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Town meeting set Friday on annexation

The Black Mountain Town Board is expected to hold a special meeting Friday, April 8 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. "It's still tentative at this point," said Town Manager Jon Creighton at News press time. "Not all of the board members have been contacted yet."

"The meeting will be a workshop," Creighton said. "There will be no action taken."

Creighton said the town is trying to contact persons

whose property was improperly annexed to the town in the past. This meeting, he said, will serve as a discussion of what action the town Board should take in legitimizing those annexation.

Creighton said an assistant was in Asheville going through county records to find what landowners were affected and should be asked to attend the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Woman's Club plans clubhouse beautification

by Harriet Styles

The Black Mountain Woman's Club has adopted a program designed to improve the appearance of Lake Tomahawk and the vicinity of the club house.

Lake Tomahawk has long been the hub of recreational activities in town and now that the pool is complete and the club house is renovated, the Woman's Club plans to do some planting to further enhance the attractiveness of the area.

flower beds near the pool. This beautification project is for the benefit of all citizens and visitors and it is hoped that everyone will help to preserve the beauty of these areas.

The members plan to cooperate with plans the town has for developing a walkway completely around the lake. This is a project, long needed and asked for by residents. In conjunction with the Community Tree project a number of sourwood trees will be included in the design. In general, native trees and shrubs will be used with some bulbs and annuals added for color.

The XYZ Club will also contribute with the planting of

Slagel to run for re-election

Black Mountain Mayor Margaret Slagel, in a manner devoid of fanfare, has announced she will run again for the office of Mayor.

"People just kept asking me if I was going to run again. I had to say something, so I said

"yes," she said recently. Mrs. Slagel said she has announced she will run at an early date to stop rumors that she would not.

She said she does not plan to begin campaigning early. The Mayoral election will be in November.

Meet the staff

Charlie Taylor, perfectionist

by Dan Ward

Editor's Note: The following article is part of a series on staff members here at the Black Mountain News. We will try to show the different steps to producing a newspaper, as well as give you an idea of how dedicated and energetic a person must be to help turn out a good newspaper.

"I did this two or three times before I got it how I wanted it," Charlie Taylor said, indicating the photo and lettering, or "flag" that appears at the top of this page. Charlie is a perfectionist. One need only watch him "ink in" scratches and accidental spots in a negative to appreciate an unblemished copy of the News.

A native of Black Mountain, Charlie has had nine years experience working with letterpress and offset newspapers before returning to his hometown paper.

"It's good to be back," he said. "I learned printing here in '68. This paper was done with a letterpress then." He is a 1965 graduate of Owen High School.

Charlie has worked for the Canton Enterprise, Murphy Cherokee Scout and the

Mauldin (SC) Tribune-Times. Charlie's expertise is typified in our new flag. To make it, he had to shoot a reversal, or photograph of a negative, of our old flag. With surgeon's hands, he painted out the old linotype background, making the blacks blacker and the whites whiter. He then superimposed the type over the photo. The job took four hours of his own time.

Deadline set for Absentee vote

The Buncombe County Board of Elections has announced the availability of absentee ballots for the May 3 Tax Referendum. The applications will be received by the Board at the Courthouse Annex office beginning April 4, until the Wednesday prior to

the election, April 27 at 6 p.m. Any qualified voter who will be out of town on the day of the election, or who is unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, is eligible to vote absentee. A voter may either write for an application, or come by the Board's office and sign the application and vote the ballot at the same time. A near relative may sign the application and the ballots will be mailed to the voter desiring to vote absentee. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information may be obtained by calling 255-5123.

Food stamps to be sold in Black Mountain again

Local residents will once again be able to obtain food stamps without traveling to Asheville.

A group of concerned citizens, with the hospitality of the United Methodist Church, have arranged to have food coupons distributed in Black Mountain.

Food Stamps were distributed at the Black Mountain Town Hall on February 24, when an

emotional article in the News, announced that the building would no longer make the service available because of inconsiderate behavior by some patrons.

Charlotte Bridgman, chairman of the League of Women Voters Human Resources Committee, arranged a meeting between Mayor Margaret Slagle and a concerned group of food

stamp recipients, according to Mary Durrant. The mayor agreed that food stamps distribution should be arranged in Black Mountain, Mrs. Durrant said.

The United Methodist Church Board and the Rev. Harwood P. Myers agreed to host the food stamp program. The church is also host to the daily Senior Citizens' luncheon and the Well-Baby Clinic.

A number of volunteers have already been briefed by Rita Roberts, Outreach coordinator for the Buncombe County Department of Social Services, but more volunteers are needed, Mrs. Durant said. She or her husband, K.J. Durant, will enroll volunteers at 669-7413.

Food Stamp activities will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the United Methodist Church, Mrs. Durant said. Mrs. Durant said.

Police Report

The Black Mountain Police Department during the month of March received 278 calls, patrolled more than 7,000 miles, made 52 arrests and with our radar unit back in operation for the past 10 days issued 23 speeding citations. During March five were arrested for driving under influence.

This past week the police conducted 21 investigations. They recovered one vehicle and were on the lookout for another. Also located one which had been misplaced. They arrested four for public drunkenness, one for DUI, one for aiding and abetting a DUI, they issued seven speeding violations, one for red light violations.

Their miscellaneous duties included helping one sick person, escorted one funeral, transported one to Detox, assisting one motorist, assisting BCSD, also the SHP. We had one civil disturbance and one domestic disturbance.

Trail was held in District Court Wednesday, March 30 for one subject for selling and delivery of drugs. This is to be continued in Superior Court at a later date.

Our Police Officers attended funeral services for Norman Ramsey, Tuesday, March 29

in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home. Mr. Ramsey was the father of Patrolman Don R. Ramsey. Our sincerest regards to Don's family.

An accident was reported at Laurel Circle and South Park Lane, property damage was \$400 with no injuries.

Crime Prevention Note: Summer's Coming and Con Men Appear

What does a con "artist" look like? He is not very successful looking. Know first that successful con artists are experts in human psychology.

While you cannot identify a con artist by his looks, you can often spot him by his words. Here are some key words.

1. Cash-Whenever you are asked to turn over a sizable amount of cash, be cautious. Why is cash necessary? Why not a check? Consult with others before making your own decision. Avoid large

cash transfers.

2. Secret Plans-Be cautious of being drawn into secret deals, wherein you are asked to surrender anything of value. Why are you being asked not to tell anyone?

3. Get Rich Quick--Any scheme that promises you rich rewards should be carefully investigated.

4. Something for nothing--You usually get nothing.

5. Contests-Be sure they are not just a come-on.

6. Home improvements--Investigate the people with whom you plan to deal.

7. Contracts--Homes have been lost as a result of signing a mere TV repair contract. Signing a contract is serious. The contract may be secured by a deed of trust on your home.

Be wary of any pressure for you to hurry. There is real insurance in dealing with reputable, well-recommended businesses or persons.

Sheriff's report

During the week of March 21, 1977 thru March 28, 1977, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department served a total of 101 criminal papers.

The arrests are as follows: Worthless checks 32, detention order 2, order for arrest 26, shoplifting 1, assault 2, larceny 1, failure to appear on traffic citation 8, assault on wife 1, abandonment and non support 3, assault with a deadly weapon 1, damage to property 1, assault on female 2, contributing to the delinquency of a minor 2, capias 2, embezzlement 2, probation violation 1, trespass 1, forgery 3, non support 1 and sell and deliver schedule III 1.

Deputies also served 1 immediate custody order, 17 juvenile summons, 174 criminal subpoenas, 169 civil summons and investigated 128 reported crimes.

Black Mountain fire dept.

The Black Mountain Fire Department made seven runs last week. They were:

Two trucks and 14 men to a grease fire at 242 Flat Creek Rd. on March 28. No damage resulted.

An investigation on E. Hillcrest Ave. on March 29. No damage.

A report of an overheated stove on US 70 West on March 31, involving one truck and 17 men. No damage.

A brush fire in Hickory Ridge Estates involving one truck and 13 men on April 1.

Another brush fire was reported in Hickory Ridge Estates involving two trucks and 11 men on April 1. Fireman Steve King said no connection between the two fires or arson is suspected.

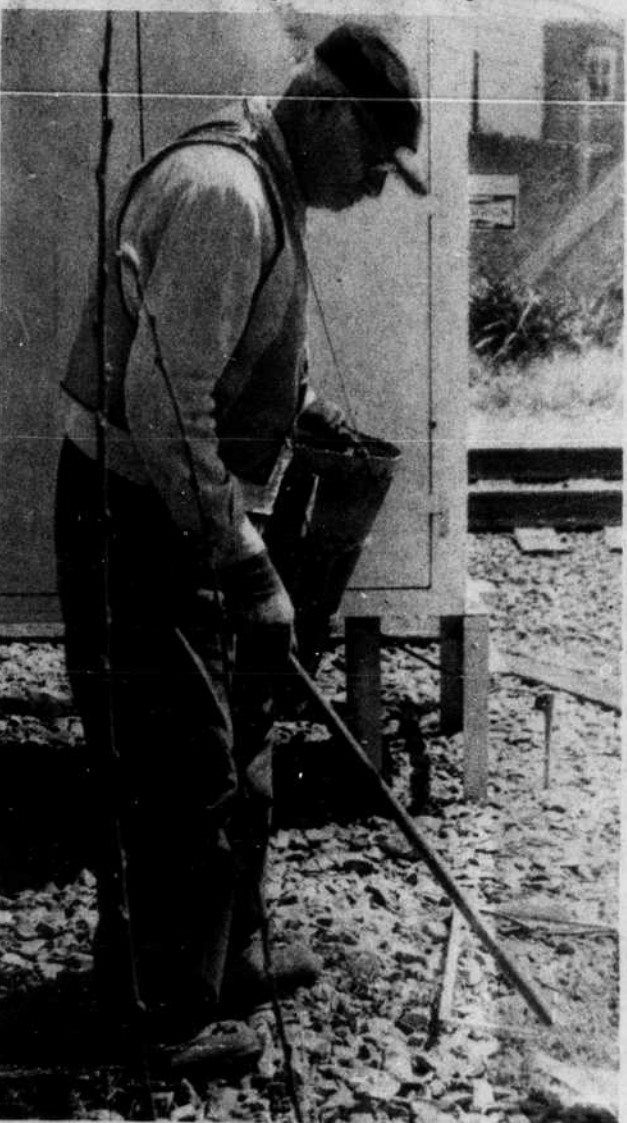
On April 1 another brush fire, involving two trucks and 15 men was controlled on Lytle Cove Rd.

That same day, a woodpile and storage building fire was put out at 204 New Bern Ave. Minor damage was reported. Buncombe County Ambulance

The ambulance service made 18 routine runs and four emergency.

Fire Department Ambulance

The Black Mountain Fire Department Ambulance made two routine runs and two emergency.



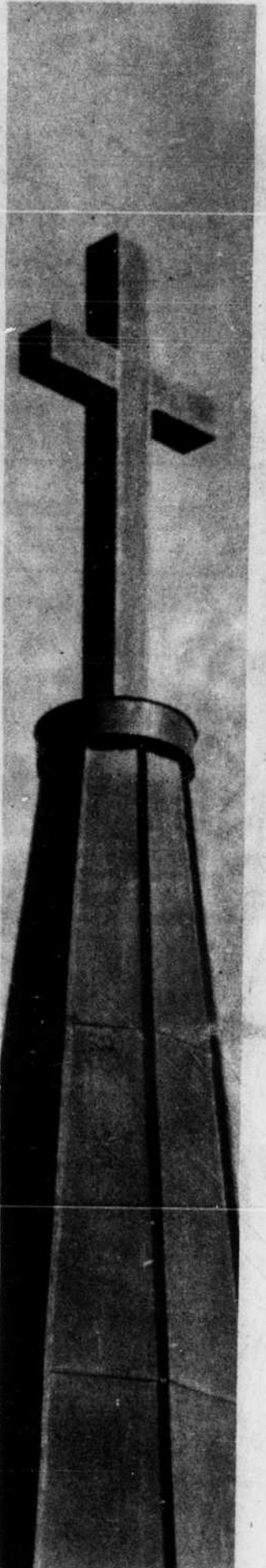
J. M. DOTSON of Black Mountain has a head start on Cleanup Week, April 11-15. A town of Black Mountain employee for 47 years, he has picked up trash since his 65th birthday, 12 years ago, "because they ain't got no retirement plan, y'know." Mr. Dotson is now 77. (Dan Ward)

News change office, phone

Along with a new office, the Black Mountain News now has new phone numbers. Anyone wishing to call in a news item or place advertising may call 669-8727 or 669-8728. We can still be found across from the train depot, next door to our former offices.

Grant Dickinson, publisher and business manager of the News, said he will announce plans for an open house here at the News within the next few weeks. In the meantime, everyone is invited to visit our new offices and see our printing facilities if they promise to overlook the clutter of the moving experience.

We are sorry for the inconvenience our move and phone number change has caused some of our readers.



THE CROSS at the tip of the First Christian Church of Black Mountain symbolizes the meaning of Easter. (Dan Ward)

Swannanoa fire dept.

On Saturday, April 2, the Beacon Fire Brigade had their annual dinner at the new Swannanoa Fire Station. The Ladies Auxiliary and Swannanoa firemen were hosts.

The Ladies Auxiliary and the firemen held a joint meeting and dinner April 4.

The Fire Department investigated a report of smoke on Warren Wilson College Rd. April 1. No damage was found.

The fire department board of directors will hold a monthly meeting on April 7.

CleanupWeek

April 11 through 15
is Clean up Week in Black Mountain.
Call City Hall, 669-8732,
for free removal
of junked cars and household goods.