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At Black Mountain Middle School

Capps Is Named New Principal

Roger C. Capps has been appointed principal of the Black Mountain Middle School by the Buncombe County School Board. He assumed his duties there on Friday, July 29.

Capps is beginning his twentieth year in public education. He taught for two years in Wilkes, four years at Swannanoa, and at Glen Arden the first two years that that school was in operation.

His first administrative post was as the last principal of Shiloh. He spent only "from July to Halloween" as principal at Biltmore on an interim basis and then was the principal of Haw Creek for the remainder of that school year and the following one. Plans for the present Haw Creek school were worked out under his principalship.

For the past 8 years he has been an effective and popular principal at the Reynolds Middle School since its opening in 1975. Last year he served as President of the Buncombe County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

He has always worked with youngsters in the middle school age group and is "in education for the children." He firmly believes that each child deserves an opportunity for the best possible education wherever he is and Capps will "set the stage (at BMMS) so the teachers can provide" that for the youngsters in this community.

Capps has already evaluated what he considers to be necessary improvements to the building. One item high on

the list is to have the floors tiled and storage facilities improved to free up additional instructional space. Storage racks for chairs stored in the combination gym-auditorium have already been ordered.

He has a new schedule planned that he hopes will benefit the students for their high school education. It is also his intention to make better use of the staff by reviewing their teaching credentials, i.e. having teachers teach "in field" according to their certification.

Sixth graders will be instructed in self-contained classrooms, but seventh and eighth graders will change classes. Band and choral instruction will begin in the seventh grade.

Capps stressed that communication is most important. "Parents ought to talk regularly with their sons or daughters to find out what is going on in school." He also recommends that parents have at least two conferences a year with classroom teachers.

Another important thing that parents can do to help with the education of their children is to see that their children attend school every day.

Capps also stated that this age group is the one with which he prefers to work.

He coaches Little League Ball, likes to go fishing and is "trying to compete" with his son Greg, age 9, at golf. He is married to Janice Capps, a math teacher at Owen.



Roger C. Capps

Mayor Sobol appointed

Andrew M. Kistler, II, Mayor of Morganton and President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities has appointed Black Mountain Mayor Tom Sobol to serve as a member of the Community and Economic Development Policy Committee for that organization.

Based on the recommendations of the League Committee for the 80's, the League's Board of Directors agreed to appoint four standing policy committees to cover subject areas similar to the policy committees of the National League of Cities.

These policy committees will annually review municipal policy issues and make recommendations on policies at both the State and Federal level.

In addition, the committees will annually review proposed policy resolutions submitted by member cities and towns and make recommendations on these proposed policies to the League Board of Directors.

The first meeting of the Community and Economic Development Policy Committee has been set for August 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Albert Coates Local Government Center in Raleigh.

Childress to chair Asheville Area for WWC fund drive

Gran P. Childress, regional agency manager for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company in Asheville, has accepted the post of Asheville Area Chairman for the 90th Anniversary Fund Drive of Warren Wilson College. Dr. Reuben A. Holden, college president, and James W. G. Wollcott, general chairman for the fund drive, made the announcement as the college steps up work for the campaign's Asheville phase, which will take place in January and February of 1984.

Childress, a chartered life underwriter, is a former president of the Asheville Association of Life Underwriters.

He is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Asheville Country Day

School, and has served on the Advisory Board of the Asheville chapter of the Salvation Army, of which he is past president. Childress is also a former chairman of the Board of Stewards of Central United Methodist Church in Asheville.

Born in Mount Airy, N.C., he is a graduate of the Oxford Orphanage High School in Oxford, N.C., and of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Warren Wilson College 90th Anniversary Campaign has raised \$2.9 million toward its goal of \$4.5 million, which it plans to meet during the celebration of the college's 90th anniversary in 1984.

Christian Writers' Conference slated



Mrs. Yvonne Lehman

The Blue Ridge Christian Writers' Conference will be held at the YMCA's Blue Ridge Assembly from Sunday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Aug. 11.

In 1975, Yvonne Lehman and her husband, Howard, incorporated themselves and started holding Christian writers' conferences at Blue Ridge after she had tried unsuccessfully for several years to interest others in holding such sessions in this area. Today it is known in all areas of the nation for the expert help it offers its students in all areas of Christian writing.

According to Mrs. Lehman: "This year's conference will have a marvelous faculty of published writers, publishers, and editors. I think it will be one of the finest conferences we have had. We offer help to the novice as well as the experienced writer. One of our unique services is to provide writers with face-to-face interviews with publisher and editors from the Christian marketplace."

Mrs. Lehman is an accomplished writer, having won numerous awards for both books and articles. Her published books are: *Red Like Mine*, published in the U.S. and Germany; *Dead Men Don't Cry* and *Fashions of the Heart*, published in the U.S. and Germany, and *Holland*. Her first historical novel, *In Shady Groves*, will be on the market in December, and a second romance novel is scheduled for publication in 1984.

Mrs. Lehman's expertise as a writer and her success at getting published are making her sought-after as a speaker, seminar and workshop leader at writers' groups all over the country. In June of this year, she was a panelist in a workshop at the Romance Writers of America Conference in Washington, D.C.

According to Mrs. Lehman, enrollment for the Christian Writers' meet is excellent, but there is still room for those wanting to attend. Commuters or part-time students are welcome also.

Anyone interested in learning more about the conference may write Mrs. Lehman at P.O. Box 188, Black Mountain, N.C., 28711, or call her at 704-669-8421.

VFW Post 9157 to host District Meeting

There will be a meeting of District 16 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Sunday, Aug. 7 in Black Mountain. Post 9157 will host the meeting that will begin with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Lake Tomahawk Clubhouse. The meeting will be held immediately following the meal. Sixteenth District

Commander J.W. Blankenship of Black Mountain will be presiding. State Commander Jack Ragan will be the department representative.

All members of the host Post 9157 and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are invited to be present.

Police Report

by Tim Riddle

A Black Mountain man died early Monday from a self-inflicted gun shot wound to the head, said Black Mountain Police.

John W. Fincher, 45, of Portman Villa Trailer Park was found on the floor of his bedroom by his wife, Dollie T. Fincher. Police reports state that Mrs. Fincher left their mobile home at

midnight to help a neighbor. She returned 2 hours later and found her husband on the floor.

Police found a 30.06 rifle at the scene. Fincher's three-year-old daughter was asleep in another bedroom during the incident.

Black Mountain Police also arrested a 28-year old Swannanoa man in connection with a robbery at 100 1/2 Laurel Circle. Dr. William Vitzthume is being held under \$17,000 unsecured bond.

New Business



"Self-Image," a styling salon for men and women, has moved from Old U.S. 70 in Swannanoa, to the corner of Vance and Black Mountain Avenues in Black Mountain.

Owner-operator Joan Self has been in business for fifteen years, the last year and a half in Swannanoa. Before she operated in Atlanta.

Her business hours are Monday, Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. but by appointment only. She specializes in perms, frostings, facials and good hair cuts. She sells a complete line of hair and skin care products.

The new telephone number of "Self-Image" is 669-6286.

Joan is pictured above blow-drying a fresh cut for one of her first customers in her new Black Mountain location.

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Sourwood Festival August 5 and 6

Correction

In the article concerning the Amateur Horseshoe Tournament written by Mike Allison on page 12 of the July 28 edition of the News, a typographical error was made. The registration fee for adults for the tournament should have read \$2 (two dollars), not \$20 as appeared in the article. Also, the fee for youths should have read \$1 (one dollar), not \$11.

In addition, Gary Bailey and Jack Kingrey, last year's single winner and runner-up are ineligible to compete in this year's tournament, but will participate in the Tournament of Champions to be held on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Also, Herman Denny and Gary Bailey will not play in the tournament as they were last year's doubles winners, but they, too, will compete in this year's Tournament of Champions.

For additional information, call Bob Antozzi at 669-2052.



The Community Tree Project Committee will have a limited number of Sourwood saplings for sale at the Old Depot on Friday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The cost of the saplings will depend on their size, beginning at \$5. Proceeds will be shared by the Committee and the Old Depot, but non-profit groups. The Committee will use its share to purchase additional trees to offer for sale to the community in the spring of 1984.

The Old Depot will use its share to subsidize the cost of the community programs such as Sunday at the Lake.

Musical entertainment will be provided without cost on the grassy area next to Cook Electric Co. on Broadway near the Festival.

On Friday, Aug. 5, Jimmy Jarmillo-Southlander will perform from 1-3 p.m. G.W. Peters from Hendersonville will play from 3-5 p.m. and The Smyrna Band-original contemporary styles-will perform from 6-8 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, Robert Swain will play from noon - 1 p.m.

The Black Mountain Health Club will sponsor the Sourwood Bench Press Contest on Saturday, Aug. 6, beginning at 1 p.m. Weigh-ins will begin at noon. There will be a \$5 entry fee; checks should be made payable to the health club.

There will be eight weight divisions and each contestant will have three attempts to achieve his maximum lift.

For additional information or entry forms, contact the health club at 669-2140.