



Karen Hughes (right) and Rebecca Harrison will appear as Adriana and her sister, Luciana, in a special performance of the The Montford Park Players' production of "A Comedy of Errors" in Black Mountain.

'Comedy of errors' in park Aug. 15

by Betty Anthony

Lake Tomahawk's shore forms the stage for Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors", performed by The Montford Park Players August 15th.

This special performance, the first in Black Mountain by the veteran troupe, is co-sponsored by the town's Department of Parks and Recreation. The show begins at 7:30. Admission is free and open to all. The audience is encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and flashlights. In case of rain the play will be moved to the Grey Eagle and friends, formerly Ann's Cafe, on Cherry Street.

The Montford Park Players was begun by Hazel Robinson, director of this Shakespearean farce. Mrs. Robin-

son grew up in Black Mountain as Hazel Harris. Her mother was Hazel Padgett who taught school throughout the county, including mathematics at the old Black Mountain high school.

"I'm looking forward to playing in Black Mountain where I was raised," Mrs. Robinson said.

The amateur performers, now in their ninth season, come from Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Asheville, Mars Hill and Brevard. "The Comedy of Errors," involving two sets of twins who are constantly being mistaken for each other, is their second Shakespearean play this season. The first was "Othello."

New well receives go-ahead from state

Water Department head Al White threw the switch Monday morning that sent water from the new well at the golf course surging into the Black Mountain water system. A grateful group of aldermen and town employees gathered to witness what they hope to be the beginning of the end of the town's water woes.

About an hour before, the town received approval from the State

Department of Health to open the well.

The well will produce about 270 gallons of water per minute. "This should certainly help to eliminate the need for Dunsmore Cove (Reservoir)," Bob Watts, engineer for Nilsson Engineering, said, "and it will eliminate the need to buy water from Asheville." The output of the new well is about one half of the consumption rate of Black Mountain.

The pH level of the water will be raised by addition of caustic soda to avoid any corrosion of water pipes. Chlorine will also be added to avoid any contamination in the pipes.

Water Department liaison, Alderman A. E. Alfred Tyson, credited Al White and his crew, Ernest Hudgins, former town manager, and Bob Watts with rushing the opening of the well, and thus easing the town water shortage.

The well is pumping at about 60 percent capacity, Tyson said, and it will take several days to see what effect the additional water supply will have on the water level in the Dunsmore Cove Reservoir.

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Town Council

Town signs letter of intent to join Metropolitan Sewer District

by Bill Studenc Jr.

The Town Board voted unanimously to turn the rehabilitation of the sewer system of Black Mountain over to the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) at the August board meeting Tuesday night.

The board agreed to sign a letter of intent to join with 11 other entities in Buncombe County, including the city of Asheville and several religious retreat organizations, relinquishing ownership of the sewer lines in exchange for maintenance and, if necessary, replacement of the lines.

It was agreed that the letter was to include a list of concerns of the board, including a proposed user fee and cost to the taxpayer. The letter of intent does not bind the town to an agreement to join the sewer district.

Alderman Doug Stafford said, "The town can't afford to keep up the

maintenance of the sewer lines. Much more can be done with a larger organization of the magnitude of MSD."

He pointed out that the small township of Black Mountain would not be eligible for federal grants for sewer improvement, while the larger organization, MSD, would be eligible.

Charter Commission

In further action, the board appointed the Rev. Edgar Ferrell to the newly-created Asheville-Buncombe Carter Commission, which will study the feasibility of the consolidation of local governmental organizations in Buncombe County.

Stop signs

The board voted to erect four-way stop signs at the intersection of Church Street and Laurel Avenue and also agreed to purchase and erect "stop ahead" signs. The stop ahead signs will

warn drivers used to only a two-way stop of the change. The board further agreed to request owners of property adjacent to the intersection to clip back hedges and shrubbery to help increase visibility.

Board of Adjustments

The board reappointed Robert Fischer and Donna Hughes to the Board of Adjustments. Their terms expired recently and both expressed willingness to serve again if asked.

Lukas Tool

Representatives from the Black Mountain Volunteer Fire Department appeared before the board to request funds for a Lukas tool, rescue equipment not in use in the eastern end of Buncombe County.

The closest tool available at the present time is over 20 miles away in Fairview. Those 20 minutes could be the difference in life or death, volunteer

fireman Tom Marett said.

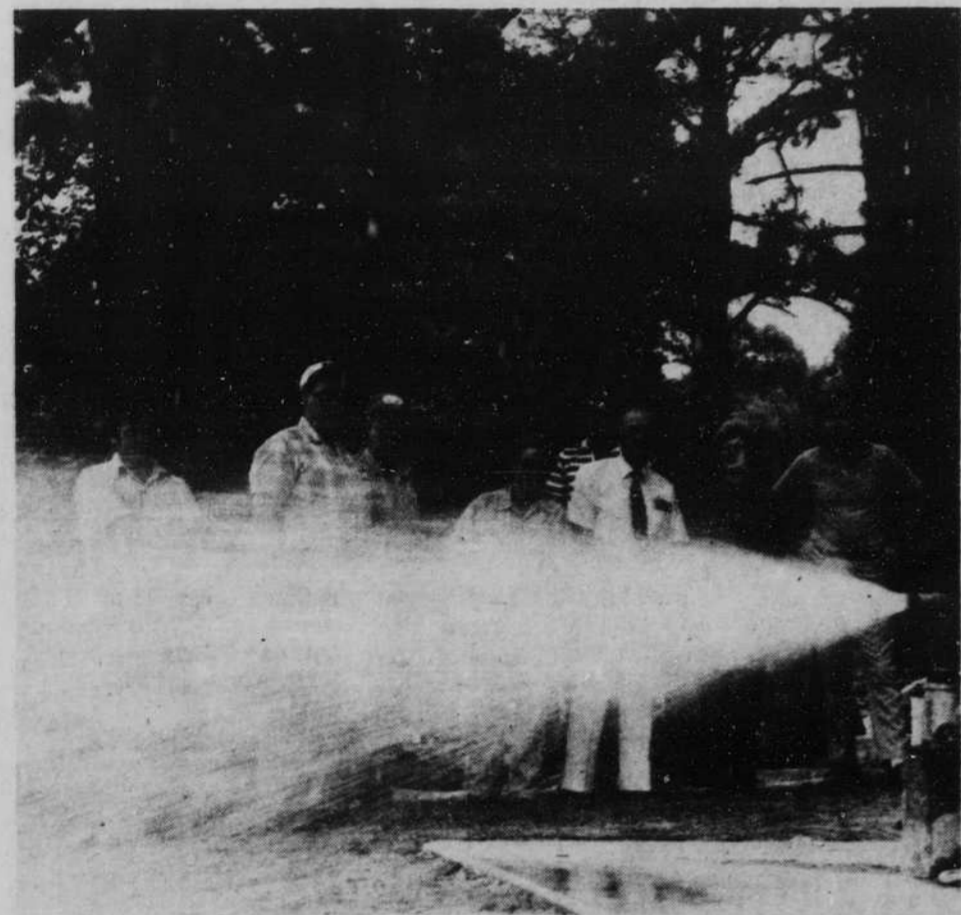
The fire department has raised \$1,500 towards the \$9,000 piece of equipment. The board agreed to approach the Buncombe County Commissioners concerning the remainder of the funds.

Resolution

A resolution introduced by Alderman Ruth Brandon was passed which restored "all rights, privileges and benefits enjoyed by Officer Gary Sorrells at the time of his termination."

Sorrells was employed by the Black Mountain Police Department from Oct., 1975 to Jan., 1979 when his employment was terminated. He recently returned to the police department.

Aldermen Mike Begley and Doug Stafford voted against the resolution which passed with a 3-2 vote.



Water department personnel were joined by Nilsson engineer, Bob Watts, and members of the Town Board Monday morning for the debut of the town's new well.

McDonald's ground breaking held

by Bill Studenc Jr.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last Friday for the new McDonald's restaurant, to be located at the Ingle's Shopping Center on Highway 9.

The new store is to be constructed in a stone and cedar design to blend into the natural surroundings of the Black Mountain area, said Larry Carter,

McDonald's representative for Western North Carolina.

Scheduled to be open for business by the end of November, the restaurant will feature a playground area for children.

"McDonald's chose a wooden park, as opposed to a park with all the cartoon characters, to better fit in with the area

and the surrounding landscape," said Town Alderman Doug Stafford.

Carter said, "This is the type of thing we've tried to do with every store we've got, blend into the surroundings, in this case the mountains."

Ed Weber, of the Chamber of Commerce, said that an attractive

McDonald's restaurant would entice other area stores, including those already existing and those yet to be constructed, to live up to the example set by McDonald's.

Mayor Tom Sobol was presented with a plaque from the McDonald's corporation in appreciation for his help in the planning stages of the new store, including the recent approval of a 100-foot sign to be seen from I-40 by the town board.

"I think McDonald's is going to be good for Black Mountain," Sobol said. "And Black Mountain, in turn is going to be good for McDonald's."

Southern Bell to ask rate raise

Southern Bell last week filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission a request of a 21.6 percent increase in revenues for services provided within the state.

The filing covers most major categories of service and would increase Southern Bell's annual intrastate revenues by \$129 million.

"We regret having to file once again," said Bell Vice President Alan Thomas. "We're very much aware of the effect continued rate activity has on our customers. We wish as much as they that our economy could provide the comfort and lifestyle we all seek without the necessity of higher prices. But never before have so many critical and varied

factors—inflation, a series of inadequate rate orders, the effect of competition and rapid technological change and strong demand caused by our state's rapid economic growth—converged to so adversely affect our ability to hold down our rates."

Under the Southern Bell proposal, the monthly rate for an individual access line in the home would increase by amounts ranging from \$3.55 to \$4.45. Telephone set rental would also go up. Long distance rates would increase by 8 percent. Based on the average residential bill today, monthly charges would go up 19 percent.

Here in Black Mountain, the basic monthly rate for residence service would be \$12.70 for customers who provide their own sets and \$14.20 for those with Southern Bell sets. The corresponding increases for single-line business customers would be \$32.75 and \$34.25, respectively.

Weather review

Aug. 4—high 83, low 60 degrees.
Aug. 5—high 88, low 61 degrees.
Aug. 6—high 80, low 64 degrees; .63 inches precipitation.
Aug. 7—high 85, low 64 degrees; .03 inches precipitation.
Aug. 8—high 80, low 65 degrees; .13 inches precipitation.
Aug. 9—high 83, low 58 degrees.
Aug. 10—high 83, low 60 degrees.



Telephone directories will be delivered in the Swannanoa Valley during the next three weeks. This year's directory cover has a picturesque scene at Lake Tomahawk with a horseback rider and fall colors in the background.

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Schools open Monday

The Black Mountain Primary and Middle Schools will re-open Monday, Aug. 17 at 8 a.m. for a full day of classes. Grades kindergarten through five will meet in the primary school and grades six through eight in the middle school.

Buses will run on last year's routes and on a regular schedule.

Lunch will be served at the following prices: paid elementary, 85 cents; reduced, 25 cents. No breakfast will be served at the middle school, but the primary school will serve breakfast at 65 cents, and 30 cents, reduced rate. Extra milk costs 15 cents.

New students should register this week between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Larry Carter of McDonald's and Mayor Tom Sobol break ground for the new McDonald's restaurant, to be located on Highway 9 in Black Mountain.

