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Ready For Play

With flags in place and Congressman Roy Taylor will be the Harley-Davidson carts waiting, the dedication speaker Sunday afternoon Cherokee County Golf Course is ready and then play a round on the first nine for opening of play on Sunday holes. (Staff Photo)

Direct Dialing Installed

If you are a Murphy telephone subscriber, Friday morning you can dial direct to your sister in Oregon or your brother in North Dakota and get a much lower rate than the usual long distance call handled by operators.

For Westco Telephone has installed 15 trunk lines from Murphy to automatic ticketing equipment in the telephone headquarters at Sylva and on Friday morning, at one minute after midnight, these lines will be open and available for use.

Direct distance dialing has been in effect for some time in other telephone systems. It was installed at Sylva the last of March and will be available in Franklin on May 15 and Highlands on June 15. Other Westco systems are scheduled for direct distance dialing service next year.

The 2,500 Murphy telephone subscribers join a nationwide network now, keyed to three-digit area codes.

To call that sister in Oregon, for example, you would need her number and the Oregon area code, which is 503 for the whole state.

You would then dial 1, which will connect you with the equipment in Sylva, then dial the Oregon area code number (503) and then finally dial the home number you are calling. If you are on a one or two party line the call, if completed, will be recorded and you will be billed automatically. If you are on a party line of four or more, an operator will come on the line to ask your number.

In making long distance calls within the 704 area of North Carolina, which includes Murphy, just dial 1 and then the number you are calling. The eastern section of the state has an area code of 919; consult the telephone directory map for the exact boundaries of the two different areas.

The savings on labor, since there is no operator involved, is passed on to the customer and Murphy subscribers will get the same low rates, according to a Westco spokesman. Rates are lower after five each evening and all day on the weekends.

New Golf Course To Be Dedicated

Congressman Roy Taylor will be here on Sunday afternoon to dedicate the new Cherokee County Golf Course and officially open the first nine holes for play.

Winds Wreck Airplane, Spare Cow

High winds hit Murphy last Friday morning, doing several thousands of dollars in damage but leaving a cow in the middle of the storm unhurt.

Bill Wells, of Wells & West Construction, said what was evidently a small twister hit the company's warehouse and airplane about 9:30 a.m. located off US-19-129 just north of the town limits.

"It lifted a 60-foot shed off an old cow," Wells said. "And didn't hurt her at all. And when we checked back several hours later, she was still standing there, chewing her cud."

One of the Wells & West airplanes, a 1946 Luscomb which was being kept at the private strip near the warehouse, was tossed about 150 feet by the storm and then dropped. The warehouse was also damaged by the storm, the high winds ripping off the front and the roof.

Wells said the airplane would have to have new wings before it can be flown again and estimated total damages at \$4,000.

Across the highway from the Wells & West property, a Cadillac parked at B&W Motors had a large timber blown through its windshield by the winds and buildings nearby had roofing shingles ripped away.

In town the damages seemed confined to limbs being blown off trees.

At Peachtree, the Rev. Ham Coffey reported that high winds Friday morning wrecked a canning house to the extent that it will have to be rebuilt. He said the wind also moved a garage roof off its supporting poles.



Cadillac at B&W Motors...winds put timber through windshield

Primary Saturday, Town Vote Tuesday

Voters here will go to the polls twice within the next week, for the state primary on Saturday and the Town of Murphy election on Tuesday.

The only race in the primary on Saturday is between two Democratic judges, Harry C. Martin of Asheville and R.A. (Fred) Hedrick of Statesville, running for the state Court of Appeals.

"That one race will cost us from three to four thousand dollars," Glenn Stalcup, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections said Tuesday. He predicted a light vote in the county's 17 precincts, saying "nobody is interested much" in the judges' race.

On Tuesday, voters who live in Murphy will go to the Courthouse to elect a mayor and six-man Town Board. Cloe Moore, the Democratic incumbent is unopposed for mayor.

Of the six Democrats running for Town Board, five are incumbents—Ken Godfrey, W.A. (Dub) Singleton, Francis Bourne Jr., John Carringer and W.T. (Bud) Brown. Joe Fowler is the sixth candidate, picked by the town Democratic Convention to replace Town Board member Jerry Hatchett, who declined to run again for personal reasons.

The Democrats are challenged by four Republicans seeking seats on the Town Board. They are Lowen Dockery, Hayes Dockery, Jr., Harry Lovingood and Albert Graves. The Republicans did not pick a candidate for mayor.

Fort Project Is Passed To Congressman Taylor

A group from Murphy went to Raleigh and met with representatives of the state Department of Archives and History Monday on the possibility of reconstructing Ft. Butler here.

No concrete action was taken but Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, chairman of the Ft. Butler Committee of the Cherokee County Historical Society, said she felt "some progress was made."

Lake Near Projected May Level

Hiwassee Lake is at the level it should be for this time of year, according to TVA employees.

The TVA engineers set a curve, ranging from a low point in winter to full in summer, which shows a desirable lake level reading for each day.

"The curve calls for a lake level of 1490, which is 1490 feet above sea level, on May 1," a spokesman at the dam said this week. The reading Wednesday morning was 1489.41 feet, a matter of inches off the 1490 mark which should be reached Friday.

The curve is set according to normal rainfall figures, the TVA officials say, and if rainfall is not normal, the lake levels will not reach what they should.

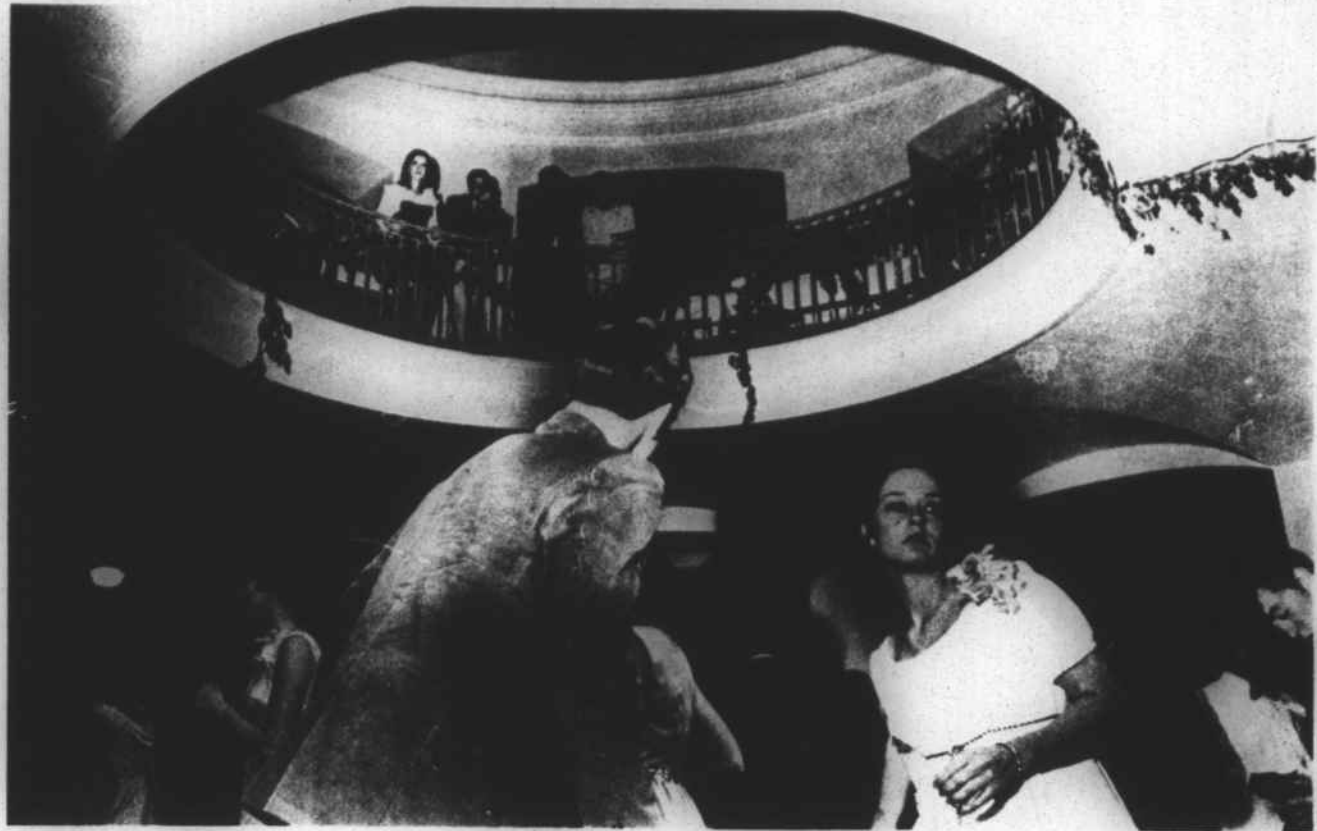
The top of the floodgate at the dam would be a reading of 1526, they say, which means much low land around Murphy would be flooded. For all practical purposes, 1523 is considered full and at that mark the lake will cover the river bottoms here.

Dr. H.G. Jones, director of the Department of Archives and History, told the Murphy delegation Monday that he would make the request of Taylor and ask the Congressman to check and see under what federal programs the fort project might qualify.

"There are several programs which we might qualify for," Mrs. Brumby explained. "If we could get enough land for some picnic table and nature trails and things of that nature, we might be included in some open-air recreation money."

The fort here was the gathering point for the removal of the Cherokees in 1838, the so-called "Trail of Tears." The Town of Murphy owns one acre of the site of the fort and state officials indicated that an archaeologist may be sent here this summer to dig at the site to determine the boundaries of the fort and its buildings.

In addition to Mrs. Brumby, those making the trip to Raleigh for the meeting were Joe Ray, Bunch Nugent, Charlie Johnson, Mrs. John Bayless and Mr. and Mrs. Mayes Behman.



Rocking In The Rotunda

The Murphy High School Senior Prom was held Saturday night in the Cherokee County Courthouse, the rotunda lending itself well to the Old South theme of decoration. (Hugh Carringer Photo)

Valley River Corridor Plan Explained By State Officials

By Wally Avett
Staff Writer

"Fantastic opportunity... invaluable asset in your water, more than you know what to do with...this valley is so good we shouldn't even be walking on it..."

These were comments by planners and other state officials here last Thursday to present a master plan for spurring development of the Murphy-Andrews corridor by installation of valley water and sewer systems.

The corridor was studied by the State Planning Task Force and its assistant coordinator, Dr. W.C. Bell, led the delegation of state officials here.

Bell said the state planners foresee the most growth in the mountains of Western North Carolina in eight corridors, one of which is the Valley River Valley. "Development will take place most rapidly where there is relatively level land. If you put in roads, plants and jobs will follow. But you also need more than just roads, you need water and sewer systems."

Bell explained that the Murphy-Andrews corridor has been examined for the past two years by a consulting engineers firm of Baltimore, Md., Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, and a representative of that firm made the presentation.

The engineers advised installation of a reservoir on Junaluska Creek above Andrews, which would serve the whole valley, including Marble and Murphy, with fresh water by gravity flow. A sewer system, with a large treatment plant at Murphy, would also work by gravity and serve the whole valley. It was noted that there was no consideration of utilities for the Peachtree area.

Jim Prince, of the State Highway Commission planning division, reported on the status of the planned Appalachian Highway project, which would see a four-lane road from

Murphy to Andrews. He said the Appalachian funds are presently the only federal assistance which is available for building the road, which would tie in with the water and sewer lines as an asset for development.

Prince added that there are several other Appalachian

4-H's Set Talent Show

Cherokee County 4-H Club Members from Community 4-H Clubs will be participating in the Annual 4-H Talent Show which will be held at the Martin's Creek School Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Talent Show committee composed of Mrs. Maxine Earley, Mrs. Shirley Hill and Mrs. Wilma Pope cordially invites the public to attend the Annual 4-H Talent Show.

Softball Scoreboard

Monday Night—(Girls) Brumby Textiles 21, Levi Strauss 0. (Boys) Peachtree 21, Peachtree C. Club 11.

Tuesday Night—(Boys) Martins Creek 5, Wachovia Bank 3. (Boys) WCVP 7, Texanna 4.

Schedule Thursday—(Girls) Martins Creek vs Clifton. (Boys) Ranger vs Wachovia Bank.

Friday—(Boys) Martins Creek vs Texanna. (Boys) WCVP vs Peachtree.

Monday—(Girls) American Thread vs Clifton. (Boys) Peachtree Community Club vs Wachovia Bank.

Tuesday—(Boys) Ranger vs Texanna. (Girls) Martins Creek vs Levi Strauss. (Boys) Martins Creek vs WCVP.

projects in North Carolina and the state only gets \$7 million a year in Appalachian monies for highways. The new road to Andrews, he estimated, will cost about a million dollars a mile. He said the bypass around Murphy has been planned along with the location of the road up the valley and around Andrews and the buying of the right-of-way could begin, if federal money was made available.

The road will be built on a 50-50 matching basis, he said, with federal funds and SHC highway money. He added that more Appalachian Highway money might become available when the war in Vietnam ends.

Prince, Wells and the other state officials at the meeting all emphasized the need for cooperation between Murphy, Andrews and Marble in implementing any or all of the plan. "The state can't cram anything down your throats," they said. "It's up to you whether any or all of this plan is adopted."

The planners had estimated a population of 15,000 in the valley by the year 2000. There are about 5,600 people living in it now, they said, and admitted that their projected figure might be low, that if a new highway is built in the corridor and water and sewer lines installed, the development might bring in more than 10,000 people. The valley, they added, can easily accommodate more than 15,000.

The state officials repeated again and again during the meeting Thursday morning at the Power Board Building here that other counties in this state, desperately seeking development and industry and more jobs, do not have the level land or the abundant water of the Valley River Valley.

The Cherokee County commissioners approved of the plan at their January meeting

but have taken no official action on it. Construction of the water and sewer systems would be accomplished over a 30-year period, according to the plan presented, and would require the passage of several bond issues.

Officers Nab Man At Scene Of Break-In

Murphy police officers arrested a Tennessee man here at the scene of a break-in last Saturday morning and said others escaped in the darkness.

Officers C.C. Howard and Lloyd Stroud said they were alerted by a phone call and rushed to Dickey Oil Company's office in the Factorytown section about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The officers said at least two men rushed from the office and the policemen issued a warning shot.

Herbert Eugene Boatwright, 32, of Chattanooga was arrested on the spot and the other person, or persons, escaped. Boatwright was charged with breaking and entering and inside the office the policemen found a safe, the door almost completely peeled away but still intact.

The police officers also seized a 1968 Ford pickup truck at the scene and said evidence found in it linked it to a break-in earlier in the night at the Joe Owens chainsaw place at Peachtree.

Cherokee County Chief Deputy Sheriff Glenn Holloway then charged Boatwright with burglary by breaking and entering at the Owens place. The 13 stolen chainsaws have not been found.

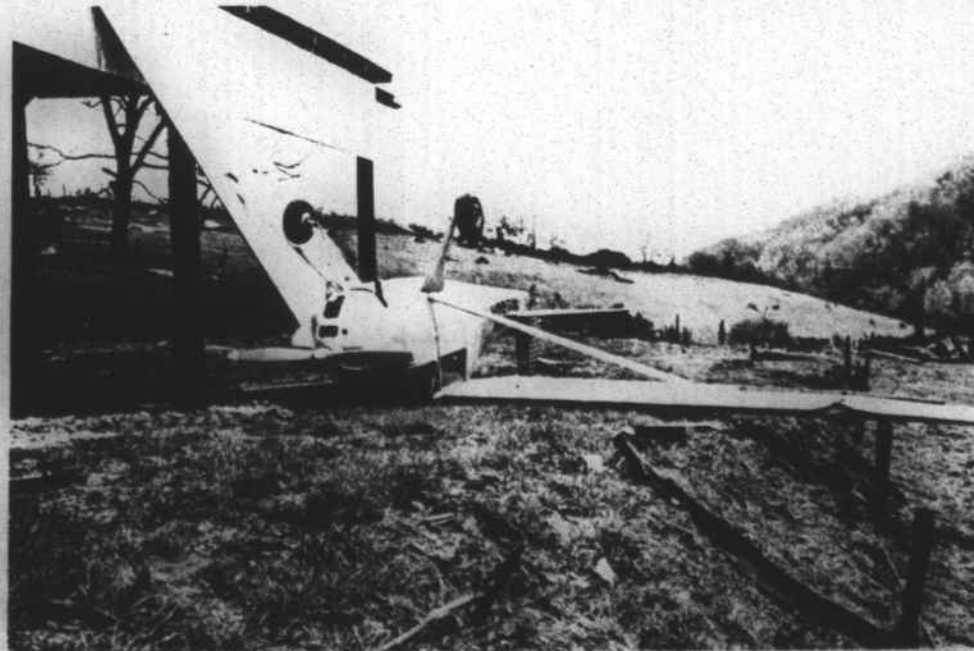
Later Saturday morning a car was stolen from Jack Lovingood's lot on US-64 west. It was found, burned, Monday in Ringgold, Ga. Officers are investigating to see if the auto theft was connected to the break-in.

Boatwright is set for a preliminary hearing in District Court here on May 12. Bond was set at \$4,700 for his appearance here then and he posted the bond, in cash, over the weekend and went free.

Fund-Raising Is Postponed

The Murphy Hospital Authority has postponed its house-to-house solicitation, to raise money for the renovation of Providence Hospital.

The house-to-house effort was originally set for Sunday but has now been tentatively planned for the following Sunday, May 17.



Wells & West airplane...tossed by storm, will need new wings