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## Jaycettes To Bring Santa Claus To Us

The regular November meeting of the Black Mountain Jaycettes was held last Tuesday night at the home of Marleen Hutto. The club members were very pleased to have seven new members from the newly formed Jayettes Club in Burnsville. Several projects for Christmas were discussed and the girls decided to sponsor a "Santa" for kids in downtown Swannanoa. In years past the girls have been forced to take their children into town to visit Santa. This

year Santa will be visiting in Macks in Black Mountain on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for three weeks before Christmas. Two bake sales will be held between now and Christmas. Come by The Northwestern Bank next Tuesday afternoon, November 25th for your Thanksgiving goodies. The Christmas Bake Sale will be announced later. After the meeting a baby shower was given for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Blizard Jr.'s new baby girl, Andrea Lynn.

## New Band Director At Owen Released With His Students



EDWARD NAYLOR assumed his position as director of the Owen High School Band on Nov. 3, 1969.

in Washington, D. C. As part of the Army Band there he participated in the Inaugural Parades for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Three years were spent in Europe, one year with the band in Berlin and two years at Fulden, Germany. It was at Fulden he met a young lady, Fraulein Kerstin Biel, who was to become his wife. They have no children. Naylor said, "I am especially impressed by the young people in this area. They are so well mannered and well disciplined, a factor most uncommon in the U. S. today. I think this speaks well for the home background and training through the elementary grades. The courtesy they show their elders has amazed me."

## NOTICE Paper Early Next Week

Because of Thanksgiving next week the Black Mountain News will be published on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

All advertising and copy must be in on Monday to be assured publication. Call 669-4101 or come by the office at 206 Sutton Street in Black Mountain with your material for the paper. Your cooperation in helping us get out your paper before the holiday will be appreciated.



NEW FLAG POLE is dedicated in front of Loan; W. W. Patton of Swannanoa, vice president and manager of Black Mountain office of Asheville Federal Savings and Loan; Present were: U. S. Congressman Roy Taylor, Black Mountain; J. W. Byers of Asheville, president of Asheville Federal Savings and

## Swannanoa Family In Business In Same Building 70 Years

By UVA MIRACLE In these days of rapid change, when businesses come and go, would you believe that here in our Valley — in Swannanoa — we have a business that has been run by the same family for 70 years at the same location.

Today the business is Harrison Furniture Co. operated by the son, David, of the founder 70 years ago. Way back in 1898 two brothers, D. W. and H. R. Harrison, decided the little town of Swannanoa would be an ideal place to open an old fashioned general store. They sold everything, tan bark,

which in case any of you city slickers don't know is used in the tanning of leather, groceries, shoes, dry goods, kerosene, nails, molasses, hardware, there was even a cracker and pickle barrel. The first building was on an old wooden structure with a high board walkway around it. At this time the railroad was the chief means of transportation into the valley so the enterprising brothers established a horse and carriage service to transport traveling salesmen, then called drummers, to other points after they got off the train. Later as roads became better the Harrisons established a boarding house, "Chestnut Hill," or a hotel as it would be called today for visiting vacationers (they had not yet become tourists). D. W. Harrison purchased one of the first cars in the area and transported visitors to places of interest, such as Chimney Rock and Mount Mitchell. To get to Mount Mitchell they took the "Old Toll Road" through Black Mountain.

## Acts In Play In Asheville

Shaun Bullman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bullman of 100 3rd. Street in Black Mountain, is acting in a play, "Halfway Up The Tree," now showing at the Brandywine Theater, 265 Charlotte St., Asheville. He has appeared in the last six plays presented by the Brandywine players. He attends Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute and is married to the former Lani Campbell.

## Rotary Club Kiwanis

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis Club met Thursday, November 13th at noon at the Monte Vista Hotel. Taped highlights from the recent Kiwanis Convention in Florida were used for the program.

## P.T.A.

Swannanoa P.T.A. meeting will be held Nov. 20, 1969, Thursday.

## Rebuilding May Be Okay In Flood Zone, Says Donnelly

Rebuilding will be permitted in the flood zone but not new construction, said Jim Donnelly in the Monday night meeting in the Black Mountain City Hall.

Donnelly, representing the Department of Local Affairs, said he expected the change in the ordinance to be accepted by the city aldermen Wednesday night. The News goes to press too early to report on the meeting this week.

The Monday night meeting was an unofficial question-and-answer session.

The ordinance now provides that rebuilding in the flood zone will not be permitted if an existing structure receives substantial damage. This provision has caused considerable controversy.

Donnelly said he had contacted several members of the board of aldermen and he was certain they would make

the above change. The board has not met officially since Nov. 5.

Monday night's meeting was not attended as heavily as meetings of the city aldermen have been recently. Some of the questions asked during the meeting brought forth the following responses from Donnelly.

The zoning ordinance controls use of land. It does not control livestock within the city limits.

It has nothing to do with city taxes or annexation.

The city aldermen can decide at any time to zone the one mile beyond the city limits. This would require 15 days notice and public hearings.

Although Buncombe County does not have to zone the county, the fact that they are conducting a study at substantial cost indicates the seriousness of the thinking in that direction and the strong probability that it will be done.

In case of conflict between the zoning ordinance and restrictions by a community developer, the ordinance prevails.

Mobile homes will be not be permitted in R-20 zoned areas. The principle differences in R-10 and R-20 residential areas is block size and population density. Multiple family dwellings are restricted in the R-20 zones.

Zoning has nothing to do with building codes and does not control the quality, size, price or construction of any buildings. It does control size of lots and depth of setbacks.

Enforcement of ordinances is the duty of the city aldermen. The Board of Adjustments, to be named upon passage of the law, will rule on variances to the ordinances, not enforce them.

At one time during the meeting, Donnelly spoke of the public interest in the zoning plans. He said the Planning Board had seen one citizen show up for a meeting in 17 months.

"The trouble with you people," he said, "is that you don't give a darn about Black Mountain, only your own personal interests. You have gotten all concerned only when you feel a threat to yourselves. The time you should have shown such community interest was when the Planning Board was doing all the work and had no idea of how the people of the town felt about all this."

## Community Services

The annual community Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Black Mountain United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Webster Lytle, pastor of the Mills Chapel Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

This service is sponsored by the Black Mountain Ministerial Association.

## Thanksgiving Day Service

A Thanksgiving Day service, including a period for expressions of gratitude by members of the congregation, will be held at Christian Science Society, on Thurs. Nov. 27.

The public is welcome to attend the hour-long service which starts at 11 a.m. at 416 State St.

The First Reader, C. Cliff Meyer, conducts the services, and reads passages from the Christian Science textbook, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES by Mary Baker Eddy. Bible selections are read by the Second Reader, Elizabeth Chaudoin.

## New Hours At Beacon Store

The outlet store at the Beacon Manufacturing Co. in Swannanoa is now open on Saturdays, company officials announced this week.

Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Weekday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The store is not open on Sunday.

Plant officials say the new hours are to make shopping more convenient since many customers are working women. With Christmas approaching, shopping hours are more and more crowded with other things to do and Saturday hours will help ease the customer's schedule.

The full line of Beacon products will be offered at the store.



THE INTERIOR of Harrison General Store. W. Harrison. The tall white, penny scales shown around 1925. The gentleman on the left is D. W. Harrison. The tall white, penny scales shown on the left are still in use in the Harrison Furniture Store.

## Jaycees

Two new members were initiated into Black Mountain Swannanoa Jaycees at their meeting Tuesday evening, November 18th by the N. C. Jaycee Area C Vice President John Huggins of Brevard, N. C.

They were David Hamby, manager of Mountain Manpower Inc. and Fred Smith, Real Estate dealer.

A prospective member, John Stiles, manager of W.B.M.S. Radio station was also present.

On Nov. 3 Bob Rickerd was appointed chairman of the Quarterly Mental Health Project. Plans are in progress for each local Jaycee to give a gift to a mentally retarded child in the Western Carolina Center at Morganton.

Final plans were completed for a barbecue to be held December 6 at 4:30 at the Black Mountain Club House. The price will be \$1.50 per plate.

David Hamby was appointed Chairman of the Christmas Project. This program provides gifts and baskets for needy families.

The Jaycees also provided 100 gallons of fuel oil for a needy family.

## Garden Club

The Black Mtn. Garden Club meeting will be on Friday, November 21st in the Black Mountain Library at 7:30 p.m.

The program will consist of color slides on conservation, beautification and recreation by E. A. Andrews and conservation club members of Montreat-Anderson College. The program will be followed by a question and answer period.



AN EARLY photograph of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harrison. (Augusta B. Harrison)

## Pilots Launch New Contest

The Black Mountain Pilots Club is participating in a Pilots International "Handicapped Woman of the Year" contest. The Pilots are cooperating with the President's Committee on

Employment of the Handicapped.

Handicapped women selected for the contest by Pilot members must have surmounted their handicaps, be serving successfully in executive business or professional positions, and be actively participating in community betterment work.

## Group Wants Zoning Vote

A private group of citizens met last Saturday night at the Lake Tomahawk clubhouse to plan efforts to get a vote on zoning ordinances in Black Mountain.

An attorney scheduled to appear failed to show up so a general discussion was held.

## Swannanoa Church Events

Swannanoa United Church of Christ is sponsoring a number of events this week: Friday, Nov. 21, they will sponsor a Bake Sale at Whelan's Department Store. Types of baked goods will be offered.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. they will hold a Bar and Rummage Sale in the building between the Bank Asheville and Martin's Power Shop on Whitson Ave., Swannanoa.

Real and original Christmas cards may be purchased at very economical prices at the bar.

## Now And Low Temperatures

Now fell most of last day. The mountaintops and the valley turned light quickly but there was no accumulation. About two inches accumulated in Swannanoa. The weekend cleared off and cooled, temperatures hitting record lows in other parts of the state. Lows at Swannanoa were around 15 degrees. Monday was much warmer and pleasant outdoors to be dressed snugly. Monday and Tuesday were pleasant. Wednesday gave promise of more. Temperatures were very



MORE THAN 400 GUESTS turned out for Open House at the Presbyterian Home last Sunday, reports Don McKenzie, superintendent. Part of the crowd is shown above. The institution has cared for needy

children since January, 1904, when six were accepted. Today there are 56 children in residence. The Home is located between Black Mountain and Swannanoa. Photo by Charles Wellen Jr.