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Around 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 kiddies to see Santa and after the parade is over, stop by and tell your favorite merchant how much you enjoyed it. Most of the merchants have special Christmas gift ideas and 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.

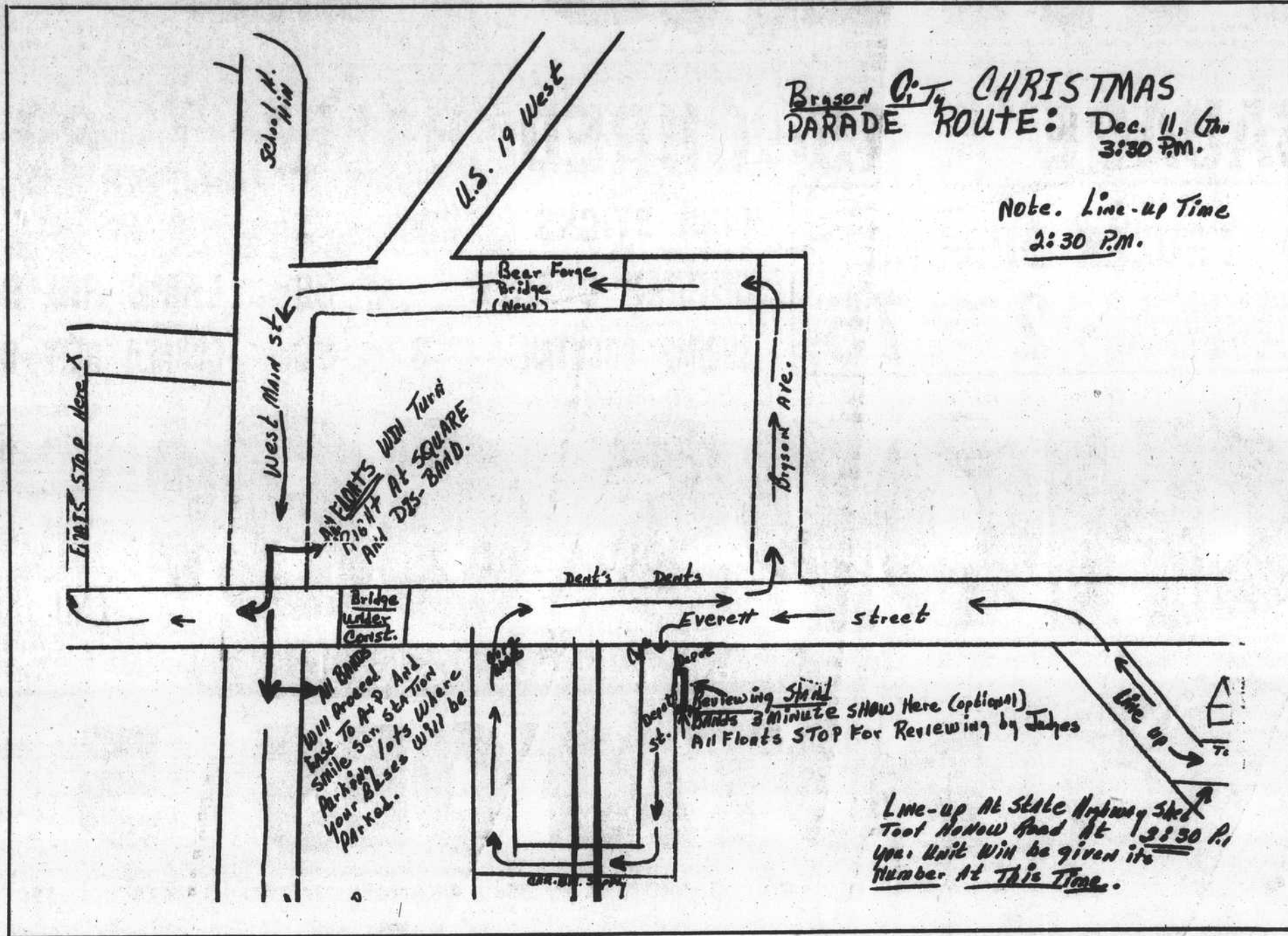
Don't forget the gospel singing tonight at the Cherokee High School Gymnasium. Three fine groups will be on hand for the event and all the proceeds will go for the building fund for the Cherokee Home for Boys.

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 system.

First Baptist Special Music Program Set

The Graded Choirs of the First Baptist Church will present a special Christmas Program on Wednesday evening, December 17 at 7:30 o'clock. 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 attend.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS! RIGHT DOWN MAIN STREET!



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 throughout Swain County and will soon be the words as Santa starts his journey along the parade routes here in town this afternoon at 3:30.

Old Saint Nicholas in all of his 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 to come to Bryson City.

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 people to downtown Bryson City.

Almost every merchant will be open 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 Saturday.

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 marshal 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 queens, six bands, and thirteen floats.

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

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.

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 the 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.

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.

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

During the 1968-69 school 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 largest single expense was \$297.2 million for salaries of teachers, principals, 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, \$8,186; assistant

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; transportation, 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 million.

County Nurserymen Vote 'No' Against Self Assessment

R.L. Lyday, County Extension Chairman, announced the results of a referendum held December 2, 1969 among Swain County's 52 certified nurserymen.

For: 0, Against: 2; County Extension Office, For: 1, Against: 6. TOTALS - For: 1, Against: 30.

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.

Final EDA Grant Received

Final Grant Disbursement was made last week on the Bryson City sewage disposal project. The amount 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.

A 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.
Seniors: Debbie Breedlove, Debbie Hips, Carol Renton, Janet Sue Walker.
"B" HONOR ROLL
Freshmen: Joe Almond, Dennis Cochran, Therest Extime, Alan Gibby, Kathy Krenzke, Sandy Mills, Roger Wiggins.
Sophomores: Joe Brawley, Janice Brooks, Carol Lawrence, Ruby Holden, Lonnie Oliver, Anne Prier Earl Vaughan, Linda Waynman, Lambert Wilson.
Juniors: Libby Breedlove, Linda Cates, Jim English, Austin Greene, Roy Greene, Mike Hampton, Judy Heffner, Barry Higgs, Roseanna Jenkins, Judy O. Jones, Karen Krenzke, Mickey O'Keffe, Georgianna Mitchell, Mary Monteith, Russell Varner, Dee Dee Wood, N. Elaine Sherrill, Gerri Tuck.
Seniors: Ronnie Blyethe, Helen Brooks, Karen Cochran, Ivan Gibby, Martha Gibson, Arbannah Lindsey, Steve Richmond, Pat Sanders, Beverly Sandlin, Kay Waldroup, Lynn Wright.

2 Accidents In County 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.

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 women.

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.

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.



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 part of the property conveyed to the Evangelistic Tabernacle, filed for registration on the 5th day of December 1969.