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Autumn hues frame Ephraim Bale's cabin in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Photo by Lewis Ellsworth.

Charter Commission elects chairman

by Cynthia Reimer

John Shuford was elected chairman of the Asheville Buncombe Charter Commission last Wednesday afternoon at the group's first meeting. Elected vice chairman was former judge, James Baley, and secretary, Harold Enloe.

Shuford was not present at the meeting. In his absence, Baley took the chair from acting chairman James McClure Clarke. He opened a discussion on the purpose and duties of the commission. Acting secretary, Asheville City Manager Ken Michalove

recorded the minutes.

During the discussion, Max Cogburn, an attorney, stated he felt a secretary should be elected from commission members. After a long discussion, a motion made by Cogburn to open nominations was passed. Enloe was elected secretary and appointed Michalove his assistant.

After more discussion on the goals of the commission and how to reach them, a motion was made and passed to contact the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill for assistance.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 13 in the Health and Social Services Building conference room in Asheville. The commission will continue to meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

The Rev. Edgar Ferrell represents Black Mountain on the commission, which will draw up a charter for a combined city-county government to be voted on next year.

Hunt appoints residents to transportation councils

Governor Jim Hunt today appointed 10 Buncombe County residents to the county's Transportation Efficiency Council.

The Governor established the councils in all 100 counties by Executive Order this spring to help insure wise and efficient use of the additional highway dollars provided by legislative approval of his "Good Roads" program.

"These councils will advise me and the State Board of Transportation on how we can improve efficiency and productivity in our Department of Transportation," Hunt said. "This will give local people the chance to examine and review the work of the Department

of Transportation on the roads where they live.

"Local residents will be able to go to their county's Efficiency Council when they have complaints about a maintenance crew wasting time, or not doing a thorough job, or whatever it may be," Hunt said.

The Governor's appointees to the Buncombe County Council are John Q. Buchanan, Gordon Greenwood Jr., Marilyn Hall, Ted Linn, James Rhew and Jack Woody, all of Asheville; Frank Hutchinson of Enka, Robert Miller of Black Mountain, Mrs. Margaret O'Donnell Shepherd of Barnardsville and Mayor Tom Sobol of Black Moun-

tain. Members will serve terms of two years.

The councils will work closely with the State Board of Transportation. James W. Daniels of Asheville, the local member of the State Transportation Board, will be chairman of the Buncombe County Transportation Efficiency Council.

Members of the General Assembly will serve as ex-officio members of the councils in their districts. Serving on the Buncombe County Council will be Representative Marie Colton (D-Buncombe), Representative Narvel J. Crawford (D-Buncombe), Representative Gordon Greenwood (D-Buncombe), Representative Martin Nesbitt, Jr. (D-Buncombe), Senator James McClure Clarke (D-Buncombe) and Senator Robert S. Swain (D-Buncombe).

The Executive Order says that the council "will examine the work program, policies, methods and operations of each Department of Transportation county maintenance unit" and "make recommendations to the Governor and the Board of Transportation on improving efficiency and productivity in those units."

The councils will work with division and district engineers, as well as with the maintenance supervisors, to review the performance of State highway crews.

The Governor said he particularly looked for "business people and local government and civic leaders to serve on these councils, people who have a broad range of contacts and who are known throughout their county."

Josef Albers exhibit of silkscreen prints in Montreat

Twelve silkscreen prints by Josef Albers will be on exhibit in Montreat's Convocation Hall from October 6-23. A traveling exhibit from the North Carolina Museum of Art, these works are from Albers' double portfolio "Formulation: Articulation."

Born March 19, 1888, in Bottrop, Germany, Albers taught school for several years before entering the Royal Art School in Berlin in 1913.

Albers left Germany in 1933, coming to the United States with his wife, Anni, a weaver. He was soon honored with one-man shows. He had more than 20 one-man shows in a five year period

from 1936 to 1941.

Albers lived in North Carolina from 1933 to 1949, serving on the Black Mountain College faculty. In 1950 he became head of the Yale University Art School, a post he held until 1958.

Albers is best known for his series of squares within squares, an investigation into the interplay of colors. The 12 prints to be shown in Montreat's Convocation Hall are considered a technical tour de force, reproducing the subtleties in color that have become Albers' trademark.

Gallery hours in Montreat are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Teenage girl missing since Sept. 11

Peggy Sue Loftin, age 16, is missing. She was last seen at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 when she and her family were preparing for bed. Anyone having information concerning the whereabouts of the petite teenager is asked to call the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department.

Peggy has run away before, Mrs. Craig, her mother said, but she has never been away for more than a day or two, and she has always let the family know where she was. There had been no arguments the evening she disappeared, her mother said, but Peggy had not wanted to return to the group home where she had been staying.

"She may be travelling with a male companion," her mother said. "His car was seen in the vicinity the night she left." The car is a blue Pontiac station wagon with imitation wood sides and a dented right rear fender.



Peggy Sue Loftin

Peggy is four feet 11 inches tall and weighs 105 pounds. She has long black hair, blue eyes, and a scar on the inside of one wrist. She usually wears jeans

and shirts, and she left in blue tennis shoes.

"I just want to find out if she's okay," said her mother.

Firemen will inspect wood stove installation free

Black Mountain firemen will inspect wood stove installations to make sure they are fireproof, Fire Chief Gary Bartlett said. "We'll be glad to check before they spend the time and money putting it in," Bartlett said.

So far this fall, firemen have inspect-

ed 25 wood stoves. "We've saved a lot of property loss doing these wood stove inspections," Bartlett said. He said the most common mistakes were made in putting the stove pipe through the wall. The inspections are free.

Warhorses down

Mitchell, 25-0

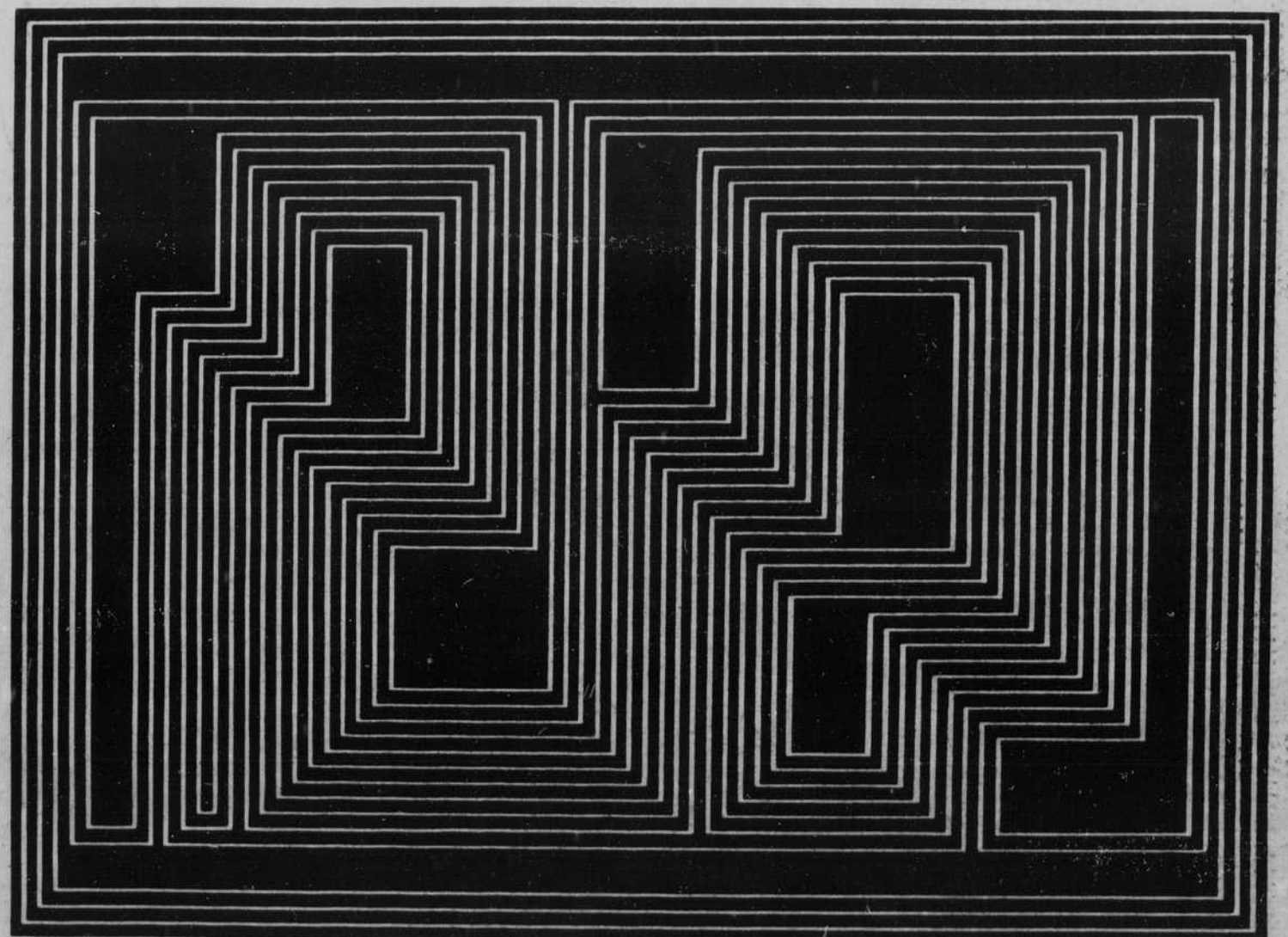
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Weather review

Sept. 29--high 76, low 35 degrees.
Sept. 30--high 81, low 39 degrees.
Oct. 1--high 82, low 44 degrees.
Oct. 2--high 56, low 49 degrees; .28 inches precipitation.
Oct. 3--high 67, low 34 degrees.
Oct. 4--high 76, low 32 degrees.
Oct. 5--high 70, low 43 degrees; trace precipitation.

Weather information courtesy of WFGW Radio, Black Mountain.



"Prefacio," silkscreen by Josef Albers