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Owen District Advisory Council School Compromise Reached

The Buncombe County Board of Education met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21 in the auditorium of the Owen High School to hear members of the Advisory Council, past and present, ask that funds to



Dr. Tom Cannon, Chairman of the Owen District Advisory Council, is pictured as he asks that the Buncombe County School Board consider a new high school for the district. Cannon asked that the \$1.9 million to be realized for the district from the February 1984 county wide bond referendum be allocated for land and architectural fees instead of the addition of a wing to the existing high school.

The meeting was held on Thursday, Nov. 17 in the old Biltmore School. Approximately 85 parents, teachers and principals attended the meeting and enthusiastically supported his statement with applause.

An unidentified staff member of WISE, Asheville is recording his statement for broadcast. Photo by Priscilla Hopkins

be appropriated to the district with the passage of a 1984 county-wide bond referendum be used for land acquisition and architectural fees for the construction of a new Owen High School.

Approximately 350 parents, teachers, principals and representatives of local government and business interests in the community attended the two hour meeting.

Although the Advisory council did not receive exactly what it asked for, the meeting had very positive overtones, many who attended believe. On a substitute motion made by Vernon Dover, the board voted to use \$1.5 million of the bond funds for the addition of a wing to the existing high school, but the nearly \$500,000 additional funds to be allotted to the district could go for land acquisition.

In an informal discussion following the meeting, Advisory Council members were told by board member Russell Knight that if additional funds were needed to acquire a site, the board would work with the district.

The Council expressed gratitude to the cross section of the community present at the meeting for the support given on Monday's meeting. Support for the passage of the bond will be sought from the community in the months between now and February 1984.

Stewart Stellar In Series

Swannanoa Pitcher Chases His Goals

Few goals have escaped Sammy Stewart during his eight-year professional baseball career. But he says there are plenty more out there to chase.

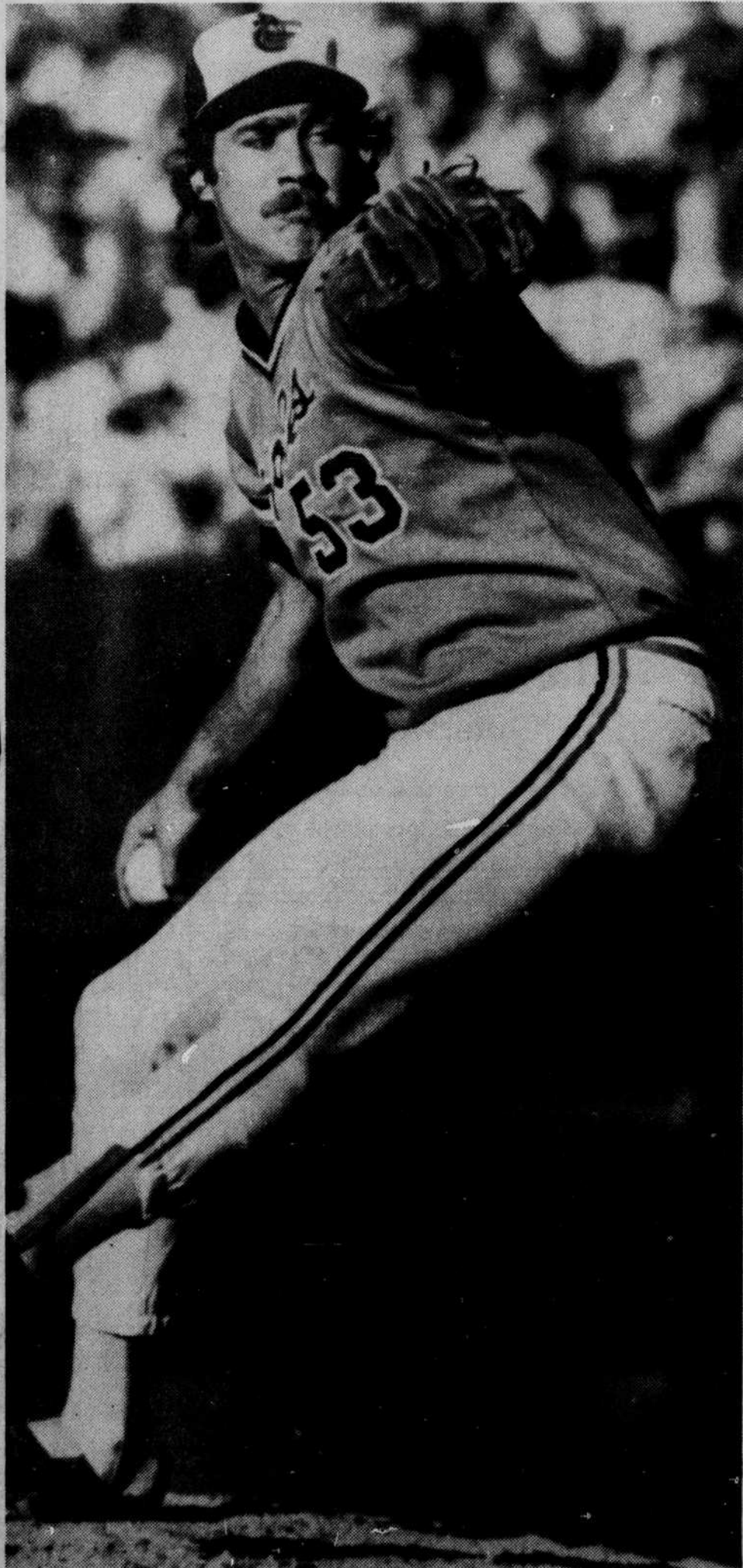
Stewart, son of Faye and Samuel "Jim" Stewart, Sr., of Scenic View Drive in Swannanoa, made his major league debut as a starting pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles in 1978 and set a big league record by striking out seven straight batters while winning the game.

In this year's World Series, Stewart even drew praise from the opposing Philadelphia Phillies for his stellar relief pitching. With five-plus innings of scoreless work in the clutch, several Phillies said Stewart deserved the series' Most Valuable Player award. Relief pitchers being the Rodney Dangerfields of baseball, the compliments were almost unexpected.

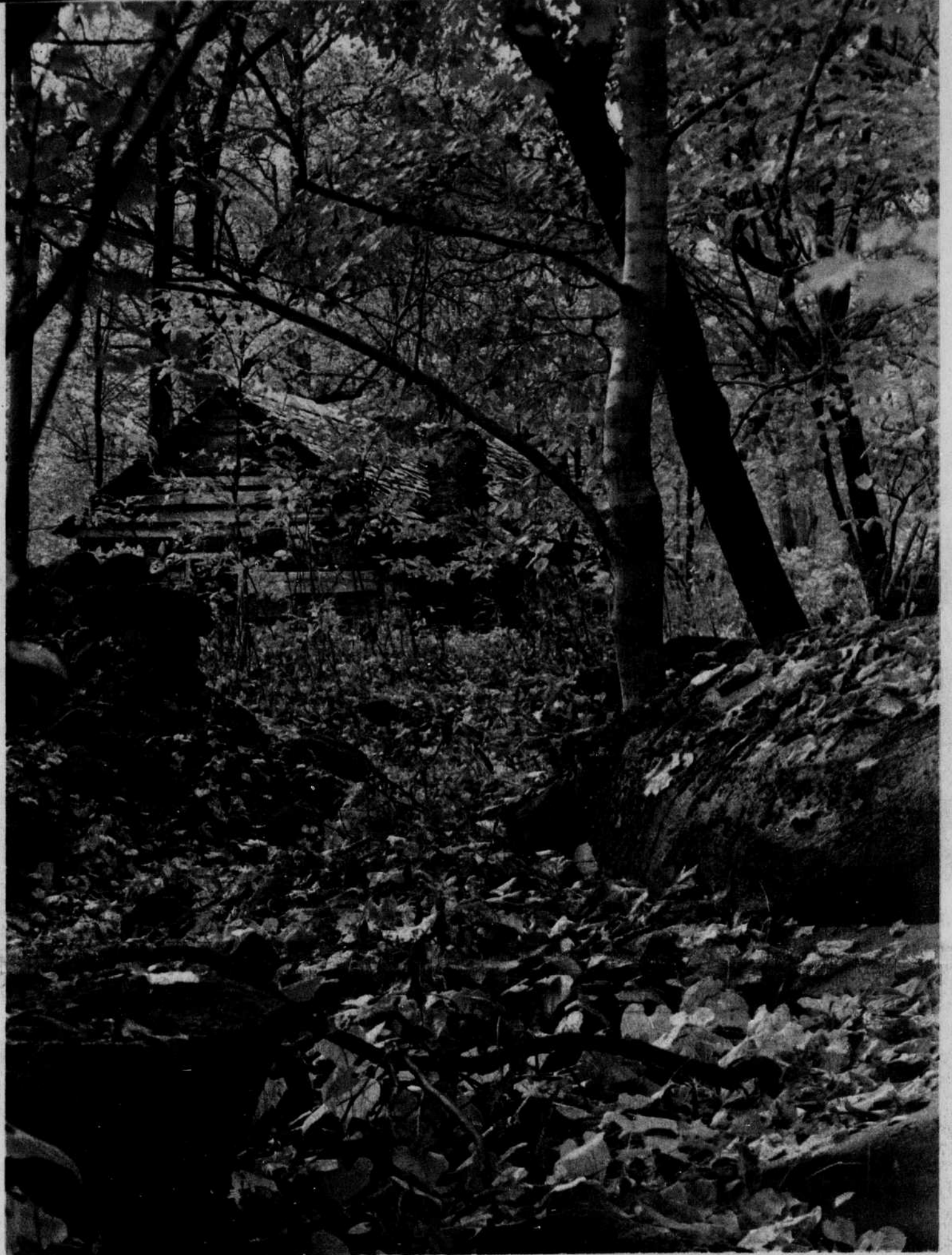
"I was flattered by it," Stewart recently told the *Black Mountain News*. "Even though I didn't get a save or a win, I did a good 'hold' job." A good job, indeed. Most baseball scribes around the country attributed the series' victory to the Orioles' pitching staff. But Stewart already is thinking of next year and other goals.

"I'd like to go to the All-Star game," he said. "I know it's tough for a middle reliever, but I think I can do it."

Just look at his record -- Orioles' longest winning streak at seven games last year, O's record for most innings (140) pitched by a reliever in one season, only seven homers given up in '83. That's the right stuff without even looking at his playoff and series performance. (continued on Page 9)



Sammy Stewart



"Home for the Holidays"

NEWS to close two days

The office of the *Black Mountain News*, located in the Old Big Buy building at 106 Montreat Road, will be closed from 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 until 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Garbage pickup changed for Holiday

Town Administrator Al Richardson says that Waste Tech will make regularly scheduled Thursday pickups on Wednesday, Nov. 23 instead so that employees of the firm can have Thanksgiving Day off.

Chamber Banquet Reservations Due

Members of the Chamber have received tickets for the Monday, Dec. 5 Annual Banquet to be held at Banquet Assembly Inn in Montreat. These tickets must be covered by a check mailed to the Chamber office by Monday, Nov. 28.

Friends of the Chamber are cordially invited to attend the banquet, and are invited to come by the Chamber office on State Street to purchase necessary tickets.

IF A MEMBER DID NOT RECEIVE TICKETS BY MAIL, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 669-2300 IMMEDIATELY and they will be mailed to you.



Some of the realtors, developers and builders who attended last week's Chamber of Commerce luncheon are pictured above. They are [l-r]: Rob Robinson, Norm Wilhelmi, Dick Hudson, Lucy Wheeler, Gay Fox, Bill Tomlin, Mike Clevenger, Arnold Jones and Jim Brown.

Luncheon second in series is success

The Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce had the second in a series of luncheons intended to inform its membership about specific groups of businesses within its membership. The dutch treat meeting was held at the Western Steer Steakhouse in Black Mountain at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17. Approximately 50 members attended the meeting which focused on realtors, insurance brokers, developers and builders in the Valley.

Wendell Begley, Chairman of the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, asked everyone to introduce himself and to tell which firm he represented. Those representing the types of businesses featured at the meeting were Arnold and Jim Jones, Arnold Jones and Son; Tom Sobol and Gloria Ballard, Valley Realty; Kathy

Wacaster and Jim Brown, Jim Brown Construction; Mike Clevenger, Clevenger Bros. Construction; Dick and Richard Hudson, Black Mountain Insurance; Hugh Thomas, Black Mountain Lumber; Bill Tomlin, Dallas Williams and Lucy Wheeler of Realty World; Gay Currie Fox, independent realtor; Rob Robinson, independent builder.

A suggestion period followed the introductions during which ideas for improving communication within the Chamber were made. Ways in which these businesses could assist one another and be more helpful to members of the community were also discussed.

Motel and restaurant owners-operators will be the focus of the next meeting in the series. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid January, 1984.