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by Margaret Slagle

Incumbent Mayor
 Candidate

I am Margaret Gragg Slagle, candidate for Mayor. My husband and I own and operate Black Mountain Union 76, at 114 E. State St. I have served four and one-half years on the Council and am completing a term as your mayor. The qualifications I have to fill this office are the terms of office just mentioned and a very honest interest in the welfare of our town. Always being available.

My first official act after taking office in 1975 was to appoint each member of the Council to specific departments. Water-Sewer to Mr. Greenwood, later assumed by Mr. John Mundy. Street Sanitation to Mr. Alfred Tyson. Budget Administration-ABC store to Mr. Tom Sobol. Recreation-Cemetery Maintenance M. Don Hoefling. Fire Police and Equipment Inventory Mrs. Ruth Brandon. Each member working only in conjunction with the city manager.

Water was the number one priority. A 10-inch water line from I-40 construction to Craigmont Rd. connecting our system to Asheville as emergency back-up replacing

Candidates' addresses

by Ruth Brandon

Incumbent Alderman
 Candidate

"I solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and will obey the laws of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, that I will in all respects, observe the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the Town of Black Mountain and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Alderman."

This is the oath of office I took two years ago when you elected me to the Town Council and I have tried to live up to it to the best of my ability. Granted, not all the decisions I have made have pleased all people, but they were made with the genuine interest of the whole town at heart.

In the two years I have served on the Town Council I have represented the town with honor. I have tried to always make a wise decision in casting my vote, regardless of whether it would make me unpopular. I decided early in my term that in order to treat all citizens fairly I could not afford to worry about winning any popularity contests.

I know I have played a very important part in the changes you have witnessed around town in the past two years because I have involved myself directly in them. It takes much of an elected official's time to bring about change. It means one must be aware of a problem, seriously study it and seek a sensible and reasonable solution. It is a great feeling of satisfaction to know you have had a part in "digging your heels in" and giving your all to make something happen. One must be willing to accept ridicule and criticism as well as praise. I am grateful that I have received more of the latter.

In the role on alderman I have played a part in all the improvements made in town during the past two years. However, in the area of specific assignments, I have, through many months of research of the town's records and the cooperation of department heads and other city personnel, completed an inventory of the town's equipment. Every piece of equipment that could be physically located has been indexed, assigned a number and marked by department.

Again, by special assignment by the mayor to the

lost reservoir. The south line being replaced by I-40 construction was the 8-inch to 10-inch on route 9. The 2-inch line on Sunset Drive to a 6-inch was upgraded for future development. Thus looking to the future. Mr. Mundy also made many proposals for a more efficient and economical system, both for the town and customer. Two new sewer lines were installed replacing over-taxed deteriorated ones.

Card and index file on all streets. Signs repainted or replaced. Streets paved or resurfaced as funds allowed. Sidewalks built in some areas and several repaired. Cherry Street improvements. These are a few items in Mr. Tyson's department.

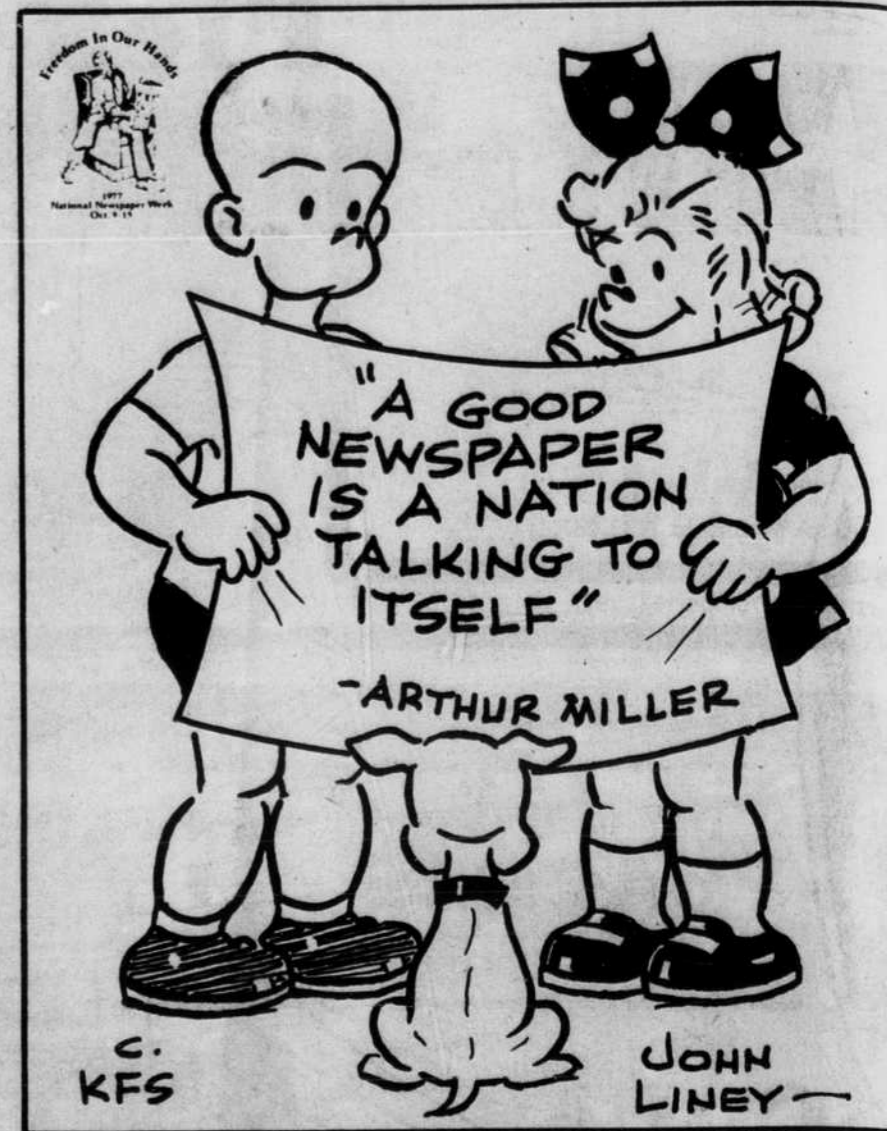
The Charter was amended thru an act of legislature on experience of office for the attorney. Amended to be two years of experience rather than five years prior experience. To legalize the past actions of Board members who were annexed upon request. Several ordinances and resolutions were in Mr. Sobol's concern.

The completion of the swimming pool-adding filter and bath house. Replacement by and with-in the insurance, the club house that was burned. Building a lake at the golf course to water the greens. Reworking the tennis area and mini parks. Pursuing fundings and many other projects has been Mr. Hoefling's interest.

Many improvements have come to the Fire and Police Departments. The most recent being the three bay building to house the fire trucks. The office of the Police Department has been reconstructed to give better and safer working conditions. The investigator working into his second year was received under LEAA funding, with equipment and car. Governor's Highway Safety Program played a big role in funding cars also equipment. These were the departments' Mrs. Brandon considered most with the completion of a complete equipment inventory of all town property.

The most important act the combined group accomplished was the hiring of an unaffiliated and trained city manager. His intent of all action has been for the growth and welfare of the town. I take this opportunity to commend this young manager. The position he accepted is a profession and not a political appointment.

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by Dan Ward
 NEWS WEEK MORE
 THAN HORNBLowing

All of the hulaheo we've been printing in recognition of National Newspaper Week is more than blowing our horn. Most people are aware that their own freedom is guaranteed only as long as the press is guaranteed to be free. How do you know you are getting the facts about what is going on if the government can control what is printed? However, there seems to be a misconception that the only papers that should be concerned with the First Amendment (guaranteeing free speech and press) are large metropolitan dailies reporting the national news. Believe me, free press restrictions hit closer to home than the Pentagon Paper classifications.

Soon after coming to Black Mountain last March, I was faced with one official body that was refusing me access to public records of extreme interest to all of you. Fortunately that body is now cooperating fully and was not subjected to the legal action we were prepared to take.

In another case, the Black Mountain Town Board met without malice in sure-in violation of the Open Meetings Act. I learned of the meeting

the day after it happened. Again, that body has been most cooperative since then. On a number of occasions, the News has come out in editorials against the performance of a government employee-from the town manager to the governor to the president. Such a freedom can only be exercised with a continued upholding of the First Amendment by local folks as well as national media interests.

Some day when your Black Mountain News is drifting between the just-read and fire-starter stages, look it over and imagine yourself a citizen of a totalitarian society. How much do you take for granted in the news?

Support for freedom of information to the press is support for your own right to know.

NEWS FROM THE
BUNCOMBE COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE
 P.O. BOX 7667, ASHEVILLE, N.C. 28807 255-5522



With the active gardening season almost over, those leftover dusts and sprays used to control insects and diseases this summer will not be needed until next year. All empty containers should be destroyed in a way that will prevent children and pets from getting to them. Materials to be saved for next year should be gathered together in one large container. Mark it "poison" and store where it cannot be reached by children or pets. Wettable powders and liquid concentrates will keep from one season to the next. Dusts are inexpensive and should not be kept for use next season.

If you have tried to buy some insulation for your home lately, you may have found dealers out of certain kinds. If the kind you want is out, wait until it comes in or check with other dealers. There is no need to buy a kind you feel is too expensive or a kind you are unsure of just because you feel pressured to get more insulation. An alarmed consumer may not be a wise consumer.

Fire Prevention Week tips

WOOD-BURNING STOVES

In areas with a high availability of wood, the high heat and low pollution of wood stoves is an advantage over burners of expensive fossil fuels. But an alarming side-effect of the increase in use of these stoves is an upswing in the number of house fires due to the improper installation and operation of stoves. Here are some suggestions.

-Have the stove installed by a licensed heating contractor who is familiar with the state building codes and local ordinances.

-Make sure of proper clearances from combustible material, such as floors, walls and ceilings.

-Have the chimney inspected by a competent mason.

-Use proper gauge steel pipes, spacers and connectors.

-Burn dry, well-seasoned wood. Burning green wood results in dirty chimneys, a fire hazard.

-Dispose of ashes in a metal container outside of the home.

-Pipe should extend through walls or ceiling if at

all possible.

-Wood stoves should not be connected to a fireplace chimney unless the fireplace has been sealed off.

-Don't use flammable fuels to ignite wood. Use paper or kindling.

-Stoves should not be used to burn trash in.

-Don't allow fires to burn unattended overnight.

The Institute spokesman suggests that in all cases where you have any doubts or questions, contact your local fire department.

CHECK FURNACES AND ROOM HEATERS

In checking your furnace, here are possible hazard areas that you should thoroughly examine.

-Keep any combustible material away from your furnace. Don't pile up old papers or boxes near the hear.

-Flue pipes, which are usually not insulated, radiate heat. Allow at least 18 inches on all sides clear of anything that can burn. Flues for gas-fired furnaces can have as

little as six inches six inches space.

-Those thin metal flue pipes should be as short as possible, and supported every three feet. They should have tight connections, be free of rust, and be of the right size. Check your local building code for further instructions.

ROOM HEATERS

A word of caution about room heaters:

-Locate them away from curtains, furniture, and other combustibles. Also locate them away from any doors, stairs, or fire exits.

-When buying a room heater, look for a safety approval label, such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), or the American Gas Association for has heaters.

-Never use a charcoal-fired heater in an enclosed space such as a bedroom. Burning charcoal in any appliance produces carbon monoxide fumes that can quickly overcome and kill unsuspecting persons.

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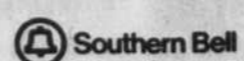
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The South is the fastest-growing area in the country. And Southern Railway is growing right along with it.

Everybody knows the South is the fastest growing area in the U.S. But what you might not know is it's one of the seven fastest-growing areas in the world. One of the biggest reasons is that industry is flocking to the South.

And each time the South grows, we at the Southern Railway grow too.

After all, who do you think carries the raw materials to these new plants? The finished goods to market? In large measure, we do.

And, as the South's population grows, who do you think brings the things these people need? The cars, the carpets, the appliances, the clothing, the sporting goods and the food? Largely, we do.

But, we're not growing just to keep up with the ever-increasing population. We're growing to be prepared for an even bigger South in the future.

According to the federal government, the railroads will get an increase in freight volume of 143% by 1990. And the railroads' share of market will go up by a big 24%.

Will we get the lion's share of these increases when they come? Maybe. But whatever happens, we're getting ready for them by expanding right now. We're putting in a new \$40 million computerized freight classification yard in North Carolina. We're adding to our microwave communications system, which is already the largest in the South. And we're laying two tracks where one used to be enough to handle all the traffic in the area.

So, even though we're growing right along with you, we're also growing ahead of you. Because when the demand is there, we want to be there, ready to serve.

SOUTHERN
 THE RAILWAY SYSTEM THAT GIVES A GREEN LIGHT TO INNOVATIONS

The Southern Railway is one more good reason for living in the South.