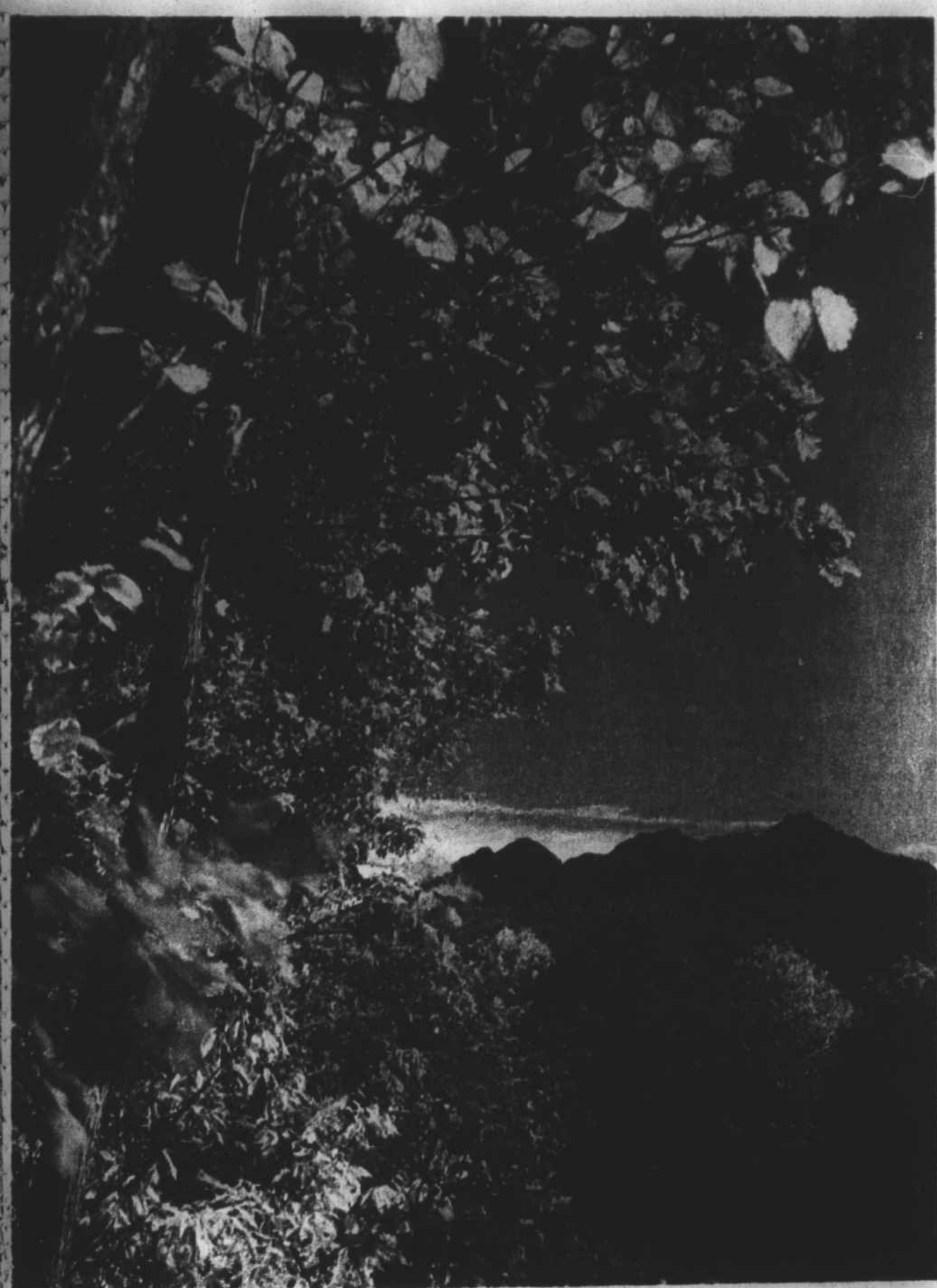


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## Glory Of Autumn

The Fall color season is now in full swing in the North Carolina mountain country and this view of Grandfather Mountain framed in Autumn foliage is typical of the sights to be seen for the next two or

three weeks. The Fall color season began about a week late but recent frosts have brought out the colors in all their splendor. (Photo Courtesy of Hugh Morton)

## Phone Strike Settled

Westco Telephone employees went back to work last Thursday after a two-day wildcat strike.

Despite the contract clause, workers at Murphy, Sylva, Franklin and Clayton, Ga. left their jobs Tuesday morning and the strike spread on Wednesday to other company installations in Marion, Weaverville and Burnsville.

outsider at the expense of local employees who had applied for the position. Two other job situations were also discussed in the meeting, a union source said, with the settlement reached when both company and employe representatives reached harmony by modifying their original positions.



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ROBBINSVILLE!!!

Some of the workers are members of the Communications Workers of America union and some are not; however, all are covered by a contract with the union which does not expire until June of next year and contains a "no strike-no walkout-no lockout" clause.

The original issue was a job at Sylva, which union employes felt was filled by an

## Election Chief Resigns

The Cherokee County Board of Elections had a change in management last Thursday as Glenn Stalcup resigned as chairman and was replaced by Dean Pulliam.

Stalcup, a Democrat, was sworn in back in March along with Democrat Fred McDonald and Republican Robert Hartness. Stalcup had then been selected by the board as its chairman.

Stalcup resigned last week due to health reasons, saying his doctors have prescribed a long rest for him. Pulliam was sworn in Thursday morning in the Clerk of Court's office and in a meeting of the board later in the day was chosen chairman. Formerly of Andrews, he now lives in Murphy and is a self-employed brick mason. Active in Democratic affairs, he had served as registrar of the Murphy North Ward until he was named to the elections board. His wife Nada is Executive Secretary for the Board.



## Air Show

Hundreds gathered at the Murphy-Andrews Airport last Sunday afternoon for the annual Air Show, sponsored by the Andrews Rescue Squad. In addition to those who came by auto, about 50 private planes landed

and parked at the airport just to see the show, creating a traffic jam of their own as they departed. One of the stunt planes is shown here in a steep dive over the heads of some of the spectators. (Staff Photo)

## Three Flee County Jail

By Wally Avett  
Staff Writer

Three men escaped from the Cherokee County Jail early Monday morning, apparently manufacturing themselves a key and locking the door behind them. A state jail inspector, in Murphy for a routine check of the jail on Tuesday, said the county jail "is one of the sorriest in the state, both in equipment and security - I think anyone who really wants to get out of this jail can get out."

The three who escaped were brothers Jerry and Andrew Green, and Clyde Morris. Jerry Green was recaptured on Monday in the Snowhill section, where he was reared, by Cherokee Deputy Sheriff Dude Radford and State Trooper Bob Ogle. The other two are still free. The Greens, formerly of Cherokee County but living more recently in Dalton, Ga. were arrested inside the office of Dickey Oil Co. on Sept. 27 by Murphy Police officers.

Morris, wanted since 1968 for the theft of a safe from the Lay's 5 & 10 store in Murphy, had fled to Tennessee and had not been extradited. He was arrested in Cherokee County on Tuesday night of last week. According to Cherokee Sheriff Claude Anderson, the three men probably made a key and escaped sometime early Monday morning. They were not missed until breakfast.

The Sheriff said the Greens were not locked inside a jail cell but were free in the runaround area. He added that Morris was confined to a cell. After Morris was freed, the officer theorized that the men opened a door to the outside on the first floor that is not used regularly.

James D. Craig, 23, of Route 4, Murphy, charged with robbery, escaped in similar fashion in late May and has not been heard from since. A warrant for escaping was filed against him and Sheriff Anderson said escape warrants will be signed against the Greens and Morris.

The jail inspector, James H. Pitts of Asheville, and Cherokee Chief Deputy Glenn Holloway both noted that the jail does not have adequate visiting facilities and prisoners are free to talk with their friends through a window on the first floor.

The window also serves as a gateway for files and hacksaws, the officers noted. "We search the jail every once in a while," Holloway said. "And we always find files and hacksaws and keys they've made, hid behind a radiator or somewhere else."

The jail was built about 50 years ago and the sheriff said the locks on the cell doors, many of which are not in operating condition, are not manufactured any more. Deputy Holloway said prisoners insert a stick of chewing gum in the lock and turn it slightly, thereby getting an impression of the inside of the lock.

He said they then can sit down with their smuggled files and hacksaws and carve out a key from a metal bed slat or other material inside the jail. It is also said that keys have been made successfully from plastic combs, the prisoners breaking away the teeth to obtain the desired shape.

Pitts gave this writer a tour of the jail, pointing out broken windows, shattered commodes, window screens ripped from the walls and the two cellblocks, each having four cells which are supposed to be secured with a gang-locking device which locks all the doors at once. Neither of the ganglocks work.

The inspector said the sheriff cannot accommodate many prisoners and keep them locked up in cells in a sanitary condition since this cell's lock does not work or that one has a broken commode, another has no lavatory, etc.

The Cherokee County commissioners, fearing that the jail will be condemned, are putting a \$100,000 bond issue on the November ballot. If the voters approve it, plans are for Cherokee and Clay to go together and build a new modern jail in Murphy to serve both counties.

## Demo Rally Saturday

The Democratic parties in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties are sponsoring a barbecue on Saturday afternoon at the old Rock Gym in Murphy.

The event begins at 3 p.m. with entertainment to be furnished by Johnny and Gerald and the Georgia Mountain Boys, the clogging

Carolina Sweethearts and other local talent.

All county candidates will be present along with State Senatorial Candidate Dr. Carl Killian of Cullowhee and State House Candidate Ervin Patton of Franklin.

The speaker will be attorney Leonard Lloyd of Robbinsville. The public is invited to attend.

## Early Pledges Reported By United Fund

The 1971 United Fund Campaign Drive has gotten off to a fast start, according to Horace Cannon campaign chairman. Tommy Gentry, who is

head of the Murphy Retail portion of the campaign, has already contacted many of his 15 to 20 solicitors with pledge cards and United Fund literature, Cannon said,

and the local merchants can expect to be contacted this week.

The Andrews fund raising campaign, already partially organized, will complete its organization Tuesday night at a meeting to be held in Andrews.

Last year the drive brought in \$30,962. The goal for this year, Cannon announced last week, will be \$32,000. The drive contributes financial aid to 22 local and 14 state and national charities.

Each person contacted is being urged to give his "fair share," which is defined as one day's pay.

Cannon said that the Advance Gifts Committee, headed by Hobie McKeever, had already received the following pledges:

Dr. F.L. Abernathy \$50., American Thread Co. \$1,000, Berkshire International \$1,500, Cherokee Shopping Center \$100, F.O. Christopher \$50., Clifton Precision \$1,500, Cowards Men &

Boys Wear \$100., Gay D'Avignon \$15., Davis Jewelers \$200., Deluxe Cleaners \$25., Marie G. Dockery \$12., Easley Manufacturing Co. \$500., Herman Edwards \$100., Fowler's 66 Station \$100., S.J. Gernert \$100., John H. Goodrich \$50., Hackney Carolina \$100., W. Arthur Hays, Jr. \$35., James C. Helton \$50., Lloyd W. Hendrix \$25., Hilton Business Equipment \$100., Hitchcock Corporation \$800., C.E. Hyde \$50., Charles E. Johnson \$20., Levi-Strauss \$600., Magnavox \$3,500., H.L. McKeever \$100., Moretti-Harrish \$200., Murphy Hardware \$100., Murphy Electric Power Board \$750., Linda Payne \$12., Peachtree Products \$1,000., Singleton Insurance & Western Auto \$100., J.R. Sprung \$50., Sunset Motel \$100., Timber Products Company \$300., Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. (Andrews & Murphy) \$900., Wards

Feed Store \$100., Wells & West \$150., Doug Carlson \$25., William R. Gossett \$40., Brown's Deluxe Hatching Eggs \$100., Loren R. Harding \$25., Henn Theatre \$125., Duke Whitley \$25., Duncan Oil Company \$200., Helen E. Wishon \$25., and Rimco Manufacturing Company \$250.



## Homecoming Queen

Senior Gail Postell was crowned Homecoming Queen on Friday night in halftime ceremonies at the Murphy-Hayesville football game. She was

escorted by Steve McDonald. At left are Teresa Crain and her escort Peyton Gaines. (Carringer Photo)

## Council Discusses Cable TV

The Murphy Town Council Monday night took no action but discussed a cable television system for the town and fluoridation of town water.

Harold Shook appeared before Mayor Cloe Moore and the council members to ask for a franchise to operate cable TV in Murphy. Mayor Moore suggested that he make a formal application in writing for a franchise at the next month's meeting and Shook agreed to do so.

The mayor said several other firms have been interested in the past but added that "I don't think there's anyone here who's opposed to giving you the franchise." He instructed Shook to put in his application how much would be invested in a cable system and what the monthly rates to the subscribers would be.

The council several years ago discussed fluoridating the water but no action had ever been taken on the matter. Town Clerk Charlie Johnson, Scout Editor Wally Avett and Dr. Bruce Hawkins of the State Board of Health met and discussed fluoridation procedure on Thursday of last week and the council was informed of information gained from Dr. Hawkins.

One of the main reasons the council had not put a fluoridation program into effect was that it was believed that a higher-salaried water plant engineer would be needed to administer the fluoride. Dr. Hawkins, however, said that the present town water plant employes can

discussed further. Dr. Hawkins said fluoridation of water supplies is increasing in the towns and cities of North Carolina as a health measure, making for stronger teeth and fewer cavities and especially beneficial for children's teeth.

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discussed further. Dr. Hawkins said fluoridation of water supplies is increasing in the towns and cities of North Carolina as a health measure, making for stronger teeth and fewer cavities and especially beneficial for children's teeth.

## TV 'War' Begins

Petitions are circulating in and around Murphy both for and against the Asheville television station received here via translator as Channel 5.

The war of the petitions began recently when an opposition petition, signed by angry viewers in the Hanging Dog section, was sent to the Federal Communications Commission, which controls radio and television.

The Hanging Dog signers, and also some who live along US-64, west, are mad because Asheville Channel 5, beaming into this area from a translator on Fain Mountain since June, has knocked out their reception on Channel 5 from Atlanta.

Getting the Asheville translator here was a Jaycee project and since the Hanging Dog opposition group is still getting signatures, the Murphy Jaycees have gone to work and signed up about 400 people in favor of the Asheville station, their petitions also to be sent to the FCC.

"We surely can't lose it now, after working so hard to get it here," a Jaycee spokesman said. But WLOS-TV vice president Bill Pfeiffer, contacted in Asheville on Tuesday, said that is a possibility.

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"If they come up with enough names against it we could be in trouble," Pfeiffer said. "It's possible they could make us take it off the air." He noted that the Asheville channel went on the air in Franklin and due to petitions was forced to close down.

The station, called back with more petitions and by popular demand, has now gone back on the air in Franklin.

The WLOS signal is aimed directly at Murphy, Pfeiffer said, "in order to serve as many people as possible." He added that viewers in the Hanging Dog section can probably purchase a Channel 5 antenna "for seven or eight dollars," aim it toward Fain Mountain and pick up the Asheville channel with a good picture.

The Asheville translator would affect only Channel 5 from Atlanta, he said. "There is no way electronically we could have affected any other channels or radio reception or electric toothbrushes or mixers," Pfeiffer said.

## EVERY GOOD GUY

