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## New water tanker will affect some fire insurance rates

A 1963 truck, donated by Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, and a secondhand tanker trailer purchased for \$1,000, may reduce fire insurance rates for some businesses and homes in the East Buncombe Fire District, Black Mountain firemen said.

A new standard state rating system requires "3,000 gallons of rolling water on the initial alarm" to be available in areas with no fire hydrants. Currently, Black Mountain has 12-1700 gallons of water available. Additional water availability will change areas now listed as "unprotected" to categories with lower insurance rates.

Black Mountain firemen have been making repairs on the vehicle for several weeks. "In another month or so, hopefully, we'll have it serviced," Fire Chief Gary Bartlett said.

Labor and money for repairs has been donated by volunteers, he said. Brakes were rebuilt, the exhaust system and manifold repaired, seats recovered and the whole ensemble painted fire-engine red with the town seal on the door.

Still to be installed are valves in the tank and a pump, an additional cost of \$3,500 which firemen are asking area businesses and individuals to donate.

Those in outlying areas are not the only ones who will benefit from the new tanker, Bartlett said. Several areas within the city have no water available. For example:

—A fire hydrant on Black Mountain Avenue has been nearly covered with

asphalt as the street has been repaved over the years, making it impossible to open the water valves.

—On Tenth and Rhododendron, a fire

hydrant is against a fence, making it impossible to get a wrench on the water valve.

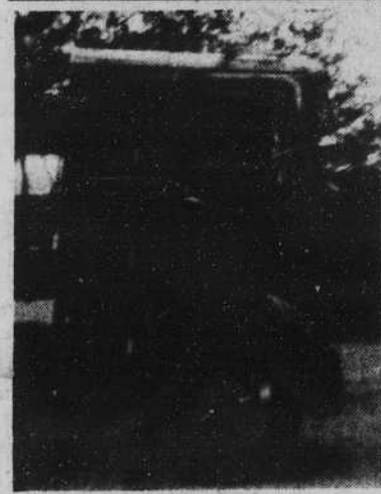
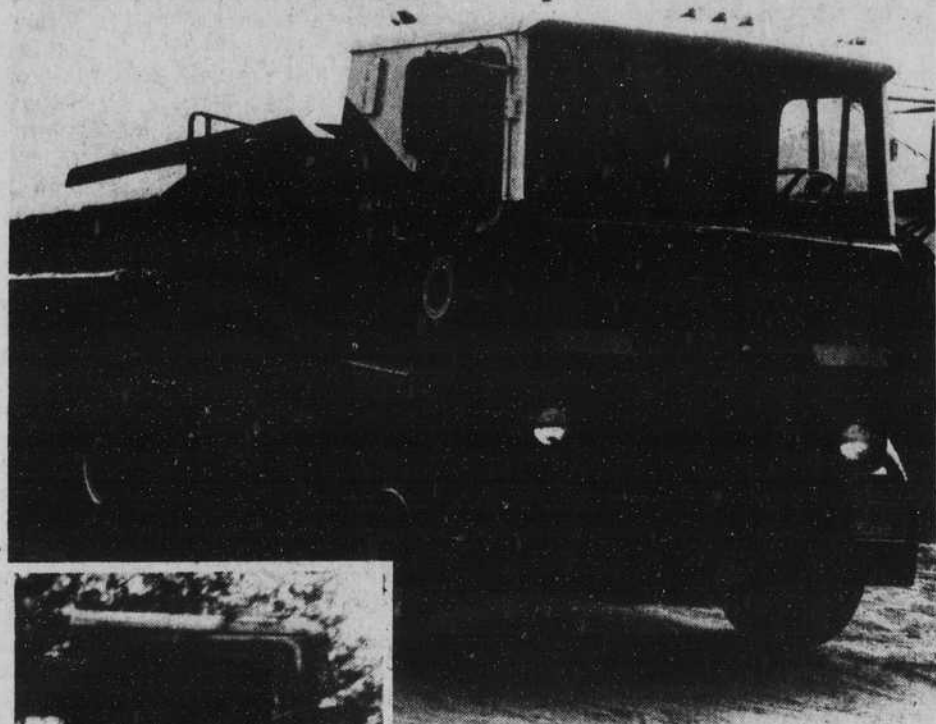
—At Connally Street and Montreat

Road, a street sign creates the same problem.

In other locations, water pressure at hydrants is inadequate for firefighting, Bartlett said.

Those who will save the most on adjusted insurance rates are institutions such as Blue Ridge Assembly, Ridgecrest, and Montreat-Anderson College which will save about \$350 a year.

Individual rates for a \$50,000, \$100-deductible policy should go from \$310 a year for a frame home to \$228, and from \$268 for a masonry home to \$196.



Before . . . and after: volunteer firemen did the work on this vehicle, transforming it into a tanker which will serve the East Buncombe Fire District.

Owen over

Erwin, 18-14.



The Owen High Warhorses cashed in on a rash of errors Friday night to upset the heavily favored Erwin High 18-14.

Sports writer Ron Price gives the details of the touch-and-go game on page six.

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## Employee suggestion wins Evans award

by Cynthia Reimer

Suggestion number 6016 was a winner for Barbara Teagarden Evans, lead nurse in the detoxification unit of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center (ARC). Evans' suggestion brought her a certificate of recognition, two days annual leave and a check for \$848.63.

Under a state employee suggestion system called "Brain Storm," Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, secretary of the Department of Human Resources, instituted a cash awards program for suggestions which save institutions time and money. Most cash awards are \$25-200. Evans' innovation, now used by other state institutions as well, saves nurses an hour and a half a day.

"At the end of each shift I got writer's cramp," Evans explained, from filling out patient reports. She devised a form on which nurses could make check marks, freeing them to spend more time and give more attention to patient care.

Evans was honored last Thursday by co-workers when she received the award from J. P. Johnson, director of personnel and productivity for the Department of Human Resources. Johnson replaced Dr. Sarah Morrow,

scheduled to give Evans the award, who had to leave unexpectedly for Washington.

An employee suggestion goes through a lot of red tape and several bureaucratic processes, Johnson said in making the presentation. "You'd better believe it's a good one if it comes out the other side!"

William P. Johnson, Black Mountain ARC director, introduced other distinguished guests at the awards program, including State Representative Gordon Greenwood and Wayne McDevitt, director of Governor Hunt's western office.

L. Henry Coker, ARC chaplain, gave the invocation.

Also speaking was Steve Hicks, deputy director of alcoholic programs in N.C.

Evans, a former voice teacher at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, said she plans to use the money to buy a piano. She has been a nurse at the ARC for the past five years. She received her nurse's training in New Orleans.

As for brilliant — and lucrative — ideas, Evans said, "I've got another one but I haven't turned it in yet!"



Barbara Evans' parents, the Teagardens, joined their daughter at an awards program last week. Evans received an award from the state for a suggestion she made which saves each nurse an hour and a half every day.

### Police and fire report

## Accident fatal to pedestrian

Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department

On Monday, Aug. 24, Swannanoa firemen extinguished a fire at Owen manufacturing. The blaze was confined to a small area. Also on the 24th, the Swannanoa Rescue Squad was called to I-40 at 11:15 a.m. when a pedestrian was struck fatally by an eastbound tractor-trailer. The victim, Ray W. Eaton of Swannanoa, apparently stepped in front of the vehicle.

Swannanoa firemen assisted in the search for a 78 year old man lost in the Leicester area. He was found unharmed on Aug. 26.

On Sunday, an ambulance was called to Wards Trailer Park where an infant had stopped breathing.

Black Mountain Police Department

On Aug. 25, breaking and entering was attempted at the Black Mountain Middle School. An ax or other tool was used to chop a 12 by two inch hole in the roof at the back of the school. On Aug. 31, a window was broken in the kitchen

area of the same school and entry was gained. Nothing was reported stolen.

Three cases of worthless checks have been reported in the area in the past week and one arrest made in connection with the checks.

A motorcycle was stolen on Aug. 30 from Hiawasse Ave.

## Weather review

Aug. 24—high 83, low 57 degrees.  
Aug. 26—high 73, low 61 degrees.  
Aug. 27—high 80, low 57 degrees.  
Aug. 28—high 80, low 51 degrees.  
Aug. 29—high 74, low 54 degrees.

Aug. 31—high 80, low 57 degrees.

Weather courtesy of WFGW Radio, Black Mountain.

## Tax-free savings to benefit savers, home buyers

Middle income families and small savers will be the ones to benefit from new tax free savings certificates, Wendell Begley, executive vice-president of Black Mountain Savings, said today. And area home buyers and some home owners will ultimately benefit from the savings deposits expected to be generated by the new certificates, called All Savers Certificates of Deposit.

Tax legislation passed this summer by Congress authorized financial institutions to pay savers the tax-free return. The rate of return is determined at auctions held every four weeks, Begley said, and will vary depending on comparable Treasury Issues.

The certificate account can be opened with as little as \$500, Begley said. The one-year certificates can pay savers as

much as \$2,000 in tax free interest for those filing joint tax returns, and up to \$1,000 for those filing single returns.

Assuming a rate of 12 percent, Begley said, savers with joint taxable income between \$24,600 and \$29,900 would have to earn a yield of 17.65 percent on competing taxable instruments to match the 12 percent available in the All Savers plan. "Those yields are available," Begley said, "but generally not with the low minimums and deposit insurance." Begley also said the new saver tax break would be especially appealing to households in federal income tax brackets over 28 percent.

Once depositors open the account, the rate is guaranteed for the full 12-month period, he said.

The United States has had one of the lowest personal savings rates of any industrialized nation because of a tax structure which has discouraged savings, Begley said. Legislation creating tax-exempt savings was intended to encourage middle-income Americans to save. Begley stated that with the tax break for savers, a considerable amount of new deposits should be generated. These deposits, which will be at a lower

cost to the financial institutions, will make more money available for home buyers, most likely at more affordable rates. "The local housing market has suffered from the scarcity and high costs of mortgage money," Begley said.

All-Savers Certificates will be available at Black Mountain Savings and other banks, savings and loans and credit unions who wish to participate beginning October 1.

## Highway Patrol hopes to reduce accidents

The State Highway Patrol will beef up trooper visibility on N.C. highways in an attempt to stem the number of accidents, drunk drivers and deaths that traditionally accompany the Labor Day weekend holiday, the governor's office announced this week.

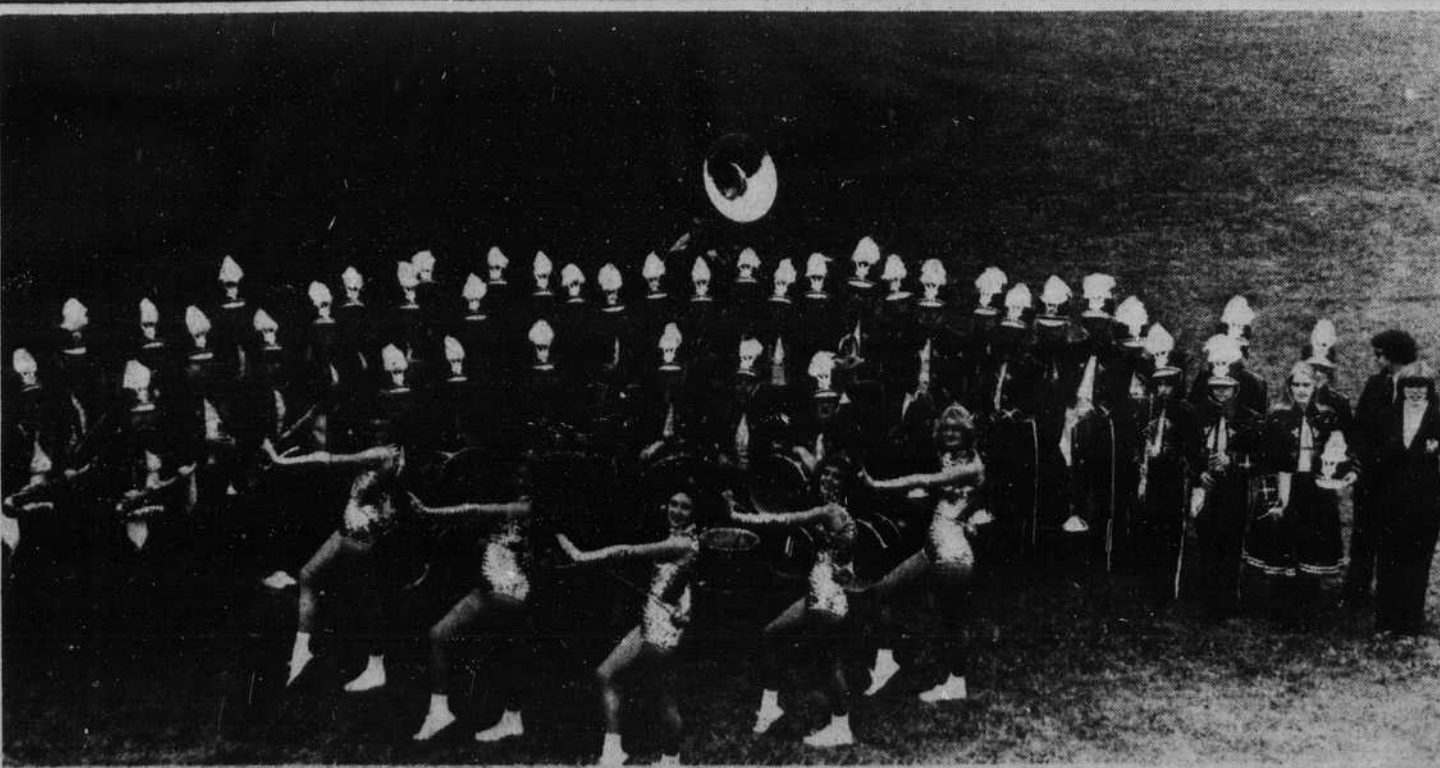
"This is the final long weekend of summer," said Burley B. Mitchell Jr., secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, "and the roads will be clogged with people getting in that final trip to the beach or the mountains.

"This is always a dangerous situation, and we often note an increase of traffic accidents and deaths at this time of year. Please be careful when you drive and have a safe and happy holiday."

Eighteen North Carolinians died on the state's highways last year at this time.

State Highway Patrol Commander John T. Jenkins added his warning to Mitchell's. "Motorists can expect to see more troopers on heavily traveled roads, and the Patrol will again be participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)," Jenkins said. Troopers have also been instructed to be alert for disabled vehicles and to give assistance when needed, he added.

The Labor Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, and ends at midnight Monday, Sept. 7.



The Owen High School Marching Band has a new director, Ms. Edie Slattery, and new uniforms, purchased by the Band Booster club, for the 1981-82 school year.

## Fiddler classes to begin

Fiddlers and those interested in becoming fiddlers are invited to join a 14-week class taught by Bucky Hanks at Warren Wilson College. Registration for both beginning and intermediate instruction will be held this week. Call the college as soon as possible to register.

"Bucky Hanks is one of the area's finest musicians," said Appalachian Music Director David Holt. "We have been very pleased with the guitar and mandolin classes he has taught here before."

The beginning class will meet at 7 p.m., intermediates at 8 p.m. Costs for the class is \$35. For more information, call 298-3325, ext. 239.

**The Black Mountain News staff will be laboring on LABOR DAY . . . but the office will be CLOSED Friday, Sept. 4**

