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Roho rides again...

Bulldozers are busily clearing brush and debris from several unsightly lots just south of the railroad tracks on Highway 9. The project involves property owners, civic minded businessmen and members of the Economic Development Committee of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce.

At Asheville Federal Savings and Loan

Automated Teller arrives



Mary Garland [left], Manager of the Black Mountain Savings and Loan and Keitha Matter, a customer, try out the newly installed automatic teller. Mrs. Matter will help Black Mountain customers learn to use the automatic teller.

William O. Prescott, Association President of Asheville Federal Savings and Loan, has announced that an automated teller was put into operation at the Black Mountain branch of his banking institution during the week of May 9.

This is the fifth automatic teller in use at the branches of Asheville Federal. The walk up model is located on the State Street side of the Black Mountain bank, near the main entrance.

Access to the automated teller will be by Asheville Federal's VISA debit card or by Asheville Federal's proprietary plastic card known as the "Money Service Card."

Initially, the machine will be in service from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. There will be no additional fees for those who are customers of Asheville Federal.

There will be several types of transactions available: deposits and-or withdrawals to checking accounts, loan payments and checking account balance inquiries can be handled by the automated teller.

Mary Garland, Manager of the Black Mountain Office of Asheville Federal says that she anticipates that most of the customers using the machine will be making cash transactions.

She said that several customers who are familiar with the use of the automated teller will be available to help customers with initial use of it.

Other locations where automated tellers are available are at the main office on Church Street in Asheville, the East Asheville branch on Tunnel Road, the West Asheville branch on Patton Avenue and the Skyland branch in the Skyland Plaza.

Economic Development Committee Community clean-up and beautification project is underway

The Economic Development Committee of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce has undertaken a clean-up project on a lot just south of the railroad tracks on Highway 9. According to Wendell Begley, Chairman of that committee, a number of people have "pitched in" with time, services and equipment to improve the overgrown lots.

Garland's Landscaping has donated the use of a bulldozer and loader. The operator volunteered his time.

Mack Padgett has offered the use of a loader to load up the rubbish when it is ready to be hauled away.

The Town of Black Mountain has agreed to the removal of its machinery and equipment from adjoining property as soon as possible. Removal has already begun. The Town has also

offered to supply the use of equipment when brush is hauled from the site.

Black Mountain Lumber has agreed to furnish a truck for hauling and will furnish the grass seed to sow the lots when clearing is completed. Members of the EDC have agreed to sow the grass as soon as the lots are ready.

Williams Brothers Oil Company is furnishing the fuel for the heavy equipment.

Andy Cook began the clean-up about a month ago when he stacked up brush with his bulldozer. He was reimbursed by Bob Watts, Joe Tyson and Wendell Begley of the Economic Development Committee.

Ken Bridges, who owns one of the properties being cleared, has offered to contribute \$200 to the Chamber of

Commerce to pay for the work being done on his lot.

Frank Wright, of Wright's Machine Shop, Swannanoa, has authorized the clearing of the lot he owns on the corner of Highway 9 and Vance Avenue.

Once the work is completed, the entrance to town from the south will be aesthetically more pleasing to townspeople and summer visitors. This work will also tie in with the work being done by merchants in Phase II of the Townlift project. (See related article).

There is a possibility that the concrete slab in the center of an attractive green could be used for Summer Square Dances and for dancing during the Sourwood Festival.

If anyone is interested in helping with this or other similar projects, contact Wendell Begley at 669-7991.

Subscribers ask

Where is Cynthia Reimer?

Many subscribers and other readers of **The Black Mountain News** have inquired as to the whereabouts of our former editor, Cynthia Reimer.

Last February, Cynthia accepted a newly created position with the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce. As Communications Coordinator, she has edited the Chamber newsletter and other of their publications and brochures. It has also been her responsibility to report on Chamber activities and events to the community.

A native of Wisconsin, Cynthia has been an Asheville area resident for the past ten years. She has worked for several area newspapers and advertising agencies, most recently as Editor of the News for the past two and a half years.



Cynthia Reimer

While living here, she has served on committees for Bele Chere, the Friendship Force, the Mt. Mitchell Ski Challenge, and the Sourwood Festival. She has also been active in the Warren Wilson College host family program.

Cynthia has just resigned her position with the Asheville Area Chamber to be married to George McCluskey of Marksville, La. He is an archeologist for the state of Louisiana and is the Director of the state site in Marksville.

After visiting family in Wisconsin, Cynthia will be married this summer and move to Marksville. She intends to pursue her free lance writing career while living there.

News is at 106 Montreat Road

The entire staff of the Black Mountain News is now located in the press building at 106 Montreat Road, Black Mountain.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 8, Black Mountain and the telephone number is 669-8727.

The office is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday unless notice is given on the front page of the paper.

The weekly deadline for news is 5 p.m. on Monday. The weekly deadline for advertising is noon on Tuesday. Publication date is Thursday of each week.

School tax referendum to be Tuesday

A Town Meeting on the upcoming school tax referendum was held Tuesday, May 10, at Owen High School. Moderator Ann Martin of WLOS-TV introduced the panelists: Bill Hamby, Vaughn Fisher, and Andrew Miller, Buncombe County School Administrators; Jane Smith, Owen District School Board member; and Charles Lytle, Owen High School Principal.

Panel members explained how tax funds from the proposed levy of \$.10 per \$100 valuation would be allocated as well as what the needs in the schools are.

Allocation would be directly to the schools on a per pupil basis for personnel, instructional supplies and equipment as needed in each school.

This valuation would amount to a cost of \$55.00 per year for the average homeowner in Buncombe County and would produce over \$100 per student per year for each school in the county.

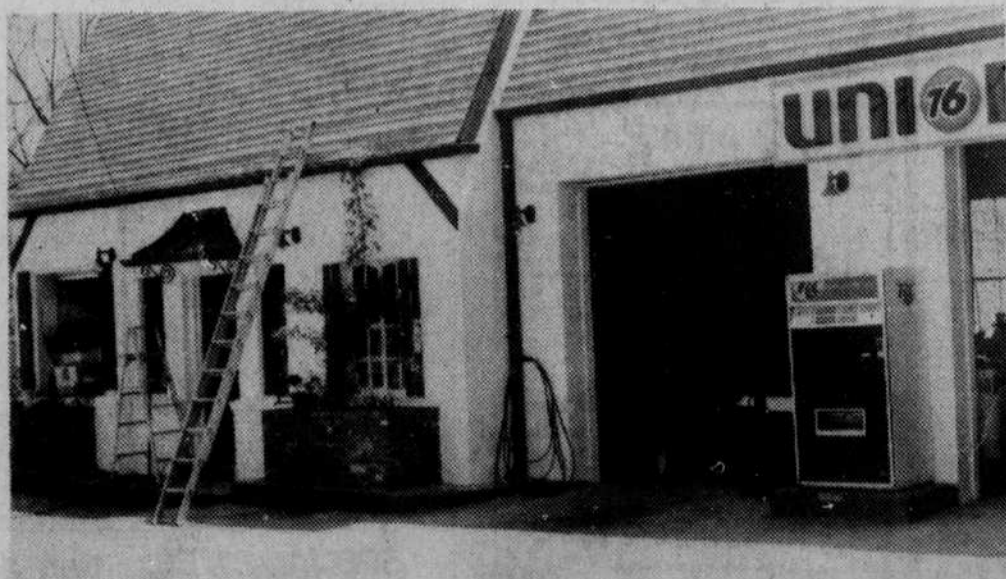
The referendum will be held Tuesday, May 17.

TVA Townlift

Local businesses work to refurbish and renovate



Garland Landscaping has reworked the landscaping at the Black Mountain Savings and Loan. Shown as they finished putting straw over newly sown grass seed are [l-r] Chuck Bennett, Allan Styles, and Jim Carroll.



Re-painting was suggested for the Union 76 station on State Street. The ladder is still in place while the painter took a lunch break.



Black Mountain Lumber Company has completely renovated the facade of its main building by repainting and the addition of a shake covered roof over the sidewalk.

Trees and shrubs have been planted on the corner of Sutton and Broadway.