

# The Smoky Mountain Times

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## Around Town

We have a long overdue apology to make in connection with a two car accident that occurred December 5 and was reported on the front page of the TIMES December 11. In our article we reported that Kenneth Jenkins applied his brakes and slid into the side of an automobile driven by Harold Wood. This information was misinterpreted from the accident report by the TIMES and should have stated that Mr. Wood's vehicle slid into the side of a 1966 jeep driven by Mr. Jenkins.

Miss Edith Moore, owner and operator of R.E. Coffey Hardware, announced the winners of two drawings held December 24 in connection with the Christmas sale. A bicycle and an electric blanket were given away Christmas Eve. The blanket was won by Mrs. Norma Merritt of Bryson City and the bicycle went to Mrs. Grady Mathis of Route 3, Bryson City.

The regular second Saturday night singing will be held this Saturday night, January 10 at the Jackson Line Baptist Church. Singing groups from out of town include the New Hope Quartet from Robbinsville and the Cathy Trio from Asheville. Everyone is invited and it all starts at 7 p.m. All local groups will be there as well as these two out of town groups.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol reports only three accidents in Swain County last week. While making four contacts, two were charged with drunk driving, no speeders, no pedestrian violations. The officers patrolled a distance of some 1106 miles with the week beginning December 29 and extending through January 4.

## William Walker Named President Of NP&L Co.

William T. Walker, vice president of Nantahala Power and Light Company for the past nine years, has been named acting president of the utility effective January 5, 1970. Mr. Walker succeeds the late John M. Archer, Jr., who died suddenly at his home in Franklin on December 28.

Mr. Walker studied civil engineering at the University of Tennessee in his home town of Knoxville. Prior to joining Alcoa in 1937, he was employed in various civil engineering capacities with the Southern Railway Company and several contracting companies. Mr. Walker was first employed by Alcoa as a staff engineer in the company's power division at Alcoa, Tennessee. In 1949 he became assistant superintendent of that division and in 1953 he was named superintendent of the hydraulic department there. One year later, he became manager of construction for a major company power project in Tennessee.

In 1958, Mr. Walker moved to Franklin and became chief engineer for Nantahala Power and Light Company. He was made vice president of engineering for the utility in



## Heritage Quilt Plant Hit By Fire

Waste is scattered over the floor of the Heritage Quilt Plant to absorb water after the plant was hit with fire Tuesday night about 6 p.m. This picture was taken with the permission of Vincent Cammarato, plant manager after firemen left the scene due to a "get tough

policy" set by the fire chief, this photographer was not allowed in the building until after firemen left. Mr. Cammarato estimated the damage to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Damage was to material only, the building suffered no visible damage.

## SWAIN COUNTY NEWS EVENTS DURING 69

EDITOR'S NOTE: (The following is a week by week account of events that took place in or around Swain County during 1969. Did you make the news last year?)

Jan. 1 - Fraudulent checks passed during the Christmas holidays shared headlines with a progress report of the bridge at the west end of Bryson City. Miss Cecile Elizabeth Platt was wed to Morgan David Reinbold.

Jan. 9 - Appalachian Regional Commission announced the approval of a \$92,038 grant for the Fontana Regional and Marianna Black Libraries. Mrs. Mable Rogers was nominated as a candidate for NCEA director. Nancy Gibson and Alan Williams announce plans to be married. The Blue Ridge Parkway was named one of two most scenic drives.

Jan. 16 - Highway fatalities increase 50% in '69 over 1967. Five fatalities were reported. The square dance king, Sam Queen, was shot and killed at his home this week. Timber harvest could be doubled in Swain County according to local surveys.

Jan. 23 - FBI agents arrested a 24 year old Cherokee man in connection with the shotgun slaying of Nyrion Littlejohn also of Cherokee. Congressman Roy Taylor expressed dismay over the government's intentions of leasing campgrounds to private individuals. Joe Jenkins was named to the dean's list at Warren Wilson College. The Swain High Devils took three basketball games from Cherokee.

Jan. 30 - The Swain County Chamber of Commerce was pronounced dead after several attempts failed to accumulate enough interests. Sp/4 Philip Cope received the Purple Heart for his meritorious service in Vietnam. Merrill Beal was named as assistant superintendent in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A decision was handed down by the State Attorney General allowing magistrates to stay in office until their successor is appointed.

Feb. 6 - Plans were announced for a new

city-county fire house in Bryson this week. Officers met in Bryson City to plan a six county crime control organization. Sam Bowers was named Chief Deputy Sheriff. The Swain Devils lost two games to Franklin.

Feb. 13 - Seventy-four year old Joe Wilnoty was arrested by FBI agents in connection with the death of his son, Marshall Wilnoty. James W. Tuck, Jr., became the fourth Swain County man to lose his life in the Vietnam War. The Swain County Sewer Project reached 96% completion. Connie Barnes was wed to Johnny Southards.

Feb. 20 - Extension Service Agent, Donald Bunn, completed a two week visit to Guatemala, Costa Rica and Jamaica. The first of the Highway Patrol's '69 Fords arrived in Swain County this week. Winners were announced in the Fine Arts Festival. Magistrate issue is called perfect example of "petty politics."

Feb. 27 - Jurors were announced for the March term of Superior Court. Five hundred four citizens attended a diabetic clinic held at the local Health Department. The Swain boys and girls basketball squads were defeated in quarter final play in Sylva.

March 6 - A memorial to servicemen has been proposed for the city square. Orris Hughes was named a county forester. Two county men received a total of 64 years in prison sentences during the first day of Superior Court this week. Margaret Roper retired as Public Health Nurse this week.

March 13 - The Swain County Planning Board announced this week their endorsement of a county industrial park development. Debra Watson became Swain County's first high school senior to win the Shank Scholarship valued at \$1,200.

March 20 - Three Bryson City girls were hospitalized as a

result of a car-truck accident in Jackson County. The Swain County Heart Fund raised \$2,132 during their recent drive.

March 27 - The Whittier Homemakers Club received an award from the Cancer Society for their participation in the Cancer Educational Project. Paul Marr was named to the School Board this week. County Commissioners endorse the industrial park for Swain County.

April 3 - The senior class at Swain High put on a Variety Show to help raise funds for the Washington trip. Incumbents file for re-election as city elections draw near.

April 10 - Two Swain County teenagers were drowned in a boating incident this week. Rescue squads from neighboring communities are assisting in dragging operations. Four school board members were sworn in this week. The Sheriff's Department presented a \$60 check to the Swain County Athletic Program. Swain Athletes were honored at an awards banquet.

April 17 - The second victim of last week's drowning accident was recovered after six days of dragging operations by eleven different rescue squads. The Swain High seniors left for Washington, D. C., and their annual senior trip.

April 24 - The Northwestern Bank made news this week as they open their brand new building with an all day open house Saturday, April 26. The Mayor and City Aldermen will run unopposed in the May 6 election. Fredrickson Trucking Company is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. Drag racing season starts this week.

May 1 - Mayor Hines proclaimed the month of May as "paint-up fix-up" month. Northwestern Bank's open house was one of the major topics throughout the city. The Cherokee Indians won a decision for a "writ of certiorari" against the incorporation of a new town on U. S. 441 wanting to call itself Indian Hills. Wanda Sawyer and Barry Hersh were

## Defendant Freed In District Court For Second Time Because Of Faulty Warrant

The Honorable Felix E. Alley, Jr., presided over a one-day criminal session of District Court here Monday, a 41-case docket was heard during the first 1970 term.

For the second time in as many sessions the state failed to prosecute a Swain County woman charged with selling liquor to a minor. The state took a nol-pros-with-leave in its case charging Ruby Church with selling liquor to a minor.

After a 15-minute closed door discussion between the Judge, the prosecutor, and the defendant's attorney, a motion was made by the prosecutor that the state take a nol-pros-with-leave in this case.

After court was adjourned, Judge Alley stated to the TIMES, "the prosecutor will have to get new papers," he went on to say that there was two questions raised about the warrant. The first involved an incorrect name using the last name of Clark instead of Church and the second: the warrant charged selling liquor to a minor, but did not name the minor.

Judge Alley said that it was on his recommendation after hearing these two points that the state decided to take a nol-pros-with-leave.

The state's prosecuting attorney, James H. Howell, made the statement that a "new warrant is forthcoming and will be served as soon as possible."

Other cases heard Monday were:

Joe McIntosh charged with non support. The state took a nol-pros-with-leave.

Willard Tipton charged with drunk driving. Called and failed. Nisi-sci-fa-capis issued.

Ronald Thomas Teesateskie charged with drunk driving. Continued to January 20 session.

Howell J. Crisp charged with assault with a deadly weapon called and valued. Nisi-sci-fa-capis issued.

Raymond McKinley Messer charged with violating traffic laws, accident involved. The judge found a non-suit.

Charles Smathers charged with non support. Capis outstanding.

Ronnie Kent charged with larceny. Capis outstanding.

Daniel Scott charged with reciprocal support. Capis remained outstanding.

Harold Edward Suttles charged with reckless driving. Capis outstanding.

Theron Kenneth Crisp charged with abandonment and non support. Plead guilty of non support. 90 days

suspended 2 years. Pay cost and \$10 per week.

Eunice Enasley Parker charged with drunk driving, accident involved. Entered plea to reckless driving. Plea accepted. Prayer for judgment continued Jan. 20.

Raymond Charles Owle, Jr., charged with driving after license revoked. Continued January 20.

Roy Wilbur Hornbuckle charged with drunk driving. Called and failed. Nisi-sci-fa-capis issued.

Donald Ray Wright charged with reckless driving. Continued to January 20 session.

Jimmie Bradley charged with public drunkenness, second offense. Called and failed. Bond forfeited. The state took a nol pros with leave.

Thomas Welch charged with public drunkenness, second offense. Called and failed. Bond forfeited. The state took a nol pros with leave.

Freddie Tlythe charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct. Plead guilty. Confined to jail 20 days suspended two years if pay cost, and other condition.

Douglas Catt charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct. Plead guilty. Confined 20 days suspended two years if pay cost and other conditions.

Harold Jones charged with public drunkenness, fourth offense. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Carol Jones charged with public drunkenness, second offense. Confined 20 days suspended two years on condition he pay cost.

Amonetta Sequoyah, Jr. charged with public drunkenness, second offense. Called and failed. Bond forfeited. The state took a nol pros with leave.

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Jack Davis charged with public drunkenness, second offense. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Bud Messer charged with public drunkenness, seventh offense. Plead guilty. 30 days to 6 months suspended two years. Pay \$25 and cost.

James Taylor Wolf, Jr. charged with assault. Called and failed. Nisi sci fa capis issued.

Bud Messer charged with public drunkenness, eighth offense. Prayer for judgment. Continued on payment of cost.

Henry McCoy charged with breaking and entering. Continued Jan. 20, 1970 session.

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## Jail Report

The number of jail inmates in Swain County continued to drop during the last month of 1969. Only 63 inmates were accommodated during December as compared to 76 in November. Liquor violations continue to be the major cause for arrests.

Out of the 63 people housed for varying lengths of time, 47 were put there for public drunkenness. Eight more were locked up for drunk driving, leaving only 8 cases open for various other law violations which included 4 on warrants, 2 picked up by Federal authorities, and one each on charges of assault and breaking and entering.

The Cherokee Police Department accounted for 29 arrests while the City Police arrested 19, the Swain County Sheriff's Department locked up 9, the State Highway Patrol 4 and the FBI 2. Officers throughout the County have been pleased with the decrease in violations.

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Mr. Phillips said that the survey and right of way plans were complete but the construction planning was not. Chairman Faircloth reportedly has asked for a status report of the Appalachian program in the state and contemplates scheduling all work including rights of way, engineering and construction.

The Commissioner said that an effort is being made by him to try to get the funds to acquire rights of way in Swain County, but it looked doubtful that any construction contracts would be let this year on the Swain County Corridor.

## Dr. Carl D. Killian Will Run For Senate

Dr. Carl D. Killian, retired dean of the Western Carolina University School of Education and Psychology, announced Wednesday that he will be a candidate for the State Senate from the 33rd Senatorial District subject of the Democratic primary.

The 33rd Senatorial District is composed of the counties of Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania.

For the 68 year-old native of Clay County, now engaged in a crusade for better health and medical services in Southwestern North Carolina, this is his first plunge into elective politics for public office.

Killian is the first Democrat to announce his candidacy for the Senate seat now held by Herman H. West, a Republican of Murphy.

Until his retirement two years ago, Dr. Killian had been known as "Mr. Education" at Western Carolina for 33 years during which he established the first guidance clinic in the state here and started the first course in North Carolina in audio-visual education.

And at his retirement from the university, he became executive director of the State of Franklin Health Council, Inc., an agency fostered by him to upgrade health and medical services in the southwestern counties.

Dr. Killian is married to the former Winnie Alice Murphy of Asheville, and they have one son, Dan, who is now on the University of North Carolina Year at Lyon Program in France.

Dr. Killian is a Baptist, and he is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

## Man Found Dead In Car

A 64 year old Andrews man, Glenn Conley, was found dead in the back seat of this '69 Ford Tuesday morning around 11:45. According to investigating officer, Z.V. Hawes, the man apparently died of a heart attack before the collision occurred. The

man's son-in-law, Gary Marvin Cook, age 21, was driving the vehicle when he lost control because of snow and ice and hit the west end of the "high bridge" over the Tennessee River. Mrs. Conley, wife of the deceased, and a daughter were passengers in the vehicle.

## Weather Report:

Wednesday—Variable cloudiness, low 38 degrees, high 56 degrees  
Thursday—Partly cloudy, low 34 degrees, high 40 degrees  
Friday—Partly cloudy, low 18 degrees, high 43 degrees  
Saturday—Light snow, low 32 degrees, high 46 degrees  
Sunday—Clear, low 17 degrees, high 40 degrees  
Monday—Variable cloudiness, low 16 degrees, high 40 degrees  
Tuesday—4 inch snow, low 32 degrees, high 42 degrees.

## Visits To Park Decrease In 69

The calendar year 1969 brought an estimated 6,331,000 visits to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Superintendent Keith Nelson has just announced. The 1969 visits were 5 per cent less than the 6,667,200 visits to the park during 1968.

December 1969 contributed 120,700 visits, an 8 per cent decrease as compared to the 131,600 visits in December 1968.

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(11 per cent); Cherokee, North Carolina 1,888,500 (30 per cent); Other entrances 925,600 (15 per cent). During the year 1969, 228,100 persons camped in tents and 288,900 camped in trailers in the developed campgrounds of the park; 15,800 camped in tents and 7,200 in trailers in other camping areas of the park; and 48,200 were backcountry campers. Picnicking along the roadsides was enjoyed by 14,300 parties aggregating 58,000 persons; by 113,400 parties aggregating 481,100 persons in developed picnic grounds.