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by Ross Taylor
Alderman Candidate

I, Ross Taylor, was born in Buncombe County 63 years ago and have lived and earned my living in Buncombe County all my life.

If elected to the Town Council, I would give top priority to improving the water supply as soon as possible for the present citizens and by having ample water supply we could encourage others to move to our beautiful valley.

On the subject of safety I feel we need more street lights and fire plugs in the Craigmont area of town. I also feel it is very important to keep the Town of Black Mtn. free of litter, pop bottles,

beer cans, etc. I would like to see trash receptacles placed in areas where needed. I feel trees and shrubbery at intersections should be kept pruned at the proper height for motorists to see in all directions and for the safety of pedestrians.

The Police Department does an excellent job in patrolling our streets and protecting the children at busy school intersections. In Black Mountain we are proud to say we have one of the finest fire departments in the state of North Carolina, and in the 36 years I have been with the city as golf pro, manager and superintendent of the Black Mountain Golf Course, they have never failed to perform their duties efficiently. Without the help of the Fire

Department, we would have lost one-third of the greens at the golf course during the drought we experienced this summer because of the water shortage.

I would like to have the Town Board hire a qualified full-time engineer to serve the needs of the community.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Women's Clubs and all other civic organizations who have contributed to making our town more beautiful. If elected, I would do everything in my power to assist the other members of the board in carrying out the orders of the homeowners and the taxpayers of the town of Black Mountain and to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which I seek election.

by Michael Begley
Alderman Candidate

My name is Michael Begley and I am running for Black Mountain Alderman. I live in a small house on Sunset Drive and have been a lifelong resident of Black Mountain. I am an associate member of the law practice of Floyd D. Brock located in the Northwestern Bank Building in Asheville. I believe my background in business administration and law will be a valuable contribution to the deliberation of our Board of Aldermen. Also, my record offers a history of involvement and leadership on a state, regional, and local level in school, church and community activity.

As a student at Owen High School I served as State Vice President of the Beta Club, a scholastic honor society; W.N.C. Vice President of the Beta Club; Spokesman for the Owen High School delegation to the Asheville-Buncombe Youth Council; president of the Senior Class; Business Manager of the Annual Staff; captain of the wrestling team (qualified for state finals); Most Dependable Senior; and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Attending the University of North Carolina as a Morehead Scholar, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. I was a Dean's List student, a member of Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Fraternity, and a member of the Carolina Wrestling Team. As a senator in my dorm of approximately 1500 students all four years, I served as Speaker of the Senate my Junior and Senior years. I was inducted into the Janus Honor Society in recognition of work and achievement in residence hall life.

I entered the University of North Carolina School of Law and received a Juris Doctor Degree after three years. I was a member of the Christian Legal Society, and served as a dormitory resident counselor employed by the University Department of Housing.

I am a member of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. I have worked as President of Youth Fellowship, Moderator and District Chairman on the Asheville Presbyterian Youth Council (about 40 churches), Youth Director, Bible School Director, Building Committee member, and I am now teaching the Senior High Sunday School class.

In the community I am a Charter Member of the Swannanoa Valley Optimist Club, an organization known for its work with youth, County Treasurer and a member of the County Executive Committee for my political party. I was a Little League Baseball coach in 1976.

This is a critical election in our town's history in three important areas: water, growth and attitude. Our residents are acutely aware or should be aware of our very serious water crisis. The time for preventative measures has long since passed. We are now faced with sacrifices that must be made, both physical and financial, to relieve immediate problems. Competent decisions can only be made by those fully informed and vigorously seeking alternatives. For this

reason I have devoted myself to the task of studying the crisis closely. Alderman John Mundy, assigned to thoroughly research the water situation, has generously offered to discuss with me the results of his investigation.

People have made only a negligible reduction in usage per resident since the crisis began. A public forum could provide informative discussion and heighten awareness of the emergency. A published list of well-considered suggestions for water conservation would also reduce present usage.

Eventually, after much expense, this immediate crisis will pass, but we must confront the possibility of a recurrent shortage. Future changes in our town processing due to recent legislation seems imminent. There is a great present need for effective legal and business negotiations with Asheville authorities on possible alternatives to building a new treatment facility. My background and business associations would be valuable for such leadership.

Secondly, the new highway systems between Black Mountain and the spreading Asheville area will introduce new growth to our town and may also change the character of our community. Such new developments represent not only an excellent business opportunity for our downtown area, but also a serious responsibility for our whole community to carefully plan for patterned expansion. Standardization, suggested for water system extensions, is one example of such foresighted planning. Projections for overall growth and growth in specific locations must be analyzed thoroughly. Ultimately, some control of outlying areas may become necessary. However, we must consciously appreciate the rights of non-citizens who may be subjected to such planning measures, since they cannot practically be represented by their own elected officials. Finally, plans should be submitted to county officials for approval since the commissioners can represent all residents.

A third critical point is the attitude of our citizens. The lack of response to our water shortages, for example, is only one symptom of a deeper illness. Our people have been divided too long over personal feuds and petty arguments. We need new commitment, both from our people to our government and from our government to our people. We need town management seeking to understand and harmonize with our citizens as well as the public officials. Within our next administration I promise to maintain occasional differences without sacrificing the harmony and good will that needs to exist continually. To be effective our leadership must be committed to focusing on issues, and not on the people who raise them.

Of course there are other needs and interests. Space does not allow treatment of them all and those interested in topics not mentioned should not feel ignored or rejected. I will always welcome suggestions and comments.

Please give me your vote of confidence on November 8th and convince a friend! Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

P.O. BOX 7667, ASHEVILLE, N.C. 28807 255-5522



A workshop on Low Sodium Diets will be held in the Extension Conference Room at the Allen Center, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sarah Hinton, a registered dietitian from the NCSU Extension staff, will present the program. Bring your diet with you. Call the Extension Office for reservations for the workshop at 255-5523.

The average cost of a new house is close to \$50,000. Can you afford a new house and still have money left over for other things? It is not just the initial cost of the house that is high, taxes, interest charges, and maintenance and fuel costs are rising too. In fact, these last four items could be the final straw that breaks the house-buyers back. An old rule of thumb used to say that you could afford to pay two and one-half times your yearly income for a house, but the American Bankers Association says this amount is a little steep for most families. A more realistic figure is a house that costs just one and one-half times your yearly income. It is true that home ownership brings pride, privacy, some tax breaks, and freedom, but the question is, can you afford it?

A very important task at this time of year is the gardening practice of composting leaves and other garden refuse. Never burn or throw them away. You can help both your community and yourself by making use of these leaves and plant refuse. Grinders,

compost hasteners, fertilizers and lime all help to decompose the compost pile making it available for garden use next spring.

In today's fast paced and changing society many things that have existed as a part of that society are also in a state of transition. Not exempt from this category is today's 4-H program. At one time an often times even today numerous individual associate the 4-H program with rural America. This is a definite misconception. The not to say that we exclude our rural youth by any means. They are certainly an integral part of our entire program however, we now offer through our 4-H program areas of interest which would be of value and concern to any young person 19 years of age or younger. We have printed material in the form of booklets and manuals for about 150 areas of interest. Some of these include: recreation, crafts, career exploration, nutrition photography, wildlife conservation, and human development. As you can see our projects are numerous and contain an endless realm of variety. Regardless of place of residence, race, sex, or income we have something to offer our youth of today. If you, as a young person, are interested in expanding your interest or skills, or you know someone interested, please contact your Extension office today about our many 4-H clubs in Buncombe County.

Our Readers Speak

TO THE NEWS: Thank you for such a beautiful colorful front page cover of "Black Mountain News"; this week.

-s-Gretchen J. Corbitt
P.O. Box 303
Ridgecrest

TO THE NEWS:

Some of our friends said how much they would like to see a social-gossip column in the Black Mountain News once again.

Enclosed is an article which I thought might start such a column again. If you are interested, please contact me at home.

-s-Doris Raulerson
106 Dilling Ave.
Black Mountain, 28711
CHIT CHAT

According to all reports, Western North Carolina had a wonderful summer. There seemed to be more tourists as the traffic was very heavy

especially through Black Mountain.

It was reported that during the Fourth of July week-end, they had to open the National Army in Asheville to accommodate the tourists without reservations. Many people came to the mountains to escape the extremely hot weather, I'm told. Even though our summer was above average in temperature, tourists enjoyed our scenery and hospitality and stayed. We are not in the deep south but Black Mountain has real southern hospitality.

Although summer is gone, it is said that all the hotels and motels are filled with tourists coming to view our foliage. They may have to open some facility to accommodate the over-flow in Asheville.

We would like to have this column for you, the people. I do know that there have been several lovely parties at the Monte Vista Hotel this year, but not too many details about them.

Mrs. Douglas Jones has been gadding around the country this summer to Florida, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolard More have also traveled extensively this summer, both overseas and in the states.

Mrs. Clifford Fields sister, Nancy, was here for a short visit and renewed old acquaintances.

Let us hear what's happening. Are you expecting company, going on vacation, planning a party - call your chatter at 669-8352.

Ed. note—Back in journalism school we were taught that gossip columns were the epitome of bad journalism. In addition, if we ran such columns, it would be at the expense of public service features we print from the state universities. However, this is YOUR paper, and we will give you what you want as well as what you need—so we would appreciate any opinions on gossip columns that you, the reader, have.



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Jody Williams
The Northwestern Bank - Black Mountain

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