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Grant demands far exceed funds in N.C.

It's a classic case of demand outstripping supply, North Carolina officials say of the \$155 million in requests for \$46 million available for block grants for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Black Mountain is one of the 257 local governments applying for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program funds. The town has applied for \$750,000 for community revitalization.

Joseph W. Grimsley, secretary of the state Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, administrator of the block grant program, said

that the large number of applications for the federal funds points out the "great needs our municipalities and counties have to make improvements in their communities."

"Despite the fact that we have the largest state small cities program in the nation, the amount of available funds will not come close to meeting the needs identified by the local governments," Grimsley added.

Grimsley said his department will now begin the process of reviewing the applications to determine which projects will be funded, and at what level.

"We have developed a competitive rating system for all applications which includes consideration of the percentage of benefits to low and moderate-income people, the severity and pro-

posed treatment of identified community needs, the project's financial design and the utilization of other public and private funds for project activities," the secretary noted.

The block grant program was designed in cooperation with local government leaders and was approved by the North Carolina General Assembly in June.

Changes in federal legislation enacted by the 1981 Congress gave North Carolina the option of assuming administration of the program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

All local governments of small towns were eligible to apply for a maximum of \$750,000 in the four program categories of community revitalization, economic development, development planning and urgent needs.

The development planning category is a new concept and Grimsley believes it will especially benefit small communities with no previous experience in applying for federal funds.

The federal government last year received 167 applications for about \$100 million, in comparison with the 257 applications for over \$155 million for this fiscal year.

Grant awards will be announced by Governor Jim Hunt in October.

Warhorses open season against Erwin at home Friday

Owen Warhorses will open the season with a home game Aug. 27. The Warhorses will be pitted against Erwin High School in one of the season's most important games, and assistant Principal Fred Ivey expects a standing room only crowd of fans to attend.

Ticket prices for Owen games are \$3 for adults and \$2 for pre-sold student tickets (student tickets only). Reserved seats, "prime seats in the home stands," according to Ivey, are available from the Big O Club. Purchasers receive tickets for five games at the

price of four and a \$15 membership in the Big O Club. Besides reserved seats, these ticket holders get reserved parking for every Owen home game.

Ivey expects both the first home games to be sell-outs and advises fans to arrive early to avoid waiting in long lines for their tickets.

Concessions run by the Band Boosters Club will provide coffee, soft drinks, hot chocolate and hot dogs.

Parking is available in the school parking lot and at the Juvenile Evaluation Center across the street.



Students at Black Mountain Primary are trying out the first salad bar in a Buncombe County primary school. Teachers say the students enjoy the crunchy vegies--on the first day of school 80 children chose to eat salad; on the second day the number was up to 135.

Soccer players register

Girls and boys ages six to 13 should register Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Juvenile Evaluation Center ball field for the Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer Program.

Ages six through nine should be at the field at 9 a.m. Ages 10 through 13 should report at 10 a.m.

For additional information call Black Mountain Recreation office at 669-2052 or George Venturella at 669-6331.

Street dance final for season

The last street dance of the season will be held on Cherry Street this Saturday. Carolina Bluegrass will play and the Spivey Mountain Cloggers will lead the dancing.

Smyrna will play from 7-8 p.m., followed by the street dance from 8-11 p.m.

The dance is sponsored by the Music Shop.

Chamber official assesses term

by Cynthia Reimer

Ed Weber, executive director of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce, will wind up nearly 12 years of service at the end of this month.

Among accomplishments over the years, Weber lists:

An increase in membership from 100 to 180 businesses.

A 400 percent increase in dues collected.

Doubling the annual allotment from Buncombe County and obtaining allotments from the Town of Black Mountain and Montreat.

Obtaining matching funds for the printing of brochures and a full sized magazine on the Valley.

Christmas decorations on Swannanoa streets and the floating Christmas tree at Lake Tomahawk.

Creation of a very active Economic Development Committee of the Chamber in January, 1982.

The TVA Townlift project, now under way to make improvements in the town.

An annual Sourwood Festival on the streets of Black Mountain.

Initiation of the idea of a railroad to Mt. Mitchell.

Weber expressed regrets that the Chamber had tabled plans for construction of a Chamber of Commerce building. "To me it represented a step backward," he said.

As to the future of the Chamber, Weber reports "mixed emotions." "Definite action must be taken to include Swannanoa and Montreat into Chamber plans and programs," he said. "It cannot continue to collect dues and allocations from these areas and not reciprocate."

If this action is not taken, Weber said he fears a merchants' group could spring up in Swannanoa which would "greatly affect the income and scope of operations of the Chamber."

Weber said he will recommend a full time executive director be appointed by the Chamber, plus part time secretarial help. "One of the most controversial situations I dealt with was the require-

ment that I be in two places at virtually the same time," he said.

Weber believes the area needs a strong and active Chamber of Commerce and he believes every business should be a strongly supportive member.

"If the Chamber is merely collecting

dues and puts out a brochure and does not fulfill its role in the community, then the businesses are way ahead if they buy jelly beans with their dues dollars and give them to their customers," Weber said. "Either you have a Chamber, or you just have a 'drop-in' office."

Shakespeare at the lake Sunday

by Priscilla Hopkins

The third and final Sunday in the Park will be held at Lake Tomahawk from 4-6:30 p.m. this Sunday, Aug. 29. At the invitation of The Old Depot Association, The Montford Players—under the very capable direction of Hazel Robinson—will perform the Shakespearean comedy "As You Like It."

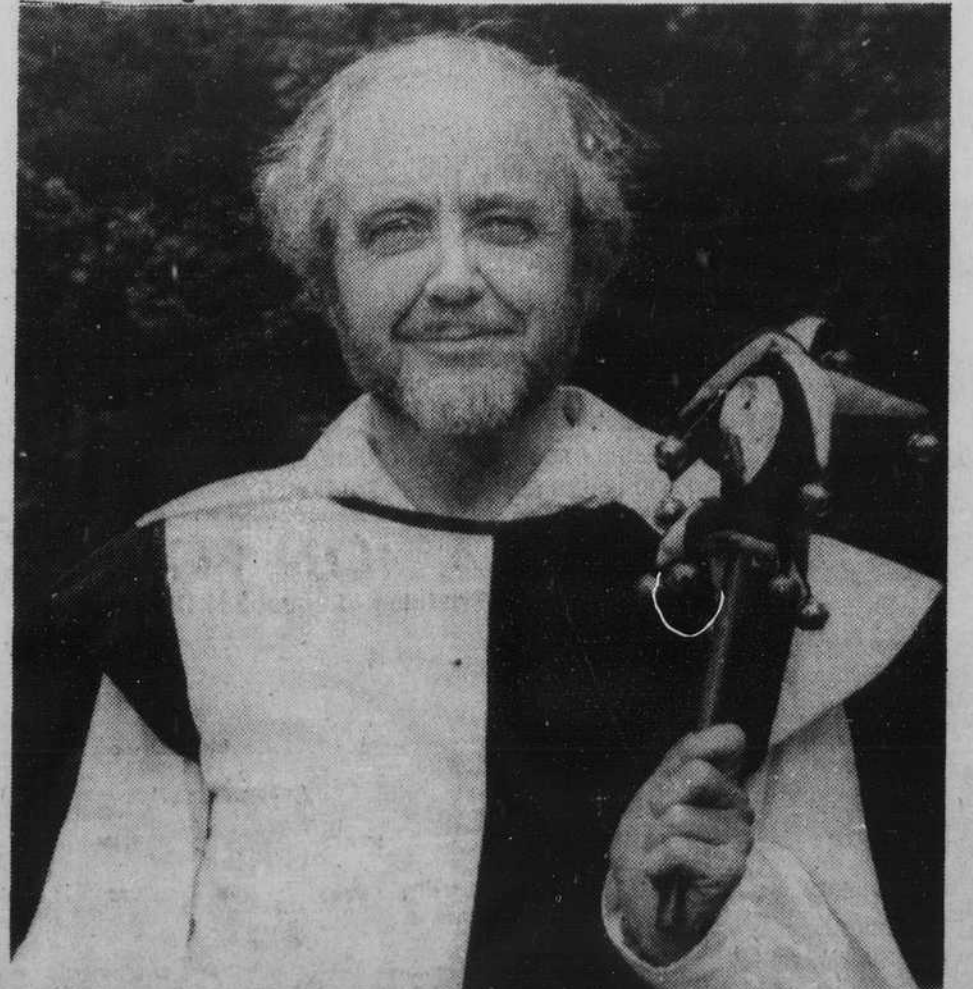
One of the later comedies, this play was first produced c. 1599, but as in many other instances, Shakespeare borrowed freely from earlier works for his plot line. The work "Rosalynde" by Thomas Lodge had appeared nearly 100 years prior to the appearance of "As You Like It" in which the heroine bears the title name but re-spelled "Rosalind."

Like his earlier comedies, females in masculine disguise resulting in mistaken identities that create amusing situations figure prominently in the plot. And, like many of his other comedies, the ending is predictably tidy with everyone marrying the object of his or her affection after all the confusion is happily resolved.

But this particular play has several things to recommend it above some of the other comedies. The role of Rosalind is generally regarded as one of the best feminine characters that Shakespeare created and is one of the most challenging for an actress to portray. In addition songs such as "Under the Greenwood Tree," "Blow, blow thou winter wind," and "It was a Lover and

his Lass" are critically acknowledged as having the best lyrics that he wrote.

In case of rain, the play will be performed in the clubhouse. There is no admission charge.



Bill Underwood will appear as Shakespeare's famous fool, Touchstone, in the Montford Park Players production of "As You Like It."

OWEN HIGH WARRHORSES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 27 Erwin Home	Oct. 1 Mitchell Home
Sept. 5 McDowell Home	8 West Henderson Home
10 T.C. Roberson Away	15 Madison Away
17 A.C. Reynolds Away	22 North Buncombe Away
24 Heritage Home	Nov. 5 Hendersonville Home

Yard sale signs must be removed

Once a temporary sign has served its purpose, its owner is breaking the law if it's not taken down. Gus Manis, Black Mountain building and zoning administrator, said the ordinance is going to be enforced and fines levied.

The ordinance states that temporary signs, such as yard sale, political, advertising and commercial signs, must be removed within 10 days of the end of the event.

Other laws governing signs in the town limits include:

Portable signs must be set back 10

feet from the pavement. Flashing devices and intermittent lights of changing brightness are prohibited.

Permanent signs posted on utility poles, trees, fences and rocks are prohibited.

Manis said violators will be issued a warning notice the first time and a citation the second time. Failure to comply will be a misdemeanor, liable to a fine.

The existing ordinance is similar to the new ordinance the Planning Board has under study.

News office closed Sept. 3

The Black Mountain News will be closed Friday, Sept. 3 for a Labor Day holiday. The News office will be open on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.

Deadlines for news and advertising will remain as usual, news due by 5 p.m. Monday and advertising due by noon Tuesday. No news can be accepted after the 5 p.m. deadline unless arrangements are made ahead of time with the editor.

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Special pull-out section with the fall schedule for recreation in Black Mountain including



Tennis Volleyball Hiking Yoga
Basketball Canoeing
Aerobics Martial Arts and more

Life. Be it.