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Taylor Again Seeks Nationwide Primary

Legislation that would require all state presidential preference primaries to be held on the same day has been reintroduced by U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor, who sponsored the bill in 1972.

"The multi-state primary system we are now using leaves presidential candidates broke and exhausted, the public confused, tired and sick from an overdose of politics," Taylor said.

"The present system also is expensive to the taxpayers and places too much emphasis on the results of one state which may or may not represent a valid cross-section of American opinion."

The 11th District congressman added, "While my bill designates the First Tuesday in May as the date for the nationwide presidential preference primary, I am more interested in abandoning the present drawn-out primary process than the particular date on which a nationwide primary should be held.

The Black Mountain Police Department proved, once again their ability to handle unusual situations with skill

Police Department Commended

President Ford's Motorcade Goes Through Black Mountain

and dispatch last Saturday, when President Gerald Ford's plans to fly by helicopter to Spruce Pine was thwarted by heavy rain and fog. Given less than 15 minutes notice the local police officers quickly rallied to set up an efficient traffic flow through Black Mountain for the President's auto motorcade.

Asst. Chief James Wiseman told the Black Mountain News staff Monday, they were called and alerted on Thursday, of last week to set up traffic controls so, that if anything should happen weatherwise, things could move swiftly through the town. They were also told they would be given at least an hours notice.

At that time Chief Slagle and Wiseman alerted all the Volunteer Police Officers and worked out a complete control program so that the officers would offer an Honor Guard on the streets for the President. Then early Saturday morning they were advised their services would not be required and the plan

was called off. Saturday afternoon, following the rally at the Asheville Mall, the President's Party embarked in three helicopters for the flight to Spruce Pine - they reached Black Mountain and the rain poured down and the fog rolled in. The helicopters circled the Township for about ten minutes then returned to the airport at Asheville.

At approximately 4 p.m. Asst. Chief Wiseman was called by the Asheville Police Dept. and told to put the plan into effect as the President's party would be passing through in about 15 minutes. No time to alert the Volunteers. Officers Solesbee, Finberg, Sorrells, Chief Slagle, and Wiseman of the Black Mountain Police Dept., and Robby Yages of the Montreat Police Dept. responded. They were asked to station a man at the Blue Ridge Crossing by the Highway Patrol. Officer Fineberg was assigned there. Asst. Chief Wiseman at Dougherty,

Sorrells and Yates at Montreat Rd. and Solesbee at Richardson Blvd. with Chief Slagle coordinating. When the motorcade approached Blue Ridge Crossing Officer Fineberg called by walkie talkie. The ten car motorcade with its Highway Patrol escort

went straight through without a hitch. The Police Department received a commendation for their efficiency from the Highway Patrol. The President and Elvis who says things don't happen in Black Mountain?

Swannanoa Valley Bicentennial Folk Festival Friday At 7:30

The time is rapidly approaching for the Swannanoa Valley Bicentennial Folk Festival in honor of the Rich History of the Swannanoa Valley. Participation this year is for fun and exhibition not for competition.

is a real bargain for such a gala evening of entertainment. The following groups will present the program which has been planned for your entertainment.

The Owen High Pep Band; the Sunshine School will present a Square Dance; The Minuet; and Skip To-My-Lou; The Sweet Adelines, a female barber shop singing choral ensemble; The Square Dance Team of the Black Mountain Primary School; a string band

and David Holt from Warren Wilson College; The Black Mountain Grammar School Seventh and Eighth Grade Choruses; and Folk Dance Team; The Swannanoa Elementary School, Square dance and clogging teams and a program of Religious Folk Music by Smyrna School.

So load ma and all the young'uns and roll on down to the High School for an evening of good old hip slapping, foot tapping music and dancing.

Black Mountain Has Chance To Aid Sister Town

Black Mountain - Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce is launching a drive to obtain funds for the survivors of families of coal miners who died as a result of the recent explosion in mines located in Black Mountain of Owen Fork, Kentucky. "The exact similarity of the two names, Black Mountain, makes it extremely fitting that we undertake this drive. They are our coal miners and we do try to understand their plight" states Lee Clapp, President. "This is a person to person affair in which funds - all of the funds - will go directly to the needy" explains Col. Ed Weber, Chamber Manager. He believes that survivors of the Black Mountain mine disaster benefitting from this drive will have their feelings and emotions greatly boosted knowing that the people of another Black Mountain care about them.

While the local Black Mountain churches, schools, business and individuals are participating in the drive, everyone in the area may and are asked to donate whatever amounts they can or care to give. Many persons in the area have families and relatives working the mines of Black Mountain. They placed many emergency calls to Owen Fork. Mrs. Rex Cloud of Black Mountain has two cousins who due to taking physical exams at the time of the explosion escaped injury. Funds should be sent to the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce, 411 West State Street, Black Mountain, 28711. "We are establishing a deadline of March 31 but do hope that people won't wait until that late date to do what they want to do now," comments Lee Clapp.

A Comical View

How To Conserve Energy At Charles D. Owen High School

By TOM NANNEY

TO CONSERVE OIL
Over the entire school cut the thermostat down to twenty degrees. Everyone would have to wear their thermal undies and a furry Eskimo coat, insulated with parrot feathers, dainty chickadee down or buzzard feathers. It doesn't really matter which, they all let the cold in.

TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY
The loudspeaker and class change bell couldn't be used. So to solve this problem, one of our counselors would have to dress up like a town crier and run up and down the halls hollering hear ye! hear ye! folks!, giving the daily announcements or screaming time to change! time to change!

The lights would have to be turned off. Everyone would have to do his work by candle or kerosene lantern light. This might create a small problem. The various nooks and crannies of our school would be dark, thus creating an increase in the hug'n and kiss'n that goes on here. But now everyone would have a good excuse when caught. "It's not what it seems Mr. Lytle, we're just tryin to keep warm."

The duplicating machines would have to be shut off. Then the secretaries would have to hand copy all the bulletins and absentee lists for each day, which will result in them getting writer's cramps, but it's nothing that a dab of Ben Gay wouldn't cure.

In stead of using electric typewriters, manual ones would have to be substituted. The secretaries, or whoever was using them, would wear their fingers to the bone. It's just a small sacrifice they'll have to make if they want energy for the future. We just couldn't have the

lunch room ladies cooking on electric stoves. They'd have to stand long wooden handled spoon in hand stirring a big black pot over an open fire. Or as the students went through the lunch line, the serving ladies would hand everyone a stick, two hot dogs and a handful of marshmallows while directing them to the nearest available opening at the outdoor bonfire.



TOM NANNEY

In the summer when it's really hot and stuffy, instead of suspending students for misbehavior, assign them to fan duty. That is standing in the principal's office and fanning him with a giant fan with a long handle, much like ancient Egyptian slaves did their masters, while occasionally sopping his face with a washrag soaked in ice water.

Even though these suggestions may cause hardships, they would be well worth while if we're to conserve energy for the future kids of America.

Editor's Comment: The above is the prize winning essay for this quarter for the Kiwanis Club by students at Owen High School.

King College Choir At Presbyterian Church

The King College Symphonic Choir as part of its 1976 Spring Tour will present a concert of sacred music on Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

The 35-voice Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Dr. C.C. Loomis, has a repertoire of sacred music including traditional anthems and spirituals. Within the Symphonic Choir are three smaller groups, each one having its own selection of music. The Chapel Choir, consisting of 15 members, is led by a student director, Tate Newland, and performs contemporary and classical anthems. The Men's Quartet has a repertoire of gospel, barbershop, and contemporary music. The String Choir, which has four members, performs religious folk music.

The public is invited to hear the concert from the choir of King College, Bristol, Tennessee.

Mayor Commends Churches

I, Margaret Slagle, Mayor of the Town of Black Mountain, would like to take this opportunity to commend the participating churches who recently took part in the Ecumenical Services. The unity, felt in the combined worship of our Maler, was especially expressed in the music shared. No one knew or cared what church or denomination you were from, it was just children of one father sitting together to worship him.

The combined offerings from these services, which were presented to ABCCM East, are helping the ones in need with a concentrated rather than individual giving from each church or charitable organization.

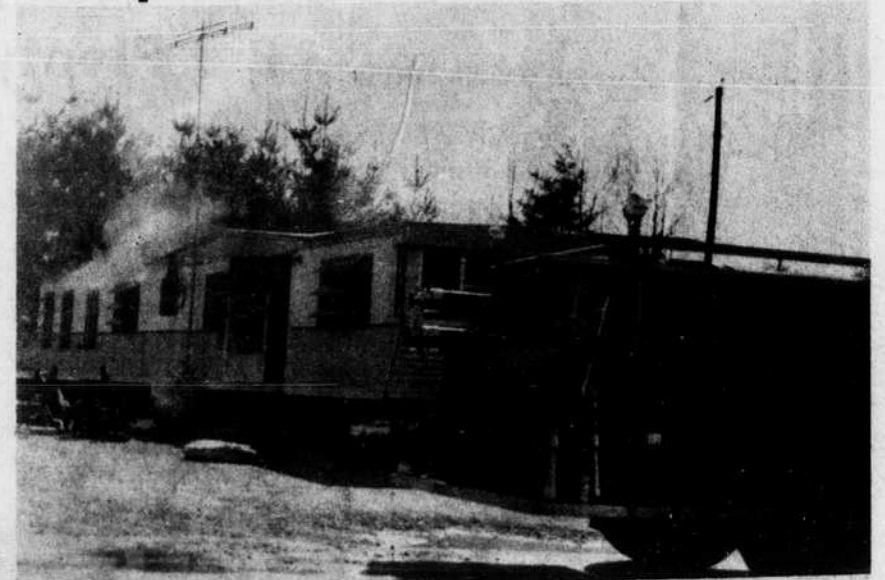
I feel the community as a whole profited from these services in both religious and public service.

-s- Margaret G. Slagle
Mayor of Black Mountain

Black Mountain Fire Department Respond To Calls



MRS. ALBERTA MACSPADDEN'S Residence Sky High Acres — The roof from the Rev. Dr. Forest Feezor's house blew off and landed on roof of the MacSpadden residence causing the roof to catch on fire. Minor fire damage, heavy wind damage, Wednesday evening March 16. Winds were of tornado ferocity. Two trucks and 22 men answered the alarm.



ALLISON'S MOBILE HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE — The mobile home of Ray and Carol Allison at 102 Belle St. in Black Mountain was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The Fire Department was alerted at 8:40 a.m. and two trucks and 15 men answered the alarm. The origin of the fire was undetermined at press time and is still under investigation. The fire apparently started inside the trailer and its interior was completely gutted. The truck had to be called back at 9:25 to wet down a hot spot. Ray is employed at Shook's Exxon and Carol is a hair stylist at Bea's Beauty Shop. The Allison's have three little girls, Stacey, Tammy and Kelly.



THE SUNSHINERS — Square Dance Team members are Krissie Baldwin, Rhonda Kaye Pressley, Gena Moore, Emily Culbreth, Sheri Hollifield, Leigh Anne Naves, Kristy Nix, Cristi Hensley, Lance Camp, Mark Hopkins, Anthony Watson, Sean Hayes, Brian Oakes, Robbie Morris, Stephen Ball, and Keith Reed.



SKIP TO MY LOU — The Sunshine School Folk Dance Team members are: Becky Cloud, Stacey Peek, Karen Futch, Charlie Lunsford, Pam Marett, Chris Schulthers, Laura Dickens, Dewayne Jones, Clista Barker, John Babb, Traci Stone, Chris Waters, Robert Hughes, Jenny Schultheis and Marc Wright. Not Pictured David Perry and Julie Blankenship.



BACK TO COLONIAL DAYS, costumes and all, for the Minuet by the Little Ladies and Gentlemen of the Sunshine School. They are: Tommy Sullivan, Karen Watson, Rodney Pressley, Donna Lytle, John Smith, Jeanne Jones,