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Ribbon Cutting

The Executive Plaza was officially dedicated with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony Friday afternoon, March 26 with Mayor Margaret Slagle cutting the ribbon. The Plaza was built in 1974 by Clevenger Construction Co. and is owned by Jack and Jim Clevenger. The building contains 7,200 square feet of usable space all of which is under lease, except one 300 foot, one person office. A large down stairs suite and warehouse storage area has just recently been completed and is occupied by Royal Press, Inc.

The Executive Plaza has filled a real need in Black Mountain for office space on an executive and/or professional level. Seven new businesses or professional men have established businesses there providing jobs for themselves and others, thus putting more money into circulation within the Township. Those having offices there include - The Black Mountain - Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce; (It's oldest tenant); Dr. Robert Dickey, Optometrist; Dr. Timothy Tucker, Dentist; William S. Eubanks, Attorney; Stepp - Nichols Realty Company, Real Estate; Red Nichols, owner and manager; Callis and Nesbitt Construction So. (soon to open a office) and Royal Press Inc., Religious and Inspirational Books, Bob Hopper, Manager an owner.

One need that is clearly apparent is that of a sidewalk along the street in front of the Exxon Station. The Burger Hutt and The Executive Plaza and the Soft Ice Cream Shop. This would not necessitate the purchase of a right-of-way as the sidewalk would be on the parking and turn areas of the businesses served.

Many people are now walking from town to get to this area and crossing U.S. 70 at this point is almost an impossibility now and will become increasingly more difficult as the summer progresses.



**STEPP-NICHOLS REALTY** — Red Nichols, seated at desk, and his associate Charles Ray, are shown in his office conversing with Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Ed Weber. Red, a native of Black Mountain, has been in the real estate business here since 1949. He was formerly a partner in the Valley Realty, Co. which was sold two years ago. He recently bought the Clevenger Realty Co. and absorbed it into the Stepp-Nichols Co.

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**ROYAL PRESS INC.** Ms. Lois Hensley secretary to Robert (Bob) Hopper owner of Royal Press, Inc. shows Ed Weber one of their best selling books, "Angels", by Dr. Billy Graham. Mr. Hopper was out of town. Royal Press, a year ago, started putting Christian books in approximately 50 racks and is now serving over 1,400 stores from coast to coast. Sales, at the retail value, are in excess of two million dollars.

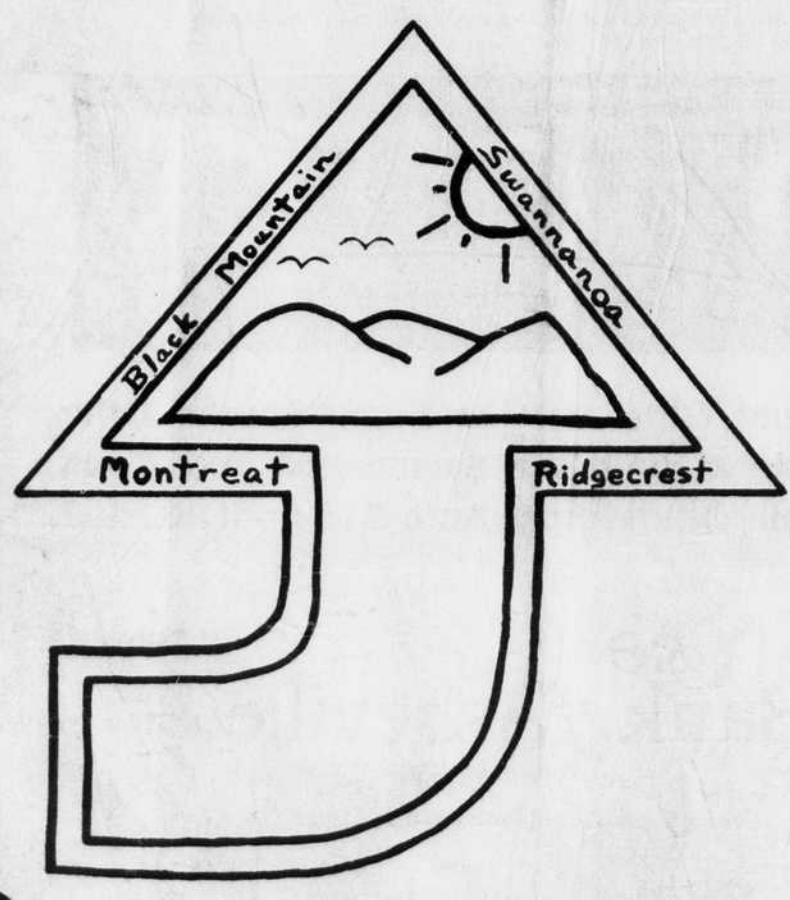


**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** — Ed Weber, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce presents Ms. Phyllis Byrns with some of the materials available at the Chamber office regarding places of interest in Western North Carolina.



**DENTIST DR. TIMOTHY TUCKER** and his assistant Miss Resia Singleton clean and check the teeth of patient Tom Harris. Dr. Tucker graduated from N.C. State with a B.S. degree in Micro-Biology and received his doctorate from the UNC School of Dentistry at Chapel Hill. He opened his office here in October of 1975.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
 10 and 11 a.m. Activities  
 Our Land: Use and Abuse — Dr. John Crawford, Montreat - Anderson College, Rm. 203  
 Solar Energy: Prospects in Design — Dr. Robert Cole, UNC-A, Rm. 107  
 Environmental Communication — Jeff Carroll, U.S. Forest Service, Round Room  
 Wildlife — Thomas Henson, Game Biologist for N.C. Fish and Wildlife Commission, Rm. 303  
 Soil Conservation — U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Rm. 209  
 Environmental Awareness: Activities and Games for ages 14 and under (Older persons may participate if they wish)  
 Montreat Tree Trail — Guided Tours, Montreat - Anderson College Recreation class, Info. Table  
 Swannanoa 200 — Historical Presentation, Bert Livingston of Black Mountain, Rm. 309  
 Movie — Different Each Hour, 10:30 - Slide Show — Different Each Hour; Movie — Different Each Hour, Rm. 110  
 Display — Carolina Mountain Club, Jim Maddox, 2nd Floor.  
 Photo Exhibit — Wildflowers of the Appalachians, Ed DuPuy of Black Mountain, 1st Floor  
 Display — Environmental Education Center, Oteen, 3rd Floor 12:30, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.  
**ACTIVITIES**  
 "For All To Enjoy: National Parks." Jim Warner of U.S. Forestry Service on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Rm. 107  
 Forestry in North Carolina — Harry Maples, N.C. Forest Resources, Rm. 209  
 Water Quality, Land Quality, Air Quality — Roy Davis and Bob Thompson, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Round Room  
 Wildlife — Thomas Henson, Game Biologist for N.C. Fish and Wildlife Commission, Rm. 303  
 Environmental Awareness: Activities and Games for ages 14 and under (Older persons may participate if they wish) Rm. 103  
 Montreat Tree Trail — Guided Tours by Montreat - Anderson College Recreation class, Info. Table  
 Swannanoa 200 — Historical Presentation, Bert Livingston of Black Mountain, Rm. 309  
 Movie — Different Each Hour, 1:00 - Slide Show — Different Each Hour, Rm. 309; Movie — Different Each Hour, Rm. 110  
 Photo Exhibit — Wildflowers of the Appalachians, Ed DuPuy, 1st Floor  
 "Tell It to the Birds" — Dr. Gordon Mahy, Warren Wilson College, and Bob Ruiz, Western Carolina Bird Club (1:30 and 2:30 p.m. only), Rm. 303

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**OPTOMETRIST DR. ROBERT DICKEY** and his assistant Ms. Mary Etta Sawyer prepare patient Rube Cook for an eye examination. Dr. Dickey, a graduate of the Illinois College Of Optometry opened his office in October of 1974.

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