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Town

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol reports that there were only two accidents in Swain County last week. While making five contacts, two were charged with speeding, no drunk drivers, one pedestrian violation, one other hazardous moving violation, and two non- hazardous violations. The officers patrolled a distance of some 1.340 miles with the week beginning Dec. 1 and extending through Dec. 7.

The Bryson City Jaycees have been extremely busy the last couple of weeks soliciting funds for repair and up-keep of the beautiful Christmas decorations you now see hanging from the light posts throughout town. It takes quite a bit of effort on the part of the Jaycees to erect these lights each year. When you see one of the fine fellows give them a pat on the back and tell him how much you appreciate their efforts.

- News has been just a little on the skimpy side this week as far as regular "run of the mill" news goes, but one thing for sure, the biggest news of the week is Santa's arrival TODAY. If all goes well, Santa will be arriving just in time to make the Christmas parade beginning at 3:30.

The Merchants of Swain County have put forth an extra effort to give their friends and customers one of the finest Christmas parades any town could look for. Bring the the parade is over, stop by and how much you enjoyed it. Most of the merchants have enial Christmas gift ideals d are offering them to you TODAY (see ads inside) at sale prices you will probably never see again. For your convenience most stores will remain open until 9 p.m. Before leaving town after the parade check these ONE DAY sale prices.

The Swain County High students will be dismissed at 1:30 Thursday relative to the Christmas Parade. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria and first buses will leave school at 1:30. Also, other county elementary schools will be dismissed early.

There will be a "Christmas" Tree Carol Sing" on December 22 on the square in town. This is to be sponsored by the Teen Choir of the First Baptist Church and the Christian Youth Choir. Any young person between the ages of 13 and 20 may participate. Call Mrs. Paul Breedlove or Mrs. John Bowden if you're interested in this.

Don't forget the gospel singing tonight at the Cherokee High School Gymnasium. Three fine groups will be on hand for the event and all the proceeds will go for the building fund for the Cherokee Home for Boys.

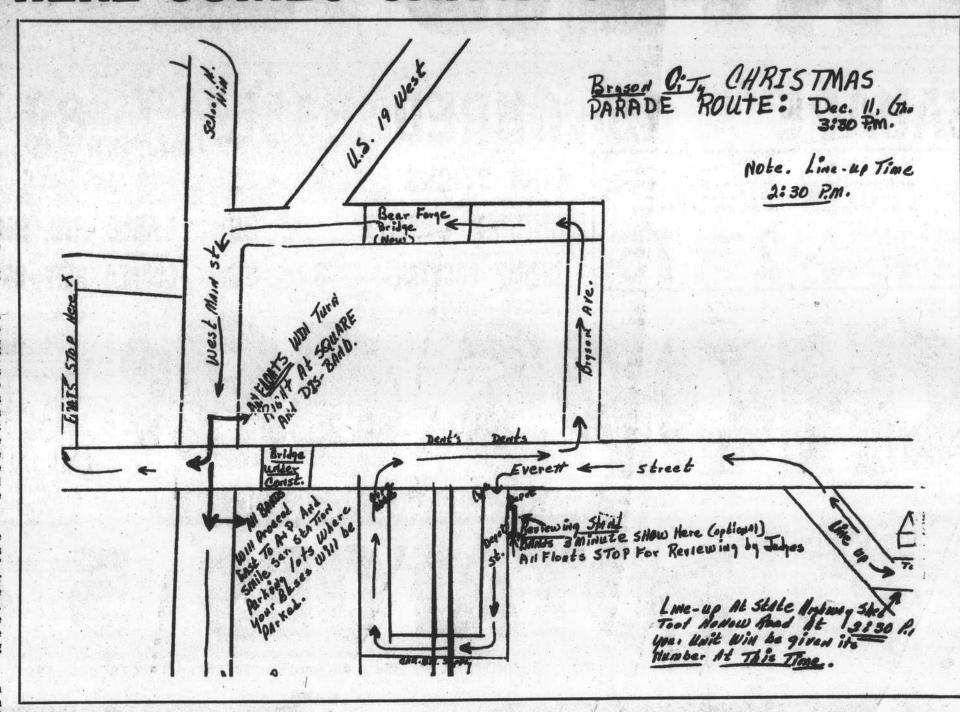
Mrs. Jack Hicks, the executive secretary for the Swain County Selective Service Board, located in the Federal Building here in Bryson City, informs us that her office will be closed all day Thursday, Dec. 11 in order that a new filing system may be set up to coincide with the new draft

First Baptist Special Music **Program Set**

The Graded Choirs of the First Baptist Church will Program on Wednesday nursery crop business in the evening, December 17 at 7:30 state.

Several numbers will be sung by the Beginner, Primary, and Junior Choirs. The Teen Choir will present Joseph and the Nativity by Ellen J. Lorenz. The public is invited to

Around HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS! RIGHT DOW



Arristmas parades any town ould look for. Bring the to see Santa and after Kirkland's Creek And Whittier Clubs Receive \$50

Awards During Community Development Program

Swain County was well represented during the 20th annual agricultural community awards meeting held in Asheville Saturday afternoon. Thirty-two Swain County folks were on hand as Lieutenant Governor H. (Pat) Taylor of Wadesboro addressed luncheon meeting.

Over \$5,000 in awards were presented to communities finishing tops in three separate classes.Ninety-eight western North Carolina communities competed for the prizes.

Kirkland's Creek represented Swain County in Division A (less than 75 families) and Whittier in Division B (75-150 families).

Both communities received honorable mention and a prize of \$50 each in their classes. Mrs. JoAnn Woody, president of the Kirkland's Creek Club, and Chuck Brown, president of the Whittier Club, accepted the checks.

Whittier also received an honorable mention and a

Over A Half Million Dollars Spent During 68 69 For County Schools

period.

During the 1968-69 school Swain County during the term the State's citizens spent \$335.5 million from the Nine Months School Fund on their public schools in 157 school units, according to the audit recently submitted to Dr. Dallas Herring, Chairman of the State Board of Education.

The figures presented by A.C. Davis, Controller for the State Board of Education 'shows that a total of \$582,685.52 was spent in

The largest single expense was \$297.2 million for salaries of teachers, pirncipals, and supervisors. The State paid the salaries for 42,703 classroom teachers, 1,992 principals, 157 superintendents and 111 assistant superintendents. The average salaries last term were: classroom teachers, \$6,398; principals, \$9,742; supervisors, \$8186; assistant

County Nurserymen Vote 'No' Against Self Assessment

Extension Chairman, Extension Office, For: 1, announced the results of a referendum held December 2, 1969 among Swain County's 52 certified nurserymen.

The question of a self stake. The proposal included a state wide vote on an assessment of \$13 on the first acre of nursery stock grown commercially, \$8 per acre on each acre up to 10 acres, \$7 per acre on each acre for 11 up to 20 acres, and \$6 per acre for all saleable nursery stock over 20 acres. Funds collected were resent a special Christmas to be used to pormote the

SWAIN COUNTY POLLING PLACES

Don McHan's Residence. For: 0, Against: 11; Mann Barker's Residence, For: 0, Against: 6; Don Burnette's Resident, For: 0, Against: 5; Mrs. Ila Ferguson's Residence,

R.L. Lyday, County For: 0, Against: 2; County Against: 6. TOTALS - For: 1,

Against: 30. A total of 31 out of 52 eligible voters in Swain County cast their vote. The vote, assessment program was a authorized under Article 50 Chapter 106 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, was request and sponsored by the North Carolina Nurserymen's Association.

Results of the state wide vote are not known at this time in Bryson City.

Park Visits Up

An estimated 236,700 visits were made to Great Smoky Mountains National Park during November 1969 according to Merrill D. Beal. Acting Superintendent. This is an increase of 16 percent over the 203,600 visits during November 1968.

superintendents, \$10,949; and

superintendents, \$12,000. Other items in the audit which are born by the State include: Operation of buildings, \$14.7 million; transporatation, libraries and health programs, \$15.9 million; and operation of offices of superintendents, \$5.2 million.

In the report, Davis noted that the total school cost was 9.38 percent above the 1967-68 year—an increase of \$28.7 million. Since the 1964-65 public school term, costs have increased \$91.7

Funds furnished by the State to operate the schools in this area include Swain County, Salaries \$477,085.10; Buildings Operations-\$25,077.00; Buses, Libraries. Health-\$58,863.01.

Final EDA Grant Received

Final Grant Disbursement was made last week on the Bryson City sewage disposal project. The mount of eligible project costs amounted to \$453,843.40, an underrun of \$36,156.60. Of this amount \$226.921.70 was received as a direct grant from the Economic Development Administration and an alike amount received through an EDA loan.

Mr. Charles Edwards, North Carolina EDA representative, hand carried the check and presented it to the Town for the Contractor's final payment and other closing costs. The check was for \$31,621.70.

plaque in the outstanding youth program.

The western North Carolina Community Development Program is sponsored by the Asheville Agriculture Development Council and the Agricultural Agencies in each

Bethlehem of McDowell County, Hooper's Creek of Henderson County and Newfound, Buncombe County were named the top winners.

Bethlehem carried away first place honors in Division "A" (less than 75 families); Hooper's Creek in Division "B" (75-150 families); and Newfound in Division "C" (over 150 families). Approximately 100 communities competed in the improvement program this

Tomotla Community of Cherokee County was named as having the most outstanding youth program in the 18 county western area.

Bethlem received a \$400 first place award sponsored by Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Pine Creek of Jackson County was second place winner, followed by Upper Hickory Nut Gorge, Henderson County, third and Unity, Macon County, fourth. Eight other communities received honorable mention awards of

\$400 award provided by American Enka Corporation. Other winners in Division "B" were Tomotla, second place; Canada, Jackson County, third and Ashford, McDowell County, fourth. Nine other areas were presented \$50 honorable mention awards.

Newfound, the winner among the large communities, received a \$400 first prize from the Asheville Citizen-Times Company. Other top winners in this division were Drexel of Burke County, second; Little River, Transylvania County, third and East Flat Rock, Henderson County, fourth.

In the youth program, Cane Creek of Buncombe County was second; Sapphire-Whitewater, Transylvania County, third; Washburn, Rutherford County, fourth and Clark's Chapel,

Macon County, fifth. Over \$5,000 in awards were presented to the area winners at the awards luncheon. Speaker for the occasion was Lieutenant Governor H.P. (Pat) Taylor of Wadesboro.

Krenzke, Sandy Mills, Roger

Sophomores: Joe Brawley,

Waynyman, Lambert

Janice Brooks, Carol Lawrence,

Ruby Holden, Lonnie Oliver,

Anne Prier Earl Vaughan,

Juniors: Libby Breedlove,

Linda Cates, Jim English,

Austin Greene, Roy Greene,

Mike Hampton, Judy Heffner,

Barry Hipps, Roseanna

Jenkins, Judy O. Jones, Karen

Krenzke Mickey O'Keffe,

Georgianna Mitchell, Mary

Monteith, Russell Varner, Dee

Dee Wood, N. Elaine Sherrill,

Waldroup, Lynn WRight.

And B Honor Roll **Announced At Swain**

Swain High Schools officials released the "A" and "B" honor roll for the second six weeks. An average of 93 or above must be obtained in order to receive all "A's". An average of not lower than 85 is required in order to be a "B" honor student.

"A" HONOR ROLL Freshmen: Russell Briggs, Karen Crisp, Karen Marcus, Mark Ray, Max Witt. Sophomores: Delores

Breedlove, Karen Watson. Juniors: Becky Burnett Tommy Livingston, Yvonne Lester.

Debbie Hipps, Carol Renton, Janet Sue Walker. "B" HONOR ROLL Freshmen: Joe Almond,

Seniors: Debbie Breedlove,

Seniors: Ronnie Blyethe, Helen Brooks, Karen Cochran, Ivan Gibby, Martha Gibson, Arbannah Lindsey, Steve Richmond, Pat Sanders, Dennis Cochran, Therest Beverly Sandlin, Kay Extine, Alan Gibby, Kathy

Gerri Tuck.

Wiggins.

Linda

Wilson.

Kenneth Jenkins, a 40 year old Bryson City man, collided with a 1956 Chevrolet driven by Harold Wood of Whittier. The accident occured on rural unpaved road 1169

Bryson City. \$50 each. According to investigating Hooper's Creek received a officer, L.A. Turner, the Jenkins vehicle was traveling north along the gravel road when he met the Wood's vehicle traveling south. Investigation revealed that Jenkins applied his brakes, sliding into the left side of the Wood's car.

The second accident involving only one vehicle occured 3 miles east of Bryson City on US 19 approximately 7:45 p.m. Saturday night. According to Trooper Truner, Larry Reid Shook of Bryson City was driving a 1968 MG when he lost control of the vehicle on the wet pavement,

Here comes Santa Claus! Here comes

Santa Claus right down the Main street

of Bryson City, U.S.A. These are the

thoughts of the many children througout

Swain County and will soon be the

words as Santa starts his journey along

the parade routes here in town this

splendor with reindeer, sleigh, toys and

gifts for everyone will be the star

attraction as the Swain County

merchants sponsor one of the biggest

Christmas parades and holiday sales ever

Dan Wood, local fund raising chairman, and Betty Womick, parade

co-ordinator, still shocked over the 99%

cooperation, have outdone themselves in

bringing about this happy event. The

merchants too, have done their part first,

financing the parade; making physical

donations, offering verbal suggestions to

make the parade a success and by

slashing prices in order to draw more

past their usual 5:30 closing time and a

majority of them will be open until 9

p.m. for the convenience of Christmas

shoppers. Prices have been slashed to the

bone (see ads in today's TIMES) some

for one day only, (Thursday) others for

a three day period, Thursday, Friday and

Almost every merchant will be open

people to downtown Bryson City.

2 Accidents

During Week

North Carolina State

Highway Patrol investigated two accidents in Swain County

last week with very little damage done to the three automobiles involved.

vehicles, occured Friday afternoon approximately 1:30 when a 1966 jeep, driven by

approximately 3.9 miles east of

The first, involving two

In County

Saturday.

Old Saint Nicholas in all of his

afternoon at 3:30.

to come to Bryson City.

left the road and hit a tree. Trooper Turner estimated the damage to the MG at approximately \$400.

Knife Victim Hospitalized

A Swain County man was arrested Saturday afternoon and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious body injury and a second man was admitted to the Swain County Hospital with a knife wound as the result of an argument according to investigating officers.

Clyde Conner, age 41, of Route 1, Bryson City, was arrested by the Swain County Sheriff's Department on charges of assault with a deadly weapon Saturday afternoon at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Harold Sherrill, a Swain County resident, underwent an operation for a stab wound, which cut a major leg blood vessel, and was admitted to the Swain County Hospital after he and Conner apparently had a disagreement along the Tuckaseegee River Bank under R.E. Mitchell's Grocery.

As or press time Wednesday, Sherrill was still in the Swain County Hospital but hospital officials report his condition as "good."

City police, as well as the Swain County Sheriff's Department, are investigating the incident.

The co-operative cooperation of the merchants has enabled the parade committee to line up bands, floats, exhibits, Santa Claus and all the other necessities to put on this "really big show." The line up will include: police cars; both city and county, colors carried by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post, grand marshall The Inspirations Quartet of Bryson City, a sponsorship sign carried by Swain High School students, the Bryson City Fire truck, an entry of seven horses by the Swain County Saddle Club, eight beauty

The bands include: Sylva-Webster, Cherokee High, Murphy High, Franklin High, Robbinsville High and host, Swain

queens, six bands, and thirteen floats.

The floats will include entries by civic clubs,including the BPW and the Lions, six school entries including the Whittier Elementary Beta Club, DECA, a joint effort by the Art and FFA at Swain, and an Interact Club entry.

Other floats entered are: Oconaluftee Job Corp, Bennett's Drug Store, Cherokee-Bryson City Florist, North Carolina Department of Forestry, a joint effort by the merchants and of course "ole" Santa Claus.

Parade time is 3:30 and a diagram of the parade route is elsewhere in today's TIMES.

Saturday Is Deadline For Labor Survey **Applications**

A labor survey which began last week is continuing

through Saturday of this week (December 13, 1969). This survey, covering Swain, Jackson, Haywood and Graham counties, is sponsored by the Cherokee Industrial Committee and other leaders of Jackson and

Swain counties. An international manufacturer of industrial products is considering the Cherokee area as a location for a very large modern plant. This firm, one of the largest manufacturers in the United States, requested the labor availability study in Western North Carolina after considering location throughout the southeast and midwest. The response to the survey will have a significant bearing on their decision, according to

officials. If the company decides to locate in the Cherokee area, all residents of Western North Carolina will be eligible for employment. The brand new modern facility will offer good paying jobs with excellent fringe benefits and advancement opportunities. Employment will be primarily male although there will be some jobs for

All persons interested in employment are urged to secure an application form and return it by Saturday.

Applications are available at all North Carolina Employment Security Commission offices or at the Cherokee Council House.



Rev. Harold Orr is pictured above holding the old mortgage of the Evangelistic Tabernacle as it burns during ceremonies held Sunday. Don Simonds and Mrs. Orr are pictured as they assist Rev. Orr.

Evangelistic Tabernacle Mortgage Burning Held

The Evangelistic Tabernacle received a clear deed for the property as a Christmas Gift. It was presented to the Evangelistic Tabernacle Fellowship in a special service Sunday Dec. 7 by pastor Harold J. and Lois Orr. Being a

filed for registration on the 5th day of December 1969.

Reverend Harold J. and Mrs. Orr were among the happ of the little group to set fire to the old mortgage, after all the persecutions and sacrifical struggles of reaching part of the property conveyed victorious moment. to the Evangslistic Tabernacle,