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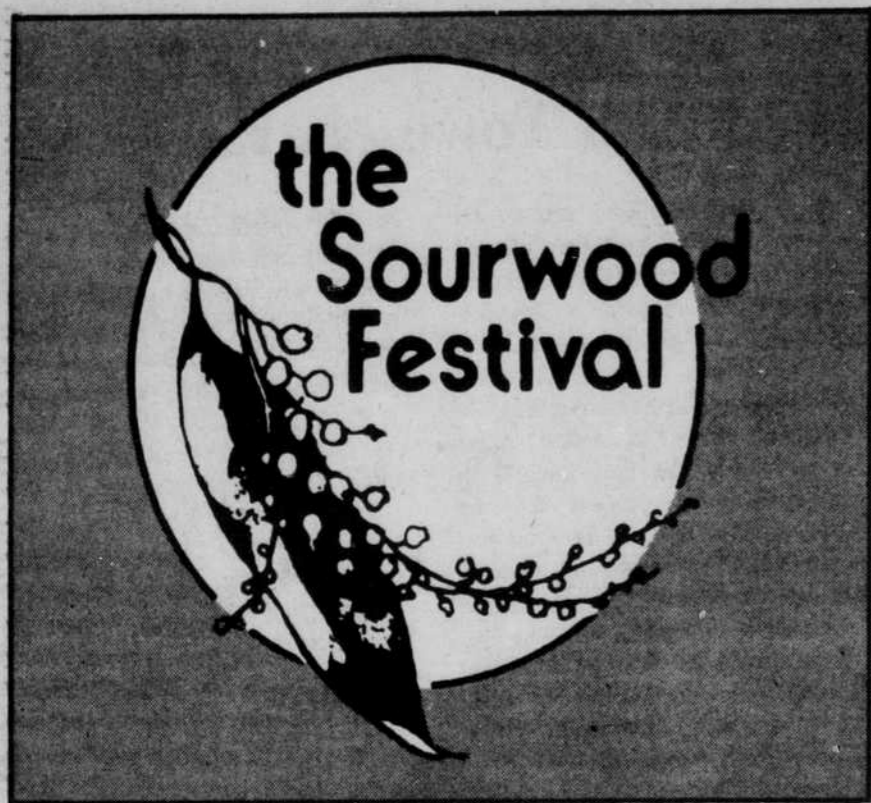
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Plans for the Sixth Annual Sourwood Festival to be held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6 are being finalized.

Parade co-ordinator Kathy Wacaster asks that those who will be participating in the parade scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6 be in line no later than 9:45 a.m. The parade will form by entering the south end of Church Street, turning left onto Connally and left again onto Dougherty.

Festival Chairman Mike Sobol asks that groups prepare food to offer for sale on both Friday and Saturday.

See the Sourwood Festival insert in this week's NEWS for complete details of the festival.



Sgt. William Hamrick

## Changes to greet Owen High students

by Tim Riddle

To freshmen, everything at Owen High School may seem new, but returning students will also be witnessing some unfamiliar sights when the doors are open on Monday, August 15.

While the Buncombe County Board of Education struggles for additional funding, present allocations have been put to work renovating the science department, buying new supplies, and developing a Junior Army ROTC program.

The single largest project is the addition of two rooms on the English wing to house the JROTC unit. Sergeant Williams Hamrick, who will head the program along with Colonel Wilmont Riley, says that 99 students have enrolled in the course including 20-25 girls.

With a total enrollment of around 970 the JROTC will involve over 10 percent of the student body.

"I'm very pleased with that (10 percent), but we'd like to have more," Hamrick said with a grin. "The 10 percent is outstanding considering the program has not been publicized that much."

The program will be built around a Cadet Corp, but it may take time to develop without experienced student leaders. "It's going to be a building block kind of thing," said Hamrick. The JROTC is designed to expose students to some of the advantages of the military while teaching such values as citizenship, ethics, and respect of authority.

"The function as a military-type organization," said Hamrick. "But," he added, "we don't get into any military tactics; we'll just basically stick to function."

Eventually, the unit will have a color guard, drill team, and rifle team. It costs nothing to participate in JROTC, and Hamrick stressed, "they will incur no military obligation whatsoever." Advantages, however, include college

scholarships, placement out of college level course in Senior ROTC, and for those going straight into the service, and increased pay grade.

Hamrick is a 21 year veteran of the Army, and spent a majority of the time in administrative positions although he served two tours of duty in Viet Nam.

Riley retires from active duty at the end of July and will leave his post as Professor of Military Science and head of the ROTC unit at Western Carolina University.

The Science Department at Owen has undergone renovation thanks to a \$24,000 appropriation from the Board of Education.

The bulk of the money has gone to increase lab facilities in the chemistry and physics rooms. According to Sallie McDuffie, chemistry teacher, the amount of lab space per student was about "one third to one half" what it should be.

McDuffie said that without hands-on experience and adequate facilities "it would be like trying to teach someone to drive without having a car."

Principal Charles Lytle reiterates the need for updating the science area. "The biggest problem in science as I see it is we're trying to teach science for the 1980's in a 1960's facility."

The present renovation should bring the science department up to a very basic standard, but an additional \$10,000 tied up in arbitration would, according to Chris Stroupe, another Science teacher, "be a giant step forward."

The school is expanding despite projections of a stable enrollment and possibly a declining one in the years to come. "I think in the next 10 years people will demand more of their school and more of their children," commented Lytle. He sees the expansion as necessary to meet the changing needs of society.

All projects are due to be completed by the opening of the '83-'84 school year.

## Governor's Community of Excellence Award

# Black Mountain merits special recognition for second consecutive year

Governor Jim Hunt has announced that Black Mountain has been named winner of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award for the second time.

Governor Hunt will present the award to an official of Black Mountain at a statewide economic development conference on Wednesday, October 19, in Raleigh.

Hunt said, "My congratulations to community leaders for winning the award. Building an economic development organization is one of the best things a community can do to attract industry or encourage expansions."

The award goes to communities with under 15,000 people which have met requirements designed to make them more attractive to economic development.

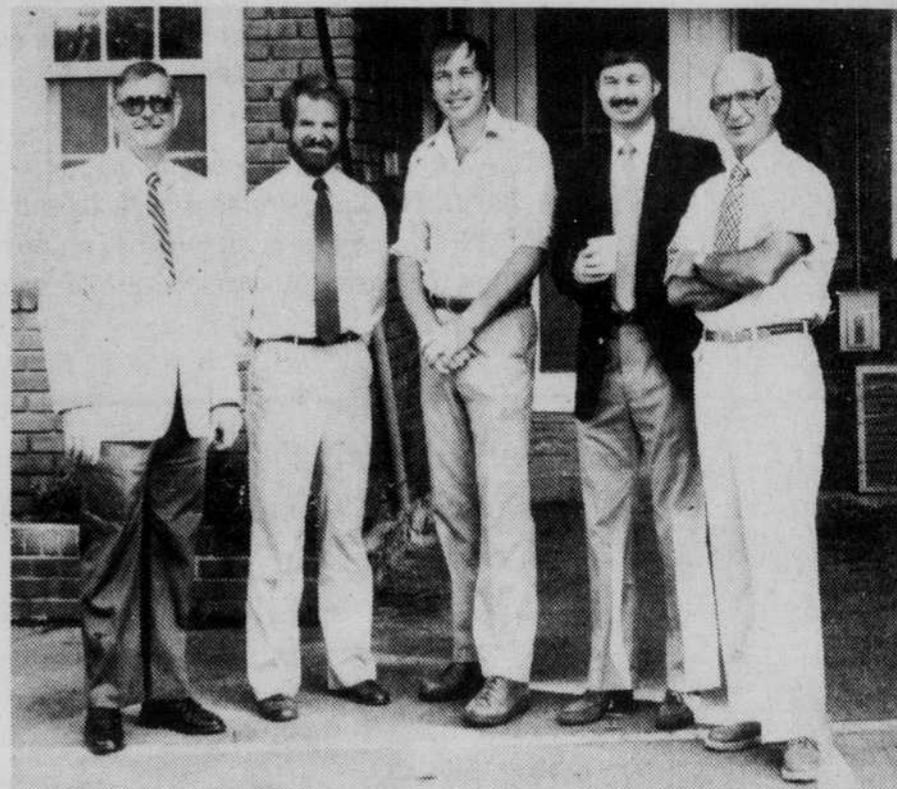
The Communities of Excellence Award is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Communities must qualify for the award each year.

Bill White, Jr., Wendell Begley, Bob

Watts and Herb Edwards formed the committee that worked on the 1983 renewal of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award. White is associated with the White Insurance Agency; Begley with Black Mountain Savings and Loan; Watts with Nilsson Engineering Company; and Edwards with Bussman Division, McGraw Edison.

The following are some of the standards communities must meet to receive the award: an economic promotional organization must exist to promote the community for industrial plant location; a development corporation must exist, with the ability to option, purchase and sell property; and industrial sites must be available.

Department of Commerce representatives visit each community to assure the standards have been met. Winning communities display highway signs designating them as winners. They are also given special promotional attention when working with industries looking for a plant site in North Carolina.



Members of the committee who worked for the renewal of the Governor's Community of Excellence award for 1984 are pictured above with "Andy" Andrews [at right], Executive Secretary for the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce. They are: [l-r] Herb Edwards, Wendell Begley, Bob Watts and Bill White, Jr.

## Planning Board delays sub-division discussion

Re-wording of the town subdivision regulations was put off by the Town Planning Board Monday until a checklist of items needed in the ordinance could be reviewed.

Bill Eaker of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council recommended that the board enact on Erosion Control Ordinance to handle unsightly "cut and fill" areas. Board members felt that another

ordinance would be unnecessary as present ordinances are not always enforced. State laws govern only areas of one acre or more that have been stripped of vegetation.

The board also voted to draft a letter to the Town Council concerning the safety hazard of vending machines located along public streets.

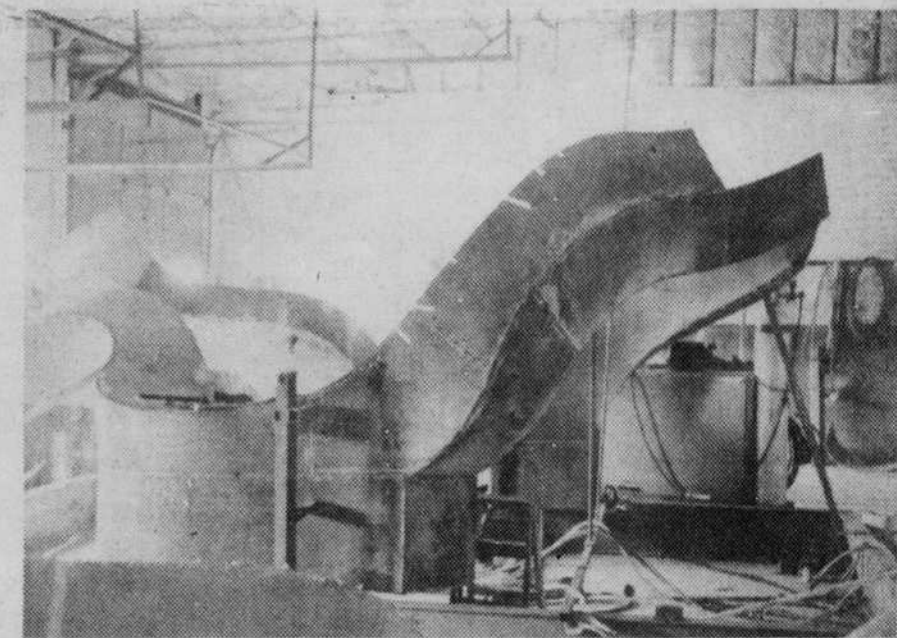
## Barry named to WWC library staff

Jud B. Barry from Chattanooga, Tn., has joined the library staff of Warren Wilson College where he will serve as a Reader Service Librarian. His duties will include supervising the circulation, reserve, and inter-library loan departments. He will also be available to answer reference questions, and to help people with their research.

Barry is a recent graduate of Emory University where he did graduate coursework in library and information management-collection development, database structure, indexing and abstracting, and microcomputer appli-

cations. The library school faculty of Emory University selected him as a nominee for the Library of Congress Internship Program, and he also represented the division in the Graduate Student Council.

In 1975, Barry earned a B.A. degree in history from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he also received the Tennessee Historical Association Certificate of Merit and the Culver Smith History Award. In addition, he belonged to the Alpha (academic honor) Society and was a leading oboist in the college's orchestra and wind ensemble.



Dirk Cruser's free-form sculpture was fabricated at C and C Welding Company in Candler, N.C. Here the work is shown at the mid-point of the project. The material used was Cor-ten, U.S. Steel's brand of weathering steel in one quarter and one eighth thicknesses.

## Swannanoa sculptor to be honored

Governor Hunt will be on hand at the opening ceremony, Friday, July 29, of Asheville's annual Bele Chere Festival. The kickoff will be held at City-County Plaza at noon, and highlighted by a few words from the governor as he unveils a new sculpture by Swannanoa sculptor, Dirk Cruser.

The sculpture, which is 12 feet high, 12 feet wide and 17 feet long, is made of basic weathering steel (the same used on bridge overpasses) and will take 1 to 2 years to change to its permanent color of russet-brown. Asked about the theme of the untitled sculpture, Cruser responded "it symbolizes the transitory nature of life and its ongoing process. Art cannot directly be translated into words... (I'll be happy) as long as it speaks to everyone in some way."

Cruser, whose background includes commercial art in California, has lived

near Warren Wilson College for 11 years, and been working on the sculpture for a year and a half.

Cruser told the News that support for his work has been especially strong from people in and around Black Mountain, a fact of which he is deeply appreciative.

Competition for Asheville's public sculpture began in December 1981; the winner chosen in 1982. No city money was involved—all money was donated through government grants, corporate and individual gifts.

Accompanying the sculpture unveiling is a photo exhibition of other public sculptures in American cities. The exhibition will be adjacent to the sculpture on Pack Square and on view from noon to 6 p.m. Friday; when it will be moved for three weeks to the Asheville Art Museum.

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## Heat overcomes Owen workers

by Tim Riddle

Five women were overcome by heat Friday morning at Charles D. Owen Manufacturing Company on Old Farm School Road in Swannanoa.

Plant manager Jim Thomas said the women began feeling sick and had to be taken to Memorial Mission Hospital. Temperatures outside the plant remained in the seventies overnight compounding the heat problem inside the blanket factory.

The five women were treated for heat exhaustion and released, said a hospital spokesman.

## Andrews addresses Council

E.A. "Andy" Andrews, Executive Secretary of the Black Mountain Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker for the Land-of-Sky Regional Council's meeting that was

held on Wednesday, July 27 at 2 p.m. His topic was "Church Conference Centers as an Industry."

John Abernathy, Mayor of Montreat, serves as secretary of the Council.

## Weekly Weather

Weekly Weather courtesy of WFGW, Black Mountain:  
July 18--High 85, low 62 degrees.  
July 19--High 85, low 60 degrees.  
Trace precipitation.  
July 20--High 89, low 62 degrees.  
July 21--High 91, low 60 degrees.  
July 22--High 93, low 72 degrees.  
July 23--High 92, low 63 degrees.  
July 24--High 92, low 66 degrees. .05 in. precipitation.

**Public Notice**  
Attention all residents of the Town of Montreat: Water service to ALL sections of Montreat will be cut-off from 9 p.m. Thursday, July 28, until 5 a.m. on Friday, July 29 in order to make connections with the new water system.  
Thank you for your patience.  
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