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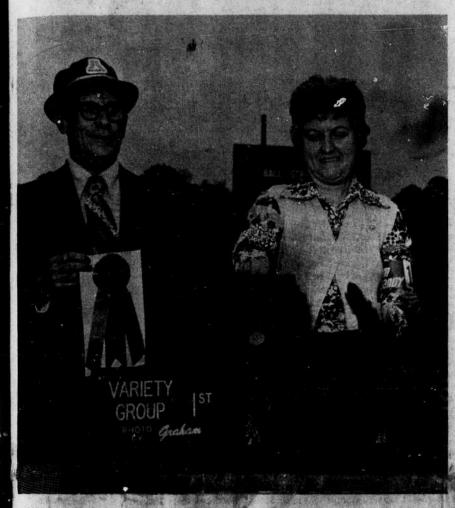
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July 24

# Southeast's Largest Dog Show Slated **At Juvenile Evaluation Center**



DOG SHOW — Nancy Thompson is shown here with her outstanding Cairn Terrier, Ch. Gayla Cairni O'Tilly. Tilly holds the all time breed record for Best-In-Show and Terrier Group wins. Tilly is entered in this week's show.

## Black Mountain Man **Ninth Victim Of Prison Fire**

A Young Black Mountain William Eugene Road, died Friday July 16 from burns he received in the June 30 fire at the McDowell County Prison Unit. He was the ninth victim to die from the fire. Department of Corrections officials in Raleigh reported his death in Memorial Missions Hospital at about 2:45 p.m.

Richard Kiel, chief of prison health services, said that 20 other victims of the fire remain hospitalized elsewhere. He said all are reported in satisfactory

DOC officials, meanwhile, raised the possibility that the fire, set by inmates, could have been part of an escape

They also announced Friday that the McDowell unit will be repaired and expanded with a new 24-bed single cell inmate section added, to increase its holding capacity to 99 prisioners. Some inmates, said W.L. Kautzky, deputy director of the DOC, will be assigned to the construction crews to renovate the existing

ermitory structure. Kautzky said one or more imates involved in the fire have testified to the effect that the fire, in which highly inflammable polyurethane mattresses were burned, was set as a lure to attract a guard to be captured and held as a hostage to set the stage for a

breakout of prisioners. Kautzky said he does not know whether the creditability of the story is acceptable, nor whether the mate who told it would testify the same in court or 'It would place a person like that in jeopardy," Kautzky said, "by giving him tus of a 'rat' to other

SBI western district office in Asheville, said Friday his agents have uncovered nothing to point to a breakout attempt - but that he would not rule out such a possibility. Interrogation of guards and said, still indicates the fire resulted from anger over loss of privileges; the cutting down of yard time outside, curfew, curtailment of television and

been done previously in the

overcrowded."

He said work on the new single-cell structure, for which funds were approved by the Advisory Budget Com-

ners in this area, Minter

radio privileges. Kautzky noted that setting a fire as part of a breakout attempt is not unusual, having

The deputy director said North Carolina has only three facilities for misdemeanant lockup prisioners, and without the McDowell unit in operation "we are seriously

McDowell unit's staff will be increased by 10.

The ninth fire victim. Pressley, was sentenced in Buncombe County in 1975 to two years for breaking and entering. His record also showed two escapes, the latest on June 3 from the Henderson County camp. He was scheduled for release in December, 1976.

Four men had died the night of the fire: David Rice, 19, and Clyde Brazil, 20, both of Asheville; Robert Denton, 19, of Hendersonville; and Lonnie Potter, 18, of Todd. Victims since then include Gary Lowe of Hildebran, Charlie Eugene Watson of Lenoir, Ronald Denny of Greensboro and Archie Williams of Mt. Airy.

Funeral services for Pressley were held Monday in the Chapel of Miller Funeral Home with burial in the Black Mountain City Cemetary.

#### 1966 Class Reunion

The Class of 1966 of Charles D. Owen High School will be returning this weekend for their 10th year reunion on July 24th at the Sheraton Motor Inn in

More than 125 persons are already known to be coming and have made advance reservations. Mrs. Linda Bartlett Blankenship said Monday that although the deadline for reservations was past they could still make arrangements for graduates wishing to attend if they would call her at 298-6555 or Mrs. Anne Davidson Craig 686-3981 before Saturday. The affair will get underway with a social hour

beginning at 6:30 followed by a dinner buffet at 7:30.

Dancing to old and new tunes will be from 9 p.m. to I a.m. with music by "Topaz".

The largest dog show ever held in the Southeast, will be at the Juvenile Evaluation Center Swannanoa on Saturday, July 24. Sponsored by the Asheville Kennel Club the show has 2616 dogs entered with a total of 2693 entries in 109 different breeds or varieties. What a marvelous opportunity to see so many breeds and outstanding animals at one time.

Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. and variety groups will start at 4:30 p.m. The show is scheduled to be over at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available

Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Spectators are invited to bring their own chairs and spend the day. Booths will have a complete line of pet supplies, crates, etc. Admission is \$1.00 for aduits and 50c for children, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Obedience judging takes place all day, with the most advanced vitality work starting at 9 a.m. There are 59 dogs entered in Obedience Classes

Breed entries range in size

from the giant Irish Wolfhounds to the tiny Chihuahaua. Ther are 148 Pinschers, 144 Doberman Poodles, 117 German Shepherds, 80 Aighan Hounds, 78 Boxers, 72 Dachshunds, 72 Cockers and 40 Boston Terriers. There are also entries in Brussels Giffons, Black an Tan Coonhounds, King Charles Spaniels and Tibetan Terriers.

If further information concerning breed judging time is desired, please call Nancy Thompson at 669-6578.



MIKE HARTIS, front center, receives a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond from Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce President Lee Clapp. Others in the photo are left to right, Leonard Keever, Principal of Black Mountain Primary School, Mrs. Jean Standley, Mrs. Jean Roberts and Gene Dillinger, Principal of Black Mountain Grammar School.

## **Valley Democrats Gather** For Fun And Fellowship

By Joe Compton

Democrats from precincts gathered at Charles D. Owen High School Saturday ight for a good old-fashioned political rally. The entire night was reminiscent of the Democratic Convention in Madison Square Garden, with all of the spirited confusion and pomp that often attends political rallies. About 40 didates turned out for the

There were no speeches much to the relief of the crowd, but the entertainment was lively. The Morris Brothers Wiley and Zeke got things rolling when they played and sang "On Top of Old Smokey."

Former Black Mountain Mayor Richard Burton Stone served as master of ceremonies in the absence of Max O. Cogburn, Democratic party chairman

Cogburn missed the event because of illness, it was reported.

Four of the candidates for Jim Hunt by Rep. John S. Stevens; George Wood by B.J. Lefler; and Edward M. O'Herron by A.F. Tyson and Tom Strickland by Leon Williams.

All the congressional candidates were there: Glenn Brown of Waynesville, Roy Gibbens and Lamar Gudger of Asheville, Royce P. "Bo" Thomas of Hendersonville and Michael E. Vaughn of Asheville.

Waverly Akins of Fuguay-Varina was the only one of the eight candidates for lieutenant governor at the meeting, but Rep. John Jordan of Saxapahaw was represented by his wife, Margaret.

Legislative candidates

present included Mrs. Marie Colton, Narve! J. Crawford, Gordon H. Greenwood, Francella Poston, Zachary Winston, I.C. Crawford, Howard Collins, Helen Reed and Robert S. Swain, the last four for the 26th Senate District and the others for the

43rd House District.

J. Ray Elingburg and Roy
M. Trantham, seeking nomination for chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners; and Dan

M. Cathey, Tom J. Donoho Raleigh J. Fish, Mrs. Doris Giezentanner, J.W. "Bill" Oglesby, James H. Parks, Robert S. Sales, J.W. "Bill" Rutherford and Carol Mc-Curry for the four board

Also Max Carland, William E. Digges Thomas Eller and Ray Stepp for register of deeds, and several of the candidates for the school



PAT OAKS, COORDINATOR for six precincts in the Swannanoa Valley, organized the rally which was staged for Democrats from all around.



POLITIANS FROM ALL over the valley came to the Democratic Rally at Owen High School Saturday night to mill around with the crowd and express and exchange views.

### **Mike Hartis** "Great Ballon Ascension" Winner

Remember the Great Balloon Ascension, when approximatly 1000 youngsters released helium filled red, white and blue balloons last April???

This project was a part of the Bicentennial program staged by the Black Mountain Elementary and Grammar Schools last April.

Each balloon contained a coupon with the permeand

coupon with the name and

League Of Women Voters

> SIERRA CLUB TO HAVE CANDIDATES' NIGHT JULY 29

All candidates for U.S. Congress from the eleventh district have been invited to a public meeting by the Sierra Humanities Building of the University of N.C. - Asheville at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29th. Among the topics scheduled for discussion are Energy Policy, Wilderness Areas, National Parks, Land Use Planning, and National Forest Management.

#### MEET CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The League of Women Voters and Common Cause are jointly sponsoring a Forum at which all the candidates for County Commissioner are expected to appear. It will be held at the Court House on the fifth floor at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 28. You will have a chance to see those who are running for these important offices and hear their views on county problems. Ample time will be provided for your questions.

> COFFEE FOR HELEN REED

All interested persons are invited to attend a coffee for Mrs. Reed, candidate for one of the two seats in the North Carolina Senate from our district. Resident of Asheville for thirty years, Mrs. Reed has been active in many civic organizations, serving on various boards. A professional economist who served with the national government before coming to Asheville, Mrs. Reed is a graduate f the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Her academic and civic story is too extensive to recount here. The coffee will be at Shepard House, Warren Wilson College, Tuesday morning, July 27th, from 10 to address of the "launcher" and asked that the finder please reply to the name enclosed. The Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce Mountain

promised a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond to the youngster whose balloon traveled the greatest distance.

Last week in a special ceremony Chamber President

Lee Clapp presented the bond

to Mike Hartis.

Mike's balloon traveled approximately 150 miles to Cassette, S.C. It was found by

a man, Trent McLaughlin, two miles out of Cassette, a small town about 14 miles north of Camden on April 22 ten days after the launching.
Mike, a rising sixth grader,

is 10 years old, will be 11 in September, he's quick to say, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hartis of Black

Mrs. Raymond(Jean, Standley and Mrs. Steve (Jean) Roberts were cochairpersons for the balloon

#### Church To Honor New Minister

The congregation of the Swannanoa United Methodist Church will honor its new Pastor, the Rev. John Jones and his family with a tea and get-acquainted reception in the Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon July 25 from

An invitation is cordially extended to all neighboring churches in the Valley, pastors and congregations, to join them in welcoming the new minister and his family

#### Flu Shot Drive Plans Take Shape

Flu vaccine should be available for elderly and ill persons by late August, Dr. James Tenney, director of the Buncombe County Public Health Service, announced Friday.

The vaccine will provide protection against both swine flu and A-Victoria, the flu type prevalent in recent years, Dr. Tenney told a meeting of Community Influenza Advisory Committee.

The "bivalent" vaccine is for high-risk persons elderly and ill persons who are more vulnerable to flu and more seriously affected by flu, the doctor said.

"We expect the monovalent vaccine soon afterward, hopefully by early September," Dr. Tenney said.

The monovalent vaccine is being produced for a national flu immunization program and will be offered to the general public by the Buncombe County Public Health Service.

The committee is working with the health service to establish a county-wide vaccination plan for Buncombe County.

No date has been established for the county program, however, because the national health service has been unable to tell local officials when to expect the vaccine, Dr. Tenney said.

Marge Plemmons, United Way representative on the committee, reported on the planned immunization plan. The plan now calls for vaccination of children in school chnics with parental

consent and then a two-day county-wide program involving private physicians, hospitals, nursing homes and public clinics operating from schools, she said. Linda Stone, Land of Sky

Regional Health Council representative on the committee, said that a "Swine Line" is now open at the Buncombe County Public Health Service. The telephone number is 255-5107. Doctors, nurses and

other persons who would like to volunteer their services for the mass immunization clinics should call that number, Miss Stone said.

Persons with questions about the immunization program can also call that number, she said.

Medical experts are predicting a national flu epidemic for this fall. A-Victoria is the flu type experienced during the last few. years, Dr. Tenney said. Swine flu is believed to be

the type of flu that will be prevalent this fall. That type is believed to be similar to other types of flu, but

stronger, he said. Plans for the county-wide immunization program will be announced when the arrival date of the vaccine is

specified, he said. The vaccination program, Dr. Tenney said, will be preceded by an educational program to help area residents determine if they should take the shots and when and where the shots will be available.