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Debbie, John and John Stephen Norwood.
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Father's Day

Date has special meaning for Broad River residents

This Sunday, June 19, is Father's Day and the date has new and special meaning for Broad River resident, John Norwood. His wife, Debbie, presented him with their first child, a son, John Stephen, on Sunday, June 5.

The Norwoods had to leave church before the last hymn was sung that Sunday in order to get to Fletcher Hospital in time to keep their date with the stork.

There they - mother, baby and dad - all received good medical care and moral support from certified Nurse

Midwife Beth Korb and Dr. David E. Love of Hendersonville.

"Beth was in control and I drew strength from her," Debbie recalled. "It was a wonderful experience for all of us." The Norwoods decided to go with a midwife after having talked with friends who had found the experience a good one.

The arrival of young John is quite a family event on Debbie's side of the family because she has four sisters. The only other grandchild her parents have is a granddaughter, "so my dad was

pleasantly surprised when John arrived."

The Norwoods live along the Broad River on a beautiful piece of bottom land. They have a garden, bees, geese and kittens. John will have a great time growing up there.

Debbie is from Charlotte. John graduated from Owen High School before completing his college work and being certified as a teacher. He is currently employed by the Henderson County School System.

Aldermen discuss dam, act on 1983-'84 budget; water bonds to be sold

by Jim Aycock

A half million dollars in water bonds will be offered for sale by the Town of Black Mountain on July 13, Mayor Tom Sobol announced at the aldermen meeting Monday night, June 14 in the city hall.

Sobol said it was the best deal for the town he had seen in years. If a private investor does not buy the bonds, they will be picked up by the FHA, Sobol said. Payout is 40 years at five percent interest, he continued, making the FHA the most likely buyer.

In other business, the Board of Aldermen passed on first and second readings the budget for next year, slightly over \$1,006,000. The budget is "realistic and fair," the mayor commented. The third and final reading will

come at a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27.

After extended discussion which seemed to go around in circles, the board tabled until June 27 a motion to apply to the National Park Service for a grant to dredge Lake Tomahawk and repair its dam. The dam has been labeled highly hazardous by the Department of Natural Resources, which is pressuring the town to repair it. That agency is threatening to breach the dam if it is not brought up to their standards.

Recreation Director Bob Antozzi is preparing the grant application. He said the town already had \$10,000 budgeted and \$20,000 in other monies to apply to the lake-dam project, which seems likely to require around \$60,000 in total funds to complete. There was some

disagreement as to how much grant to apply for and the uses that money could be applied to. Alderman Gay Fox suggested that private money could be raised similar to financing Montreat used to repair its dam.

With two aldermen absent and the others reluctant to act without more study, the board finally tabled the item until the next meeting.

During that discussion, Mayor Sobol remarked that the dam was not dangerous in the opinion of town officials. He said earthen dam problems in other communities had heightened tensions about such construction and caused unjustified pressures on the town. But we have no choice, he said, we must fix it or they will breach the dam to lower the lake.

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Two men are charged

Two Black Mountain men were charged Sunday with breaking, entering and larceny following the theft of two cases of beer and two cases of candy from a golf club snack bar earlier in the day, according to court records.

Arrested were Steve Reed, 17, of 105 Mountain Street, and Gary Anderson, 21, of 801 Laurel Ave. Reed was being held in Buncombe County Jail Sunday

in lieu of \$1,000 secured bond and Anderson was released on \$1,000 unsecured bond, court records showed.

According to court records, the two men entered the Black Mountain Golf Club snack bar Sunday and stole two cases of beer and candy valued at \$130.

Both men were scheduled to appear in District Court II at 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 13.

North Carolina Presbyterian Women meet at Montreat

Approximately 1150 Presbyterian women from across the state of North Carolina assembled in Montreat last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 9, 10 and 11. During the three days, the women attended workshops, worship services and other activities at the largest assembly of Presbyterian women ever held in the state.

A highlight of three days of meetings was the service of Holy Communion held on Friday evening. It was scheduled to coincide with the service being held in Atlanta and with others across the country to mark the reunion of the Northern and Southern branches of the church which had split at the beginning of the American Civil War.

The Presbyterian Church U.S. (southern branch) and the United Presbyterian Church (northern branch) have elected Charlotte pastor, the Rev. J. Randolph Taylor, as Moderator. The newborn Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has 2.4 million members, making now the fourth largest Protestant denomination in the country.



Mrs. Maie Minnick of Black Mountain was a speaker at the North Carolina Presbyterian Women's Conference that took place in Montreat this past week.

Her topic was "The Family: God's Masterpiece." Mrs. Minnick is an elder in the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. She teaches two weekly Bible studies in the community and is active in the WOC and presbyterial work.

She also speaks in other states as she is doing this week in Kentucky.

Local leaders attend day long workshop

Aldermen of the Town of Black Mountain and Department Heads met on Tuesday, June 7, with Mr. James C. French, Director of Personnel and Employee Relations Service with the North Carolina League of Municipalities in a series of meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss town employee policies. The meeting was arranged by Alderman Gay Fox.

Mr. French met with Mayor Tom Sobol, Town Manager Al Richardson, and Aldermen Gay Fox and Michael Begley in a morning meeting at the Red Rocker Inn.

All town Department Heads met with

Mr. French at noon. Discussion was held on the newly adopted Employee Policy Manual Ordinance and the Department Head Standard Operating Procedures Manual. Some of the questions directed at Mr. French concerned State and Federal laws regarding employment, regulations regarding employee retirement, an other employee benefits. Town personnel were also informed of the League's purpose and how best to utilize other League services available.

All those present found the meetings with Mr. French to be very informative and beneficial.

Community revitalization funds requested by Black Mountain

Thirty-four million dollars is a lot of money, but it will fall far short of covering the \$119 million in Community Development Block Grant requests submitted on or before Monday, May 2, by 202 North Carolina communities, including the Town of Black Mountain.

In applications received by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, the 164 cities and 38 counties have requested funding for community revitalization projects ranging from housing rehabilitation to street paving and for development planning projects designed to identify critical community needs and formulate plans to meet those needs. The request from the Town of Black Mountain totals \$750,000 for Community Revitalization activities.

According to Black Mountain Town Manager Al Richardson, if the town's application is funded, the funds would be allocated as follows.

A total of \$520,440 would be spent in the Cragmont and Mt. Allen areas. Twenty-three dwellings in the area would receive \$234,000 for improve-

ments in the form of grants with \$153,000 going to the Cragmont section and the remaining \$81,000 to the Mt. Allen section.

An additional \$130,009 would be appropriated for water and sewer improvements and \$98,250 would pay for the re-surfacing of 2,825 ft. of streets in those two areas.

Low interest loans totaling \$229,560 would be available for re-vitalization in the downtown business area, especially along Ridgeway Street.

Each community revitalization application will receive scores in the areas of community needs, project design, benefit to low and moderate income persons, other public and private funds to be used for project activities and a project's consistency with state policies and programs. Development planning project's consistency with state policies and programs. Development planning projects are reviewed on the basis of need, feasibility and local commitment.

Richardson said that word should be received by mid-August as to whether or not its grant will be approved.



Several members of the AARP Chapter 225 enjoy some of the anniversary cake being cut by Mrs. Gilbert Willey. Mrs. Willey and her late husband were founders of the Swannanoa-Black Mountain Chapter.

20 Years in the Valley Anniversary observed by AARP Chapter

Over 100 people attended the twentieth anniversary meeting of the Swannanoa Valley Chapter of AARP on Friday, June 10, in the Education Room of the Black Mountain Public Library. Dr. Paul Lambert acted as chairman for the meeting.

Mrs. Gilbert Willey opened the informal reception at 9:30 a.m. by cutting the birthday cakes. Mrs. Willey and her late husband, Dr. Gilbert Willey, organized Chapter 225 in 1963. Since that time, its membership has increased substantially. Members have made many worthwhile contributions not only in the Valley, but also by participating in area projects of merit.

Other original members who were present were Mrs. Hubert White, Mrs. L.M. Lyerly, and Dr. and Mrs. Dag Folger.

Mr. John T. Denning, National Vice President of AARP was the moff speaker of the occasion. Greetings were

given by Mr. Tom Sobol, Mayor of Black Mountain and Mr. "Andy" Andrews, Executive Secretary of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. James McCombs, AARP State Director, and Mr. James Ballard, Assistant State Director, also congratulated Chapter No. 225 on its activities.

Mrs. Willey and Mrs. White gave a brief review of the founding and very early history of the chapter of the many worthwhile projects that have been sponsored by it.

Past presidents were named and those present were Mr. Carl Persson, Dr. Paul Lambert, Mr. Thomas West, Mr. A.T. Usher, Mrs. Katherine Ward, and Mr. I.M. Ellis.

Neighboring chapters sent greetings through Mrs. Lillian Williams of Skyland and Mr. Raymond Hilton of Asheville.