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Chimneys and plumbing pipes stand as grim sentinels at the former home of Ridgecrest residents after a fire destroyed the structure early last Sunday morning.

Luckadoo elected Jaycee president

Ken Luckadoo was elected President of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Jaycees at a recent meeting held at Highland Farms. In taking the oath of office, Luckadoo said "this would be an exciting year for our local chapter," and cited many projects and listed new ideas the Jaycees would be involved in.

Luckadoo also issued a challenge to each Jaycee saying, "Let's become more involved in our communities and let the people of our valley know what the Jaycee organization stands for."

Other Jaycee members elected to offices were: Dan Slagle, Internal Vice-President; Will Stott, External Vice-

President; Bill Hillerman, Treasurer; Harry Jackson, Secretary and Jody Huskey State Director. Outgoing President Marty Core will now serve as Chairman.

Luckadoo further added that he welcomed comments and suggestions from local citizens and issued an invitation to anyone interested in becoming a member of the finest young men's organization in America, to contact him at 686-5464 or 686-5569.

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Jaycees meet at Highland Farms the first and third Tuesdays of each month.



Pictured at the recent Open House held by the Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department are [l-r, front row] John Williams, Mike Fox, Chief Jim Adams, Larry Bartlett and Garry Bartlett. Roger Patton is standing on the step of the engine.

SVFD holds Open House

The Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department held Open House from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Those in the fire district were invited to tour the facilities which included comprehensive displays of equipment, engines, pumps and a rescue unit. Firemen answered questions from visitors.

The turn-out gear for a single fireman costs more than \$1500. The fire district has a tax of \$.05-per hundred of property evaluation to be used for the purchase of equipment and gear.

Chief Jim Adams is proud of his all

volunteer fire department. There are drills every Monday evening. Currently the department has five EMT's and two more are in training at A-B Tech. Fourteen of their firemen have qualified as first responders.

The department rescue vehicle responds to emergency medical situations with the intention of stabilizing victims. Paramedic units dispatched from a central county office serve as back-up units. There are county ambulances stationed in Black Mountain and in the Reynolds District.



Pictured are [l-r] Coman, Hill, McMillan

Beacon wins award

Beacon Manufacturing Company of Swannanoa was honored by the North Carolina Department of Labor at a banquet beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hellenic Center, Asheville.

Chief Deputy Commissioner of Labor Taylor McMillan presented a plaque to Mr. John Hill, President of Beacon, to mark an exceptional safety record achieved by the blanket manufacturing company.

This is the second consecutive year that Beacon has won a special safety award. The firm was one of three in North Carolina to qualify for the labor department's two million hour award. The plant has compiled 2,656,415 safe employee hours from Aug. 6, 1981 to Feb. 28, 1983. During this period, operations continued without a single

lost-time or disabling injury.

J. Herbert Coman, Employee Relations Director at Beacon, gave the invocation.

Approximately 200 guests attended the dinner that was twelfth in a series of 29 labor department safety awards presentations scheduled across the state this spring.

The safety incentive effort began in 1946 as a cooperative activity with the U.S. Department of Labor under the WW II Manpower Act. Since 1961, the program has been administered solely by the N.C. Department of Labor.

Also attending the dinner was Donald G. Jackson, OSHA Division Consultant from Black Mountain. He is a member of the labor department staff.

In Ridgecrest

Two men perish in pre-dawn house fire

Percy Frank Ogle, 48, and his brother-in-law, Furman Leo "Pete" Hensley, Sr., 38, of Black Mountain, perished in a house fire before 4:30 a.m. Sunday, April 24.

The bodies of the two men were found in the ruins of the house that Ogle and his wife were renting from Clyde Gray. The house was located in Gray Rock Cove off Dunsmore Avenue in Ridgecrest.

Mrs. Ogle escaped the fire as she was staying at the home of a daughter convalescing after open heart surgery.

Several neighbors reported the fire about 4:19 a.m., according to Black

Mountain Fire Chief Gary Bartlett. The fire department found the structure fully engulfed in flames when they arrived on the scene at 4:23 a.m. Portions of the roof had already collapsed by the time they arrived.

The firemen remained on the scene for five hours and forty-one minutes. The Black Mountain Fire Department responded with 31 men, a pumper, two tankers and the rescue truck.

Personnel from the Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department stood by with a tanker and nine men.

The Buncombe County Coroner was called to the scene when the two bodies

were discovered in what had been a hallway behind the living room of the house. S.B.I. agents are assisting in the continuing investigation.

Positive identification was made late Monday afternoon by dental records. Further investigation at the site showed evidence of the fire having begun where a recliner rocker and pole lamp were located in the living room. Chief Bartlett said that it was possible a flame source had made contact with the chair, but damage was so extensive that the exact cause of the fire may never be pin-pointed.

Aldermen have called meeting

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Black Mountain held a called meeting on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The meeting was called for the purpose of holding a general discussion of administrative personnel.

Immediately upon coming to order, a motion was made to go into executive

session. Approximately an hour later, the group went back into open session. No action was taken. There was a motion to adjourn.

Present at that meeting were Mayor Sobol and Aldermen Fox, Stafford, and Bartlett. Also in attendance was Town Manager Al Richardson.



William Eubanks and Becky Knight, Black Mountain attorneys, will take part in the "Law Day U.S.A." program scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at the Buncombe County Courthouse.

Law Day to be observed

The Lawyers of Buncombe County will offer free legal advice to local citizens in observance of Law Day U.S.A. The theme of the 1983 observance is "Sharing in Justice."

The "Free Day" will be held on Wednesday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Law Library on the tenth floor of the Buncombe County Courthouse.

Two attorneys who share a practice in Black Mountain will be taking part in this program. William Eubanks has been practicing in Black Mountain for the past seven and one-half years. He was joined in September of 1982 by Becky Knight.

Each will give one hour of consultation time and will see three clients each in that time.

Eubanks did his undergraduate work at Catawba College and graduated from the law school at UNC-Chapel Hill. He specializes in personal injury, workers compensation and corporate cases.

Ms. Knight graduated from Appalachian State University before completing her law degree at Campbell. Her

specialties are domestic and property cases. She also handles wills and estates. She is the first woman attorney to practice in Black Mountain.

Appointments are required and may be made by telephoning 255-5761 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 2 and 3. No legal advice will be given over the telephone.

Law Day U.S.A. is set aside each year by joint resolution of Congress and Presidential Proclamation as an occasion for honoring the place of law in American life. It is also intended as an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the law, the legal system and their legal rights and responsibilities.

Several films, including the locally produced juror orientation program, will be shown at the Law Library in connection with "Free Day."

In addition, members of the local bar will present a program in the City and County schools on the subject of juvenile rights.

Attorneys Marc Rudow and Sheila Fellerath are co-chairmen of the 1983 Law Day Observance in Buncombe County.



Dianne Morris was escorted to the O.H.S. Junior-Senior Prom at Deer Park by George Papas. Both Miss Morris and Mr. Papas live in Black Mountain.