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Jaycees Annual Awards Banquet

Frank Watkins Named Outstanding Young Man Of The Year

The Annual Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards Banquet was held Friday, Feb. 21 at Highland Park. Frank Hardin, Sr. was chosen for Distinguished Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Commission Watkins was previously the Assistant Principal and Girls Basketball Coach at Charles D. Owen High School. He was named Coach of the Year three times while there. A former Marine, he is a graduate of Mars Hill College and received his masters degree in school administration from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee.

Watkins and his wife Linette have two sons Hardin and Battle. They live in Swannanoa.

Other nominees for the DSA were Wendell Begley, J. Kenneth Haynes, Carl Johnson and Thomas Bruce Turner.

Recipient of the Black Mountain - Swannanoa Jaycees' "Outstanding Young Educator Award" was Wanda Croley Davis, Librarian at Black Mountain Grammar School.

A native of Corbin, Ky., Mrs. Davis is married to Charles L. Davis, Jr., a native of Swannanoa. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Berea College and her Master of Arts in Education degree with an

emphasis in library science from Union College in Barbourville, Ky.

Vigor and enthusiasm characterize the work which Mrs. Davis does with faculty and students. Believing that the library is a place for students, her teaching innovations include the use of students as library aides, regular library science classes, and a film of the month from the State Public Library. The selection, processing and maintenance of all audiovisual materials in the school is also her major responsibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis reside with their five-month old daughter, Christie, at 114 Pine Tree Drive in Swannanoa.

Her award was presented by Richard Hipps, Principal of Black Mountain.

Other nominees were Miss Susan Stradley of Swannanoa Elementary School and Miss Sallie McDuffie of the Owen High School Science Dept.

The Faith In God Award was presented to Stanley Moore of Ridgecrest for his work in his church and his community. It was presented by his pastor the Rev. Rucker Burnette.

Other nominees were



Frank Watkins

Tommy Gilmore and Jack McMahan.

The Outstanding Young Law Officer Award was presented by Don Whitaker of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept. The recipient was Trooper Dennis C. Younts of the N. C. State Highway Patrol. Other nominees were Mackey Ivey of the Dept. of Corrections and Officer James Wiseman of the Black Mountain Police Dept.

The Rev. C. W. Solomon was the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Citizens Award. Dr. Paul Lambert, last year's winner, made the presentation. Dr. Lambert had the following comments about the Rev. Solomon:

Retired from Lakey Gap Presbyterian Church in June 1973 after 50 years in the active ministry; A few months later became one of the leaders in establishing the federally funded Senior Lunch Club in Black Mountain; has served as program adviser to the site manager.

Was recently appointed by the County Commissioners to be one of two members from Buncombe County on the Advisory Council for the four counties relating to this luncheon program for senior citizens.

Last fall he surveyed the living conditions of senior citizens in seven Central American countries and conducted the Christmas service at Acapulco, Mexico. Active on the Membership Committee of the Swannanoa Valley Chapter of AARP.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Tony Angelo to: Don Buchanan, of Sammons Communications, the Eagles Nest Club; Uva Miracle of the Black Mountain News, Black Mountain

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Grammar School, Don Laws, Black Mountain Primary School, the Jaycees, Mack's Dept. Store, Singer Co. - Kearfott Div., Charles D. Owen High School, Beacon Mfg., Bob Miller, James Norton, Hubert Fore - the Black Mountain Committee for Better Sports, Wade Shook, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Sam Duncan, Swannanoa Committee for Better Sports, Irene Stephenson, Charles D. Owen Jr. and Herb Coffman.

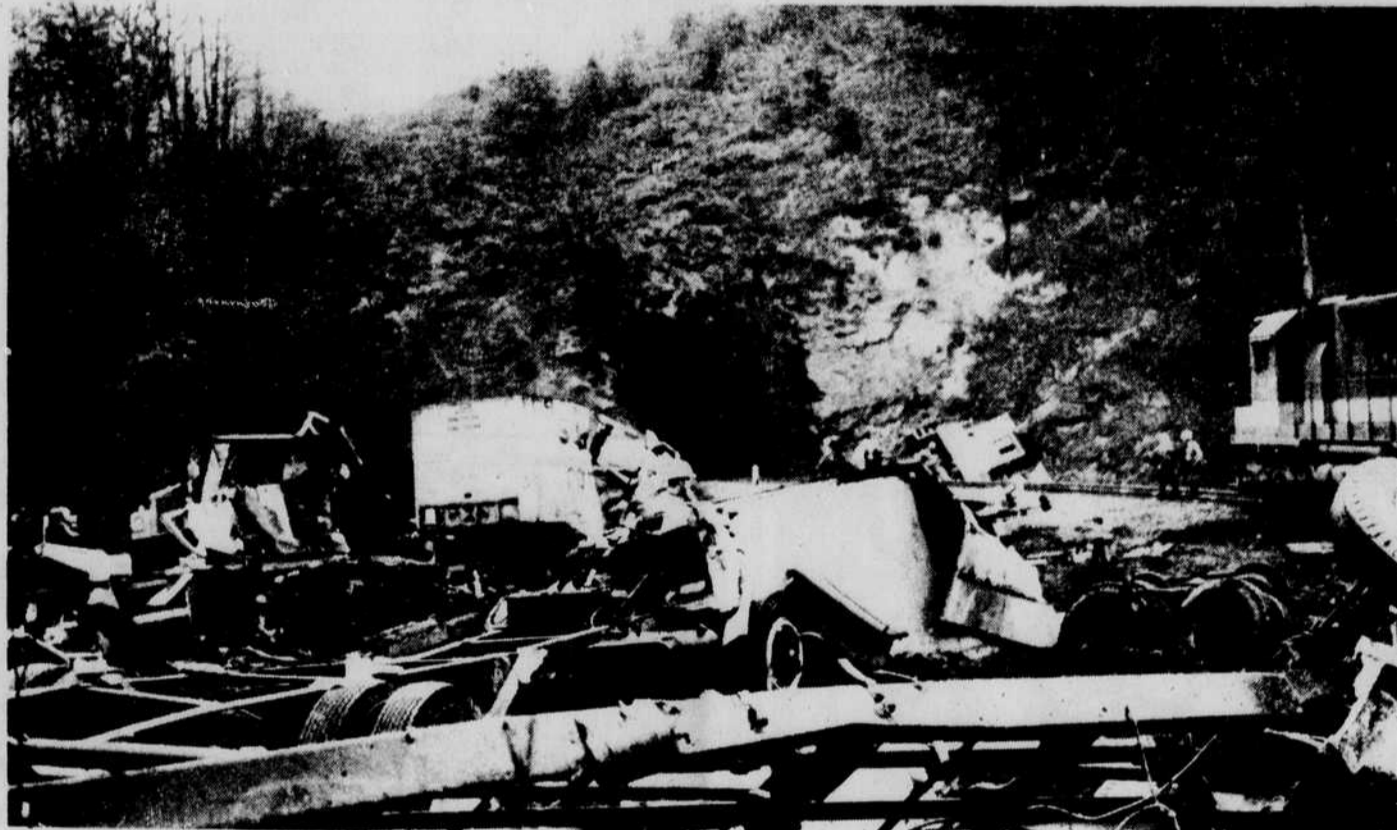
William M. McMurray, Deputy Director of the National Climatic Center Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of Asheville was guest speaker. In a manner characteristic of Sam Levenson, author and comedian, he kept his audience greatly amused while conveying a great message about the Era in which we grew up and the Era in which our children grew up. He commented, "We were all raised with a sense of values: God was alive not dead; Teachers were respected and Father was the head of the family." I was taught by my father that freedom was the appreciation to change your own life through your own efforts. He told me, dreams can come true if you don't go to sleep."

"Kids today are dying from lack of the joy of living" he claimed.

"God gave us two hands; One to help ourselves, One to help others. The example we set is generally the one followed by our children. Tender loving care never becomes obsolete."

These are quotes taken out of context but from a most worthwhile speech.

Dick Jensen, formerly of Radio Station WFGW served as master of ceremonies.



HEAVY RAINS at the times and knee deep mire thwarted efforts by Southern Railway crews and volunteers Sunday as they struggled to clear Southern's main line just west of Old Fort. Sixteen cars, including four locomotives, derailed early Sunday strewing its cargo along the tracks. No

serious injuries were reported and service to the system was restored early today. The cause of the derailment has not been determined. A spokesman for Southern in Washington, D. C. said the cleanup operation is expected to take "several days." (Photo by Don Dillingham of McDowell News)

Southern's Main Line Re-Opened Early Monday

Southern Railway crews and volunteers struggled through the day Sunday as they attempted to clear Southern's main line following a 16 car derailment at approximately 1:15 a.m. about two miles west of Old Fort.

Four diesel units and 12 freight cars were involved in the crash which sent the diesel units plunging into Mills Creek and against an embankment near a tunnel entrance.

According to Southern officials only minor injuries were reported to two crew members.

A spokesman for Southern in Washington, D. C. said the two crewmen were treated for abrasions and other minor injuries at Marion General Hospital and released.

The spokesman said the freight was enroute from Asheville to Spencer, near Salisbury. He said two other freight trains were rerouted from Asheville through Spartanburg and Charlotte passengers from Asheville to Salisbury, and vice-versa, were transported by bus.

Service was restored shortly after 1 o'clock Monday morning but cleanup operations are expected to last for several days, according to the spokesman.

Access to the wreck scene proved to be the biggest detriment Sunday as workmen and volunteers waded in

a knee-deep mire attempting to cut and gravel a road into the crash site.

Member of the McDowell County Rescue Squad, called to the scene early Sunday morning, used their four

wheel drive vehicles to transport mail from the derailment to waiting trucks on the east side.

Spillage from the "piggy-back" freight cars littered the area, while chassis, ap-

parently scheduled to become school buses, lined the tracks on the east side.

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Recovery Is Key Issue, Taylor Says

FONTANA VILLAGE - Congressman Roy A. Taylor said here Sunday that "our first priority now must be economic recovery - get the people back to work."

"We must put more emphasis at this time on fighting the recession than on reducing oil consumption or curbing inflation," he said.

Speaking at the annual Mike Brown Bear Meat Dinner for Lions Club members from Western North Carolina, Congressman Taylor said: "Our nation has problems - serious economic problems - that demand our best collective judgment. We must lessen our dependence on foreign oil which is draining our money to a few oil producing countries. We must curb inflation which has become a worldwide problem."

The Congressman also said: "President Ford has recommended a tax on oil imports and on domestic oil to reduce consumption. Two weeks ago I voted against a 90-day postponement of the President's executive order which imposed an oil import tax. I hated to see Congress slap down the President's program before coming up with one of its own."

However, Congressman Taylor told the group that "I

do not intend to vote for the tax increase recommended by the President on domestic oil. It would further increase the cost of gasoline, heating oil, plastics, asphalt, fertilizer, electricity and all oil-related commodities. It would mean another round of inflation. The burdens would fall most harshly on those less able to bear them."

Congressman Taylor noted that "Congress has been criticized for failure to take quick action during the five weeks of the 94th Congress; however, there is much disagreement among the 535

members as to the action that is appropriate."

"It is more important to be right than to just do something," he said.

Taylor said that during the last month, about 100 bills have been introduced designed in some way to improve the nation's energy posture.

"I joined in introducing one that would impose a tax up to \$1,000 on the initial sale of a new large, gas-consuming automobile and at the same time provide a rebate to the purchaser of a smaller, gas-conserving car."

Area Jobless Rate Continues To Climb

Unemployment in the Madison - Buncombe County area reached 10.4 per cent during January, according to figures released Friday by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC).

The January jobless rate was 2.2 per cent above the national unemployment level of 8.2 per cent, Charles N. Erwin, manager of the ESC office in Asheville said.

Unemployment in the two-county statistical area reached 7,950 during January

compared with 6,150 out of work during December and 1,980 jobless in January of last year.

Factory workers were hardest hit. More than 1,100 factory employees lost their jobs during January.

Erwin said January's 10.4 per cent figure was the highest since 1940 when unemployment reached 14.1 per cent.

The increase was a sharp jump from the December rate of 7.9 per cent.

Co-Op Supper And Dance A Success

RICHARD DAVIDSON food, fun, and fellowship the ingredients for success at the North Fork Co-Op Valentine's Party. The party, held in the gaily decorated Swannanoa clubhouse, combined a bread-dish supper with dancing. It was the first social function held by the co-op. The North Fork Co-op is a group of local people who have joined together to help themselves out of the cost of living. By combining their talents and purchasing power, members are able to buy

dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, and eggs and honey at slightly above local wholesale cost. The co-op has recently begun selling bonds to raise capital for a wider range of products.

The Valentine's Day festivities began with the covered-dish supper. All of the food was so delicious the co-op is thinking about printing a small cookbook of members' recipes.

After the supper the tables were pushed back to clear the floor for dancing. Vernon

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2,100 Eligible To Vote On Swannanoa Fire Tax

The special registration for the Swannanoa Fire District referendum March 22 closed Thursday, leaving the matter of a district tax in the hands of 2,100 to 2,200 voters.

Though the district was created and the election called only after indications of interest from the area affected, some observers have found indication that the tax proposal may be in trouble in the light of the present economic situation.

The commissioners created the new district, an enlargement of the old Swannanoa Fire District that includes the Grovemont section, last October and called for the election Jan. 7.

Unlike other fire districts in the county, the Swannanoa district presently has no local fire tax. It was allocated \$2,400

in this year's county budget, a sum given each fire district over and above any local tax.

Should the tax be defeated, the commissioners could abolish the new district under state law. They could even levy tax on their own - a move considered hardly likely should the voters reject the idea.

Eligible voters include not only those who registered in the special registration, but any other voter currently on the books within the boundaries of the district. The figures for the number eligible were furnished by the Board of Elections from information obtained from the district board of directors.

The new district overlaps into parts of three precincts: Swannanoa No. 1 and 2 and Black Mountain No. 1.

There will be one polling place March 22, Swannanoa Elementary School, and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Not The Grand Ole Opry But

The Swannanoa Grand Ole Oprey

Yesiree friends, it's that time of year again...down the road 'a ways them teachers, well they're at it again. They've been drivin' nails, slinging paint, sewin' costumes, and plottin' and plannin' for their annual fund raisin' Faculty Show (some folks who've seen 'em say they ain't real sure all their

"faculties" are even there)! Nevertheless, come Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, at 7:30 p.m. they will go to it in the Swannanoa School Auditorium. This year they're pokin' a little fun at good ole knee slappin' Country Music with what they call the "Swannanoa Grand Ole' Sloppy Oprey" (with a whole

lot of emphasis on the "sloppy")!

This year's catastrophe proves to be the largest yet, with close to fifty of your favorite Saturday afternoon personalities... such notorious yodelers and wailers as Donna Fargogle, Flatt and Juggs, Pearl Maggot, Rank Williams and Johnny Trash, just to mention a few. So hop in your

car, load up the whole gang, come stomp your feet, sling-a-long, laugh yourself into indigestion, and no doubt find yourself amazed at what a bunch oif mature, dedicated, trustworthy, responsible, slightly imbalanced adults will do just to make you laugh... "The Swannanoa Grand Ole' Sloppy Oprey"... yonuses come...hear?



Co-Ops Valentine Dinner And Dance Enjoyed By All Ages

