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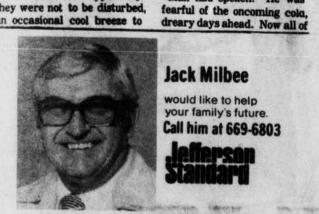
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### Reflections turn a leaf here and there. nature had something to say. The primeval sounds of nature

The soft snows of November

### by Gretchen Corbitt

made a beautiful frosting in The dead leaves laid to rest years gone by, only to be relieved by delightful days of for the cold winter months had lost the brilliant color they hazy sunshine. had in October. Apparently they were not to be disturbed, Man had spoken. He was an occasional cool breeze to



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**Our Readers Speak** TO THE NEWS:

ment

tences

obligations and promise I

made when assuming the

honored and exaulted position.

pleasant but I filled the

position with dignity and

pride, never promising less

than my best. The decisions I

developers who have in the

The responsibility is now on

Mr. Sobol's shoulders. I wish

by Perry Stone

Let me sing the praises of the

sourwood in two dozen sen-

1. It is the official symbolic,

community tree of Black

Mountain, adopted after

careful study and comparison.

the middle of its normal range

where it propagates itself but

3. It looks right, natural and

at home in our valley, and not

4. It is adapted to our acid

oil, medium climate and 2400

5. It is common, rather than

rare, for it frequently occurs

6. It is available, for the

project committee will have a

large supply on hand December 2 and 3 for public

7. A sourwood tree is

maintenance cost,

inexpensive to buy (\$4.00, \$3.00 and \$1.25); and also low

requiring no spraying,

8. It is growable by the

average householder who

follows with care the direc-

tions that will be furnished.

9. It is strong limbed and

10. It is small enough for

W WEEKS

**Candidate**'s

town lots and will not dwarf

low branched when cultivated

pruning or fertilizing.

in the open.

in the woods around us.

does not become weedy.

like an exotic import.

foot altitude.

in

2. It is native; and we are in

The duties were not always

students are behind, that the system must be at fault. There must be a better way, and we the short time you observed must find it fast. It is apmy making of a corn shuck doll. palling to think that there are You did an excellent job with non-readers in the seventh The only thing I hope grade. Where will these young people be in five years? Preparing for graduation? High school drop-outs Unemployed? Criminals? What choices do they have? I dont have a solution for this problem, but on the inside of the report cards your childs reading level should be indicated. This reading level I have just returned from the Black Mountain Grammar does not tell you what grade level the child is reading. I School P.T.A. Open House. I strongly urge all parents to find out their childs reading so disappointed, frustrated, and discouraged level and discuss it with the until Im almost to the point of teacher, before your child ends up two to three reading I was told (by more than one

read the article, and for

people won't get an idea they

can use bailing jute for the doll'

s hair. It's far too stiff. I use

the soft wrapping twine jute that I cut in short lengths pull

-s-Mary R. Deschamps

teacher) of the seventh graders inability to read, and-

or comprehend what they

have read. I was told, 70

percent to 80 percent of the

seventh graders at Black

Mountain are at or below a

While I was being told of the

students' shortcomings, I

watched the faces of the other

parents and I believe that they

along with me were surprised

at what we were being told.

large percentage of the

were beating out pulsating

and rhythmic drops of rain;

the winds sprinted across the

tops of the hills to make a

hasty plunge into the river

bottoms, dales, hollows,

ravines, and gorges with the

January. Now for the first

time man felt completely

flaunt, exhibit, or boast of

what he had or could do.

Nature's flood waters came to

**Actual size** 

4" to 6" tall

ss. He could no longer

rains as their companion.

Some of us feel since such a

fifth grade reading level.

Swannanoa

apart and dye.

To the News-

am

tears.

it.

levels below his grade. -s- Linda Ellis P.O. Box 173 Black Mountain

#### TO THE NEWS:

October of 1975 I placed my name on the ballot for mayor. I received your support and became the first woman mayor of Black Mountain. The following two years I placed the needs of the town before self, family or business--many times neglecting all to fulfill the

teach him a thing or two. Or was he to be teachable?

Dawn, oh, dawn, we knew not what you would offer! Many surprises in many zes came to us. What portion for each new dawn could only be an-

There was no doubt as to what I looked for the sun to bring and who was in charge. Man the warmth to my cheeks had boasted of his abilities and To drive away the chill of powers that seemed infallible. the autumn frost He had leaned heavily on the But you sent a mist playing props of fear, frustration, and hide-and-go seek with clouds fright to keep him supported for November, December, and to tease the mind.

The mist hung around long enough to be joined by a sprinkle Enough not to put out all of

the sun. Clouds became full, unelfish and emptied its conents upon a dry earth. Earth could not accomodate and it slopped over into every available space. Man could neither harness

imself or you. Rain in huge proportions

came to govern. We have seen your rains wash away the dirt, slime, refuse, and all that con-

Dawn, is this your way of saying "Start a new and fresh

#### him the best of luck and feel he will continue to work to the welfare of the town and not for personal and private in-

terests. The citizens are no longer the little sleepy and uninterested populous we have been in the past.

made were in the best interest of the town, even to not I will continue to have the leaving any loose ends as to same interest I was forced to the request made concerning have when we were annexed into the town and hold dear to past been assisted by the town my heart the interest of "My at the expense of the taxpayer. People! My family thanks you I for one hope there will be for the results of the recent new policies in this departelection.

> -s-Margaret G. Slagle **Black Mountain**

## **Guest** editorial

#### one story homes.

11. It is a healthy species, resistant to insect pests, and average diseases pollution

12. It is a long-lived tree, a long lasting investment in improved landscaping both for yourself and those who come after you.

13. The sourwood is a safe tree, being both thornless and

14. It is a clean tree, requiring little raking for it bears no comes, nuts or balls. 15. It is shaped like a pyramid when grown in full sunlight.

16. The sourwood has lustrous green elliptical leaves in the spring and summer, which turn a striking scarlet in the fall.

17. The sourwood is an early age bloomer, displaying its racemes of delicate white blossoms while still small.

18. It is a summer bloomer after most native ornamental trees have bloomed, and when the most visitors are here.

19. It is a fragrant tree when the aroma of its sweet smelling blossoms scent the air.

20. The sourwood may be called a honey tree because bees make the choicest of honeys from the nectar of its

21. 'The seed pods of the sourwood are so decorative

children, no to federal aid to

public schools, no to closing tax loopholes for the super-

rich, no to finding alternate

Constantly saying no is not

an answer but a retreat. It is

not a solution to our problems.

I am proud that throughout

sources of energy.

#### **PITY THE POOR** PEDESTRIAN Name Withheld on request

What's a pedestrian? A definition not found in any dictionary or tome is: A biped creature who vainly tries to compete with motorized traffic. You've never seen one? Of course not. You were going too fast. Even while you werent moving you were watching impatiently for the first flick of the traffic light that would release you .. to mow down whomever or whatever might be the obstacle before you. Apparently it is not

they are sometimes mistaken

22. The gray bark on the

bole of the sourwood, its fissures deepening with age, is of winter interest, and the

silhouette of the tree is im-

anyway you look at it, the sourwood is beautiful a

superior species of or-

namental tree which, when

widely planted, will prove useful in its function of

beautifying our environment

and will give our community

and area a distinctive

trademark and symbol,

because it is graceful in form,

decorative in foliage, lovely in

flower, attractive in fruit, and

Come on, folks, let's make

Black Mountain widely and

favorably known as the City of

delightful in fragrance.

Sourwoods!

In sum and in short,

for flowers.

pressive.

generally known by the city trucks that try to make a short Fathers or the Town Council turn right. There are only two or the citizenry of Black alternatives open to me: Mountain that there is (or climb the wire or take to the would be if they dared) a street. Either of which would considerable group of mark "THE END! residents who either have to or prefer to WALK rather than peting of leaves and acorns drive, even if they had cars ... are added hazards. At least either for pleasure or business. They range in age from the very young to the this puts an end to the skateboards which have preceded them. very old .. and, generally simply must stay indoors or hire a taxi (which is not speaking, enjoy their status. Some wear jogging uniforms. Others can be identified only readily available nor economically priced). Winter sidewalk obstacles are in-surmountable by even the by the apprehensive looks they wear and the extreme caution with which they dare proceed most courageous pedestrians:

**Guest** editorial

Black Mountain must have been a beautiful, friendly town in its halcyon days of footpaths and dirt roads. Even today walkers TRY (though vainly) to stop and chat with each other as they pass, or wait together. In most incorporated areas walking in the street is like signing your Will ... for THAT territory belongs to the motorized quadrupeds, which have multitudes of ways to remind the pedestrians of it. In this 'advanced civilization' sidewalks exist here on few streets, then usually on one side only. They are beset with obstacles: street marker posts are planted in the middle of the sidewalk. Guy wires supporting utility poles are also embedded in the sidewalk concrete, very stubbornly. My experience has proved that it is utterly impossible for my 145 pounds plus the bag of groceries I tote to get between guy wire and street marker. Furthermore, the sidewalk at that corner is almost

DO WHAT? A HAVE-TO WALKER

In autumn, the thick car-

In winter, pedestrians

street-scrapers, rarely seen,

pile snow on the sidewalks,

which open them as ski-slopes or at least sledways.

In spring and summer, rose

bushes, hedges and other flora from adjacent lawns spill over

the sidewalk making these

pedestrian creatures walk

single-file or take - to - the -street. If at ANY season the

right-of-way of the motorist

(to escape sidewalk obstacles) the blast of auto horns makes

him climb the guy wires or

Not any bona-fide citizen or

year-long resident or tourist-

by-choice delights in staying

indoors ANY season, certainly

not ALL. Must a sidewalk

license be purchased and worn

by pedestrians and all other

animal - human - mechanical

And in the spring, ... what about all the little children

who would have no place to

WHO MUST DECIDE TO

would-be-patrons?

learn how to skip???

leap the nearest fence!

lestrian infringes upon the

# Living and Growing

eventually met a handsome

granulated by the heavy

by Carl Mumpower **Family Counseling Service** 

charger, threw her on the back, and they galloped off MARRIAGE-PART II into the forest to live happily Remember some of the children's fantasies that you ever after. Unfortunately, many of us didn't get to hear learned in years past? the rest of the story, so I Usually there was a beautiful young maiden princess, who

you

want to take these experiences to Washington. I know that we can find and

address

geing together and alone. Ah. save the energy we need. We can find jobs for all who are .but after a short time, strange things begin to hap-pen. The prince has discarded able and willing to work. We can put an end to runaway his princely garb and speno's a inflation which robs everyone, and especially those on fixed incomes We can make so much happen in this nation if we approach our problems with hope, with optimism and with spirit. I am running for the United States Senate because I have faith in the future. I have faith that with Gods help we can solve our problems, govern ourselves and again be a beacon light to the rest of the

young prince. He came swopping in on his big white

### is hopeless, and settle down Still another possibility is that they will consider running over to "Ye Old Family

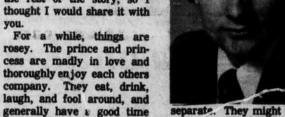
ending, was in fact a not

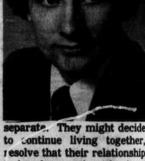
enlightment, so many of

marriages. We gradually cu

ourselves off from others an

become "family oriented! We





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This is one day you have not tried, it maybe the best one

Has November not brought mas November not orpught most appropriate thanksgivings? Add up the rains, sun rays, the shadows, and their counterparts' and they register a sum total of: NATURE - God's gift. Take courses on man November's courage, oh, man! November' stone, topaz, holds claim with the jewelers as being precious and the hardest to cut. The most precious thing's in life could be those which must pass the test of the great

Stonecutter by means of searing, lashing, whipping, cutting, and chilling.

How brilliant will the af terglow of November be? Will each dawn put a great deal of dew on the flowers of our hearts, many seeds in our way, making the blue very lofty and our branches lissom? Only to refresh! To fill to mplete content!

By McNelll Smith Senate Candidate My name is McNeill Smith and I am running for the U.S. Senate. Unlike Jesse Helms, I

believe in the future of America and in all its people. I believe that we can look head in this country with hope, with optimism and with love instead of constantly looking backward with distrust, with rancor and with

I believe we can solve our problems, but not by saying no. We cant say no to education for handicapped

the help of good friends, to find solutions ... practical, positive solutions. I led the fight for statewide public kin-dergartens. I led the fight for utility rate reform. I pioneered in energy con-servation. I got the legislature to crack down on drunk drivers. I have not turned my

back. I have said yes and I have been successful. And I

## **Examine Clothing Sale Buys Very Carefully**

To get the best buy at clothing sales, buy as carefully as you would at the

regular price. If you judge clothing primarily on dollar savings, you may be disappointed to realize that the bargains weren't really things needed or wanted, say agricultural extension specialists at North Carolina State University. Trying on clothes before

buying becomes even more important if a store has a "no return" policy on sale items. If  $\varepsilon$  tag says "as is" or "damaged" be sure it can be

cleaned or repaired. Check the workmanship carefully. Seams and hems, grainline, stitching, seam finishes and interfacings, zippers and other fasteners should be examined thoroughly.

lot of time running around the house in his shorts. He has taken to hunting and fishing Counseling Service' and seek some help there. There are various other alternatives, but all the time, and even when he is with the princess he doesn' t it is important to note that what looked to be a happy seem as interested as he d id. Besides his eating, sleeping, hunting, and fooling around, happy beginning. Isolation, mutual depen the prince doesn't seem to have much on the ball. When dency, and stagnation-3 of th best ways I know of to destru a relationship and thi fairytale begins with them all. Unfortunately, with all our modern sophistication and also seek out the sam fairytale in our ow

you get right down to it, he's getting to be a real bore. The princess finds that she is gradually loosing some of her enthusiasm for their relationship and her respect for the prince. "He's not quite the fellow I thought he was,'she exclaims.

The prince on the other hand is also having some strange feelings. She seemed to be a real prize in the beginning, but now he's not so sure. All she wants to do is sit around the house and talk, or clean, or complain about his dirty boots. "Why, she is even loosing her interest in fooling around.' he shouts with dismay. What was once a very attractive maiden in white, has turned into a somewhat attractive wife with curlers, wearing dingy grey. Sound familiar? Another "ideal' relationship bites the dust, and we wonder what possibly could have gone wrong. The final ending could go in any number of directions. The prince and princess might gradually drift further and eventually

look to our spouse as our lover mother, father, and benefactor, to the exclusion of other relationships. We give up our long range plans and goals and settle down into life of comfortable repetition And in doing so, we start th clock on our own destruction. As is so often the case, look to fantasies and "wha should be' to give us som direction in living out ou lives. Unfortunately, fantas and "should be's 'have ver little to do with reality, an can play havoc with our tempts to maintain a healt

and working marriage. This week fantasy....ne week, a good dose of reality

Thank you for your vote apart of confidence Tom Solol

Thanks Thanks to the many friends who gave their encouragement and support in the Nov. 8 election.

John A. Kluttz