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An electrical storm last week left Don Allison with a lasting memento of the forces of nature.

Lightning art

During a thunderstorm last Tuesday, a bolt of lightning followed an underground wire and erupted through a piece of tin at the home of Don Allison on West Buckeye Cove Road in Swannanoa.

The lightning sculptured a perfectly round hole in the tin with the edges cut and peeled back like flower petals.

One edge of the tin was held down by the wheel of a heavy riding lawnmower. Had it not been, Allison feels sure it

would have been "blown sky high."

The underground wire, once an electrical cable, had been cut at both ends quite awhile ago and ran only a short distance.

The storm knocked out the telephone, furnace and all electricity at the house.

"It's the work of the Lord with no tools," Allison said of his lightning sculpture. He plans to paint it and hang it on the wall of his livingroom.

Plane crash kills pilot

A 33-year old Black Mountain man, Sandy Hudson III, was killed Sunday when his 24-foot wood and cloth plane stalled and crashed.

The plane was built by Hudson's father, Sanders V. Hudson Jr., of North Fork Road, Black Mountain.

Hudson disappeared behind a row of trees before a crowd of 500 at the spring meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association of the Carolinas and Virginia at the Statesville Airport. The plane burst into flames before the unconscious Hudson could be pulled from the wreck.

About 250 aircraft builders showed planes at the meeting.

Born in Durham, he lived in Black Mountain from 1953 to 1972 when he moved to Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife Linda Jones Hudson, formerly of Swannanoa, now of Winston-Salem.

Hudson was a graduate of Owen High School. He held a bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in business administra-

tion from Appalachian State.

He was employed as the city secretary of Winston-Salem.

Hudson served in the National Guard for six years.

He was the only son of Sanders Vance

Hudson Jr. and Hilda O'Neal Hudson.

Friends were received at the Miller Funeral Home Tuesday night. Services were held in Winston-Salem on Wednesday morning. Burial will be in Black Mountain.



Sandy Hudson III

Planning board urges mobile home parks in town limits

by Bill Anthony

The Black Mountain Town Planning Board surfaced last week its solution to the controversy on whether to allow mobile homes inside the town limits: restrict them to mobile home parks, with a number of exceptions.

The planners had called their April 27 meeting especially to consider how to treat mobile homes in the town's new zoning ordinance. Although the public had been invited, only a handful of spectators attended.

Meanwhile, the Board had before it a draft section to the ordinance which contained the following: "Mobile homes shall be permitted in the Town of Black Mountain only in mobile home parks." From the subsequent discussion that essentially will be the planners' presentation to the Board of Aldermen.

The parks would be limited to three

acres. Utilities would be underground. Three or more homes on a parcel of land would constitute a park.

In the draft ordinance there are exceptions to restricting mobile homes to parks. For example, one year permits could be issued for mobile homes on the same lot as an existing single-family dwelling if the mobile home occupants are either related to the single-family dwelling occupants or are engaged in "direct custodial responsibility." An accompanying doctor's certificate must show that age or poor health require the custodial relationship.

Other exceptions include temporary residence by the owner on a lot where a home is being constructed, or where a one-family dwelling has been rendered temporarily uninhabitable.

Just where mobile home parks would be located in the town limits is not mentioned in the draft ordinance.

Flea market planned for Sourwood Fest

The newest and biggest addition to this year's Sourwood Festival, sponsored by the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce, will be the first Sourwood Specialty Flea Market.

The flea market will be restricted to organizations, clubs, churches and institutions. It will be held Friday and Saturday of the festival week, which runs from August 4-8.

The hours of operations will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The late closing hours has spurred local merchants to remain open and sponsor sales on these two nights.

Interested groups are requested to contact the Chamber at 669-2300 to reserve space.



Gordon Greenwood

Greenwood to seek record 9th term

by Cynthia Reimer

Black Mountain business man Randy Pinder was unanimously elected to a vacancy on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in the only official action the group took at Tuesday morning's meeting.

Pinder fills a spot left by the resignation of Frank Rosen.

Mike Sobol reported to the group on the successful membership drive his committee has been conducting. When it is over this week, 16-18 new member businesses are expected. The new members will be included in the 10,000 copies of a four-page brochure the

Gordon H. Greenwood of Black Mountain has announced that he will seek a ninth term in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Should he win he will set a new record for the number of terms served in the N.C. House by a resident of Buncombe County. He is now fourth in the house from point of service.

A graduate of Barnardsville High School, Biltmore College and the University of Illinois, he also attended the University of London.

Always a strong supporter of education, Greenwood sponsored the legislation in the house that established a state-wide system of community colleges and technical institutes. He served as co-chairman of the committee that studied the drop-out problem in North Carolina.

Earlier this month he appeared before a committee on education and labor in Washington and won approval of funds to study the exceptional child in North Carolina.

Greenwood has been appointed by Governor Hunt to represent North Carolina at the Southern Regional Education Board's annual Legislative Work Conference in Baltimore in late June.

Greenwood and his wife Garnet live on Portman Villa Road. They formerly published the Black Mountain News. He is a member of Methodist Church, the Lions Club, the Masonic Order, the Moose and the veterans organizations.

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Pinder named to Chamber of Commerce board vacancy

Chamber will have ready for distribution this summer.

The Chamber will plant 44 dogwood and sourwood trees between the railroad track and the I-40 interchange on Highway 9, Wendell Begley announced for the Economic Development Committee. The cost of the trees, about \$660, will be covered by the sale of town-owned parking meters last fall.

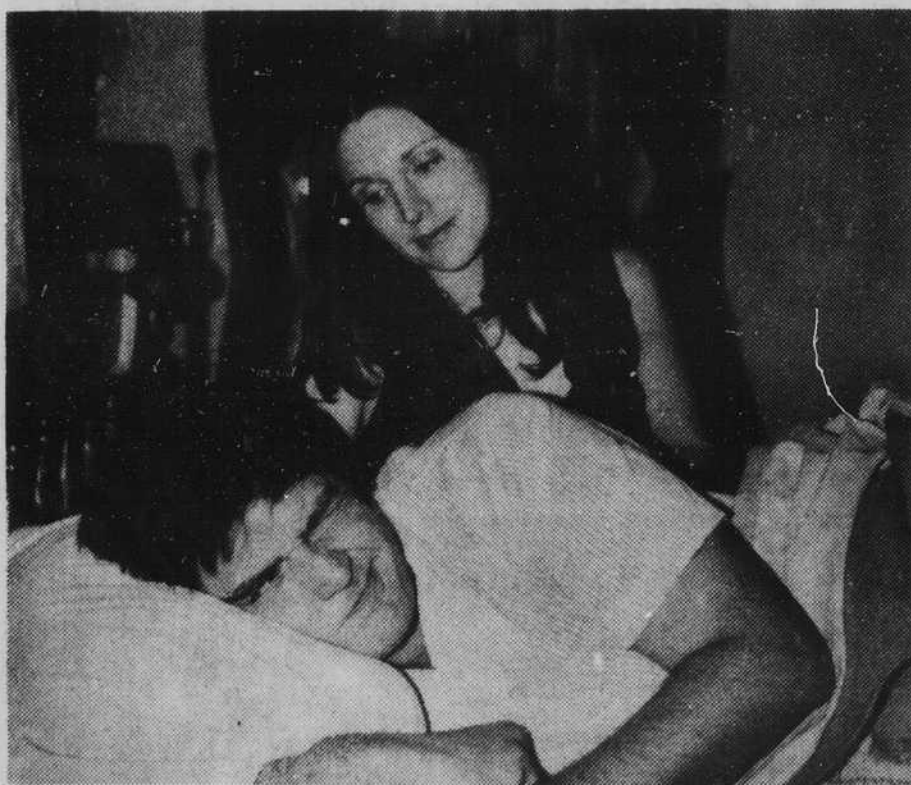
Begley also said the Economic Development Committee has presented Irvin-Fuller with a package of information about the area in hopes they will choose to locate a movie theatre here.

Black and gold will remain the official colors for the Sourwood Festival this

year, George Venturella said. The Sourwood Festival Committee is working on a theme for the festival, he said, and is "open to suggestions."

Chamber President Bill White Jr. commended recent improvements at the golf course. Carl Bartlett announced a workday at the golf course Friday, followed by a fish fry. Anyone who would like to help is invited to come to the golf course between noon and 5 p.m., Bartlett said.

Secretary Ed Weber said town crews were at work on tennis court maintenance and improvements.



"Wedding Bell Blues," three humorous glimpses at the trials and tribulations of love and marriage, will be performed by Cal and Robin Grosshuesch May 29.

Dinner theater to feature 'Wedding Bell Blues.'

A dinner theater featuring home cooked food, served in a southern-style buffet, and three comical views of love and marriage will be presented for the benefit of The Old Depot Association Saturday, May 29 in the Lake Tomahawk Clubhouse. Proceeds from this fund raising event will be used to provide community arts programs for residents of the Swannanoa Valley without charge during the remainder of 1982.

Tickets, on sale at The Old Depot, are \$10.95. Groups wishing to be seated together should indicate this at the time of ticket purchase. Only advanced tickets will be sold.

Gingham will set the country mood in decorations. Dinner music will be provided by a pianist. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the drama will begin at 8 p.m.

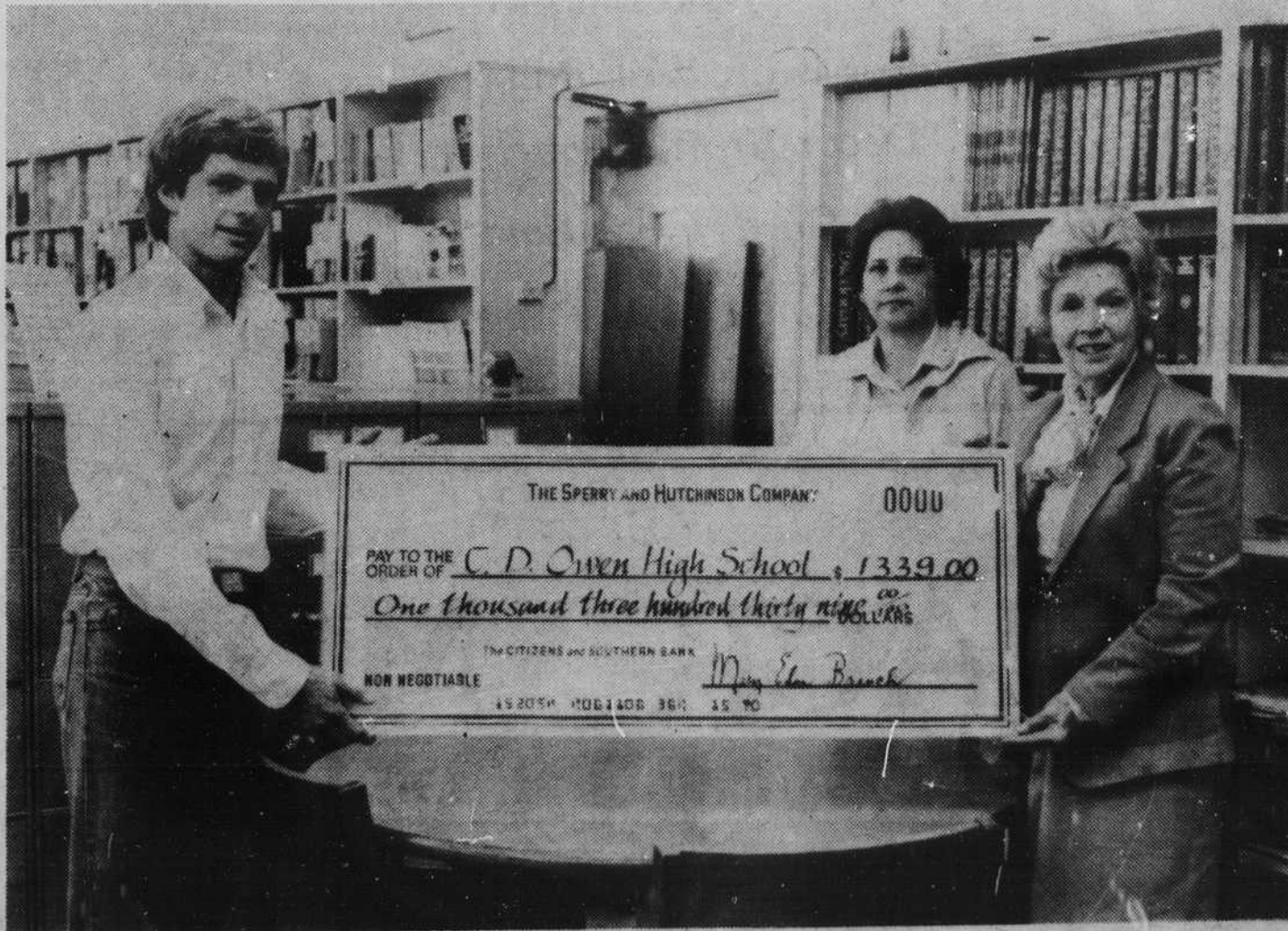
Robin and Cal Grosshuesch, profes-

sional actors who recently moved to Asheville from Chicago, will perform two scenes from "Lovers and Other Strangers" by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna and a scene from "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon.

The program, which they call "Wedding Bell Blues," takes a humorous look at marriages in three different stages.

Both are seasoned performers. Cal has had lead roles in "Chapter Two," "The Odd Couple," "Fourposter," "Dracula," "Rip Van Winkle," and "Funny Girl." Robin has had leading roles in "Tom Jones," "Our Town," "Lovers and Other Strangers," and "The Merchant of Venice."

Several weeks ago they appeared at a dinner theater in Asheville and received a favorable review from the Asheville-Citizen reviewer who attended the performance.



Owen Student Council sponsored a stamp drive this spring that netted them \$1,339 worth of Green Stamps. The money will be used to purchase park benches for the campus for the school cafeteria. Kirk Brooks, drive chairman, accepted a check last week from Mary Edna Branch, regional consumer relations manager from Atlanta, while Gail McKinny, area manager of the Asheville Green Stamp Center looked on.