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House fire starts in fireplace

Fire destroyed the upper floor of a two story home on Old US 70 Saturday evening. The Mark Brook family was not at home when the fire broke out.

A neighbor reported the blaze to Black Mountain firemen at 6:49 p.m.

The fire apparently started when embers fell into the ash box of a fireplace, igniting combustible mater-

ials nearby, Fire Chief Gary Bartlett said. The fire spread through the wall of the house before breaking through the roof. The downstairs room where the fire started was also destroyed.

Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department assisted Black Mountain. Twenty-four Black Mountain firemen were at the scene three hours and 14 minutes.

Swannanoa council allocated \$18,500

Two Valley organizations were among the 32 member agencies of the United Way of Asheville-Buncombe County to be assigned allocations last week, according to President Karle Lehman.

The Swannanoa Community Council will receive \$18,500. The Black Mountain Christmas Cheer Fund will receive \$480.

The allocations were based on \$1.33

million pledged during the United Way fund-raising campaign.

Windows destroyed by vandals

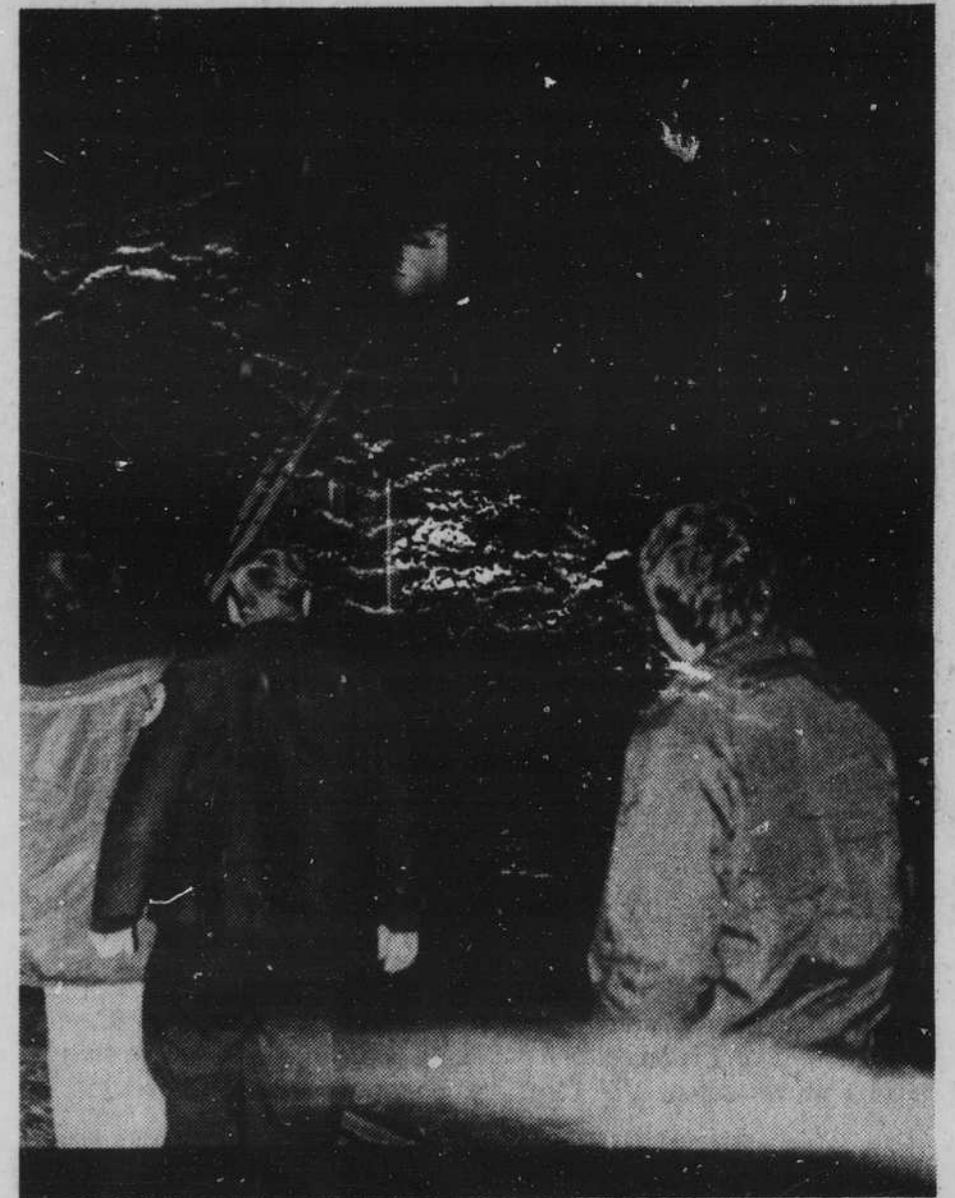
Vandals with BB guns put holes through school bus windows and the windows of a home and garage in Black Mountain last week.

An Asheville Christian Academy bus, parked at the driver's home on Cragmont Road, was damaged on Dec. 28. Two windows in a garage and one window of a home on Chapel Road in Black Mountain were broken on Dec. 30.

"It was apparently done by the same people," a spokesman for the Black Mountain Police Department said. No arrests have been made.

Black Mountain police also reported an assault resulting in one injury at the Hop-In store on Jan. 1. Three women in two cars began fighting over alleged tailgating, police said.

Police issued four traffic citations and made two arrests for driving while intoxicated in the past seven days. Police also reported "45 or 50 assists to motorists" in the inclement weather in December.



The second story of a Black Mountain home was destroyed by fire Saturday night. (Photo by Charles Taylor)



Mrs. Junie Callison trims stamps from envelopes which will help feed hungry children.

Licking hunger with cancelled stamps

by Cynthia Reimer

Stamp collecting is not unusual, but Mrs. Junie Callison's version of the popular hobby is.

Once a month, Mrs. Callison walks to Black Mountain from her home on Sunset Drive with a tote bag on her arm to make her rounds. Stopping at CP&L, City Hall, Burnette's Appliances, the Black Mountain News, Black Mountain Hardware and the Baptist Church, she fills her bag with envelopes the businesses have saved for her.

Back at home, Mrs. Callison spends many hours trimming off the postage stamps which she boxes and sends to "Stamps for Food" in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"I read about it in the (Asheville) paper," Mrs. Callison said. "I started sending my own stamps in two or three years ago."

The stamps are sold for stamp

collectors to purchase and the money is used to feed and clothe children in destitute areas of the world.

When Mrs. Callison first began sending the stamps, the funds were used to aid the children of Bangladesh.

Recently Mrs. Callison got a letter from Linda Collins, program director for Stamps for Food.

"Thank you for your efforts," Collins wrote. "We appreciate the time you have spent saving stamps."

"If at all possible, please help by showing this form to churches, clubs, schools, banks, utility companies, neighbors and friends.

"Please continue to save your postage stamps. We can use many more stamps for this worthy cause."

Anyone who wishes to send stamps to Stamps for Food may do so. The address is 5134 E. 65th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220.

Christmas gifts stolen

A little of the "merry" went out of Christmas this year for a young Swannanoa man when his Christmas presents were stolen on Dec. 20.

J. McDowell's gifts were taken from behind Bi-Lo by a person in a pick-up truck between 3 and 4 p.m., McDowell reported. The box contained a blue coat, binoculars and other items valued at \$80.

"Included were my Christmas gifts I didn't get to open," McDowell said. "Since this happened it looks like my Christmas is going to be sad."

McDowell is unemployed and lives with his father in Swannanoa.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact the police.

Weather review

Dec. 30--high 42, low 14 degrees.
Dec. 31--high 34, low 27 degrees;
1.45 inches precipitation.
Jan. 1--high 48, low 33 degrees; .05 inches precipitation.
Jan. 2--high 48, low 22 degrees; .01 inches precipitation.
Jan. 3--high 47, low 32 degrees; 1.03 inches precipitation.
Jan. 4--high 55, low 38 degrees; 1.19 inches precipitation.

Total precipitation for December: 4.70 inches. Total for 1981: 36.13 inches.
Weather courtesy of WFGW radio, Black Mountain.



News gets new offset press

10 unit offset capable of producing
20,000 copies an hour

by Cynthia Reimer

The Black Mountain News received a 70,000 pound package on the last day of 1981--a shiny new Solna King offset press.

Delivered to the old Big Buy building on Montreat Road from Joplin, Missouri, on two transfer trucks, the units were winched out and carried into the building with an eight-ton hyster.

The press will be the biggest of its kind in the Southeast, according to Solna King salesman Bill Rudders.

The new press will take about two months to set up, said production manager Charles Taylor. With the press came an expert erector, Johnny Eckerd, who will install it.

Erecting the press is a delicate and exacting operation, Taylor said. Once set up, it will be leveled, realigned, straightened and readjusted to an accuracy of one 1000th of an inch, not an easy feat on an uneven floor.

The 10-unit press is 13 1/2 feet high and 81 feet long. It has a capacity of 32

full black and white pages or 64 tabloid pages. Two of the units are color units, enabling the press to run three colors plus black ink simultaneously.

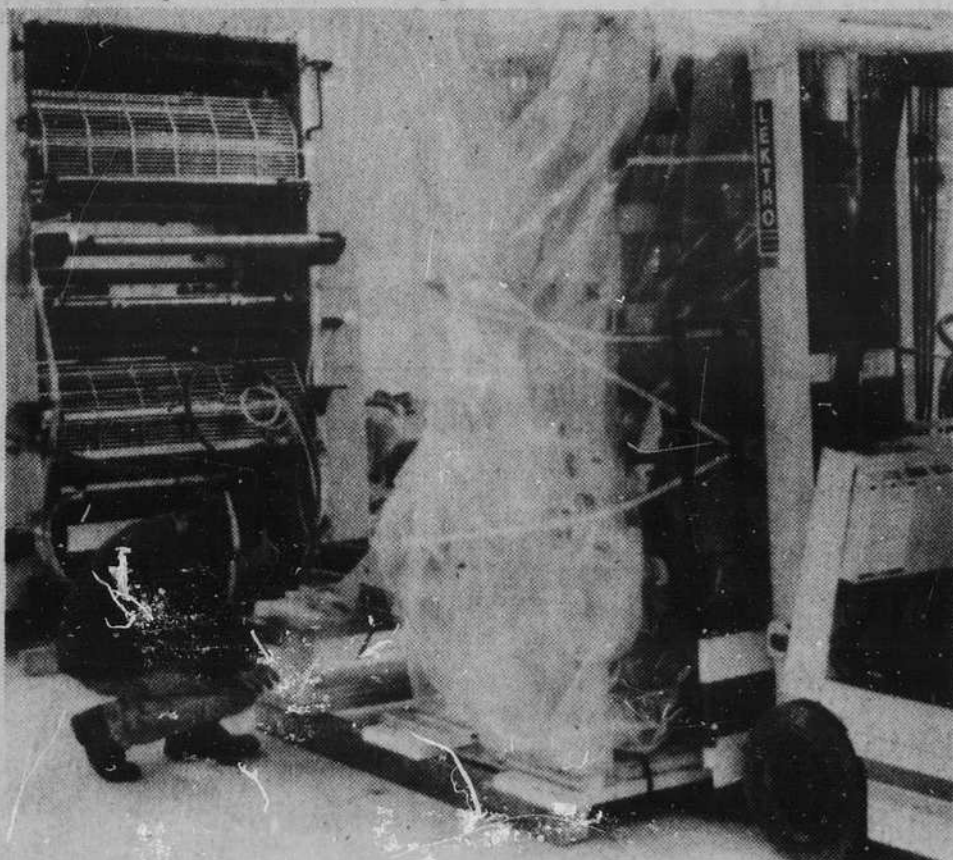
The press is driven by a 100 horsepower motor. Capable of producing 20,000 copies an hour, it will print newspapers and circulars only.

The webs, or rolls of newsprint, will run underneath the press beneath catwalks, Taylor said.

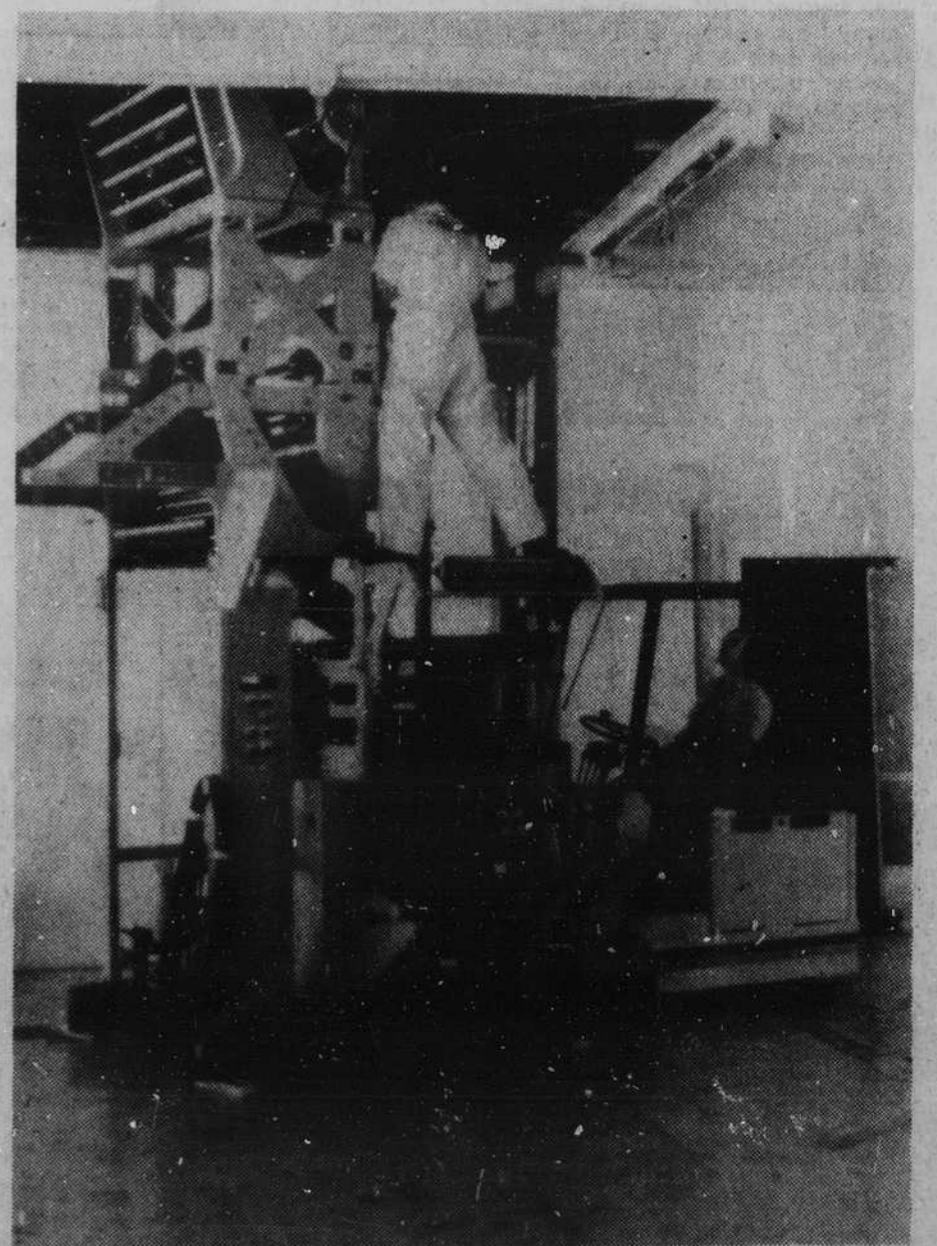
The printing division of The Black Mountain News, Mountain Media, currently prints 11 newspapers. "This new press should bring color print work to Black Mountain," publisher Aycock said. "It could eventually mean some jobs for Black Mountain."

"The press will very likely mean more color in The Black Mountain News, and also in Mountain Living Magazine," Aycock said.

Over the next months, the Big Buy building will become the new home of The Black Mountain News.



A printing unit (left) and the top half of the folder of the new Solna King offset press were unloaded last Thursday. Charlie Taylor prepares to uncrate it. (Photo by Dennis Harris)



Production manager Charlie Taylor (right) observes as Johnny Eckerd adjusts the 13 1/2 foot folder on the new Solna King offset press. (Photo by Dennis Harris)

Inside... Mountain Living Magazine
featuring Swannanoa's songwriter,
BILLY EDD WHEELER