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Local Jaycees Receive Road Runner Award

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Jaycees met on Dec. 1 at Highland Farms. The meeting was presided over by President Ron Price, with 38 in attendance.

We were pleased to have Coach Dennis Hicks, who discussed Owen High's successful football season and commented on prospects for the coming year.

Harry Adams, Area Director, made comments on area happenings. He was followed by Jan Davis, Presidential Aide, who presented the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter with the Road Runner award for the best attendance at the recent regional meeting. Secretary and Treasurer Ken Haynes was also

presented with the Jaycee of the Year award for 1976-1976. Congratulations to Ken and the Club.

There were several guests in attendance, including the Old Fort Jaycees, who were introduced by their president, J.W. Turner. The Jaycees will have Jaycee Sunday on Dec. 5 at Swannanoa Methodist Church. We extend thanks to the Church for their invitation. We would also like to thank Montreat Anderson College for holding a Jaycee Appreciation Night at their Dec. 2 basketball game. All Jaycees and their families were invited to attend the game at no charge.

The Christmas season is on us, and the Jaycees are hard at work on two very worthwhile projects. Preparations for the Santa Claus float have been completed and Santa will visit on our annual parade. Also, the annual Christmas Cheer Project, headed by Tommy Turner, is well under way. Thanks to the many people who bought coloring books. Profits from this sale will go toward the Christmas Cheer Project.

Bob Watts reported on the River Clean up Project, and plans are under way to present this project to the State Convention, to be held in May, for a state award. We have high hopes of capturing the number one award in our division for this project.

Harry Adams was real excited about the opportunity to swear in four new members to the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Jaycees. They are Joe Underwood of ExCello Corp., Randy Halford of the Black Mountain Police Dept., and Steve King and Charlie Shook, both of the Black Mountain Fire Dept. We certainly welcome these new members and expect them to be a great asset to our club.

The meeting was closed by Ron Price with a social hour following. Our next meeting will be Dec. 15, 7:30 pm at Highland Farms. We invite any male between the ages of 18 and 35 to attend. Anyone over 35 who wishes to become a part of the Jaycees may do so by becoming an Associate Member. Become involved, become a Jaycee.



(Photo. By Regenia Byrd)

Perry Stone, left and Abe Carrier plant a Sourwood for the city. It was donated by the Kiwanis Club.

Road Work . . .

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Reinforced Earth Walls are located on Interstate 40 in Rockwood, Tenn.," he said.

He described the wall as being made of precast concrete panels four feet square. "We will first excavate the site and pour a concrete leveling pad for the squares to sit on. Each unit will have four metal straps attached to the back, and these units will be laid out in the excavated area. They will then be filled over with a select granular material," he explained.

Patton said, "Most retaining walls develop their strength from the wall itself, but the unique thing about the reinforced earth wall is that the weight of the matter put behind the wall creates friction between the material and straps which holds the wall in place."

The reinforced earth wall was developed in Europe, Patton said, and Reinforced Earth Company of Washington, D. C., holds the patent right in the United States. The company will provide technical assistance during the construction of the walls, Patton noted.

Traffic will be cut to three lanes, with one westbound lane and two eastbound lanes, he said. "This will cause inconvenience to westbound traffic because of the slow moving trucks, but we had to consider the safety factor in allowing two lanes on the eastbound side in case of a

runaway vehicle," he explained.

When asked when actual construction will begin to make Old Fort Mountain a part of Interstate 40 Patton said, "Unofficially, contracts could be let as early as the middle of 1977."

He said construction for the six-lane interstate highway on the mountain could take as long as three years. The project, he said, would be broken up into two projects with the last curve at the bottom of the mountain being revised as well as the bridge at the Old Fort exit.

Patton said when completed, the interstate on Old Fort Mountain would consist of three eastbound lanes, three westbound lanes, a 16 foot median with median barrier and a 12 foot paved shoulder.

In another road project, which includes a 1.6 mile stretch of four lane highway east of Black Mountain to the top of Old Fort Mountain, work will include grading drainage, paving and structures.

Interstate 40 is completed to Swannanoa in Buncombe County and to Old Fort in McDowell County. Contracts have been awarded for additional links in Buncombe to Black Mountain.

Patton said his work will complete construction to make that portion of U.S. 70 a part of Interstate 40 and will cut off access to I-40 except at the intersection of U.S. 70.

Swine Flu Shot Program For Children To Start

A swine flu vaccination for people from three to 17 years old is expected to be available in Asheville next week, Buncombe County Health Department officials said Friday.

And officials also announced Friday that the doctors working on the swine flu inoculation program have decided that people 24 years old or younger will need a booster shot to go along with their first injection of the swine flu vaccination.

Robert Merolla of the Buncombe County Health Department said that there are two varieties of the vaccination for children which is to be available in Asheville next week.



One can be given to healthy people from three to 17 years old. Merolla said that the other is for three through 17 year olds who have lung or heart disorders or who have chronic ailments like diabetes.

Before this new vaccine for children was made available, only people more than 18 years old were given swine flu shots.

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Merolla said that ever since the inoculations were first administered in October, people younger than 25 years old were warned by health department officials that they "might need" a booster shot 30 days after the first injection.

He said Friday that officials in the Disease Control Center in Atlanta have said this week that a booster shot will be necessary. Merolla said that people younger than 25 who have received a swine flu shot should have the booster shot within three to four weeks after their first shot.

The Buncombe County Health Department plans to set up clinics at community centers and shopping centers next week. Inoculations also are available from Monday through Friday at the Health Department building on Woodfin St.

Editorial

HE RIDES BESIDE ME

The situation which involves the violent death of thousands of people and the maiming of hundreds of thousands more, which brings an awful burden of grief and suffering for hundreds of thousands of persons over long periods of time, is one which must have its moral and religious as well as social implications. We have wrongly assumed that traffic laws have no connection with morality and righteousness. Of course, traffic laws are not directly of Divine origin, but the truth is that the more important ones have been instigated for the benefit of human welfare and out of respect for human life and therefore they have a basic moral and righteous foundation.

The authorities tell us that most of the fatal accidents on our highways are the result of a deliberate violation of a traffic law. Such violations are a potential attack against the well being of others and are therefore essentially immoral, or they represent an attitude of contempt for the value of human life and therefore are in essence sacrilege.

The doctrine of Christian love requires respect for the life and person of others. And many a person who displays the utmost love and respect for others in most human relationships will forget them almost entirely when behind the wheel of a powerful automobile. The rule of every man for himself suddenly takes over on the crowded highway, a philosophy which most people would be shocked to see put into other areas of life.

The result we call an "accident." Maybe our terminology is mistaken. If a man should become drunk and then walk into a bank and steal \$100, he, when caught, would not only receive a prison sentence but have remaining over him a stigma for life. He is a bank robber. But if a man becomes drunk and then robs someone of his life while driving his automobile, while he receives a certain punishment, not terribly severe, there is often a sentimental pity rather than a stigma which attaches to him.

Governor James Holshouser has proclaimed the month of December "Traffic Safety Sabbath Month."

We add our plea to that of the Governor and Edward Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and all North Carolina clergymen in this campaign for safety.

Commenting on this annual event, Powell said, "An awareness of the relationship between religious responsibility and obedience to the traffic laws that govern and promote highway safety can, I feel, have a significant and far reaching impact on our efforts to make North Carolina a safer place in which to live. Highway Safety must be more than a slogan - it must be a way of life."

With the arrival of the holiday season comes a period generally high in traffic accidents, due to increased travel, adverse weather conditions and early darkness. 286 persons lost their lives on North Carolina's streets and highways during the months of November and December in 1975.

"It is our hope that an early awareness of the hazards of driving will spark the interest and careful attention of every citizen venturing onto the roads," Powell concluded.

If all drivers will drive as if "He Rides Beside You" we believe the traffic toll will be much less.

-s- Uva Miracle

Office Of Town Manager

I would like to thank all of the members of the Jaycees who gave of their time and effort in putting up the Christmas decorations in Town this year.

The Town will not have the Christmas tree on Lake Tomahawk this year, not only because there is no power at the clubhouse since it was burned, but also because the base for the tree and lights were located in the area where the fire originated.

We hope to have renovation started on the clubhouse by the first of the year. It has taken time to settle with the insurance company and also get a contractor lined up to do the work.

I hope the citizens of the Town will be patient with the water line project. The construction work is moving faster than anticipated. We

hope that everything will be back to normal by mid February.

I would like to thank Mr. Ed Weber for all the hard work that he put into making our Christmas parade a fine success this year. Also all of the Police Department Personnel for their job of traffic control following the parade.

A thank you also goes to Mr. Perry Stone and the Kiwanis Club for donating the sourwood trees to the Town. We hope to use these trees between Old U.S. 70 and Highway 70 east of Black Mountain.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each citizen of our community a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a SAFE and HEALTHY NEW YEAR! from all the employees of the Town of Black Mountain.

-s- Jon E. Creighton

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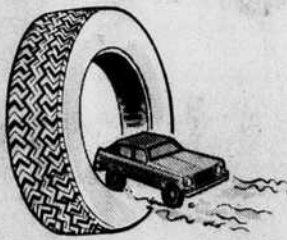
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