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Around Town

Dr. Phillip's Guest Speaker For NCEA

We were so busy last week congratulating our "flower girl" on the new addition to her family that we completely forgot to put her picture in her "flower talk" column. Having the baby didn't change her facial expression that much. The black square in the "flower talk" head is the space left for Judy's picture. We simply forgot to put it in.

FOOTBALL: Football, is the topic of the week around Swain County this week. Scores of football fans will get their first look at the '69 Maroon Devils first place contenders for the Smoky Mountain Conference and possible candidates for the State Dube "A" title. We may be thinking a little big, but we have watched our boys score three victories this year; two by very decisive measures and one against the long-time rival, Cherokee. The Devils meet Andrews here Friday night in one of the toughest battles of the season. Game time is 8:00 and we suggest you come early if you want a seat.

"Many times parents try to threaten their children with the law and paint the lawman as a 'boogiemani.' This is the wrong thing to do. Lawmen are to protect, not terrorize. Children should be taught to respect the law and lawmen for what they are. Not out of terror. Children should know that if they are in trouble or need help, the law will help them."

The State Highway Patrol report usually run in this column will not be found this week. Miss Patsy Barnes, the State Highway Patrol's "Girl Friday", is on vacation, and Mr. Hooper, driving license officer, at the local station, is not up to par with his secretarial duties. We understand all the book work could very possibly be found on Miss Barnes desk awaiting her return.

The season of the Mites and Midgets got off to a good start last week with both teams winning their games. The second game of the season is to be played this Saturday night here on the home field when the Cherokee Braves bring their teams down to meet the "Little Devils" on the Swain High field. Game time is 7:00 for the Mites and 8:00 for the Midgets.

On Thursday evening September 18, the local NCEA Unit will hold its annual Public Relations dinner at the Boundary Tree Lodge at Cherokee.

The guest speaker will be Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He will be accompanied by the three Assistant State Superintendents - Dr. R. Max Abbott, Dr. H.T. Connor and Dr. Jerome H. Melton. Mr. A.C. Davis, Comptroller of the State Board of Education and Mr. William Peek, Administrative Assistant will also be present.

Representatives from Jackson, Macon, Cherokee, Graham, and Clay Counties are to be at the meeting along with representatives from the various civic and educationally related groups from Bryson City and Swain County.

Unity Center In Asheville Has New Minister

The Reverend Florence Anderson of San Jose, Calif., has been named minister of Unity Center of Asheville, Room 609, Northwestern Bank Building, succeeding the Rev. Alma Coleman who has been minister for the past two years.

There is a regular 11:00 o'clock Sunday Service to which all are welcome. Two classes are held weekly, one at 7:30 Tuesday evenings, and one at 11:00 AM Wednesdays, using Truth books. Counseling is given by appointment. "Dial-a-Prayer for Unity" will be initiated in the near future, Mrs. Anderson said.

Andrew's Wildcats Invade Swain Friday Night 8 P.M.

Some Mountains, As Well As Men, Are Bald Headed

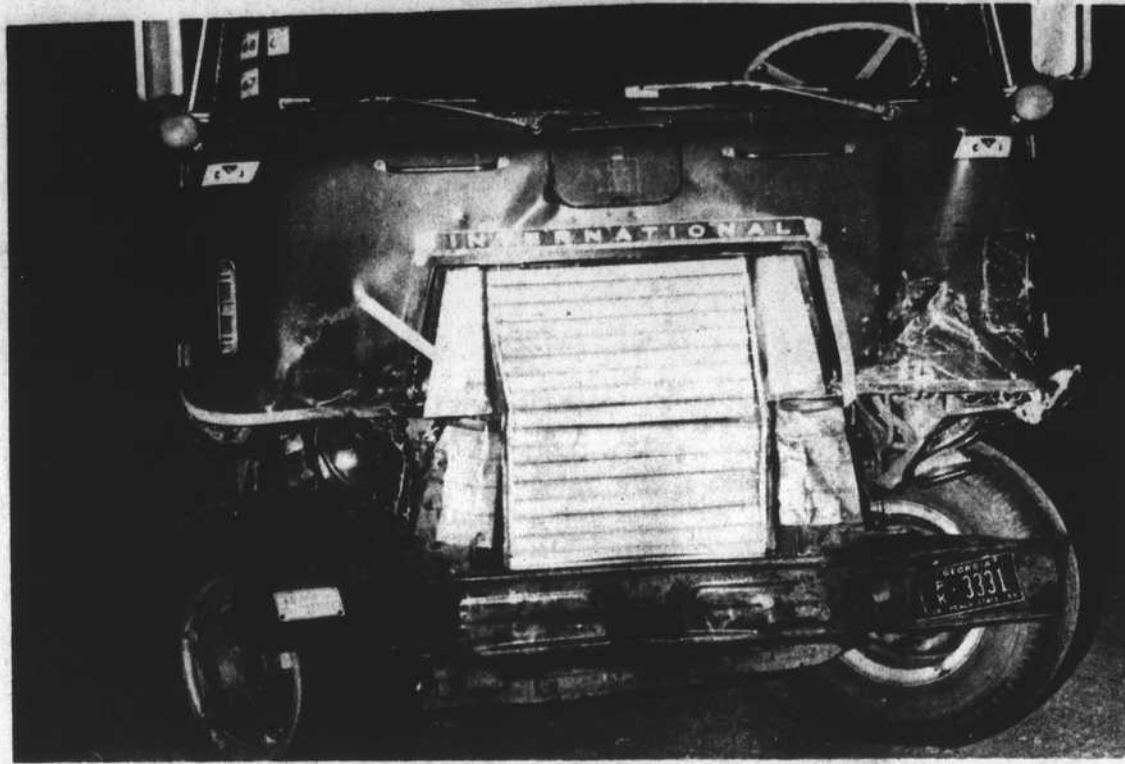
There are bald-headed men - everyone knows that. But they are not alone in this sad, cruel world. They have companions.

There are huge bald-headed mountains in the Great Smokies of Western North Carolina and Tennessee.

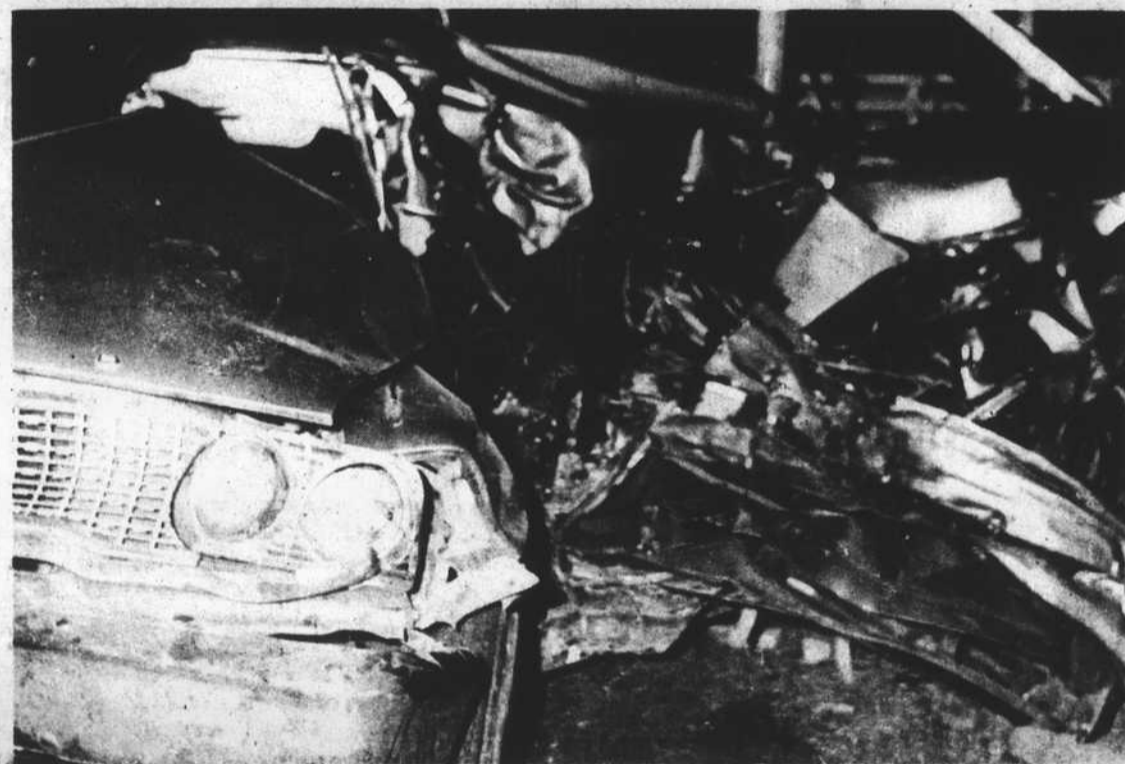
Aptly enough, they are called "Balds" and scientists don't know what caused their trouble either.

On flat or gentle tops, high treeless meadows grow, thousands of feet above giant trees. Lush grass and some small shrubs grow here.

As in the case of bald



This truck was part of Swain County's 4th fatality accident of the year. The truck received approximately \$200 damage to the front fenders and the right front tire.



The crumpled remains of a 1963 Ford that claimed the lives of two Swain County teenagers in a truck-car collision Friday night is pictured above.

The Autumn Colors In Great Smokies Are A "Tree-mendous" Show

Year after year, the changing fall foliage in this densely forested national park practices the old adage "one good turn deserves another" bringing vacationers from far and near to see this unparalleled display of nature. Woodlands featuring more kinds of trees than in all of Europe give rise to an array of colors exciting to behold.

This season, while glimpsing Mother Nature's handiwork, visitors can take advantage of an extra measure of enjoyment through a recently introduced auto tape tour especially geared to Park travel. By the use of a simple-to-operate tape recorder, sightseers motoring through this wildlife sanctuary, along the transmountain highway in either direction

between Cherokee and Gatlinburg can now learn about what they are looking at while looking at it from their moving vehicles. The commentary of portable expert Peter Thomas deals with the lovely wooded slopes as well as

history and prominent features of the region, Indian lore, and explanations about the Park's fascinating animal life. The more than 150 kinds of trees cloaked in their fall splendor rate informative descriptions in a 30-mile guided tour cram full of delights.

The popular Park is particularly blessed with luxuriant woodlands. Although many of the peaks in Great Smoky Mountains National Park stretch to more than 6,000 feet there is no timberline. Thus, as guide Thomas points out, there are none of those ghostly, barren, treeless regions found on the great peaks out west. From bottom to top, notes Thomas, the Great Smokies here in North Carolina and Tennessee are a horticulturist's heaven. Among the wide variety of trees are Frazier magnolia, yellow buckeye, and eastern hemlock-all growing to record size, as well as red spruce, yellow birch and mountain ash. The list goes on and on. This time of year skies are usually clear, the temperatures invigorating, and the colors guaranteed to elicit oohs and ahs around every turn.

In traveling through the 800 square miles of brilliant yellows, golds, reds, and oranges, the Park's auto tape tourist quickly discovers from his recorded passenger that there's far more color attached to the region than the pigmentation of the leaves. Part of it stems from the cultural history of its mountain people. Interesting anecdotes about past and present residents and their customs are provided, along with wondrous effects and mood music generously sprinkled throughout the narration.

Cost of this Auto Tape Tour is nominal. The equipment, powered by any auto's cigarette lighter, can be rented at Cooper Court Motel in Gatlinburg or Boundary Tree Lodge in Cherokee. It is returned at either of these locations, both of Route 441. Times FHA Begins 69-70 Activities



Sandlin Named Metal Company Vice-President

The Consolidated Metal Company of Asheville announced that this week Harold T. Sandlin, who has been associated with them for the past two years, has been promoted to Vice-President of the Company.

Prior to Mr. Sandlin's coming to Asheville, he was associated with Four Square Community Action in Western North Carolina and also engaged in private business for nine years. He is past president of Bryson City Jaycees and active in civic work. He attends St. John Episcopal Church in Asheville.

Two Teenagers Became County's 5th & 6th Highway Fatalities

Two teenagers became the fifth and sixth Swain County highway fatalities Friday night when their 1963 Ford collided head-on with a tractor-trailer truck ending a high speed chase by county and state police officers.

Roger Arnold Ensley, 17, of Bryson City, Route 2, was driving the car in which he and a companion, Miss Frances Lynn Gutscher, 19, of Bryson City, formerly of Montclair, California, were killed, according to officers.

According to State Highway Patrol Sgt. W.L. McDonald, investigating officer, the two teenagers passed him on a blind curve approximately 1 1/4 miles east of Bryson City with their lights turned out.

McDonald stated that he gave chase to the vehicle and at the same time radioed Highway Patrol Officers in the area and asked for assistance. As McDonald and county officers continued their chase and other Highway Patrol officers began to close in, the Ensley vehicle apparently went out of control leaving the left side of U.S. 19 and collided with a tractor-trailer truck driven by William Fowler of Dalton, Georgia as it came back across the highway.

The Ford vehicle was completely demolished as the truck ripped the top and left side open.

The truck, a 1965 International 4000, received an estimated \$200 damage. The vehicle was owned by C. & J. Loring Lines and was pulling a trailer for Filter Salesman of Dalton, Georgia.

Services for Ensley were held at 3 p.m. Monday in Governors Island Baptist

Church. The Reverend Kenneth Jenkins officiated; burial in Jenkins Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill Duvall, Hershell Hyatt, Jake Jones, Buddy Ogle, Sam Birchfield, and Carl Jenkins.

Surviving are the parents; Mr. and Mrs. Vertin Ensley,

three brothers; Earnest, stationed with the Army at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Harvey R. and V.L. Ensley, both of the home; a sister, Mrs. Linda Walker of Gastonia; and the grandparents, Mrs. Zena Ensley and Ruben Ball, both of Bryson City.

The body was taken to the family home by Bill Moody Funeral Home of Bryson City where it remained until the hour of services.

Arrangements for Miss Gutscher were also under the direction of the United States Funeral Home.

Cherokee Man Is Shot To Death Monday Morning

A 44 year old Cherokee man became the fifth shooting victim on the Cherokee Reservation this year when he was shot to death in his home Monday morning.

Glenn Woodard McConnell, a resident of the McCoy Branch Rd. in the Birdtown section of the reservation, was killed about 8:00 Monday morning when he returned home after leaving for work, according to authorities.

The Cherokee police and rescue unit was called in about 8:15. Upon arriving at the residence and finding the body, the Cherokee police notified Swain County Sheriff Vincent Gasaway, who in turn notified FBI officers and the county medical examiner.

The shooting occurred as a result of a domestic argument according to the Sheriff's Department. Further details are being withheld until the investigation is complete.

The body was brought to Moody's Funeral Home in Bryson City where it was examined by Swain County medical examiner, R.E. Nordling. Nordling stated that the cause of death was a single bullet wound to the left kidney of the victim.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday in the Bethabara Baptist Church in Cherokee.

The Rev. James Parris and the Rev. Johnny Driver officiated. Burial was in Birdtown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hilliard Sneed, Roland Crowe, James Ledford, Joseph and Jess Murphy and Marvin Maney. Members of Steve

Youngdeer Post No. 143 of American Legion conducted military graveside rites.

Mr. McConnell was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Velma Ledford McConnell; a son, Scott, and two daughters, Nancy and Glenda McConnell, all of the

home; six brothers, Marvin of Tiger, Ga., Tom of Summerville, S.C., Clyde of Detroit, Mich., Virgil of Anderson, S.D., Gordon of Asheville, and Henry McConnell of Clayton, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. S.T. Williams of Florence, S.C., Mrs. Mary Garnett of Miami, Fla. and Mrs. Myrtle Ray of Durham.

Search For Dennis Martin Officially Closed By Park

The search for 7-year old Dennis Martin which began June 14, 1969 in Great Smoky Mountains National Park was officially closed September 13, 1969, according to Park Superintendent Keith Neilson.

As many as 1,400 persons were actively engaged in the search in the first few weeks following the youngster's disappearance during a hiking trip with his family. Units of the Tennessee National Guard, a Green Beret detachment, Army helicopters, and numerous volunteers assisted park rangers in what became one of the largest scale search operations in the history of the National Park Service.

Following the major all-out

search effort during June, throughout employees, who are intensively familiar with the area involved, were assigned full-time duties in continuing the search, Neilson said. During the three months that the search has been under way, no trace has ever been found of the boy since his disappearance.

According to Superintendent Neilson, the National Park Service had expended approximately \$65,000 to date on this search operation, which is exclusive of all manpower and equipment costs absorbed by the many other organizations and individuals who contributed to the overall search.

Sherrill Named Personnel Manager At Magnavox



Magnavox Plant Manager, Carl DeHart has announced the appointment of William Joe Sherrill as Manager of Industrial Relations of the company's Bryson City facility. Sherrill fills the position vacated by the transfer of Elmer Miller to the Magnavox Cabinet Plant in Flora, Mississippi where he will assume the duties of Industrial Relations Manager.

Sherrill, a 46-year-old native of Bryson City, has been with the Department of North Carolina Motor Vehicles since 1955. His duties included: supervision and training of school bus drivers; responsibility for bus safety and liaison work with the Highway Patrol and civic groups in a 6-county area. Prior to this work with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sherrill served for 3 years as teacher and coach in the Swain County School System.

He attended elementary and high schools in Bryson City, and Gardner-Webb Jr. College and graduated from Western Carolina University with a BS degree in education. He presently serves as a teacher in the First Baptist Church and coaches a midget football team. He is also past president of the Jaycees.

The Sherrills have 2 daughters, Elaine and Connie. Mrs. Sherrill is Sunday School Superintendent at the First Baptist Church.

The Magnavox Companies, Bryson City and Andrews, were hosts to the top executives of the company while they were here for a meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9 and 10. The executives arrived by plane at the Andrews Airport and transportation was provided by Management officials of Bryson City and Andrews to Nantahala Inn where they spent Tuesday evening and night. The meeting was held Wednesday at the Andrews Plant. They departed from Andrews Wednesday afternoon at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Mr. Platt, President, and all corporate officers of the Magnavox Company and its subsidiaries representing plants throughout the United States and London, England.

Magnavox VIP's Visit Area



SBI Director Visits Local Officers

Charles Dunn, State Bureau of Investigation Director from Raleigh stopped by Bryson City this week on a tour of the western most counties of N.C. He is pictured above (third from

left) meeting Swain County Sheriff, Vincent Gasaway and Bryson City Police Chief, Carl Arvey. Also pictured is James Maxey, resident agent for the SBI.

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