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Around Town

NYC Students Earn \$94,278 This Summer

Swain High School Principal, Clifford Frizzle II asked that we relay his message of appreciation to the sports fans that attended the Swain-Andrews game Friday night for their exceptional conduct and sportsmanship exhibited during the game. "School officials are doing their part, but fans and their actions always reflect on the school - thank you for your co-operation."

Bryson City in continuing to grow as is evident by the second new business opening its doors to the public during the month of September. We are referring to Mildred's Grocery opening just across the street from Sossamon Furniture and the Swain Hotel. Mildred Cope invites all of her friends to stop by and see her this week.

The Bryson City Lions Club will go on radio Saturday morning at 8:00 and broadcast throughout the day during the Lions Annual Radio Day. Lion's president, J. C. Long, and Tom Cromwell are scheduled to start the "Show". Vernon McHan and T. A. Brawley will close it out about 5:00. The Lions Club sells advertisements for spots throughout the day with the profit going for one of the Lions Club Civic Projects. If you haven't bought your spot yet, contact one of the Lions Club members today and be sure to listen in Saturday. See if you can pick the Lions Club DJ of the year.

When disaster strikes everybody is called on to help. Disaster relief for families left homeless by hurricane Camille's visit to the Gulf Coast has topped \$20 million. The Red Cross in Swain County has been called on for assistance in the amount of \$300. Local authorities here say this goal can only be reached through contributions. Your help is needed. Donations may be made payable to the American Red Cross, % Red Cross Office.

We notice the Bryson City, Swain County Fire House is nearing completion. We had intended an article complete with pictures for this week's edition, but the weatherman failed to cooperate and with our picture taking results, we thought we would wait for the sunshine - we need all the advantages we can get.

The State Highway Department's "Girl Friday" is back. Sgt. Wilson's work load is back to normal. Mr. Hooper can devote his time to issuing drivers license, and the TIMES has a State Highway Patrol report this week - so all is well, thanks to Miss Patsy.

"Always behave like a duck. Remain calm and unruffled on the surface but keep paddling like hell underneath." - Motor West magazine.

The Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission comments that the next time you stop for a couple of beers or cocktails... make sure you can spare the time. Two or three drinks will slow your driving reaction time by about two fifths of a second and could make the difference between a safe stop and a serious rear-end crash.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol reports only three accidents in Swain County last week. While making nine contacts, one was charged with drunk driving, two with speeding, three with other hazardous moving violations, five non-hazardous violations, and no pedestrian violation. Officers patrolled a distance of some 1646 miles, with the week beginning September 15th and extending through the 21st.

Four Square Community Action paid wages totaling \$94,278 this summer to Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) enrollees in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties.

Three hundred students between the ages of 14 and 22 were enrolled in the NYC Summer Program. Most of the enrollees worked ten weeks for 26 hours a week at \$1.30 an hour.

Work assignments were made in cooperation with public and non-profit agencies throughout the four counties. Enrollees worked as teacher, health, sanitation, library, forestry, and office aides; as recreation leaders, grounds keeper, day care assistants, and crafts instructors. The schools, the towns, the Forest Service, Providence and Memorial Hospitals, Employment Security Commission, Welfare Departments, County governments, Hiwassee Dam, ASCS, Rescue Squad, and

Extension Agents provided instruction and supervision.

Counselors employed to work with the enrollees during the summer were Cecil Mashburn, Ralph McConnell, Frank Moore, Jr., and Arnold Rickman. John Summerous is director of NYC.

NYC is aimed specifically to assist the student from low-income families. It is designed to help the young people gain work experience and earn income.

Four Square is the sponsoring agent for NYC. Four Square also sponsors two other manpower programs: On-the-Job-Training (MDTA) in cooperation with the State Planning Task Force and the Employment Security Commission, and NEW CAREERS, a work training program.

For additional information contact your Four Square Community Worker or the Four Square Office in Andrews, N. C.



DR. CRAIG PHILLIPS

Native To Appear In 1969 "Community Leaders Of America"

L. D. Hyde, a native of Bryson City and assistant to the president at Western Carolina University, has been selected to appear in the 1969 edition of "Community Leaders of America."

The editorial board of

"Community Leaders of America" in making the award to Hyde said: "This honor is presented in recognition of past achievements and outstanding service to his community and state."

Before being named

assistant to Dr. Alex S. Pow, president of WCU, in April, Hyde was director of the Upper French Board Economic Development Commission for three years. In that capacity, he was instrumental in organizing the leaders of a five

counties commission. The purpose of this organization was to effect wise utilization of the human, natural, physical and capital resources of the region toward total economic development.

Hyde served on the Governor's State Planning Task Force, the state Economic Development Commission, the Board of Governors of the State Employees Association and was chairman of the western district of that organization.

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Mountain Manpower Corporation, the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and is founder and president of the North Carolina Association for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities, Inc.

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Swain County Unit Of NCEA

Host District Dinner Meeting

The Swain County unit of the North Carolina Education Association was host at a dinner meeting last Thursday evening with educators and lay leaders from Western North Carolina as invited guests.

Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed the meeting held at the Boundary Tree Lodge in Cherokee. Education leaders from Macon, Jackson, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Swain Counties were present as Dr. Phillips related to them the importance of understanding "today's students."

Dr. Phillips, speaking primarily to the political and civic leaders present, emphasized the importance for

our civic leaders to take a bigger part in today's educational program. He pointed out that we are in the middle of the biggest change in education in the history of the public school system.

Touching on three of today's problems, Dr. Phillips pointed out that first the student must know what an education would mean to him. Second, the tax payer needs to be shown why financial pressure is so heavy, and third, business and industries must be assured that qualified students will be available to meet their needs.

"At no other period of time in the history of the public school system have we needed the help of our political, civic, and lay leaders as we do now," Dr. Phillips said.

Dr. Phillips went on to say, "with 1,250,000 students in public schools in Western North Carolina teachers must be flexible in order to teach the students what they need to be taught the way they want to be taught."

"Efforts on the part of

educators will be of no avail," said Dr. Phillips, "unless a better method of communicating between students and teachers can be reached, this is where we need the help of our leaders outside of the school system."

In pointing out troubled areas throughout the National School System, Dr. Phillips noted that public schools in North Carolina opened on a much more stable basis this year than even the most optimistic leaders had expected.

Finding a way to better communicate with students and working out the problem of how to involve a larger number of civic leaders was the point Dr. Phillips tried to get across to his audience, but as added information Dr. Phillips gave a "report card" of the state's financial spending on public schools.

"At the present time, 70-78% of educational funds in North Carolina are coming from the state level," Dr. Phillips said, "14 billion dollars is not enough to buy

the kind of education we want for our students today."

Dr. Phillips pointed out that if public schools are to continue to improve, we must "seek a way to distribute the burden of paying for education, I think it would be feasible to divide the financial cost between local, state, and federal agencies with each agency paying what their budget could stand."

In order to get more funds we have got to tell the people we elect what we want in the way of education, "this is not political pressure, but educational pressure."

Dr. Phillips and his staff attended the educators western district NCEA meeting in Cullowhee on Friday.

Present for the Thursday night meeting and Friday meeting in Cullowhee were Assistant State Superintendents, Dr. R. Max Albert, Dr. H.T. Conner, and Dr. Jerome H. Milton. Mr. A.C. Davis, comptroller of the State Board of Education, and Mr. William Peek, Administrative Assistant were also present.

Macon-Swain Farmers Receive \$73,250 In Loans

The Macon-Swain Unit of Farmers Home Administration loaned \$73,250 in operating loan funds during the 1969 fiscal year, states William R. Martin, County Supervisor.

In fiscal year 1969 most of the operating loans were made to help farm families modernize their farming operations, raise their incomes, and give families a higher standard of living.

Operating loans are made to full time and part time farmers to meet farm operating costs, to finance machinery, equipment, livestock and refinancing debts. Another type of operating loan which has been used in the Macon-Swain Unit is the recreational or non-farm enterprise loan to develop recreational facilities or other non-farm enterprises which will supplement farm income.

A recent national survey showed that farmers using the operating loan credit program

have increased their gross cash income from \$10,459 in the year before they received the loan to \$16,241 in the past crop year. Farmers net worth rose from \$13,081 in the year before they received the loan to \$17,880 in the past crop year.

Now is the time to plan operating credit needs for the next crop year. For further information on credit available, contact William R. Martin or Jackie E. McLamb at the Agricultural Building in Bryson City on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Three Traffic Accidents In County Last Week

State Highway Patrol Officers reported three accidents in Swain County last week. Three people were injured and a total of \$2700 damage was done to the four cars involved.

The first accident occurred Wednesday morning about 8:30 one and one half miles north of Cherokee on US 441. Two vehicles, one a 1959 Chevrolet, the other a 1960 Pontiac, were involved.

Noah Arch, Jr. age 25, was traveling south on US 441, according to investigating officer, W. L. McDonald when a 1959 Chevrolet, driven by Raymond McKinley Messer, of Whittier, attempted to make a left turn crossing the path of the Arch vehicle.

McDonald stated that the Messer auto was hit on the right side and spun around in the road hitting a gas pump at a nearby service station before coming to a stop.

A passenger in the Arch car, Rose Ann Feather, age 12, and the driver of the car were injured in the accident according to Sgt. McDonald.

The second accident occurred Friday afternoon about 4:00 p.m. and involved only one car. According to officers, Guy English, age 16, of Bryson City lost control of his 1967 Volkswagen on a wet highway three miles east of Bryson City on US 19. The vehicle left the right side of the highway and struck a tree doing approximately \$500 damage to the Volkswagen. Sgt. W. L. McDonald made the investigation for State Highway Patrol.

The third accident of the week occurred Friday evening about 11:45 p.m. approximately 1 1/4 miles East of Bryson City on US 19.

he lost control of his 1968 Mercury and overturned. According to trooper Hawes, Lee was traveling West toward Bryson City when he ran off the right shoulder of US 19 traveling some 120 feet along the shoulder before overturning. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$1200.

The Board of Directors of the Swain County unit of the American Cancer Society has selected new officers.

They are: President, Mrs. Melvin A. Roper; first vice-president, Dr. W.E. Mitchell; medical advisor, Dr. H.L. Bacon; crusade chairman, Mrs. Clyde Bates; secretary-treasurer, Max Anders.

The education chairman is Mrs. Doris Hicks, who also is chairman of Swain County's monthly cancer clinic; publicity chairman, John Wilkie; service chairman, Dr. H.L. Bacon.

Swain County cancer crusade funds are spent on needs considered most necessary, such as the cancer detection clinics and biopsies, and applied toward equipment in cancer detection and cure.

Retiring president, Mrs. Roberta Whitaker, expressed her appreciation to the unit officers and all other who have helped in the Cancer Drive, Clinic, and other related activities.

Much money received for the cancer fund is used in research. Mrs. Whitaker urged that people of Swain County make memorial contributions throughout the year. These may be made to Max Anders at Swain Electric Company.

Winners Of Roadside Improvement Contest Will Be Named Friday, September 26

Winners of the Roadside Improvement Contest of the 1969 Western North Carolina Community Development Program will be announced at a luncheon meeting on Friday, September 26 at 12 noon at Bailey's Cafeteria, Tunnel Road Shopping Center, Asheville.

A total of 72 organized communities competed in the Roadside Contest this year and 14 county winners were judged in area competition earlier this month. Kirkland's Creek represented Swain county in the judging.

The presentation of awards

in the special rural beautification effort will be held in conjunction with a planning meeting of the area improvement program's Steering Committee representing the 18 county western area.

The committee, composed of members from all counties participating in the Community Development Program, will set up the schedule for area judging of the overall program later this fall and also make plans for the 1970 contest.

The rural roadside beautification program is

sponsored by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and the agricultural agencies and local sponsors in the western counties. Purpose is to stimulate organize those doing the best job.

First prize of \$150 in the contest is sponsored by ADOA Corporation of Biltmore. Second prize of \$100 is provided by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and \$50 third prize by Ivey's Four honorable mention awards of \$25 each are sponsored by Gerber Products Company and Asheville Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Assistant County Supervisor Named

Due to the increased workload, expanded authorities and responsibilities of the Macon-Swain Unit of the Farmers Home Administration, a new position, Assistant County Supervisor, has been authorized and staffed, states William R. Martin, County Supervisor.

Mr. Jackie E. McLamb entered for duty on August 25 as the Assistant County Supervisor in the Franklin FHA office. Mr. McLamb is a June graduate of North Carolina State University where he received a BS degree in Agricultural Education. Mr. McLamb, besides courses in Agricultural Education, took electives in farm electrification, farm structures, farm powering machinery, and irrigation, and terracing and erosion control, which will be very helpful in his work as Assistant County Supervisor. At N. C. State University he was active in the Agricultural Technology Club and Animal Science Club.

Mr. McLamb, a native of Benson, N. C. comes to this office well qualified to work with farmers and rural people as he was reared on a tobacco and livestock farm in Johnston County. Since June 16th he has been training for the Assistant County Supervisors position in the Fayetteville, N. C. FHA office.

He is married to the former Miss Karen Johnson of Four Oaks, N. C., and they are presently making their home in Franklin.

ASC Committeemen Election For Swain County Released

Results of the recent election of community ASC committeemen for Swain County were announced today by Jack B. Wiggins, Chairman, Swain County Agricultural

Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The election was held by mail, no ballots were counted publicly by the county committee Friday, Sept. 19, 1969 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the ASCS office.

Farmers elected to the committee are: Alarka - Gordon Gunter, Chairman; Dan Bowers, Vice-Chairman; Harley Cochran, Regular Member; David Cloer, First Alternate; and Fred J. Cochran, Second Alternate.

Bryson City - H. P. Browning, Chairman; Roy Z. Shuler, Vice-Chairman; Jess M. Brown, Regular Member; Millard Reeves, First Alternate; and H. L. Smiley, Second Alternate.

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Nantahala - Zade Burnett, Chairman; John Freeman, Vice-Chairman; Glenn Breedlove, Regular Member; Rufus King, First Alternate; and Grade W. Burnette, Second Alternate.

Whittier - Dover J. Dean, Chairman; K. L. Cooper, Vice Chairman; P. S. Ferguson, Regular Member; T. K. Hyatt, First Alternate; and Cola Adams, Second Alternate.

The county convention will be held Thursday, September 25 1969 in the assembly room of the Federal Building. The convention is open to the public.

Relief To Victims Of Hurricane Camille Tops 20 Million Dollars

A sharp increase in the number of families registering for Red Cross recovery assistance will push the cost of relief to the victims of Hurricane Camille over the \$20 million mark, it was announced today by John C. Wilson, Red Cross executive vice president.

Over 25,000 families along the stricken sections of the Gulf Coast and in the flood areas in Virginia and West Virginia already have applied for rehabilitation help, Mr. Wilson said, and it is estimated that more than 28,000 families will need Red Cross assistance.

Heart Attack Victim Dies In Cherokee

A 72 year old Weaverville man was found dead in his motel room in Cherokee last Thursday afternoon about 1:25. Authorities say the man, Ralph Brad Brank, apparently died of a heart attack.

According to a witness, the victims wife, Mr. Brank checked into the Rippling Waters Motel Wednesday afternoon. They traveled throughout the tourist attractions in Cherokee Wednesday and came back to the motel and went to bed about 10:00. Thursday morning Mr. Brank got up around 7:30 and after eating breakfast, went trout fishing in the Oconaluftee River. Mrs. Brank stated that her husband came in around 12:45 complaining of being dizzy, having cramps, and chest pains.

Mrs. Brank went downstairs to phone for a doctor. When she returned to the room, Mr. Brank was dead.

Cherokee Police and the Swain County Sheriff's Department investigated.

Juvenile Center Open House Set

The Juvenile Evaluation Center, Swannanoa, North Carolina, will hold Open House on Sunday, September 28, from 2 - 5, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. Hostesses at this special function will be Women's Club members from districts in

Western North Carolina. The event will include a tour of the facilities, presentation of a slide program on the work of the center, and the serving of refreshments. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this planned reception for the public.