

March 24 At Owen High School

Annual Folk Festival Coming Next Weekend

The 12th Annual Swannanoa Folk Festival will be Friday, Mar. 24, 7:30 p. m. at the Owen High School Auditorium. Doors will open at 6 p. m.

Tickets may be bought at the Owen High School or from any member of the Swannanoa Woman's Club.

The festival is sponsored by the Swannanoa Woman's Club. Robert Davidson of the Division of the club is chairman. Mrs. John Kelly is chairman.

Departments of the club are the responsibility and for the accomplishment of the festival. Necessary for a festival performance.

Committees are headed by Mrs. A. R. Cannon, Mrs. Beth Davidson, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. W. H. McMurry, Mrs. W. A. Porter, Mrs. C. S. Erwin, and Mrs. Harold Erwin.

The seven square dance teams competing are from the following schools in the county: A. Erwin, Hall Fletcher, Worth Hillbillies, A. C. Golds, T. C. Robinson, South

French Broad and Valley Springs.

One of the feature attractions will be the Waynesville Junior Cloggers, under the leadership of Mrs. Frances Miller.

Individual performers are: Virgil Sturgil, singing and dulcimer playing; The Berrys, folk singers; Carl Plimmans family, Gospel songs; Kathy Gahagan, folk songs, accompanied on guitar by her husband; Jimmy Lyons, Gospel song; Ann Clark and Ray Sisk, songs with guitar.

Also other numbers singing include Pam Searcy, Mike Crisp, Danny Burnett, Kevin West, Ronnie Woodby, Bobby Wardrup, and a duet by Robert Davis and Kim Lee. Another entry is Mike Burrell, dog dancing.

All entries are very carefully screened and only the best Folk Artist are chosen.

Square dance teams will compete for trophies awarded on a point basis, by qualified judges. Special awards will be made, for the first time this year, to individual performers.

Trophies are given by business firms in the Swannanoa area, and are on display at Huggin's Jewelry Store. These will be presented to the winners by Mrs. C. R. Stevens, president of the Woman's Club.

Ralph Smith, principal of the Swannanoa Elementary School, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Music will be furnished by the Plantation Boys.

The objectives for the festival were set up by the Women's Club in 1961 to encourage and preserve authentic folk music and dancing, to give student participants stage experience and the opportunity to perform before home town audiences.

Proceeds from the festival are used in service projects in the community.

The Swannanoa Rescue Squad are used in service projects in the community.

The Swannanoa Rescue Squad will be on hand again this year, as well as a member of the Sheriff's Department to assist where needed.



OWEN HIGH SCHOOL ENTRIES in the Folk Festival include, clockwise from front: Mike Burrell, a dance number; Danny Burnett, student at Black Mountain Grammar School, singing "Stagger Lee"; Anne Clark, singing; and Mike Crisp, also singing.



SWANNANOVA SCHOOL ENTRIES in the Folk Festival include, from left to right: Pam Searcy, singing, "Amazing Grace"; Bobby Wardrup, singing "Whea I Lift Up My Head"; Kim Lee and Robert Davis, singing a duet, "Country Road"; Kevin West, a narration of "Skoonkin' Huntin'"; and Ronnie Woodby, singing "Never Ending Song of Love."

First Game This Friday

Baseball Season Opens

"Play Ball!" will ring out soon in the Valley as the Owen High School Warhorses baseball team goes back to the diamond.

Coach Ralph Singleton and Coach David Lee report approximately 40 candidates out for baseball. The team is now in process of going through conditioning.

Competition is keen for positions on the team.

The squad consists of: infielders Larry Erwin, Phil Searcy, Steve Davidson, Bobby Erwin and Keith Howell; outfielders, Larry Luckadoo, Larry Brank, Joe Shook and Ed Kasey; catchers, Danny Moore and

Tim Erwin; pitchers, Sammy Stewart; Robin Glenn, Charles Cuthbertson, Bill Marano, Porky Spencer, Ronnie Bureson and Randy McMillan.

Owen lost some outstanding players from last year's team, coaches Singleton, and McFee said, but the boys are hustling and should have a respectable showing in this year's competition.

The Warhorses will open the season Friday, Mar. 17, at Erwin. The Erwin Warriors are rated as one of the powers in baseball in the county.

Their first home game will be against McDowell on Wednesday, Mar. 22, at 4 p. m.

Track Starts Tuesday

The Owen track team, coached by Jim LeVine and Ed Caldwell, will open their season on Tuesday, Mar. 21, with a meet with Erwin. The meet will be held at Ben Lippen School on Emma Road, Asheville.

Last Chance To Buy Cookies

A last chance to buy Girl Scout cookies will be on Saturday, Mar. 18. Girl Scouts from the Cadet troop in Black Mountain plan to sell cookies at the W.N.C. Shopping Center and

outside the A&P. Look for their table with the favorites—peanut butter and mint cookies. These can be frozen to last until the cookie sale next year!



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS at Owen High School are above. Seated, from front clockwise, are Carlyn Brown, Iris Bowlin, Patricia Maynard, Marion Stephen and Kathy May. Standing, left to right, are Debbie Wright, Kent Patton, Bill Brown, Phillip Searcy, Scott Washburn, Sam Thielman and Terri Washburn.

Owen Students Advance To District

Science Fair Winners And Projects

Winners have been selected in the Owen High School Science Fair competition. They will advance to district level on March 25 at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Local

competition was on March 6. Winners are as follows:
Junior Biological, Kathy May, Lichens.
Junior Physical, Kent Patton, Bridge; Patricia Maynard, Water Purification; and Scott Washburn, Weather Station.
Senior Biological, Bill Brown, Antiseptics; Marion Stephan, Evolution Development; Carlyn Brown and Iris Bowlin, Sickle Cell Anemia; Phillip Searcy, Air Pollution; Terri Washburn, Recycling Kitchen Wastes; and Debbie Wright, Phosphates and the Environment.
Senior Physical, Sam Thielman, Iodometric Chlorine Analysis.

District Meeting

Local Womans Club Awards

Black Mountain Woman's Club members who attended the District Fine Arts Festival of the N. C. Federation of

Women's Clubs came home Saturday to report six winners. Mrs. Robert C. Moss won a first place in the Crafts Division with an original candle arrangement. She used a brandy snifter as a base and formed a rose by surrounding the bowl with pale pink organza petals. From the stem she extended dainty sprays of silk rosebuds and leaves.

Mrs. Fleming Nunez of Charmeldee acres, one of the club's newer members, won two second places with items in different categories. One is a revival of the old art of Theorem painting, oil on velvet, framed for wall decoration. Mrs. Nunez used an original pera tree design. Her other entry was a French style bread tray which she hand-decorated in oils using a strawberry design.

In the Photography division Mrs. Hubert White won second place with a color photo titled "Hiking Through The Jungfrau" which she took while she and Hugh were on a recent European trip.

In the Art Division Mrs. James A. Crawford third place in the "Oils other than Portraits." Her painting, a mystical interpretation, was untitled until a friend called it "Visitation."

Other entries in the Crafts Division from the club included an original wall hanging done by Mrs. John Benedict, embroidery on burlap with applique, a colorful picture of a drumming peasant.

Mrs. Charles B. Stafford, a new club member, had two entries, one an original arrangement of dried flowers and grasses on a laurel root, the other a centerpiece of bunches of grapes in a pedestal based bowl. The grapes were made of marbles cemented together, a most unusual idea.

Three student representatives sponsored by the club were Alden Anne Clark for the Sally Southall Cotton Scholarship in Education, Miss Ava Stephan, a ninth grade student artist in the student art competition, and Miss Jane Gilbert, an Owen High Senior in

the piano competition. Miss Gilbert won second place.

The Black Mountain Woman's Club is rightfully proud of all contestants. Members who attended were: Mrs. M. L. Williams, president; Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt, Mrs. A. G. Clough, Mrs. R. C. Moss, Mrs. Harold Minnick and Mrs. Abe Carrier. Mrs. Minnick was a judge in the Public Speaking Contest.

PTA Program On Needs Of County Schools

The Black Mountain P.T.A. will meet at 7:30 p. m., Mar. 16, in the Primary School Auditorium.

The speaker will be E. E. Francis, director of Fiscal Affairs for the Buncombe County Schools. His topic will be "Building and Financial Needs of Buncombe County Schools."

He will illustrate this talk with slides.

Sports Group, School Libraries

Lions Contribute \$300 To Local Organizations

The Black Mountain Lions Club handed out \$300 to local organizations last week to improve educational and recreational opportunities for young people in the area.

A check for \$50 went to each Black Mountain School for film strips for the libraries. The Lions presented a check for \$200 to the Committee For Better Sports to help meet expenses of a new ball field and related facilities at Black Mountain Primary School.

Receiving the money for the Elementary School was the librarian, Mrs. Schallhorn. Principal Leonard Keever accepted for the Primary School. Wilford Johnson, who gave the program at the Lions meeting, received the check for the Committee for Better Sports. Checks for the schools were presented by W. W. White, for the sports group by Tom Sobol.

Chuck Ray presided over the meeting. Guests were Keever, Mr. and Mrs. Schallhorn, and Jim Aycock.

Johnson told the Lions of many problems faced by the Committee for Better Sports and how they were met. He named many local persons and firms who have contributed materials, time and money to the group's efforts.

He said 25 teams were planned for summer leagues, involving 400-500 boys and girls from 6-18 years old. Night games are planned for the lighted field, he added.

Contributors to the project included the following. Cliff Meyer loaned a front-end

leader. Leonard Payne contributed materials and labor for plumbing, helped by Donald Burgin. R. W. Cook gave materials and labor in wiring the buildings. Richard Pittman and Steve Pope strung electric wire for the lighting.

Students from the Asheville High School masonry class laid blocks, as did Monty Snead. Labor was donated by Johnson, Hubert Fore, Andrew Parker, Bud Norton, Dean McElrath, James Johnson and Charles Gardner. The Kiwanis Club donated \$250.

Masonry blocks were purchased with proceeds from a little league tournament and pancake supper, said the speaker.

"All this work and donations," Johnson said, "have resulted in our being able to put in two dugouts, a backstop, concession stand, rest rooms, storage space, a press box, and lights for night games. We have seven 65 foot poles, each with 10 lights."

Johnson said the Committee for Better Sports had a bank note of around \$5,000 but expected to be able to meet its obligations, thanks to contributions such as the one from the Lions Club.

"We plan to take up a free-will offering at each game, and we will get money from operating the concession stand," he said.

Although plans are still incomplete, the organization plans a Dedication Day on April 15 with a game between the fire department and the police force, said Johnson.

Traffic control at games will be by the auxiliary police, he concluded.

Board Of Aldermen Meeting

Busy Session For Board, No Big Announcements

In a meeting marked by many minor items and few of major importance, the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen conducted the town's business before a packed city hall board room on Monday night. All board members were present.

After some discussion the board passed on its second reading a proposal to annex into the city limits some 10 acres of land across North Fork Road from the golf course. The land is to be developed into a 50 unit lodge-restaurant complex.

The question was raised from the audience about the town's ability to handle extra water and sewage requirements the development would create. One person asked how the town could justify such action when sewage lines on that side of town were already unable to handle sewage flow satisfactorily.

"We have a major health problem now with sewage overflow onto the golf course. Why add to it?" was a question put to the board.

Mayor Richard Stone replied that progress could not be stopped anytime a problem existed or nothing would ever be done. Whether the property was annexed or not, the sewage lines would be the same he said.

Stone pointed out that the request for annexation did not carry with it any obligation upon the town.

In other business, the board passed on its third and final reading, again by a split vote, an ordinance to further restrict mobile home parks within city limits. Aldermen Tom Sobol and William Hickey voted against the measure, as they have done on each vote. There was almost no discussion.

A contract with the N. C. State Highway Commission was approved concerning water lines and other obligations relative to the new interstate highway crossing Highway 9 south.

It was announced that the president of Triangle Cable Company was out of the country and would attend a later meeting to discuss complaints of lack of service in some areas. Mayor Stone said the firm had paid its annual \$500 franchise fee for this year.

The board passed on its first reading a measure to retain the same rates as last year in privilege license fees in certain areas where increases could be made if desired. Limits are set by the state, but the town does not usually charge the maximum. Revenues last year from this source were about \$3,500, said Stone.

The board moved to request

of the county that the town tax ratio be continued at 70 per cent of appraisal.

The board set this Monday at 4 p. m. as the time for the annual spring check on streets for paving needs.

It was announced that the ABC Store's financial report was available for inspection at the city hall.

The board congratulated Carl Bartlett for being selected by the Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year. They also praised Louie Logan, a town policeman, for being chosen for the Faith In God award.

City Manager Charles Lindsey was instructed to send a letter to the Black Mountain Committee for Better Sports thanking them for improved facilities at the Primary School.

No action was taken on a measure to remove junk cars. Mayor Stone pointed out difficulties in recovering revenues the town would give up by joining the Metropolitan Consolidated Water District.

Alderman Sobol suggested that the Recreation Commission take steps to have a starter on the first tee at the golf course on weekends during the summer. Alderman Frank Watkins asked why the new twilight rates and other rate changes had not been posted in the clubhouse.

There was a brief discussion of the new voting precincts in the township. The changes will mean voting machines and loose-leaf registration by the county. There will no longer be a precinct in the city hall, Mayor Stone said.

Ed Miracle complained to the board about speeding drivers near his home on Rhododendron Avenue, saying he was lucky to get out his driveway alive on some occasions. He asked that the speed limit be reduced from 35 to 20 miles per hour. Mayor Stone said the board would take it up with the state, who sets the limit on that street.

Alderman Jim Buckner made a motion, seconded by Frank Watkins, that the town notify the public through the Black Mountain News of new vacancies in city government. After some discussion Buckner tables his motion until later. Mayor Stone pointed out that anyone may apply at any time for employment with the town, and that the board usually acts upon recommendations of department heads.

Progress Reviewed Supper Raises \$2,450 For Med. Center

Enthusiasm was the order of the evening as the Medical Center Boosters' Supper was held Saturday at the Warren Wilson College Cafeteria.

Before the evening was over, the 300 persons in attendance had experienced a buffet dinner and fellowship among Swannanoa-Black Mountain residents and saw the treasury of the Medical Center increased by \$2,450.

The supper was sponsored by the Men's Club, Women's Club, Lions Club and P.T.A. of Swannanoa. Swannanoa's most celebrated resident, Billy Edd Wheeler, was Master of Ceremonies.

A surprise contribution of \$500 from "a friend of Warren Wilson College" was announced as Warren Wilson President, Dr. Reuben Holden gave welcoming remarks.

Dr. Arthur Bannerman, on

behalf of the Swannanoa Community Council, presented Medical Center President, Jim Clevenger with a check for \$1,200.

Proceeds from the supper were presented by the Chairman of the Ad hoc committee, Dr. Hubert Clapp. They were \$750.

Remarks about the progress of the Medical Center were made by Jim Clevenger, Wilson McMakin and Ernest DeWick. An optimistic note characterized their remarks as they related:

The Medical Center has purchased a site about mid-way between Swannanoa and Black Mountain. Renovations are underway on an existing house to be used for community affairs and a craft center.

Profits from a thrift store are helping greatly in these early stages of development. Almost

any type of articles may be donated to the Thrift Shop. Everyone is invited to visit the shop at 111 W. State Street in Black Mountain.

An application for a federal grant has been approved by Mountain Ramparts and is now being considered by the Medical Care Commission in Raleigh. Preliminary reports of their review are very favorable.

The grant, when approved, is expected to finance about 60 per cent (\$183,000) of the projected cost of \$300,000. The remainder will be raised by valley residents and firms.

Plans are being made for the Boosters' Fair—the biggest in the four-year history—at Black Mountain Baptist Church Parking lot on June 30 and July 1.