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THREE PROUD SCOUTS — Winners of the Lion's Club Boy Scout of the Year Award are: number one, Marty Wright (center); number two, Neil Hoilman (right); and number three, Harold Staton (left). Lion President W. W. Corn is presenting the awards.



SOMETIMES HARD TO SEE

Our Readers Speak

Depot Now Available For Township

Following is an excerpt from a letter which I received today: "Please refer to exchanges of correspondence between you and Messrs. Claytor and Hall (last year) concerning possible utilization of our depot building at Black Mountain by the Swannanoa Valley Art League and Citizen's Interest Steering Committee. We now have permission from the North Carolina Utilities Commission to permanently discontinue Black Mountain as an agency station, thereby making the building available. Kindly advise if your organizations are still interested in this building on one of the following alternatives:

1. Southern Railway to donate the building and the organizations remove it entirely from our right-of-way.
2. Building to remain in place and leased to the organizations at an annual rental to be agreed upon subject to execution of standard agreement, stipulating, among other items, adequate insurance coverage and installation of

protective fence.

We will hold this matter in abeyance until further advice is received from you. Very truly yours, W. L. Hofmann, Superintendent, Southern Railway System, Asheville, N.C. 28803."

I will be home if all goes well on March 16 and hope to get this marvelous opportunity moving for Black Mountain. In the meantime, if you will publish this letter, the people involved in both mentioned organizations, including Mrs. Robert Moss, president of the Art League and Hugo Thompson, head of the Citizens Interest movement, will be apprised of this wonderful new development.

I especially hope that anyone interested in helping us with this project will write to me (to my Black Mountain address) or phone me after March 16.

Thank you for printing this letter in your paper, and with kind personal regards, Belle Mordell
Siesta Inn
Roberts Point Rd.
Sarasota, Fla. 33581

Swannanoa Valley's Outstanding Scouts Are Honored

The three outstanding Swannanoa Valley Boy Scouts of the Year were recently honored at a dinner and award presentation by the Swannanoa Lion's Club. These boys are chosen by points earned for special performance in such areas as attendance at meetings, good deportment, rank advancement, merit badges, church attendance, and camping trips.

Scoutmaster Frank Hoilman said he had an especially fine troop this year and "all the boys were encouraged to work." Marty Wright was named the Number One Scout of the Year; Neil Hoilman Number Two Scout of the Year, and Harold Staton Number Three Scout of the Year. Marty is a patrol leader, Neil is Scribe of the troop, and Harold an Eagle Scout, is Junior Assistant Scout Master.

All three scouts won medals for Stone Mountain, an uphill hike of about four miles. Harold is a member of the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow and Marty and Neil have both been nominated for membership. The Order of the Arrow is an organization for honor campers who have achieved the rank of First Class Scout and have completed fifteen days and nights of camping. To become a member a rigorous initiation must be passed, the exact

ordeals of which are kept secret, but include a weekend camping trip where absolute silence must be maintained. Lion President W. W. Corn presented the awards. He expressed a special interest in

the Scouts since he was once Scoutmaster of local Troop 28. The guest speaker was Mr. Al Lane, the District Boy Scout Program Director, a professional Scout for over twenty years. Scouting is for fun, he said, but also it strives

for three important goals; good citizenship, character development, and personal and physical fitness. Troop 28 is sponsored by the Swannanoa United Methodist Church.

Guthrie Promoted To Advertising Manager

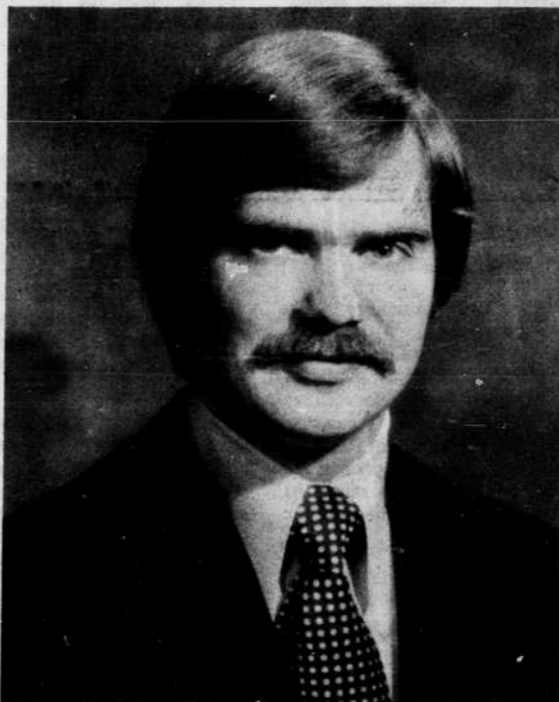
The promotion of Jack H. Guthrie to the position of Advertising Manager has been announced by James A. Fischer, Vice-President Marketing for Gravely, a leading manufacturer of lawn and garden tractors and equipment.

Mr. Guthrie has been with Gravely for three and a half years as Assistant Advertising Manager. He was educated at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. graduating in 1970 with a Bachelors Degree in Advertising. He has held various advertising positions both in advertising agencies and in manufacturer's advertising departments.

Mr. Fischer stated this move is in line with the company policy of promoting from within the company whenever possible.

Guthrie is originally from Black Mountain. He, his wife Bettye and their two children, Kristi and Ashlyn now reside in Winston-Salem.

Jack is a graduate of Charles D. Owen High School where he was an outstanding athlete and lived at the Presbyterian Home for Children while attending schools here.



JACK H. GUTHRIE



Some tennis buffs keep their gut-strung tennis rackets in good shape by conditioning strings with a light film of petroleum jelly before storing.

Food Stamp Change Is Reversed

The Senate Agriculture Committee voted on Thursday to reverse a previous action that would have knocked many elderly couples off the food stamp program.

Instead, it agreed to keep the current regulations relating to assets and ordered a six-month study of the assets problem, which affects elderly couples who own their own homes or have other assets. Current regulations allow cashable assets of \$1,500 for one person or \$2,250 for families of more than one person.

The committee had hoped to complete its proposals for overhaul of the \$5.4 billion a year food stamp program Thursday, but bogged down over the definition of income. It plans to meet again on Monday.

Meanwhile, Sens. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., and George McGovern, D-S.D., introduced legislation to replace the current welfare and food stamp programs with a new system with a guaranteed income for every American family.

Under the bill, the federal government would assume all costs of welfare payments. A family of four would be guaranteed an annual income of \$4,300. Special provisions would allow the working poor to keep their jobs without losing all the federal payments.

President Ford wants cuts of \$1.2 billion in the food stamp program.

White House officials and the President's chief House adviser on food stamps, GOP Whip Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., said in interviews that the final touches have been placed on a Ford plan to put into effect by regulation as many of his preferences as possible under existing authority.

Valley Happenings

SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM ON PROPOSED BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY EXTENSION

The program meeting of the Western North Carolina Group (WENOCA) of the Sierra Club will be held in the Auditorium of the Blue Ridge Technical Institute, Hendersonville, on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, 7:30 p.m. Joe Brown, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, will address the group on the subject: "The Extension of The Blue Ridge Parkway." Non-members are cordially invited to attend and urged to participate in the discussion. There will be a question and answer period. Anyone wishing to make a statement is asked to bring same in typed form. John L. Clay of Hendersonville will preside in the absence of the chairman, Rich Maggi.

Superintendent Brown will bring a large map and outline three proposals which are under consideration for an extension of the Parkway. He will also give a summary of the hearings held recently in Brevard, Sylva and Highlands on this subject.

A graduate of the University of Georgia School of Forestry, Superintendent Brown entered the Forestry Service in 1965. Prior to that he was Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for Dade County, Fla. Other positions he has held include: Assistant Director, Resources and Management, Park Service, Washington, D. C.; Superintendent, Everglades National Park; Deputy Superintendent, National Parks, Washington, D. C., and Superintendent, Virgin Islands National Park.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FOR C.D. OWEN RECREATION PARK SET

Registration for the Charles D. Owen Recreation Park. Girls Softball and Boys Baseball ages 6-18 will be held Saturday Feb. 28 and March 6 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Swannanoa School Cafeteria.

All boys and girls who have not previously played on a team and for whom copies of their birth certificates are not on file must present their birth certificate or a photostatic copy of it in order to register.

"GET ACQUAINTED WITH JOB CORPS" DAY

The First Annual "Get Acquainted with Job Corps" Day for Swannanoa has been set by Ed Brown, Job Corps Counselor, for Wednesday, March 3 at the Juvenile Services Center Jobless week between the ages of 16 and 21, who are no longer in school, will be provided with an opportunity to talk at length with the Job Corps Counselor from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources. Opportunities in residential Job Corps Centers include individual and group counseling, job training with a variety of trades from which to choose, and remedial education. A number of North Carolina youths earn their G.E. D. High School Equivalency Diploma each year in Job Corps camps in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

For further information about "Get Acquainted with Job Corps" Day, the public is invited to call CARELINE toll-free at (800) 662-7030.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girls Scouts of the Black Mountain Swannanoa Neighborhood, your cookie order is in. 520 cartons of 12 packages each, thank you parents and friends for your orders. The girls will be around soon with the cookies, so be on the look out for those Delicious Cookies.

WW FILM OF WEEK "PETULA"

The movie at Warren Wilson College this weekend will be "Petula", starring George C. Scott and Julie Christie. The film will be shown in Bannerman Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, Feb. 29. Admission is 75c.

"Petula", played by Julie Christie, is an uninhibited, unconventional woman whose boring marriage drives her to pursue Archie, a recently divorced doctor, portrayed by George C. Scott. This film is a bitter, humorous and essentially accurate view of contemporary life.

The public is invited to attend.

GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a Gospel Singing at the East Black Mountain Free Will Baptist (Rock Church) Saturday night February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Among the singers will be the Evangelistics from Maiden. Public is invited.



A girl named Lizzie Stroud pitched in the old Atlantic League in the 1890s and for a while was a great sensation as the only female player in organized baseball.

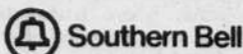
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