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Around Town

Not only has Swain County lost people in the last 10 years, but according to the County Farm census we have lost in the farm areas too! The number of farm acres increased by 25 but harvest was down in all areas during 1969 as compared with 1968. Even the cow and pig population is down.

The Mites and Midgets will play their first game this Saturday night starting at 6:30. The Mites take the field first and Midgets will play at 8:00. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students. Blairville will offer the opposition. Blairville is a new team in the Youth League and this should be a real good game.

Cherokee comes to the Devil's football battleground this week and with both teams looking for revenge, this will be one to see. Defense is the word and both teams have been taking tough pills.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol reported that during the week of August 24 through the 30, they were on the road for a total of 161 hours, during which time two accidents occurred. Ten charges were made; one for driving under the influence, one for driving on the wrong side of the road, five pedestrian violations, and three other hazardous violations.



Cherokee Rescue Squad Receives \$300

Mrs. Mollie Blankenship (left), volunteer secretary for the Cherokee Historical Association, Inc., presents checks in the amount of \$300 to representatives of the Cherokee Rescue Squad.

Accepting the check (left to right beside Mrs. Blankenship) are Newman Arneach, captain of the Cherokee Squad; Mrs. Bertha Saunooke, head of the Women's Auxiliary of the Squad; and George Arneach, Cherokee Hospital employee who is first lieutenant of the Squad.

Mrs. Blankenship is a charter member and trustee of the Cherokee Historical Association and head of the Realty Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency in Cherokee. Mrs. Saunooke, widow of the late Chief O.B. Saunooke, is a Tribal Council Member.

The Cherokee Rescue Squad and the Women's Auxiliary offer volunteer services to the Reservation and assistance to surrounding communities.

Of the total, \$150 was donated by the Oconaluftee

Indian Village and \$150 from "Unto These Hills".

Carol White, General Manager of the Historical Association, noted the persons involved in the Cherokee Squad all offer their time and skills voluntarily to local residents and many visitors.

Mrs. Blankenship noted the outstanding job done by the Squad and praised the Auxiliary for their work in support of the Squad and fund-raising projects for equipment.

Centennial Meeting Set

Mayor Ellen P. Hyams and Mr. Odell Shuler, Chairman of the County Commissioners announced today that there will be a meeting of leaders of local organizations at the Community Building in Bryson City at 8 p.m., Tuesday, September 8.

Swain County was formed and Bryson City laid out as County Seat in 1871. This means that next year we have an opportunity to have a Centennial Celebration. The purpose of Tuesday night's meeting is to discuss what is involved in planning such a community-wide project.

Presidents of any organizations who may not have received their invitations are most welcome to attend.

STI Will Care For Children

While Mother Learns

Mothers of pre-school children who wish to upgrade their own education will find a rare opportunity this fall at Southwestern Technical Institute, according to Don Irwin, occupational education director.

STI has completed plans for accepting children aged 3 to 6 years in its center for the Child Care Worker program while

Lions Club To Hold Picnic

Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., Bryson City Lions Club will entertain Lions Clubs from several towns in our area with a chicken barbecue at Deep Creek Campground.

District 31-A, Governor William M. and Lioness Staudenmaier of Hendersonville will attend the picnic.

Lions and Lionesses from Andrews, Fontana, Cherokee, Hayesville, Murphy, (Ranger-Hiwassee Dam) and Robbinsville will attend.

To the many friends of the Bryson City Lions Club who helped to make our Radio Day a big success we thank you. To the merchants who gave so generously for advertising on this day, we could not have done it without your help, many thanks.

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Citizens Upset When Mother And Baby Jailed

By George Owens
Citizens of Bryson City and Swain County have been up in arms as a result of partial or misleading information concerning a custody trial held here, Monday, in Civil Court with the Honorable Robert Leatherwood III presiding.

The case first came to the newspaper's attention when the TIMES received a letter to the editor coaddressed "To the good people of Swain County." As usual when we receive a letter voicing controversy on one item or another, we attempt to investigate so that we might give our readers the facts. (The Editor)

Judge Robert Leatherwood III went to the courtroom Monday morning with the intention of presiding over a normal session of Civil Court action. It turned out that the session was not only far from normal but that cries of "Crucify the Judge and the Sheriff's Department" went up after the day's trial.

It all started in a custody case where Ray Jones, the plaintiff, was seeking custody of his one-year old child from his wife, Betty Green Jones, the defendant.

Mr. Jones was represented in court by the firm of Monteith, Coward and Coward of Sylva and presented several witnesses alleging misconduct on the part of the wife, Betty Jones.

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tried without Mrs. Jones having an attorney.

After listening to testimony and cross-examination from both sides, and thoroughly studying the welfare report of Swain County and from the state of Ohio, where the Joneses had previously made their home, Judge Leatherwood made his decision in favor of the father.

However, the mother refused to abide by the court ruling and would not relinquish the custody of the baby. At this point, Judge Leatherwood sentenced the young lady to 10 days in the Swain County jail for contempt of court.

Still refusing to release the baby, mother and child were led to a clean, third-floor, jail cell, where they were locked in a spacious jail cell with several bunks and at least two, thick, new mattresses.

Upon returning to the courtroom, Judge Leatherwood ordered the officers to let Mrs. Jones "cool off" until 3 p.m. at which time he would have the baby turned over to its father.

Three Men Arrested

Three Swain County men have been apprehended in Wanda, Ga. and police there along with FBI agents are investigating their possible connection with an automobile that was stolen from Cain's Used Car Lot here in Bryson City Monday night.

The three men, Donnie Jones, Johnnie Lambert, and Joe Lee Barnes, were apprehended Tuesday afternoon shortly after three men jumped from a '65 Ford and ran when police officers stopped the vehicle. The car was stolen from Cain's Auto on Monday night.

No charges have been made at this time, however, Georgia authorities and the FBI are still investigating.

WEATHER

Wednesday, August 26 - Partly cloudy and mild. Low 63 degrees. High 89 degrees.
Thursday, August 27 - Fair. Low 63 degrees. High 83 degrees.
Friday, August 28 - Clear. Low 65 degrees. High 89 degrees.
Saturday, August 29 - Partly cloudy. Low 66 degrees. High 91 degrees.
Sunday, August 30 - Clear to Partly cloudy. Low 69 degrees. High 93 degrees.
Monday, August 31 - Fair. Low 68 degrees. High 91 degrees.
Tuesday, September 1 - Partly cloudy. Low 64 degrees. High 84 degrees.



Relocating Creek

Job Corps workmen are pictured above as Supervisor Henry Sullivan points out the width and depth of a ditch being dug to relocate a stream running through the new Industrial Park. Job Corps is doing the heavy

machinery work on the new Park at no charge to the county. According to a Job Corps spokesman, the county needs the work done and the Job Corps men need the experience on the heavy equipment.

At 3 p.m. the mother still refused to release the baby. At the order of the judge two male officers and one female police officer went to the jail cell and took the child from the young woman. The baby was then turned over to its father to whom the judge had awarded custody.

As to allocations concerning roaches, bed bugs, and rats, we can find no physical proof to

support these facts and Mrs. Jones herself said, "I have not seen any bugs or rats, since I've been here, but I think there might be some."

Who should get custody of the child and whether or not mother and child should have been locked up, we will leave to the judgment of the judge and law enforcement officers. We simply offer this article as TRUE FACTS.

Four Square Approves \$29,000 NYC Program

Approval of a \$29,000 grant from the Department of Labor for the operation of Neighborhood Youth Corps was announced at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Four Square at the Andrews Community Center, August 31.

The grant will provide paid work-training experience for 74 students from low income families in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties. The enrollees will work nine hours a week at \$1.45 an hour.

Two new Board members were approved. Mr. Sam Beck of Clay County and Mr. Albert Thomas of Swain County will represent the low-income communities in their counties.

In further action, the Board approved a salary classification

plan for its employees.

It was also announced that five New Career practical nurse trainees graduated from Southwestern Technical Institute August 21. Eleven policemen and one attendance developer in the New Careers training program received certificates from Tri-County Technical Institute at its graduation exercises August 27.

The Board also received a report on the status of program planning and the organization of a Policy Advisory Committee composed of participants in the Emergency Food and Medical Service program of Four Square.

Mr. Charles S. Parker, Board President, presided.

Dr. Binkley Guest At Luncheon



private dining room last Thursday as a result of some of these efforts.

Dr. Victor Binkley of Honolulu, Hawaii, was the guest of honor for this Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon and was interviewed by several local businessmen. Dr. Binkley was here as guest of Col. H.H.H. Clark and came here to look at Swain County as a future home at the request of Col. Clark.

While talking with Dr. Binkley, we found that he is married and has three children, aged 5 1/2, 4 1/2, and 2. He graduated from Medical School in 1965 and served as Captain in the U.S. Army stationed in Texas and Vietnam. He has two years of residency in Honolulu and prefers general practice along with some surgery.

While staying in Bryson City, he stayed with Dr. and Mrs. W.E. Mitchell and he spent several hours at the Swain County Hospital including observing and assisting in at least two operations.

Dr. Binkley was born in Illinois, educated in Ohio, and has three months post-graduate work to do before he will be ready to settle permanently.

Binkley was welcomed by Chairman of the Swain County Commissioners on behalf of the County Government and by Jack Welch, Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town of Bryson City.

Odell Wilson, cashier for Northwestern Bank, and Dr. Kelly Bennett, owner and pharmacist of Bennett's Drug Store welcomed Dr. Binkley on behalf of the merchants.

Attorney Stedman Hines was also present at the Luncheon on behalf of the professional men of Bryson City. Col. Clark served as host.

Dr. Binkley had one or two more stops while on the East Coast before returning to Honolulu. He told the group that he was very impressed with Swain County and exceptionally warm welcome he received.

He made no decision on his future plans as to whether or not he would locate here, but he did commend Swain County on their fine hospital and pointed out that this was one of the main points, doctors look for now before settling anywhere.

New Social Security Hours

Social Security representative from the Asheville District Office will increase hours of operation beginning in October. The new time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Federal Building on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Doctors Nurses To Receive Coronary Care Talks Here

Physicians and nurses throughout Western North Carolina may brush up on

Town Board Will Meet On Tuesday

In view of the fact that the regular scheduled meeting of the Bryson City of Aldermen to be held on the first Monday in September and that this date is a legal holiday (Labor Day) the meeting will be held on the following date, September 8, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office.

coronary care September 17 and 18 at Nantahala Village, Bryson City, when an educational program will be presented by the "Coronary Care in Appalachia" project of the North Carolina Regional Medical Program.

Speakers will be: Robert H. Peter, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Duke University; Barbara Bain, R.N., coordinator for North Carolina Heart Association - North Carolina Regional Medical Program projects; John Edmonds, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine,

Bowman Gray; and Mrs. Ann Montgomery, R.N., Staff Nurse, Coronary Care Unit, Moses Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro.

On Thursday, September 17, Mrs. Montgomery will address the nurses on "General Care of the Patient with a Myocardial Infarction" from 8 to 9:15 a.m., and on "Care of the Myocardial Infarction Patient with Complications" from 3 to 4:45 p.m.

On the same day Dr. Peter will speak to physicians on "Cardiac Pacemakers" from 10 to 11:15 a.m., and on "Management of the Patient with Myocardial Infarction Including Pump Failure" from 1 to 2:45 p.m.

Friday, Miss Bain will speak to nurses from 8 to 9:45 a.m. on "Care and Handling of Pacemakers; Assisting with Pacemaker Insertion," and from 3 to 4:45 p.m. on "Nursing Care of the Patient with a Cardiac Pacemaker."

Dr. Edmonds will address the group Friday morning and afternoon on "EKG Interpretation and Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmias" from 10 to 11:15 a.m., and 1 to 2:45 p.m.

There is no charge for the program.

Although the sessions are specified for nurses or physicians, they may be attended by members of either group.

Reservations should be made with Robert N. Headley, M.D., Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Christ Lives For You

Through His Death and Resurrection He provided a Plan for Your Salvation... He Lives As Proof of His Divinity and Abounding Love.

ATTEND THE SPECIAL SERVICES EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK

FRANKLIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, WILL BE IN REVIVAL.

Starting Sept. 6, continuing each evening through out the week at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Buford Woodard will be bringing the message at each service. There will be special singing. A Hearty Welcome Awaits You, Bring A Friend and Come, You Will be Glad.