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## News to have

### Christmas closing

The office of the *Black Mountain News* located at 106 Montreat Road will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will re-open at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 26.

Regular business hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline for news is 5 p.m. on Monday and for advertising, noon on Tuesday of each week unless otherwise announced on the front page of the paper.

### Dr. Kelley has new telephone number

Dr. John J. Kelly has announced that in an effort to serve his patients more quickly and efficiently, he has had his office telephone number changed and has had additional lines installed.

Effective immediately, the new office telephone number is 686-5232.

After hours, for emergencies, patients should call 252-0786.

### News will loan 35 mm camera

The *Black Mountain News* recently purchased a fully automatic 35 mm camera. Because our staff is small and more than one event is sometimes scheduled for the same time and day, the *News* will loan the camera to responsible individuals (with proper identification or who are known to the staff) to take pictures of club events, meetings, or other news worthy happenings.

Because a number of people will be using the camera, it would be a good idea to reserve it ahead of time to be assured of its use. The camera will be loaded with film.

Call the *News* at 669-8727 for further information or to reserve the camera. Regular business hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### NEWS not responsible for telephone errors

The *Black Mountain News* cannot assume responsibility for errors in classified ads or copy given to the paper over the telephone.

It is best to type material for the paper. If it is not possible to type, please print with ink. In either case, the copy should be double-spaced and capital letters should be used only where appropriate. Please use standard size 8 1/4 x 11 WHITE paper.

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**Solution to the  
December 8  
Crossword Puzzle**



And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. [Luke 2:15-16. Photo courtesy of Gatlinburg's Christm Gardens]



Pictured above are: [l-r] Bill Anthony, Tom Nesbitt, Mayor Tom Sobol and Harold Patton.

## Arbor Day observed

A sourwood tree was planted at the western entrance to Black Mountain where U.S. 70 and Old 70 come together last week to mark Arbor Day and to beautify that approach to the town. To complete the plantings, Rockspray cotoneaster shrubs, bearberry cotoneaster ground cover and day lilies will be added. There is also provision for annuals to be planted each spring in the bark mulched bed.

A sign saying "Welcome to Black Mountain" will be erected to complete the plan submitted by the Urban Forestry Commission and approved by the Board of Aldermen. All the plantings are low-growing so not to obstruct visibility for traffic at the heavily traveled intersection.

Town Administrator Al Richardson said that Bill Burnette, Head of the Black Mountain Street Department, and his crew of Steve Harmon, Howard Owen and Curt Justus deserve much credit for the clearing and preparing of the site.

Richardson also said that although this is a somewhat unusual time to observe Arbor Day, it was done at this time so that the town will be eligible for a state award. All other qualifications for the award have already been met. After this, the Arbor Day plantings will take place at a more conventional time annually such as in March or April.

The Urban Forestry Commission planned the project and the town provided the funds and labor to execute it.

## Black Mountain-Mt. Mitchell Ski Challenge

### Registration opens

Registration is now open for the second annual Black Mountain-Mt. Mitchell Ski Challenge, a cross country ski event on eastern America's highest peak. Only 150 participants will be accepted for the Saturday, Feb. 4 competition.

The only event of its kind in the southeast, the Black Mountain-Mt. Mitchell Ski Challenge is held over two courses, six miles and 10 miles in length. Pre-registration is required; the deadline to sign up is Friday, Jan. 27.

To pre-register (no registration at the event), participants should mail \$12 to: Ski Challenge, Black Mountain - Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce, 201 E. State Street, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711.

This year's event will include the

addition of various festive activities in Black Mountain the night before the competition and on Saturday night after the event.

The event is "a challenge in which contestants compete against themselves," said Andy Andrews, Chamber Executive Secretary. All participants will receive a T-Shirt and prizes will go to all who complete the course. It is the cross country skier's only opportunity to ski on the highest wilderness trails in eastern America. The scenery is spectacular.

Both courses begin at Balsam Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway and end at the Mt. Mitchell State Park Lodge, which will be open and heated for the day. (See Ski Challenge, Page 14).

## Aldermen award sidewalk contract

A sidewalk paving contract was awarded to Jim Brown Construction for the replacement of sidewalks on the east side of Church Street from the corner of State to the corner of Connally. Approximately 1,200 feet will be replaced complete with curbing. Although the town was not legally bound to open this work to bids since the total funds involved are less than \$30,000 the Board chose to do so. Brown's bid was the only one received. Total cost of the project is just under \$10,000.

Also on the topic of sidewalks, A. F. Tyson appealed to the Board to give serious consideration to the replacement of the sidewalks on the east side of Broadway from Patterson's to the corner on State Street. He pointed out that the west side of the street had been re-paved some time ago and that other downtown areas such as Cherry Street had recently been renovated. He also pointed out that the sidewalks in front of the Post Office need work in the immediate future. Mayor Sobol said that the Board would follow up on Tyson's suggestions. Later in the meeting Sobol asked Bob Watts, Chairman of Townlift, to have his committee prioritize the downtown sidewalks for attention as funds became available and to present a list of these to the Aldermen at their January meeting.

In other business, Carl Bartlett was re-elected Vice Mayor by a split

vote of the Board. Doug Stafford and Michael Begley supported Begley's candidacy for the post while Aldermen King, Fox and Bartlett supported Bartlett's candidacy.

Town Administrator Al Richardson Publically commended volunteer firemen Charles Arnette for his 44 years of selfless service to the community. At the request of Chief Gary Bartlett, who was unable to attend the meeting, Richardson also commended Bill Burnett of the Street Department for his assistance to the fire department at the sites of two recent wrecks involving tractor trailers on the interstate and spilled fuel. DOT was not able to respond quickly to the situations.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Aldermen voted unanimously to re-appoint Naomi Hall to that board to serve through June of 1986.

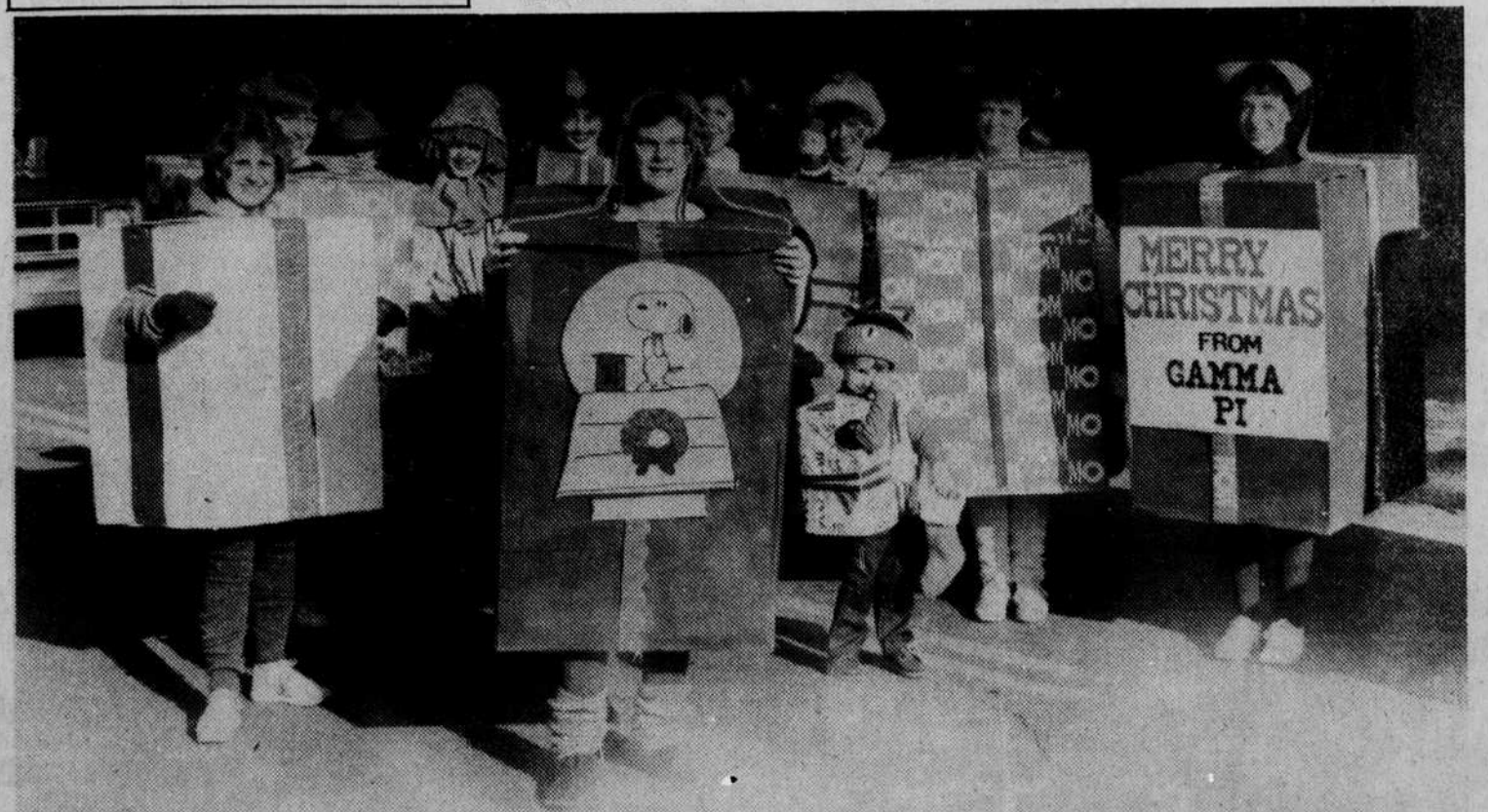
Bob Antozzi and Darla Heide were commended for their excellent work at the senior citizen center at Lake Tomahawk.

The retirement of Dorothy McGraw from the Black Mountain Public Library was announced. She will be replaced by Beverly McFarland.

The next agenda meeting of the Aldermen will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4. The January meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9.



**Go by Travel-Eze  
and enjoy the  
Christmas decorations**



The 1984 Black Mountain Christmas Parade was full of fun for everyone. Many attractive homemade floats added color, the newly formed Junior ROTC unit from OHS made its first public appearance as a marching unit, and the OHS band provided holiday music for the occasion.

Pictured above is the unit that won commendation for the most originality. The members of Gamma Pi, an educational service sorority, dressed themselves creatively as Christmas packages.

Other winners were: NCNB, first; Cherry Street [representing Antique Mall, Blue Ridge Travel Agency, Allison's Hair Design, Pastimes, T.J.'s Pizza, Jameson's, Town Pump and Peppers], second; Black Mountain-Swannanoa Jaycees, third; Honorable Mention, Carver Optional School and Brownie Troop No. 3; Religious theme, Lake Gap Presbyterian Church.

The parade was sponsored by the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce. Chairman for the event was Sara Thomas.

Judges were Kay Cole and Priscilla Hopkins. Additional pictures of the parade will appear in next week's edition of the NEWS.