

Well number 7

It's 'hot as a firecracker'

Last Wednesday Caldwell Well Drilling, on contract to the Town of Black Mountain, struck water on the golf course at 400 feet. On a hunch held by Al White, Black Mountain Water Department head, and despite discouragement by some engineers, Town Manager Ernest Hudgins let out the \$2,500 contract for the firm to drill to 400 feet.

"She's as hot as a firecracker," said Hudgins. "We just took a chance and it worked out." The new well gushes forth at a healthy 175 gallons a minute, he said. Located on the fairway of the fifth hole, the well was dubbed "number seven."

With well number seven, the combined wells now pumping for the town will provide the town with about 485,000

gallons of water a day, just 100,000 gallons under the normal daily usage.

A \$5,500 Reda pump has been ordered from South Carolina and is expected to arrive in about a week. Two two-inch pipes will be laid to tie in with two-inch pipe on Ninth Street and Laurel Avenue. As soon as electricity can be brought to the site, a 24-hour "draw-down" will determine exactly

how much water is available in the well.

Hudgins believes the well could be in service in about 40 days.

Town Council will meet Monday night to discuss an agreement with In-the-Oaks concerning two wells to be drilled on property there. If these wells "come in good," Hudgins said, the town will no longer have to rely on the Dunsmore Cove Reservoir.

Police and fire report

Arrested man flees

Black Mountain Police Department

A man under arrest for driving intoxicated on June 1 set a small fire in the back seat of a Black Mountain police car. When the officer opened the rear door to extinguish the fire the man bolted and escaped. The escapee was wanted on several other felony warrants, a spokesman for the department said.

Tom's Vending Corporation reported two incidents on June 3 which occurred in May. Twenty gallons of gasoline and \$50 in cash from a company truck was reported stolen.

A truck was reported stolen from Garland Landscaping June 8. Through the Police Information Network (PIN) terminal, the truck was found in Burke County where the driver was involved in a traffic accident.

Also on June 8, a car on Cherokee Ave. was reported to have a "sticky substance" in its gas tank.

A battery was stolen from a car in front of the Monte Vista June 12. The battery was valued at \$60.

The Black Mountain Police have made six arrests for driving under the influence; answered calls to five accidents, one involving personal injury, two involving citations and two arrests; served and arrested on four warrants; and given 15 miscellaneous citations in the past two weeks.

The police department asks anyone observing mistreatment of any animal by injury, abandonment, deprivation or neglect to contact the Black Mountain Police Department or Mark Norton, dog warden, at city hall.

According to state law, cruelty to animals is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500, six months' imprisonment, or both.

Black Mountain Fire Department

Air Pollution Control requested that the Black Mountain Fire Department extinguish a fire at the dump on U.S. 70 east June 11, where trash and brush were being burned. Twelve men and a tanker responded to the 4:41 p.m. call.

Foil bike thieves, cycle safely police say

It has been several years since Black Mountain has had a fatal or serious bicycle accident, and Black Mountain police would like to keep it that way.

Police Chief Slagle and Jim Dolan, investigator, have been concerned at unsafe cycling practices they have noticed in town recently.

"Bikes don't belong on sidewalks," Chief Slagle said. They should be ridden as close to the curb as possible, going the same direction as other traffic. By riding with traffic, if the cyclist is hit by a vehicle he will be hit from the rear and will sustain less injury than if he were hit head on, Slagle said. When crossing a busy intersection the bike should be walked across the street, he said.

Bright clothing, pedal and fender reflectors, tall flags, lights of any sort—anything that makes the cyclist more visible makes him safer, Slagle said. Lightweight bicycling helmets which have recently become available also add to safety.

Cyclists are reminded that they are governed by the same laws as automobiles and must stop at lights and stop signs and obey other traffic signs and signals. They also must signal turns and watch out for pedestrians. Several years ago a Black Mountain youth was killed when he rode his bike through a

stop sign, into a car, and was then run over by the car.

Another problem that occurs, especially when school is out, is bicycle theft, Mr. Dolan said. To protect a bicycle from theft, it should be chained to a stationary object even if it is to be left alone for only a few minutes.

When a bicycle is purchased its serial number should be recorded and kept so that if the bicycle is stolen it can be traced. The store the bike is purchased from does NOT keep this record, Chief Slagle said. The Black Mountain Police Department will keep on file the serial number of any bike for the owner who brings this information to the police station.

Since many thieves take the stolen bikes apart and discard the part with the serial number on it, chaining an unattended bike is really the only way of keeping it safe, Chief Slagle said.

If you can't find the serial number on your bike, bring it to the police station and an officer will help you find it.

Also, the police department has a number of unclaimed bicycles at the police station. If you have lost yours and can identify it, you may be one of the lucky ones who gets his bike back in one piece. Call the police department at 669-8072.

determined. Town Manager Ernest Hudgins will present an agreement with In-the-Oaks concerning well sites to the board for their signature. The meeting will also be a workshop for the 1981-82 town budget.

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Dad to a thousand

by Cynthia Reimer

A light breeze lifted the curtains and carried the buzz of lawnmowers and the green smell of cut grass into the comfortable office. Behind the neat desk sat a tall, graying man. Behind and all around the man were photographs of children and young adults, paintings of children, trophies won by children and gifts of the sort children make from whatever is at hand and give to a proud and loving parent.

Donald McKenzie looked up from the desk and checked his watch. "You're right on time," he smiled, conveying the feeling it was something he approved in a well-brought up person.

Donald McKenzie has been director of the Presbyterian Childrens Home in Black Mountain for 23 years—over half his life, he says. In those years he has raised a son and daughter of his own, and been a father to over 1,000 other children...the only father some of them have ever known.

Like any father, McKenzie has had his successes and failures. "I've got a lot of gray hairs, a lot of joy, a lot of sadness—just like any home, you have your mountains and your valleys," he said. "I want to see them make good. I grieve over the ones who fail."

Forty children and 10 employees live at the Home. The children are admitted from age five to 11 and 91 percent stay on to graduate from high school. While the Home used to take in only orphans, the only requirement now for residence is that the child needs a home.

Though the children come from many backgrounds, their needs are the same, McKenzie says: love, understanding, discipline and a background in Christianity. "Children," McKenzie says, "learn when they love."

"Children are crying out for discipline," he continued, "a life geared to discipline." Rules should be set by parents, he believes, and when

they are broken, the child should be disciplined.

The most effective method he has found is to take away a privilege for a

certain length of time. "It's good because you don't have to use it very often," he said.

McKenzie recalled an episode on Art Linkletter's television show many years ago. Linkletter said he would give a one hundred dollar bill to the first child who said, "Yes, sir," or "No, sir" in answer to a question.

"That's the kind of discipline adults look for in a child—respect and courtesy," McKenzie said.

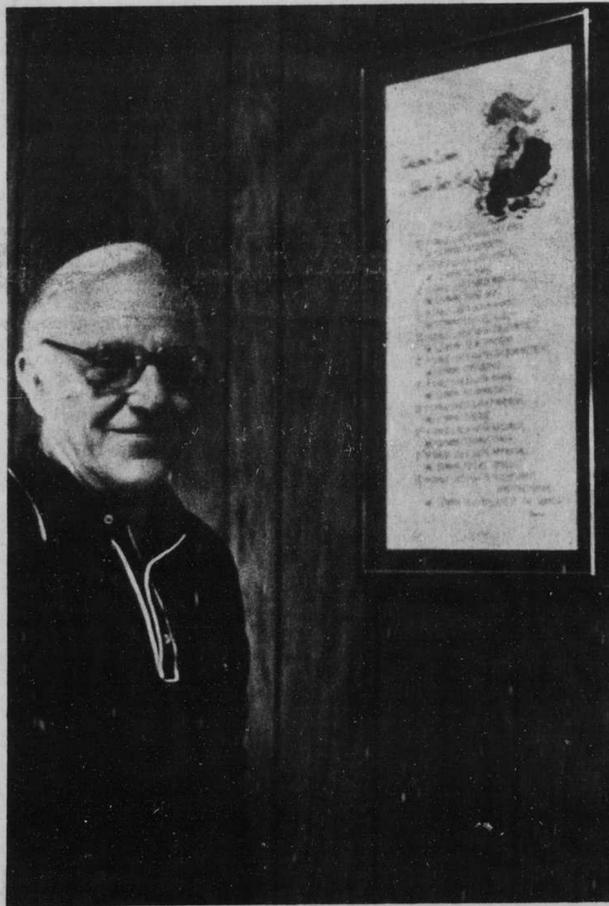
Giving children jobs to do is important, McKenzie believes. "It makes them feel like they're making a contribution," he explained. "It's important in a regular home and it's important here, too."

"I've told a lot of fathers they should be concerned about their children's discipline," he said. "They should be with them as much as possible. They should pay attention to their ambitions and lead and guide them to reach them."

McKenzie's son Don is a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners; his daughter Susan is a medical secretary. Some of "his" other children are teachers, lawyers, and "advertising folks," as he calls them. Graduates of the Home call McKenzie and his wife Pa and Ma; their children call them Mamaw and Papaw. And most of them keep in touch.

McKenzie has been best man for 10 of his boys and has given away 11 girls in marriage. It makes McKenzie happy that the children call the Home simply "home" and that they return to the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church as their home church where they wish to be married.

There is a large plaque behind the desk of this man of a thousand children. It says, "There's no limit to what can be done if it doesn't matter who gets the credit."



Don McKenzie

Inside.....



The tools of Louis Spegel, sculptor, gleam in the afternoon sun. Story on page 4.

Man treated for injuries in fall from van

A Black Mountain man was treated for head injuries at the Memorial Mission Hospital emergency room Monday after he fell out of a van on U.S. 70.

Calvin Reid was riding in the back of a van driven by another Black Mountain man. When the van turned onto U.S. 70 from Blue Ridge Road, the door of the van came open and Reid fell to the pavement.

Reid was treated at the emergency room and released.

Weather review

June 9—high 88, low 63 degrees.
June 10—high 88, low 63 degrees.
June 11—high 87, low 66 degrees; .01 inches precipitation.
June 12—high 82, low 64 degrees; .02 inches precipitation.
June 13—high 88, low 62 degrees.
June 14—high 88, low 65 degrees.
June 15—high 92 (highest temperature for the year), low 58 degrees.

Weather information courtesy of WFGW Radio, Black Mountain.



Old 70 closed at bridge

A 300-foot section of Old U.S. 70 from the new bridge in Swannanoa west was closed Monday by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to allow workmen to lower the existing road level to meet the height of the new bridge.

The section of the road is expected to remain closed for about a week, according to Joe Buckner, engineer for the Department of Transportation. The road closing will not affect use of the bridge itself, he said.