

Summer Resident Receives Honor

A summer resident of Black Mountain, Mrs. Virginia Sloan Swain, has won the most coveted award presented by the N. C. Family Life Council. She and her husband, L. Hall Swain, have a summer home in the Top Colony and attend regularly at the Black Mountain Episcopal Church. Mrs. Swain was presented the Sperry Award at the 49th Annual Conference of the N. C. Family Life Council, held recently in Goldsboro.

Before his early death in November of 1966, Dr. Sperry exerted what was perhaps the greatest positive influence for progress of family life education in North Carolina during the past ten years.

At the time of his death, Dr. Sperry held a number of professional commitments. He was Chairman of the Child Development and Family Relations area in the School of Home Economics at UNC-G, Director of the Institute of Child and Family Development and Director of Research Projects in the Family for the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. As leader, consultant or helper in various groups throughout the State, Dr. Sperry communicated his philosophy that men should assume a significant role in education for family living.

The Sperry Award was established by the North Carolina Family Life Council to honor others who have been influential in the tradition of Dr. Sperry. The Selection Committee chose Mrs. Virginia Swain unanimously from among the nominees for the award.

Mrs. Virginia Swain holds the B.S.



MRS. GEOFFREY NEAL

Pilot Club To Meet VIP Visit

Mrs. Geoffrey S. Neal, Governor of the North Carolina District of Pilot International, will pay an official visit to the Pilot Club at Black Mountain on Wednesday, October 15th.

The plans to review the club's activities and counsel the members of the club. The members of the club will be planned a reception at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Neal joined the Pilot Club of Winston Salem in 1962 where she served the club as Community Service Chairman. Upon moving to Greensboro in 1963 she also served the Greensboro Club as Community Service Chairman. She has also served this club as Director, 1st Vice President and District, and has served as District and Coordinating Chairman and 1st Lt. Governor.

A graduate of the University of Mississippi, she is office manager for Talon, a Division of Textron, Inc. — the world's largest manufacturer of cars.

She is an active member of the Francis Episcopal Church. Pilot International is a major organized civic club for active women. District Six comprised of 33 clubs throughout North Carolina. Approximately 913 members participate in worthwhile projects of service to their communities, as well as reaching world-wide areas.

degree in Home Economics and the M.A. in Family Relations from UNC-G. She did further study in Family Life Education at Cornell University.

Prior to her marriage and the births of two daughters, she was professionally associated with Home Demonstration work from 1936 to 1944 she taught Family Life Education at Furman University at Greenville, South Carolina. After 1944, she was the first Family Life Specialist for the Extension Division of North Carolina. Here she did pioneer work of outstanding quality throughout the state. Because of pressing family responsibility she left Extension work in the late 40's. At this time she taught courses in Marriage and Family Life at Broughton High School in Raleigh, where she had a lasting influence on the adolescents who were exposed to her teachings. She is considered, nationally, as an outstanding teacher in the field of Family Life. At the present she is semi-retired teaching part-time at Meredith College.

Persons associated with Virginia Swain both professionally and personally attest to her genuine concern for the family, her knowledge of her field, and her unflinching humility despite her accomplishments.

Mrs. Swain received a thundering ovation when the presentation of the Sperry Award was made during the only Banquet session of the North Carolina Family Life Council.

Swannanoa Man At Convention

Stan Garland of Garland Tire Co. in Swannanoa is one of over 7,500 tire dealers, suppliers, wives, exhibitors and guests who attended the 49th Annual Convention of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association in Atlanta Sept. 27 through Oct. 1.

The highlight of the Convention was the largest industrial and trade show in the history of the new tire and retreading industries.

Dealers and suppliers came from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, many foreign countries including Canada, Mexico, Japan, Great Britain, Guatemala, Italy, Australia, Ireland, The Netherlands, Trinidad, West Germany, Venezuela, Denmark, the Union of South Africa and others.

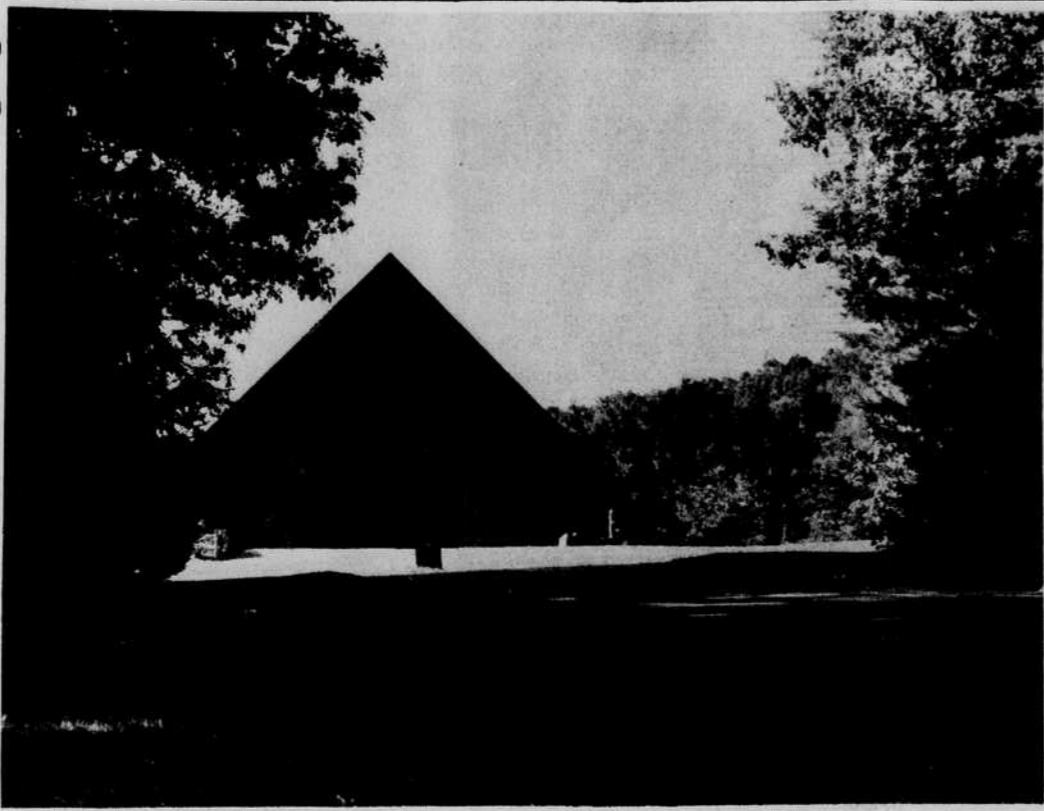
The theme of this convention was "PROGRESS THROUGH CHALLENGE AND CHANGE." United States Senator Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon was the Keynote Speaker.

McMurray Shows '70 Truck Line

For the first time since it entered the commercial vehicle market in 1918, Chevrolet will become a full line truck marketer when it introduces its 1970 models in mid-October, announces McMurray Chevrolet Co. of Black Mountain.

Last Of Rock Swap Shops Set Oct. 11

The fourth and last for 1969 in a series of four rock swap shops for the Western North Carolina mountains will be held October 11-12 at Gorgarama Park on U. S. Highway 19 in the Nantahala Gorge between Bryson City



THIS CHURCH IS THE SYMBOL of Warren Wilson College, which observed Homecoming last weekend. Including in the activities was selection of a Queen and a soccer game which was won by Warren Wilson 2-0. Warren Wilson is located in Swannanoa and many local alumni attended the festive occasion.

City Council Set To Go On Zoning & Other Items

The Black Mountain Board of Aldermen will probably pass into the law the new zoning and subdivision ordinances on Wednesday, Oct. 15, according to Mayor Richard Stone. The board meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on that date.

The way was cleared, apparently, by actions of the Planning Board last Thursday when what appears to be the last public objections were quieted. There could be more discussion at the meeting on Oct. 15.

The board will also consider a tax reduction, Stone said. The July budget calls for 70 per cent assessed evaluation. The mayor said this could possibly be decreased, which would mean a refund on taxes already paid.

The decrease under consideration may be even more than anticipated if the local option one cent sales tax is approved, Stone said, adding that the board supports such a tax. He estimated that the town of Black Mountain would receive an additional \$13,000 from this source.

Cablevision for Black Mountain may get the go-ahead at the Oct. 15 meeting of the board. Stone said the only holdup at this time is a ruling from the city attorney on various legal problems. Stone said this did not appear to be a problem. Triangle Cable Company has an application in to supply the service, and if approved would use existing utility facilities for their cables.

The board will also appoint a director and assistant director of Civil Defense. These openings must be filled, Stone said, before the city is eligible to receive certain federal assistance in civil defense programs.

If street repair bids are in by that time the board may take action on these as well, Stone continued. Black Mountain has received state funds under the Powell Bill totaling \$12,814.89 for street repairs.

The board will also consider an amendment to the city charter permitting it to meet twice a month instead of once a month.



HAROLD STEPHAN
Stephan Will Address AARP

The Swannanoa Valley Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Community Room of the Asheville Federal Savings & Loan Association, 300 W. State Street in Black Mountain on Friday, October 10th.

The guest speaker will be Harold Stephan, Director of Clinical Services, Juvenile Evaluation Center, who will speak on "Turning Losers into Winners." All interested persons are cordially invited.

Merge Urge

The Buncombe County Recreation Board has hopes that Swannanoa and Black Mountain will join forces with them in seeking expanded recreational facilities for the county.

That was the word from Burton T. Peake of Asheville, chairman of the county Recreation Board, following that group's meeting last Thursday. Peake said the board entertained a motion that Black Mountain and Swannanoa not continue plans for their own recreation commission but instead support the county group.

He hastened to add that the motion carried no authority and that the two towns could do as they pleased.

"I want to commend both towns for what they have already done toward developing an active recreational body. They have done a wonderful job. Where else can you find communities that have done so much?" Peake pointed out.

"But we of the county recreation board feel that now is the time to start pulling together. There are several good reasons for this," he continued.

Most of the reasons he gave concerned funding, particularly getting federal supplements to local funds, without duplication of effort. Peake said that as recreational plans develop staffing and other expenses will rise to the point that consolidation of efforts will become necessary anyway so why not now?

Commissioners Pleased With Curfew Action

Gordon Greenwood, chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, has given the following statement to the Black Mountain News:

"The county commissioners are highly pleased with the response in our community to the curfew and restrictions of sales of alcoholic beverages during recent days. We appreciate the support of everyone. We are glad no property was destroyed and no lives lost in our community."

Valley Industries Fill Many Key Jobs With Handicapped

Valley Industry is cooperating 100% in employing the Handicapped, according to a survey made by the Black Mountain News.

Beacon Manufacturing Co. in Swannanoa has between 80 and 90 physically handicapped employed. They were the proud recipient of an award for being one of the Outstanding Companies in the area in employing the handicapped last year.

The Kearfott Division of

Singer General Precision Inc. has 15 handicapped persons employed at their plant. They participate in all phases of the operation of the plant, top management, inspectors, group leader, machinist, assembly line operator, tool and die makers and custodians. Tom McCavett says, "They make up 2.5% of our labor force. None of them feel they are handicapped and they all do an excellent job."

Drexel Plant No. 10 has 10 handicapped in very diversified jobs. The Personnel

Department said the job of "mould sander", the most difficult sanding operation performed by the plant, is done by one of these "so called handicapped."

Others are employed as shape operator, rip saw operator, truck driver, supervisor, group leader and maintenance personnel.

Plant No. 11 of Drexel also has 10 physically handicapped. Three blind boys are employed as piano tuners, one is employed in the shipping department, another is an inspector and another is a supervisor.

Three handicapped persons are employed in the finishing department, one as a hand sander, one as a filler wiper and one as a sprayer.

The Action Department, where keys are put in the pianos, has one person.

The employers all agree these people carry their full share of the load and their efficiency is top notch.

Most Land South Of New Interstate Now Changed To Residential Zoning

The Black Mountain Planning Board has rezoned most property south of the new interstate highway, including Blue Ridge Road, making it residential (R-20). The only exception is approximately 20 acres owned by Cleverger Knitting Mills, which remains zoned for light industry (I-1).

This action took place at last Thursday night's meeting in the city hall, reports W. W. White, planning board chairman. Asked if there was a good crowd at the meeting, White chuckled and said, "Half of Blue Ridge Road was there." Blue Ridge Road residents had become so upset over being zoned industrial that they had formed a community association to fight the regulations.

White asked at the end of the meeting if there remained any objections to the zoning maps had been redrawn. There were none voiced, White added.

Apparently the way is now clear for the city council to pass into law the new zoning and subdivision ordinances at their next meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the city hall at 7:30 p.m.

White pointed out that the town now has only three industrial tracts left within zoning jurisdiction. He said they were:

1) the 20 acres of Cleverger property mentioned above.

2) the Fox property across from WNC Shopping Center and west of the radio station, some 50 acres or more, zoned I-1, light industrial.

3) An I-2 area, heavy industrial, in the Grove Stone and Asheville Industries area. Some of this property is in the floodway area, which means no obstructions such as buildings can be erected. Industry could use this land for parking lots or other limited uses.

White quoted James Donnelly, representing the State Department of Local Affairs and the man who drew up the ordinances, as saying, "It doesn't look like the people in Black Mountain want any more industrial development to come in."

Some other changes in zoning maps were also made at the meeting, White said. The north side of US 70 beginning just west of the Monte Vista Hotel and extending toward Asheville to the end of Black Mountain's zoning authority has been changed to all commercial (C-2) zoning, some had been residential.

Thus apparently ends a controversy that saw many

residents bitter and resentful of what they thought was a threat to their property values. Most are probably happy, perhaps thinking zoning is a good thing after all, because their homes now lie in areas restricted to home development.

Hire The Handicapped... They Are Good Workers!

By UVA MIRACLE

The "Hire the Handicapped" is a year-round campaign, but once a year — during National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week — efforts are intensified. This year, N.E.P.H. will be October 5-11, 1969.

Despite tremendous gains over the last 24 years in creating a favorable climate for hiring handicapped persons, the need for jobs for the handicapped is continuing.

Who are the handicapped? An arthritic insurance salesman in California. A blinded Texas Senator. A paralyzed accountant in Illinois. A double-amputee computer analyst in Minnesota. A mentally retarded laundry worker in New York. A legless inspector in a North Carolina plant. A guard with one arm at

a factory. But the reply you get from them, "Me — Handicapped? I never thought of myself that way."

Thousands of handicapped men and women (some estimate it's millions) are at work at jobs they can do — and do well — in spite of their disabilities. But thousands more READY, WILLING and ABLE are not at work. They're the ones who have run into a silken curtain of prejudice against the handicapped. They're the ones we can help by bringing their skills to the attention of employers.

Yet they're not the only ones who need our help. A few years ago Congress passed a law expanding America's vocational rehabilitation services for disabled civilians. Through rehabilitation, many more handicapped people are now able to prepare for jobs. But what's the point of rehabilitation if job opportunities are denied them?

There are hundreds of disabled veterans who each year complete vocational training or are discharged from veterans' hospitals. Many have jobs to go to but many do not. The handicapped don't want special favors. They simply want the same opportunity to work that everybody is entitled to. They don't want to be turned down for jobs just because of their handicaps. They want employers to consider their abilities, what they have to offer, what they can contribute. They want to be considered as men and women, first and foremost, and not as a people apart, outside society's pale.

The handicapped can and have proved themselves. A Labor Department study, comparing 11,000 handicapped workers with 18,000 able-bodied workers, found this: The handicapped outproduce the able-bodied. The handicapped have 20 percent fewer job accidents than the able-bodied. The handicapped lose less time off from the job than the able-bodied. Experience of employers with mentally retarded persons has shown they often have more capabilities than are first realized, and when achievement is recognized, the change for the better in the retardate worker may be profound.

Let's look at safety records of the handicapped for a moment, since many employers are reluctant to hire the handicapped in the belief that they will have more accidents and their accident insurance rates will go up. There's an electronic plant in



FIREMEN SEARCH through the burned out house in which Mrs. Emma Turner died Friday. Death was attributed to smoke inhalation; the cause of the fire has not been determined.

Woman Living Alone Dies In Fire That Destroys Home

An 84 year old woman living alone died in a fire that destroyed her home on Walker Cove Road in Black Mountain last Friday. Walker Cove Road is just off North Fork Road past the Golf Course.

Mrs. Emma Turner died of smoke inhalation, according to Dr. Jack A. Koontz, assistant medical examiner for Buncombe County. Her body was not burned, said Assistant Fire Chief Harry Oaks.

The fire was reported at 9:20 a.m. by Mrs. R. T. Greene who saw the smoke and became alarmed, Oaks said. Oaks added that the cause of the fire is still under investigation. The Black Mountain Fire Department sent two trucks

and 12 men to the blaze, Oaks said. The fire had a good start when the men and equipment arrived.

Ironically, the fire came on the eve of National Fire Prevention Week, which is observed from Oct. 5-11.

Mrs. Turner was a widow. She had lived in Black Mountain for 40 years but was a native of McDowell County. Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Harrison Funeral Home in Black Mountain. The Rev. Ernest Craig and the Rev. James Willhite officiated. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery in Old Fort. Her grandsons were pallbearers. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Smith of Naples,

Fla. and Mrs. James Wright of Black Mountain; and a son, Frank Turner of Black Mountain.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

THERE IS a Midget League Football doubleheader coming up Saturday night at Owen High School's field. The Falcons meet the Rams at 7:00 p.m. and the Packers face the Colts immediately afterwards. After two games the Packers and Colts are both unbeaten, untied and unscored upon. Parents and friends are urged to come out and support their sons' teams.

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