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Around Town

We just got back into town Monday and the schools worked us overtime all day Tuesday making pictures. Plans were for the TIMES to carry photo of the Folk Festival and the School Library.

The photo taking worked out O.K. but the film processing was a flop. The dark room man put fixer in the developer and the pictures came out blank. No excuse is good enough but this is ours.

The past weekend's fire should open some eyes and serve as a strong reminder that a small blaze can erupt into a massive furnace. The rains have helped the dry weather conditions, but still only a couple of days of high temperatures are needed to dry out the forest. Forest Ranger, Oris Hughes, urges everyone to be careful with fire and should you spot even a small fire, call the Fry Mountain Tower at 488-3932. The sooner rangers are notified, the less damage.

We've heard since we've been in North Carolina that the reason for so few passing zones is that the State had an excessive amount of paint. Well, this year their cup must runneth over because even the white paint has turned yellow and is made for much comment.

We want to take this opportunity to extend a personal thanks to the many people who operated with our "little girls" last week in helping to get the Smoky Mountain Times out. Our girls worked real hard and done a real fine job, but it would have been impossible without the fine co-operation they received from our reading public.

Centennial Headquarters is now open in the Community Building from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Centennial hats, ties, bonnets, vests, badges and other centennial paraphernalia may be purchased at the headquarters. Ladies may order their centennial dresses there also. Buy your articles for the celebration June will be here before you know it.



Mayor Ellen Hyams presenting Dr. Winston with a Bonnet and a Centennial Belle button.



Ralph Andrews speaking to the second general session.

Conference On Aging

Dr. Ellen Winston, Chairman of the State White House Conference Advisory Committee, spoke to approximately 110 people here for the Region A White House Conference on Aging at the Marianna Marianna Black Library on Saturday, April 17.

The Conference was called to order by Mrs. John L. Crawford of Franklin, Chairman of the Regional Conference Advisory Committee. Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City gave the welcome address and Reverend William Bell, minister of the Presbyterian Church in Bryson City, gave the invocation.

Dr. Winston spoke of "The Task Ahead" as preparations continue for the White House Conference on Aging scheduled for November 1971 in Washington, D.C. Dr. Winston told the group that conferences such as this occur only once in a decade and we must insure that the national policies that will be developed are based on the needs and desires expressed from the local communities.

The local forums and regional conferences are the means by which we can insure that the voice of the people is heard.

Dr. Winston went on to briefly cover the 14 needs and needs meeting areas that were to be discussed in the group sessions following the first general sessions.

Following the keynote address the Conference adjourned to eight group sessions where issues related to Income, Health, Nutrition, Employment, and Retirement, Retirement Roles and Activities, Services, Programs, and Facilities, Government and Non-Government Organizations, Planning, Research and Demonstration, Education, training, Housing, Transportation, and Spiritual Well-Being were discussed.

Each group developed position statements on the various issues under discussion. The position statements were recorded and will be sent to the Governor's Council on Aging in Raleigh. They will again be discussed at the Governor's Conference on Aging in Raleigh on May 21 and 22.

At the second general session, following the group sessions, the group chairmen reported to the general session on the position statements developed in each group. The final item of business was to adopt a platform which hopefully will become the North Carolina State Policy on Aging. The Platform is as follows:

"To protect and enhance the dignity, the image, the independence, the continued productivity, and the happiness of its older citizens, the State of North Carolina commits itself to take the necessary steps through State policies, legislation, and services, and to actively promote Federal policies and legislation essential to the furtherance of these objectives. Basic to their attainment by each individual is an adequate income, readily available health resources, suitable housing, meaningful activities, whether on an employed or voluntary basis, and a range of coordinated community, leisure, and social services. Each individual will be guaranteed freedom of choice in managing his own life, in using the resources available to him, in living the full life, and in the successful pursuit of happiness.

The highlight of the Conference occurred when Mayor Ellen Hyams presented Dr. Winston, a native of Bryson City, with a Centennial bonnet. Swain County is now celebrating its 100th Year and the ladies of Swain County, led by Margaret Roper, turned out for the Conference in full Centennial dress.

Centennial Schedule

The following schedule of events has been released by the Centennial Committee. This is a general list and each coordinator will announce individual activities at a later date.

- June 3 and 4 - Merchant's Day. Stanley Livingston and Carroll Wright - Coordinators.
- June 4 - evening - Queen's Cotillion Ball, Mrs. W.E. Mitchell, organizer.
- June 5 - Opening Day Ceremonies, Robert Varner - coordinator.
- June 6 - religious Heritage Day, Rev. Ernest Lindsay - coordinator.
- June 7 - Pioneer and Early American Day - Jake Hyatt - coordinator.
- June 8 - Brotherhood Day - James Gribble - coordinator.
- June 9 - Youth Day
- June 10 - Ladies Day - Francis Bates - coordinator.
- June 11 - Wild West Day - Maxine Huddleston - coordinator.

Elmestary School principal, R.C. Taylor, served as Master of Ceremonies and high school principal, Clifford Riczall assisted with the tape recorded music.

The first event of the evening was a performance by elementary band, which played "New World Symphony", "The Lost Chord", "Roses From the South", and "The Merry Widow". The band made up of students in the elementary grades was directed by high

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Weekly Devotional My Guide

I know not what tomorrow holds
Nor the perils I may face,
But if I know He's on side,
I can handle it with grace.
I may go on despite my fears
And fight til all is o'er.
Instead of giving up on life
And the problems held in store.
I may go on life's weary road
Without a doubt or fear.
Because I know my Master's there
Where'er I want Him near.
So I could really quit today,
If I didn't have a guide
To lead me on this journey here.
On to the other side.

Weather

Tuesday, April 13-Sunny. Low 29 degrees. High 68 degrees.
Wednesday, April 14-Sunny and warm. Low 31 degrees. High 73 degrees.
Thursday, April 15-Sunny and warm. Low 32 degrees. High 72 degrees.
Friday, April 16-Sunny and warm. Low 34 degree. High 71 degrees.
Saturday, April 17-Sunny and warm. Low 30 degrees. High 75 degrees.
Sunday, April 18-Sunny and warm. Low 36 degrees. High 79 degrees.
Monday, April 19-Sunny and warm. Low 37 degrees. High 83 degrees.

Right To Read Theme For National Library Week

"Right to Read" is the theme of National Library Week, April 18-24, headed in North Carolina by Former Governor Terry Sanford, Chairman of the observance. The event and the theme will be observed with various activities and ceremonies in public and school libraries throughout the State. They are being planned by some 100 County Chairmen for National Library Week. The committee for activities in Swain County is Mrs. Anna Lou Cassada, Miss Gertrude Ferguson, Mrs. Helen Lovingood, Mrs. Shirley Napier and Mrs. Carrie Abbott.

Mrs. Vera B. Melton, Executive Director of N.C. National Library Week and Director of Libraries for the State's Community College System, noted that the theme of the week, "A Right to Read," points out the changing role of libraries and librarians.

FORMER Governor Sanford wrote:

Our democratic heritage has made us aware that we must have knowledge to be free and the road to knowledge is good books. Through reading good books, and reading them with comprehension, comes wisdom and understanding, goodness and beauty, all of which are essential to the survival and growth of a free civilization. As a matter of fact, the future of our State, and of any state, is dependent upon the education of its people. Therefore, the value of this one week, set aside to unite all interested elements of the community in stressing the importance of libraries to the educational process, must not be underestimated. And, the library is important not to students alone, but to every man, woman and child who seeks enlightenment and who at times wants to escape from the everydayness of their lives to the excitement to be found in the pages of books.

With best wishes always,
Sincerely,
Terry Sanford
With this in mind the following information about the Marianna Black and Swain County School Libraries has been compiled for your information. (The Editor)

MARIANNA BLACK
This week the spotlight is on our libraries as we observe

National Library Week. The image of the public library has vastly changed in the last few years. It is no longer the exclusive domain of bookworms. The public libraries of today offer a variety of services to the total community, beginning with small children and going on through senior citizens.

Our own library, the Marianna Black Library, is an excellent example of this wide range of activities occurring in libraries.

Mrs. C.A. Casada, librarian, reports that one week she had a group of kindergarten children from the Presbyterian Church in to learn about the library, the Bryson City Woman's Club used the library facilities for a meeting with Madeline Tripp, N.C. Consultant for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, as guest speaker, and a Regional Whitehouse Conference on Aging, with Dr. Ellen

Man Charged With Robbery Here Thursday

A Swain County man has been arrested and charged with the armed robbery of \$200 in cash from an elderly Bryson City woman last Thursday afternoon, according to the Sheriff's Department of Swain County.

According to Sheriff Bill Lewis, Johnny Franklin was arrested in Knoxville, Tenn., around 11 p.m. the night of the robbery and charged with breaking and entering, armed robbery, and assault. The charges came as a result of the robbery of Mrs. Betty Sue DeHart of Spring Street around 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

As a result of these charges a probationary sentence given Franklin in the last term of Superior Court was revoked Monday afternoon by Superior Court Judge Thad Bryson and Franklin was turned over to the State Department of Correction to begin serving a 8 to 10 year sentence.

Bryson City police officials, SBI agent, James Maxey and the State Highway Patrol joined the Sheriff's Department in the investigation.

Forest Fires May Be Work Of Arsonists

One of the worst forest fires to hit Swain County in some time burned nearly 400 acres here Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning. The fire originated in the Lands Creek section of Swain County but quickly spread in the National Park.

According to Park Ranger, Coy Hanson and State Forest Ranger, Oris Hughes, the combined burnage covered 390 acres and the Rangers say it would probably be close to 800 acres if the sides of the mountain and gorges were included.

The fire broke out or was originally set in the Lands Creek area around 12 noon Saturday and at least 4 fires were set in the National Park and one additional fire set in the Peachtree section, according to the rangers.

The Rangers are highly suspicious of arson and are working closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in trying to apprehend the individual or individuals responsible. Anyone having any information as to who might

Winston as guest speaker to a crowd of 110, were held in the library.

Mrs. Casada points out that in addition to helping with these activities she assisted people in checking books in and out of the library, she assisted students and other individuals in looking up materials for research papers and group talks, and many people took advantage of the reading room to enjoy the many current magazines and newspapers available in the library. Also available are records for listening enjoyment.

So, take your cue from National Library Week; use your library for reading enjoyment, listening enjoyment, gathering information and facts for a place to meet and learn.

ALMOND, ALARKA AND WHITTIER

The libraries of the Almond, Alarka and Whittier Schools meet the standards set up by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Many new books and other materials have been added to these libraries from local and state funds and money from Title II which is a Federal project. The following information was taken from the 1968-70 library report: the Almond School had a total of 3,345 books with a circulation of 6,345; Alarka School had 2,871 books with a circulation of 1,772; and Whittier School had 3,315 books with a circulation of 6,358 books.

Each class in these schools has a forty minute library period each week. However, the libraries remain open during each school day for group work and special assignments.

BRYSON CITY ELEMENTARY

The library quarters of the Bryson City Elementary School were enlarged during the 1961-62 school term. At that time the book collection numbered about three books per child. There were a few recordings and perhaps two hundred filmstrips.

Today we have a comfortable and attractive library that meets both state and Southern Association standards. Each classroom group comes to read and exchange books once a week. The time

Mt. Zion Set Homecoming

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Grassy Branch will hold a homecoming Sunday, April 25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be singing in the afternoon and everyone is invited to attend. Any special singing groups will be greatly appreciated.

before 9:00 and after 3:00 o'clock each day is set aside for those who wish to exchange their books, read the newspaper or do reference work. Also at other times during the day students who have work to do are welcome.

Due to the limited space, the library houses only records, filmstrips, transparencies and tapes in addition to the books. Equipment is circulated between classrooms where it is used.

All the children enjoy the magazines and the primary grades have a story when time is available. Most of the children in the upper grades make use of the card catalog and other reference sources.

The most recent addition to our audiovisual materials has been the purchase of several beautiful art prints. These are framed and will be in the library and the hall nearby.

SWAIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

To observe National Library Week, two events have been planned by the Swain County High School. One of these will be a visit to the newly built Marianna Black Library in Bryson City. The members of the Library Club will have an opportunity at this time to establish good relationships between the two libraries.

Another activity that the High School plans is to tape a radio program explaining the importance of National Library Week. It is the aim of this program to show the value of reading and what it can mean in your life's work. This program will be on the air during one of the five o'clock daily programs sponsored by the Swain County High School.

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The Swain County Centennial Committee has announced that the Centennial Medallion will go on sale Friday, April 23. The sterling silver medallion, priced at \$25.00 plus tax will be on sale at the Northwestern Bank. The silver edition is considered a collector's item and is in very limited supply. These will be sold on a first come - first serve basis.

The medallion is also available in bronze at \$2.00 plus tax. These may be purchased at the Centennial Headquarters which is open daily from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The bronze medallion would be a wonderful souvenir of the Centennial Celebration.