



Julie Bartlett



Meredith Begley



Valerie Eubanks



Amanda Jones



Kristel Rae Jones



Laura McMurray

Miss Sourwood to be crowned

Eight adorable young ladies will vie for the title of "Miss Sourwood Sprig" in this year's Sourwood Festival. First, second and third places will be determined by vote.

Anybody and everybody is invited to vote as many times as they would like. "One vote for every penny," explained contest chairman Alice Schweitzer. "Proceeds will go to help meet expenses of the festival." Voting will be held at the Community Development Office on State Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday.

The three and four-year old girls will participate in the parade, will hand out winning ribbons at the swim meet and appear at other festival functions.

Winners will be announced at the street dance on Saturday night.

Participants are: Julie Bartlett, 3, daughter of Marcia and Randy Bartlett; Meredith Begley, 4 daughter of Wendell and Vicky Begley; Valerie Eubanks, 3, daughter of Bill and Judy Eubanks; Amanda (Mandy) Jones, 4, daughter of Tim and Gail Rayburn; Kristel Rae Jones (last year's Miss Sourwood Sprig), 4, daughter of Betty Davis Jones and Larry Michael Jones; Laura McMurray, 3, daughter of Bobby and Pam McMurray; Becky Mundy, 3, daughter of Rick and Lena Mundy; and Susan Snyder, 3, daughter of Dean and Joyce Snyder.



Becky Mundy



Susan Snyder

Miss Sourwood Twig

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Montreat water-sewer purchase signed

Last Friday afternoon Montreat commissioners approved and signed, along with the Mountain Retreat Association, an agreement to purchase the water-sewer system from the Association. The purchase price of \$100,000 includes maintenance equipment and a storage and repair building, along with the distribution system and rights-of-way. Transfer of ownership must be within

six months, when grant monies and \$650,000 in bonds become available to commence extensive replacement of mains, drilling of wells, installation of two water storage tanks and placing of water meters at residences and all other users' lines. Butler Associates of Asheville is consulting and planning engineer for the improvements. Negotiations preliminary to the sign-

ing have gained momentum over the past three years. It was expected that when the Town of Montreat was chartered in 1967 the system would be transferred to the Town, but the proposal was rejected by the Association's trustees and water-sewer ownership remained with them. The water system will be repaired first to meet federal and state standards. In the near

future the Metropolitan Sewer District will include repairs in Montreat as a part of its over-all improvement schedule.

The Association and the town officials were in complete agreement over terms. Attorneys for both parties drew up the agreement when negotiations were completed about a month ago.

Sourwood Festival

is under way

The Fourth Annual Sourwood Festival is under way and will continue through Saturday in downtown Black Mountain. Wednesday afternoon activities, a 4:30 p.m. parade from the Family Dollar Store along State Street and the donkey softball game at 6 p.m., open this year's festivities.

Broadway Street sidewalk sales, Old Depot Association arts and crafts activities and special booths on Cherry Street will be open throughout the four days.

A carnival will be held from 4-10 p.m. daily at the Black Mountain Grammar School athletic field.

Golf and tennis tournaments began at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Thursday's events will include a swimming and diving tournament at 2 p.m. at the pool and horseshoe pitching at 5:30 p.m. on Cherry Street. Sidewalk artists will do pencil portraits, silhouettes and pastels throughout the day on Cherry and State Streets. Jaycee craft booths will be open on Cherry Street throughout the festival.

A street dance will be held at Ingles Shopping Center in Swannanoa beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Friday events will begin with one of the zaniest of the festival, the Slow Poke Bicycle Race to be held on Cherry Street at 10 a.m. Events at the Depot and exhibits and booths on Cherry Street, as well as sidewalk sales on Broadway, will continue. A street dance will begin at 7:30 Friday night on Sutton Avenue in Black Mountain.

Contestants in the Sourwood Run will take their positions at the starting line at 8:30 a.m. Saturday to begin the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs from the club house through downtown and around the countryside. A one-mile fun run will be held for youngsters.

Mr. Bill's hot air balloon will provide rides from the Ingles Shopping Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Ugly Dog Contest will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Cherry St., followed by the homemade boat race on Lake Tomahawk at 11:30 a.m. A Jeep caravan will provide wilderness rides in four-wheel drive vehicles, leaving from



Cherry Street at 11 a.m.

Kids' horseshoe pitching will begin at 9 a.m., followed by adults' in the afternoon.

A bluegrass band will play from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on the west side of Broadway.

Another street dance on Sutton Avenue from 8-11 p.m. will conclude the day.

On Sunday, a gospel sing will begin at 7 p.m. at the Cantrell Meadowbrook Free Will Baptist Church.

Throughout the festival, horse-drawn wagons and surries will provide free old-fashioned transportation.

Food poisoning cause determined to be ham

Staphylococcus bacteria from a burn on the arm of a kitchen worker was to blame in the food poisoning that sent hundreds to the hospital last week.

Bacteria infecting some of the ham served at dinner at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center was discovered by Buncombe County Health Department investigators. All foods served, as well as pot and pans used to cook the food, were tested to find the cause of the food poisoning.

County officials have waived charges for ambulances that transported patients to Memorial Mission, St. Joseph's, Marion General and the American Enka infirmary. Medical bills will be paid by Ridgecrest or the food service.

by Bill Studenc Jr.

"Humble" is the word to describe Bob Carlton, the new head football coach at Charles D. Owen High School in Swannanoa.

Carlton is the man mainly responsible for the recent renovation of the field house, but, as Owen Principal Charles Lytle points out, he refuses to acknowledge his important role in the undertaking.

"Bob has been out here 15 hours a day, seven days a week, for the past five weeks," said Lytle. "We could never have gotten it finished without him."

"The credit goes to the people of the community," said Carlton, a native of Newberry, South Carolina. "The co-operation from the administration, the Booster Club and the community is overwhelming. There are so many that helped that it's impossible to name them all, but I'd like to give them my personal thanks."

Nearly all of the materials, labor and time that went into the construction were donated by people from the Swannanoa Valley, Carlton said.

The renovation, which includes the construction of 1600 additional square feet, new carpeting and paint, a new whirlpool and many other improvements, would have cost over \$50,000 without the donations from the community, said the 15 year coaching veteran. The total actual cash input has been about \$5,000.

The fieldhouse, which is scheduled to be completed this week, had always been a sore spot in the Owen football program.

"This was our number one priority," said Carlton. "To give the kids a place to be proud of. Now we can turn our thoughts to coaching football."

Carlton says that despite the loss of many key players due to graduation, he is quite optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I'm a very positive thinker, but it would be stupid of me to promise to win 'x' number of games," he said. "But I do promise it to be very exciting football and a very disciplined team."

Carlton's whole philosophy of life is one of a positive attitude, as proven by his positive attitude when many doubted that the field house would be completed by the start of the season.

"There are two things you can do with a negative," he said. "You can take a negative and complain, or you can take a negative and turn it into a positive."

But while he is a positive thinker, Carlton also admits that he is an outspoken person.

"I've been both good and bad in public relations. I'm not a politician," he said. "I could not care less who someone's daddy is or what color they are. All our kids start out equal. Then we work to get the good players into the good spots."

"If I worry about people who don't like me, I'll neglect the more important things," Carlton said. "Sure, I'm sensitive like everybody else. But if you make a decision, you make it with your heart. That's all that I've got to satisfy. I'm making decisions for the whole program, not one or two individuals."

Carlton said that he despised the word "I" in athletics, which is a "we" operation. "I've never won a football game. There are 50 players and many coaches who have something to say about how a game turns out," he said.

Carlton will be joined on the varsity coaching staff by J. D. Hinson, Ralph Singleton and Jimmy Bell. Bill Mott and Bill Rucker will coach the junior varsity squad, while Dean McElrath and Leith Pope man the helm on the seventh and eighth grade level.

An open house will be held sometime

in mid-August to allow people to meet Coach Carlton and his staff and to see the newly-renovated field house.

"Hopefully they will see the cost and time involved in a successful football

program and contribute what they can," Carlton said.

Owen opens its season on the road at Erwin High School August 28.



New head football coach Bob Carlton was joined by his 10-year old son Cody at the field house construction site.

Ordinance restricts water use

If you washed your car last week or watered your garden, you were breaking the law. Because the water supply is critically low, the Town Board dusted off a 1977 ordinance at an emergency meeting restricting use of water in Black Mountain.

The ordinance makes it unlawful to wash motor vehicles, water yard or shrubs or gardens, fill pools or operate fountains. In fact, water is only to be used for fire protection and human consumption.

Water in the Dunsmore Cove Reservoir is down a total of seven feet. Over the weekend, the level fell another four inches, leaving, according to acting Town Clerk Suzanne Turner, about a nine-day supply.

The new well at the golf course awaits an okay from the State Department of Health and Natural Resources. Papers were sent off Monday with a plea for haste from Mayor Tom Sobol.

The well could save the Town from having to purchase water from the City of Asheville, as was the case in the summer of 1977. The result then, according to Turner, was a "very big cost to the Town."

Weather review



July 28 - high 88, low 63 degrees.
July 29 - high 84, low 67; .10 inches precipitation.

July 30 - high 70, low 58 degrees.
July 31 - weather statistics not recorded.

Aug. 1 - high 68, low 59 degrees; .41 inches precipitation.
Aug. 2 - high 72, low 59 degrees; .06 inches precipitation.

Aug. 3 - high 83, low 60 degrees.