

Board Of Aldermen Meeting

Mack Kirkpatrick Is New Town Fire Chief

Mack Kirkpatrick resigned as Black Mountain Fire Chief Monday night meeting of town aldermen. Neither appeared in person; Kirkpatrick's resignation was by letter.

His letter Leatherwood said his association with the town and its people had been the "highest rewards" of his life. He said he intends to go on as a member of the department.

Kirkpatrick's appointment was recommended to the board of aldermen by Marion Frey speaking on behalf of the executive board of the fire department and all the members. The appointment was unanimously approved. All men were present.

Other business, the town approved sale of Triangle Company, who has the franchise for cable TV service to Sammonds Communications, Inc., of Dallas.

Sammonds also operates television in Waynesville. It has 48 systems and 250,000 subscribers, it is the sixth largest company of its kind in the state.

An ordinance establishing a Planning Board was read on its second reading. Property east of town was changed from residential to commercial. It is located on Highway 70 just

across from the schools. A. J. Hemphill and C. E. Slagle were reappointed to the Board of Adjustments while John McWhorter let it be known he wanted to be relieved of duties on that board.

An increase in taxi rates within the city limits from 50 cents to 75 cents was approved. Dick Reed's request to sell his taxi permits to Woodrow Anders was approved.

The board approved expenditures of \$724.42 to pay for rewiring utility poles to provide power for Christmas lighting on the streets. Mild criticism of the move was expressed by A. F. Tyson Jr. who said the merchants had already paid for this several years before.

A petition was approved from Mrs. Johnnie Nanney to have property taken into the city limits and zoned R-20.

Street lights were approved for a location on Craigmont Road and for the intersection of Rhododendron and Laurel.

Alderman Jim Buckner reported that he had received several complaints about visibility at the corner of Vance Ave. and Highway 9 south, an intersection under state jurisdiction. The town will write the state highway commission about a traffic light there.

Buckner presented a drug control plan for study by the aldermen. It included three phases, education in the schools, rehabilitation and more emphasis on investigation.

Alderman Tom Sobol reported that he was not ready yet to present recommendations on joint water arrangements with Montreat. It was announced that codification of the town's ordinances was complete.

A. F. Tyson told the board that in his opinion more emphasis should be placed on upgrading the downtown area and money should be spent there as well as on the current popularly supported area, that of recreation. "Downtown should be the top priority; we need to keep it healthy and viable," said Tyson. Mayor Richard Stone agreed, saying the board supported the idea 100 per cent.

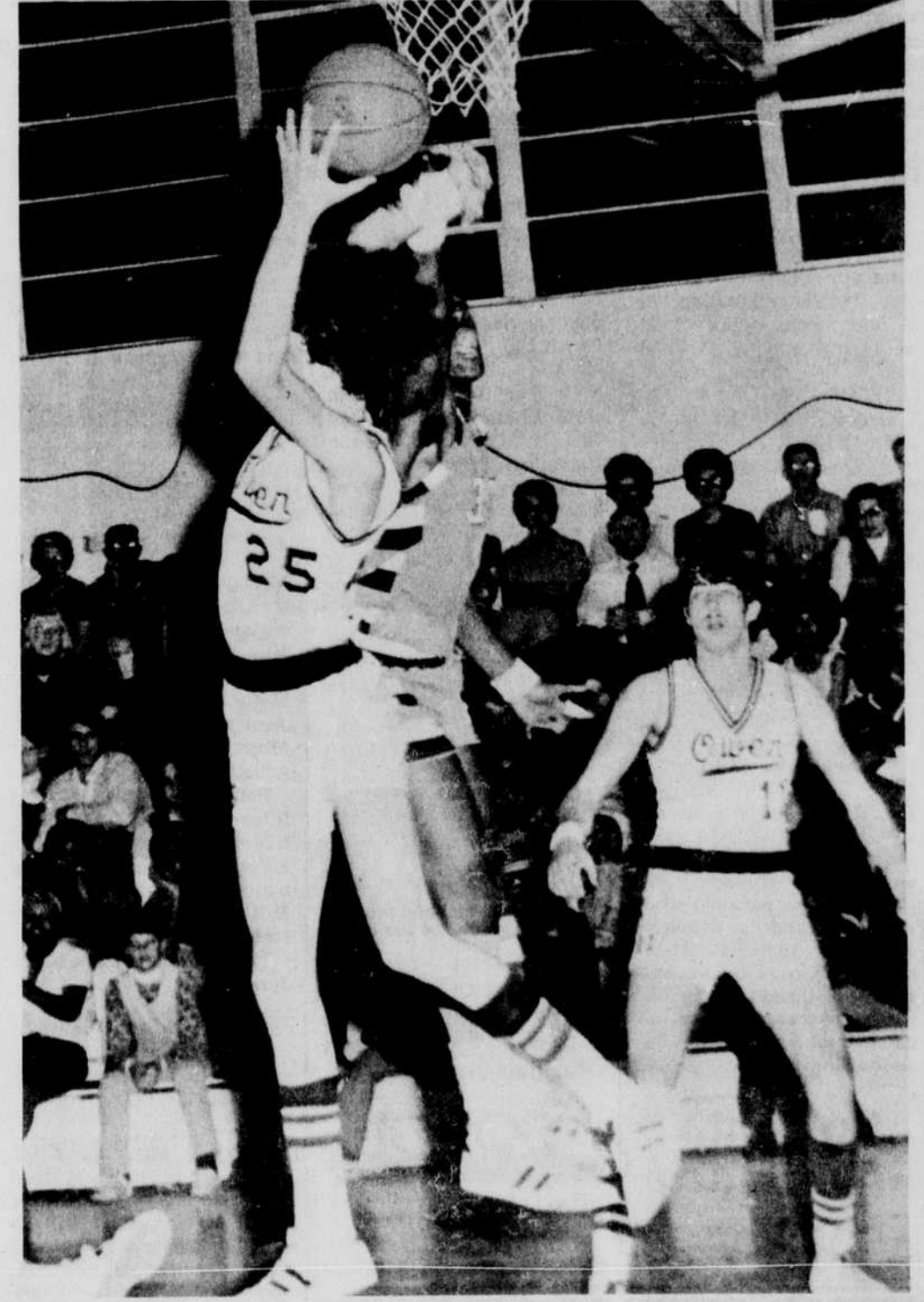
Due to lack of adequate representation, the Recreation Commission did not present recommendations concerning the membership rates at the golf course. Alderman Tom Sobol suggested that the town not wait on the Recreation Commission but could get certain small needs attended to immediately.

Buckner presented a drug



LINDA MUMPOWER (No. 25) of the Warlassies guards Adell of Reynolds as Emilie Davidson moves in to get a loose ball.

Ready to assist is Janice Hussey (No. 32). Photo by Jim Steele.



KEN BUCKNER (No. 25) of Owen battles a Reynolds player for the ball as Sammy

Stewart (No. 11) moves in to assist. Photo by Jim Steele.

Impet In A Teapot?

Complaints On Summey Seem Exaggerated

By JIM AYCOCK
NEWS PUBLISHER

Once again Monday night complaints from residents on Rhododendron Avenue appeared before the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen. The complaints were about activities of the Sign Company, and near their homes. The complaints have been discussed at the last three or four meetings of the alder-

men. The complaints include use of trucks rolling through the neighborhood, violation of ordinances against commercial operations in residential neighborhoods, excessive noise and generally disturbing a public peace. Tempers have flared on the rise with each meeting.

At the end of this week the Black Mountain News indicated the situation to see what the truth of the matter might be. In the opinion of this reporter the complaints against Mike Summey and his sign company are greatly exaggerated.

Summey does not use welding equipment in his business. He uses welding equipment to prepare a new sign for being placed on the sign. Summey has repaired signs with welding. He does not metal fabricating or work," Summey told the news. "All our materials are ordered pre-cut and drilled. We just put it together, mainly with bolts and various fastening pins." Summey's inspection of the building and the work done was verified this statement. There was no evidence of welding being done. All the progress was being made together, not welded. Summey said he once hooked a welder and tested to see if it interfered with his vision reception. There was no effect, he claimed.

Some of my neighbors who complain to the board about a short wave radio. I really tears up TV

reception," Summey added. Lights at night are among those complaints registered against Summey. He told the News his employees work from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. and not at night. He said he starts as late as 8:30 a. m. to avoid disturbing people nearby. If he has a light on at night it is inside the building and no more light than his house or his neighbor's house produces. The building has no windows opening onto the side faced by those complaining about lights.

There is no noise at night because no work is being done after 5:30 p. m. Summey says he has been in business since April 1969 and since that time there have been no more than six or seven trucks at his place. There is adequate room for them to get entirely off the street and they cause no traffic congestion, he indicated.

Summey says he is not violating any zoning ordinance. He was in business in April 1969 and his building was under construction in November 1969. He was outside the city limits until the lights were extended on June 26, 1969. The zoning ordinance was not passed until well after his building was started. Zoning went into effect January 7, 1970, and provides that existing non-complying structures are not regulated, only new ones started after zoning takes effect.

Therefore if the dates provided by Summey are correct, he is indeed not in violation and cannot be closed up for violation of zoning ordinances. He is entirely within his rights in operating as he does, unless course he maintains something dangerous or otherwise legally prohibited.

At this time Summey is looking for property to build a new shop on. He has plans and an architectural drawing of a structure 75 feet wide and 180 feet long with a 25 x 40 front extension. He says he hopes to move into it this year.

In this observer's opinion he deserves reasonable time to make and carry out his plans to move.

Says Clevenger Of Medical Center

Success Needed Now Or Future May Be In Doubt

The chips are down. If the corporate giving division of the corporate giving division of the capital funds drive for the medical center. Working with him on the committee are Jim Norton, manager of the Black Mountain branch of the Bank of Asheville, and Tom Sobol of Sobol House of Furnishings. Sobol is also on the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen.

"There is another individual whose active support of this division we hope to be able to announce this week after he settles some other commitments, Clevenger said. The Swannanoa Valley is fortunate to have 12 very prosperous companies located here. The corporate giving division will solicit contributions from this community," Clevenger explained.

A native of Black Mountain Clevenger has maintained an interest in local projects. He is president of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce, and is a former chairman of the Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

I have a little trouble remembering how I got involved in the medical center program, Clevenger said. I just slid into it. Clevenger's brother, Jim, is president of the Medical Center association. Over the years they have seen several proposals offered for a medical facility—from doctors' offices to small hospitals and clinics to the medical center building that is proposed now.

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federal funds possible, Clevenger explained.

One advantage of the proposed facility is that it will be a co-operative practice building. That is what doctors look for when opening new offices, he said.

Among the medical center's facilities will be five doctors' offices, emergency and minor surgery rooms, X-ray equipment, free baby clinics, a dental suite and an optometrist suite.

One-Hundred-Seventy-Five thousand dollars must be pledged locally for the medical center project, Clevenger said. That amount will then be matched with federal funds.

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Clevenger Knitting Mills in 1966, and last year founded Clevenger Construction Company.

Prior to that, Clevenger was personnel manager at Kearfott Industries here.

Clevenger was appointed by the governor in 1968 to the 15 member North Carolina Zoological Authority, which is concerned with the development of a 1500 acre Zoo near Asheville.

We have the money, the land and the director for that project, and that's all we need to go ahead with it, Clevenger said.

He is also currently serving as president of the Catawba Valley Hosiery Manufacturers association, and is a member of the North Carolina Pilots Association.

Clevenger and his wife Mary Anne have two daughters, Natalie, 11, and Jackie, 9.

Free Tax Service For Poor And Elderly Here

The Internal Revenue Service is establishing a volunteer income tax assistance office in Black Mountain for the elderly and those with low incomes.

This service is free.

The Black Mountain office will be in the Fellowship Hall of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Montreat Road. This tax assistance program for the Swannanoa Valley area will begin Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. The service will be available each Saturday at the same hours until the tax filing deadline.

For further information Call Vernon Johnson at 669-7252.

Womans Club Fashion Show Models Needed

All members of The Black Mountain Woman's Club who are willing to model in the February Fashion Show are urged to contact either of the chairmen, Mrs. G. Albert Clough at 669-7154 or Mrs.

Basketball Games Last Week By Owen

The Owen Warhorses lost both their last two games, to Reynolds 74-62 and to Erwin 73-57. The Warlassies lost to Reynolds in a close game 25-23 and won a close contest against Erwin 26-25.

Tuesday night Erwin had five players in double digits and won easily, using mostly subs late in the game. Sam Stewart scored 19 and Steve Davidson 18 for the Warhorses.

The Warlassies played hard and earned a one point win with Becky Brank getting 10 points. The score was close all night. Several players were sick with the flu and the bench was called on for heavy duty. Flu also had hit some of the boys.

Lost Friday night Davidson and Stewart had 20 points each in the loss to Reynolds. The Warhorses looked good in defeat.

The Reynolds girls won a close game despite a good effort by the Warlassies. Linda Mumpower had nine and Emilie Davidson eight points.

Jaycee Honors Night

Andy Andrews Keynote Speaker For Banquet

Andy Andrews, vice president of Conferences, Mountain Retreat Association, will deliver the keynote address at the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Jaycees' Annual Awards Banquet to be held at Assembly Inn, Montreat, this

Saturday, Jan. 27. Andrews is a former Secretary of Men of the Presbyterian Church N. S. in Richard, Va. He was a representative of the Denomination in Geneva, Switzerland with the World Council of Churches. He is active in Boy Scout work. Currently he is serving as an

executive in the chamber of commerce and is a past president of this organization. Andrews is a member of the Area Conference Administrators Assn. and an Elder in the Montreat Presbyterian Church.

An active conservationist, he is sponsor of the Conservation Club at Montreat-Anderson College. He received an award from Gov. Bob Scott for his conservation efforts.

The Andrews have two children, Sarah and Al, both college students.

The topic of his talk Saturday evening will be "Community Impact."

Highlights of the banquet will be the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, highest honor given by Jaycees, to a young man of the community.

Other awards to be presented include: the Outstanding Young Educator Award, sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Co.; Outstanding Young Law Officer; Faith In God Award; and Senior Citizen Award.

The annual awards banquet will highlight Jaycee week January 21-27.

Library Presentation

American Folklore Is Topic Of Story Hour

Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan, Davy Crockett, Mike Fink, John Henry and Joe Magarac will be featured "guests" on films and records and in pictures and stories this Saturday, Jan. 27 during the Potpourri Series of Story Hour at the Black Mountain Library.

The program will be about the folklore of America and will also touch on the folklore of other countries. Two color films will be shown; they are "Johnny Appleseed" and "Aesop's Fables."

Folklore includes anything passed on orally from one generation to another. Three forms will be used in the program: songs, stories and games. A special feature will be the recounting of some

Cherokee folklore. Books and records on folklore will be displayed, reviewed and available for immediate check-out.

The program will be from 2-4 p.m. with registration and attendance work being done from 1:30-2:00 p.m. All youngsters aged 5-12 are invited to this free program in the Education Room of the Black Mountain Library. The program will conclude with a treat reminiscent of the work of Johnny Appleseed—candied apples!

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NOTICE New Schedule Begins Monday

Pancake Supper Sponsored By Big "O" Club

The Big "O" Club will sponsor a Pancake Supper at the Owen High School cafeteria on Friday evening, Feb. 2 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$1 per person. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, butter, syrup and milk or coffee.

All proceeds will go to the Athletic Department at Owen.

Next week the Black Mountain News will return to its former schedule of Thursday delivery instead of Friday delivery as it has been for several months. This will give advertisers an additional day for weekend sales.

Because of this change in schedule, deadlines for submitting news and advertising will be returned too 5 p.m. on Monday instead of the present Tuesday deadline. This begins NEXT WEEK so don't forget, to get your news or advertising in on time, please get it to us not later than MONDAY. Your cooperation is needed to make this change work well, so please make your best effort. Thank you.