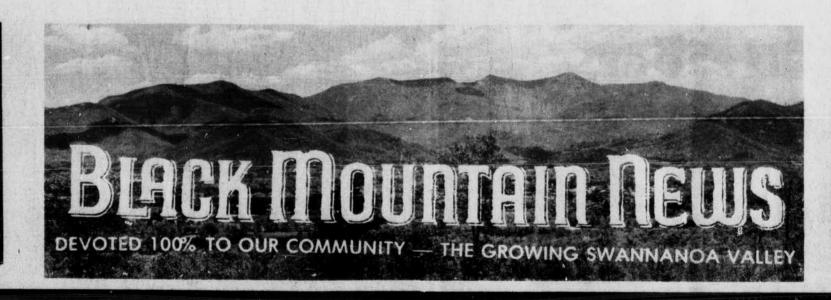
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Golf course renovations urged at town meeting

by Dan Ward

The Black Mountain Golf urse stole the show at the egular meeting of the town oard February 13 as an swelled with ecreation Committee embers asking for a number

Ald. Jim Norton passed on a quest from the Recreation oard to appropriate an stimated \$18,500 for stimated novations to the clubhouse nd grounds, including uilding repairs, a locker oom, a snack bar serving hot od, paved trails, benches, nd new ball-washers.

Norton pointed out that the olf course has shown a 1,000 profit since 1973, and roved facilities would attract nore golfers. To help offset renovation

osts, the Recreation Com-nittee suggested raising green es to \$100 for residents plus 25 extra per additional family nembers, and \$125 for non-esidents plus \$25 for ad-itional family members. layor Tom Sobol called as pecial meeting for February 0 at 6 p.m. to study the

commendations one at a me, but said the im-rovements will probably ave to come in stages.
Also to be discussed at the eeting will be the purchase a new gang mower for the

Greg Gamble of the anoa Valley Optimist lub asked the board for rmission to hold a funding tournament at the golf ourse in late March or early pril. Gamble will meet with Vorton to discuss costs and cheduling of the tournament. Roy Williams, Owen High ool Golf coach, requested ia letter that the school golf eam be allowed to use the ourse again for practice and atches. Williams pointed ut that in the past, most team embers have held memperships. Norton objected to a suggestion by Ald. A.F. Tyson leave the permission and cheduling up to Golf Pro Ross laylor, saying Taylor had en uncooperative with high

Norton said he would work out a clear schedule for the team with Taylor.

In a final note on the golf course, Town Manager Mack Kirkpatrick said he met last week with federal inspectors to determine what construction was necessary to repair the dam at the golf course, which was damaged by recent flooding. A cost estimate for repairs, which will include replacing much of the fill and construction of a concrete spillway, will be known next week, Kirpatrick

Dispatcher Grant Mayor Sobol said that he learned that the town would be under no obligation to repay grant funds or accept the full three years of an LEAA grant for full-time radio dispatchers for the police department. Black Mountain's grant application is still being

ABC Revenues

Sobol announced that the ABC store has given the town and the police department checks for their shares of winter quarter profits. The department received \$3,812.05. Sobol noted that the profits for winter quarter indicate that the store should produce the \$90,000 amount anticipated in the budget for

Traffic Signal Kirkpatrick said that he met with Walter Cochran of the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) to see if the town could get signals or signs at the corner of Montreat Road crossing safer for pedestrians.

'It looks like our only choice is to live with it until I-40 goes by," Kirkpatrick said he was told. The D.O.T. may install a four-way stop at that time, he

Sobol also noted that Cochran told him the I-40 bridge will include a center barrior on the bridge and for several hundred feet on each side, contrary to earlier reports by the D.O.T.

Sobol said that Acting Town Attorney William Eubanks is still researching whether some lots on Daniel Lane were properly annexed. If not, the lots will have to be properly annexed or be declared outside the town limits.

Subdivision Ordinance

Ald. Ruth Brandon said that she had spoken with Curtis Ratcliff, chairman of the **Buncombe County Board of** Commissioners, and with Naomi Brigman, chairwoman of the Planning Board, to determine the proper quence involved in putting the town's Subdivision Ordinance into effect. Sobol directed the town manager to send a letter to Mrs. Brigman asking that the sequence be given to the board so that a map of the extraterritorial jurisdiction may be drawn. Once a map is made and four representatives to the Planning Board from outside the town chosen, the ordinance may be recorded and take effect, Brandon said.

Kirkpatrick also announced that bids had been submitted to print copies of the or-dinance. The board agreed to put off accepting a bid until a

Paul Griffith asked that the town's sign ordinance and flood plain ordinance be included in the booklet.

The board heard a recommendation from Bill Watson of the Land of Sky Regional Council to endorse the Land Use Plan drawn up by the council for this area. Watson pointed out that Montreat and other nearby the plan.

Watson said that the projected growth for Black Mountain is 25,000 acres, or 33 per cent by 1995. To allow for that growth, Black Mountain should adopt the Land Use Plan, which indicates the best land for residential, commercial and agricultural use, he said. The intent of the plan, Watson said, is to prevent unregulated building in flood

Van painting -- "detail counts"

Annexation Correction plains and areas where water pressure would be very low. The board voted to appoint

> members to the Town Improvement Committee. Watkins, Bill Ricketts, Harriet Styles, Dottie Williams, Wilma Blankenship, Lewis Parrish, Roy Taylor, Evelyn Taylor, Paul Griffith, Ross Taylor, Josephine Hickey, Bob Watkins and Austin Burgess. Ed Weber and Margaret Slagle, being members of the Chamber of Commerce Town provement Committee, will work with the committee to prevent duplication programs.

13 full-time and two advisory

Disaster Agent The board voted to appoint

Kirkpatrick as agent for the town in applying for disaster funds for damage caused by November floods.

Also regarding the floods, Kirkpatrick said the town has received \$15,298 in disaster aid, of which \$8,260 has been spent on repairs on Charlotte Street, Craigmont Road and

Returned Checks
The board voted to begin notifying persons whose checks do not clear that there will be a \$3 fine for returned checks. Notice of the fine will (continued on page 8)



Humans aren't the only ones to take it easy when spring-like weather arrives, as this pony demonstrates. (Dan Ward)

Final hearing set

Suspension upheld

by Dan Ward

After 11/2 hours of deliberation, the Black Mountain Town Board emerged from a special closed meeting with a 27-word prepared statement for the public on their decision concerning the three-day suspension of Officer Burt Stone while actions of his were under investigation.

The statement, agreed on by town board members to be the only comment made on action in the executive session, read "Board met and Chief Slagle, Assistant Chief Wiseman, and Town Manager Mack Kirkpatrick recommended to the board that the three-day suspension of Officer Stone Was sufficient."The three men mentioned were the only persons other than the board allowed at the meeting.

The meeting, called by Ald. Ruth Brandon and Ald. Jim Norton, was designed to discuss police personnel. However, before discussing what Mayor Tom Sobol called "a few personnel issues," Ald. Brandon read a statement she told the board would be released to the media. She said that no board members had objected to her intention of releasing the statement, but Mayor Sobol later said that she had violated a promise of

keeping action at the meeting

confidential by releasing it. In her statement, Ald. Brandon commented on what she called the "improper handling of this suspension revocation and question the power of the Town Manager in being able to rescind this action"apparently referring to a report that an order by Chief Crait Slagel to suspend Stone had been overturned by Kirkpatrick, who has no authority to reverse a department head s action in such a matter, according to the town Policy Manual.

Kirkpatrick said that the decision to suspend, and end the suspension of Stone was reached jointly between he and Slagle. Slagle said both Kirkpatrick and Brandon were in part correct, but that most of the problem was a matter of poor communication-not a violation of the Policy Manual. He would not elaborate.

Stone was suspended for three days after an incident in which he allegedly challenged Officer Gary Sorrels to fight, and tried to hit him, when Sorrels arrested a friend of Stone's for driving under the influence of alcohol

Streets, sewers, lights head grant requests

by Dan Ward

A fourth Community

the last of five, will be to get

input into how up to \$700,000in Department of Housing and

Urban Development Com-

munity Development Grant

the Town of Black Mountain drew 22 persons, primarily from the Black

-munity, February 10.

Those present for the most part echoed recommendations made at the preceding meeting, also held at Carver School-the need for street improvements, lighting, sewers, water lines and fire hydrants in the Craigmont

In addition, Inez Daugherty asked that funds be allocated to drain a swampy area on Craigmont Road to provide an area for a playground.

Lib Harper asked that services be provided for the

Mrs. Harper also questioned why the Craigmont Comy required grant fund to obtain services already enjoyed by most of the town.

'If we are citizens of this town, we shouldn't have to go through HUD (the Department of Housing and Urban Development) to get the same services as other citizens,"she

Ald. Ruth Brandon, the only Town Board member present, replied that the town manager is not always aware of what improvements are needed. She suggested that citizens contact the town manager to let him know when im-

provements are needed. Many commented on the ineffectiveness of Black Mountain leash laws, a problem that Citizen Participation Committee Chairwoman Jean Standley said was not covered by HUD grant funding. She did promise those present that a tape recording of the meeting would be played for town

board members so that they

could hear comments such as

those on the strays problem.

Emergency stickers made

Development Grant hearing will be held in Black Mountain

Medical Services Council, which serves Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania Counties, has announced that it is initiating a community services project in the Buncombe and Madison County areas. The project involves the printing and distribution of emergency phone number stickers to the residents of the two counties to be placed on telephones. The objective of the project

The Region B Emergency is to assist the public in reaching emergency medical personnel in accident and emergency situations. The adhesive-backed stickers will indicate the phone numbers of the ambulance services within the respective counties.

Approximately 25,000 phone stickers will be distributed in **Buncombe County without**

The Council is an advisory body to the Land-Of- Sky Regional Council and works closely with the North Carolina Office of Emergency governments, hospitals, ambulance services and emergency care providers in

by Rod Gragg

In a speech to the student

body at Montreat-Anderson

Gudger, a first term

on Monday, February 27, at

Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

funds could best be spent to provide facilities or services to Black Mountain, primarily for low to middle income persons and the elderly. Citizens Participation Committee Chairwoman Jean Standley said that this hearing may be the most important,

and that town board members

are expected to attend.

Gudger defends Carter efforts

Connie Holcomb is not your

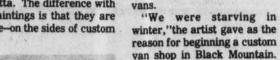
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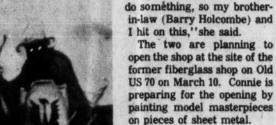
school players in the past.

She likes portraits, landscapes and grisly surrealistic copies of paintings by Frank

Connie Holcomb with the "Death Dealer" (Dan Ward)

Frazetta. The difference with her paintings is that they are mobile-on the sides of custom





The artist of 20 years said she learned of the demand for detailed van painting while talking to van customizers at Bob Ledford Motors. While there are a few area shops that will paint scenes on vehicles, most will only do simple sillouette-type scenes that take less than an hour to

We decided that we had to

"We're going to specialize in Frank Frazetta paintings,"she said. Those used as models include "Death Dealer"; a flame-eved warrior with a bloody axe and the less violent, if equally arousing "Golden Girl".

"They are all very emotionally triggered, "Connie

noted that Frazetta got his start in cartooning and has produced "Little Annie Fanny" in Playboy magazine and the comic strips "Tarzan' and "G.I. Joe"! But if people come in and

just give us an idea of what they want, we'll do that, too," The two will do some air-

brush work, but will also use a technique that allows them to get fine detail into the pain-

"It's just our technique, Connie said. "From people I ve talked to, it seems it's not being used on the East Coast. I don't want to talk about it because others might use it."

While the greater detail will be more time-consuming--15 to 16 hours for more more paintings-Connie said the pair plans to "undercut everybody" in prices. She said they have not yet worked out the prices, but will have set costs for each painting.

And what sort of people want the blood-dripping, fireeyed "Death Dealer" on the side of their truck or car? "I don't know, "Connie said. "I can't imagine putting it on

my car."

College, 11th District Congressman Lamar Gudger said of Frazetta's works. She attributed President Jimmy Carter's drop in the popularity polls to over-expectations by the American public, and voiced his belief Carter will fulfill most of his campaign

> Democrat, made his comments while speaking at Montreat-Anderson's Monday convocation. A Montreat-Anderson student asked why, if President Carter had done so much to bring morality to government, was the President falling in the

popularity polls?
"It may be that the public was expecting more out of this man than he could accomplish, "Gudger answered., 'He came from Georgia to the White House without having spent time in the Senate or in the United States Congress. A lot of people expected him to go up there and eliminate all excess spending, change all programs to make them efficient and economic, make the welfare system work and work well to where nobody got benefits except those who

were entitled to them, how

there would be expanded

programs, and benefits to the

aged and children at lower costs - these sort of things.

"Government doesn' t change that quickly. It's a terribly complex system - this free government that we have. Carter is trying to lead, and that really, in the final analysis, is the ultimate responsibility of a chief executive. So, I commend him for trying to lead. I comprehend the limitations of the free domocratic society which expects miracles of its president, and I remind you that you can't expect to change this country's course established over 20 or 30 years overnight.

"It takes a while. I think he is going to simplify government. He said he was going to get rid of 500 agencies this year. He's already been at work and has eliminated 15 agencies in the Department of Agriculture. There are a lot of things coming down the line. I think we'll see some of his promises fulfilled and that soon. I'm sure he'll try to fulfill them all, and that may take some time.'

Gudger told the students at Montreat-Anderson he has supported 75 percent of President Carter's proposals. Gudger, who faces opposition from his own party and from the Republicans, is home from Washington to meet woth his constituents.



U.S. Representative Lamar Gudger at Montreat-Anderson College.