

## 'WNC Hospital should remain' -- dept. head

by Dan Ward

Sarah Morrow, secretary of the Department of Human Resources, has asked the joint appropriations committee in Raleigh to allow Western North Carolina Hospital to continue operating for at least one year.

Dr. Morrow, whose department governs the hospital, said she would like to investigate the operation of the hospital and two others before agreeing to recommendations that they be closed to save the state money and consolidate health care.

"It was my opinion that her plea was well received," said state Rep. Gordon Greenwood, who is a member of the Education appropriation committee and sat in on her testimony. "She made an urgent request that nothing be done until she had a chance to look at it for a year," he added.

Greenwood said that although Dr. Morrow's request was "very favorably received at the time," he

could not predict how the appropriations committee or each house would vote on recommendation to close the facility.

"Also, it really jeopardizes my bill to make improvements at the hospital," Greenwood said. He has introduced a bill that would allocate \$2 million toward renovation of a wing of the hospital. Greenwood said that even if the hospital is allowed to stay in operation, the odds were that the legislature would not allocate additional funds for a building that may only be in use for another year.

Closure of the hospital and two others in the eastern part of the state was first recommended by the powerful Base Budget Committee as a means of saving \$2.8 million and consolidating health care in the state. WNC Hospital employs 280 Swannanoa Valley residents and treats 1200 patients yearly from the western part of the state, most of them for respiratory ailments.



These flowers offer an unusual contrast to the barbed wire in a field near Swannanoa. (Phyllis Genetti)

## Revenge seen as murder motive

by Dan Ward

Reliable sources have told the Black Mountain News that revenge may have been a motive in the brutal slaying of former Black Mountain resident James Lloyd Jr. in Asheville May 26.

A source told the Black Mountain News that Lloyd was known to have enemies because of drug related business. Lloyd was believed to be selling drugs at the time of his murder, he added.

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Department would not officially confirm that the motive for the murder was drug-related revenge, but a spokesman said the possibility was being looked into.

Lloyd was found dead with

21 stab wounds on May 26 outside the Ale Haus in what Asheville police described as the most brutal murder in that city.

After a \$5,000 reward was offered by friends of Lloyd, an informant led police to Arthur Wilton Davis, Tony Ray Hooker, Randy Alan Hyder

and Timothy Clifford Greene. Davis and Hooker have been charged with first degree murder. The other two have been charged with being accessory after the fact. Their arraignment was scheduled for May 31.

Lloyd, who was known as "Jimmy" had been a student

at UNC-A, where he served as student body president, president of Sigma Delta Upsilon fraternity.

He was a 1965 graduate of Charles D. Owen High School and graduated in 1969 from UNC-A with bachelor's degrees in both history and philosophy.

## Street dance June 4

by Keith Osteen

At 8 p.m. this Saturday June 4, Black Mountain recreation will have its first street dance for this year in the parking lot at Big Buy on Montreat Rd.

If previous dances are any indication, this year's dance should be a large success, according to Town Manager Jon Creighton.

The Stoney Creek Boys will provide the music foreveryone to display their best square dance steps. Also, three dance

teams from the Pisgah View Ranch Dancers will perform. This will include two clog teams and one ranch-style team, and a local group of Modern Western Square Dancers will present on exhibition.

This dance could provide an excellent opportunity for some good old foot-stomping fun and fellowship for everyone. There is no admission price and the Recreation Committee hopes to see a large turnout this Saturday night.

## Hearing set on budget

The Town of Black Mountain will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. June 16 on the proposed 1977-78 budget.

The budget, totaling \$730,275.46, plus \$93,500 in revenue sharing funds, will be designated for improvements and purchase of equipment for city services. Highlights of the budget, according to Town

Manager Jon Creighton, include the areas of planning and zoning, municipal building, police, fire, recreation, downtown, and water and sewer.

The proposed budget may be seen at the Town Hall. Written comments will also be accepted.

## 1977 - 78 County budget presented

A tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977, of Buncombe County was presented to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe on May 27 and is available for public inspection in the office of Jane C. Morrow, clerk to the board. Mrs. Morrow's office is located on the second floor of

the Buncombe County Courthouse, Rm. 205.

A Public Hearing will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14 in the fifth floor courtroom, Buncombe County Courthouse, at which time any person who may wish to present written or oral comments on the Budget Estimate may appear.

## Local man arrested in jewelry robbery

A Black Mountain man has been charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a robbery May 26 at Carolina Jewelry in Black Mountain.

Some of the missing jewelry, valued at \$100, was recovered, police reported. The man's identity was withheld by police pending an investigation of possible accomplices.

A window valued at \$200 was smashed in gaining access to the jewelry, according to police. The crime was reported to police at 5:17 a.m. on May 26.

Police are also investigating

the theft of a jukebox, valued at \$2,000, from the Pizza Hut in Black Mountain on May 17.

The Black Mountain Police conducted 15 investigations last week. One stolen bicycle was recovered and returned to its owner. Three counts of worthless checks were turned over to BCSD.

They arrested one for DUI, issued citations to two speeders, one for unsafe tires and one for expired inspection sticker.

They lent assistance to BCSD in four instances, assisted SHP in two, and assisted two motorists. They answered five civil distur-

bances, and one domestic disturbance.

Available now at the police station for retail merchants are five Small Marketers Aids issued by the U.S. Government in dealing with crime prevention. Bill Stafford will distribute them as time permits, to merchants. Anyone may drop by and pick up a copy.

Accidents recorded were: Charlotte St. and First St., \$2600 damages, no injuries; W. State St. and Craigmont Rd., \$1000 damages, no injuries; Montreat Rd. and N. Fork Rd., \$400 damages and no injuries.

## Local man suspect in drug robbery

A warrant is now out on "a very good suspect" from the Swannanoa Valley for armed robbery of an undetermined amount of drugs, primarily barbituates, from the Dogwood Manor Nursing Home in Black Mountain May 26, according to Chief Investigator Don Whittaker of

the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department.

Whittaker said that revealing the name of the suspect may hinder his apprehension. He added that it will take some time to inventory the drugs that are missing, adding that the

robber "grabbed them randomly."

A police spokesman said the robber, wearing a ski mask and armed with a sawed-off shotgun, forced his way in the nursing home and made the nurse on duty open the drug cabinet.

He dumped the drugs into a pillow case and fled, according to the spokesman, who said the man cut a window screen to get into the building.

The incident happened at 1:50 a.m. and the investigation is continuing the spokesman said.

## Bride issue

Included in the June 9 edition of the Black Mountain News will be a special June Bride Supplement. This section will include tips for weddings and new homemakers and various articles on bridal fashions.

## Grocer enjoys move

# From Watergate to natural foods

by Dan Ward

For Liz Donovan, being owner of Cherry St. Natural Grocery is a far cry from the excitement and moral rewards of being in the thick of the Watergate exposure.

She left the Washington Post, where she was a key researcher for Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's stories, two years ago because "I got tired of the city and working for a big corporation," she said. She had friends in Black Mountain and found it reminded her of the small town she grew up in upstate New York.

She opened the natural foods store because many people were becoming more nutrition conscious, and had no store to buy natural foods.

"I HAD to open the store," she said, "that's all I eat."

It is hard to imagine the soft-spoken, easy-going grocer digging with relish through old news clippings and photos in the Post reference room for any information that might shed light on then-President Nixon's role in Watergate.

Friends at the Post told her the girl was meant to represent her, and that the producer had even asked about her appearance and

manner of speaking to make the casting authentic.

"That was nice of them," Liz commented.

She said research of the Watergate story would often keep her at work until early morning.

"Bernstein was obsessed—both of them were. They were both divorced, so they would work as late as they could on it," she said.

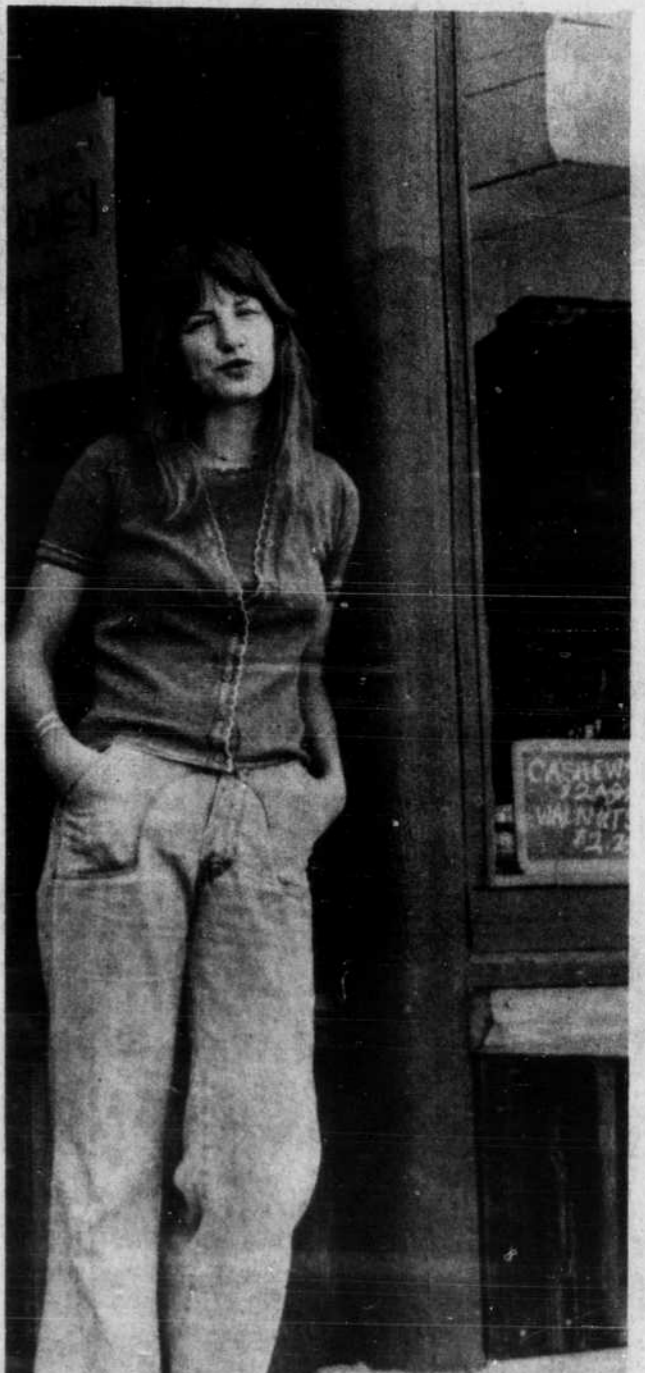
Liz became disturbed by what she calls the "media hype" that followed Woodward and Bernstein's publicity.

"Once it got started, the Washington Post just got loaded with media people," she said. She said TV crews became a common sight in the newsroom. "It seemed like it got to where what the media did became the news."

The horn-blowing of the media only fueled a feeling she had that "Washington people don't really know what's going on outside."

Now enjoying her role as a natural foods grocer, Liz has disassociated herself from the Nixon-baiting. When asked of her opinion of the Nixon-Frost interviews, she said, "I haven't watched them. I'm sorry to see it brought up again. I also hate to see Nixon make money on it."

She is a bit proud that an actress representing her was included in the movie version of "All the President's Men."



## Montreat budget passes reading

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Montreat heard the first reading of the proposed 1977-78 budget at a special meeting on May 30.

The budget of \$115,734 is based on an estimated \$46,000 property tax revenue and \$44,000 Intergovernmental revenue, plus \$25,000 other.

All Revenue Sharing Funds are allocated to Public Transportation, i.e. streets.

This proposed budget will be available for public inspection

at the Historical Foundation during regular business hours.

The Board also requested the Mayor to announce a Special Clean-up Day for Montreat on Friday, June 10, when trash (not large items such as old mattresses or refrigerators) placed at the street-side by 8 a.m. will be picked up.

The second reading of the proposed budget will be held during the regular session of the Board of Commissioners on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in room 12-B, Gaither Hall.

## Meet the board Harmony in Montreat

by Dan Ward

is without political affiliation.

"I think Montreat has a problem that is unique," Mayor Elizabeth Maxwell said, with a trace of understatement. "We have a population of 680 in the winter, and 5,000 in the summer. That also presents many opportunities, of course."

The Board of Commissioners is also in a unique position in its relations with Montreat-Anderson College and the Montreat Conference Center, the town's largest employers and tourist attractions.

Although the two institutions are exempt from property taxes, Miss Maxwell said their relationship with the town is harmonious and almost without problems.

"There's close cooperation really between the three groups," she said.

Miss Maxwell, who teaches French and English at Montreat-Anderson College and has lived in Montreat since 1950, was chosen as mayor by her two fellow board members. None of them actively campaigned for their payless positions on the board.

"We're not politically minded at all in our town government," she said. "I don't think you could have a more cooperative group. There is little, if any, antagonism between us and very little among sectors of the populace."

"I think the people are pretty much satisfied," she said. "It would be nice if more people would take more interest in things that are not quite directly effecting themselves. I'd also like to see less complaints without suggestions of what to do."

"Citizen input is fair," she added. "Not many come to the meetings, but if asked, they serve on the committees."

