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## Town to enter contract with Land-of-Sky Council for assistance

by Jim Aycock

Black Mountain aldermen unanimously passed a resolution to enter into a contract with Land-Of-Sky Regional Council for community development planning at the board's meeting Monday night, March 8 at City Hall. The move followed a recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce and its Economic Development Committee.

A ceiling of \$2,000 was placed on town expenditures for the contract.

Black Mountain's new town clerk Al Richardson was officially welcomed to his first board meeting in that capacity, as was Carol Garland as new senior citizens director.

A clean-up campaign involving the Department of Transportation and the town's youth programs was approved for April 19-24 and Sept. 13-17. The program will be coordinated through Department of Transportation district engineer Bob Crumpler's office. Details of the clean-up will be announced later.

The board also announced that the DOT had requested notice of any changes in streets in the town limits. There were none.

Mayor Tom Sobol read a letter from Nilsson Engineering concerning the town's water programs. The water plan has been approved by Farmers Home Administration and now awaits approval of the North Carolina Department of Health Services before bids can be advertised and construction begun.

The mayor reported that Black Mountain will receive some \$19,112 from the Buncombe County sales tax collections totaling over \$2,000,000.

The board restored a \$2,500 limit to expenditures the town manager may make without board approval. The limit had been temporarily reduced to \$1,000 some time ago.

The aldermen unanimously voted to renew water bond anticipation notes that have expired. The amount is \$75,000 at variable interest. The bonds provide working capital prior to getting a grant.

A high bid of \$8,600 by Joseph M. Tyson was accepted for a town-owned lot on the golf course. The bid is subject

to a 10 day upset bid. Any upset bid must exceed the figure accepted by at least 10 per cent. A second bid of \$8,100 was submitted by Robert J. Ballard.

Planning Board Chairman Travis Childs announced that the first draft of

the proposed zoning ordinance would be ready for study at his group's March 22 meeting at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Childs said twoplanningboard members' terms expire soon. Wendell Begley was reappointed but Harold

Rogers could not continue and was replaced by Joe Tyson by unanimous action of the aldermen. There were not other nominations.

Childs and Bob Fischer, chairman of the Board of Adjustments, were asked by the aldermen to meet with Town Clerk Al Richardson to prepare a job description for the position of building inspector and zoning administrator. Marion Godfrey, who has resigned the post, will extend his service through March. The board will look into the possibility that Montreat and Black Mountain may hire one person jointly for that job.

The aldermen approved issuing a temporary sign permit to Barclay's American Finance Co.

The board unanimously moved to advertise for bids for the town audit for fiscal year 1981-82. Mayor Sobol advised the other members that care should be taken to forestall hidden costs in accepting a bid from auditors.

The aldermen agreed that no funds should be spent for a dog warden, that Street Department personnel could set out and pick up the cages used to trap stray animals. Owners of tagged dogs should be notified before the pets are delivered to the county animal shelter in Asheville, the board decided.

The board legalized speed restrictions past Black Mountain Middle School. The speed limit is set at 25 miles per hour 30 minutes before and after school begins and 30 minutes before and after school ends.

The board appropriated \$10,000 from the contingency fund to partially cover expenses of the drilling of well number eight, which was not covered in this year's budget. The well cost \$26,000, of which a \$16,000 deficit remains.

The board passed tax releases involving properties found not to be in the town limits.

Bids for garbage pick-up and water meters that don't work also were topics at the meeting.

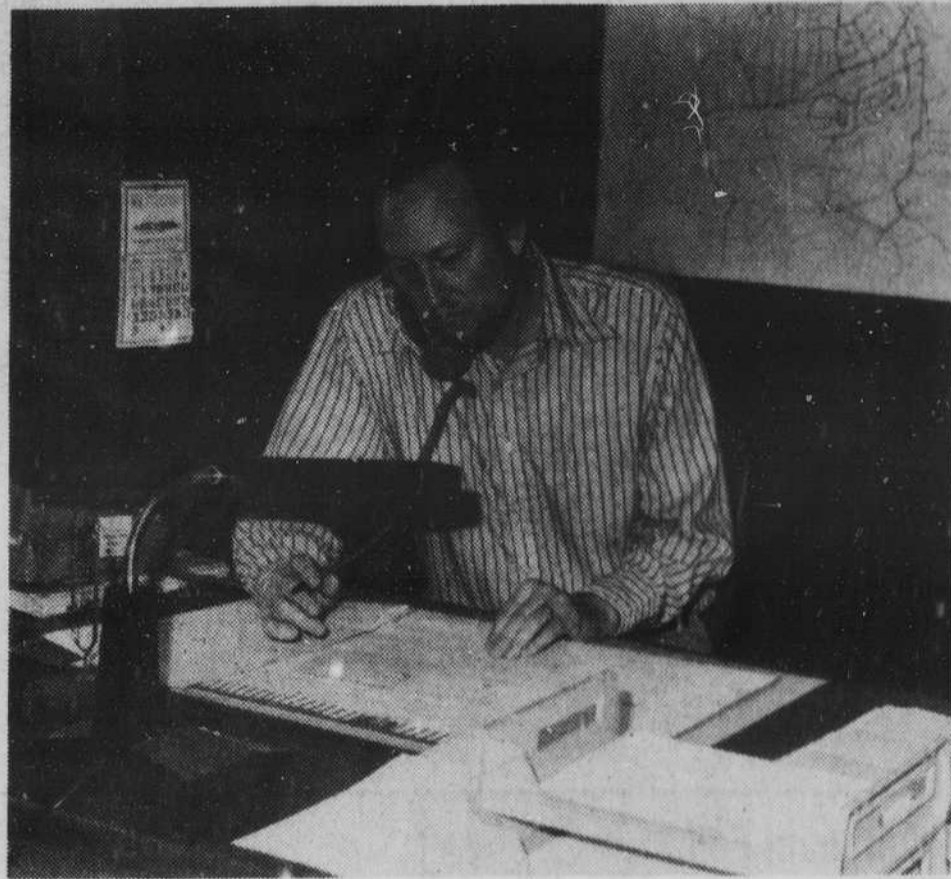
Members Gay Fox, Doug Stafford, Mike Begley, Steve King and Carl Bartlett and Mayor Sobol were all present.

## Special meetings

Two important meetings for next Monday, March 15 were announced at Monday's Black Mountain Board of Aldermen meeting.

At 5:30 p.m. Monday aldermen will meet in special session to discuss two trailer permits and the town's recreation program, including the hiring of a recreation director.

Later in the evening, at 7:30 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will hold a citizens' and merchants' meeting at the Black Mountain Library to discuss economic development.



Al Richardson

## Town Clerk Richardson will rely on his business experience

by Cynthia Reimer

"Running a town is like running your own business, on a bigger scale," said new Black Mountain town clerk, Albert Richardson. Richardson, a Black Mountain native and lifelong resident, has completed the first week in his new position, replacing Vinson Miller who resigned in January.

Richardson said he sees managing the town as "a tremendous challenge." "We have excellent people working for the town and an excellent town board," he added.

Richardson and his wife Betty own Richardson's Appliance and Paint in the WNC Shopping Center. His wife, he said, will manage the store in his absence.

For 10 years Richardson operated a Sears Catalogue Store in the same location.

"Being in business for myself for 12

years and handling all phases of the business would be my biggest asset," Richardson said.

Richardson is chairman of the ABC board here and a member of the First Baptist Sunday School. He and his wife have two children, Jeff, 18, and Melissa, 15. Melissa is a sophomore at Owen High School. Jeff will attend Appalachian State in the fall.

Richardson worked for ExCello Corporation for seven and a half years as a tool and gauge inspector, and for C.T.S. Corporation in Arden as a quality control supervisor. He has also been an agent for Allstate Insurance Company.

He is an Owen High School graduate, and attended Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, where his major courses were in human relations and industrial communications.

Richardson is Black Mountain's third town clerk since last July, when Ernest Hudgins resigned.

## Meeting to consider town's future

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a citywide meeting Monday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Mountain Library. Merchants, civic club members and citizens are invited to attend.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the future of downtown Black Mountain and to determine new goals to assist Black Mountain through a difficult economic period.

Those attending will have an opportunity to review such subjects as business enhancement, enticing new

business to Black Mountain, and parking, pedestrian and traffic situations.

The agenda will include a welcoming statement from Chamber President Bill White Jr. and Chamber chairman for the Merchants Promotion Committee Susan Garland. Kathy Wacaster will discuss Community Development's role in economic development and Wendell Begley, Chamber chairman of the Economic Development Committee will discuss the Chamber's current status in economic development.

Frances Berry community develop-

ment director of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council, will introduce the guest speaker, John Smalling from the Tennessee Valley Authority "Town Lift" program. Smalling will speak and show a slide presentation on the "Town Lift" program which the town and chamber are considering participating in.

Susan Garland said, "We encourage everyone interested to attend. We need input in order to organize for action."



March 1--high 49, low 24 degrees; .02 inches precipitation.

March 2--high 66, low 23 degrees.

March 3--high 60, low 33 degrees.

March 4--high 56, low 33 degrees.

March 5--high 70, low 33 degrees.

March 6--high 50, low 39 degrees; .04 inches precipitation.

March 7--high 44, low 34 degrees; .97 inches precipitation.

March 8--high 47, low 17 degrees.

Total precipitation for February was 5.38 inches; for 1982, 10.13 inches.



Phillip Brown, a Swannanoa woodcarver, recently completed this old-time mountain band carved from basswood. Brown, who learned his craft from Edsel Martin in Old Fort, said the large piece was designed on paper, cut out with a band saw, then carved with a pocket knife. The fiddler, banjo player and bass player took Brown about 45 hours to carve.

## District 8 champs

# Owen rolls over Brevard



With the sharp shooting ability of Owen's 6-11½ senior center Brad Daugherty, Owen toppled Brevard with a 77-69 victory March 3rd, to capture the 3-A District 8 championship March 3rd.

The game was close throughout the first half with Owen in the lead at the half time buzzer, 30-26. The Warhorses surged ahead in the second half and spurred to 54-44 lead.

The Brevard Blue Devils, 22-6, the Big Mac regular season champions, tried to make their comeback effort in the final quarter by scoring six unanswered points past the Owen defense. The effort came too late and the Blue Devils could never cut the margin to less than 6 points.

Owen forward Phil Groce was the leading scorer for the Warhorses with 20 points. He also pulled down 10 rebounds before fouling out with just five seconds remaining on the clock.

Daugherty had 11 assists, 19 rebounds, two steals and eighth blocked shots though he finished with only 17 points.

Keith Lanning, Keith Parker and Mike Gragg, all starters, also scored in the double figures for the Warhorses, with 15, 12 and 13 points, respectively. Mike Gragg also contributed an 8-for-9 performance from the line.

The Warhorses will be traveling to Hickory Friday, March 12 to go up against Shelby in the first round of the regional tournament. The game will be played at Hickory High School at 8:30 p.m.

## Circus parade Friday

The traditional parade of circus animals through the streets of Asheville is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, beginning at Depot and Lyman Streets where the animals will be unloaded from the circus train at 10:30.

The Ringling Brothers Barnum &

Bailey Circus animals will walk from Depot Street north on Clingman to Patton Avenue, east on Patton to Haywood Street and north on Haywood to the Civic Center where they will be housed during the circus.



IT & C Company, one of 27 Junior Achievement companies in Western North Carolina, silk-screened two of the trays they produce with the Presidential Seal for Representative Bill Hendon to present to President Reagan. Presenting the trays to Hendon Monday morning were (left) Tim Middleton, IT & C president, and Tim Clubb, vice president, both from Swannanoa. The company is sponsored by Tandy and Chemtronics.