



1871 Swain County Centennial Year 1971

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Around Town

PTA Conference Set Here Monday

The regular second Saturday night singing will be held at the Franklin Grove Church this Saturday night, May 8, at 8:00 p.m. Out-of-town singers will be the Tri-State Quartet from Murphy, N.C. We urge all local groups to be there.

The Whittier Community Club will meet Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. At this meeting we'll celebrate the 100th anniversary of Swain County. The women will come dressed in their Centennial dresses and bonnets and the men will show off their beards. The covered-dish supper will offer dishes that were served 100 years ago. The speaker will be from the Swain County Historical Committee.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol reported that during the week of April 26-May 2, 1971 they were on the road for a total of 170 hours during which time one accident occurred, one for reckless driving, one for driving with license revoked or suspended, and three other hazardous violations making a total of five charges.

A Youth Choir from Lanette, Ala. will be at the First Baptist Church, Friday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., to sing Folk Musical "Life".

The Youth Choir including the "Bell Ringing Choir" from First Baptist Church, Murphy, will be at the First Baptist Church Sunday, May 9, 7:15 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend.

This Friday marks the beginning of dress-up days in May for the Centennial. Everyone should be in 1871 attire every Friday in May and the week of June 3-11. Official attire consists of ties, hats, badges, bonnets and long dresses for the ladies if possible.

Friday also just happens to be the day that the Kangaroo Court goes into session. If you should come into town not attired in official dress, you run the risk of being arrested by the local law enforcers and tried by the Kangaroo Court.

The Mountain Skill-Craft Organization will open their shop in the square Saturday, May 8, 1971, at 10 a.m. Come in and see the many beautiful items that are on sale.

A homecoming is scheduled to be held Sunday, May 9 at the Sawmill Hill Church. There will be plenty of food. All singers and the public are invited.

The North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will sponsor a District Conference for District I at the Bryson City Elementary School in Bryson City next Monday. This is one of 15 conferences being held across the state during April and May. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10:00 a.m. All PTA members, school administrators, and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Senior Citizens To Meet

The Senior Citizens Group sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Bryson City will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 11.

We extend a hearty invitation to all interested Senior citizens in the community to join us for this and all our meetings. This one is special. It is our salute to the Centennial Festival. We are a newly-organized group. We need your fellowship. We offer you ours. So, won't you please meet us at the church at 11:30 promptly with your favorite picnic dish? We share with each other.

If the weather is nice we will go to the Deep Creek picnic grounds for our lunch, followed by recreation and a planning session. We also want to choose a name for our group. Hope you have some good suggestions. In case of rain or cool weather we will meet in the church Social Hall.

BIBLE TALKS

Bible talks are scheduled to be held at the Town Hall Community room beginning Friday, April 30, and continuing each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

CLUB MEETS

The Light 'n Lively Club meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Boys. Ladies interested in losing weight may join. Contact Mrs. Boys at 488-3330.

WEATHER

Tuesday, April 27, Sunny. Low 42, High 78.
Wednesday, April 28, morning showers, sunny and warm. Low 54, High 79.
Thursday, April 29, sunny. Low 40, High 78.
Friday, April 30, partly cloudy with light showers. Low 42, High 78.
Saturday, May 1, sunny and warm. Low 36, high 81.
Sunday, May 2, partly cloudy with light showers Low 33, High 62.
Monday, May 3, partly cloudy. Low 32, high 63.



Alarka Camping Area

Boy Scouts from Swain, Graham, Clay and Cherokee counties gathered at the Fires Creek Wildlife Management Area in Clay County last weekend for a camporee. More than 100 Scouts and their leaders attended event. Shown above is the camping area of the Alarka Scout unit. The Bryson City Scouts also attended the camporee. (Staff Photo)



The Swain County Centennial Dinner Plate is now on sale at Centennial headquarters. The price is \$2.00 plus tax. For a lovely and appropriate souvenir of our Centennial celebration, buy a commemorative dinner plate.

There are only eighteen sterling silver Centennial coins left to be purchased. The cost is \$25.00 plus tax and may be bought at the Northwestern Bank. The bronze coin is available at Centennial Headquarters

WSCS To Meet At Sylva Friday

The Annual District Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service will be held on Friday, at Sylva United Methodist Church beginning at 10 AM.

Miss Louise Ballrd, Waynesville, District President, will preside and the speaker will be Conference President, Mrs. J. Frank Redding Jr., of Monroe. The program will also include a meditation given by the Rev. Thomas Cassidy of Sylva, a

state of the district report prepared by Mrs. W.W. Sloan, Franklin, and a skit presenting the work of the Board of Missions. The meeting will close with lunch at noon. Members are asked to bring a sandwich; salad, dessert and beverage will be served by the Sylva W.S.C.S. of which Mrs. W.S. Crawford is president.

Safety Award Given To 4-H News Power Firm

4-H Activity Day will be Saturday morning, May 8 at 10:00 a. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. Activities will be a dress revue and demonstration contest.

The dress revue will be divided into an apron division for beginners-dress revue for ages 9-13 and 14-19.

The annual 4-H talent show will be scheduled for later in the month.

Two Swain 4-H leaders attended the Western Extension District 4-H Leaders Forum, Saturday, at the Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska. Mrs. Suzanne Bunn and Mrs. R.L. Lyday, joined a group of 4-H leaders for an interesting program on Saturday morning. Highlight of the program was a talk by Dr. James White, Superintendent of the Western Correctional Center.

The National Safety Council has announced that Nantahala Power and Light Company has been presented the Council's Award of Merit for its excellent safety record. The award is presented only where an establishment's record satisfied rigid requirements laid down in the Council's Award Plan for recognizing good industrial safety records.

Howard Pyle, President of the National Safety Council in a letter of congratulations to W.W. Sloan, Vice-President and Safety Director of Nantahala, explained that the local utility qualified for the Director of Nantahala, explained that the local utility qualified for the award because of its injury free period of 3,547 man-hours

WASHINGTON - Rep. Roy A. Taylor last Thursday filed a formal statement with National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, re-emphasizing his opposition to any curtailment of private vehicle use of U.S. 441, which bisects the Great Smoky Mountains National Park between Cherokee, N.C., and Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Taylor Voices Opposition To US 441 Closing

"I am unalterably opposed to closing or restricting automobile use on U.S. 441," he flatly advised the NPS Director. Hartzog, who once served as assistant superintendent of the Great Smokies, announced in February a plan to eventually phase out public use of the highway contingent upon completion of a proposed 190-mile parkway which would completely encircle the base of the park with a dozen short spur roads into fringe recreational areas.

Taylor, who serves as Chairman of the National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of the House Interior Committee, immediately announced his opposition to the proposed closing. Then in mid-April, Hartzog revealed during a hearing before Taylor's subcommittee that he was seriously considering closing the highway between around 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. starting this summer. A shuttle bus service would be used to transport visitors back and forth across the park from fringe parking lots. The Congressman advised Hartzog during the testimony that he could expect strong opposition to such a move and indicated that he would use his position as Chairman of the subcommittee to personally help block it.

In his formal statement to Hartzog, Taylor warned that even partial closing of the highway would deal a severe economic blow to the tourist industry in Cherokee and Western North Carolina and would prove an inconvenience to motorists wishing to travel the road both as a scenic attraction and as a means of reaching a destination in either North Carolina or Tennessee. Taylor was highly critical of the prospect of discontinuing or limiting the use of a highway which "cost millions of taxpayer dollars to construct."

The Congressman challenged the legality of the action. He cited documents in which Tennessee section of the highway was originally transferred to the government and called Hartzog's attention to language which he said guarantees perpetual use of the road by the public.

Aside from the pure legal questions involved, Taylor insisted that there was also a question of morality, and declared that "closing this highway to automobile traffic would be a breach of faith with the States of North Carolina and Tennessee, which donated the road to the government expecting it to remain open and available for the use of the people."



STILL

Pictured above is a still brought in last Wednesday afternoon by the Swain County Sheriff's Department and Internal Revenue men. It was located on Kirkland's Creek.

Lady Mayor Keeps Job By 6 Votes

Mrs. Ellen Hyams was re-elected mayor of Bryson City in voting Tuesday, beating her closest challenger by a scant six votes.

Mrs. Hyams polled 140 votes to 134 for former alderman Cecil Plott. Tom Cromwell, the third person in the mayor's race, got 58 votes.

There were 10 people running for the four seats on the Board of Aldermen and the 335 voters who participated in the town election put two incumbents back in office along with two new aldermen.

Felix Potts with 152 votes and Glen Conley with 146 were re-elected to the board. The two new members are Clyde Crisp, who led all candidates with 220 votes, and Ray Nichols with 137 votes.

Alderman T.L. Jonews failed in his bid for re-election, drawing 119 votes.

Other candidates for alderman and the votes they received were Perley Hyde with 116, Lee Rickman with 110, Jack Franklin with 107, Mrs. Edith Moore with 69 and Martin Dunn with 68.

Span Closing For Repairs

The main flow of east-west traffic on US-19-129 will be detoured around Bryson City next week as repairs are made on the Little Tennessee River Bridge.

W.F. Ray, division engineer for the State Highway Commission in Sylva, told The Times Thursday that the bridge will be closed to all traffic beginning next Monday morning.

Repair work "will take at least a week," Ray said and will

consist of jacking up one section of the large bridge and adding a new girder to the structure.

A standard bridge inspection on Tuesday of this week showed that one section of the big bridge near Almond had sagged 3/4 of an inch, he said at that time the SHC employees and State Highway Patrolmen began sending heavy tractor-trailer rigs and buses on detour routes. Private autos and pickup trucks, however, were allowed to continue to cross over the bridge.

Ray blamed the sagging on rusty I-beams which support the roadway in one section of the bridge. "This is pretty much a normal maintenance operation," he said. "We do the same job on bridges on rural roads and it never makes news. This is news because it's a big bridge on the main road through Western North Carolina."

The detour route, now in effect for trucks and buses, will include all through traffic beginning Monday. It goes from Dillsboro to Murphy by way of Franklin, Clayton, Ga. and Hayesville.

Donations Listed

The labor for the park in Bryson City was done by Operation Mainstream. Blue prints were furnished by the TVA. This project was sponsored and directed by the Bryson City Woman's Club.

Donations for the park on the square and the Chamber of Commerce and grounds were as follows: shrubbery DeWitt's Nursery, grass seeds, Clampitt's Hardware, lumber (2x4) Maness's Manufacturing Co., rope, Reagan's 5 and 10 cent store, red material (markers), Belk's Department, vines for ground covering, Myers Tourist Court, boxwoods, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Marshall, potted plants, Hemlock, Inn, bulbs, Gay Nell Wooddy, and fertilizer and shavings, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huddleston.



Old DeHart Home

Pictured above is the home of Mary Sue DeHart. The rear portion of this home was built in 1865 by Mr. John DeHart who was a member of

the first board of County Commissioners in Swain County. This home is probably the oldest occupied home in the county.