

Owen High Honor Rolls During Last Six Weeks

Following are the honor rolls of Owen High School for the week period ending October 15, according to principal Charles Lytle.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Grade — Sarah Andrews, Kathy Lynn, Ernest Vincent Crist, Martha Hensley, Wilma Jean

9th GRADE — None.

Grade — Iris Odette, Brenda Burchfield, Cordell, Richard Earley, Ogle, Vickie Gail Pate, Larry Thompson, Mary Washburn.

10th GRADE — Jane Elaine

"B" HONOR ROLL

Grade — William Begley, Marilyn Kay, Richard Oliver Brown, Beth Bumgarner, Jean Burris, Susan Campfield, Deborah Kay, Jimmy Garfield, Patricia Joy Chapin, Virginia Gill, Helen Martha Jones, Nancy Lackey, Amelia June, Patricia Louise, Susan Franqueline, Ronald Roy Melin, Helen Millar, Pamela Moyses.

Ralph Carl Mumpower, Irene Nelson, Linda Owenby, Kathryn Senn, Joseph Thomas, Rhonda Diane, Debra Lynn, Betty Lou Smith, Lee Smith, Carol Ann, McMillan Stubbs, Sue Tettev, Joyce Kay, Marjo Woods.

Grade — Michael Ballara, Sharon Brookshire, Robert Clements, Constance Connor, Danny Ray, Ann Louise Davidson, Faye Hyder, Mary Leonard, Patricia Lewis, Philip Alan, Terry Lynn McClathr, Carr Melton, Lisa Gale, Donna Jean Reed, Diane Shook, Debra Shuford, Ronnie Willis, Emily Kirkpatrick, Janet Eugenia Ward.

Grade — Ernest Andrews, Robert Alston, Nona Frances, Michael Ross, Janet Louise Carson, Anne Clark, Rebecca Craig, David Lee Dehart, Richard Hudson, Morris

Sales Tax Supported

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting at the Monte Vista Hotel, Tuesday, October 21. George S. Searles, president and speaker, presided and introduced the speaker, Miss Tyler, Dean of Women's Institute at the University of North Carolina. Tyler spoke about the state's aims in teaching mathematics. Her purpose is not to put facts into the students' classroom and leave it at that. They intend to make the experience a total learning process that will be useful to the students in the future.

A discussion was held on the subject of the new one cent sales tax, to be voted on in the future. Comments were in favor of and against the tax. A motion was made to pass the Chamber an official stand in favor of the tax. The committee was appointed as Inspectors of Election for the coming election of the Board of Directors. It was announced that Dr. Graham is to be the speaker for the annual dinner ladies night to be held on November 2. Further plans for the program committee special meeting.

Jerry Johnson, Susan Francis Jolly, Catherine Elizabeth Kluttz.

Also Cathy Darlene Lloyd, Nancy Ellen Lytle, Susan LaTraill Marler, Deborah Jean McIntosh, Barbara Jean Moore, Yolanda Yvette Scott, Bertha Gail Snelson, Linda Diana Stone, Marvin Malone White.

9th GRADE — Kenneth Brooks Allen, Aaron Franklin Belt, Patricia Ann Bane, Jane Alice Beebe, Anna Christine Browning, Mary Ann Bryant, Carolyn Pricilla Burgess, Gwendolyn Burgin, Melissa Gail Burnette, Sandra Lee Chapin, Regina Charlene Davis,

Marilyn Fox, Debbie Lynn Gragg, Karen Lee Grove, Diane Lee Hensley, Nina Angela Hollifield, Deborah Annette Hopson, Melanie Louise Hyatt, Deborah Lee Jones, Paul Douglas Jones, Peggy Jean Logan, Susan Marie Maleskie.

Also Edna Frances Konrad, Truett Paul McAnear, Marcia Leah Melton, Linda Arlene Mumpower, Elizabeth Karen Osteen, Teresa Ann Peele, Rosalie Phillips, Michael Jacques Russell, Teresa Diane Silver, Erwin Truett Smith, Suzanne Mary Staggs, Theresa Dale Stepp, Samuel Barnett Theilman, Debra Wagoner.

City Council Agenda This Wed.

November 5 at 7:30 in the City Hall.

Further consideration of proposed zoning ordinances; Consideration of the proposed recreation center.

Far From Sea, He Sells Ocean Going Yachts

By JIM AYCOCK

Over on Cherokee Drive in Black Mountain, living in a home he calls "Robbins' Nest" is a man with an unusual occupation. Joseph Robbins sells yachts, and he lives hundreds of miles from the sea!

Of course his clients are not local people. Most of them have several homes and ample time and money for pleasure cruises on boats costing several hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Robbins has always done things other people would find unusual. Years ago he became the first man to mount a refrigeration unit on a truck, making it possible for millions of children to buy ice cream in their own backyard.

"Harry Olds gave me a chassis to work with," Mr. Robbins recalled. "I had started in the refrigeration business in Cambridge, Mass. in 1915 and had an idea that needed developing. Nobody had ever had a mobile refrigeration unit but we tried it."

"We put 700 gallons of ice cream on our truck, drove it from Massachusetts to Florida, then to New Orleans, then back up to Cleveland, Ohio, where we put it in a dairy case at an ice cream manufacturers convention. A talk on this opened the convention. This was in the 1920's, remember. There was no such thing as moving ice cream around," Mr. Robbins continued.

Thus began a worldwide business selling ice cream trucks, a business Mr. Robbins remained in until 1944. The company was Robbins and Burke, Inc. with factories as far away as Australia.

Now Mr. Robbins sells boats, big boats, yachts 45 feet long and up, custom made by Grebe. He also builds marine plumbing used in boats by other manufacturers.

"The Kennedy family boat, the Honey Fitz, has my equipment in it," he said. "In fact I guess about 90 per cent of the yachts in the U.S. have marine toilets that I built."

The list of clients sold by Mr. Robbins reads like a Who's Who of American business. Included are: General Sarnoff, RCA; Jim Ryder, Ryder Trucking; Davis Weir, a Washington, D. C. broker; George Thompson, owner of the world's largest independent telephone company; W. E. Phillips, president of Royal Bank of Canada; several Texas oilmen including Patrick Welder, Joe Cullinan, and from Wichita, Kansas, Max Houston;

Charlie Revson of the Revlon Co.; Florence Schick Gifford, widow of the founder of Schick Razor Co.; and an ex-owner of the old Boston Braves, since moved to Milwaukee and Atlanta. Several of these clients have purchased more than one boat.

Mr. Robbins is a member of three yacht clubs himself, the Boston Yacht Club, the Key Largo Anglers, and Coral Harbors in Nassau.

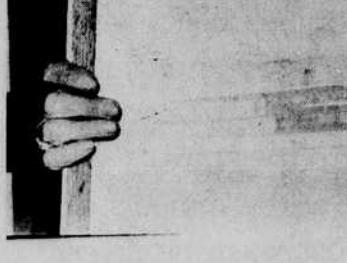
The yachts are made in Chicago to specifications drawn up by Mr. Robbins. Usual delivery time runs from 9-12 months but backlogging is increasing this to as much as two years depending on the boat, Mr. Robbins said. The buyer makes progressive

payments, a certain amount with the order, another payment when the keel is laid, and more at each of several other construction stages.

After four years in Black Mountain, Mr. Robbins is leaving on November 1, possibly for good. He realizes that he is at a disadvantage living here and plans to move to Florida.

"This is the time to sell boats," he said. "Everybody who is anybody in the boat business is heading for Florida now."

Everybody who is anybody... Apparently that includes Joseph Robbins of Robbins' Nest, Black Mountain.



JOSEPH ROBBINS of Black Mountain shows off a picture of a yacht he sold. This landlocked yachtsman sells boats for a living, and belongs to three yacht clubs himself. He doesn't sell anything less than 45 feet long.

KIWANIS

Kiwanis Program Chairman, Edgar Ferrell, introduced guest speaker, Dick Jensen, at last week's luncheon meeting. Mr. Jensen, General Manager of WFGW/WMIT Radio Stations, spoke interestingly on the fifty-year history of radio.

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday noon in the Monte Vista Hotel in Black Mountain.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rev. Edgar Ferrell, Program Chairman, introduced guest speaker Jack Leatherwood, at last Thursday's Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis meeting. Mr. Leatherwood heads the Buncombe County Ambulance Service with headquarters in the Courthouse.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Sr. of Swannanoa was observed at a family gathering Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Monte Vista Hotel in Black Mountain. The couple met in Black Mountain and married on Oct. 15, 1919. Mr. McMurray came here for a Blue Ridge Conference in 1912 and liked it so much he stayed. His wife, the former Alberta Brown of Asheville, was teaching school in Black Mountain. They lived in Black Mountain about 10 years and then moved to Swannanoa. Mr. McMurray is the founder of McMurray

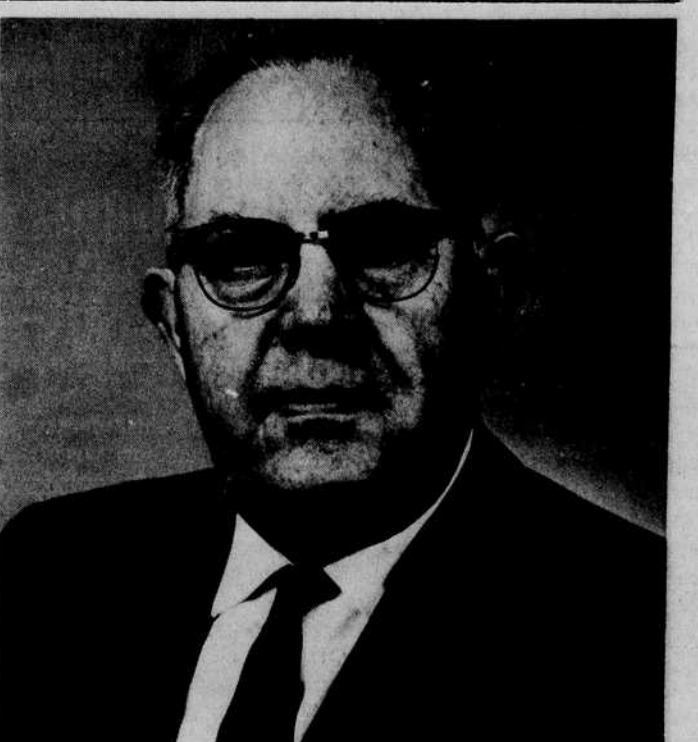
Chevrolet Co. in Black Mountain. The couple has four children, all of which were present with their families at the 50th anniversary gathering. They are: Bill McMurray of Black Mountain, present Chevrolet dealer; John McMurray, a lawyer from Morganton; Dr. C. M. McMurray of Shelby; and Betty McMurray Rand, wife of Rev. Joe Rand of Princeton, N. J. There are 15 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. McMurray were honored in their home by their Sunday School Bible Class from the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church before going to the Monte Vista with the family. Photo by Charles Wellen Jr.

United Appeal Short

The Asheville Buncombe United Appeal campaign moves into its final days with part of the need yet unpledged.

Through last week's report meeting, the total pledged was \$391,136.08 or 57% of the goal. Many implant solicitations were currently in progress and cautious optimism was expressed by volunteers that the needs would be met.

The goal of \$684,314.29 for community service agencies can best be met by a large number of people accepting a small part of the total need, according to P. Austin Bleyler, campaign chairman. Any area resident who has not been contacted by a united appeal worker, can accept a share of the community service need by calling the United Fund office at 252-3321 or by mailing a check or pledge to them at 93 Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C. 28801.



REV. FRANK R. ABERNATHY

Black Mtn. Man Gets High Masonic Honor

By UVA MIRACLE

Rev. Frank Raymond Abernathy of 110 Fairway Drive, Black Mountain was awarded the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, Monday, October 20, at a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. A ceremonial investiture and banquet will be held in Charlotte, at the Masonic Temple on Saturday, November 8.

Rev. Abernathy is a member of the Local Masonic Lodge No. 633, Black Mountain and a Past Master of Lodge 1005 in Chicago. He is a Certified Lecturer on Masonic Ritual in Illinois, Oklahoma and North Carolina. Three others from Western North Carolina received the honour bestowed on Rev.

Abernathy. He is the only member of the Black Mountain Lodge to attain this rank. The Supreme Council is the highest tribunal of Freemasonry. It meets biannually. This meeting ended Thursday, October 23. Rev. Abernathy, an ordained Baptist minister, and his wife, Clara, came to Black Mountain from Chicago, Ill. in 1960. He is a retired accountant from the Natural Gas Pipe Line Company of America. Rev. Abernathy has served approximately five years as treasurer of the Black Mountain Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce and is on the Board of Directors of the chamber. He has served as supply pastor for Kerlee Baptist Church for the past two Sundays and will be the pastor there again this week.

Friends Of Library Hear Talk On Local Minerals

On Monday evening, Nov. 3 at 8 o'clock, the Friends of the Black Mountain Library will hear Carter Hudgins, a retired

attorney of Marion, talk on one of his favorite hobbies — the finding and collecting of native rocks and gems. He will illustrate his talk with slides.

Hudgins is a native of this area. He received his bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and his law degree from Wake Forest. Since his retirement from the practice of law, Hudgins has devoted much of his time to the pursuit of his hobbies — wild flowers and local history as well as "rocks". He is interested in encouraging others to undertake worthwhile hobbies.

He is a member of the Northern Appalachian Mineral Society and has served as its president.

The public is invited to these monthly meetings which take place in the Education room of the library.

No Sales Tax To Go To Teachers

If the one cent sales tax is passed, none of the monies collected would go to increase teachers' salaries, despite the story in the Black Mountain News last week that said otherwise.

In a story about a speech on the sales tax made to the local PTA, it was reported that the speaker said "some" of the monies collected would go to teachers. It should have read "none" of the money. The Black Mountain News apologizes for this error, both to the PTA and to the speaker who was misquoted, James McClure Clarke, chairman of the Buncombe County School Board.

The Swannanoa P.T.A. auction last Friday night, Oct. 24 was a success, and we want to thank the Black Mountain, Swannanoa and Asheville Merchants that donated gifts for the auction.

Girl Scout Council Meets At Montreat

The Annual Meeting of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council was held October 29th in the Convocation Hall of the Assembly Inn at Montreat.

Of special interest to Council members was the appearance of Miss Wilma Dykeman, author of THE TALL WOMAN, THE FRENCH BROAD and many other works. Miss Dykeman, the meeting's featured speaker, is a native of this area, and has been active in Girl Scouting.

Cable TV To Operate Under City's Terms

The city of Black Mountain's contract with the Triangle Cable T.V. Company contains the following terms:

Rates cannot be raised without consent of the council. The company cannot transfer the contract to another company without the council's permission.

There cannot be any additional poles installed without permission of the property owners and members of council.

The City will receive \$500 per year or a percentage of the earnings of the company — whichever is greater.



CONGRESSMAN ROY A. TAYLOR of Black Mountain (right), a member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee, offered his personal congratulations to Apollo



astronauts Mike Collins (left), Neil Armstrong (shaking hands) and Buzz Aldrin following their recent appearance before a joint session of Congress.

Owen Grad Edits School Magazine

Gary Cole has been selected as acting Editor of "The Montreat-Anderson College Cavalier" the student publication magazine at the college.

Gary, a freshman at Montreat, is a 1969 graduate of Charles D. Owen High School. During his high school days, he was very active in organizing the local Teen Democrat Club. He also served as editor of the North Carolina Teen Democrat Magazine and in 1968-69 was the State Secretary of the Teen Democrat Club. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Cole, 114 Portman Villa Road, Black Mountain.

Recreation Body To Join County

The Black Mountain Recreation Committee and the town authorities have unanimously agreed to give up plans to establish a local recreation commission.

Instead, local forces will combine their efforts with the Buncombe County Recreation Commission in development of recreational projects.

Andy Andrews, chairman of the Black Mountain Recreation Committee, was named to the new advisory committee of the county organization. Also named was Herbert Coman of Beacon. Burton T. Peake, chairman of the Buncombe County Recreation Commission, said a four acre tract of land owned

by the town of Black Mountain will be deeded to the county for development for recreational purposes. He said Andrews told him the decision was reached at a joint meeting of the local recreation committee and the town aldermen.

Several weeks ago the Buncombe County Recreation Commission recommended such a move to avoid duplication of effort in obtaining funds from various federal sources. Swannanoa Valley industry is being contacted for financial aid for the program. The county organization went on record as supporting the one cent sales tax and will request funds from that source if it is passed. The Buncombe County Recreation Commission will also: —Work with valley groups to develop recreation in the eastern part of the county; —Try to finance development of the County Home property for recreation, a use agreed upon by the county commissioners; —Assist in building a new swimming pool in Asheville Recreation Park; —Petition the county board of education to expand use of public school facilities for supervised recreation.