

Democrats Stage Rally At Andrews

ANDREWS - More than 400 attended the Democratic rally staged at Andrews High School Auditorium Saturday night October 15. A delegation from the following precincts were present: Murphy, Marble, Topson, Walker School House, Martins Creek, Ranger, Tomoda, Brasstown and Culbertson.

Dr. Charles Van Gorder opened the meeting with the showing of a film of presidential candidate John Kennedy discussing the Farm program with Senator Sam

Ervin and Commissioner of Agriculture. Following the film he introduced Mrs. G. W. Cover, candidate for re-election as Cherokee County Representative, and Frank Forsyth, unopposed candidate for re-election to State Senate.

Edwin Whitaker, a native of Andrews and former member of the General Assembly reviewed the world situation from years past to present date, urging those present to work together for a Democratic ticket.

Andrews School Superintendent, Charles Frazier, introduced the principal speaker Marcellus Buchanan of Sylva, a former member of General Assembly. Mr. Buchanan told those gathered that millions of people were looking to the Democratic Party for new

leadership to secure freedom and world peace.

Mrs. Dick Ramsey, Mrs. Charles Van Gorder, Mrs. William Walker, Mrs. Cleve Almond and Miss Sue Best served coffee and cakes to those present following the rally. Byron Chandler and Pitt Walker III presented each person present with Democratic pins.

Cherokee County Democratic Chairman, Jack Dickey, announced future fund raising plans for the party.

State Fair Winner

Mrs. B. E. Warner of Murphy has won first place in silver jewelry in the State Fair Handicraft Exhibits, the North Carolina State Fair management has announced.



Dragline In Operation



Spreading Soil

Soil Conservation News

By John Smith

The two pictures above show the transformation of about forty acres of poorly drained, practically useless land into an equal amount of well drained, and very productive land.

Both pictures were taken last spring on the Edgar Wood farm at Andrews. The technicians of the Soil Conservation Service assisted the farmer by surveying the ditch and figuring the yardage of dirt to be removed in the

process of digging the canal. The ditch is actually located on the property line between the Wood farm and the Solomon farm, and each landowner shared the expense of the digging of the ditch.

The question often arises whether spreading the dirt from a canal is not harmful to the area over which the dirt is spread. However, due to the fact that the ditch is much wider at the top than at the bottom, no ill effects are suffered from the amount of subsoil which is spread. The majority of the soil removed is top soil, and the amount of sub soil, when thoroughly mixed in the spreading has no harmful effect on the fertility of the field over which the soil is spread.

the two land-owners in lateral ditches which run into the canal, or into a nearby stream. All of the land on the Wood farm affected by this canal was planted to corn this year. There was no place in the field which failed to come up to a stand because of wetness, and it will be possible to harvest the crop without any delay due to the land being too wet to cross with harvesting equipment.

More open ditch and tile drainage has been completed on the Wood farm than on any other farm in Cherokee County. Edgar Wood has said on several occasions that the money spent on drainage was the best investment that had ever been made on the property. He has gotten the farm in condition now where wet weather doesn't bother him any more than it does a farmer on a hillside farm.

In this instance, the canal did not completely drain the field, but more than one thousand feet of tile was laid by

Influenza Major Cause Of Death And Illness

Influenza has been recognized for many years as a major cause of illness and death, said Dr. W. S. Cann, Director of the Cherokee, Clay, Graham Health Department. It is estimated the 1957-1958 and 1960 Asian influenza outbreaks produced 59,200 and 26,700 deaths, respectively, in excess of the numbers which might have been expected had no such outbreak occurred. Almost 90 percent of the deaths were attributable to influenza-pneumonia and cardiovascular renal disease. More than half the deaths occurred in persons over 65 years of age.

This year the Public Health Service recommends vaccination (2 doses, 2 months apart) for persons of all ages suffering from

A. Chronic debilitating disease; e.g., cardiovascular, pulmonary renal, or metabolic disorders.

B. Pregnant women.

C. All persons 65 years and older.

D. We also recommend vaccination for people in key positions-administrative, police, fire department, hospital personnel, and others.

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- Ben Franklin

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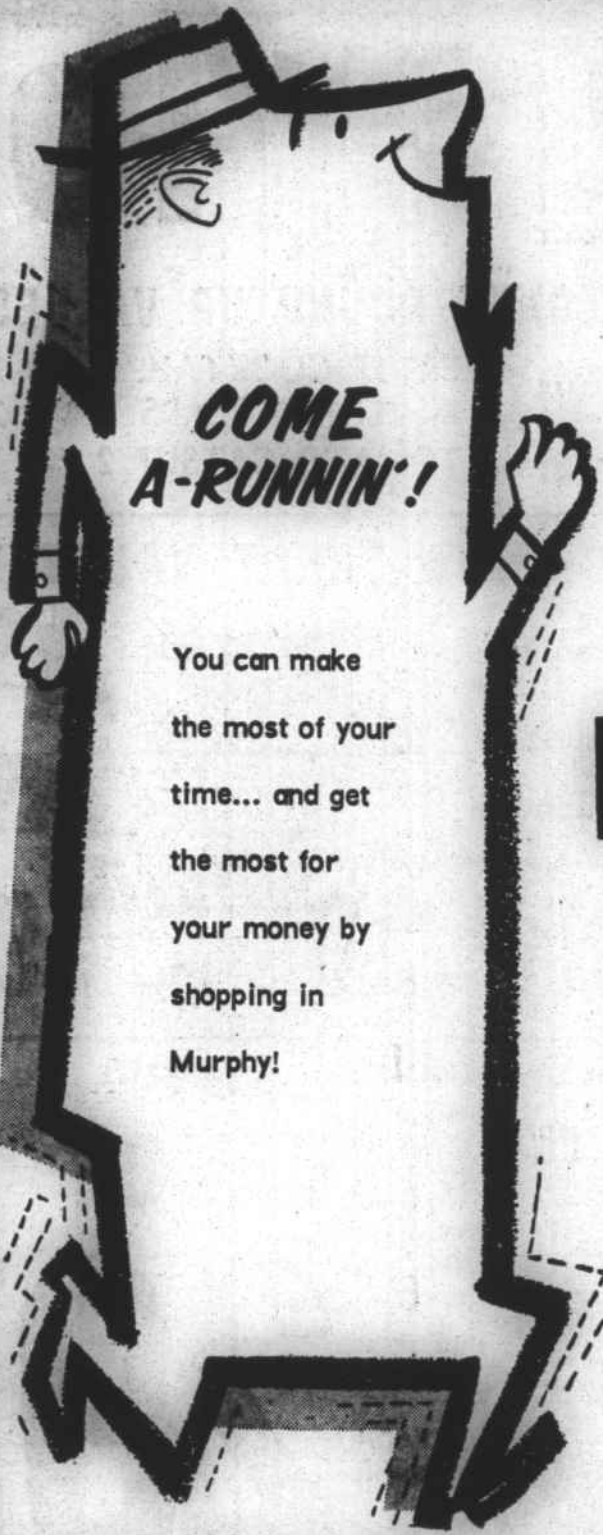
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Area Men In Service



CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Navy Lt. Mervin Rowland, son of Mr. H. Rowland of Route 1, Marble, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Fern Lane of North Newry, Maine, is serving aboard the experimental auxiliary general USS Observation Island operating off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The Observation Island participated in the recent firings of the Polaris missile from nuclear-powered submarines. The first successfully-fired intermediate range ballistic missile was fired from the Observation Island.

GREAT LAKES, Ill-Jack B. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Sutton of Murphy, N. C., graduated from recruit training September 24 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The graduation exercises, marking the end of nine weeks of "boot camp", included a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries.

In nine weeks of instruction, the "Raw recruit" is developed into a Navy Bluejacket, ready for duty with the fleet.

GRAFENWOHR, GERMANY-Army PFC Allen K. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha H. Nelson, Route 4, Murphy, N. C., is participating with other personnel from the 3rd Armored Division's 52d Infantry in a six-week field training exercise in Grafenwohr, Germany. The exercise is scheduled to end Oct. 25.

Involving about 15,000 troops, the exercise features day and night maneuvers under realistic combat conditions as part of the constant training of NATO units in Europe.

Nelson, assigned to the infantry's Company B in Friedberg, entered the Army in February 1959, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived overseas the following May.

The 22-year-old soldier is a 1956 graduate of Hiwassee Dam High School.

Mannheim, Germany-Army Specialist Four Marcell Griggs, whose wife, Thelma, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant U. Griggs, live in Marble, N. C., participated with other personnel from the 18th Artillery in Operation Flash Back in Europe. The 12-day exercise ended September 30.

The exercise tested the efficiency of Seventh U.S. Army Support Command units under actual field conditions, and involved NATO land, sea, and air forces.

Specialist Griggs, assigned

B&PW Meeting Held At Black Mountain

Those from the Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club who attended the Fall meeting of District No. 1 of Western North Carolina held at Monte Vista Hotel at Black Mountain Sunday were:

Mrs. C. L. Alverson, Mrs. John Bayless, Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Mrs. Harry Lovingsood, Mrs. Ruth Cheney, Mrs. Glenn Patton, Miss Emily Sward, and Mrs. Robert Weaver.



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