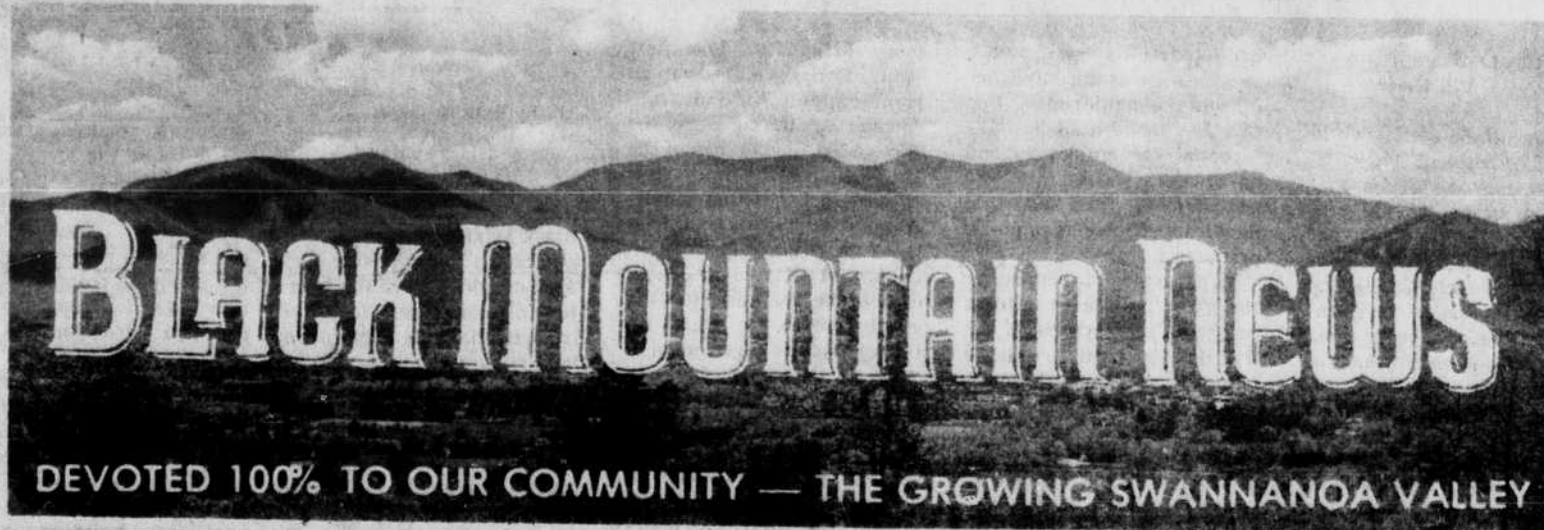


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Plants cited for odors in Swannanoa

by Dan Ward

Three Swannanoa plants have been asked by the Regional Air Pollution Control Board to meet with that board to explain why they are producing odorous emissions. The three plants, Chem-Tics, Winston Dyeing and Finishing and Charles D. Green Manufacturing, have been the subject of complaints from area residents.

According to Ronald G. Boone, director of the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, all three plants were cited as emitting unpleasant odors. Although laws exist governing odorous emissions, they are difficult to enforce when the emissions are not harmful, Boone said. None of the plants has been cited for poisonous emissions, Boone said.

In addition, the Winston plant was cited as expelling

visible emissions. Boone said those emissions were the result of a defective boiler, which has since been fixed.

Contrary to charges that the plants were not cooperating with inspectors, Boone said that there have been no problems inspecting the plants, except in a case where an inspector was kept waiting at the Owen plant.

Violations found during inspections are now being corrected, Boone said.



Bird watching

This cat, photographed by Todd Byrns, is either having identity problems or has discovered the purrfect spot for birdwatching.

Police Report

Bartlett allegedly threatened to bring fire to a witness in that case if he testified. Police reported an accident on Montreat Road September 22. There were no injuries. They issued four traffic citations, escorted three funerals and answered 115 calls last week.

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Water use climbs despite ordinance

According to readings taken by the Black Mountain Water Department, households in Black Mountain have increased water use although the water level in the Black Mountain Reservoir continues to drop.

According to outtake meter readings, water consumption has gone up by 4000 gallons per day during the last week. Town Manager Jon Creighton said that the outtake may be even greater than the meter shows. Intake measurements taken from streams flowing into the Dunsmore Cove Reservoir are about equal to outtake readings, Creighton said. However, the water level is

actually dropping. Creighton said that the town may have to purchase a new meter to

Traffic changes

The yellow flashing light at the intersection of Blue Ridge Road and NC 9 will soon be moved to the corner of US 70 and Craigmont Road, according to W.B. Cochran, division traffic engineer for the Department of Transportation, in a letter to Ald. Ruth Brandon, Black Mountain representative on public safety.

Mrs. Brandon also noted that a sign has been posted on Montreat Road at State Street

replace the present one, believed by Creighton to have been installed in the 30s.

warning that a right turn is not allowed there on a red light. She said many older persons have complained that there is not enough time to cross the street when cars are turning.

Black Mountain Police have charged Glen Bartlett with intimidating a witness in connection with Bartlett's trial for

Can recycling with a flair

by Dan Ward

Although a number of suggestions have been made for recycling old cans, few are as nice as James Andrews'. Andrews, who lives in Swannanoa with his wife,

Betty, makes Victorian doll furniture out of old cans. "They'd be good for doll houses," Andrews said of the tiny chairs, sofas and beds he fashions with tinsnips and pliers. "After they're painted, you can't get cut on them."

"I sold a few of them," he said. "A lot of people use them for pin cushions or what-not." Andrews, who learned how to make his first chair from James Rogers, a co-worker at the WNC Hospital, said it now takes him only an hour to

make one of the intricate mini-furnishings. He sells them, to friends for \$1.50 each.

"It took me a lot longer to make the first ones," he said. "The first two I made, I threw away—they didn't look so hot."

Now he finds himself looking for unusually shaped cans in the supermarket to extend his imagination further in his hobby. He's found that tobacco cans make good couches, chopped ham cans

the best footstools and a coffee can the best bed.

"A juice can won't work, it's too stiff," he warned. "Aluminum won't work either—it uncurls right out."

For those interested in making the can furniture, Andrews gives these steps.

Cut one of the ends off a soda-size can to make a chair. With tinsnips, cut about 40 strips the length of the can, leaving them attached to the other end. These strips will be about 1/8 of an inch wide.

Bend the strips in relation to the can top in the following order—four down, six up, four down, 12 up, four down, six up then four down. Cut the remaining strips off to use as binders for the various curlycuts. The four sets of strips bent down will become legs, the rest will be armrests and the chair back. An enterprising craftsman can use two cans to create a can-top chair back such as the one in the photo.

To make the upholstery, cut a cardboard circle the size of the can top. Cover it with cotton and a scrap of material. Spray paint the chair before upholstering, of course.

As if doll furniture building is not hobby enough for one man, Andrews also creates intricate string-art sculptures. He is now working on a large clipper ship.



Planning Board backs extended zoning

by Dan Ward

The Black Mountain Planning Board decided in its September 21 meeting to ask the Town Board to implement the existing Subdivision Ordinance.

It was decided to send a letter to the Town Board asking that the ordinance be recorded with the Registrar of Deeds, as required by law. The ordinance was passed in 1969, but has not been utilized since then.

Regarding that section of the ordinance giving the Zoning Board authority in

subdivision regulations up to one mile outside the town limits, the Planning Board is requesting that the Town Board have a map drawn, with the help of an engineer, describing the area of jurisdiction.

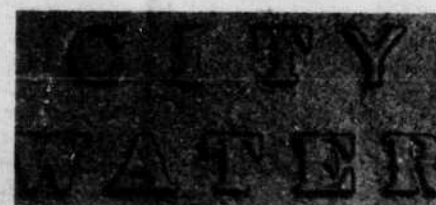
The Planning Board is also requesting that additional members, from outside the town limits, be appointed to the Zoning Board to represent persons living in the area to come under town zoning.

The board also heard Robert Fischer, chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, who said that the zoning jurisdiction granted under the

Subdivision Ordinance is not adequate to prevent obnoxious development from occurring around Black Mountain.

The Subdivision Ordinance gives the Zoning Board control only over areas being subdivided. The Zoning Board still has no jurisdiction over standards in mobile home parks, junkyards and noisy businesses in residential areas, Fischer said.

Most of the Town Board, with the exception of Ald. Ruth Brandon, has opposed town zoning jurisdiction outside the town limits. (See editorials on page 2).



Part one:

by Dan Ward

Ed. note—This article is part of a series outlining Black Mountain water system, its problems and suggested solutions. This article will focus on immediate suggestions made by Ald. John Mundy, the town representative on water and sewer, at the September 12 town meeting. Long-term suggestions will be discussed in a later article.

Sky High and McCoy Cove

Mundy's only suggestion voted on at the latest town Board meeting was that a surcharge be placed on users of water being pumped from the McCoy Cove and Sky High Reservoirs.

The two reservoirs are subsystems of the main system utilizing water from the Dunsmore Cove Reser-

voir. Due to the altitude of houses on McCoy Cove Road and in Sky High Acres, separate pumps must be used to supply water to those areas—both of which are outside the town limits.

Mundy calculated the additional cost to the town for electricity, pump maintenance and pump depreciation to be 51 cents per 1000 gallons for McCoy Cove and 45 cents per 1000 gallons for Sky High.

The board approved Mundy's suggestion that a 50 cents per 1000 gallon surcharge be added to bills for Sky High and McCoy Cove residents.

The surcharge, Mundy said, was the only fair alternative to annexing those households. In the event those households eventually become annexed, the surcharge would be dropped, Mundy suggested.

BI-monthly billing

Mundy also cited a recommendation made by Cummings Engineering in 1975 that meters be read every three months rather than every month, as done now. The study also showed that it would save the town money to bill every two months rather than monthly. Savings in postage alone would be \$1,632 per year, Mundy said. Only half of the town's 1700 customers would have to be billed each month.

The only drawback to a quarterly meter reading would be that it would take longer to detect breaks in the system. The town would save the salary or labor of one of its two full-time meter readers.

Broken meters

Mundy suggested charging those with broken meters their average monthly rate. At present, citizens with broken meters are charged the minimum rate.

He also suggested charging customers who have their water disconnected seasonally the minimum rate even though they do not receive water. Services for those meters and the system in general continue although the water for a particular meter is shut off, Mundy pointed out.

Minimum pressure standards

Pressure over a 24 hour period should be measured in the higher elevations where an additional water hookup is requested, Mundy said. The recording of pressure would guarantee that pressure comes up to Health Department standards and would not impair the pressure for existing households. For higher elevations within the town, building permits should not be issued until the water pressure for the proposed housing is measured, Mundy recommended.

Standardization

Mundy recommended that the town standardize its system and set standard specifications for future reservoirs, pumps and distribution systems.

A good deal of cost and trouble in the water system has been the result of different types of systems with parts that are not interchangeable, Mundy said.

Water sources

Mundy proposed as an immediate solution to the water shortage and a long-term means of complying with Health Department standards the drilling of two 40-gallons-per-minute wells.

He suggested that the wells be placed near the Dunsmore Cove reservoir and be used only when they are needed, or to drill them near or on the golf course. If placed on the west side of town, the wells would be accompanied by a water storage system and chlorinator. The storage system could be gravity fed from the Dunsmore Cove reservoir and serve as a storage system for the town in the event that a problem developed in the Dunsmore Cove Reservoir.

At the town meeting, Mundy said he will determine the cost of drilling two additional wells and report to the board in the near future.

Registration set

Voter registration for the November Town of Black Mountain elections will be held at the Eagles Nest from noon to 5 p.m. on October 1 and October 8. The Eagles

Nest, near the Clubhouse, is the regular polling place for the third precinct.

Persons may register any time at the Board of Elections office at the County Building in Asheville. They may also register with registrars for their precincts. Appointments may be made by contacting the registrars, who are: Precinct 1—Jenny Black, Precinct 2—Susie Patton, Precinct 3—Mary Sobol, or Precinct 4—Barbara Harris.

Candidate announces



MARK HOOPER, of 313 Byrd Rd., has announced for the upcoming election for Black Mountain Town Board. Hooper, who is a self-employed landscaper, has run for alderman on three previous occasions. He is the only Black candidate to enter the race so far.



RICHARD, a friend of the News staff, wasted little time in making friends with a migrating Monarch butterfly. At this time of year, millions of Monarchs migrate from Canada to Mexico—no small chore for such a frail-looking creature. (Dan Ward)