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Swat the Yellowjackets!!!



Democrats Open Headquarters

The Cherokee County Democrats have opened a campaign headquarters on Peachtree Street in a trailer parked across from the Courthouse. Putting up the American flag on Tuesday evening were, left to right Mrs. Janice Bates, vice-chairman; Mrs. Thelma Crawford, candidate for register of deeds; Fred

Sneed, commissioner candidate from District 3; Jimmy Howse, candidate for clerk of court; Blain Stalcup, candidate for sheriff; county Chairman Gary Kilpatrick; and Jack Pinson, precinct chairman at Walker Schoolhouse. (Staff Photo).

7,000 Registered To Vote

The loose-leaf registration of voters in Cherokee County passed the 7,000 mark on Tuesday as both parties continue their efforts to get everyone eligible registered.

The following figures come from Ed Graves, Republican Register of Deeds seeking re-election this year. Graves is in charge of keeping up with the registration and the voter lists for the Cherokee County Republican Party. These figures are not official but are considered quite accurate.

"Ed's keeping a close watch on it," says Glenn Stalcup, Chairman of the Board of Elections. "His figures would be as close as ours."

According to Graves, there are 3,764 Democrats registered to vote in Cherokee County, 3,035 Republicans and 270 Independents. He said this is up-to-date, counting the 75 voters who registered on Tuesday.

The deadline for registering is Oct. 5 and Stalcup says he expects the final figure to be "somewhere between 7,000 and 7,500." As the deadline approaches, larger numbers of voters show up to register—more than 160 registered on last Saturday alone.

Stalcup also sent the registration books to the Town Hall in Andrews on Monday night and had 272 to register there, considered an area of Democratic strength. Broken into party affiliations, there were 140 Democrats, 117 Republicans and 15 independents registered there.

Stalcup said the books will be taken to Hiwassee Dam School on Friday night, to be there for registering anyone from any precinct from 6 until 10 p.m. That end of the county is considered to have more Republican voters.

He added that absentee ballot applications are now available for both civilians and military personnel and said the Cherokee County Board of Elections will meet each Monday and Friday morning at 10 o'clock to consider such applications.



Long Field

The Hayesville High football field was dedicated to the memory of the late Frank R. Long in halftime ceremonies Friday night and a granite marker was unveiled. Shown left to right are N.C. Attorney General Robert Morgan, the featured speaker; Mrs.

Long, widow of the late Hayesville coach and teacher; Mrs. Jimmy Davenport of Atlanta, Long's daughter, and her husband; State Rep. Bill Bradley of Hayesville, who introduced Morgan. (Staff Photo)

Democrats To Meet In Clay Schroeders Sell Margaret Studios

Dr. Carl Killian of Cullowhee and Leonard Lloyd of Robbinsville will be guest speakers Thursday evening, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hayesville School lunch room at a countywide Democratic meeting. Erwin Patton of Franklin and all county candidates will be present.

After the speaking, the Clay County Womens Democratic Club is sponsoring a bake sale. David Hyatt of the Brasstown precinct will serve as auctioneer. At the close of the meeting refreshments will be served. All Democrats are urged to attend.

Margaret Studios, Inc. was sold last week to Richmond Cedar Works Manufacturing Corp. of Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Schroeder, who founded the firm in Wisconsin in 1943 and moved it here in 1958, said their future plans are indefinite but as far as they know they will be remaining in Murphy.

The Schroeders owned the business lock, stock and barrel and have now severed all connections with it. Their stock was purchased by Richmond Cedar Works for an undisclosed price.

This is the first acquisition of Richmond Cedar Works since it was purchased by Dibrell Brothers of Danville, Va.

Margaret Studios manufactures a line of fine walnut salad bowls and other specialized walnut accessories sold nationally in gift shops and department stores.

RCW's management will operate Margaret Studios as a wholly owned subsidiary, expanding the present sales efforts in the gift field as well as have Margaret Studios manufacture selected items from its line for them to merchandise in the housewares field.

Margaret Studios new president is G. Webster DeHoff of Danville, Va. who is also president of Richmond Cedar Works. De Hoff will be coming to Margaret Studios frequently but will maintain his permanent office in Danville.

Joseph Kremer of Murphy has been named plant manager. Kremer joined Margaret Studios in Wisconsin in February, 1948 and was the only employee who came to Murphy with Margaret Studios and the Schroeders in 1958.

Mrs. Helen Arp has been named Assistant Corporation Secretary - Treasurer and office manager. Mrs. Arp, a native of Murphy, joined Margaret Studios in May 1959.

At present the only full time personnel coming from Richmond Cedar Works to Margaret Studios is Roy Jones of Danville, Va. Jones will be working with Kremer in plant management.

Operation of Margaret Studios plant, office and gift shop will continue in Murphy as usual with no major change in mode of operation outlined and with expansion of employment, production and sales as conditions permit. There presently are about 25 employees.

Non-Graded System Adopted

Murphy Elementary School this year has replaced the first, second and third grades with nine levels of instruction.

The idea of classifying children according to a grade, which is a year of work, has been abolished, according to Principal Bill Hughes.

"Instead, the curriculum is planned in a series of levels, one through nine, geared to the basic reading program," he says. "Pupils are placed in groups wherein the children are as similar as possible in achievement."

He added that about three-fourths of the children will be of "about the same achievement rate, progressing through three levels each year and graduating to the regular fourth grade when they complete the ninth level at the end of their third year of school.

But he pointed out that the advantage of the non-graded system is that the slower learners are not dragged through material faster than they can grasp it and the faster learners are not held back by the learning speed of the average class.

A pupil, for example, may do all right with the first two levels of the first year but have trouble with the third level. In the old grade system at the end

of the year he would not be promoted but would have to repeat the entire year of first grade work.

In the non-graded system promotions from level to level will be made as the child is ready. The pupil mentioned above would not be forced to repeat a whole year but would merely begin his second year of schooling at the third level. When he is ready for promotion to the fourth level, he will be promoted.

By the same token the fast learner can outdistance the average group and may well complete three levels within a school year. When this is done, chances are he will finish out the year in enrichment programs, learning about art, music or math or even trying on for size some of the textbooks he will be studying the next year.

Principal Hughes says "No child will be promoted in less than three years without careful study and consideration by the parents, teachers and school administrators." Such promotions may be possible, he added, but they will be very seldom.

The nature of the non-graded curriculum will make it easy for a

just-promoted pupil to enter a new level and not be far behind his classmates, Hughes said. One reason for this is a process known as "contract teaching," which also enables the faster learner to range ahead at his own pace.

In contract teaching, the pupil is given a program of material to learn at his own rate, doing the prescribed exercises and then checking his own work against an answer sheet. When he has reached a certain point, he is given a test and if he passes the test, he can then go on to the next level.

Another new idea being used in the non-graded system is team teaching. "It basically stems from the old saying that 'two heads are better than one,'" Hughes says. A class is divided into two groups, which are then each taught by a teacher.

The two teachers working together can see the class's needs better than a single teacher, the principal says, and can therefore concentrate on its weaknesses.

Hughes said the school has been experimenting with the non-graded idea on a limited basis over the past five years but this is the first time it has been adopted for use in all of

the first three years of schooling. He said it may be expanded in the future to take in higher grades.

He urges parents to visit the school and to discuss with him or the teachers any questions they may have on the non-graded program.

Powell Bill Money Coming

Powell Bill funds will be mailed this month from Raleigh to the 428 cities and towns in North Carolina which are qualified to participate in the state gasoline tax refund.

Lauch Faircloth, chairman of the State Highway Commission, said the checks will be mailed so they will reach the municipalities by Oct. 1.

This year Andrews will get back a total of \$10,758.06. Hayesville will get a check for \$3,155.09 and Murphy will receive \$14,946.48.

The money is provided by a half-cent on the state gasoline tax and is returned yearly to cities and towns, based on both

population and the mileage of their respective street systems, not counting streets which are kept up by the state.

This year there is \$11,909,265 to be distributed and the populations of all eligible towns and cities were added together, using 1960 census figures. That figure, divided into half of the total gave a per capita rate of \$3.09. Thus Hayesville, for example, with a 1960 count of 428 got \$1,323.35 for its population.

The other half of the money is divided according to mileage of streets which are not maintained by the state, the total mileage of all the towns divided into the money for a figure of \$590.88 per mile. Hayesville is listed as having 3.1 miles of streets and got \$1,831.74 in that category.

The Powell Bill funds are used for maintenance of streets outside the state system, purchases of right-of-way and construction of new streets.

Memorial Project Planned

The Senior Class of Murphy High School has established a memorial fund for Alan Godfrey and Deborah Jean Dockery, who would have been members of the class this year.

Godfrey died in August in a plane crash in Peru; Miss Dockery was killed last March in an auto accident near Murphy.

Charles Forrister, MHS principal, said the fund so far has about \$300 in the bank. He says donations can be mailed to him in care of Murphy High School.

The Seniors, he said, want to construct a pavilion, complete with benches, in the area around the flagpole in front of the school.

The project is in the design stage now, he added, but construction is expected to start soon.



Team Teaching

Mrs. Kathy Forrister, foreground, and Miss Kate Hayes are shown team teaching second year, fourth

level classes at Murphy Elementary School. (Staff Photo)



Scout Donates Oxygen Tank

Scout Publisher Jack Owens, left, is shown presenting a portable oxygen tank to the Murphy Bulldogs. Tackle Terry Stiles and Tailback Tommy Fisher look on as Coach Terry Postell

accepts the equipment. The Scout donated the tank since it was felt that football players, often victims of injuries and heat prostration, needed it. (Staff Photo)

Timber Suit Dropped

A Florida Girl Scout group, which had opposed the cutting of timber near its camp in eastern Clay County, last week in federal court dropped its suit against the Forest Service.

District Ranger Harold Fisher said Tuesday that the way is now clear for cutting of the timber stand, located on the headwaters of the Tallulah River, and said the actual work will probably begin within the next 45 days.

Bradley Brothers of Franklin was the high bidder on the stand of 474 acres. The ranger said the Franklin firm has two years to complete the cutting.

The Girl Scout group had opposed the cutting on grounds that it would mean less area for hiking and study activities.