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Around Town

During the week of July 5-11 1971, the State Highway Patrol reported that they were on the road for a total of 161 hours during which time five accidents occurred, two for driving under the influence, two speeders, one falling to stop at the stop sign or yielding, one for reckless driving, and one for hazardous violation making a total of seven charges.

A Gospel singing is set for Saturday, July 24 at 7:30 at the Cherokee Gymnasium.

This singing is sponsored by the Big Witch Baptist Church of Cherokee and proceeds will go to the Cherokee Boys Home.

Featured are Netherton Family, Lower Lights Trio, Snow Bird Indian Quartet, The Cherokees, and Words of Life Quartet.

Children 6-12 will be admitted for 75 cents. Adults are \$1.50. All children under 6 will be admitted free of charge.



Town officials were photographed prior to their regular meeting last Monday night. From left: Jack Welch, town clerk; Ray Nichols, alderman;

Ellen Hyams, Mayor; T.A. Sandlin, Chairman of Aldermen; Felix Potts, Alderman, and Glen Conley, Alderman.

Town Tax Rate \$1.70 Per Hundred

Budget estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1 were reviewed Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and the budget filed for public inspection in the Town Office. \$1.70 per hundred will be the

tax rate for the 1971 taxes. A total valuation of \$3,212,871 will place the tax levy at \$54,661.81 from which 22 cents out of the 1.70 tax rate will be used for debt service and the remaining 1.48 for general purpose. A pro rata share of State allocated funds will supplement the debt service requirements as by law provided.

\$162,580.00 makes up the total budget for the year and will be open for public inspection in the town office through July 28 before final of the Board of Aldermen.

In other action of the Board, Powell Street work was discussed and a study of improvements is underway. The Board voted to request the State Highway Commission to widen the curve on Hughes Branch road at Ralph Brendle curve that is reportedly hazardous and too narrow for two way traffic.

A contract was let to A.E. Finley and Company for a street flusher which will be fabricated and put into use

approximately 60 days.

By unanimous vote of the Board, Paul Crisp Jr. was approved to operate a taxi and given an allotment for a license to do so.

Also by unanimous vote of the Board it was directed that the Town office be closed on Wednesday afternoons beginning July 21 but to remain open each Saturday until noon.

Mrs Hyams gave the new members of the Board, Mr. T.A. Sandlin and Ray Nichols a summary of work done by the Town Lift program. The Recreation Commission and The Bryson City Housing Authority and brought up to date specific projects being carried out by each.

Chairman Sandlin brought the Mayor and Board up to date on the progress being made by Tee Bee Cee Corporation in conjunction with Trans-Mountain Road proposals.

A copy of the budget was presented each member present for their further study and consideration and the meeting was adjourned.

State Of Franklin Council Accuses Mountain Ramparts

The State of Franklin Health Council, Inc. met at the Swain County Courthouse Tuesday night. There was nothing in the agenda to indicate that this would be anything other than a routine meeting.

The meeting proceeded through the usual reports by individuals on the different projects being sponsored by the Health Council. The last item on the agenda was the "Relationship to the Mountain Ramparts Health Planning, Inc." by Jack Lyday. Mr. Lyday explained that the Mountain Ramparts Health Planning, Inc. was established by the State of Franklin Health Council and the Central Highlands Health Council to function as an umbrella-type organization for the two health councils and assist the agencies in securing funds for health care in Western North Carolina.

These two agencies are made up of the eleven southwestern counties of North Carolina. Lyday went on to explain the umbrella organization was intended to be an administrative organization to assist the two agencies and that both State of Franklin and Central Highlands were to retain their individual autonomy.

Mr. Lyday had barely taken his seat when it became apparent that this was to be more than a routine meeting. Of course, most of us present did not have the memorandum which had previously been distributed to the members of the Board of Directors. Had we had access to this copy we may have noted that the subject of the enclosed memorandum was entitled "Homework" in preparation for this meeting and had been prepared by Charles Edwards, Executive Director of the State of Franklin. This memo listed eight recent developments within the council which required the Board of Directors attention.

The memo went on to question whether, under recent developments, the State of Franklin and Mountain Ramparts could live harmoniously together?

Mr. Edwards memo went on to point out that contrary to the intended function of Mountain Ramparts a different process had evolved. The two health councils, State of Franklin and Central Highlands, had in fact, become amalgamated to the extent that the organizational structure of the State of Franklin had been changed to such a degree so as to prevent the organization to function as an autonomous agency.

Mr. L.D. Hyde, the Executive Director of Mountain Ramparts, was present in the audience. After a member of the Board of Directors of the State of Franklin had made the

remark that Mountain Ramparts was operating the first year on a deficit spending budget, had usurped the autonomy of the State of Franklin and had acted to move the Executive Director and his assistant from their Cullowhee office to Waynesville, Mr. Hyde arose and stated that these accusations were just not true. He asked that the accusations and any other problems be put in writing and that he have adequate time to answer. He pointed out that he was not aware that this meeting was to be held and he just happened to be in town and found out that afternoon and that no one had told him that there were any problems that needed attention. Mr. Edwards then took the floor to state that he had informed Mr. Hyde of the meeting.

Edwards then went on to state that on July 1 Mountain Ramparts had been in existence for four months and that these four months had passed without.

a) The establishment of a formal accounting system. The salaries of staff members have been paid but paid on a crisis basis due to failure to anticipate funds required and to request Federal funds needed when needed.

b) The establishment of personnel policy and administrative structure. Since March 1, no travel expense incurred by staff members from the State of Franklin a rea has been reimbursed by Mountain Ramparts. Supplies needed have not been purchased and paid for out of funds.

c) The formulation of

rational plans for raising local cash required. By July 1, all county budgets for 1971-72 were completed without requests for contributions of local tax money being made to county commissioners. Such requests were regarded as necessary in the Central Highlands area.

Edwards further said that during a meeting of the State of Franklin Health Council, Inc. in Bryson City on May 13, 1971, possible coordination with Central Highlands Health Council, Inc. under an "umbrella" organization then identified as the "Western North Carolina Health Council" (now Mountain Ramparts) was again discussed. The minutes recorded that:

"After prolonged discussion, Capt. Frank Swan moved that the Board of Directors approve the arrangements with Central Highlands Health Council 'as shown on the proposed diagram'. He was referring to a diagram that suggested organizational structures which allowed the two councils to retain separate identity and local authority. Capt. Swan's motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the State of Franklin Board of Directors."

The above references to and quotations from the minutes of the State of Franklin Health Council, Inc. indicated attitudes which led to a "gentlemen's agreement" among the people of the State of Franklin area and the Central Highlands area that the following "amalgamation" staff capabilities and program strengths which had been

attained within each council prior to amalgamation would be maintained and hopefully strengthened.

The memo went on to show that Mountain Ramparts had become a reality and that Charles Edwards had become the first acting director while retaining his position as Executive Director of the State of Franklin. This situation was to exist until a full time director could be hired.

Edwards memo continues: "The Board of Directors of Mountain Ramparts met at Robertson Memorial YMCA in Canton on Wednesday, April 14, as planned. A report on terms of the 314(b) grant was made both by the President and by the Acting Executive Director, and delegates from Transylvania County were seated as members of the board. Following this, Mr. Brickway, Mr. Upchurch, and Mr. Edwards were asked to leave the meeting and were not returned until after the Board had adjourned. In the meantime, a Package deal was presented by which Mr. L.D. Hyde was to be employed as Executive Director and Mr. Edwards to be employed in a health planning capacity at the same salary. Other employees of the two councils were to be offered employment at specified salary levels. It has been reported verbally that the decision was made by the Board to "go for broke" by beginning to spend immediately at a level far exceeding assured income. Article VI, Section I (c) of the By-laws of Mountain

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Hugh Morton, right, is welcomed to Swain County and Byrson City by chairman of the Commissioners, Odell Shuler. Morton who is touring the state by helicopter to decide if he will run for Governor spoke to a gathering of fellow Democrats at Sneed's Restaurant last Tuesday. He was accompanied by Ralph Smith and John Parris.

Softball Tournament Results

Although Swain County's softball teams returned from the Murphy Invitational Softball Tournament, held June 28 - July 2, without the No. 1 trophy, they did not return empty-handed. Smith's Grocery came in third after a tremendous showing against teams from five Western counties as well as from

Northern Georgia and Eastern Tennessee.

The team from Cleveland, Tennessee came in first while Martin's Creek of Murphy held second place. Entering from Swain County were Smith's Grocery, the Bryson City All-Stars, and Mac-Fab Inc.

Wayne Carson of Smith's Grocery was picked as pitcher for the All-Tournament All-Star team chosen during the tournament. He and Smith's Grocery have played a total of 39 games this season with a fantastic record of 35 victories against only four losses. All four losses were in tournament play, each being the result of a back-to-back doubleheader against a fresh team.

Wayne attributes the team's success to three sources.

First of all, the team was backed by a fine sponsor, dedicated and loyal, Mr. Willard Smith. Buddy Burrell, the team manager, is also credited with bringing the team to first place in Swain County and a third place showing in the tournament. Last, but far from least, is the contribution of the fine and very talented teammates, who put forth a marvelous effort during the past season. Each member was full of desire and determination for victory which showed through in every game played. The team and its associates would like to express their appreciation to the many loyal and dedicated fans who helped support the team both at home and away.

But Smith's Grocery did not bring back all the honors. The Bryson City All Stars were presented with the Best Sportsmanship trophy and are to be congratulated on their excellent performance and outstanding sportsmanship during the tournament. We can only say that the men of Swain County are men to be proud of and supported throughout the year. We congratulate all the sponsors and loyal fans, as well as the teams. The sponsors make the play possible and certainly the fans provided the much needed motivation.

Weekly Devotional

For my devotional this week I would like you to consider this sentence found in Matthew 8:7. A centurion came to Jesus asking for help concerning his servant, sick with palsy. Jesus answered, "I will come and heal him." This sentence is the answer to all our problems if we'll only ask help of Him. We must be able, as the Centurion was, to say we are not worthy for Him to even come under our roof. Jesus awaits our call and as the above sentence says "He will come and heal us if we'll only ask."

WEATHER

Tuesday, July 6, rain. High 77, low 63.
Wednesday, July 7, sunny and warmer. High 84, low 64.
Thursday, July 8, showers. High 82, low 59.
Friday, July 9, sunny and warm. High 87, low 61.
Saturday, July 10, sunny. High 88, low 60.
Sunday, July 11, Sunny and hot. High 91, low 64.
Monday, July 12, sunny. High 90, low 62.

Swain Schools Schedule

Superintendent of Swain County Schools, T. L. Woodard, announced the 1971-72 school calendar this week.

Teachers only will begin school work on Wednesday, August 18. The first time students go to their respective schools is on Friday, August 20. This will be a one half day of school for registration and other administrative needs. Buses will run at the normal times in the morning and will return children to their homes at noon. The lunchroom will not open until the first full day of school which is scheduled for Monday, August 23.

Four holiday periods are scheduled during the school year. Labor Day on Monday, September 6 is the first scheduled day off. Thanksgiving Holidays on

Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 follows. Christmas Holidays will begin Tuesday, December 21 and continue through January 3. Easter Holidays are March 29 through April 4.

Neglecting days which may be missed because of bad weather, schools would end on Tuesday, May 23. It is more likely that there will be a few days missed because of the weather and school will officially come to an end around the first of June.

Teacher assignments were not complete but it is expected the list will be ready for publication next week.

We expect to have next week an article about the new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach of Swain High School, Mr. Dale Irons, a native of Robbinsville.

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, JULY 15
Lions Club, Swain Hotel, 7:15 p.m.
Grassy Branch Extension Homemaker's Club, Brendle's Picnic Area, 5:40 p.m.

Rotary Club, every Thursday night, Masonic Lodge, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 17
Swain County Youth Center, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 19
Jaycees, Board of Director's meeting, home of Sam Decker, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 20
Laurel Branch Extension Homemaker's Club, Home of Mrs. Faye Cook, 11:30 a.m.

Steve Youngdeer Post, Legion Hall in Cherokee, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21
Ela Extension Homemaker's Club, Home of Mrs. Ruth Hyatt, 11:30 a.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Organizations deserving listing in this column call 488-2189 before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday afternoon.

Retired Marine Camp Director

There are many summer camps in our area. This is our biggest summer business. There are many reasons for tourists visiting our area. We think one of these reasons is that this is the most beautiful part of our country.

We are located near, virtually surrounded by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, America's most popular. This park has sixteen mountain peaks over 6,000 feet high, 675 miles of bridle and foot paths, 600 miles of trout streams and 3,710 kinds of plant life. Within a short driving distance are the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Fontana Dam, and the Nantahala National Forest. Within this beautiful setting is located Camp Living Water. This camp is operated by the Great Smoky Mountains Bible Conference sponsored by the Southern Bible Testimony. W. Herbert Brown is director of the conference and

John B. Marchbanks is Bible College.

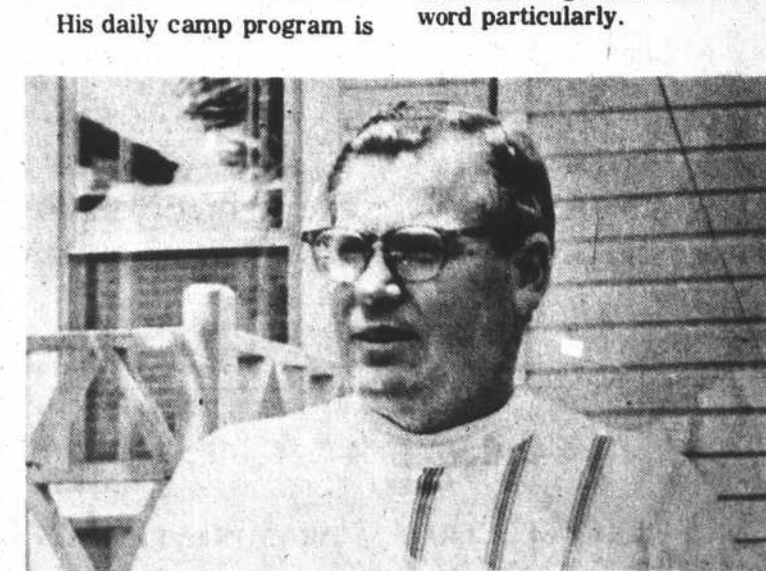
Don Wagner is director of Camp Living Water. Don is a retired Marine Gunnery Sergeant and is a senior at Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem. He is licensed to preach and hopes to be ordained next year upon completion of his studies.

Wagner, a Salisbury native and his wife, from Kannapolis traversed the country, 24 times by car during his 21 years with the Marines. They have two boys. A third son was fatally injured in a freak car accident on August 13, 1966. In a minor collision his neck was broken.

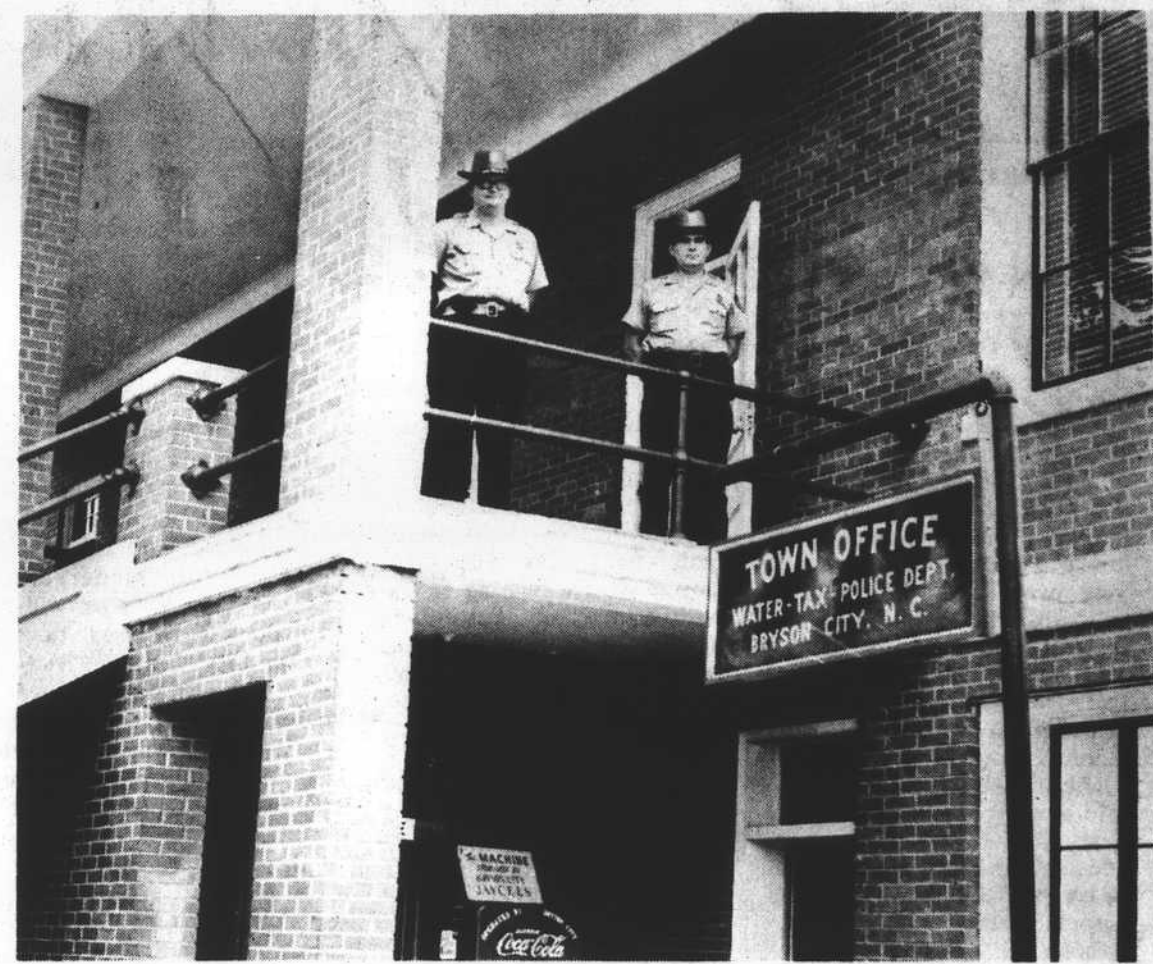
Wagner said that this accident re-affirmed his earlier decision to continue to live as a practicing Christian and also prompted him to serve his God as he was directed. He then decided that he wanted to know as much about God's word as was possible. He retired from the Marine Corps and entered

This desire to know is not a "distinguished marksman" who served with the Marine Corps Rifle team for 12 years. He was a member of the Pan American team in 1960.

His daily camp program is reminiscent of the Marine Corps daily schedule. As the Marines might say, he runs a tight organization. But then Don believes that God's organization should be a tight one but one where summer time can be fun time and a time to learn more about life in general and God's word particularly.



Don Wagner



Bryson City Patrolman Bill Burnett and Police Chief Carl Arvey Their office was moved to the 2nd floor this week.