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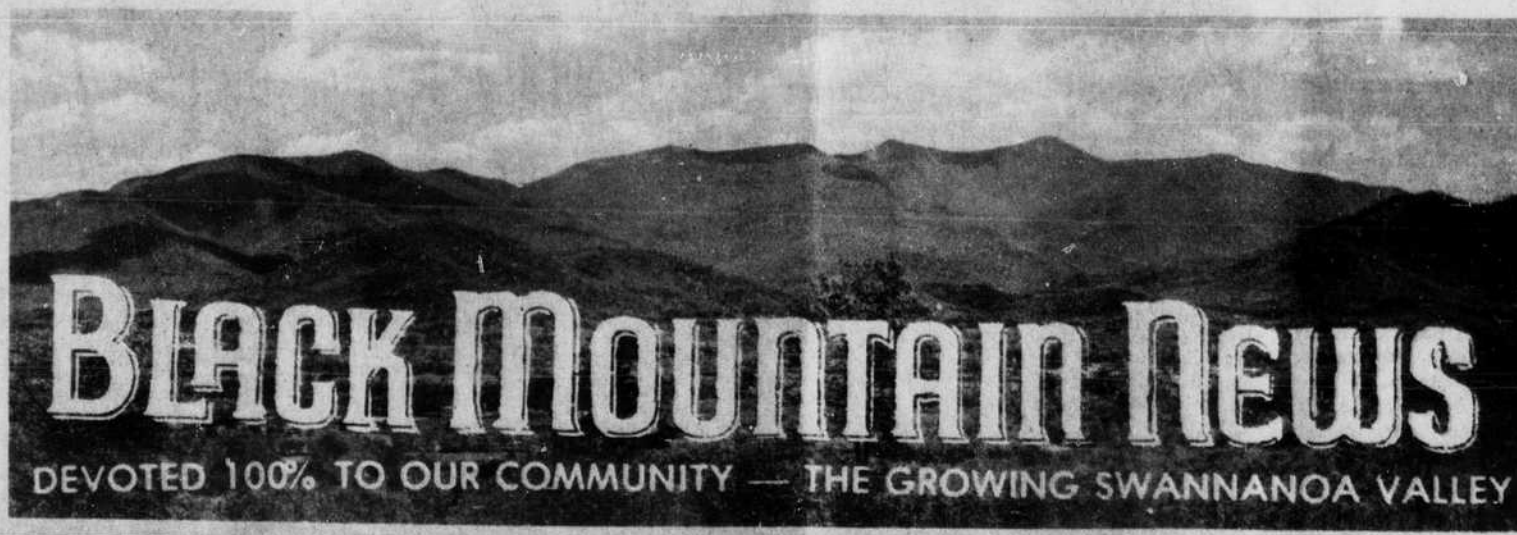


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## BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

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## 10 show up at grant hearing

by Dan Ward

Cold weather apparently kept many inside Monday as only 10 persons attended the first of three hearings on how the town of Black Mountain could best utilize a Community Development Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

While committee member Joe Williams said he was a little surprised that the turnout was so small when compared to a hearing held in 1973 that drew 54 persons, he said the turnout was not very different from other towns. He did say he hoped more would turn out in the two remaining hearings—the one to be held in the Craigmont Community particularly.

The other hearings are scheduled for February 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Mountain Grammar School and February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Carver School.

One proposal made Monday came from A.F. Tyson, who asked that funds be applied for the beautify the downtown area. Tyson said that such a project would spur the town's economy and allow it to follow through with its own programs, rather than rely on federal grants.

Frances Welton asked that a grant to create an instructional day camp for children—primarily from low-income families—be applied for.

Bill Ricketts suggested that federal funds could be used to repair sidewalks downtown—

especially as an aid to the elderly.

Tom Sobol said that water lines need to be replaced in the Craigmont section and that fire hydrants need to be installed. As a developer, he said he has seen three cases recently when low or moderate income families could not obtain FHA loans to build on their own lots because of inadequate fire prevention standards in the area.

He also noted that he recently discovered that two households in Black Mountain do not have indoor plumbing. "This is 1978 and these people still have to use an outhouse," he said. He said the town is under an obligation to see that everyone in the town limits has water and sewer services made available.

## Set fires investigated

A fire that caused \$3,000 damage to a shed and property belonging to Henry Tetrev of Lake Eden Road January 27 is suspected by Black Mountain firemen and Sheriff's investigators to have been willfully set.

A spokesman for the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department said the fire cannot be legally called an act of arson, because arson refers to purposely setting fire to a dwelling. An investigation is underway for unlawful burning, however, he said.

According to the spokesman, Tetrev said he did not know who would have set the fire or why, but knew that a full can of gasoline he had kept in the shed was missing. A lawn mower and other equipment was destroyed in the fire, he said.

The Black Mountain Fire Department responded to the

fire with two trucks and 15 men.

Willful burning was also determined to be the cause of two mattress fires at Travel-Eze Motel unit 8 on January 29. Two trucks and 23 men responded in the first incident and two trucks and 21 men to the second. That unit had been gutted by an earlier fire.

A fire January 23 caused by hot woodstove coals destroyed the garage and a car at the Smith residence at 314 Tomahawk Ave. Three trucks and 23 men responded to the fire, estimated to have caused \$6,300 damage.

Also that day, one truck and 11 men checked on an overheated fuse box at the Reed residence at 206 Ninth St. No damage was reported.

On January 25, one truck and nine men were called to investigate water damage to a furnace at 205 Montreat Rd. Two trucks and 10 men

responded January 26 to a report of smoke backing up in the chimney of the Shaw residence on Lake Eden Road. No damage was reported.

On January 25, two trucks and 16 men put out a fire caused by dust in the cyclone at Black Mountain Woodworking on Vance Avenue. No damage was reported.

The county ambulance service made 21 routine and three emergency runs last week and were not needed on another.

Steve King of the Black Mountain Fire Department said that a 24-hour course on fire pumps will begin this week at the Fire Station. Broad River firemen, as well as those from Black Mountain, will attend, he said.

The course will be taught by Tom Landry of the Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Services Division.

## Drugs taken in breakin

After a virtually crime-free month in Black Mountain, two burglaries and the theft of a truck have been reported to Black Mountain Police.

On January 27, the office of Dr. Eugene Knoefel was broken into and an undetermined

amount of drugs were stolen.

On January 28, a chain saw and antique record player were taken in a burglary of the Avery Allen residence on Oconeechee Avenue. The items were valued at \$650.

A police spokesman said there are suspects in the burglaries, but they have not

yet been questioned. Both incidents are still under investigation.

The police issued eight traffic citations, assisted sheriff's police and the Black Mountain Department and answered 75 calls last week.

## Filing deadline soon for primary election

The Buncombe County Board of Elections has announced that the deadline for filing for candidacy in an upcoming election is 12 noon February 6.

Mailed notices of candidacy must be in the office of the Board of Elections by that time in order to be placed on the ballot. The board also

noted that a statement of organization was due to be filed by January 28.

Offices to be filled include U.S. senator, U.S. representative, N.C. senator, N.C. representative, four district court judges and district attorney. On a county level, offices are open for clerk of Superior Court,

sheriff, and three seats on the County School Board.

Candidates filing for the office of soil and water conservation supervisor have until July 7 at 12 noon to file for office.

The Board of Elections also noted that the voter registration deadline for the May 2 primary is April 3.



The serenity of winter was captured in this photo taken at Wolf Laurel Golf Course by Andy Andrews of Montreat. The photo is one of 12 appearing on the 1979 Mountain Meditations Calendar created by Andrews and John Crawford.

## Mountain Meditations calendar marks 6th year

by Dan Ward

The first issue of the calendar, which features Andrews' photographs and scripture chosen by Crawford, was sold individually by the two and in local gift shops. From those 5,000 copies selling at \$1.50 each, the venture has grown to 20,000 copies sold in 223 individual stores and through seven distributors nationwide priced at \$2.50.

The idea for the first calendar came from Crawford. After he and his

family visited Europe in 1972, they wanted to send a Christmas gift to people they had visited that would reflect the flavor of Western North Carolina.

"We decided we couldn't find it (the ideal gift), so we'd create it. So we hit on the Mountain Meditation Calendar," he said.

Andrews was constantly receiving requests to show his slides on nature scenes from this area, so the two decided that the popular photographs along with well-chosen verse would make an ideal gift.

Designing the calendar has turned out to be a major project for the two.

"We start out with 30 or 40 prints and sort them based on first impressions," Andrew's said. "Then we get down to about 18." From there, he takes the prints to others—last year it was groups of students—and narrows the pile down to the 12 that have the most impact for others. "Within one picture, the students last year picked the same 12. We feel they have some sort of common appeal," Andrews said.

From that point, Crawford takes over. "Oftentimes it takes as long or longer to get the quotes as to get the pictures. I'll usually bustle myself away in a room with the pictures laid out in front of me and start thinking 'What does this say to me,'" he said. "Usually the best messages are in Psalms or Job."

"We try to say 'This is God's creation—take care of it,'" Crawford said. "We aren't just trying to use a nice verse with a nice picture. It says 'Look at that verse, look at that picture and back at the verse

again.'"

"A lot of people have written to us and said 'This is the sort of inspiration I want to send to Aunt Suzie or my son in college,'" Andrews added.

An unexpected bonus for the entrepreneurs was the number of personal ties they have gained through the calendar. Andrews said they have received Christmas cards from as far away as Alaska from persons who had bought the calendar and felt a kinship to its creators.

"People will write to me and say 'How did you know where my grandfather's farm is?'" Andrews said. While some

people may be correct in recognizing scenes depicted on the calendar, many are obviously far off, he said. He doesn't have the heart to tell those claiming the photos were taken in Kansas and Minnesota that all were taken within 100 miles of Black Mountain.

"It's interesting how people will identify with it," Andrews said.

In addition, Crawford said he makes it a point to get to know store managers who stock the calendar in the Appalachian region alone has brought him a number of

## Highway work approved

Buncombe County can look forward to nearly \$103 million in future highway improvements.

The recently updated North Carolina Highway Improvement Program lists highway construction projects for Buncombe County in the amount of \$102,941,750.

The Highway Improvement Program, approved by the Board of Transportation during its January 13 meeting, is a planned and programmed course for highway construction that balances anticipated revenues against estimated project costs through 1984. Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw Jr., commented that the program, a project by

project schedule of road building across the State, "emphasizes the major need for East-West highways to connect our ports to the Piedmont and the mountains. It reflects the Governor's pledge to make economic development a reality for North Carolina."

The 1978 Highway Improvement Program includes four separate I-46 projects, totaling more than \$75 million. These include the \$42 million I-240 project through Beaucatcher Mountain, a 3.8 mile segment of I-40 from NC-9 to Ridgecrest, a 4.5 mile segment under construction from Swannanoa to Black Mountain, and a \$9.1 million I-40 and US-74 interchange east of Asheville.



Andy Andrews and John Crawford with proofs of their 1979 calendar. (Dan Ward)