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Around Town

Computer Troubles

Well, we've done it again. We've pulled a first, at least since we've been here. This is the first week that the TIMES was not in our readers mail box Thursday morning. Our computer is a very fine machine, but even the best break down sometimes and ours did this week. Boy, did we have a mess! No excuse, no reason. We will try to do better.

Night Courses Start At Tech

Bruce Wike, director of the evening program at Southwestern Technical Institute, has announced a schedule of evening classes to begin in October.

Auto Body Repair will begin on October 20, and will meet Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 10. This course continues for 21 months, and includes training in both interior and exterior auto body work.

Diesel Mechanics will begin at 7 o'clock October 20, and will meet thereafter from 6:30 to 10 o'clock Monday through Thursday. This is a 12-months course, and is open only to those who have had a year of either formal training or full-time experience in mechanics.

The courses listed below are scheduled for eleven weeks, and will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 on the evenings indicated. The first session of each class will begin at the hour shown with the course.

Monday, October 20, Shorthand, 7:00 Monday and Wednesday; Electricity A. C., D. C., and house wiring, 7:30, Monday Wednesday and Thursday; Small Engine Repair, 8:00 Monday, Wednesday; Art: Life study, basic figure drawing, 8:30 Monday, Wednesday.

Tuesday, October 21 (and Thursdays) Typing, 6:30; Office Machines, 7:00; Accounting, 7:30; Welding (and Gas Welding), 8:00.

Wike said there will be a nominal tuition and insurance charge for each course, and students will buy their own books. All courses offer credit toward either a certificate or the Associate in Applied Science degree. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 586-4091 after 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Feichter Elected Pres Of Academy Of Medicine

Dr. Ralph N. Feichter was elected President of the State of Franklin Academy of Medicine Sunday afternoon during the fall meeting of regional physicians at the Canada Township Community House in Jackson County.

Elected to serve with the Waynesville internist during 1970 were Dr. Robert E. Nordling of Bryson City as Vice-President and Dr. Hugh A. Matthews of Western Carolina University as Secretary-Treasurer. Bill Upchurch with the State of Franklin Health Council was named Executive Secretary.

The State of Franklin Academy of Medicine is comprised of physicians of the seven most southwestern counties of North Carolina. An outgrowth of the State of Franklin Health Council, the Academy, provides a concerted voice of area physicians in community health planning and educational programs, fosters continuing education for physicians, seeks diagnosis and solutions to regional medical problems, and provides an avenue of communication for physician with physician.

The Academy endorsed the developing Health Clinic of Canada and made commitments for physician personnel in the rural clinic function. Dr. Ralph Morgan, promoter of the rural clinic, reviewed the development of the program which brings modern medical services to this isolated area of near one hundred and fifty families and



Sunday Morning Accident

Kenneth Kirkland of Bryson City was driving his 1964 Ford Sunday morning around 1:45 when he lost control and rammed into a rock wall. According to investigating officers, Kirkland was traveling west toward Bryson City on U.S. 19 in the vicinity of the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, when

he lost control of the vehicle. He apparently ran off the right side of the road, traveled along the shoulder, came back across the highway, and hit a rock wall on the left hand side of the road doing extensive damage to the left front and right side of the vehicle.

Where Did The Squirrels Go?

Where did all the little squirrels go?

This question is currently being asked all over Western North Carolina. Some squirrels have reportedly been seen in Jackson County, especially in the Barkers Creek section. According to reports, other counties find very few squirrels.

In Swain County, questioning by the writer of veteran mountain men and hunters such as Cecil Welch of Bryson City always bring the same answer: An excellent crop of mast (acorns and other foods) but little or no sign of squirrels.

Nurses To Meet

Mrs. Helen Peeler, executive director of the North Carolina State Nurses Association, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting October 8 at the Teddy Bear Restaurant near here. This is an open meeting for all nurses in Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee Counties.

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Pilgrim Holiness To Change Name To Wesleyan Church



The Pilgrim Holiness Church here will now be known as "Bryson City Wesleyan Church." The decision to change the name of the church is in accord with the new name of the denomination of which the local church is a part. The Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist

Last year at this time the situation was reversed, according to these men: Squirrels everywhere but little mast. What mast there was appeared to be very spotty in the mountain area.

Most citizens recall the great squirrel migration or panic or whatever it was last year covering several states. Squirrels in the multiplied thousands were killed on the highways and in lakes and streams. Some seemed to be extremely confused with no normal sense of danger as they dashed in front of cars.

Experts gathered specimens last year and stated the animals all seemed normally fat. True, said the mountain men: The squirrels were well fed because they were spreading out and temporarily finding food where ever it existed beyond their normal supply in the woods-cornfields, gardens, even apple orchards, and cultivated chestnut and walnut trees. They were getting handouts from people, too, but were storing nothing up for the winter.

No need to worry, some experts said last year. There might be a shortage in the squirrel population this year, but not a really great one. Not agreed, the mountain men said. The mountain veterans said it was the biggest "stir" among squirrels in their memories last year. They reported a great increase in finding instances of "barr" (barrow) squirrels among the younger males last year. This is a process, the old timers say, by which younger male squirrels are emasculated by the older squirrels during

denominations have united to form "The Wesleyan Church". Both these groups were outgrowths of the Holiness Camp meeting movement among Methodist churches in the last century.

Earlier this year a building fund was begun to finance needed repairs for the church building here. Sunday School rooms have been finished, heating installed, and painting will be completed this week. Carpet will be installed soon. Several individuals and business firms in Bryson City have made contributions for this besides the members and former members. Appreciation is expressed for each donation.

Revival services are planned next week at the Bryson City Wesleyan Church. The services will be October 13 - 19 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Paul Whitesides will be the evangelist. He is the pastor of the Graham Wesleyan Church in Graham, N. C. The pastor of the church, Rev. James Caviness extends a warm welcome to the public to attend these services.

Alcohol, Traffic Violations Head District Court Docket

Judge Felix Alley presided over the regular session of District Court in Swain County last Wednesday where once again alcohol and traffic violations were the major offenses.

Individual cases heard were: Charles Stephensen, Jr. charged with larceny of a bicycle, the state took a nol-pros-with-leave. Fred Lee King charged with drunk driving, case continued until Nov. 3, 1969.

Frederick H. Arch, Sr., charged with fraud, plead not guilty, case dismissed. Emmet Hillian Orr charged with speeding 68 mph in a 55 mph zone. The state took a nol-pros-with-leave. George Henry Garland, charged with improper passing, the state took a nol-pros-with-leave.

Ted Henry Treadway charged with non-support, called and failed. Joe Feather charged with non-support, called and failed. Joe McIntosh, charged with non-support, continued until November 3, 1969.

Hardy Rose, charged with public drunkenness, second offense, called and failed.

Cecil Franklin charged with larceny of personal property, continued until November session for the defendant.

Grady Carringer charged with leaving the scene of an accident, called and failed. Lavone Woodard charged with non-support, state took a nol-pros-with-leave. Defendant in the Army.

Coyle Jones charged with public drunkenness, third offense, called and failed. Louise Parton charged with aiding and abetting, driving while license revoked. Plead not guilty. Found not guilty.

George Vernon Sneed charged with driving while license revoked, second offense. Plead not guilty. Found guilty. Ordered to pay fine of \$200 and cost of court action. Defendant served notice of appeal, bond set at \$300.

James Bennett Jones charged with assault with a deadly weapon on officers. Preliminary examination found probably cause, defendant bound over to Superior Court. Bond set at \$750. Judgment in this case dated September 9 of 1969 is stricken.

John Q. Hembree charged with drunk driving, no operator's license, called and failed.

Joseph Phillip Standincher charged with non-support, called and failed.

Frank Birchfield charged

with public drunkenness, second offense, called and failed.

Russell Warren Winchester charged with non-support, called and failed.

Charles Stephenson, Jr. charged with non-support. Continued.

Lawson Woodfin Henderson charged with drunk driving. Plead not guilty. Found guilty. Ordered to pay \$100 fine, cost of court action and surrender license. Defendant served notice of appeal to Superior Court. Bond set at \$150.

Ronald Welch charged with disposing of mortgage

property. Plead not guilty, state took a non-pros.

Willard Tipton charged with drunk driving. Continued for state until November 3.

Don Lambert charged with public drunkenness, assault on an officer, and resisting arrest. Plead not guilty. Continued until November 4.

William Dennis Reed charged with assault with a deadly weapon, called and failed. Nisi-sci-fa-capis issued.

DISTRICT COURT

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Superior Court Jurors Named For Oct. Term

Jurors have been drawn for the October 20th session of Superior Court to be held in the Swain County Court House in Bryson City.

Numbers were drawn by the Clerk of Superior Court and matched with corresponding names by the Register of Deeds Office in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 9, Section 5. Jurors and Grand Jurors will report for jury duty Monday morning, October 20.

Excuses will be heard Monday, October 13, before the honorable Judge Robert Leatherwood at 9:00 a.m. in the morning in the Swain County Court House.

Grand Jury members are: John R. Cope, Bryson City; Mrs. Hazel Jacks, Bryson City; Lee Rickman, Bryson City; Mrs. C. H. Martin, Bryson City; Bruce Messer, Rte. 3; Lois E. Davis, Rte. 3; Clyde Davis, Rte. 3; Leonard Martin, Almond; Glenn Brown, Rte. 1; C. C. Wright, Bryson City; Mrs. Crawford Jenkins, Whittier; Mrs. Frances Bates, Bryson City; Mrs. Brenda Cope, Bryson City; Jim Ensley, Bryson City; Gale Winchester, Bryson City; Adam Crisp, Bryson City; and Mrs. Millard Reeves, Bryson City.

Petit Jury members are: Mrs. W. F. Bumgarner, Bryson City; Mrs. Eunice Skidmore; Bryson City; Candler Pilkey, Bryson City; R. N. Wiggins, Rte. 2; Heilda Ammons, Bryson City; Wheeler Jones, Rte. 2; Blanche Monteith, Bryson City; Betty Lou Moffitt, Rte. 3; Edith Freeman, Almond; Cleo Cochran, Rte. 2; Maude Weld, Bryson City; Leroy English, Bryson City; Earl Messer, Bryson City; O. G. Garland, Bryson City; Mrs. Blanche Anders, Bryson City;

80% Of Tax Increase Would Go For New School Fund

The Swain County Board of Commissioners met Monday, October 6 in a regularly scheduled meeting with all members present.

A general business session was taken care of and the following resolution was passed concerning the upcoming 1 cent sales tax vote November 4.

"Recognizing the additional tax revenues that are expected upon passage of the one (1) cent sales tax referendum to be held on November 4, 1969, and recognizing the pressing need for new school facilities. Be it resolved that this board pledges 80% of the revenues to be received from the sales tax for a new school building fund."

Fourth Rock Swap Of Year Schedule This Weekend

The fourth and last for 1969 in a series of four rock swap shops for the Western North Carolina mountains will be held October 11-12 at Gorgarama Park on U. S. Highway 19, in the Nantahala Gorge between Bryson City and Andrews.

This rock swap and show is entirely free to the public as well as the hobbyists. The Gorgarama Park, host for the show, is located one mile inside the north entrance to the Nantahala Gorge fourteen miles west of Bryson City. The show will feature outside displays that will be as varied as the material they bring. The informality of the occasion gives the event a country fair feeling—there is no official beginning or closing.

The swap is held on a first-come, no-reservation basis to give all hobbyists an equal chance at choice spots. In the past, almost every state in the union has been represented. In the last few years, coin, bottle, and antique collectors have been attending.

In Addition to being in the center of access to the natural beauties of Western North Carolina such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Blue Ridge Parkway and to seeing in addition to gems such as floating and bending stones, the visitor will be near what is being called by many the "Gen Center of the World." This is the fabulous area around Franklin, especially its "Ruby City," in east Franklin now called by many the Southeast's largest gem and rock show. Many strange and unusual

stones appear at the rock "swap-shops".

A good luck stone is the Apache Tear—a small, smooth, black stone. This stone comes from central Arizona. A

legendary name is given to these stones by the Indians of the Apache tribe of central Arizona. As the legend goes: It

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Two Killed, Eight Injured

We are running this picture for the benefit of those who have not been by West End Service Station to see this bus. Two Orangeburg, S. C., men died Friday night

when this bus left highway 107 near Glenville and hit three trees before coming to a stop. Eight other occupants riding in the bus were injured, four seriously.