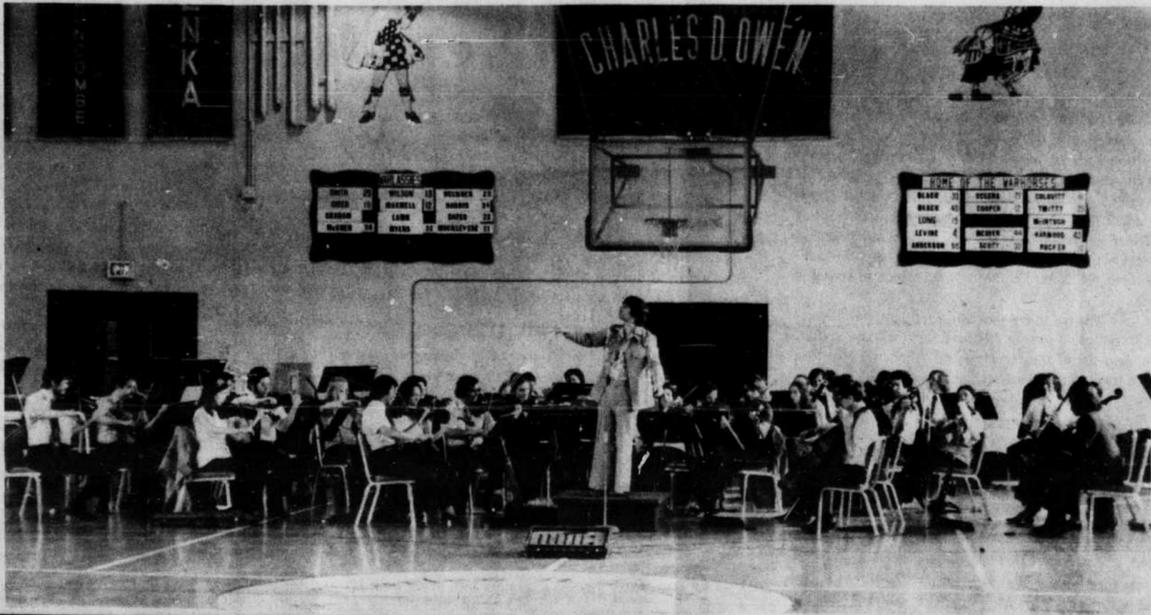


## Symphony

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Reactions were mixed, but for the most part interested, among grade schoolers who watched and

performed with the North Carolina Little Symphony at Owen High School recently. (Dan Ward)

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## Youngsters join NC symphony

by Beck Stafford

Six hundred fifth and sixth grade students from Black Mountain and Swannanoa enjoyed the North Carolina Symphony's educational Children's Concert Friday, April 29 in the Owen High School Gym. This concert was part of a unique series of educational concerts for young North Carolinians across the state.

The symphony orchestra performed well known compositions for the children. Their program included La Paix from Handel's "Royal Fireworks Music," "The Birds" by Respighi, "Suite

No. 2 for Small Orchestra," by Igor Stravinsky, Chorale from "Louisiana Story" by Virgil Thomson, and a Mozart overture.

Preparation for this anticipated event began in September. Under the supervision of their individual classroom teachers and the music coordinator, the fifth grade children began a music lab experience where they actually learned to play the recorder, a small flute-like instrument descending from the Baroque Era of the 17th century. The children shared

the results of this experience by performing the well known Stephen Foster folk song "Oh Susanna". Eight young musicians accompanied their peers on the autoharp.

Following their performance everyone sang "Oh Susanna" with orchestra accompaniment. The conductor also invited the children to sing the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" with the orchestra.

During the course of the year the children prepared for the Symphony's visit by studying the various in-

struments of the orchestra through films, filmstrips, and recordings of symphonic music and created wall murals and other arts and crafts to share their knowledge. With the aids of creative movement, music puzzles, and percussion scores for rhythm instruments the children enjoyed brief introductions to the selections of the Symphony's Concert program.

Both the preparation and the actual visit by the North Carolina Symphony made this a day to remember with fun and enjoyment for all.

# BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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## Mundy's vote good, town charter says

by Dan Ward

indications are that Black Mountain Ald. John Mundy will be able to vote, and thus fill a quorum, on the Town Charter, even though he was only appointed to the board less than a quorum.

was brought to the attention of the News that Chapter 1, Article 2, section 4 of the Town of Black Mountain Charter reads, "If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or alderman, it shall be filled by the remainder of the unexpired term by the remaining members of the

Board of Aldermen."

City Manager Jon Creighton said he has had no reply to an inquiry to the state attorney general on whether or not Mundy may vote. He added however, that he believed the alderman will be allowed to vote.

Town attorney William Eubanks said he would do some research to find out whether the earlier quote from the Town Charter would ensure that Mundy's appointment was valid.

The validity of Mundy's appointment to the board

came under question when it was discovered that two Black Mountain aldermen, Don Hoefling and Tom Sobol, were actually living outside the town limits due to misunderstandings in the annexations of their properties. Their votes were necessary to provide a quorum for any business transaction after their appointment—except possibly Mundy's appointment.

State Rep. Gordon Greenwood is now drafting legislation to legitimize past votes of the two aldermen.

## Police Report

Black Mountain Police are investigating break-ins that occurred recently at the clubhouse. The chief could not be contacted by press time for information on the motive of the break-ins or when they occurred.

The department conducted investigations last week. They arrested three for driving under the influence, issued one citation for public drunkenness, one warning citation, one for no operators license, one for unsafe tires and one for an improper muffler.

They located one missing person, transported one to hospital, lent assistance to six motorists and assisted BCSO and SHP. They also answered

to one civil disturbance.

Accidents were reported at Craigmont Rd. and Goldmont Ave., \$900 property damage; Old US 70 and US 70, \$700 damage; and at Hiwassee Ave. at Fairway Dr., \$350 damage.

### CRIME PREVENTION NOTE

Positive steps can be taken to curb theft among employees and ways to control shoplifting. Dishonest employees account for about two-thirds of the retail theft.

All too often, the biggest crook has been with the company for years. He knows, with his long experience, store procedures backwards. All it takes is one weak moment and

once he's started - it's like dope. An example: A young girl took clothes over the counter at a dry cleaning establishment. When something nice came in her size came through, she put her name on the clothes, then when they were dry cleaned, she took them home with her. Screen employees thoroughly.

Keep a careful check on each and every employee.

Treat employees with courtesy.

The owner-manager should avoid setting a double standard of moral and ethical conduct. If an employee sees a supervisor in even a minor dishonest act, he is encouraged in the same direction. Return overpayments, or overpayments promptly. Set rules and have them apply to everyone. The management cannot expect employees to have standards higher than he himself has.

### Meet the staff

## Sharon Suttles--early presswoman

by Dan Ward

Although known by her coworkers at the News as assistant in composing, Sharon Suttles sees her role here as the "gofer—you know, go for this, go for that." Being the gofer in any line of work is usually being the busiest and most unheralded person in the organization.

When she isn't delivering equipment or cleaning up around the presses, Sharon can usually be found assisting in composing—working in the photographic stages prior to printing—or in operating and maintaining the presses. One of the most paradoxical images at the News is to see her, with blonde hair tied

back, crawling between ink rollers on the presses with a wrench.

"I think a woman can do almost anything a man can do," she said, "except change those 1000-pound rolls of paper. I would like to learn more about printing—women are just now getting into the press room."

Actually, Sharon, a long-time resident of Swannanoa and Black Mountain and a '73 Owen graduate, does not work on the presses to prove a feminist point.

Actually, I started working here so I could learn more about photography and darkroom techniques," she said. "I had no idea I'd be

working around the press—but now I enjoy it. I enjoy it because it's different, I'm not sitting behind a desk. There's constant change, variety."

Sharon said she has found the best photography teachers

around in Robert Green and Charlie Taylor—her coworkers in production.

Charlie reciprocated the praise by noting, "Sharon is just one of the guys."

## Bride issue soon

The Black Mountain News will be printing a special Bride Supplement to its regular paper within the next few weeks. It will include tips for new homemakers as well as suggestions for wedding arrangements, bridal fashions, gifts for the couple and other important information for the favored wedding month.

We encourage all couples who will be wed within the next two months to bring in announcements and photos for this special issue. As always, photos that are submitted to the News can be picked up unharmed after they are used for the paper.

## Hearing set in Swannanoa for Neighborhood Watch

Swannanoa residents interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program are asked to attend the Swannanoa Fire Department Board of Directors Meeting May 5 at 7 p.m., to be held at the fire department.

Discussion on starting the program began last month when Mr. Heatherly of the Sheriff's Department spoke to the board. The board urges a large public turnout at the upcoming meeting, where the

program will be discussed further.

The Swannanoa Fire Department received three calls last week. Two were false alarms and the department was not needed on the third.

Last month, the department was called out on eight fires, held four drills, five work details, and two rescues for a total of 369 man hours.

The fireman of the month of April is Sgt. Leon Rice, a 4½

year veteran of the department and owner of Rice's Wrecker Service. He lives on Roland Rd. with his wife, Maxine and son, Randy.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet May 3 for its monthly business meeting. They are now hosting the Swannanoa Lions Club and serving them dinner twice a month. The auxiliary will discuss initiating a Junior Ladies Auxiliary to help the Ladies Auxiliary.

## Open House set for county jail

On May 7, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., The League of Women Voters and the Buncombe County Sheriff, Tom Morrissey, are co-sponsoring an Open House at the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office and Jail.

The public will be given an opportunity to tour all the branches of the Sheriff's Department and to tour the jail and view its operation.

Tour guides will answer questions of individuals as they take the tour.

The purpose of the Open House and tour is to focus public attention on the functions of the Sheriff's Department, the state of its facilities and future plans for the

department. The Open House will climax a year-long study of conditions and problems confronting the criminal justice system in Buncombe County.

## Hearing set on revenue sharing funds

Black Mountain residents will have a chance to speak out on how revenue sharing funds will be spent.

The town is holding a public hearing at the Town Hall May

11 at 7 p.m., according to City Manager Jon Creighton. The public will be asked to voice their opinion on how revenue sharing funds should be spent for fiscal year 1977-78.

### Meet the board

## Ruth Brandon -frustrated

by Dan Ward

Being an alderman is "frustrating," according to Ruth Brandon, first term member of the Black Mountain Town Board, who prefers the title "councilwoman."

"Oh, it looked so easy when I was on the outside looking in. Now that I am in a position to do some of those things I had criticized, I find you have a different perspective," she said recently.

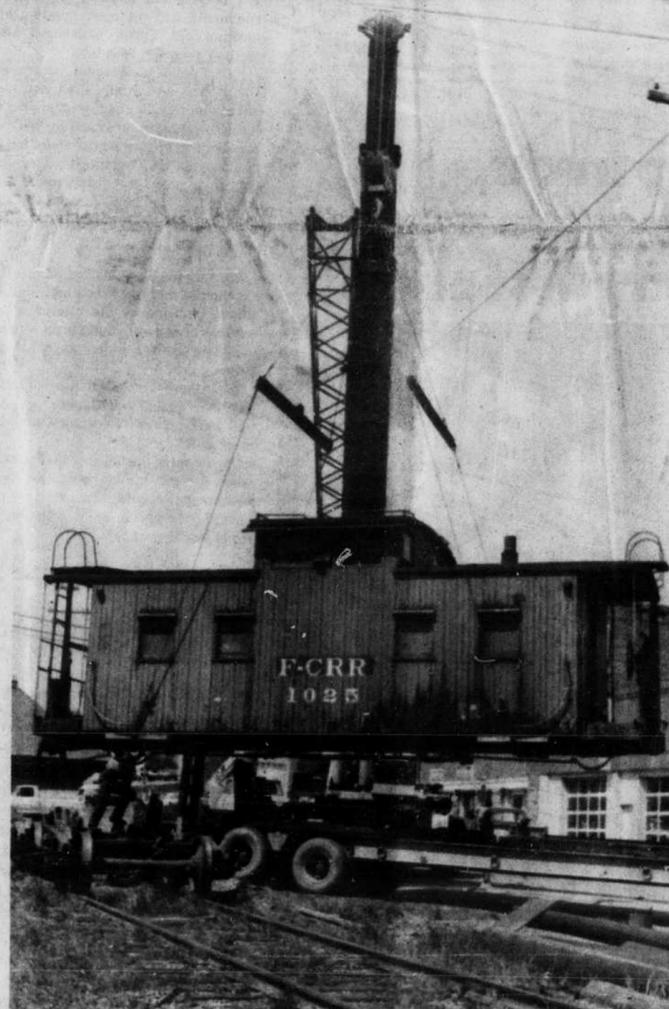
Being frustrated because she felt the Town board was not taking citizen input seriously, while she was on the Planning Board, is what made her want to run for office, she said.

"It's so important to be flexible in your thinking, to be fair and impartial to all citizens -- and it isn't always easy," she said.

"Oftentimes I'm put on the spot because everyone thinks you should have all the answers to town problems—but I don't. I learn every day," she said. However, "the compliments heavily outweigh the complaints and that's sweet music to the ears of any elected official."

Mrs. Brandon has lived in the Swannanoa Valley most of her life, and now runs Black Mountain Hardware with her husband, Lawrence.

Mrs. Brandon said most of



Phyllis Genett's camera caught the maiden flight of an old caboose recently in Black Mountain. The caboose was obtained by Kenneth J. Foreman Jr. of Montreat as a memorial to his father, a former railroad man.

