



SOME MUSICAL ADVICE...

"So what if you can read Balzac and all those other hifalutin Greeks!" Mrs. Paroo [right, played by Virginia Garner] gives Marion the Librarian [left, Kern Geer] some musical advice about how to catch a husband in "THE MUSIC MAN," playing Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 in the Owen High School Auditorium. Tuesday night's performance drew enthusiastic applause as the audience enjoyed such favorites as "76 Trombones" and "Trouble - Right Here In River City!"

Black Mountain Police Report

Accidental shooting injures man

Tony Gillette of West Blue Ridge Avenue, Black Mountain was accidentally wounded in the leg on Sunday, May 1, about 9:30 p.m. while he was cleaning firearms.

The Black Mountain Fire Department made a first response. The EMS squad stationed in Black Mountain also responded and transported Mr. Gillette to the emergency room of Memorial Mission Hospital where he was treated

and released.

On Wednesday, April 25, the following incidents were reported to and investigated by the police department: \$50 damage to a motor vehicle when it struck a rock placed on a property line by a neighbor of the owner of the car and larceny of a bottle of wine from Fast Fare. On that date, a traffic citation was issued for failure to stop at a stop sign and there was an arrest for drunk and

disorderly conduct.

On Friday, April 27, a traffic citation was issued for unnecessary noise (screaming tires) while operating a motor vehicle.

On Monday, May 2, a 1980 Ford pick-up truck was stolen from in front of a Black Mountain residence where it was parked. Also approximately \$300 worth of tools in the truck was stolen.

At "Town Meeting"

Proposed school tax to be discussed Monday

The Owen High School District Advisory Council is sponsoring a "Town Meeting" to be held Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Charles D. Owen High School auditorium.

The "Town Meeting" will be an open forum to discuss the \$2,900,000 county-wide tax referendum to be held Tuesday, May 17.

The open forum will include presentations from the following panel members: Dr. N.A. Miller, Superintendent of Buncombe County schools; Jane

Smith, Owen District School Board member; Bill Hamby, Assistant Superintendent of business affairs for Buncombe County schools; Charles Lytle, Principal of Charles D. Owen High School; Vaughn Fisher, Finance Officer, Buncombe County Board of Education; and a County Commissioner who will represent the Buncombe County Commissioners.

Questions may be addressed to panel members by the audience at the conclusion of the panel's presentation.

At Beacon Manufacturing Company

Quarter Century Club elects officers and inducts members

On Monday, April 25, The Beacon Quarter Century Club held its annual business meeting and banquet in the Ballroom of the Great Smokies Hilton at 6:30 p.m.

After a delicious dinner, Vice President Margaret Douthittably presided

over the business session in the absence of President Betty Babb who has suffered an injury that prevented her attending the meeting.

Mr. David Murdock, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Cannon Mills, the parent company of

The passage of the county-wide tax referendum by the voters of Buncombe County would yield \$2,900,000 in additional funds per year to be allotted to all schools in the Buncombe County system at a rate of \$131.54 per pupil.

Each school principal in consultation with his professional staff and advisory council would budget the additional funds for student services, instructional equipment, and supplies. The budget would be presented to the school board for approval.

Beacon Manufacturing, was unable to attend the meeting, but he was ably represented by Mr. Joseph Graham, Senior Vice President for Operations of Cannon Mills.

In brief but highly informative remarks, Mr. Graham told of a new line—Royal Touch Blankets—to be produced by Beacon and to be marketed through such retail outlets as J.C. Penney, and Sears.

While the economic slump that has been prevalent throughout the nation's economy has had some impact on Cannon Mills, he predicted an upswing in the coming year. He stressed Mr. Murdock's competence and determination to improve company business during that time.

He praised the hard work of Beacon employees and commended them. He also thanked them for their valuable contributions to the company through the employees suggestion boxes.

Others who spoke were Mr. Forrest "Rusty" Wilkerson, Vice President of Manufacturing at Beacon and Mr. Bill Berner, Vice President and Controller of Beacon. Mr. Berner gave some interesting statistics to illustrate the production records of Beacon employees. He is a member of the Quarter Century club.

Mr. John Hill, President of Beacon Manufacturing, was the fourth speaker. Before recognizing five new members of the Quarter Century Club, he gave special recognition to Alma Aiken who celebrated her fiftieth year of continuous service with Beacon.

United States Postal Service

Pilot program in WNC asks that animals be restrained

William Hoover, Sectional Service Manager for the U.S. Postal Service, made a presentation to the Mayor and Aldermen of Black Mountain at their agenda meeting held Monday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Mr. Hoover's remarks concern a pilot program the postal service is using in Western North Carolina.

Because over 6,000 mail carriers across the U.S. suffered animal bites last year, the post office had decided that something must be done to protect its employees from the danger and even death that can result from such an occurrence.

Mr. Hoover asked the town officials for their support in this program by the enforcement of existing statutes that deal with animals being unrestrained.

He said that every postal patron served by the Swannanoa and Black Mountain post offices will receive an explanatory letter in the mail this week. He outlined the use of yellow and black

warning stickers on mail boxes where there are unrestrained animals, especially dogs. If postal supervisory personnel ascertain that an animal is dangerous, a red and black sticker will be placed on the box and the carrier is not obligated to deliver mail to that premise.

Mr. Hoover pointed out that roving animals pose a hazard to young children and elderly people in the community as

well as to postal carriers. Also, other agencies, such as utility meter readers, are threatened by this situation.

He said the post office wanted to give people every opportunity to co-operate in the program, but that it could no longer tolerate having its personnel exposed to dangerous situations.

He was assisted in his presentation by Mr. Ned Payne, Postal Safety Supervisor. Johnny Raines and Norma Hussey from the Black Mountain Post Office were present.

Swannanoa Postmaster Roy Blankenship worked in a similar program in Asheville last fall after a carrier there was severely bitten by a dog and thinks that this program is essential to the safety of his carriers.

Mayor Sobol responded by saying the town had recently purchased new traps and would make them available to contain stray animals until they could be picked up and taken to the county animal shelter.



Madrazo accepts new position

Rennold Madrazo, former Advertising Manager of the Black Mountain News, has accepted a position with

radio station WWNC in Asheville. Publisher James Aycock will be handling advertising matters until fur-

ther notice. He may be reached by calling the News at 669-8727 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Libby Hartis [left], a secretary at the Montreat Conference Center admires a rose with Ann Wilkerson, a secretary at Camp Rockmont at the Chamber of Commerce's Secretary Recognition luncheon held last week. Each secretary who attended took a rose or carnation with her when she returned to her office.

Chamber of Commerce

Secretaries are honored

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, to honor valley secretaries. One hundred and sixty-four secretaries, or those in secretarial related positions, attended the luncheon. Fifty-three firms were represented.

Members of the Board of the Chamber acted as hosts. They were assisted by Bertha Jones, Nina Ashe and Linda Ventrella.

Food for the occasion was furnished by Kentucky Fried Chicken, The Greenery, The Black-Eyed Susan, the Monte Vista Hotel and Western Steer Family Steak House. All these firms are located

in Black Mountain and are members of the Chamber.

The Happy Apple Bakery furnished colorful balloons for decorations and Tom McClure, a wholesale florist located in Fairview, furnished roses and carnations for each of the secretaries to take with her.

Executive Secretary of the Chamber, Andy Andrews, said that the response was gratifying. He mentioned that a number of the secretaries have written letters expressing their thanks for the recognition during National Secretary Week and saying how much they enjoyed the luncheon.



Newly elected officers of the Beacon Quarter Century Club are [l-r]: Ernest Banks, Dorothy McCrain, Virginia Roberts, Lorraine Timmerman, Betty Hunnicutt and Margaret Wimberly.



New members of the Beacon Quarter Century Club are [l-r]: Troy Harper, Inez Bright, Jackie Burnette, Carl Hall, and Betty Holbert. [Not pictured - Edna Hampton]



Alma Aiken has been Honorary President of the Beacon Quarter Century for the past four years. This year she is celebrating the Golden Anniversary of loyal, dedicated service to Beacon Manufacturing Company. Pictured with her is John Hill, President of the firm, as he congratulates her.