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Gordon H. Greenwood To Seek Seat In General Assembly

Gordon H. Greenwood announced today he will be a candidate for election to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Greenwood made the following statement in announcing his candidacy:

After careful consideration, I have decided to become a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, for Buncombe and Transylvania Counties, subject to the Democratic primary in August, 1976. It was my privilege to serve for 10 years as a representative from Buncombe County, during which time I was able to help solve many problems which face our county and our state.

In the 1977 session, legislators will no doubt be confronted with problems of the budget of education and in many other areas. I feel that, if elected, my experience will be of considerable value finding solutions.

It has been my observation, based on several years in state, county, and city government, that our fellow citizens expect us to be responsible as well as

responsive. I intend to be both. Presently serving a second term on the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen Greenwood declared that should he be elected to the General Assembly he would not have to resign from the Board of Aldermen until February of 1977 when he would be sworn in for his new office as State Representative.

He pulled out of the state political arena seven years ago and made a successful bid for chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners.

Greenwood had been involved in the legislative process for 10 years and probably thought when he made that decision in 1967 that he would never again be a candidate for the North Carolina General Assembly. He had served that session as chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, and it was time to either plunge into the thick of statewide politics or get out.

Greenwood was courted by one group as a possible candidate for lieutenant governor, others wanted him to run for secretary of state, and he



GORDON H. GREENWOOD

was tempted by some supporters to seek the office of state treasurer.

As publisher of the Black Mountain News at that time, Greenwood had felt for some time that he needed to stay closer to his home and business.

So it was no great surprise when the one-time journalism professor turned his back on state politics and ran for the chairmanship of the county governing board.

Greenwood won in his first race for the fulltime job as the county's chief administrative

officer, but lost out for a second term in a contest with Republican R. Curtis Ratcliff.

He has stayed active in politics, however, and is now serving on the Town Board of Aldermen in Black Mountain. Although the primaries are still about six months away, Greenwood will announce within the next week or so as a candidate for the 1977 General Assembly.

Talking about his thoughts of getting back into the legislative process a few days ago, Greenwood said an important factor in his decision

is the loss after this session of two of the General Assembly's most outstanding members from the Buncombe - Transylvania delegation.

Greenwood, 66, is a native of Black Mountain. He worked on a newspaper in Illinois, served in the U. S. Army and taught at Boston University before coming back home to the Black Mountain News, which he held in 1967.

He has served as director of admissions at Montreat - Anderson College since early 1973.

Precinct Changes Unopposed

Six voters from the Swannanoa and Oteen areas showed up at a public hearing held by the Buncombe County Board of Elections at Warren Wilson College Lecture Hall Wednesday night, January 14, and no one objected to proposed voter precinct changes.

One proposal would eliminate the so-called "bulge" in the western boundary of Swannanoa No. 2 precinct that is causing some voters presently in the Oteen precinct to travel too far to vote.

The change would allow some voters in the Oteen precinct, south of U.S. 70, to vote at the Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department in Swannanoa No. 1 rather than travel all the way to the Riceville Volunteer Fire Department, the Oteen polling place.

This change would redraw the Oteen precinct lines,

taking some residents of Jim's Branch and Buckeye Cove roads out of the Oteen precinct and placing them in the Swannanoa No. 1 precinct.

The proposal would also take voters living on Dillingham Circle, presently in Swannanoa No. 2 and voting at Swannanoa Elementary School, and place them in the Oteen precinct so that they could vote at the Riceville V.F.D. which is closer.

Voters living in a part of Craggy View development, presently voting in Swannanoa No. 2, would be placed in the more convenient Oteen precinct, under the proposal.

J. Lawrence Smith, chairman of the elections board, said the board would probably adopt the changes at its next regular meeting, since there has been no objection to the proposals.

The changes are only good, according to state law, during the tenure of the current

three-member elections board. They must also receive final approval by the secretary-director of the N.C. Elections Board, which Smith called a routine matter.

Youth Charged In Robbery

Of Mr. Zip

Black Mountain police filled in the details in the Monday night robbery of the Mr. Zip Store, January 12, on U.S. 70 in Black Mountain, which resulted in a two-county chase and an accident that seriously injured the robbery suspect.

James Wiseman, Black Mountain assistant chief, said someone robbed the store at 11:43 p.m. Monday. The man, who took about \$80, did not show a gun but said he had one, Wiseman said.

Wiseman said Black Mountain police chased a car believed driven by the robber. McDowell County deputies and state troopers picked up the car over the McDowell County line and clocked it at 155 miles per hour. The car wrecked at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday on U.S. 70 near Marion.

The driver, Garland Henry Padgett, 19, Montreat Road, was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital with a fractured neck. He is listed as being in satisfactory condition.

Padgett was charged with robbery by Black Mountain police, and other charges are pending.

All but \$4 of the robbery money was recovered, Wiseman said.

Hospital personnel told Black Mountain police they did not know when Padgett could be moved. He is under a \$1,500 unsecured bond, Wiseman said.



DR. ARTHUR BANNERMAN

Noted Educator Dead

President Emeritus Of Warren Wilson College

The death of Dr. Arthur M. Bannerman, president emeritus of Warren Wilson College on Friday Jan. 16 was not only a loss to our Valley but to the entire world. Dr. Bannerman gave unstintingly of himself not only to the college and its surrounding life but to the Swannanoa Valley, Buncombe County and the State. His valued counseling and the warm friendship he extended will never be forgotten. His death in an Asheville hospital came after a brief illness. He was 75.

Dr. Bannerman came to Swannanoa in 1928 to fill a temporary position at the old Asheville Farm School. He remained to guide the institution to its role as a coeducational junior college and later as a four-year liberal

arts college fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

He was born in Juneau, Alaska, in 1900 where his father was a missionary under the United Presbyterian Board of Missions. He was graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., and studied law briefly in Trenton, N.J., before coming to serve as a teacher and coach at the Farm School.

Under Dr. Bannerman's leadership Warren Wilson received national recognition for its work program in which all students, regardless of their financial status, labor 15 hours each week at some necessary job on the campus. During his presidency Warren Wilson began to accept an increasing number of

international students who now comprise approximately 20 per cent of the enrollment.

In 1952 Warren Wilson also pioneered by becoming the first formerly all-white college in North Carolina to accept black students.

In addition to his college duties, Dr. Bannerman took an active part in the community. He served for many years as president of the Swannanoa Community Council. He was president of the United Fund of Asheville and Buncombe County; president of the Asheville Civitan Club; president of the N. C. Council of Church-Related Colleges; President of the Council of Southern Mountains and president of the National Council of United Presbyterian Men.

Dr. Bannerman was for many years a member of the Asheville Library Board. He served as trustee of the James G. K. McClure Educational and Development Fund; director of the Upper French Broad Economic Development Commission and member of the Buncombe County Hospital Authority Board.

He was awarded his M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Berea College.

Johnson C. Smith University, and Warren Wilson. Lafayette College awarded him an honorary L.H.D. in 1945. The Asheville School presented its Award of merit to Dr. Bannerman in 1972.

As former Dean Henry W. Jensen said, when Dr. Bannerman announced his plans to retire.

"His faith in people and his optimism in the midst of difficulties have provided steadiness and confidence in many critical periods. His insistence upon participation by all who are concerned and willingness to accept responsibility have kept a climate in which students and staff could find an ever widening share of governance. He is ever ready to delegate authority and permit experimentation by those who are ready to live with the results... Night and day, day and night for a lifetime, Warren Wilson has been Arthur Bannerman's labor of love."

When Warren Wilson awarded him an honorary doctorate of laws in 1971 the citation said in part: "From that day in 1928 when you joined your life to the living mission of the United Presbyterian Church on this campus, your every talent and resource have been devoted to

the enhancement of opportunity for people who sought it."

Even after his formal retirement in 1971 Dr. Bannerman devoted a large part of his time to assisting the college as director of Church Relations. He helped organize its Board of Church Visitors and enlisted the support of some 150 United Presbyterian churches to replace the loss of income the college suffered when the former Board of National Missions discontinued assistance to its educational institutions.

Dr. Bannerman was an enthusiastic golfer and enjoyed relaxing with friends on the links. He continued to play an excellent gameright up to the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lucile Patton; two daughters, Janet Bannerman and Mary Bannerman (Mrs. Billy Edd) Wheeler, both of Swannanoa; three brothers, Mitchell and Henry F. both of Titusville, N.C. and Gordon of Portola Valley, Calif., and two grandchildren, Lucy and Travis Wheeler of Swannanoa. A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m. Monday in Warren Wilson College Chapel. The Rev. Fred Ohler and Gordon Maby officiated. Memorials may be made to

the Arthur M. Bannerman Alumni Scholarship Fund at Warren Wilson College.

Miller Funeral Home of Black Mountain was in charge of arrangements.



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BIG BUY HAS FIRST WEEKLY CASH DRAWING. Marilyn Rucinski of the Black Mountain pulls out the first winning number in the Weekly Cash Drawing, as Hershel Cogburn of Associated Groceries holds the box. First prize winner of \$50 was Diane Gardner of Rt. 1, Black Mountain. Second prize winner of \$25 was G. D. Taylor of Black Mountain and \$10 Third Prize Winner Eunice Melton of Swannanoa.

New Funeral Home With Ambulance Service For Swannanoa Valley

George A. Penland, President of Penland & Sons Funeral Home of Asheville announced Saturday the opening of a new funeral home in Swannanoa. The new funeral home will be located at 125 South Avenue, across from the Swannanoa First Baptist Church. Like Penland's Asheville Funeral Home, located on Charlotte Street, 24-Hour ambulance service will be available.

Mr. Penland, explained that the Swannanoa Funeral Home will be a complete funeral service facility, offering a 120 seat chapel with private family room, reposing room, casket selection area, preparation room, and a private parking area.

In addition to Ambulance Services, Penland & Sons will offer all needs pertaining to the funeral service to include, Pre-Need Burial Plans authorized by the North Carolina Banking Commission, Burial Insurance, Life Insurance and monument sales.

Co-Managers of the Swannanoa Funeral Home will be Jerry Penland, Vice President of Penland & Sons and Paul Adkins, licensed funeral director and embalmer. Jerry Penland, is a resident

of the Grovemont community where he is active in the Swannanoa Valley Recreation Program, member of Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church, and a registered Emergency Medical Technician.

Paul Adkins, is a licensed funeral director and embalmer with 18 years of experience and for the past four years was manager of Miller's Funeral Home in Black Mountain. He is also a member of the Swannanoa First Baptist Church, Black Mountain Masonic Lodge No. 663, a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry of Asheville.

The Penland Family were former residents of Swannanoa, to include Joe D. Penland Sr. a 1965 graduate of Charles D. Owen High School.

Penland & Sons Funeral Home of Swannanoa and Asheville welcomes the public to come by and is invited to the official open house to be held at swannanoa: Friday Jan. 23rd - 3 p.m. til 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24th - 10 a.m. til 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25th - 2 p.m. til 6 p.m.

In case of Ambulance or funeral needs the new Swannanoa Phone number is 686-5447 or Asheville office 252-1536.

We Die... One By One... Who Cares? No One... No One...

By WM G. BIRGIN

Cragmont Road is a street. It looks like any other street in Black Mountain. Something makes this street different. People, living, breathing, human beings, are dying here! Why? No one cares! Are these people being killed by this composite of dirt, gravel, tar, and paint, with the reflection of neon signs on its surface?

No the street does not kill, its location kills. How can a location kill? The location of this street in reference to Highway 70, makes it hard and oft times impossible for the humans traveling its surface to see or to be seen. Only the neon lights of a business across the highway and of a business to the right, and a weak street light, afford a view of oncoming traffic or pedestrians at night. Given a period of bad weather or even worse, a couple of drinks, and this view is cut to less than ten feet or to none. Daylight is the safest time for humans to drive or walk upon this street. Even then the experience

often aches the Fearless. But no one cares! Residents living on this street our local officials, and sympathetic members of the community have cried to the powers that be: "Give us a stop light at Cragmont Road, a widened street, and more light to see." But no one hears no one cares! Petitions written to the Department of Transportation

were met with the pat bureaucratic answer; "Too expensive, our surveys show not enough traffic passes here to warrant a stop light or further expense involved with Cragmont Road." Of course at the time of the petition, only one had died here. Now two are gone. Course, they're just people that called our town Home. That price is offered

for two local people? Will this carnage just go on and on? Is something not wrong here? Why should this be allowed to go on and on. Should we just sit and watch? Residents along this street have a gnawing thought; "Who is next, will it be me?" Perhaps part of the fault should be that of we who are a part of the "Media." Maybe

those killed here were not given the large headlines their passing deserved. That might have brought some help here! It is a political year. Would photos of twisted metal and bodies broken, sent to our representatives cause the shedding of a few real tears? Should we feature the loss of a child when that occurs and include a generous portion of a

mother's tears? Perhaps we should band together and pile the intersection high with broken wheels. How about joining hands while seated in the center of the intersection and chanting; "Install a light, or there'll be no traffic tonight!" If the next one we lose here is a child, then will they hear us, then will their rejection letter come with a

smile?...They will hear us then...won't they? WHY ALL THE FUSS? Its just a street, like all our other streets ... This street is different, this one kills... It kills US! "Yes, here WE die...each and everyone... slowly, cruelly, one by one...one by one...Who hears our cries ... NO ONE...NO ONE..."



CRAGMONT ROAD, as viewed from the parking lot of Mr. Zip, looks like many of our other streets. But this street is different.



THIS DRIVER'S VIEW to the left of Cragmont Road leaves much to be desired, even in the daylight. Imagine the view at night. (Burgin Photo)



A DRIVER'S VIEW to the right at the intersection of Cragmont and Highway 70 is poor in daylight. Its almost blocked at night. (Burgin Photo)