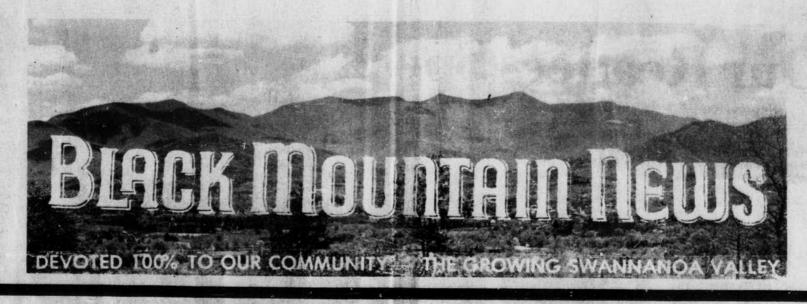
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Town aldermen appointed to posts

by Dan Ward

special meeting nber 28, Black Mountain m Board members were igned specializations of n services and five bers were confirmed as a cial Citizen's Participation

All board members agreed a proposal by Mayor Tom ol to assign two aldermen her than one, to water ecializations in ABC and All apparently reed to reassigning Ald. uth Brandon to Public afety, Ald. A.F. Tyson to treets, and assigning Ald. im Norton to Recreation and ld. John Kluttz and Michael

Begley to water. During discussion of the appointments, Mayor Sobol suggested that since Tyson ad already become involved water negotiations with sheville, it might be best that Tyson responded that he would like to continue in talks vith Asheville, but called hem a "one-shot thing" and sked that he remain an adisor on street improvements. segley stressed that the apitments be regarded as dvisory and as liaison - not dministrative. Begley

water affairs. Sobol asked that Norton be appointed to Recreation ecause he was already involved in the Black Mountain Committee for Better Sports.

Charges against two Black

Mountain men were dismissed

December 27 due to the nature

of their dispute, a Sheriff's

equested that he be appointed

the appointment would patch "a lack of munication between Recreation and the Committee for Better Sports.' Sobol noted that there is

overlap between the two

programs that could be

Mayor Sobol offered to continue in his role as advisor to the board on budget mat-

The board also held a third reading of an ordinance requiring insulation contractors to be licensed by the town. Provision was made at the meeting that the town building inspector approve all insulation work done by the contractors.

Sobol said representative of the Land of Regional Council recommended that the town building inspector receive training and do the inspections rather than the county in-spector. Sobol also noted that from past experience in construction, he knew that it was easier to get the town nspector to come to a job site on short notice than a county

The board approved the appointment of Phyllis Byrns, Ruth Smith and Joe Williams to a committee already in-cluding Jean Standley and Bill Hickey. The purpose of the committee will be to organize public meetings to get input into town needs that can be satisfied through state and federal funding.

Three items were brought

against Nanney because he

had shown that he entered

the house only to collect rent

owed him by Respess, the

up to be discussed at the next egular meeting of the board anuary 9. Ald. Tyson asked that guidelines be set for the amount of revenue sharing funds that may be sperit by the town manager without board approval. In most cases, the town manager may not spend more than \$2500 without board

When former Town Manger Jon Creighton spent \$7000 of \$20,000 he was authorized by the board to spend in revenue sharing funds on downtown sidewalk improvements last year, there were some complaints, Tyson said.

Tyson said he did not care whether each line item had to be approved under a spending authorization, but wanted the board policy clarified.

After most of the audience had left, Mayor Sobol asked board members to think about determining what salary Mack Kirkpatrick will start at as town manager, and said the issue will be on the January

He noted that Kirkpatrick is presently earning \$11,991 as fire chief, that Jon Creighton was earning \$14,874 at the time he left the town manager position and made \$13,374 before his merit raise seven

Sobol also noted that any persons who would like to

erve on the Recreation or Town Beautification Committees should notify the town manager before the January meeting, when those committes will be reappointed.

It will be their second "raise" in six months. By action of the 1977 General Assembly, Charges dropped in shooting the required State minimum hour to \$2.30 an hour on July 1, 1977. That increase, plus the additional 20-cent rise slated however, of earlier charges of for January 1, add up to a 25 communicating a threat percent increase over the old against Respess.

Meet the board

We are sorry that we were unable to interview Ivan Stafford, the final Montreat councilman in our Meet

the Board series, before he left this week on a trip. We hope to bring our readers an article on Mr. Stafford in a future issue.

January 1 was a red-letter

day for many employees of

small retail and service

That's the day on which the Tar Heel State's required

minimum wage moved up

from \$2.30 an hour to \$2.50 an

On the basis of a 40-hour

workweek, the increase will

bring an extra \$8.00 a week for

thousands of North Carolina's

lowest paid worders who

make no more than the

minimum wage at their jobs.

es in North Carolina.

ments. These people are indebted to the foresight of our General Assembly which built in the additional increase in the State minimum wage in anticipation of the increased federal minimum." "Without making a com-

Wage-Hour Law), 'ex-

plained N.C. Commissioner of Labor John C. Brooks. "Many

North Carolina employees are covered by the federal

minimum, which will advance

from the present \$2.30 an hour

to \$2.65 an hour on January 1,

1978, in those businesses

having a gross annual income

of \$250,000 or more. However,

there are thousands of other

North Carolina workers in

the federal law does not apply.

employed in small retail,

wholesale, food service and

service industry establish-

These workers are often

prehensive Statewide survey, for which there is neither budget nor personnel, we have no reliable way of estimating either how many workers are

"The \$2.50 statutory covered by the State minimum wage will apply to minimum wage at present, or how many of those who are all non—exempt employees in establishments having four or more employees who are not covered by the Fair Labor covered are currently being paid less than \$2.50 an hour," Standards Act (Federal

Snow on a sunny day makes the road to North Fork Reservoir an image of tranquility. (Charlie Taylor)

Minimum wage raised

and a find of the second

"I believe that the rew imum wage will have a substantial impact upon the earnings of many North

Swannanoa Fire

In the last calendar year, the Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department fought 97 fires, including 27 structure fires, according to Barry Roberts of

The department also esponded to 13 false alarms, he said. Other fires included 32 brush fires and 17 car fires. he said.

The work tally for the department for 1977 added up to 97 fires - 1142 man-hours, 13 rescue calls - 355 manhours, 80 work details - 1649

man-hours, 24 meetings -789 man-hours and seven schools - 454 man-hours.

Last week, the department made two runs. On December 27, two trucks and 14 men answered a smoke report at the Paul Peterson residence was done by the smoke, caused by a faulty furnace motor.

Fireman of the Month is Ricky Bradley, son or Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Bradley of 315 Fountainway. Bradley is a student bus driver at Owen High School.

Road fixups supported

The Land of Sky Regional Council has agreed to send recommendations to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners to approve road improvements in Swannanoa suggested by area residents through a DOT survey.

The council approved committee recommendations to support various improvements, including widening and improving the intersection of US 70 and SR 2412, closing SR 2416 between SR 2436 and SR 2435, improvement of the intersection of SR 2435 and US 70 and classifying SR 2412 as an industrial access road.

J.M. Greenhill, special transportation planning ngineer for the DOT, said the projects recommended by the council "are just suggestions"; but said the recommendations "carry a lot of weight' in having the projects included within the Highway Improvement Program.

Recommendations were made by area residents when discussions were held through the regional council on the 190 bridge replacement last spring, Greenhill said. After hearing recommendations, DOT personnel made field inspections and did cost estimates before listing improvement priorities, he said.

Also supported at the Land of Sky Regional Council meeting was an application for a Farmers' Home Administration (FHA) grant by Mary Kirby and her son, Graham, of Black Mountain to build an eight—unit apartment building for senior citizens on Montreat Road. Also in support of the council was a grant application for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds made by the Kirbys to install solar heating in the building.

Neither Mary nor Gra am Kirby could be contacted by press time to supply more details on the project.

creek on account of having a

Bord minets

by Dan Ward

Straightening out old town records may not be entirely dull, as secretaries at Black Mountain Town Hall discovered recently. Between some old-timey controversy and very lax records keeping the records of our former city fathers are often hilarious.

The following passage is taken from the minutes of the May 13, 1918 meeting of the Town Board. Misspellings are in the minutes

3d. Mr Gettis elected by town to fill the office as police until otherwise notified. Mr L. W. Morgan nominated, seconded and elected Chief Of Police, until otherwise notified

"4th Mr F.C. Watkins made complaint of the town emptying her sewerage into flat

Mill race on same creek and all sewerage passing through mill dam — making it disagreable oder for his home - inconvenient for water in case of washing — killing hogs — watering his animals and danger of sickness - He Mr Watkins proposed that a well be dug for the purpose of geting water for use in and dam be fixed so that he or his wife or any member of the family may flush same at any time. This proposal is claim that Mr F.C. Watkins holds town indebted to him for present damages. Mr Brown suggest that an anticeptic tank be placed at mouth of sewerage. No definate actions

"5th The rate for taping water line brought up and decided that the charge shall be \$10.00 for each and every tap until definately decide." And another, taken from the minutes of June 6, 1910.

"Bord met in regler session and minets of last meeting wear read and approved.

Moved and seccond that Real Estat and percenly proparty be taxed 35 On the one Hundred Dollars Valuecation carried.

That the pole tax for Street be \$1.50 (one & Fifty Cents) All dogs tax stands at \$1.00 for each Mael. And \$2.00 for each

Moved seccond, that all Lumber Dealers pay \$10.00 privleg tax. Carried. Priviledg Tax on all Mer-

chants Stands at \$10.00 Per year. With privilege of selling Moved and seccond that

Privlige tax on all persons selling fresh meats and produce with privilege of selling soft drinkes be \$16.00

Privilege tax on all peddlers of cuntry produce de \$2.00 pr

On all Bording Houses & Hotels Under six rooms used for guest Two Dollars and fifty cts. \$2,50 Pr, year Over six rooms and under ten rooms four Dollars & Fifty Cts. \$4.50 Pr. year. Over ten rooms & under Fifteen rooms Ten Dollars \$10.00 Pr. year. Over Fifteen rooms Twenty Dollars \$30,00 Pr, year. This applies to all annix; -- Gallaries Three Dollars \$3.00 Pr, year; On all Barbar Shops Two Dollars \$2,00 for each cheair; On all Cleanig & Pressing establishments Two Dollar \$2,00 PR. Year;--"

against him dropped. The two men would not testify against each other, the investigator

Department investigator said. investigator said. Respess, who was charged with assault with a deadly James Nanney of Blue Ridge Road had been charged with first degree burglary weapon shortly after the in-December 4 after he was shot cident, has also had charges n the chest while gaining entry to a house at 95-C Blue Ridge Rd. that he rented to Michael Respess. Nanney was found guilty,

Charges were dismissed

Dino Summerlin

by Dan Ward

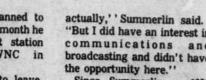
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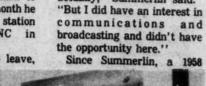
ago to pursue a career in radio

Summerlin left

Broadcaster returns to Valley broadcasting, he planned to return one day. Last month he When Sheldon (Dino) did - as assistant station Black

"I never wanted to leave.







Owen graduate, completed his schooling at Mars Hill College and Eastern Carolina University, he has acquired an impressive record while working at stations in Eastern North Carolina, Florida, South Carolina, Arkansas and Texas. As general manager of KJCS in Lufkin, Texas, his last position, Summerlin pulled the station from a rating of 14 in the area to the most listened to.

Other awards he has acquired are Best D.J. in Florida — 1969, and 13 awards in Texas including Best Local Newscast, Best Editorial, Best Public Affairs Spot and Best Spot Announcement.

When he learned of an opening at WWNC created by the retirement of present manager Claude Freeman, Summerlin passed up another job opportunity at a Dallas

"As a matter of fact, I took less money to come here than if I' d gone to Dallas cheerfully," he said. "There are no trees in Dallas,' 'he

Beside trees and "a lot of relatives in this area, " Summerlin said there are special people in the Valley who made him want to come home. Two are Mary Freeman Kaiser, a former teacher of his who made it possible for him to attend college, and "Granny" Swan, who housed him when his parents moved to Asheville so that he could continue going to Owen High School.

Summerlin, who now lives near Broad River with his wife, Jeannie and daughters, Kimberly and Shelly, said he is working to get a feel again for the lifestyle of the people of Western North Carolina

"I'll be doing editorials next year, "he said. "We don't want to do editorials to make noise - we want to do issues of interest to the public."

"We just plan to continue to be the dominant radio station in Western North Carolina. As to the habits, likes, change we'll adjust accordingly," he

"Whatever the people want and enjoy is what we will give them,"he concluded.



Something to crow about

Foghorn the rooster crows in the New Year from atop a woodpile. (Nancy