

Today let us look at this topic, "the eyes." As we know, they are organs of sight. The eye is mentioned approximately 50 times in the Bible and used by Jesus to make various illustrations.

Psalms 121:1 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." In Matthew 9, two blind men followed Jesus saying "Have mercy on us." Jesus said as He touched their eyes, "According to your faith be it unto you."

To me the most wonderful thing concerning the eye is found in Revelations 21:4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." These are just a few verses containing the "eyes". May they be a blessing to you.

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Judge Thad D. Bryson being sworn into office in 1966. Court Clerk C.C. Carson swears him in while Mrs. Bryson, left, and their granddaughter and daughter look on.

## Judge Bryson Retires

Superior Court Judge Thad D. Bryson, Jr. will retire from the bench July 1.

In an executive order signed last Thursday by Gov. Bob Scott, Bryson's petition for retirement was approved under the disability law provided for judges with eight years service.

Bryson, resident judge of the 30th Judicial District since 1966, had previously served for more than 10 years as a Superior Court solicitor.

In his application for retirement, Bryson said that the combined terms of service on July 1 will have satisfied requirements of the law.

The law provides for the retirement of a judge who becomes totally and permanently disabled while in active service and is unable to perform efficiently the duties of his office, according to the application.

The Council of State, by unanimous vote, found that Bryson became totally and permanently disabled while in

active service "so as to be unable to perform efficiently the duties of his office."

Bryson was appointed by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry to the solicitor's post in March, 1948, and served through Dec. 31, 1958. He was appointed by Gov. Dan Moore to the Superior Court bench Oct. 1, 1966, and was subsequently elected to a full term.

Statements by Dr. William E. Mitchell and Dr. R.E. Nordling of Bryson City indicate that the judge is suffering from hypertension and a cardiac disease.

## Summer Reading Program Begins

Mrs. Margaret Rentz announced this week that Title I funds are being used again this year to finance a summer reading program. Students who are having reading difficulties will have a six-week concentrated program in reading.

Classes will begin Monday, June 21. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Buses will pick children up at regular bus stops. All books and materials will be furnished by Title I.

There will be seven reading teachers, one physical education teacher, four aides, and one secretary working with approximately 75 students. Much individual attention will go to the pupils in this program. Diagnostic tests have been given and are being used to determine reading weaknesses. The instructional program is being planned to meet individual needs as indicated by the tests and teacher inventories.

The reading teachers are Mrs. Nell Potts, Mrs. Della DeHart, Mrs. Delores Woody, Mrs. Delores Stephenson, Mrs. Linda Peterson, Mrs. Suzanne Wallin, and Mrs. Jean DeHart.

Jack Williams is the Physical Education Instructor. Mrs. Belle Frye, Mrs. Roberta Powell, Mrs. Marian Fortner, and Mrs. Frances Coggins are the aides.

## Lions Club Will Meet

The Bryson City Lions Club will observe ladies night this evening, June 17.

The meeting will be held at the Teddy Bear Motel dining room at 7:30 p.m. The officers for 1971-72 will be installed. Donald Bunn will be installed as President.

Joe El-Khouiri, of Andrews, the newly elected District Governor for District 31-A will attend the meeting.

## WEATHER

Tuesday, June 8, mostly cloudy, with showers. High 81, low 50.  
 Wednesday, June 9, sunny with light showers. High 86, low 54.  
 Thursday, June 10, partly cloudy and warm. High 84, low 56.  
 Friday, June 11, sunny and warm. High 86, low 53.  
 Saturday, June 12, sunny and hot. High 89, low 55.  
 Sunday, June 13, mostly sunny with showers. High 80, low 49.  
 Monday, June 14, sunny and warm with evening showers. High 88, low 54.

## Vincent Ellis Named Park Superintendent

The National Park Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior has announced a new superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Vincent Ellis, a native of New Mexico, succeeds Keith Neilson who resigned recently after two years as superintendent of the Smokies and 40 years service with the park agency.

Ellis, visited the park this past week for familiarization. He will move his family to the park headquarters in Gatlinburg, Tennessee sometime after July 1.

Mr. Ellis, 56, was born and raised in the northeast corner of New Mexico, and joined the National Park Service in 1937. His first permanent appointment was at Bandelier National Monument as a Junior Assistant.

He has had tours of duty in the Southwestern National Monuments headquarters in Arizona, Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Big Bend National Park, Texas, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, and in 1961 was appointed Assistant Superintendent at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado. In March 1966, Mr. Ellis was appointed Superintendent at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, in addition to his duties as Park Manager, he was assigned the duties of serving as State Coordinator for National Park Service activities in Georgia and keyman for the proposed Andersonville National Historic Site and for the proposed Cumberland Island National Seashore.

In May of 1970, Mr. Ellis was appointed Assistant Director in the Southeast Region at Richmond, Virginia,

where he was responsible for the management and park support of some twenty parks in the Southeast Region of the National Park Service.

In 1966, Mr. Ellis was awarded the National Park Service Superior Performance Award and in 1970, he was awarded the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award.

During World War II, while on military furlough from the National Park Service from November 1942 until April 1964, Mr. Ellis served with the 498th the 13th Armored Division. While serving in Europe, he was assigned as an aerial observer, given a battlefield commission, and was awarded the Air Medal for reconnaissance missions over enemy-held territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have two sons and a daughter. The daughter, who is completing her freshman year at Martha Berry College in Georgia, will join her parents for the summer months.



VINCENT ELLIS

## Summer Is Here

Although the weather might suggest otherwise, summer does not officially begin until 9:20 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, June 21. At this time, the sun reaches its highest point north of the earth's equator for this year, stated John A. Zunes, Educational Supervisor of the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill.

The constant 23 1/2 percent tilt of the earth's equator to its path around the sun produces the seasonal changes as it moves in its yearly journey. When the earth is tilted toward the sun, as it is this time of the year, more direct rays from the sun strike the northern hemisphere and we have the warm weather of summer. South of the equator the opposite is happening and cold weather is approaching. As seen from the latitude of Chapel Hill, the sun reaches its highest point above the southern horizon of 77 degrees on June 21.

## Tom Mallonee Schedules Visit

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Thursday, June 24, he will be at the Council House of the Eastern Band of the Cherokees, Cherokee, from 9:00 to 9:30; at the Swain County Courthouse, Bryson City, from 11:00 to 12:00 and at the Graham County Courthouse, Robbinsville, from 3:00 to 4:00.

On Friday, June 25, he will be at the Town Hall, Andrews, from 9:00 to 9:30; at the City Hall, Murphy, from 11:00 to 12:00; and at the Clay County Attorney's Office (W. E. Carter), Hayesville from 3:00 to 4:00.

On Thursday, July 1, he will be at the Jackson County Courthouse, Sylva, from 9:30 to 10:30; and at the Macon County Courthouse, Franklin, from 3:00 to 4:00.

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters to be discussed, is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above specified times.



Head Start Center Director Carrie Abbott, center, and Four Square Community workers Chinera Earley, left, and Garner Robinson discuss Head Start registration.

## "HEAD START" Program Begins June 21

The "Head Start" program, operated as a part of Four Square Community Action, Inc. has been approved for the summer 1971. The classes for children will begin Monday, June 21.

Under the Office of Economic Opportunity, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the approved funding request, submitted last January in detailed break-down form grants \$98,401.00 for the six-week program. The OK was received by Executive Director Milt Carlson at the Four Square Headquarters in Andrews via a phone call from Luther Shaw of the office of Representative Roy Taylor.

The four counties, Cherokee, Clay, Swain, and Graham, contain twelve Head Start Centers, one each in Hayesville, Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy, Robbinsville, Ranger, Marble,

Stoach, Mountain View, Martins Creek, and Peachtree. These centers will serve some 450 children (92 percent White, 2 per cent Black, 6 per cent Indian, all in the pre-school category, for whom will be provided two meals a day, medical and dental care, transportation, eating and health-habit training, and behavioral orientation, which

will prepare them for a more positive and successful role in education system in the beginning years. So "head start" does not seek to give these children an advantage over others, but to give them a "head start" relative to where they might have been if they had not had the benefit of the program.

The budget as submitted is the size of a small book and contains a description of each proposed expenditure, each of which must be clearly justified before the monies are granted. A partial assessment of the expense schedule shows monies earmarked for bus routes, feeding, staff salaries, nurses, nurse's aides, medical and dental care, nutritionist, and teachers, bus drivers, janitors, to show just a portion of the spending agenda necessary to operate the program for the 450 disadvantaged children. It may, then, be seen the enormity of the problem when it takes all this to put these children on par with the "average" child.

The thirty teachers and thirty teacher's aides trained for this special mode of instruction and guidance by "We Do" division of 4-Square, along with a full time social service worker and five social service aides, will provide the disciplinary, attitudinal and early life-habit guidance necessary for the healthy development of the child in the critical early years of school.

The room space and facilities are donated by the Public Schools within each district and Counties.

## Father's Day Is June 20

The sixty-first annual Father's Day will be celebrated on June 20 when the nation will pay tribute to the heads of over 50 million households. While this day is set aside to honor Dad, it is really the ladies who have made it a success.

Women will buy 75 per cent of the gifts for Father's Day and this year the total tab will run to over \$1 billion. In fact, it was a woman who first thought it would be a good idea to honor Dad with a special day.

Mrs. John B. Dodd of Spokane, Washington is credited with originating the idea in 1909. It was so popular that the first official Father's Day was celebrated in 1910 and it has been going strong ever since.

Father's Day is now second only to Christmas in gift-buying dollar volume, leading Mother's Day, Valentine's Day and Easter.

As we remembered Mother on May 9, let's honor Dad this Sunday.

In-kind contributions from Western Carolina University and "We Do" help provide for \$11.00 medical exam and \$20.00 dental service given each of the children. The health Directors and advisors are Dr. Van Gorder, Medical; Dr. Harry Dickey, Dental; and Dr. Stanley Nale) of "We Care" Mental Health.

Most of the 450 children in the program were recruited in April or May, and the corps of volunteer workers, selected within the communities and approved by an Advisory Committee, is made up generally of the parents of these children, who also benefit from being able to work with the children under the guidance of the Head Start Professional workers.

"The basic problem, one of the basic human problems in the determination of success or failure in the world is attitude, and Four Square is an organization whose determination is to help instill an attitude that can take people with a heritage of disadvantage, and let them see the positive possibilities which are theirs as much as they are anyone else's."

The program Director for the four-county program is Jack Lovin of Graham County. Mr. Lovin's staff consist of Virginia Williams, Secretary, Graham; Patricia K. Moore, Registered Nurse, Cherokee; Linda Faye Daniel, Dietician, Cherokee; Frankie Battle, Social Worker, Clay; and Lynn Harman, Parent Co-ordinator, Cherokee.

Mrs. Carrie P. Abbott is Center Director for the one center in Swain County. Mrs. Abbott feels that the one center in Swain County can be operated more efficiently and provide better training for the children than multiple centers.

Children in the Swain County Head Start Program should report to the Bryson City Elementary School by 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 21. At press time there were 110 children registered for the program in Swain.

Busses will run as they have in previous summer programs. Children will be dismissed in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

A morning snack and lunch will be served to all children. Breakfast will be available for those children requiring it.

Mrs. Abbott will have the following individuals to assist her in operating the program in Swain: Teachers: Mrs. Ruth Eckstein, Mrs. Vinnie Marr, Mrs. Helen Reece, Mrs. Rose Hair, Mrs. Maggie Crisp, Mrs. Grace Gregory, Mrs. Sandra Cunningham; Teachers Aides: Mrs. Terry Simonds, Miss Louise Long, Mrs. Odella Burchfield, Mrs. Brenda Fisher, Mrs. Teresa Sweeny, Mrs. Mabel Bennett, Mrs. Martha Carver; Lunchroom workers: Mrs. Jessie Cowan, manager, Mrs. Dessie McGugan, Mrs. Fannie Burns, and Mrs. Onita Turpin; Social Worker: Mrs. Carolyn Conley; Nurse's Aide: Mrs. Ruth Lowe; Maid Mae Hughes.

## Around Town

"The Restless Ones", considered the most successful motion picture ever produced by Evangelist Billy Graham, will be shown at the First Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 22. The public is invited.

Scoutmasters Frank Baines and Lyndon Conley announced that Lawson Lindsey is honoring Troop 924 with a fish fry July 2. The Cub and Boy Scouts recently completed a clean-up project on Alarka road. Each scout will catch and prepare his own fish.

The Whittier Community Club will meet Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m. at the Club House. There will be a covered dish supper and a musical program featuring several of our local musicians.

Some of the business to be discussed will be the homecoming sponsored by the club which will be Sunday, June 27 at the Club House.

Former residents and anyone who are living there is cordially invited.

During the week of June 7 - 11, the State Highway Patrol reported that they were on the road for a total of 144 hours during which time four accidents occurred, one for driving under the influence, three for improper passing, two pedestrian violations, and six other hazardous violations making a total of twelve charges.

The Swain County Extension Homemakers Council will have their regular meeting on Friday, June 18, 1971 in the conference room of the Federal Building at 1:30 p.m.

All officers are urged to attend this meeting.

## J.O. Haught Of EDA Visits Swain

Pictured above with Odell Shuler, Chairman of the Swain County Board of Commissioners is Jennings O. Haught, Field Representative out of the Huntington, West Virginia, office of the Economic Development Administration, a branch of the Commerce Department.

Mr. Haught was in Bryson City last week checking up on the Industrial Park project which is being developed with EDA financing.

Other EDA representatives who have assisted Swain County are Dale Jones and David McIlwain and William E. Davis.

In the early 1960's, the Congress of the United States passed into law a program to assist areas in economic development who had a chronic and high level of unemployment and a low per capita income.

This early program was known as the Area Redevelopment Administration. About 1965 the Congress enlarged the program by eliminating the ARA and creating the EDA.

Swain County was designated eligible in 1963 and has met the requirements for these funds each year since. The program provides low-cost loans for eligible projects for private individuals, firms, and local governments for the express purpose of creating more jobs.

EDA also has a grant program for local government and other public projects. Over the years Swain County and adjoining areas have participated in the following projects: A loan for the expansion of a tourist complex \$76,000; During the first 180 days of the old ARA program, accelerated public works funds were used by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cherokee Indian Agency; Bryson City Water System ARA loan and grant \$200,000.00; Bryson City Sewage System-EDA grant and loan of \$500,000.00; Swain County Industrial Park-grant and loan funds of \$235,000.00; Construction of Von Cannon Furniture Plant at Whittier (now Drexel Furniture) and Western Carolina University Data Center.

Other eligible Southwestern North Carolina counties are Graham and Clay.

## Centennial Committee Thanks

We have just finished a most successful 100 year birthday celebration. On behalf of the Centennial Committee, a hearty thanks to all who had a part in making this an outstanding event in the colorful history of Swain County. It has been a real pleasure to see so many people actively pursuing a common goal, that of truly making our Centennial a happy and financial success.

We wish that time and space permitted the listing of each individual contributing and the individual's accomplishments. The list, obviously, is far too long for this to be done.

We want you to know the Chairman of the Committee has expressed a desire to list those who have contributed so much. We feel that each of you should be thanked and we are taking this opportunity to express the sentiments of the entire committee to all citizens of Swain County.

The Sandlin's have three daughters, all of whom graduated from UNC at Greensboro. Mrs. Martha S. Brown and Mrs. Jean S. Douthit teach at Swain High while Mrs. Joyce Totherow teaches in the Cherokee reservation schools.

Subsequent to the selection of the new member, the Board ordered that legal action be initiated to collect delinquent taxes. Each delinquent tax payer will be notified of the delinquency and, unless the taxes are promptly liquidated, legal action will be instituted against the individual.

The Board also amended the parking meter ordinance. Effective July 1, 1971 overtime parking tickets will cost 50 cents instead of the 25 cents charge now in effect.

Donald Bunn and Kelly Bennett Co-Chairmen