district.

District boundaries may be seen on maps at the city hall in the office of the Town Clerk.

Off-street parking will come under the new ordinances, which cover parking offered by churches, hospitals, schools, retailers, motels, funeral homes, office buildings, industry and others.

New residences will be regulated with regard to single family dwellings, mobile homes, in-the-home businesses, tourist homes, rooming houses, multiple-family dwellings and other categories.

Land for subdivision development also comes under the proposed regulations. Street alleys, rights-of-way, lot lines, building setback lines, all are covered. Grading, pavement base, cuts, lot size, shape and orientation, width, depth, side and rear yard setbacks will be regulated also. Donnelly pointed out that because of "extreme topography" in Black Mountain, the city's ordinances include an article entitled Hillside Subdivision Regulations, not always found in city zoning ordinances.

More detailed itemization of the new ordinances will appear in later issues of the Black Mountain News. Copies of the regulations may be seen at the office of the Town Clerk.

Ladies' Night, New Officers At Kiwanis Tonight

Thursday night, September 18, is ladies night at Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis and the new officers for 1970 will be installed. Kiwanis officials of the district will be present for the buffet style meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Monte Vista Hotel. That's tonight now... so don't forget.

Industry; Steve Melin, First Aid and Firemanship; Danny Alexander, Firemanship and Personal Fitness;

Also: Wayne Jones, Cycle and Firemanship; Billy Walker, Archery; Bruce Morris, First Aid and Firemanship; Ronnie Melin, Insect Life, Public Speaking, Chemistry and Archery; Jimmy Tolley, Firemanship and Public Health.

Troop 44 Scoutmaster Carl Rogers closed the Court of Honor with a discussion of scouting ideals.

Troop leaders recognized for their work with the local boys included Scoutmaster Rogers, Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Allison and John Reese, and: Danny Dalton and Ronnie Melin, junior assistant scoutmasters; Jimmy Tolly, senior patrol leader; Marvin White, assistant patrol leader; and Danny Hopson, instructor.

Troop 44 in Black Mountain has approximately 20 members, reports Scoutmaster Rogers, and could take more without difficulty. The troop meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Black Mountain Church of God. Meetings last two hours. Boys interested in joining are invited to come out at the next meeting.

Mr. Jim Helgreen, president of the Black Mountain P.T.A., announced that the first meeting of the current school year will be held Thursday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m.



Everyone enjoyed the annual fall picnic held by Kearfott, as the above photograph shows. Young and old alike, there was something for every family member to do. More photos inside, pages 11 and 12.

Kearfott Families Enjoy Annual Fall Picnic

The Kearfott Employees Activities Association sponsored the Annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 14, for employees of the Kearfott Division Plant and members of their families and specially invited guests.

Head Cook, J. T. Huntsinger and his assistants: Jim Isley, Jim Raines and Chip Moore, prepared a bounteous and delicious picnic lunch. The barbecue was especially fine.

Mr. Toby Cole and Mr. Chip Moore and their committees presented a well rounded program, with entertainment to please everyone's taste.

A number of young Rock and Roll bands were on hand to please the youngsters. The Esteems, The Stitches in Time and The Shadows were all made up of young people still in their teens, this was especially appealing to their friends in the audience.

An older Rock and Roll group was the one called, Bill Fuller Happening. Some youngsters could not resist the urge to try out the music's beat, and the spectators were treated to a demonstration of the latest steps.

For the "Old Timers" and those who enjoy Blue Grass Music, there was Club Parham and his band.

Between numbers by the various bands, two lovely young sisters, Misses Debbie and Dianne Swann presented folk songs, some very old and some of the new.

The Skyland Western Square Dance Team gave a demonstration of square dancing which was enjoyed by all present.

From 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. a series of games and contests

were carried out for the children. The Biltmore Train was there to give tree rides to the little ones. A water melon fight was held in the swimming pool, and a balloon blowing

contest was held for those 12 and under.

Bingo was played from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. by those wishing to participate.

Chamber Hears Talk On Recreation Development

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday at the Monte Vista Hotel, President George Pickering presiding. Featured speaker was Burton Peake, newly appointed chairman of the Buncombe County Recreation Board.

The main topic of Peake's talk was the recent development and work of the Recreation Board and possibilities for county-city cooperation in expanding local recreation facilities.

He stressed the fact that the board of county commissioners had long been aware of the depressed condition of recreational and leisure time offerings in the area. The purpose of the county commissioners in creating the Recreation Board was to get everyone involved in recreation development, Peake said.

Buncombe County owns very little land available for recreational use, he continued,

Hospital Asks County For Financial Aid

Buncombe County Commissioners listened to a plea for county tax dollars to supplement Memorial Mission Hospital on Monday morning. The request came at the regularly scheduled county commissioners meeting at the courthouse in Asheville.

Chairman of the Hospital Board James Woodcote presented a report on finances at Memorial Mission Hospital. Included was a list of the medically indigent patients for the month of August.

Other talks on the situation came from George Tisdale, board member, and Ralph Jennings, hospital administrator.

According to Gordon Greenwood, chairman of the county board of commissioners, the county budget has already been established for this fiscal year and no new appropriations are possible until next July. This makes it impossible for the county to begin supporting the hospital at this time even if the commissioners felt the need was present.

The board of commissioners also heard a resolution appointing members of the Erwin Community Zoning Board.

Owen High Teachers Include New Faces And Old Friends

Owen High School has several new people on its faculty this year, and some who have been at Owen before and returned, reports Principal Charles A. Lytle.

Miss Joyce Grindstaff, the new librarian, is a native of Statesville. She has a B. S. degree in Library Science from Appalachian State University and is beginning work on her Masters Degree. Before coming to Owen she was the junior high school librarian in Statesville for three years.

Mrs. Courtenay Stierwalt will be teaching ninth and twelfth grade English at Owen. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio with a B. A. Degree in English. She taught for two years in Pittsford, N. Y., a suburb of Rochester.

Miss Melody Howell, a native of Yancey, received her B. S. Degree in English at Warren Wilson College. She will teach tenth and eleventh grade English at Owen, where she did her student teaching last year under the supervision of Mrs. Melba Stafford.

Rejoining the faculty at Owen is Mrs. Joyce Parris, a former English teacher and varsity girls basketball coach, she will teach tenth and eleventh grade English.

Miss Elaine Allen is also returning to Owen after teaching part of last year there. A native of Weaverville with a

B. S. Degree in English from Mars Hill College, she will teach tenth and twelfth grade English.

Mrs. Betty Davis, native of Indianapolis, Ind., is another new face in the English Dept. at Owen High School this year. She will teach ninth and tenth graders. Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Wake Forest University. She also attended East Carolina University and is currently working on her M. A. Degree at East Carolina. In addition to a

major in English she has minors in Spanish and Music. She was formerly a teacher and librarian at Murfreesboro High School.

Mrs. Elouise Settle, a former teacher at Owen for five years, becomes the Guidance Director, in whose office she was an assistant three years ago. She is a graduate of Western College, Oxford, Ohio and received her Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Western Carolina University.

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Scouts Sell Household Kits In Fund Raising Campaign

Boy Scout Troop No. 44 of Black Mountain is conducting a sales campaign through October 1.

During this period the Scouts will be calling on the residents of Black Mountain with a "Tom Wat" kits. This kit includes a variety of merchandise which every household can use.

Michael Allison, Assistant Scoutmaster, is in charge of the project, stated, "Customers choose their items from an appealing selection of samples, quality items that sell for \$1.00 to \$1.50 each. Except for a beautiful photo album which sells for \$3.95. There is certain to be one or more items that each person really wants or can use. Some make

excellent gifts."

Mr. Allison continued, "The first time a boy visits a home, he will just be taking orders, not selling items in his kit. In several weeks, the same Scout will return with the items ordered and will collect the money at that time. This way customers see they are getting exactly what they ordered when they pay for it.

The profits from this project will be used to buy needed equipment for the troop, such as tents, cooking kits, etc.

So with Christmas just around the corner, buy some of your gifts now and at the same time help Boy Scout Troop No. 44 of Black Mountain.



Everett Clark, owner of the new Robinson's Clothing Store in Black Mountain, displays some of his brand name men's wear. Clark also owns Robinson's Clothing Store in Marion. Mrs. Rena McGee of Marion will be in the Black Mountain Store full time. During this weekend's Grand Opening the store will give away a suit, sport coat and sweater, and monogram any sweater sold free. You must register at the store, no purchase needed, for the drawing Saturday at 5 p.m.

Robinson's Clothing Store is located at the corner of Cherry and State Streets, where the Black Mountain Restaurant was. Brands carried include Arrow shirts, Dobbs hats, Puritan, Arrow and DeLoache sweaters, Jarman and Nunn-Bush shoes, Plymouth all weather coats and Puritan outerwear, Botany 500 and Griffon suits, Bennett of New Haven suits.

Also: Merit and Warren Sewell suits and sport coats, Stanley Blacker men's wear, Swank jewelry, and slacks by Hubbard, Lee and Coosa Casual. Alterations are free.

Taylor Asks For Lights At Crossing

Rep. Roy A. Taylor has requested that Southern Railway study the need for a flashing light stop signal at the point where the Blue Ridge Road crosses the railway tracks about a mile west of Black Mountain.

The request was made in a letter to Southern Railway President W. Graham Clayton, Jr., in Washington, D.C.

There have been many serious and fatal accidents at this crossing, Rep. Taylor told the Southern Railway President. The Black Mountain Congressman pointed out that the road carries heavy automobile traffic, especially in the summer. He also said the crossing's closeness to U. S. Highway 70 makes it possible for only one or two cars to stop between the highway and the crossing.

Two new members were welcomed, James E. Aycock, new editor of the Black Mountain News, and Jim Howe, office manager of American Parboard.

Local Lodge Hosts District Meeting

The Black Mountain Council No. 145 of the J.O.U.A.M. was the host lodge for all the councils in District One at the bi-annual District meeting and banquet held on Monday, September 8, in the local lodge hall.

Many of the state officers were present for the meeting. Among those were: State Councilor, Tom Corley of Morganton. Mr. Corley gave a brief resume of the work being done in the Children's Home that is supported by the Councils. He specifically stressed the importance of the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings in the raising of funds to support this institution.

State Vice Councilor C. C. Turner of Scotland Neck reminded the members that October 12th was the annual visitation day at the home and urged the members to visit

with their families in the home on this day.

State Councilor, Harold Creamsman of High Point gave advance notice of the Beauty Contest to be held at the State Convention in September of 1970 and urged the local lodge to send a contestant. They were not represented this year.

Other officials present were: State Secretary Forrest Sherrin of Scotland Neck, Representative to National Council; L. T. Keever of Black Mountain; State Chaplain Glen Morgan, Black Mountain; State Conductor Earnest Simmons of Morganton; State Warden E. C. Eisenhower of Morganton and State Treasurer Gerald Winfrey of High Point and Harold Hyatt, District Secretary of Swannanoa.

District 1 encompasses twenty-two counties in North Carolina.