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A snowed-in driveway gives an area resident an excuse for some exercise in a beautiful setting. (Dan Ward)

The way it was

No pigs at large

This concludes the list of the original 31 ordinances effected by the first Black Mountain Town Board in 1893.

Sec. 23. Any person who shall be guilty of making any unusual noise, talking in an unusual loud manner or using any profane or vulgar language, or conducting themselves in any manner unbecoming and calculated to make themselves offensive or disturb any one either on any public street or private passway, or dwelling house, or in any other place in the town of Black Mountain, shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars.

Sec. 24. Any railroad company, corporation, or any other person placing or causing to be placed within thirty feet of the center of any railroad crossing in the town of Black Mountain any lumber, cross ties, stone, or any other material, shall, for every such offense, be fined not less than two nor more than fifty dollars.

Sec. 25. Any person hitching any horse, mule, ox, or any other animal to any fence along any street or public highway in the town of Black Mountain, within one-fourth mile of railroad depot, shall, for every such offense, be fined not less than one or more than five dollars.

Sec. 26. That any person obstructing any of the streets, public highways side walks, or public foot ways in the town of Black Mountain within one-fourth mile of the railroad depot by placing or causing to be placed thereon, any lumber, wood cross ties, stone, brick, or any other material, shall, for every such offense be fined not less than two or more than ten dollars.

Sec. 27. In order to abate nuisances and preserve the health and comfort of the people of the town of Black Mountain, the aldermen do enact that it shall be unlawful for any person to empty or cause to be emptied any slops or any other thing containing offensive odors, within fifty yards of any street or public highway within the town of Black Mountain, or within one hundred and fifty yards of any dwelling house within the town and that such slops or substances containing offensive odors shall be properly pitched when deposited in accordance with this ordinance,

and any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be fined not less than five dollars and all costs or imprisoned not less than fifteen days or both at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 28. It is hereby declared that the practice of getting on and off railroad trains in the town of Black Mountain while said trains are in motion for the purpose of a free ride is dangerous to life and limb and is hereby condemned as a nuisance and forbidden. Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 29. That it shall be unlawful for any swine to run at large within the corporate limits and that the owner of swine so running at large shall pay a fine of one dollar for each head of swine for each and every day they shall be allowed to so run at large. It shall be the duty of the town marshal to impound any and all of such swine found running at large and sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, first giving three days notice of sale in writing, posted at some public place, unless the owner shall have redeemed said swine by paying the fine of one dollar per head, together with the cost of feeding and a fee of twenty five cents each to the officer. All monies arising from such sale in excess of the fine, fee and expenses are to be paid to the owner of said animals, provided such owner shall apply for the same within ten days from the date of sale. Should no owner apply for said monies within ten days it shall be paid to the town treasurer. The above provisions shall apply to all swine owned by persons living outside of the corporation, except that the fine shall be remitted in case the animals are redeemed within three days from the date of impounding. Fee of officer and cost of feeding, shall be paid in order to redeem them. It is further enacted that any person who shall turn out of the pound or enclosure used for such purpose, any animals placed therein under the provisions of this ordinance or in any way molest or interfere with any enclosure erected or

used by the town authorities for the purpose of impounding, except by authority of the mayor or marshal, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than twenty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 30. It shall be unlawful

for horses, mules, cows or other animals to run at large in the streets of Black Mountain after June 10, 1901. The provisions of December 29 shall apply to this section.

Sec. 31. No person shall remove sand or earth from any street under penalty of five dollars fine and costs.

Gudger announces for re-election

Congressman Lamar Gudger recently announced he will be a candidate for reelection to North Carolina's 11th District.

Gudger said he is running on his record as a working Congressman. He attended Lee H. Edwards High School in Asheville and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning the A.B. in 1940 and his LL.B. in 1942. A veteran of World War II, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with five

Oak Leaf Clusters. Gudger served as a representative to the N.C. General Assembly in 1951, as 19th District Solicitor from 1951-54 and in the State Senate from 1971 to 1976. He was elected to Congress in 1976, succeeding Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain who retired after eight terms.

He is married to the former Eugenia Reid of Surry County. They have four children: Carol Eugenia Gudger Perkins, Martha Elizabeth Gudger, Lamar Jr. and Eugene Reid Gudger.

Swannanoa Fire

The Swannanoa Fire Department made three runs last week.

On January 17, three trucks and 10 men responded to a report of a smoking furnace at the Charles Riddle residence on Buckeye Cove Road.

On January 20, minor

damage resulted from a truck fire at Winston Mills. One truck and 20 men responded.

On January 23, three trucks and 24 men responded to a fire in the chimney of the Robert Harwood residence at 519 Dennis St. No damage was reported.

Black Mountain Fire

The Black Mountain Fire Department made two runs last week.

On January 16, two trucks and 16 men responded to a chimney fire caused by soot at the Pence residence on Richardson Blvd. No damage

was reported.

On January 21, one truck and 19 men responded to a car fire at the Issac Johnson residence on Chestnut Lodge Road. The car was a total loss, a fire department spokesman said.

Grant hearings scheduled

by Dan Ward

A series of three community meetings has been scheduled by a special Citizen Participation Committee in Black Mountain.

The purpose of the meetings is to get citizen input into the needs for the town of Black Mountain. Results of the meetings will be used in an application for a Community Development grant.

Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. January 30 at Town Hall, February 1 at the Grammar School Gym and February 2 at Carver School.

The meetings to gain citizen input are required as part of the Department of Housing

and Urban Development grant process. The amount of citizen interest in part determines whether the grant will be awarded.

William Hamilton last week was appointed a member of the special Citizen Par-

ticipation Committee in charge of organizing citizen input by Mayor Tom Sobol. Hamilton was picked to help represent the Cragmont Community, Sobol said.

Hamilton joins Joe Williams, Phyllis Byrns, Jean Standley, Bill Hickey, and Ruth Smith on the committee.

Town Manager Mack Kirkpatrick said he did not know how much money the town will be able to apply for until after the hearings are held. He did say that Jim Allman, who consults with town representatives on grant applications, said that the town would do better to make application for a single project rather than a series of projects.

On aspect of obtaining the grant, even if it should prove to be small, is that it will facilitate getting further grants, Kirkpatrick said. A grant to help pay for street improvements in the Cragmont neighborhood in 1975 established a "seed" grant that will be followed by "a leg in the door" if the town gets the Community Development grant, Kirkpatrick said.

The grant application must be filed by April 15, he added.

Poe named fire chief

by Dan Ward

The Black Mountain Town Board in a special meeting January 19 unanimously confirmed Sterling Poe as new fire chief.

In addition, the board set his salary for a six-month probationary period at \$11,000 - almost \$1,000 below the starting salary for a fire chief.

Poe, a 12-year veteran of the Black Mountain Fire Department and assistant chief for the last four years,

was recommended unanimously by Black Mountain firemen as replacement for Mack Kirkpatrick, who accepted the position of town manager for Black Mountain a month ago.

Ald. Ruth Brandon, after noting that she felt Poe was "excellent for the job," objected to an article in an Asheville newspaper saying that Poe was installed as chief two weeks ago.

Kirkpatrick said that he did

not know who had given the newspaper the incorrect information, and said the paper would not reveal its source when he made an effort to find out. He did note that he was also disturbed by the report.

Mayor Tom Sobol suggested that Poe be started at a salary of \$11,000 rather than \$11,991 until the end of a customary six-month probationary period. The board agreed to start Poe at the lower salary, although Ald. A.F. Tyson questioned why the new chief should not be paid the usual salary for a chief.

Kirkpatrick noted that another fireman will have to be hired by the town to make up the loss to the department

of one paid fireman. Although a date was not set for hiring a new fireman, Kirkpatrick noted that a new assistant chief will be chosen in August or September.

Board members also mentioned two cases of what some thought to be inequities in pay for town employees. Sobol noted that the assistant police chief now makes over \$1,000 more than the assistant fire chief and that Water Department Supervisor Al White makes as much money as other department heads, although he has worked odd and long hours in emergencies. The issue was put off until the 1978 budget is written.



New Town Manager Mack Kirkpatrick and his successor as fire chief, Sterling Poe, at the Black Mountain Fire Department banquet Monday evening (Regenia Byrd)

Angelica Reckendorf

Weaving up a rainbow

by Dan Ward

At 84, Angelica Reckendorf weaves a rainbow of tapestries, rugs and bedspreads.

This week, a number of her weavings are on display at Warren Wilson College from 3 to 5 p.m. daily.

The Black Mountain resident, who speaks with a heavy accent of her native Germany, has been actively weaving since her retirement from the chairmanship of the Penbrooke College Art Department in 1959.

"But I have been interested in weaving always," Ms. Reckendorf said. She studied weaving in Germany, but concentrated more on painting in her younger years. As the only art teacher at Penbrooke, she practiced all forms of art.

"I was the only art teacher, so I guess you could say I was the head and tail both," she said. Now free to pick her medium, she spends much of her time weaving on either of her two looms.

"Painting, which I like almost best to do, takes all your attention, where in material by the yard for a dress of a blanket is just

mechanical. It is relaxing, but not interesting," she said. "But I like to do things for practical use."

When she does a tapestry or wallhanging, the concentration of a painter comes through.

"It takes all your attention continuously," she said. "Even if I make a sketch, the weaving usually comes out different," she said. "There are other possibilities in weaving than in painting."

"Color is always very important to me in weaving," she said. "Cultured people tend to be afraid of colors," she added, saying too many people prefer drab colors.

"Colors can do a lot for you," she said.

Her choice of material also effects the practicality and impact of her work.

"I like very much to use cotton and wool," she said. A colorful blanket that won a first-place in the North Carolina Arts and Crafts competition 10 years ago and went on to a New York showing was made of mohair wool.

She will also use synthetics and silk, depending on whether the piece will be a pillow cover, rug, tapestry or

I-40 noise barrier planned in Ridgecrest

Construction of a noise barrier in front of Ridgecrest Assembly is expected to begin during the summer of 1979, according to Joe Buckner, assistant division engineer for the Department of Transportation in Asheville.

The wall, to vary in height from 10 to 20 feet in places, will consist of interlocking cement panels, Buckner said. A very tentative completion date for the barrier will be November 1979, he said. Cost for that phase of the interstate construction program is \$219,963. Burns and Spangler of Shelby has been contracted

to build the barrier. The wall, built to comply with federal regulations on noise, will stand 50 feet from the edge of the interstate and south of the assembly frontage

road. Shrubs will be planted in front of the wall to improve the appearance, a Department of Transportation spokesman said.

Police Report

The Black Mountain Police again enjoyed a light week. They responded to 63 calls.

issued nine traffic citations, escorted one to detox and escorted two funerals.

