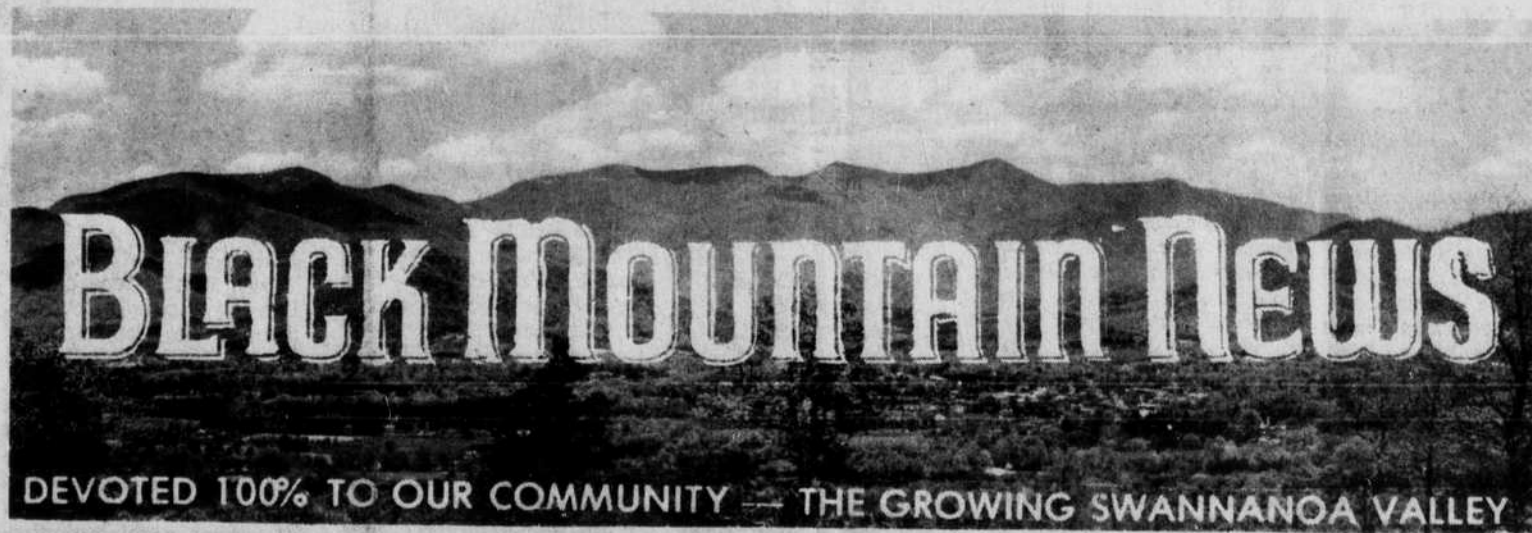


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Church of God Prophecy on Padgett Road was turned completely around by flood waters. (Ginà Byrd)

## Sobol elected

by Dan Ward

Black Mountain Voters turned out in full force Tuesday to vote in one of the most closely contested, and cleanest, municipal elections in recent years.

Tom Sobol, with almost 69 percent of the vote, is new mayor of Black Mountain.

The former alderman, who waged an intensive door-to-door campaign during the last few days before the election, was very happy with the results. He told the News Tuesday evening that while he was of course happy to be elected, he was most impressed with the clean and honest campaigning done by all candidates for Black Mountain office.

Unofficial results of the election show that new members of the Board of Aldermen are Michael Begley, an attorney; Ruth Brandon, incumbent and co-owner of Black Mountain Hardware; John Klutz, a pharmacist; Jim Norton, owner of Norton's Quick Shop; and Alfred Tyson, incumbent and operator of Tyson Furniture.

The contest for the fifth spot for Alderman was very close, with Naomi Brigman and Don Hoefling following Ms. Brandon by 13 and 15 votes, respectively.

The race for councilman in Montreat was more lopsided, with John Abernethy, Andy Andrews and Ivan Stafford easily winning the three available seats.

Although Black Mountain Precinct 3 had the highest voter turnout in the county with 60 per cent of registered voters casting their ballots, voting elsewhere in the valley was sparse - hovering between 16 and 26 percent.

Voters here came out strongly against non-partisan school board elections and strongly in favor of two amendments removing inequities in the law between men and women. Voting was also strongly in favor of a highway bond issue and a clean water bond issue with only the Swannanoa 1st Precinct voting against each. Area residents also came out strongly in favor of a mandatory balanced state budget. Voting on other state issues was almost even.

### Black Mountain

Mayor	Votes
Margaret Slagle	525
C. Thomas Sobol	762 ★
Alderman	
William Michael Begley	690 ★
Ruth D. Brandon	539 ★
Naomi E. Brigman	526
Donald H. Hoefling	524
Mark M. Hooper Jr.	249
John A. Klutz	661 ★
Bently Leonard	235
James H. Norton	552 ★
Sandra K. "Jean" Standley	465
Ross Edwin Taylor	341
Alfred F. Tyson	704 ★
Charles G. Wise	145
Montreat	
Councilman	
John K. Abernethy	96 ★
Steven Thomas Aceto	63
E. Andy Andrews	81 ★
Frances O. Foreman	38
Ivan Stafford	79 ★

## Floods rip Swannanoa Valley

by Dan Ward

hundreds were evacuated extensive damage was done when flooding caused by more than 10 inches of rain swelled the Swannanoa River last weekend.

Congressman Lamar Roberts has asked Gov. Jim Hunt to apply for federal disaster assistance, and the state's office has promised relief to those who lost property damage.

Black Mountain and Swannanoa rescue squads and men began working at 2 p.m. on November 6 to evacuate people trapped in houses and cars by flood waters.

Black Mountain firemen evacuated families from Owenby Trailer Park on Blue Ridge Road, and many of them sheltered at the Methodist Church, which had its doors to flood victims.

Forty persons were evacuated from the KOA campground, Longview Trailer Park and Ward's Trailer Park and given shelter at Swannanoa firemen at the house.

Forty Black Mountain men evacuated 40 families living on High School

Road and Flat Creek Road took them to homes of relatives and friends not endangered by flooding.

Flat Creek Road was especially hard hit. The bridge at Flat Creek Road and Montreat Road was completely washed out.

That road and Padgett Road are closed. Padgett Road was described by Fireman Steve King as "a small disaster area."

Flat Creek has rechanneled itself across that road, closing Padgett road until rechanneling can be done, King said.

Swannanoa Fireman Barry Roberts said that Old US 70 from Mr. Zip to the Alexander Inn was flooded for a long time Sunday. Persons had to be evacuated from homes in that area by boat, he said. The Red Cross helped care for evacuated persons at the fire department.

Besides the Flat Creek Bridge, three others have been damaged by flood waters. Bridges on Padgett Road, North Fork Road at Lake Eden Road and North Fork Road near the reservoir are all unsafe, King said. Black Mountain patrolman Gary Sorrels said he believes

all three are still being used. Seven private bridges in Black Mountain are also damaged or washed out, King said.

One trailer in Portman Villa Trailer Park was buckled and completely destroyed by flood waters. In Swannanoa, two trailers were moved by floods, and two bridges were washed out on Bee Tree Road.

Montreat Streets were especially hard hit by flooding. Some were washed out completely and became rocky creek beds. At Lake Susan, flooding rose above heavy equipment used to remove debris from the dry lake bottom.

On Padgett Road, one small church was turned completely around by rushing flood waters. A camper trailer parked in that area was washed a mile downstream and landed on its top, according to King.

Black Mountain firemen rushed to Ridgecrest Assembly on Sunday to turn off the gas on four large LP gas tanks that were overturned by heavy rains. King said the tanks represented a "potential tragedy if ignited."

The entire area suffered closed roads, some yet uncleared, by mud and rock slides. Old 70 to Old Fort and the Ridgecrest-Old Fort segment of the railroad were closed due to embankment mudslides. Repairs were completed on railroad embankments at 9 p.m. Monday and the first train in three days passed through near Andrews Geysers.

Water lines broke in Black Mountain and were still being repaired on Tuesday. A sewer line east of Black Mountain on US 70 was also washed out. Muddy water, caused by excess silt in the reservoir, was apparent in all water systems. Water authorities have added additional chlorine to combat bacteria. The National Guard hauled water from Black Mountain to Old Fort Monday because that town's system was contaminated by flood waters.

Although many died or were injured due to flooding in the mountain region, including one fatality in Old Fort, no serious injuries or fatalities were reported in the Valley, according to Black Mountain, county state patrol authorities.

Jerry VeHaun, director of Civil Preparedness for Buncombe County, said anyone with damage to their homes or businesses should contact his office at 255-5638 with a report on the nature of the damage and an estimate of the cost of repair or replacement.

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## Water to be boiled

by Dan Ward

Black Mountain residents have been warned to boil all water for at least five minutes that is used for drinking or food preparation until the results of a water analysis are known, according to Daryl Herndon, district engineer for the Department of Human Resources Environmental Health Division.

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flood waters, the possibility exists that harmful wastes have entered the system.

Results of the analysis were expected to be in by Wednesday after noon, Creighton said. He will be notified by health officials as soon as the results are known. Additional water problems have been caused by burst water lines throughout town.

Creighton said one line behind the Travel-ize Motel and two under Flat Creek have been by-passed until they can be repaired.

At least one other broken pipe, presumably under a creek, has been causing a loss of 25 pounds of pressure in the system, Creighton said. As of Tuesday afternoon, town employees have been unable to find the broken pipe by taking chlorine samples from the creeks.

Creighton said it will be easier to locate the break when creek levels recede.

Creighton also said that restrictions under the water ordinance have been lifted. BFlood waters overflowed Black Mountain's reservoir at Dunsmore Cove Sunday.

### State and County

(results from local precincts only)

	for	against
\$300 million highway bond	917★	to 738
\$230 million Clean Water bond	1121★	to 534
Amendment 1 (homestead exemption)	1327★	to 328
Amendment 2 (insurance rights)	1310★	to 345
Amendment 3 (succession of governor)	772	to 883★
Amendment 4 (municipal utilities)	800	to 855★
Amendment 5 (balance budget)	1104★	to 551
Non-partisan school board	519	to 1136★

(★ denotes winner or highest vote-getter)

## Beautification sought

by Betty Tyson

A meeting of the Town Improvement Committee was held Tuesday, November 1 in the council room at the city hall.

Harriett Styles reported that she and Betty Tyson had

asked Black Mountain Woodworking Co. to beautify their property and at the same time to help beautify the new entrance to Black Mountain by planting a screen of white pines and some sourwood trees along their property line adjacent to Highway No. 9. Joe Chamberlain, manager of Black Mountain Woodworking Co., said that his company would be glad to cooperate and they would make plans to plant the trees very soon.

Since the term of the present Town Improvement Committee will end this month, the committee will concentrate on finishing several of the projects that have been underway this summer—such as the sign for Cherry Street, repair of the planter (a visitor backed into it) at the police department, replacement of shubbery that was killed either by last winter's cold or this summer's dry weather and that planting of trees and shubbery at the club house.

The problem of unsightly garbage at the clubhouse was discussed. The committee has asked that the town build a wooden bin where the plastic garbage bags can be stored until picked up.

The big sourwood sale will take place early in December. Everose is urged by the committee to buy sourwood tree and plant it in their own yard if possible, if not give one to the town to plant in

some public place.

Mrs. Tyson thanked the members of the committee for their interest in the town and for their faithfulness in attending committee meetings. Members of the committee for the last two years have been Harriett Styles, Kay Hyder, Albert Garland, Hugo Thompson, Gay Fox, Chet Prentice, and Betty Tyson.

by Dan Ward

The days are not yet here when machines will fit eyeglasses on your face and fill your cavities, but Dr. Robert Dickey, optometrist, and Dr. Thomas Cannon, dentist, have begun using machines that do a large part of their jobs for them.

Both of the Black Mountain doctors have purchased video machines that not only tell nervous patients about glaucoma, cataracts and tooth decay, but pacify rowdy children with Mickey Mouse cartoons.

"It saves me about an hour of beating my gums to a patient," Dickey joked.

"I get this reaction, 'I thought cataracts were much worse than that.' They walk away really relieved," Dickey said.

Cannon agreed, saying, "The film says it better than I

## The machine that relieves

can." Cannon said that almost every patient views at least one of his video tapes.

The films, which last about 20 minutes each, cover specialized subjects such as glaucoma, cataracts or contact lenses. They are designed to clearly explain problems and processes while dispelling fear-causing myths.

Dr. Dickey said his tape on cataracts has been especially helpful in putting older patients at ease.

"People are very misinformed about these problems," Dickey said. "Patient education is the responsibility of the doctor, and I think this machine does it well."

Dickey's most popular film, however, is far removed from optometry. "The Brave Little Tailor," starring Mickey Mouse, has proven to be the easiest way ever to keep the kids out of trouble while Mom is having her eyes checked.



Drs. Cannon and Dickey and the video machine. (Dan Ward)

### Our Valley part four

## Sheep ranch to town

by Dan Ward

Note—This is the fourth series on the history of the Swannanoa Valley.

After, we will not deal with a historical overview, but we think our readers will appreciate information on particular events, such as

last week's "Black Mountain Hall." The source for this week's segment is the history of Montreat from its beginnings, by Robert Campbell Anderson.

Charles Mitchell, in his last trip to climb the mountain that now bears his name, stopped in the middle of a cove north of the Black Mountain trading post where pines and cypripedium grew thick and

mountains rose steeply on three sides. This place, Mitchell wrote, was ideal for communion with

God. In 1895, under the urging of John C. Collins, a Connecticut minister, a group of people representing a number of denominations organized the Mountain Retreat Association to establish a health and rest resort for Christians.

In 1897, Collins reported to the association that he found the ideal spot for such a retreat—4,500 acres of sheep ranch nestled in a cove north of Black Mountain, North Carolina.

The charter granted by the state to Mountain Retreat later condensed to its present name of Montreat—foreshadowed what was to become more than a health spa.

The purpose of said corporation is to establish and maintain in the mountain section of North Carolina, a municipality containing

assembly grounds for the encouragement of Christian work and living through Christian convention, public worship... schools... recreation.' Mitchell's choice of a natural chapel materialized.

Even though the land cost only \$2 per acre, and building materials, creek stones, were abundant, Montreat was for many years in deep financial trouble. In 1910, through the generosity of J.S. Huyler, one of Montreat's founders, the mortgage was paid off. At that time, the community had already gained far-ranging recognition as a retreat.

In 1916, Montreat Normal School, chartered by the state to train white female Christian teachers, held its first classes with a student body of eight. In 1933, the women's teacher college became Montreat Junior College and high school.