

# The Smoky Mountain Times

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## Around Town

### Jail Report

Sheriff Vincent Gasaway announced today that the jail has been crowded almost continuously for the past month. Even though the statistics do not show that large an increase in number, the inmates housed during the month stayed for longer periods of time than usual. Several public drunk offenders have served 5-14 days while bond jumpers failing to show for Superior Court were ordered held without bond and other offenders have found it hard to make large bonds set for them.

Public Drunkenness was the major offense again during the month of August with 57 cases. These 57 cases represent more than one-half of the 102 arrests made during the month.

Drunk driving cases were on the increase this month with 13 cases being made as compared to nine for the month of July. Twenty-seven inmates were arrested on various warrants while two were arrested for driving after their licenses were revoked, one for assault, one for fraudulent checks, and one juvenile was arrested.

The Cherokee Police Department accounted for 45 arrests while the Sheriff's Department arrested 29, the city police department added 15 more and the State Highway Patrol locked up 12. The state probation officer accounted for one while eight inmates were held over from July.

### Six Flags

Full operating hours for Six Flags Over Georgia were announced this week by Angus G. Wynne Jr., chairman of the board of Great Southwest Corporation. Daily operations came to an end, Labor Day, September 1. After that date, Six Flags will be open only on weekends, through November 30.

During September, the park will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. In October and November, Six Flags will close at 6 p.m.



Shelves are filled and ready for the grand opening Thursday of the new Thrif-Tee Discount Store in Bryson City.

## Thrif-Tee Discount to Open Store in Bryson

Charles W. Gidney, president of Thrif-Tee Discount, Inc. with administrative offices in Clyde, N.C., announces the opening of a Thrif-Tee Discount Store in Bryson City this week. The grand opening, scheduled to start Thursday morning at 8:30, marks the opening of Store No. 26 in the Thrif-Tee Discount chain that includes stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

According to Mr. Gidney, the store in Bryson City will carry a complete line of health and beauty aids, men and women's toiletries, household goods, records and stereo tapes, as well as school supplies and small appliances.

John E. Rogers, a former resident of Swain and Jackson Counties has been named by Thrif-Tee to manage the Bryson City store. Mr. Rogers is married to Evelyn Davis Rogers of Whittier and they have one son Tommy, age 15, who is a sophomore at Swain High this year.

Mr. Rogers was born in Swain County, moved to Jackson County when he was

11 and lived there until he completed high school. He joined the Navy at the age of 18 and served a five year tour of duty.

After completing his tour of duty with the Navy he moved to Virginia where he was employed for twelve years prior to accepting a position with the Thrif-Tee Discount Stores. He has managed stores in Toccoa, Georgia and Forest City, North Carolina. Mr. Rogers plans to make his home on Route 1, Whittier, just across the Jackson County line.

According to Thrif-Tee management personnel, the store will open its doors for business Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and will be open 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Starting Monday morning the store will observe regular store hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Bryson City merchants and the Smoky Mountain Times would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Rogers back to Swain County and to extend a cordial

welcome to Thrif-Tee Discount, Inc.

We would also like to invite the Bryson City patrons to go by during Thrif-Tee's grand opening and take advantage of the many dollar's savings that are available on the Thrif-Tee shelves. For a pre-look at some of the many discount savings you will find on their shelves, see page 4 and 5 of today's Times.



John Rogers

## Road Engineer Killed in Accident

A junior engineer on the Federal Training Program assigned to the Federal Project 9A3, a tunnel being dug 1600 feet through a mountain in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on what is known as the new cut road in Swain County, was killed Tuesday afternoon about 4:10 when a large rock fell from the ceiling of the tunnel and crushed his body.

The man, Richard M. Thompson, age 26, of Greenville, S.C., a graduate of Duke University, and the son of Col. and Mrs. Miles H. Thompson, was killed instantly when a one and one-half cubic yard boulder weighing an

estimated 1,000 pounds fell on him as he was surveying a spot in the tunnel for construction crews to set steel.

According to authorities, Thompson and an engineer technician, William D. Franklin were working on the project when Franklin stepped back about 60 feet from Thompson to give a line of sight survey. A five man crew of Cowin and Co. Construction Co. recovered the body shortly after the accident.

According to witnesses, the boulder broke into three pieces as it hit the floor of the tunnel, making rescue operations somewhat easier; however, Thompson was killed instantly

when the boulder fell.

The body was brought two miles out of the construction area to the hard surface road where it was picked up by Moody's ambulance and

transferred the remaining seven miles to Bryson City. A park ranger and Bureau of Roads engineer were close by at the time of the accident and radioed Bryson City for

ambulance assistance.

Thompson is survived by his parents, Col. and Mrs. Miles Thompson and a brother. The brother's name was not available at press time Wednesday.

The funeral was tentatively scheduled for 3:30 this afternoon in the St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville. Mackie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## It Is Illegal to Move Even One Hog Without A Permit

Movement of hogs is prohibited except by permit. Only hogs going directly to the slaughter house can be moved without a permit.

Dr. L. M. Becton, State Veterinarian, visited Swain County last week and explained the procedures for obtaining a permit.

Any movement of a hog or a pig to another farm requires a permit. To get that permit, farmers should go to the County Agent's office, located in Room 223, 2nd floor, Federal Building, for an application. The application is filled out and then taken to Mr. Jim Gribble, Vocational Agriculture teacher. He will make an on the farm inspection of the hogs to be moved. If he finds the hogs in good health, he will issue a permit for the movement to

another farm or to a sales market. The farmer must then have the hogs to be moved vaccinated by a veterinarian within five days of movement, or, not later than 24 hours after arrival at the farm of the purchaser. This procedure is necessary to help in the eradication of hog cholera.

It is illegal to move even one hog without a permit. Failure to obtain a permit could result in prosecution as well as disqualifying the herd for indemnity payment should hog cholera occur.

The procedure is application from County Agent, R. L. Lyday, permit from Vo. G. teacher, Jim Gribble, and vaccination within five days before movement or 24 hours after arrival at destination by a veterinarian.

## 'Unto These Hills' Closed Twentieth Season Sunday

"Unto These Hills", the outdoor drama of the Cherokee Indians, closed its twentieth season on Sunday, August 31 in the Mountaintop Theatre in Cherokee, N. C.

Carol White, General Manager of the Cherokee Historical Association which has produced the drama since 1950, revealed that the 1969 season was one of the most successful in its long history of the production. Attendance totaled 134,705 persons, representing an increase of 9.80 percent over the 1968 season. For the first time in several years, no performances were lost due to rain.

In its twenty summer seasons, "Unto These Hills" has played 1,191 performances to a total audience of 2,531,673. In this period, only twenty-seven performances have been canceled because of rain.

A new policy, begun this season, offered the public a reduced admission price for children. White said that a total

of 21,898 children's admissions were recorded during the season.

A companion attraction sponsored by the Cherokee Historical Association is the Oconaluftee Indian Village. Attendance at the Village this summer totals 119,603 persons as of this date. Since its opening in 1952, well over one million people have gone through the Village, according to White.

Audiences come to the Mountaintop Theatre from every state in the country, but North Carolina continues to lead in attendance.

North Carolina's two other outdoor dramas have also completed their seasons. "The Lost Colony" in Manteo played to 58,400 persons, and "Horn in the West" in Boone was seen by 31,222 persons.

White said that the 1970 summer season of "Unto These Hills" would begin on June 23rd and run through September 2nd.

## Additional Caution Required By Motorist Approaching School Bus

North Carolina motorists were advised today that state law requiring drivers to exercise extreme caution in the presence of school buses was strengthened by the 1969 General Assembly to require additional caution during the school year now beginning.

According to Joe Sherrill, driver education representative for Swain County, the primary change in the law will require motorists to stop at the first visual indication that a school bus is in the process of stopping to discharge or receive passengers. In the past, the law had specified that vehicles approaching or following a school bus must stop when the bus is "stopped" and in the process of receiving or discharging passengers.

The new alteration in the law expands the regulation to require that motorists stop "at any time while such bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal."

"The new regulation," Sherrill said, "is being interpreted to mean that even though the school bus may be in motion, either stopping or starting, it cannot be passed in either direction as long as the mechanical stop signal is displayed." He added that school bus drivers are being instructed to use the mechanical signal with discretion and only when definitely stopping to receive or discharge passengers.

The law also applies to privately-owned buses transporting children to and from school, church, or Sunday school. It does not

apply to vehicles on four lane streets and highways "that has separated into two roadways by intervening space or a physical barrier."

## Three Accidents in County During Week

The state Highway Patrol investigated three accidents in Swain County during the past week. None of the accidents resulted in any serious injury and very little property damage was reported.

Wednesday afternoon at approximately 12:15, W.L. McDonald investigated a two car accident 1 1/2 miles east of Bryson City.

Walter Nelson Seay, 45, of Bryson City, was travelling east on U.S. 19 when a 1969 Ford driven by Grady Andrew Parris, 63, of Bryson City apparently pulled from a side road into his lane of traffic. Seay's automobile was damaged to an extent of \$200 while the Parris car received an estimated \$75 damage.

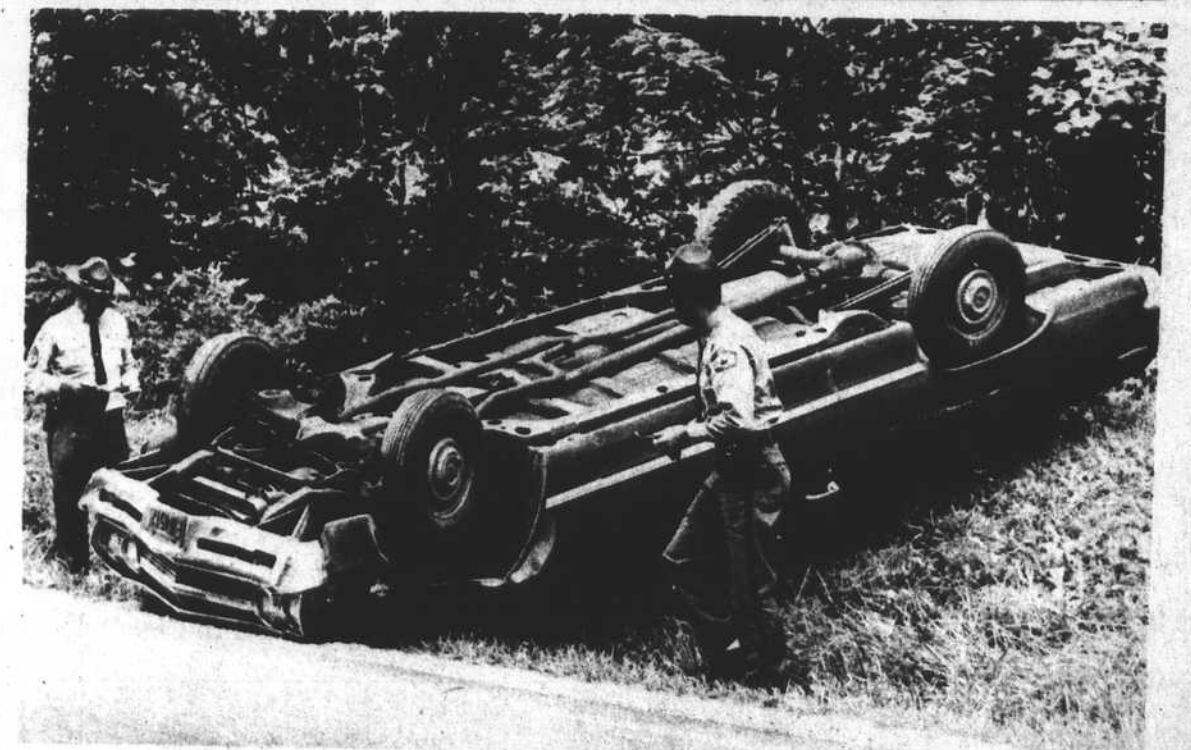
Sunday morning at 9:00 two cars were involved in an accident one mile north of Bryson City on rural paved Road 1333.

According to officers, Tommy Lee Reece, 26, of Bryson was travelling south in

a 1964 Ford when he met a 1964 Chevrolet driven by Ann McMahan Jones, 28, of Bryson City travelling on his side of the road as he started into a curve. Mrs. Jones was slightly shaken up in the accident and was taken to Swain County Hospital emergency room for treatment. An estimated \$400 was done to each automobile.

Later Sunday afternoon, Sgt. J.L. Wilson was called out to investigate still another accident involving two Bryson City residents. According to Sgt. Wilson, the accident occurred about 12:15 p.m. one mile east of Bryson City on U.S. 19.

Clifford Ball, 30, of Bryson City was travelling east on U.S. 19 in a 1960 Comet. According to officers, Donna Cooper, 24, of Bryson City, pulled out of rural paved 1168 onto U.S. 19 striking the Ball car in the right side. About \$10 damage was done to the Cooper car while the Ball car sustained \$75 damage.



Zeb Phillips near side and First Sgt. J. L. Wilson are shown above investigating a single car accident about one mile east of Topton Tuesday morning. According to officers, William Cohen of Chicago, Illinois, was headed

east on U. S. 19 when he lost control of his 1965 Chevrolet and ran off the right shoulder of the highway in a left hand curve. He pulled the car back across U.S. 19 and off the left shoulder and overturned.



THE LISSOME LOVELIES who contested among themselves for the Apple Queen crown, munch their favorite (it had better be!) fruit at the Elks Club swimming pool prior to the contest. They are (L. R.): front row, Pamela Chastain, Margaret Holbrook, Margaret Saylor, Lee Ann Knowles,

Mary Jane Morgan, Judy Garren and Barbara Jean Wilkie. Back row, Margaret Kathryn Stallings, Nancy Ellen McFadden, the winner, Deborah Ann Falls, the runner-up, Faren Sanders, Eugenia Enloe, Mary Alice Beasley and Lori Olsen.--Times-News photo.

## Faren Sanders First Runnerup in N. C. Apple Queen Pageant

Miss Faren Sanders, candidate for the N.C. Apple Queen, was chosen as 1st runnerup by judges last Thursday night. Chosen as queen was Miss Debbie Falls of Lincolnton, N.C. There were four members in Miss Falls' court; Miss Sanders, Miss LeeAnn Knowles of Reidsville, N. C., Miss Margaret Stallings of Shelby, N.C., and Miss Nancy McFadden of Asheboro, N.C.

Fifteen girls from all over North Carolina competed in

bathing suits and gowns for the crown. Two visiting queens attended the ceremonies, the Rhododendron Queen, Miss Mary Duncan, and the Bluberry Queen, Miss Bonita George.

The director of the pageant, Mr. Ray Cantrell, presented each of the girls with a bushel basket of gifts which included a hairdryer and a wiglet.

Miss Sanders, as first runnerup, will take over the duties of the queen should she be unable to fulfill her roll.

Many events were attended by the queen and her court. On Friday night, they were present for the Hendersonville Brevard football game. The Coronation Ball was held at the VFW in Hendersonville on Saturday night. Sunday, the girls were visitors to Lake Lure. Their beauty was shown Monday in a parade in Canton and also the King Apple Parade in Hendersonville. The girls were guest for many luncheons and dinners.

Miss Sanders was a guest in the homes of Mrs. Ruth Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Davis while staying in Hendersonville. "It's unbelievable how close the girls became to each other and I'm sure their friendships will last a long time even though they were together for a few days," Miss Sanders stated.

Miss Sanders would like to thank the people in Bryson City and Cherokee for their support and good wishes and especially the Bryson City Jaycees for sponsoring her.