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The martial arts come to the Valley . . .

Karate, anyone . . . ?

by Maggie Palmer Lauterer

If you think that the martial arts are for bullies and the aggressive types you're wrong.

"The art," says Black Belt Steve Bynum of Black Mountain, "teaches self-discipline, self-motivation, pride in oneself, and respect for others and their property."

By strange coincidence, two schools of karate opened about the same time in Black Mountain. Bob Antozzi, recreation director for the town, says, "I looked around and didn't see any karate being taught here, so I thought it would be a good service of the rec department." And so, for one of the fall

offerings of the rec department, Antozzi hired Mike Logan, Black Belt in Tai Kwan Do to teach the rec's classes.

At the same time, Steve Bynum black belt in Tai Kwan Do, (a Korean karate school) and Shudo-Kan and Okinawa Shorinryu, (two Japanese schools of the martial arts,) decided to open a school of karate in Black Mountain. He is also presently teaching karate at the Montford Recreational Center and Livingston Rec Center of Asheville.

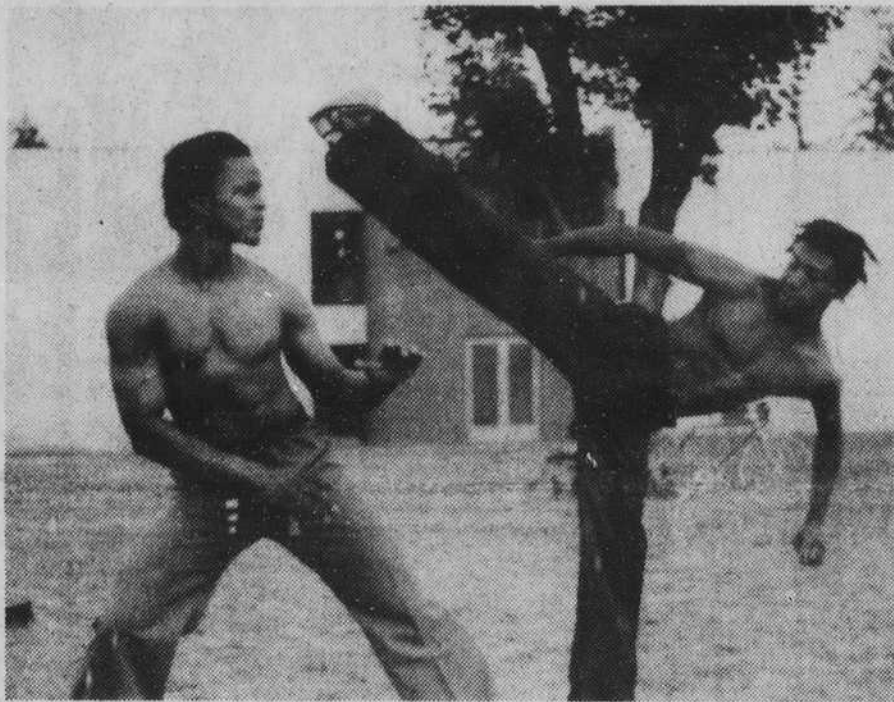
Bynum emphasizes that "Karate is not for just young people and teenagers, but older adults as well.

"For ladies, it's equivalent to slimnastics, jazzercise, or yoga. For men,

it's equivalent to jogging, weight lifting, or any other physical fitness program. And it can be a family activity." Bynum says that even his fifteen-month-old boy is trying the high kicks.

The black belts insists that the martial arts can be for anybody. "You don't have to be a muscular person - it can be anybody," says Bynum. "To play basketball, you have to be tall and make a pretty show. To play football, you must be big, and to be a weight lifter, you have to have big muscles. In Karate, you just have to be yourself and try your best."

For the rec's classes, call Bob Antozzi, 669-2052.



Practicing kicks and defense, Mike Logan, right, and Steve Bynum, left with kicking student, bring the martial arts to the Valley.

Logan is teaching through the Rec. Dept. and Bynum is teaching on Montreat Road.

(jock lauterer photo, right)



Sammons lays 65 miles of TV cable

by Priscilla Hopkins

Sammons Communication, Inc., one of the oldest cable systems in N.C., is in the process of nearly doubling the number of miles of cable it has in service in the Eastern section of Buncombe County. Sixty-five miles of cable are being strung by Southern Cablevision Construction, Inc., in the Swannanoa, Riceville and Oteen sections of Buncombe County.

Ed Hollifield, the owner of the cablevision concern, and his crew are currently working off Farm School Road in the Swannanoa area. Using a truck equipped with a "cherry picker," a three-wheeled all-terrain cycle (ATC) that does not damage lawns or pastures and lots of leg power to climb poles, he and his crew are stringing cable five days a week, attaching their lines to existing power poles with permission from the Buncombe County Commissioners and the utility companies. He graduated from Haywood Tech and served his "apprenticeship" working for other cablevision companies before going into business for himself three and a half years ago. He and his crew all live in the Swannanoa Valley.

His wife, Melinda, runs the office end of the business and on occasion works in the field stringing cable with the crew, who, she says, are also friends as well

as employees of her husband. "The guys are all great employees and work well together."

A concern that she voiced is that sometimes motorists do not heed the warning signs or cones set in the roadway when the crew is working near a street or road. Also, their hand signals to slow or stop are often ignored. When the crew is stringing the 1/4" suspension cable across the road, it is nearly invisible to the eye of the passing motorist, but if the slow down or stop signal goes unheeded, the motorist risks running across the cable as it lays on the ground and because it is made of such tension steel, it can recoil with sufficient force to yank a worker off a pole, injuring or even killing him. There is also the very real danger of the cable recoiling against a high voltage power line and electrocuting the motorist if the part of the cable is also touching his vehicle.

When the installation is completed, the Sammons company anticipates that it will have 5,500 subscribers in East

Buncombe County according to John Howell, Manager of the company in Buncombe and neighboring counties. The company is currently serving 2,500 customers in Black Mountain, Swannanoa and Montreat along 70 miles of cable.

Several services are available from the film. With initial cable hook-up, the customer will be able to get ABC, CBS, NBC and PBS as well as several independent stations from neighboring states and C-Span (Congress in Session), ESPN (24 hr. sports coverage) and time, temperature and the latest UPI news on Channel 5.

For additional fees, Cinemax (which provides 24 hrs. of a variety of motion pictures) and Home Box Office (HBO) (which provides 24 hrs. of sports, movies and specials) are available.

Contact Sammons Communications, Inc., (often confused with Southern Cablevision, Inc.), for further details or to subscribe by calling their Black Mountain office located at 101 Cherry Street at 669-2609.

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One of Claudia McGraw's aprons

Two managers charged

by Priscilla Hopkins

Dorvan Farmer, a former manager of Hardee's of Black Mountain, was suspended from his duties on Sept. 4, 1982, when Henry Underwood, District Manager of the fast food chain based in Rocky Mount, N.C. filed a formal complaint with Inspector Jim Dolan of the Black Mountain Police Department alleging that Farmer had embezzled more than \$5000 from the company, according to police records. Dolan was assisted in the ensuing investigation by Investigator Ken Ingles of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department.

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When first confronted by company officials, Farmer denied involvement and offered to take a polygraph test to establish his innocence the complaint

said. However, at a later date, Farmer admitted to Mr. Bob Baker, a vice president of Hardee's, that he had taken the money and was willing to repay the money taken if the company would promise not to prosecute, the complaint continued. It was on this date that the company decided to dismiss Farmer. A warrant was issued and Farmer was held in the Buncombe County jail until a \$2000 bond was posted. A pre-trial hearing was held in a magistrate's court on Sept. 7 during which a Sept. 21 date was set for the hearing to show cause. Farmer was then released with bond being continued, records show.

The trial was held on Sept. 21 in District 2 Criminal Court. Although Farmer has previously waived his right to an attorney, one did represent him on that date. Underwood appeared as the prosecution witness again stating the facts set forth in the complaint signed by him and on the basis of which a warrant had been issued. The defense attorney indicated that his client was willing to plead guilty to the lesser charge of larceny and make restitution of the embezzled funds. The district attorney and Underwood agreed to this offer.

Before sentencing took place, the defense attorney pointed out to Judge Peter Roda that his client was thirty-four years old and had no record of previous criminal charges. He said that Farmer was deeply in debt, even having had his car repossessed, and this

situation, not greed, was the motive for the theft. He also told the court that the job his client now had to support his family required that he work odd hours both during the day and night and asked that this be taken into account as sentence was passed.

Judge Roda said that he did not feel that restitution of the money was sufficient punishment and sentenced Farmer to one year. He suspended that and instead gave him a ten day active sentence and a three year probationary period. The conditions of probation are that: Farmer remain gainfully employed, support his lawful dependents and not appear on any premises owned by Hardee's.

Farmer's last known address was Alexander, N.C.

An alleged second embezzlement has been brought to the attention of Inspector Dolan. On Sept. 21, Terry Lee Jones of 108 Sherwood Drive, Asheville, former manager of the Family Dollar Store in Black Mountain, was charged with taking both cash and stock from the company. Dolan read Jones his rights and after he waived them, admitted that he had taken more than \$3000 from his employers, according to police. Jones, 21, told Dolan that he was to be married and needed the money to buy a wedding ring and clothes said police. He has been arraigned and released on his own recognizance. The probable cause hearing is set for two weeks from that date in the county courthouse.

Her aprons are a local landmark

by Priscilla Hopkins

Mrs. Claudia McGraw and the original, one of a kind aprons she has been making for more than half a century have a lot in common: both appear to be delicate and dainty, but wear like iron. Mrs. McGraw will be 92 in February and attributes her longevity to "being up early and staying up late and doing a lot of hard work in between."

Mrs. McGraw was born on the Egar

property off Highway 9 and has lived most of her life in the community doing several interesting things before devoting most of her time to the making of aprons.

At the tender age of twenty, she was the manager of the Black Mountain Hotel that was located on Blue Ridge Road. She substituted at the Black Mountain High School when Mr. Shurford was first there for the home economics teacher and while doing that,

started the first public school lunchroom in Buncombe County. During WW II, she ran the dining hall for German and Japanese Americans who were interned at Montreat College.

She married in 1910 and when her husband was skinned by his business partners, she decided to pitch in and help by running a boarding house for a summer season in Hendersonville. The couple owned property in Black Mountain.

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