

# Clay County's Jack Rabbit Mountain Will Be WNC's Top Campground

HAYESVILLE—Camping out just "ain't what it used to be." At least not for the tourist variety of camper who will be visiting Clay County in the future. But it should be quickly noted that the change is for the better. The modern-day tourist-camper visiting the shores of Lake Chatuge will soon be able to camp out with practically all the conveniences of home.

This good news came out of a visit last Friday to the Jack Rabbit Mountain Campground now under construction by the U. S. Forest Service about seven miles from Hayesville.

A tour of the area last Friday with District Forest Ranger Bunch Nugent of Murphy provided some eye-opening sights for a visiting newsman. Contractors and Forest Service personnel are working feverishly to try and have the new Jack Rabbit Mountain Campground ready to open to campers by this July.

As of right now, there is some question as to whether the facilities will be complete in time for this summer, due to weather conditions, the lake rising and the fact that the contracts on part of the development don't call for completion until August, but even if campers have to wait another year, the campground will be worth the wait.

Work is going on now to try and get fifty camping sites ready for use this summer. The campground will have 100 campsites when it is complete. Two big items now under construction at the area are a water system, which will include a well, which is already complete, a reservoir and pumping station and water lines to centrally located spigots and bathhouses throughout the area; and a sewerage disposal plant, which will serve the campground. The lake is so high already that completion of the outfall lines on the disposal plant may have to wait until fall, when the water recedes.

Already complete is a road into the area, with three loops circling through the campsites. Also complete except for water and sewerage connections are five bathhouses, with showers (cold water), and rest rooms for men and women. The entire Jack Rabbit Mountain recreation area covers some 50 acres, and the campsites are grouped at one end of the area bordered by Chatuge Lake. Boat launching facilities are also being constructed. One hundred 'spurs', parking spaces for each campsite, are already complete. Each individual campsite will contain a log-bordered tent platform, a concrete table, with bench seats, a grill for cooking and a built-in garbage can.

Water for cooking, drinking, etc. will be available at one of the nearby central spigots. The bathhouses, which are centrally located throughout the area, are of modern design, and feature plush tiled restrooms and shower stalls.

With the complete well-water system and a self-

operating sewerage disposal plant which is being built specifically to serve the campground, Jack Rabbit Mountain will be the most complete up-to-date campground in Western North Carolina and equal to anything in the state.

The name 'Jack Rabbit Mountain', was derived from what is actually a sloping hill bordering the lake, and all of the campsites are arranged around the lake shore and a camper can take a few steps and be at the water for fishing, boating or swimming.

A view of the lake and the beautiful surrounding mountain scenery will be enough in itself to attract many campers.

To reach the campground, follow U. S. 64 East out of Hayesville for five miles and turn right at the Shooting Creek Bridge (the high concrete bridge) onto Rural Road 1154 at Woodards' Store, follow this road about a mile and a half and turn right on Rural Road 1155. Jack Rabbit is straight ahead.

Large signs will point the way to the campground when it is opened to campers. The road to the area is not open to sight-seers yet, because there is much truck traffic going in and out in connection with the construction underway.

But when the area is opened, whether it is this summer or next, campers are expected to pour into the campground to enjoy the plush facilities.

The Jack Rabbit Mountain Campground is being built with the aid of funds granted through the Federal Government's Accelerated Public Works Program, plus Forest Service money appropriated for recreation.

The Forest Service is working on a priority program in this area now to prepare recreational facilities of this type for the booming camper-tourist industry. When completed, the campground will be one of Clay's top tourist attractions and will provide a big boost to the economy of the county.

Clay County folks can smile with pride as they realize that they can boast the finest campground in the mountains, thanks to the Forest Service.

And the local folks will probably be anxious to try out the camping craze themselves, and spend a lazy weekend on the shores of their beautiful Lake Chatuge.



THIS FOREST SERVICE Truck is parked headed out on the driveway which enters the campground area. Concrete 'Ready-Mix' trucks on the hill in the background were pouring the reservoir for the campground's water system on the day this photo was taken.



THIS SCENIC VIEW shows the drive leading down to the boat launching ramp which the Wildlife Dept. will build to serve the Jack Rabbit Campground.



ONE OF FIFTY campsites nearing completion at Jack Rabbit Mountain, this spot offers campers a beautiful view of Chatuge Lake and a mountain backdrop. Each campsite includes a tent platform (shown here on the left, behind the pine tree), a cooking grill (center) and a concrete table and benches. A garbage can will complete the equipment for each campsite.



THIS IS ONE of five bath houses which are scattered throughout the campground area.

## Obituaries

MISS DORA COLVIN ROBBINSVILLE - Miss Dora Ann Colvin, 64, died on Monday, Feb. 24, in an Asheville nursing home after a brief illness.

She was a native of Graham County, a daughter of Riley and Myra Odom Colvin.

Surviving are two brothers, Dock and Pearson, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Carringer, and Miss Addie Colvin, all of Robbinsville.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Santeelah Baptist Church.

The Rev. James Cochran and the Rev. Jim Fair officiated and burial was in Odom Chapel Cemetery. Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

MRS. FAY JONES NICHOLS ROBBINSVILLE - Mrs. Fay Jones Nichols, 68, Graham County native, died Thursday, March 5, in Lake Worth, Fla., where she had lived for several years.

Surviving are the husband, Harrison H. Nichols of Lake Worth, Fla.; five daughters, Mrs. Cecil Hollyburton and Mrs. Bob White of Lake Worth, Fla., Mrs. Ernest Whitney of Pennsylvania, Helen of Virginia, and Hildred of Lake Worth, Fla.; three sons, Howard of California, Herbert of Casper, Wyo., and Harrison, Jr., in the Marine Corps in South California; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Akron, Ohio; three brothers, Jerry, Paul, and Dillard Jones, all of Akron, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Macie Elliott of Murphy and Bennellee of Tampa, Fla.; and 21 grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Red Marble Baptist Church at Topton.

The Rev. Donald Colvard officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

## Among The Sick

MURPHY - Patients admitted to Providence Hospital Feb. 28 through March 6, were: William Amos Hughes, Brasstown; Mrs. Roy Dockery, Marble; Allen Davis, Rt. 1, Marble; Edward Foster, Rt. 2, Murphy; Mrs. Clinton Gibson, Rt. 2 Murphy; Mrs. Roxie Kephart, Rt. 3, Murphy; Mrs. June M. Dockery, Rt. 3, Murphy; Mrs. Alonza Beavers, Rt. 1, Murphy; Mrs. Lillian Gheen, Murphy, and Roy Austin, Murphy.

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

### MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY

# Board Of Equalization And Review

The Cherokee County Board Of Commissioners

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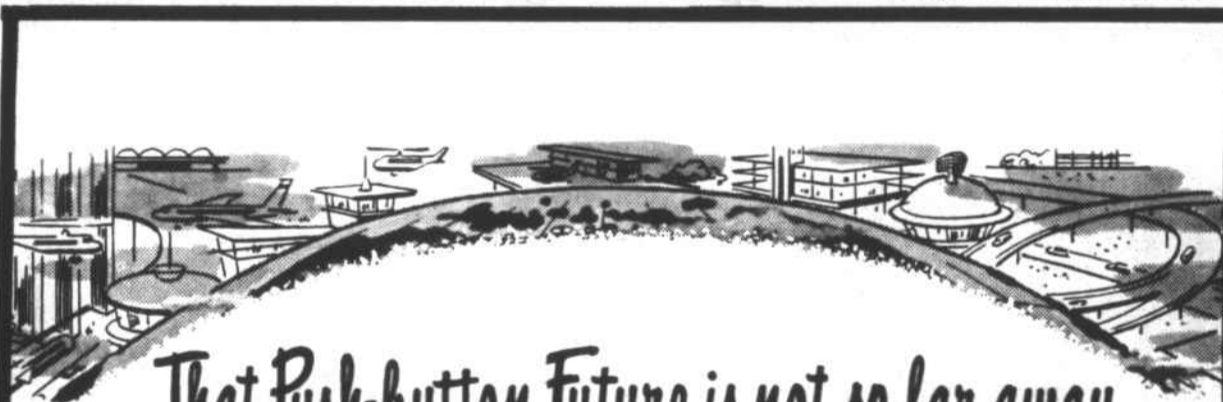
Wednesday, March 25

FROM 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet at the Commissioners' Office in the Courthouse in Murphy for the purpose of examining and reviewing the tax list of each township for the current year. A hearing will be granted to any taxpayer who has a valid reason why he believes an adjustment is necessary on his appraisal, if that person makes a written application for a hearing and mails or brings this written application to the Cherokee County Tax Supervisor's Office, Cherokee County Courthouse, Murphy, N. C. prior to March 25. After making the written application, the applicant must appear before the Board on March 25 for his hearing and for the transaction of any other business which may come before the Board in compliance with the Machinery Act.

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