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In United Way mid campaign report Generous gifts are pledged



Linda Blankenship [at left] of the Black Mountain branch of North Carolina National Bank and Erma Rhodes of Bussman on Old U.S. 70 near Black Mountain are loaned executives to the 1983 United Way Campaign of Asheville-Buncombe County.

These business women go into area offices and industries at the invitation of businesses to "tell the United Way story." They accomplish this by showing films, answering questions and conducting tours of United Way agencies.

Ms. Blankenship says that she has a very personal interest in the United Way because her hearing impaired son received help from an United Way agency when he was younger. He is currently enrolled as a student in the Black Mountain Primary School, she is pleased to report.

Walter St. George Gladding, 1983-84 United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County Campaign Chairman, presided over a mid-campaign report luncheon held at Bill Stanley's in Asheville on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Among the representatives of 21 businesses and industries who shared major success stories were Wayne Williams of the Black Mountain Regional Mental Retardation Center, Cal Leigh of Chemtronics, Ken Luckadoo of Northwestern

Bank, Jake Neu of Singer-Kearfott, and Jean Shorter of Tandy (TDP) -- all representing Valley concerns.

Typical of the reports were Cal Leigh's statement that Chemtronics, with 54 employees, had 100 percent participation. Jake Neu announced that pledges at Singer-Kearfott had already doubled last year's total pledges. He also said that there would be a corporate gift given to the campaign.

Gladding said that pledges to that date totaled \$733,775; this represents 46 percent of the \$1.6 million goal.

Gladding pointed out that, while the results represented a successful mid-point in the campaign, many major companies and numerous individuals have not yet been heard from.

Many of the representatives attributed the success of the campaign thus far to the enthusiasm and hard work of loaned executives such as Linda Blankenship of NCNB and Erma Rhodes of Bussman.

By Monday, Oct. 17, the total raised had risen to \$888,797, or 55 percent of the goal, according to Gladding.

The final report luncheon will be held at the Asheville Civic Center on Friday, Oct. 28. Gladding encouraged all volunteers and participants of the campaign to make pledges before that date so that the campaign can end on schedule.

The United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County supports 38 non-profit agencies providing services in the community. Three new agencies, Mountain Area Hospice, Big Brother-Big Sister and the Buncombe County Council on Aging, will receive funds for the first time in 1984.

Meet the Candidate Tom Sobol



Tom Sobol has announced his candidacy for re-election for Mayor of Black Mountain. He has served three terms as Mayor and presently serves on the Buncombe County Board of Transportation Efficiency Council, the North Carolina League of Municipalities Commission on Economic Development, and previously served on the Advisory Council of Craggy Prison.

Sobol said, "Black Mountain is developing a strong community enthusiasm; a spirit of participation of everyone from whose efforts the town has been named to the Governor's Community of Excellence for the 1982 and 1983 rosters.

The past two years have also brought success in a smoother running City Hall; this has been due in part to the restoration of authority to various department heads [thus freeing the town administration to respond to more appropriate duties]. The financial portion of Black Mountain is stronger with several capital expenditures being handled on a lease-purchase option basis which increases cash flow. Finally aging ordinances have been revamped, and Phase I of the new water system is completed.

As for the future, there is no ceiling on the accomplishments possible with this kind of pride and enthusiasm present in the town citizenry. Our goals include: Completing Phase II of the water system by installing new distribution lines, and following through with committee recommendations on the TVA [Tennessee Valley Authority] Town Life and Forestry Commission, as well as other projects. Finally, we must be certain in an era of cuts, deficits and increasing costs to receive our fair share of all government grants and aids.

Most important, however, is the continued development of our teamwork spirit; a spirit I am deeply proud to be a part of. As we move forward I urge you to remember that our greatest asset is all of us working together."

Leaf pick-up will follow garbage schedule

The Town Manager has announced that leaves will be picked up within the town's limits on the garbage pick up schedule.

Anyone who wishes to have ground up leaves for mulch should call Waste Tech at 255-7700.

Planning Board meeting moved up

The Planning Board of the Town of Black Mountain will not meet on the last Monday in October, which is their regularly scheduled meeting night because it will be a holiday. Instead, the board will meet on the preceding Monday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

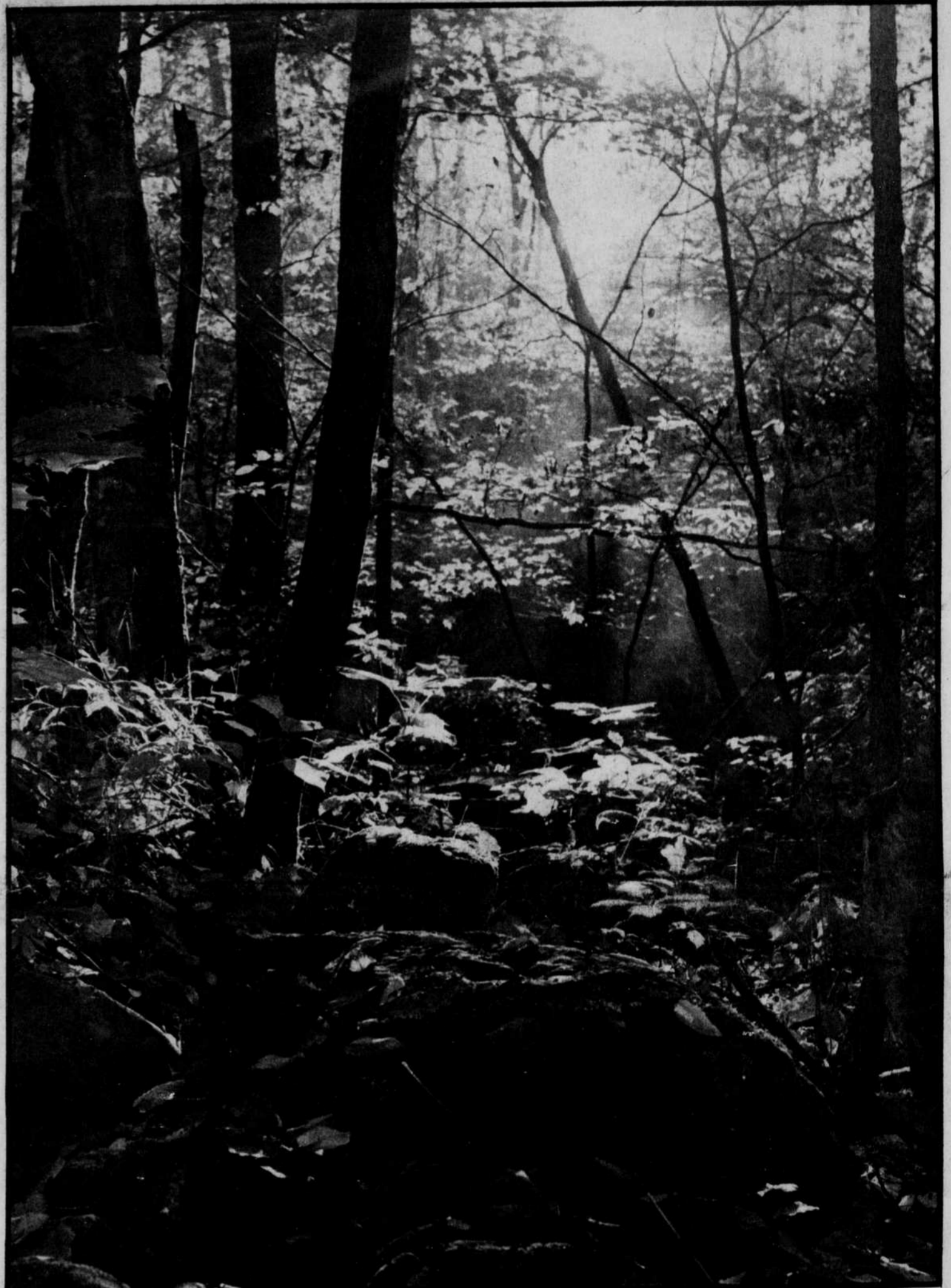
Proposed sub-division regulations will be discussed with the focus of the meeting on street specifications. All local contractors and other interested parties are invited to attend this open meeting.

Eight file for municipal election

According to information obtained from the Buncombe County Board of Elections, the following persons filed as candidates for the scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 8 municipal election in Black Mountain before the deadline for filing which was noon on Friday, Oct. 7.

For Mayor: Margaret Slagle and Thomas Sobol.

For Alderman: Carl Bartlett, Michael Begley, Ruth Brandon, Gay Currie Fox, Steve King and Douglas Stafford.



Autumn beauty in the mountains

Grant to be used for Lake renovation



Pictured above [l-r] are: Tom Sobol, Alderman Carl Bartlett, Alderman Gay Fox, Town Manager Al Richardson and Recreation and Parks Director Bob Antozzi on the shore of Lake Tomahawk last Thursday morning immediately after a press conference called to announce that the town had received a \$50,000 matching grant through the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development from Land Water Conservation Funds.

Joseph Grimsley, Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary for North Carolina, announced last week that Black Mountain was one of 18 units of local government to have been recommended for a grant for outdoor recreation projects under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

The grants, totaling approximately \$1.4 million, included one of \$50,000 for Black Mountain. This is a matching grant and will be met

with a \$30,000 appropriation to repair and modify the Lake Tomahawk Dam. The remaining \$20,000 will be raised by in-kind services, citizen donations of time, money and equipment use, and preliminary costs.

The state had made an engineering evaluation of the dam and had told the Aldermen and Mayor that the lake had to either be drained or be repaired at an estimated cost of \$30,000. If the town did not act, the state said that it would send in

the Army Corps of Engineers to make the necessary repairs and bill the town \$30,000.

After due deliberation, the Aldermen decided that the nine acre lake and the adjoining four acres of recreational facilities that include the clubhouse, pool and tennis courts should be preserved for use by the public as a whole. Bob Antozzi, Director of the Black Mountain Recreation and Parks was directed to apply for a grant.

The objectives of the project include the repair and modification of the Lake Tomahawk Dam, the improvement of the safety of the park area around the lake, and the development of special park areas to be used for walking paths, picnicking, open play and other uses. Plans of the Townlift Committee and the Urban Forestry Commission will include beautification of the area at a later date.

The grant recommendations are now being forwarded to the National Park Service in Atlanta for final approval. Response from the Park Service is expected within the next 30 days.

Following the final grant notification, plans call for the selection of a planning committee, community hearings on the tentative plans, and the completion of architectural drawings and engineering specifications.

Bidding will follow for the dam renovation, lake dredging, land forming and the construction of a silt pond at the upper end of the lake.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring.