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## Mom and Pop and the kids . . .



Nothing to brood about--on sparkling Lake Tomahawk last week as Mama Duck and her fledgling crew patrolled the waters. They shared their afternoon on the lake with a couple of fishermen, joggers, cyclists, picnickers and a cracker-crumb-equipped photographer. [Photo by Trina O'Donnell]

## John Templeton graduation speaker at Warren Wilson



Julie Woodcock

John Marks Templeton, successful manager of three mutual funds with assets of \$1.4 billion and organizer of the \$200,000 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, will give the commencement address at the Warren Wilson College graduation, set for Saturday, May 22, at 10 a.m. in the college chapel.

Over the past 25 years, his Templeton Growth Fund has outgained every other mutual fund in the U.S. and abroad. An investment of \$10,000 in this fund in 1954 would have been worth \$374,000 in 1981, assuming reinvestment of all dividends and

distributions. This increase far outstrips the 23 percent increase in the cost of living during the same period.

As a first-year student at Yale, Templeton saw the Great Depression erode his family's assets, which forced him to take jobs and work hard academically to qualify for scholarships. Templeton looks at that experience as having caused him "to develop God-given talents that I might otherwise have neglected." Templeton earned a degree in law as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

The 1982 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion winner is Dr.

## Community Development Program receives award

The Black Mountain Community Development Program received the Griffin Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to historic preservation by the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County. The award was presented at the annual ball held Saturday night at the Federal Building.

Many homes have been rehabilitated in the Black Mountain Community Development Program.

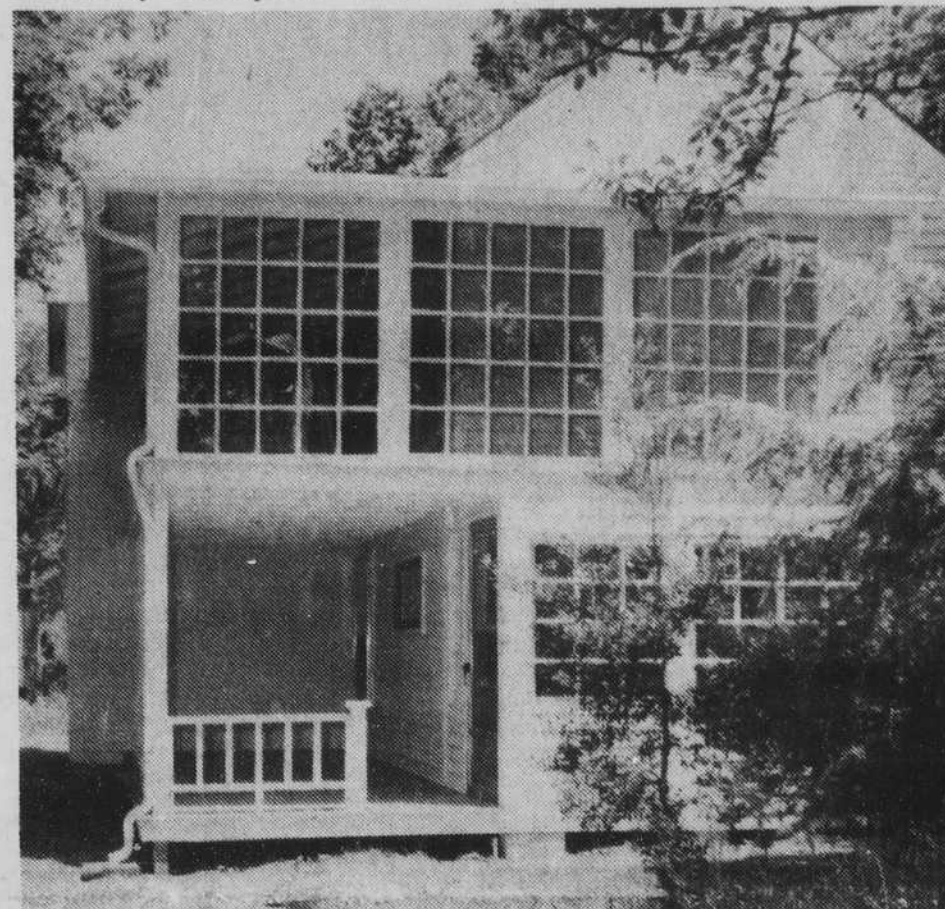
Black Mountain Community Development Program received the award for the rehabilitation of the 19th century home owned by Juanita Bishop in the Flat Creek area.

The preservation of the Bishop house began when the North Carolina Department of Archives and History indicated the characteristics of the house that were to be preserved.

Serious deterioration of the chimney roof and windows necessitated new construction, done by C & D Construction Company. The basic form of the home and its porches was preserved.

Community Development Director

Kathy Wacaster said owners of older homes in the community are urged to contact the Community Development office at 669-6437 or Doug Swain at the Division of Archives and History for technical assistance in restoration.



Before and after...Black Mountain Community Development received the Griffin Award for restoration of the Bishop home in Flat Creek. [More photos on page 2.]

## Division President Brett visits Kearfott

John J. Brett, division president of Singer-Kearfott, and his staff toured the newly expanded and refurbished plant on U.S. 70 in Black Mountain Monday.

The tour was part of a staff and planning meeting for the Kearfott Division of the Singer Company. The Black Mountain plant, headed by Walter Mead, plant director, was host for the meeting held Monday through Thursday in Asheville.

Mr. Brett and his staff will spend several days in in-depth discussion on the division's health and growth and will plan business strategy for handling it.

The Black Mountain plant supplies products which go into military navigation equipment and secure communications terminals.

The plant was originally built in 1955. During the past eight years, it has had a sustained growth period.

The Black Mountain plant employs over 700 people.

The Singer Company is a world-wide corporation providing sewing machine products for the consumer and sewing industry, consumer products in automobiles, appliances, and furniture, as well as systems and components for the military.



John O'Connor, Singer-Kearfott Manufacturing manager, led President John Brett and others on a tour of the Black Mountain plant Monday.

## Academic honors for 7th grader

Julie Kearns Woodcock of Black Mountain was one of 605 North Carolina seventh graders who obtained Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores equal to those of college bound high school seniors. Julie was honored in a May 16 ceremony at Duke University.

The students took the college-level SAT last January as participants in Duke's Talent Identification Program (TIP), which seeks to identify bright seventh-graders or 12-year-olds and direct them toward programs for the gifted and talented.

The talent search involved over 18,000 students and covered 16 southern and midwestern states this year, said Dr. Robert N. Sawyer, TIP director. The students had to score at least 500 out of 800 points on the mathematics portion of the SAT (450 for girls), or 430 out of 800 points on the verbal portion or 52 out of 60 points on the Test of Standard Written English.

All participants received certificates of recognition for their achievement, Sawyer said. Several participants also received scholarship and book awards.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Woodcock. She is a student at Black Mountain Middle School.

## Hiker headed for Pacific Trail

by Cynthia Reimer

Some people retire to putter around the garden and take life easy. Some leave the rat race to play golf.

Julian Maddox of Old Lakey Gap Road retired to walk.

The tall, trim septuagenarian took a leave of absence from his job as a real estate broker in Asheville in 1973 to hike to 2,035 mile Appalachian Trail.

"When I got back, I had changed," Maddox said. Instead of returning to his desk, he opted for early retirement.

In the years since then, Maddox has traveled many miles on shorter trails and has completed more than half of the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,550 path from British Columbia to Mexico.

Maddox took his first overnight backpacking trip 15 or 16 years ago with an army duffle bag swung over his back, and his World War II Army-issue sleeping bag, accompanied by veteran hiker Art Loeb of the Carolina Mountain Club. The pair walked from Turkey Pin Gap to the Pisgah Lodge on the Parkway, down to Pink Beds.

It was only a two-day trip, but Maddox was sold.

He read a book by long-time friend Ed Garvey, "Appalachian Hiker, Experience of a Lifetime," which planted the seed of a long-distance hike.

"By 1973, I was ready to go. I was going to give it a try," Maddox said. "I didn't know if I could do it or not."

He could, and he did.

"It is one of the most gratifying things I've done in my life," he said. With grades up to 35 and 40

percent, Maddox found the going difficult at times. He began April 14 in Georgia and finished in Maine on Oct. 18, averaging just over 14 miles a day in the 140 days he walked.

"I can't put into words what happened to me," Maddox said. "The people you meet, you're in accord with each other, you're in accord with nature. You forget the economics of life and enjoy the esthetic."

Maddox has three grown children. Although he took them on hikes when



This photo of Julian Maddox was taken by the Siskiyou Daily News in Yreka, Calif. when he passed through on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Billy Graham. Sister Teresa of Calcutta was the first winner of the award in 1973. Six years later she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

He currently resides in Nassau in the Bahamas in a neoclassical villa, which he and his wife styled after the southern mansions he recalls from his boyhood in Tennessee.

His latest book, "The Humble Approach," challenges the view that religion has been outmoded by the scientific age or that natural science is closed to theological possibilities.

they were children, "none of them got the bug like me," he said. "They put up with it, but they do I'm sure wonder why sometimes."

Maddox plans to return in July to the Pacific Crest Trail where he left it last September at Donner Pass, Calif. in the Sierra Mountains, hiking toward Mexico. He has been walking the trail for the past three years and believes he can complete it in the next two.

Less steep grades make this trail a little easier hiking, he said, but other hazards exist. On Sept. 15, 1978 in Washington at 7,600 feet, Maddox had an experience that nearly ended in tragedy.

To avoid wind gusts up to 45 miles per hour, Maddox left the exposed ridge trail for a lesser trail which seemed to offer more protection. After walking less than a mile, he found himself faced with crossing a 250-foot glacier.

"I had no crampons, no ice ax," Maddox said, "so I sat down, facing downhill. I'd dig in with my heels and scoot a few inches sideways." He also used his metal packframe to dig into the ice behind him.

Within 50 feet of the far side, he hit a slick spot and found himself sliding down the glacier on his stomach, rapidly picking up speed.

"I thought, this is the end of the line for you, Mr. Maddox," he said. He doesn't know how fast or how far he went, but a rock imbedded in the ice offered him a handhold and finally saved him.

Using other rocks as handholds, he

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