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Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9157 presented a plaque to Owen High School Principal Charles Lytle honoring area men who died in the Vietnam War.

Nine Vietnam victims honored in Veteran's Day ceremony

by Cynthia Reimer

Nine former Owen High School students killed in Vietnam were honored on Veteran's Day last Thursday in a ceremony held in the school lobby. A plaque donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 0157 of Black Mountain will hang in the school to remind students of those who lost their lives in that war.

The audience found it impossible to hold back tears as Marshall Blankenship told of his friendship with seven of the nine servicemen and his determination to see that they were remembered.

Blankenship spoke of the turmoil of the 1960s and the unpopularity of the Vietnam War. "We served our coun-

try," the veteran continued, "and we're proud of it."

John William Hansard III,
CPL USMC 1949-68
Jerry Bruce Harris,
USA SP4 1948-66
Ronald Lynn Hurst
PFC USA 1949-68
Wesley Eugene Melton,
USA PFC 1950-70
Bruce Clinton Elkins,
SGT 1948-70
Billy Gray Stewart,
USA PFC 1948-68
James Onley Weaver,
CPL USMC 1949-68
Donald Woodson Wright,
Capt. USMC 1939-69
Herbert Coleman Wright
Jr. L-CPL USMC 1948-67

Blankenship approached the VFW post for assistance in honoring the families of Bruce Elkins, John Hansard, Jerry Harris, Ronald Hurst, Wesley Melton, Billy Stewart, James Weaver, Donald Wright and Herbert Wright. The post, headed by Marshall's brother J.W., voted unanimously to have a plaque made and dedicated on Veteran's Day.

Owen Principal Charles Lytle enthusiastically accepted the plaque for the school.

"This ceremony brings back the grief and the pain" that these families felt, Lytle said. "It is a national disgrace that this country has tried to ignore the trauma. This will remind Owen students of the sacrifices these men made to defend their country."

Lytle concluded his remarks with a quote from the Bible: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The Rev. Groce Robinson concluded the service with a prayer.

Hometown Christmas festivities planned

"Tis the season to be jolly..." so the Merchants Committee of the Black Mountain Swannanoa Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Board are planning to celebrate this year's holiday season in a special way. An Old Fashioned Hometown Christmas is the theme the Chamber has chosen and they ask that the community help make this Christmas a special one.

Activities planned include An Old Fashioned Christmas parade, Christmas caroling, special Merchant sales, store front decorations and home decorations. The Chamber plans to five

special recognition awards for each activity.

The Chamber asks churches, schools, civic organizations and individuals to plan on Christmas caroling and participating in the parade as well as mingling with each on the decorated city streets and in the stores.

For more information on these holiday plans or to share your group's plans, please contact Andy Andrews, director of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Chamber of Commerce, at 669-2300.

Community Thanksgiving service Wednesday

The Community Union Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Swannanoa Valley Presbyterian Church on Rockdale Avenue in the Government section of Swannanoa. The speaker will be the Rev. Hayward L. Morrison, pastor of the Swannanoa United Methodist Church.

The nursery will be open. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Special events to mark Education Week

Open house in Valley schools will mark the observance of American Education Week Nov. 14-20. To coincide with this annual event, the new Buncombe County Central Office will have an open house Friday, Nov. 19. The office is located in what was formerly the Biltmore School.

Owen High School and Swannanoa Elementary will hold open house for parents Friday, Nov. 19. Parents are invited to attend their children's classes during school hours.

Swannanoa Middle School Student Life council will film interviews of teachers to be shown on their in-school television during American Education Week. One day will be designated Teacher Appreciation Day, during which students will wash teachers' car windows. Another day will be Student Appreciation Day when students will be recognized.

Alpha Delta Kappa teachers' sorority members plan a special treat for Swannanoa Middle School teachers.

Early deadline for holiday

The Black Mountain News will be published a day early next week so that subscribers will receive it before the Thanksgiving holiday. Because of this change, the deadline for news will be 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22. Advertising deadline will be noon the same day.

'Can't Take It With You' at Montreat-Anderson

Montreat-Anderson College's Greybeard Players will present Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's Pulitzer Prize winning comedy "You Can't Take It With You" on Nov. 19 and 20.

One critic said of the original 1936 Broadway production, "There is not a fleck of satire in 'You Can't Take It With You,' but only Gargantuan absurdity, hilariously preposterous antics and the rumble of friendly laughter with madly comic people."

The 19-member cast is under the direction of Frances Tamboli, professor of drama at Montreat-Anderson. Assistant director is Kimberley Knight, a

sophomore from Orlando, Fl.

Production dates are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. in Gaither Chapel on the college campus. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

For additional information, call 669-8011.

Scholarship

to honor

Richard Hipps

Two Owen students will be the recipients of Owen Band Booster Scholarships, given by the club in memory of Mr. J. Richard Hipps, former band director and assistant principal of Owen High School, and principal of the Black Mountain Grammar School.

The \$200 scholarships will be awarded to two senior members of the Owen band who show superiority in attendance, interest in music, ambition and other characteristics. They will be awarded for four years, beginning in the fall of 1983.

Applications are due by March 1 at the school office.

The Band Boosters scholarship resolution was adopted at their regular meeting, held Oct. 19.



Officials of the Wagner plant on Old U.S. 70 presented checks to the Black Mountain Fire Department and Rescue Squad last week. Pictured are [l-r] Herbert Edwards, Wagner manager of human resources, Bill Jones, assistant fire chief, Gus DeRubeis, Wagner plant manager, and Gary Bartlett, fire chief.



Sheriff Morrissey [left] announced the promotion of Mark Ivey to chief of operations for law enforcement services last Friday.

Ivey appointed chief of operations

by Cynthia Reimer

Mark Ivey of Black Mountain was appointed chief of operations for law enforcement services Friday by Buncombe County Sheriff Tom Morrissey. Creation of the new post directly under Sheriff Morrissey followed the September death of Chief Deputy Herbert DeWeese.

Ivey is a 10-year veteran of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department with 14 years of experience in law enforcement.

Morrissey said Ivey will coordinate activities of three areas in the Sheriff's Department: patrol, investigations and communications. He said the new position will not take away responsibilities from the department chiefs but will "enhance coordinations and communications."

Morrissey said the chief deputy position will not be filled now or in the foreseeable future.

Other changes in the department announced Friday were the appointment of Eugene Jarvis to fill the position of assistant chief investigator which Ivey vacated, and Morrissey's secretary, Jewell Wilson, to the position of administrative assistant.

Ivey is a graduate of Owen High School. He studied law enforcement at Carson Newman College, Montreat-Anderson College and Western Caro-

lina University. He served with the security police in the U.S. Air Force for four years.

Ivey is an expert in the use of the polygraph, Morrissey said, and just completed an FBI course in explosive demolitions. He has 1400 hours of training in riot control, fingerprinting, breathalyzer use, hazardous devices, hostage situations and other areas.

Ivey, his wife and two children live on Oakland Drive.

Weather review



Nov. 8--high 67, low 20 degrees.
Nov. 9--high 66, low 25 degrees.
Nov. 10--high 70, low 30 degrees.
Nov. 11--high 65, low 31 degrees.
Nov. 12--high 65, low 45 degrees; .21 inches rain.
Nov. 13--high 43, low 28 degrees.
Nov. 14--high 46, low 21 degrees.
Nov. 15--high 51, low 32 degrees.
Weather review courtesy of WFGW Radio Station, Black Mountain.