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Emergency Medical Technicians A New Breed

BY UVA MIRACLE
The scream of the siren on an ambulance sends shivers down most of our spines, but we in Black Mountain are really lucky for we have a regular and standby ambulance crew. The ambulance crew is among the best in patient care, in the emergency room, in the hospital. They are not only trained but also have the ability for human kindness and understanding for those in severe stress and pain. More over the men in our ambulances are of a new breed. They are trained Emergency Medical Technicians. They are trained as Bob Wheelon so put it, in techniques of bandaging a cut finger to prevent a baby from bleeding. Let their be no levity in these men and their training. When it is completed they assume the role as the valuable lay members of the medical team outside the hospital. They are able to provide excellent quality emergency medical care at the scene of an accident and on the way to hospital. Before the EMT training was initiated here, James C. Griffin, local coordinator of the

office of Emergency Medical Services of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, said people were dying unnecessarily on the highways because of the lack of proper emergency care which should have been provided at the scene of the accident by ambulance attendants.
"Many of the volunteers of the rescue squads who rode ambulances had no more than beginning first aid training," he said. "They did the best they knew how, but still a lot of people were dying."
Then in 1973, North Carolina passed the Emergency Medical Service Act to set minimum training standards for ambulance and rescue vehicle operators, attendants, drivers and dispatchers, and the Emergency Medical Technician training program was established to comply with these standards.
"What this means is our ambulance jockeys of the past are gone," Griffin said. "Soon we will have no more ambulance attendants without training."
By Jan. 1, 1976 Griffin said any person riding in an ambulance in the patient compartment during an emergency must be a certified

EMT.
After 106 hours of theory and practice in the classroom, including practical training in splinting, bandaging, monitoring vital signs, transporting, respiration and resuscitation, bleeding, shock, applying dressing, the students work for 16 hours in the emergency room in the hospital getting clinical experience.
After the classroom and clinical experience, the students must pass a 200 question state EMT exam which takes about three hours.
Griffin said ambulance drivers have first priority at the EMT classes offered; rescue squad personnel, second; hospital emergency room personnel, third; firemen and law enforcement, fourth and others, fifth.
Four men from Black Mountain are already certified they are Bob Wheelon, Austin Burgess, Pete Post and Bill Jones. Working toward certification are Gary Bartlett, Seve King and James Goodman.
There is one county ambulance headquarters in Black Mountain. It is fully equipped for most any type of emergency and is always

manned by at least one certified EMT. The Rescue Squad Ambulance is always on standby and is equally well equipped and staffed. Both are registered with the State and regularly inspected.
The citizens of the Township are invited to inspect the facilities and ambulances and the crews will gladly answer any questions.
We the citizens of this Valley should express our thanks and appreciation to these men who have worked so hard to make our lives safer.
My Daily Prayer
If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.
If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.
If I can do kindly deed,
If I help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how.
Author Unknown
This was submitted by one of our Ambulance Corpsmen and seems to be the creed they live by in caring for those whom they are called to serve.



Scouts Of Year In Swannanoa

DOCK HOILMAN, second from left, was this year's first place winner of the Swannanoa Valley Lion's Club annual "Scout of the Year" award. Harold Staten center, won second place. Keith Quinn placed third. All are members of Troop 28, sponsored by the Swannanoa United Methodist Church. Also pictured are, far left, Scoutmaster Frank Hoilman, and far right, Ed Houk, Lion's Club committee chairman for the award. The prize is based on points earned during the year by the individual scouts. (Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

March 21 At O.H. S.

Swannanoa Valley's Fifteenth Annual Folk Festival

Preserving native customs, music, dances and mores has become the "In Thing" but for fifteen years the Swannanoa Woman's Club has been striving to preserve our Valley heritage through its Annual Swannanoa Folk Festival. The Fifteenth will be presented in the Charles D. Owen High School Auditorium on March 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Mountain music, singing dancing, smooth and clogging will be on the agenda with the best in the area on hand.
William D. Williams will be the master of ceremonies. Music for the dancers will be provided by a popular group "The Ramblers."
As in the past the lively program features competition between various square dance teams in this area. Winners in each category receive trophies. Trophies are also presented for the Best Caller and the Best Lead Couple.
The following teams have been accepted for the Square Dance Competition they include: Owen High School, Emma Junior High, Cloudland Elementary, Valley Springs, Biltmore Elementary

School, T. C. Roberson Smooth Dancers, Candler Hillbilly Minstrels, Swannanoa Elementary School and the Clyde A. Erwin High School.
Along with the Dance Competition the program will feature a varied program of talent acts.
The Swannanoa Woman's Club uses the proceeds from this program to aid in various civic projects among them the Youth Recreation Program, the Swannanoa Fire Dept., the Community Christmas Fund

and the North Carolina Symphony Society Inc.
Ms. Sue Hunnicutt and Mrs. John A. Hill Jr. are co-chairmen for the event assisted by the club president Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. Edward West, Mrs. Desmond Hussey, Mrs. Thomas Gant, Mrs. Rufus Fisher, Mrs. Maurice Davis.
Tickets may be purchased from club members and at the door. Adult admission will be \$1.50 and children \$1.00.

TOWN BOARD MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

The Town Board will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the City Hall for its regular monthly session. On the Agenda will be the discussion of the bids for the swimming pool.

The meeting is open to the public. This is your opportunity to see the hows and whys of your government. Be Present!!



Emergency Skilled

THESE MEN are trained or are receiving training life saving skills that could spell the difference between life and death for any of us. They are the members of the Buncombe County Ambulance Service and the Black Mountain Fire Dept. who are soon will be Certified Emergency Medical

Technicians. They are left to right front row: Bob Wheelon, certified EMT; Bill Jones, C.E.M.T.; James Goodman, working toward certification and Austin Burgess CEMT. Back row - Pete Post, C.E.M.T. and Gary Bartlett and Steve King who are working toward certification. Photo by William Burgin

Beauty Contest Extraordinaire

Plans are now being completed for that greatest of all beauty contests since 1933 for the crowning of Miss ??? Swannanoa Valley. The Woman Less Beauty Contest, presented by the Black Mountain Committee For Better Sports, aided and abetted by the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Jaycees will be held Saturday April 5 at 7:30 p. m. in the Charles D. Owen High School Auditorium. It is being sponsored by the merchants of Black Mountain and the Valley. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children.
Trophies will be presented to the winner and first and second place runnersups.
Mrs. Uva Miracle, News Editor of the Black Mountain News will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Two judges have been secured Charles A. Lytle, Principal of Owen High School and A. F. Tyson of Tyson Furniture Co. The committee would like to have three more and would appreciate anyone willing to serve to contact either Jim Owens, Robert

Worley or Tommy Turner, committee for the event.
Donations of 50 cents each will be accepted for tickets for door prizes consisting of a black and white TV set; a portable radio and two chicken dinners donated by the Burger Hutt. It is hoped more will be added by April 5.
Many more contestants and sponsors are wanted. If you are willing to be a contestant or sponsor please contact the committee.
The following merchants have made donations to sponsor their contestant: Valley Realty, Martin's Shoe Store, Nuts Inc., Acme Barber Shop, The Button Hole Shop, McMurray Chevrolet Co., Sears Catalog Store, Sobol House of Furnishings, Riddles Flower Shop - will donate flowers to winner, The Ole Smoky Sport & Tobac Shop, Home Credit Co., Mi-Lady's Beauty Isle, Ralph's Motor Sales, Norton's Qwik Shop & Package Store, Frank's Barber Shop, Larry Buchanan, J.E.C., and the Black Mountain News.

Taylor Blasts Recess Schedule

WASHINGTON — Rep. Roy Taylor of Black Mountain criticized the proposed 1975 House recess schedule as "excessive and untimely" in a letter to House Speaker Carl Albert, mailed Thursday.
A schedule of nine recesses during the year has been proposed by the House leadership with approval of each recess subject to prior House vote. "In my district and area, Congress has been severely and bitterly criticized, both by the press and the people because of the recent Lincoln Week recess and thoroughly advertised recent recess schedule announced for the remainder of the year," said Taylor's letter.

people say we are not trying, not working and refer to the many vacations planned. I believe that the 1975 recess schedule is excessive and untimely."
"The President and the press are hitting us over the head each day for lack of effort and lack of action. They use and will continue to use the recommended schedule as the most damaging evidence of the do-nothing attitude of Congress," he said.
Taylor declared, "This is a difficult year and the worst may be yet to come. People want Congress to remain in Washington, attacking problems here, rather than being in their home districts listening to people and making speeches." In summary, Taylor wrote Albert, "Considering the economic and political climate, I recommend that the House abolish the proposed recess schedule and publicize it's action and that a more modest recess schedule, similar to the ones used last year and the year before be planned. I believe this would be in the best interest of Congress, especially Democratic members to whom the people are looking for positive leadership."

The 11th district Congressman stated, "I have found it difficult to explain to my constituents why Congress took a week off, after being in session only three weeks and why Congress planned so many recesses (they call it vacation) this year in face of the most serious economic problems that the people have faced in three decades." Taylor remained in his Washington office during the Lincoln recess.
Taylor continued, "The

Mayor Stone Proclaims March 9-15 Girl Scout Week



Whereas, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. observes the 63rd Anniversary of its founding on March 12, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five, and Whereas, this organization, founded with only 18 members in 1912 has grown to include more than 3.3 million girls and men and women from every strata of our society, and continues to serve well our

daughters, our community, and our nation; and
Whereas, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. has always been deeply committed to building better relationships among persons of all ages, religions, races, and nationalities; and is vitally concerned with improving the quality of our environment; and

Whereas, we in Black Mountain continually benefit by their efforts on behalf of this community.
Now, there, I, Richard B. Stone, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Black Mountain, hereby proclaim March 9 through March 15, 1975 as Girl Scout Week in the township of Black Mountain, and I do further call upon all citizens of the community to give to the Girl Scouts, now and throughout 1975, their continued interest, cooperation, and support so that increasing number of girls may benefit from this program that benefits us all.

THESE YOUNG LADIES ask you to join them in the observance of Girl Scout Week. Mayor Richard B. Stone has officially proclaimed the Week of March 9-15 Girl Scout Week in Black Mountain. The Brownie Scouts in the front row are Tracy Kitchen and Cheryl McBroom of Troop 51. Their leader is Mrs. Michelle Cameron. Junior Scouts of Troop 38 are left to right: Terry McFee, Ruth Anne Albright, Becky Morris and Tracy Wright. Their leader is Mrs. Barbara Wright.

-s- Richard B. Stone
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A Touch Of Winter