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Cheif Walter Jackson Of Eastern Band Of Cherokees Dies Monday



CHEROKEE RESERVATION

Principal Chief Walter S. Jackson of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians died Monday night in the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.

Jackson, 47, had been a patient there since Jan. 29 when he underwent open heart surgery, and then developed a kidney disorder.

He was elected principal chief in 1967, following four years as vice chief and 12 years on the Tribal Council. He served as North Carolina's delegate to the Indian Affairs Commissioners' Conference in Nevada in 1969 and the 1968 conference in Kansas of the Governors' Interstate Indian Council.

He was born and grew up on the reservation, and was educated at the Indian schools here. He served in World War II in the U.S. Navy and was a petty officer.

Jackson served as Chief of the Cherokee Police and was head of Community Services during his term as vice chief. He assisted with the development of Cherokee Boys Club and was a former trustee of the Cherokee Historical Association.

He was a member of the Steve Youngdeer Post of the American Legion and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an active

member, also, of Macedonia Baptist Church here.

During his term as Principal Chief, he encouraged participation of women in Cherokee affairs and brought about continued improvement in the tribe's economic condition.

Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. said, "North Carolina has lost a real leader. He virtually ignored his own material well-being, indeed his own health, in order to serve the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He was a true friend."

Sen. B. Everett Jordan said, "Jackson was willing to sacrifice everything for the good of his fellow man. He was a great leader of the Cherokees and served them as a ambassador of the highest

caliber. Our state will sorely miss him."

Rep. Roy A. Taylor issued the following statement concerning the death of Chief Jackson:

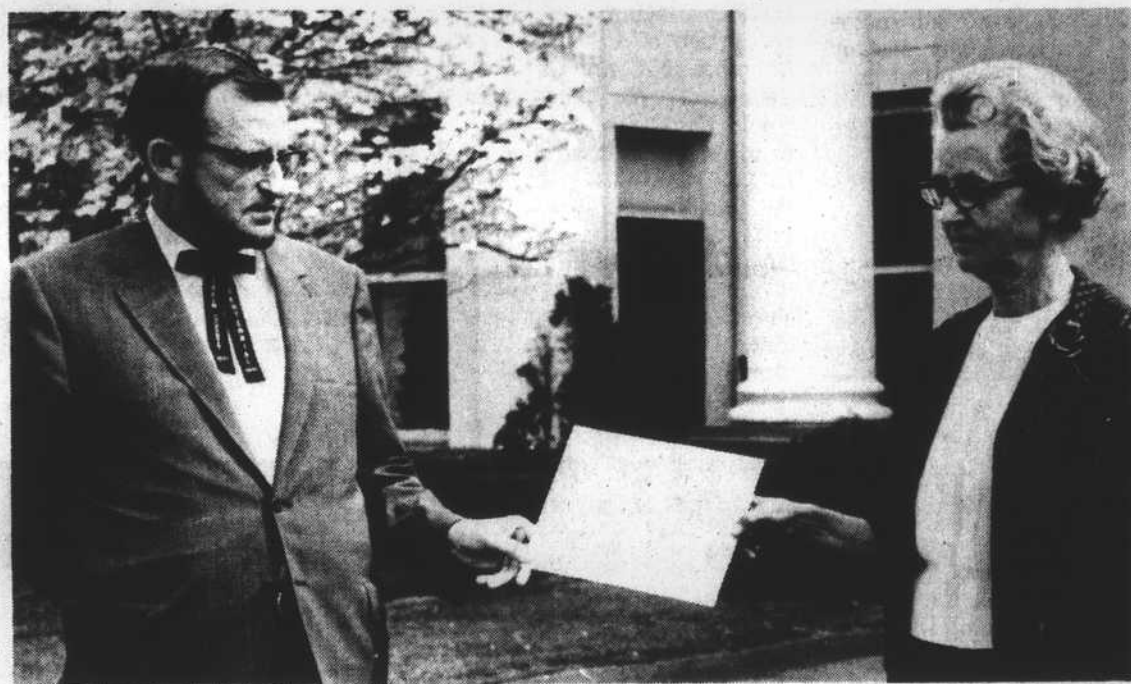
"I was very sorry to learn of Chief Walter Jackson's death. He was a warm, friendly individual whom we all looked forward to seeing when he came to Washington. He always seemed to have the welfare of the Cherokee Indians at heart, and vigorously pursued those programs which he felt would improve their social and economic conditions.

"The chief's ability to combine his congenial manner with serious purpose caused him to be one of our favorites and we join the people of

Cherokee in missing him."

Chief Jackson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Sneed Jackson; a son, Walter Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Mary West, of Cherokee; two stepsons, George and Richard Sneed of Cherokee; the mother, Mrs. Mary Queen Jackson of Cherokee; three brothers, Boyd and Jack of Cherokee and Johnny of Raleigh; six sisters, Mrs. Naomi Bowman, Mrs. Edith Bradley, Mrs. Barbara Robie and Miss Sadie Jackson of Cherokee, Mrs. Mackie Abram of National City, Calif., and Mrs. Jean Bryant of Charleston, S.C.

Moody Funeral Home at Sylva is in charge of arrangements which were incomplete late Tuesday.



O'Dell Shuler is pictured above presenting Mrs. Lillian Thomasson with her certificate recognizing her as Swain County Historian.

Mrs. Thomasson has been recognized by both city and county for her untiring work in the history of the county for our centennial.

Lillian Thomasson Named County Historian

Mrs. Lillian Thomasson of Bryson City, retired art and language teacher and author, has been designated the official historian of Swain County and Bryson City.

In ceremonies held here this week a special certificate signed by the County Commissioners and showing the Swain County Centennial Seal which Mrs. Thomasson designed was presented to her.

In other ceremonies a special letter showing the appointment as historian was presented to Mrs. Thomasson by Mayor Ellen P. Hyams and the members of the Town Board of Aldermen.

The officials stated that the award as historian came as a result of the publication of Mrs. Thomasson's thoroughly researched book Swain County: Early History and Educational Development, published in 1965, and for her contributions to the research for the background material for the

Swain County Centennial celebration to be held beginning June 3.

The certificate presented by the county reads: "In Honor of Mrs. Lillian Thomasson for her untiring work in producing the History of Swain County, North Carolina, Mrs. Lillian Thomasson, Historian."

The letter from the town officials reads: "Knowing your interest in the early history of Swain County and Bryson City this Board has appointed you Historian for Bryson City. This was officially done October 5, 1970 and is part of the minutes of a meeting held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on said date.

"We recognize the work and study you have performed on this subject in the past and commend you for it. We hope you will accept this appointment and feel free to call on us for any assistance you may need in the days ahead."

Centennial Director To Arrive May 3

The pageant director from the Rogers Company will arrive May 3 and preparations will be officially underway for the casting of the historical spectacular entitled, "The Mountain Man". Anyone interested in participating in a drama should plan to attend the first meeting on May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There will be no memorization or speaking parts so for those of you that get "tongue-tied", this will be no excuse for staying away! Anyone that is interested is guaranteed a part along with one of the 250 costumes that will be provided by the Rogers Company. (You may wear your own costume if preferred.)

Obviously everyone cannot be contacted personally. Below is a copy of a letter that has been sent to many of our civic clubs and groups. If you are interested and have not been contacted, please clip out the

form below and mail to the given address.

A big Birthday Party is being arranged and as a member of our community, we want to invite your organization, family and friends to be a part of the fun part of our planned program.

We are readying the next phase of the celebration and that is recruiting the cast for our historical spectacular. Here is the chance for everyone to get in the act! Honestly, you would be doing your group a disfavor if you didn't give them a chance to enjoy this exceptional opportunity for fun.

The exciting production will be professionally staged on a special 250' setting to be erected on the Swain High football field and with special lighting and colorful costumes, will, of course, be the highlight event of our entire celebration. Naturally as part of the team, your organization will receive

publicity and credit for the part you will play in this great show. Want to know the details?

Want to know the details? Fine! Will you please come and bring four of your most active members to a meeting where the professional director from the Rogers Company will give full information? This meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on May 7, 1971 in the Bryson City Schools Auditorium. If you cannot come, be sure to send a delegation of four members. Please fill out the enclosed card indicating your attendance and return by May 5, 1971.

Will you help us make this a great opportunity for fun!

Mail to: Swain County Centennial Headquarters; Attention: Historical Spectacular Division Chairman, Bryson City, N.C., 28713

Yes, I am interested in participating in the drama and plan to attend the meeting on May 7 at 7:30 in the Swain High School auditorium. Name and address.

Colonial Inn

MOTOR HOTEL



Centennial Queen Contest Plans Made

ATTENTION LADIES

Would you like a free vacation at this beautiful resort? Would you like to be the most honored person during Swain County's 100th Anniversary Celebration? If your answer to the above is yes, then enter the contest for Centennial Queen.

This is not a beauty contest but is a contest in which ladies from age 16 to 108 are eligible.

The winner of this contest will be the lady with the most determination to win.

In participating in this contest, you will determine if our celebration is a success or failure.

We therefore encourage all ladies to come to a meeting at the Methodist Fellowship Hall at 7:30 on May 6 for further instructions and a Contest Kickoff Social.

If you would like to know more about this contest or cannot come to this meeting but still would like to participate, please call: Roger DeHart 488-2583, 488-3462 or Louise Sandlin 488-2808.

Athletic Banquet Set Monday

The athletic teams and coaching staff of Swain County High School are to be the guests at a banquet

on Monday, May 3, in the school cafeteria. The meal will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Coach Handley Painter of Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., scheduled to speak following the meal.

The annual Athletic Banquet is jointly sponsored by the Bryson City Lions, Rotary, and Jaycee Organizations. The public is invited to purchase tickets at \$3.00 each. Tickets are on sale at Bennett's Drug Store. The number of tickets is limited, so purchases should be made early.

The speaker, Coach Painter, is a native of Bryson City, and a former student at Swain High. He played football at Lenoir Rhyne. He is a former marine and a veteran of the Pacific theater of the second world war. As head football coach of his alma mater, he has procured teams which have been nationally top-ranked among small colleges.

Riding Club Places In Trail Riders Show

The Smoky Mountain Riding Club, Inc. of Bryson City, N.C. took off from classes Saturday, April 24, and galloped off to Waynesville, N.C. to the Haywood Trail Rider Horse Show. We are proud to announce they put on a good show for Bryson City. Classes placed in are:

Lead Line; First place, Jonny Danenhower and Second place, Sheila Danenhower.

Pony Pleasure: Second place, Erick Parsons.

Ladies Western Pleasure: 15 years and under: Lisa Parsons, Fourth place.

Cloverleaf Barrel Race: Roger Parsons, Second place.

Men's Western Pleasure: 15

Open Fires Banned On Parkway

Open fires have been banned in campgrounds and picnic areas along Blue Ridge Parkway, superintendent Granville B. Liles announced today. Fire conditions remain extreme as they have been for several days. This situation is similar to that prevailing throughout most of the mountainous regions of Virginia and North Carolina.

The effect of localized light showers last Friday have been nullified by high winds, mild temperatures, and low humidity, Liles continued.

All Parkway camping and picnicking facilities will open Saturday, May 1 as previously announced but, unless fire conditions become less severe, visitors will have to do without open fires. Parkway travelers are further cautioned, said Liles, that a continuation of these conditions may cause a closure of hiking trails.

Weather

Tuesday, April 20, Clear, High - 84, low 39.
Wednesday, April 21, Sunny, High 82, low 37.
Thursday, April 22, mostly Sunny, High 76, low 36.
Friday, April 23, rain, High 64, low 37.
Saturday, April 24, Sunny and Windy, High 71, low 34.
Sunday, April 25, Sunny, High 73, low 38.
Monday, April 26, partly cloudy, High 75, low 36.

years and under: Tim DeBord, first place and Roger Parsons, Second place.

Trail Class; 15 years and under: Lisa Parsons.

Trail Class Adult: Sally Danenhower, first place and Joan Parsons, third place.

Stock Seat Equitation: Lisa Parsons, third place.

Two Swain Students Make Dean's List

A total of 1,257 scholars, nearly a fourth of the undergraduate student body, have earned Dean's List honors for the winter quarter at Appalachian State University. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a B average on at least 15 quarter hours of work with no grade below C.

Swain+Mary DeBord Elswick, a junior of Bryson City; Sylvia Jameson Lyday, a senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Lyday of Bryson City.

Scouts Hold Camporee

Boy Scout units from Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties will gather in the hunters' camp area at Fires Creek for a camporee this weekend.

The activities begin with a big campfire on Friday night and end with breaking camp at noon on Sunday, after the Scouts attend church services at the Catholic church in Hayesville.

Patrols will be judged on their camp layout and appearance and will also compete on Saturday morning in compass and pacing and tree identification events. Saturday afternoon they will witness demonstrations on survival, rescue and wildlife conservation.



Members of the Bryson City board of officers are pictured above with Town Clerk, Jack Welch and county Historian Lillian Thomasson as they place a marker at the grave site of Lucy Anne Cline. The marker was placed in memory of Mrs. Cline

who donated the 3 acres where the present cemetery is located to the 3 churches of Bryson City in 1865. Miss Cline also donated the one acre which makes up the four corners of the Town Square.

Burley Growers To Vote On Poundage Quota

Bueley tobacco growers will vote May 4 on whether to have farm poundage quotas and price support -- or no marketing quotas and no price support for the 1971 crop.

Congress had recently amended the tobacco marketing quota law, and ruled out acreage allotments for burley tobacco. Acreage allotments have not controlled production effectively in recent years as per acre yields have increased sharply.

Under the amended law, if a price support program is to be continued on burley tobacco, poundage quotas must be approved by two-thirds of the growers voting in the May 4 referendum. THE REFERENDUM IS NOT TO DECIDE BETWEEN ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS OR POUNDAGE QUOTAS: IT IS TO DECIDE BETWEEN POUNDAGE QUOTAS OR NO PROGRAM.

Each farm's poundage

quota for 1971 is 95 percent of its 1970 acreage allotment multiplied by farm yield. The farm yield is the simple average of the four highest yields obtained in the last five

years (1966-70). However, no yield can exceed 3500 pounds per acre.

Under the amended law, burley quotas can now be leased and transferred to other farms within the same county with a limit of 15,000 pounds to any one farm. Burley growers will vote TUESDAY, MAY 4, at polling places in the burley tobacco growing areas. The voting locations for Swain County, as announced by Jack B. Wiggins, Chairman of the Swain County ASC Committee, are: Alarka-Wiggins' Store; Bryson City - Room 213 on second floor of the Federal Building; Cherokee - Fred Brown's Office (Cherokee Indian Agency); Nantahala - Claude Parrish's Residence; Whittier - Shook's Esso at Ela. ASC Community committee will have charge of the polls. The polling will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4. Mr. Wiggins urges all growers to make a special effort to get to the polls and vote.

Weekly Devotional Good Look

Let us take a good look at our adversary, "Satan." I wonder if we are aware of his many deceiving qualities. He tempted Jesus forty days and nights, he hinders us every second he can. He knows his time is short, so he's going to and fro seeking whom he may devour. He is very cunning. Paul tells us in II Corinthians 2:11 that we should be aware of Satan and not let him take advantage of us and we shouldn't be ignorant of his devices. He really knows how to degrade a child of God, so we must always be on our toes.