

# The Smoky Mountain Times

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November 14 Date For Achievement Program

The annual Extension Homemakers Achievement Program will be held on Friday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church in Bryson City. A special feature of the program will be exhibits by individual clubs in the county. These are to be in place by 5:30. A dress revue featuring outfits made by club women during the past year will be held. Mrs. Mariann Hicks, County Clothing Chairman, is in charge of the dress revue. She would like each person who plans to exhibit an article to let her know as soon as they can what type articles they are to exhibit and a sample of the fabric if possible.

Mrs. Letha Sutton, Citizenship Chairman, will give excerpts from a most inspiring talk which was given by Mrs. Ben Williams of Okalahoma, at the District meeting in Juanuska. The title of her talk was "What Is a Virtuous Woman." The women of Swain County who heard Mrs. Williams said her talk was the most inspiring they had ever heard. We know that Letha will make all of us realize our citizenship responsibility.



## Library Fund Gets Checks

Dr. Kelly Bennett, owner of the Bryson City Drug Co., here in Bryson City and treasurer of the Cherokee Historical Association is pictured above presenting three checks to Mrs. Roberta Whitaker, secretary of the Maranine Black Library as Edgar Fisher fund raising chairman for the library looks on. Dr. Bennett presented the library with three checks on behalf of the

Historical Association. The first check was from the Cherokee Museum for \$500; the second from the Oconalufee Village for \$1,000; and the third from the Cherokee Historical Association in the amount of \$1500. The donations totaled \$3,000 and will be used to help with the construction of the new library to be built here in Bryson City soon.

## SWAIN VOTERS APPROVE 1¢ SALES TAX INCREASE

The Swain County voters passed the 1 cent sales tax increase by a two to one margin in a general election Tuesday. The unofficial vote count was 559 to and 249 in favor of the tax.

The state-wide issue was approved in 7 of 19 western North Carolina counties including: Clay, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Watauga, Bumbombe and Swain. A total

of 25 of the 100 counties throughout the state of North Carolina approved the increase. The tax will go into effect March 1, 1970.

The total vote was one of the lightest county wide election votes cast in son's time. A total of 808 voters went to the polls and expressed their right as members of a free society.

The two Bryson City precincts accounting for 526 of the total votes voted at a rate of five to one in favor of the measure with 436 for and 89 against.

Four of the five county precincts voted against the measure with two boxes carrying a very slight three vote majority.

Ela, the only other county precinct, voted in favor of the tax 47 to 19.

The Swain County Board of Commissioners has pledged 80% of their share of the funds to go in a special fund for the purpose of building new school facilities.

The city has said their share would go into the city's general fund for municipal improvements, with some thought being given to recreation.

The vote by precinct was as follows:

Precinct	For	Against
Alarka	14	47
Almond	21	24
Ela	47	19
Bryson City	165	64
Bryson City 2	271	25
Whittier	19	35
White Oak	22	25
Total	559	249

## Around Town

While preparing this week's District Court records for the newspaper, we were reminded of a serious mistake in the court docket printed in this paper two weeks ago on October 23. On the front page of our paper appeared the name of Davis Seay. The charge was listed as breaking and entering and disposition was listed as continued. The charge was incorrect and we extend our apology in this error.

Swain County voters showed again Tuesday, in a county wide election, that they are continuously striving for progress and for the betterment of Swain County. We are speaking of the over-whelming vote, almost two to one, in favor of the 1 cent sales tax increase. Sometimes it hurts a little, but we feel that it is a necessity for the progress of our county.

We were asked this week about when Swain County would hold their next liquor and beer referendum. We are neither for nor against the sale of alcoholic beverages in this county, but we would point out that even though we do not have what is known as a "wet county" in legal terms, we do have the trash and empties from adjoining counties that are wet. Our court docket this week contained a list of 93 violations. Thirty-five of these violations were direct results of alcohol. So in answer to this question, I inform the interested party that Swain County already has alcohol, we just don't have the tax.

The Cherokee Indian Rescue Squad and auxiliary is holding a bingo party next Saturday night, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Fire Department. There will be refreshments served and a cake sale and also door prizes.

The Cherokee Lion's Club will hold its first turkey shoot near Boundary Tree Lodge beginning at noon Saturday, November 8. Thereafter a turkey shoot will be held each Saturday during November and on Thanksgiving Day. Blake Sneed will be in charge of the turkey shoots.

We don't know what you called the precipitation that fell Tuesday afternoon around 2:00, but whatever you called it, is probably right. At one time, at exactly 2:14 p.m., we saw and felt snow, rain, and sleet all at once on Main Street in front of this office.

Halloween has come and gone for another year and we would like to pass on to you the thanks of the local law officers for a very quiet and safe Halloween night.

Coach Milt Barden announced Tuesday that girls and boys basketball practice will start next Wednesday. The football season is over Friday night and the coaches will use Monday and Tuesday to get the football gear turned in and then their attention will be turned to you basketball lovers. Coach Barden also pointed out that it is essential that you be present for practice the first week if you plan to make the team.

It is not as far from Christmas as you might think. Six and one half weeks and ole Santa Claus will be here. Do your shopping at home, here in Bryson City with home town merchants.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol reports only two accidents in Swain County last week. While making six contacts there were three charged with speeding, one pedestrian violation, and two other hazardous moving violations. Officers patrolled a distance of some 2,420 miles with the week beginning October 27 and extending through November 2.

## Wet Or Dry, District Court Cases Point Out, Swain County Has Alcohol

What was scheduled to be a three day District Court session ended Tuesday afternoon here in the Swain County Court House after a very active Monday, before the honorable Robert Leatherwood, District Court Judge.

Several cases that have appeared on docket after docket were retired to the

inactive docket list, while a number of cases were continued and a still greater number of defendants received varying sentences.

Alcohol is still the number one county expense with 35 of the 93 cases on the docket involving alcohol.

Individual cases heard were: John Q. Hembree charged

with drunk driving with no operators license. Found guilty, fine of \$100 and surrender drivers license.

Joseph P. Standingdeer charged with non support. Retired to inactive docket.

Fred Lee King charged with drunk driving. Continued.

Joe Feather charged with non support. Retired to inactive docket.

Ted Henry Treadway charged with non support. Retired to inactive docket.

Hardy Rose charged with public drunkenness, third offense. Retired to inactive docket.

Richard Ervin Youngdeer charged with pre-arranged racing and drunk driving. Continued until Nov. 26, 1969 session.

Furman Earl Herron charged with reckless driving. Retired to inactive docket.

Dan Welch charged with violation of probation law. Called and failed. Capiis issued and \$25 bond set.

Jerry Maurice Smith charged with drunk driving. Retired to inactive docket.

Howell J. Crisp charged with assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious bodily injury. Continued until Nov. 26 session.

Amonetta Sequoyah, Jr. charged with drunk driving. Fine of \$100 and cost surrender drivers license and not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina.

Levi Smith charged with drunk driving. Fine \$100 and cost and surrender drivers license.

William Perry Pheasant charged with murder. Continued until November 26 session.

James Melville Butler charged with drunk driving. Fine of \$100 and cost and surrender drivers license.

Ann McMahan Jones charged with driving on the left side of the highway causing an accident and with having fictitious drivers license. Charged \$25 on each count, surrender drivers license and not to operate a motor vehicle on North Carolina highways until properly licensed.

Calloway Martin Ball charged with drunk driving. Fine of \$100 and cost and surrender drivers license.

John Cecil Cook charged with drunk driving. Fine \$100 and cost and surrender drivers license.

Jessie Martin charged with larceny. Plead not guilty. Dismissed on payment of cost.

Ross Sherrill charged with forcible trespass. Dismissed on payment of cost.

Ross Sherrill charged with assault on female. Dismissed on payment of cost.

## Swain Sylva Battle To 16-16 Tie

The Swain High Maroon Devils tied conference foe, Sylva, here Friday night before a capacity crowd. The tie left the Devils with a 4-2-1 conference mark and a 6-2-1 over all season.

Sylva won the toss and elected to receive. Richard Greene kicked off for Swain with 28 returning it to the 26 of Sylva. On their first play 37 was able to pick up 3 yards over the middle. The next two plays very incomplete passes. On fourth down 88 stepped into punt; his punt rolled dead on Swain's 45.

Bill Adams went to work on Swain's first play and got around left end for 6 yards. Next Larry Beck broke loose for nine yards and a Swain first down on Sylva's 40. Adams found going rough on the next play and only picked up one yard. Danny Muse's first pass to Nat Watson fell short. Next Muse tried to run and picked up two yards, on 4th down. Jimbo Colville was called on to punt. The snap to Colville went over his head and when Colville finally found the ball he was on Swain's 29 where Sylva took over first and ten. Sylva was only able to gain 9 yards in two carries. On fourth down the Eagles were stopped short and Swain took over first and ten.

Beck and Adams found running rough and picked up only 4 yards. Now Muse again went to the air but his pass to Beck fell incomplete. On fourth down Colville punted. Sylva failed to move the ball and Swain took over on their own 19 yard line. Beck carried for 8 yards. Next Adams lost a yard setting the stage for a fine run of 24 yards by Larry Beck, carrying the ball to the 49 of Sylva. Roy Greene was called on for 2 yards. Muse kept the ball for one yard gain before handing off to Greene who picked up 4 more. A Muse pass to Watson gained 6 yards for a Swain first down on Sylva's 36. Beck was called on and in two runs got 6 yards, but on his third try lost 5. On the next play, Muse was caught behind the line for a 10 yard loss. Sylva took over on downs on their own 45 to end the first quarter.

SECOND QUARTER Sylva went to the air three consecutive plays but Larry Beck was there to pull the third one down and Swain had good field position with the first and ten on their own 44. Beck plugged the way at the middle of the line gaining 3, 4, and 5 yards a carry moving the ball to the Sylva 38.

Muse tossed an 8 yard pass to right end, Jimbo Colville, to give the Devils a first and ten from the Sylva 30. Roy Greene bucked the middle of the line for two before Larry Beck went up the middle for 28 and the first TD of the ballgame. Beck scored the optional two extra points and the Devils led 8-0.

Sylva received Swain's kickoff and again went to the air gaining 9 yards from their own 46 to the Devils 45 before Larry Beck intercepted his second pass of the evening. The Devils found the going rough this time, however, and were forced to punt. The ball rolled dead on the Sylva 14 yard line. The Eagles put together 3 first downs and marched 86 yards to paydirt in 11 plays with Jim Buchanan going around the left end for the score tied 8 all.

Muse attempted to pass on Swain's first play from scrimmage but Mike Cogdill was there for the Eagles and pulled the pass down for a Sylva interception. Time ran out in the first half before the Eagles could get started.

THIRD QUARTER Swain received the second half kickoff and moved from their own 14 to the 33 before the Eagles forced them to punt.

It looked as though defense would be the name of the game during the second half as both teams exchanged two punts with neither moving the ball very well. As time began to run out in the third quarter the Devils took a Sylva punt on their own 24 with a first and ten from that point. On the first play from Scrimmage, Danny Muse tossed a quick pass to half back, Larry Beck, and it was all over. Beck went 76 yards for his second TD of the evening. The extra point was good and Swain led 16-8.

Sylva took the Swain kickoff on their own 34 and began to move the ball with authority picking up 4 first downs as they moved down to the Swain 8. Bimbo Queen picked up one through the middle of the Swain line before quarterback, Jim Davis, was dropped for a 7 yard loss. An incomplete pass on third down gave the Eagles a 4 and 14 situation. Davis completed a short pass to end, Gary Cowan, for 9 yards, but Beck, Adams, and Muse were there to drop him on the Devils 5 yard line, short of a first down and short of a TD. The Devils took over first and ten from their own 5 as the third quarter ended.

FOURTH QUARTER The Devils staying on the ground moved out to their own 27 before they were forced to punt. Colville got a good roll on his punt and the Eagles found themselves deep in their own territory with a first and

ten from the 17. Again moving the ball with authority, the Eagles marched 83 yards to paydirt in 13 plays picking up 5 first downs on the way as Bimbo Queen went over from the 1. The extra point was good and the score was tied 16-16.

Swain received Sylva's kickoff on their own 37 and moved to the Sylva 41 before giving up the ball on downs.

Sylva picked up 2 first downs and moved to the Swain 32., before losing the ball on downs. With time running out the Devils went to the air and with 3 completed passes in a row moved to the Sylva 40. Sylva's pass defense stiffened and 3 Muse to Beck passes fell incomplete as time ran out with the score tied 16 all.

Swain will play the final game of the season at home this week against non-conference opponent Towns County, Ga. Game time is 8:00.

## The Beavers Are Back On Alarka

Beavers are persistent animals - you can say that for them. They're going to build a dam or dams on or near the Jim Sneed farm about five miles west of here, come high water or what have you - and they've had plenty of both.

Beavers had largely disappeared from the mountains until they appeared about six years ago in Swain County on the Sneed farm. Since then, they have been reported in several places in the county.

But the group at the Sneed farm has made some kind of history in persistence. They first built three dams reaching out into Alarka Creek. The creek's high water washed them out. Then they built dams on various branches of the creek. These somehow

disappeared. They've built several dams over the years above or below a culvert across the creek from the Sneed farm on lower Alarka road (old U.S. 19). These have been torn down. They have had dams across from the railroad embankment in the same area. They went, too. The battle has gone on through the years. Now they've really outdone themselves. They have built a double dam at the culvert site - one north of the road near the south side of the embankment and one below the road between it and Alarka Creek. The north dam is a big one and backing up considerable water. The south one is steadily getting larger.

Local beaver watchers are holding their breaths. For, at the same time as the double dam operation, another branch of the family is building another dam out into Alarka Creek at about the same spot they started out six years ago.

Homecoming 1969 has come and gone and with it another good ball game. Everyone on the hill really worked all week building displays, promoting school spirit and getting ready for the Sylva invasion. Indeed this was a completely full week and for many I am sure they are glad Homecoming comes only once a year.

This week's activities were fun; however, to some (including myself) we wonder just how much the "fad days" helped prepare for the frenzy of pep needed to help beat Sylva. Who knows? To be honest, the students and fans never let up during the game; it was their best show of pep and enthusiastic backing all year and was greatly appreciated by all the players.

I feel that sportsmanship is in such great evidence. If you are interested, we lost no yardage whatever through penalties. How many times can that happen in a Swain-Sylva football game? Sylva was penalized only a few times. All in all, it was one of the cleanest played games we have had this year.

I was so proud of you people who have been the "backbone" for the buys on the field. You have been tremendous fans for young men who deserve your good following. Your actions as well as the actions of the players have been keenly felt in all our opponents' communities this year. In fact, the Franklin paper had a nice write-up about OUR good sportsmanship. In the press box at Murphy it was the major topic of conversation according to those working inside it. It is unbelievable how

much improvement we have made since last year. Thanks! This was the last of the "Big Three" games. Sylva had scouted us each game this season but still found stopping our offense a tough thing to do. I have known all season that our defense was our weakness - take any part of it - it is weak. Why? Well, let's cry a little - we lost seven boys or rather men and I do mean

men-through graduation last year. We were blessed with 200-235 lb. chunks of granite this year who were just as mobile as chunks of granite - under their own power. Our defensive ends were small and inexperienced and proved to be no match for the beatings dealt them by power teams such as Murphy and Sylva.

Big Dee Dee Wood seemed to be just what we have been looking for to play defensive end. He was great in the Sylva game. He made mistakes - sure, who wouldn't with that little experience, but at least he played it plenty tough. Bill Adams carried out a personal vendetta with Sylva's Bimbo Queen; both boys played fine games for their respective teams.

Both teams had closely matched counter parts. Swain's quartet - the best anywhere - composed of Muse, Watson, Adams, and Beck were paralleled by Sylva's Davis, Cowan, Middleton, and Queen. With these factors fairly even, the war's outcome depended on the defensive line. Inexperience, injuries, the breaks...it adds up to a tie game.

Sylva's game offense forced us to go to a heavier, slower defensive line. James King and Alvin Gerding, two young tigers who have been doing real well, sat out while our big studs were at work with the heavy yellow bird line. Sylva did a good job of mixing the game strategy by passing considerably more than we had expected. Our defensive forward wall kept pressure on the quarter back causing a low percentage of pass completions.

As this season draws to a close it seems that I'll be needing a tongue transplant. The officiating this year has been considerably better this year it seems... or does a person gradually become numb by it? For the second time this year Larry Beck was halted by a quick whistle; the first time was a touchdown run in the Hayesville game. Who knows, his pass interception

against Sylva had all the earmarks of a TD also. We coaches who have to bite our tongues during games surely must make life miserable off the field.

I feel that a salute to the football mothers and wives is in order at this time. These foundations of the American home must shake with anger at the coaching staff throughout the football season. We keep the kids out so they can eat cold supper after the rest of the family has eaten; we send the boys home limping, and beaten so they don't have energy to do the chores; we keep them out on the road late at night. These are but a few reasons why we coaches say, "Thank you for letting us have your boys."

Looking forward to the Towns County game: You will get a look at our boys you haven't seen so much of this season. It should be a lot of fun for our boys playing in their last game. Since Jim Bigwitch did so well catching a pass last week he may get another chance! It should be a good game for us and one I know we will enjoy playing.

## Woman's Club October Meeting

The Busy Woman's Club met at 7:30 p.m. on October 28, 1969 at the home of Mrs. Ila Ferguson. There were twelve members present. Mr. Rufus Bates, club president, presided during the business session.

The following new officers were elected to serve during the coming year: president - Mrs. Rufus Bates; vice-president - Mrs. Foster Lane; secretary - Mrs. J.L. Woody; treasurer - Mrs. Fannie Moore. Mrs. Fannie Moore, Home Economics Extension Agent, gave a demonstration on cheese and several different cheeses were sampled by the members present.

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