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BEAT THE DEVILS!!!!



## Kitchen Staff

Posed at the buffet bar, ready to serve customers at Bear Paw Inn are Thomas (Tiny) Vinson; and second chef Edna Marie Reid. (Staff Photo) Norma Jean Allen, waitress; head chef

## Resort Village New Look

By Wally Avett  
Staff Writer

The old Hiwassee Dam village wears a new name now and is getting a face-lifting to go with it, soon to emerge as the bright, new Bear Paw Resort.

Named for nearby Bear Paw Creek, the village recently became the property of an Atlanta dentist, Dr. Robert M. Bretches. A homeowner in the private section of the village for the past six years, Dr. Bretches lost no time in beginning the renovation.

First on the agenda was a thorough cleaning job and the new owner reported that 700 dumptruck loads of trash were hauled off to a landfill before any other work was done. Then his crews went to work on the main lodge building.

The lodge was the dining hall and the 43 cottages housed workers about 30 years ago when the Hiwassee Dam was under construction. Now parts of the lodge have seen the ceilings dropped and new paneling put in and a restaurant, Bear Paw Inn, has opened for weekend business in the building.

The lodge also houses a gymnasium where square dance meets and their activities are held and another large room which may be converted to a banquet room. There is a swimming pool behind the lodge.

The old school building has been torn down and Dr. Bretches would like to see a summer boys camp on the site.

Negotiations with a boys camp group are going on presently and a camp at Bear Paw may be a reality by next summer. The campers could make good use of the pool and also of the tennis courts located near the lodge.

Remodelling of the cottages is the major project for Bear Paw, according to Dr. Bretches. Available for rent overnight, or by the week or for even longer periods, they have screened-in porches, cramped interiors and many are in need of painting.

However, the Bear Paw plan calls for

them to be changed into chalet-type cottages and the three or four which have completed the transformation are very attractive.

The Chalk White and Tourist Court Green colors of the 1940's are gone and in their place are pastel yellows and natural rustic tones, light and lively.

Gone also are the screened porches. The remodelled cottages sport modern open decks. And partitions have been removed on the inside to make a roomy combination of kitchen-dining - living room. Paneling has been installed, along with new ceilings and electric heaters.

Dr. Bretches says when the renovation of all the cottages is complete, Bear Paw plans "to go out after business and be very competitive" with other resorts. He hopes to attract conventions, conferences, seminars and business meetings of all types.

He adds that he wants to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce in Murphy in advertising Bear Paw, since it will be mentioned in location as being "near Murphy, N.C." Dr. Bretches also plans to steer customers to his resort through gas stations in and around Murphy, both with brochures and word-of-mouth advertising.

He says he also wants business from Murphy and much will depend on the patronage of the Bear Paw Inn during the winter by the people of the Murphy area. "We want to cater Christmas parties, anniversary parties, bridge parties, any kind of event," he said.

And much of the inn's reputation will ride on the kitchen skills of Thomas M. Vinson of Birmingham, an able chef who weighs nearly 400 pounds and goes by the nickname of "Tiny".

"We won't be using any frozen stuff," Tiny says. "It'll be fresh meat and fresh seafood." He also bakes his own yeast bread and turns out genuine homemade pies for the Bear Paw Inn menu.

"Tiny is an excellent cook," Dr. Bretches said. "We'll be able to give Cherokee County a variety in food it just hasn't had before."

## Golf Course, New Housing To Be Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies are set for Wednesday afternoon of next week for the Chatuge Shores Recreation Project and Moore View Homesites Project.

Tom Day, chairman of the Clay County Rural Development Authority which built both projects, said the ceremonies will be held at 2 o'clock on the golf course. He said the guest speaker will be James T. Johnson, state director for the Farmers Home Administration.

The Chatuge Shores Recreation Project at present is an 18-hole golf course but Day and other county leaders envision other facilities there, including a marina, in the future.

Moore View Homesites consists of eight new houses, each on a lot of about half an acre in size, adjoining the Hayesville town limits. In addition, there are nine lots on

which homes could be erected. The modest homes, complete with town water and all-underground utilities, will be sold to private owners as will the lots.

Day says the projects are a result of Rural Renewal loans administered by the Farmers Home Administration to the Clay County Rural Development Authority. At this time loan funds and other agency participation in these projects amount to some \$410,000 to provide wholesome family recreation and modern, modest and adequate family housing. There are no federal grants involved in these projects, which are financed by low interest loans from Farmers Home Administration.

According to Phillip J. Howell, county supervisor for Farmers Home Administration, the Rural Renewal program has been a pilot project in the area to assist rural communities. This has provided rural people with economic and social benefits now enjoyed by the urban people.

Day expresses appreciation to all agencies for their cooperation and assistance in these projects - the Tennessee Valley Authority, Blue Ridge Electric Membership

Corporation, N.C. State Highway Commission, Four Square Community Action, Inc., N.C. State Board of Health and all USDA Agencies.

"All of these groups and others have worked untiringly and diligently to make these projects a success and this entire area can be as grateful as I am for their help. These projects will have tremendous effect upon our area, both socially and economically," Day concluded.

Architects and engineers for Chatuge Shores Recreation Project are John V. Townsend & Associates and Moore, Gardner & Associates, Inc. of Greensboro, and Engineers for Moore View Homesites Project are Hoffman, Butler & Associates, Inc. of Asheville. Contractors are Wells and West of Murphy and Sam Hunter of Brevard, on the golf course and Collins & Minor, partners of Murphy, and Hunter's Construction Company of Blairsville, Ga. on the homesites project.

The authority invites everyone to attend the dedication and tour the golf course and homesites. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of Myers Chapel Community.



## Hayesville Housing Project

Looking over the Moore View Homesites which will be dedicated on Wednesday of next week are Phillip Howell, Hayesville FHA supervisor; Wallace Crawford, secretary-treasurer of the Clay County Rural Development Authority; and Tom Day, chairman of the authority. (Staff Photo)

## New Elections Chief Gets Baptism By Fire

Dean Pullium, new chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, got his baptism by fire this week as the Republicans complained in vain about him to the state elections office in Raleigh.

The Republicans were angry about several things. One is that Pullium's wife Nada is executive secretary of the elections board and his sister has now been hired to help her. During the loose-leaf registration, the Republicans with the consent of the Democrat-controlled board of elections had hired a woman to sit in the elections office and keep a running unofficial list of voters as they registered.

Last week the board ordered her out of the office. And the official, certified list of voters which the Republicans have asked for has not yet been given them and they called Alex Brock, executive secretary of the state board of elections, about that.

Contacted by telephone on Tuesday, Brock said that the set-up by which the

Republicans had a person in the elections office keeping a list of voters was the only one of its kind in the state. He added, however, that an elections office is open to the public and meetings of the board, at which "pertinent matters" are discussed, is also open.

Brock also said that hiring of office personnel is entirely up to the local board and said many elections offices in counties across the state are manned by members of one family, "which they say is often very efficient."

He said he had been called several times from Cherokee County about the official list

of voters and expected that it would be given the Republicans by this weekend. Pullium confirmed this, saying the list would be ready soon.

Pullium also said that the election office will be open all day on election day so that if any voter's card has been, by error, placed in the wrong precinct binder, it can be checked on through the master file and the voter will be allowed to vote.

"This is for the protection of all citizens, regardless of party," Pullium said. He said voters who want to check on their registration can call the elections office any working day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## 5 Named Directors Of Bank

Five Murphy men have been named to the board of directors of the Wachovia Bank office here.

Now directors of the Murphy bank are the two attorneys of the McKeever & Edwards firm, Hobie McKeever and Herman Edwards; State Sen. Herman (Bull) West, a land-clearing contractor; Ken Godfrey and Bud Brown, businessmen and both Murphy Town Councilmen.

The announcement was made by Jack Isaacs, Wachovia vice president and head of the Murphy office of the bank. He said the five were approved by the bank's Western Regional Board of Directors in a meeting on Monday of last week in Andrews. The western region of Wachovia, he noted, includes offices at Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville, Franklin, Robbinsville, Cashiers, and Cullowhee.

Isaacs said the five from Murphy join two other Murphy men on the board for the local bank office, Hayes Dockery Sr. and E. Ray Moore.

## United Fund Wachovia 100%

The employees at the Murphy branch of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company became the second group of employees in Cherokee County to pledge 100% to the United Fund.

Tommy Gentry, chairman of the Murphy drive, and Horace Cannon, chairman of the drive for the entire county, made the happy announcement jointly. Twenty-five employees pledged a total of \$425.

Jack Isaacs, vice president and head of the Murphy branch of Wachovia, said "I am extremely proud of each and every one of our employees. All of them enthusiastically supported the United Fund."

Employees of the Wachovia - Murphy bank who donated were: Donna Bryant, Betty Haigler, Jack Isaacs, Jerry Kephart, Linda Morris, Linda Penland, Doris Rogers, Sherry Beaver, Lucile Bryson, Brenda Carder, W.L. Christy, Lois

Davis, Grace D. Hall, Carol Hogsed, Gertrude M. Howse, Frances Johnson, Judy Kephart, Rex Kephart, Joann Matheson, Minnie Moore, Shirley Nave, Winifred L. Stiles, Stella Timpson, Robert V. Weaver, and Barbara Wilcox.

Tommy Gentry, United Fund Chairman for Murphy, has announced that at least 20 people are working as volunteer solicitors raising money for the 1971 United Fund Campaign.

Those helping with solicitation of the Murphy retail establishments and individuals are: Jim Hendrix, Dickey Davis, Wanda Edwards, Betsy Bourne, Merle Davis, Bud Alexander, John Jordan, Eunice Shields, Jack Early, David Hilton, Alden Coward, Bass Hyatt, Art Hayes, Billy Ray Palmer, Leila Hayes, Jeanne Wells, Frank Atchison, David Gribble, Edwin Hyde, and members of the Cherokee County Rescue Squad.

## Democrats Hear Lloyd At Rally

Attorney Leonard Lloyd of Robbinsville ripped into the Republicans in reviving meeting arms Saturday evening and his listeners enjoyed every minute of it.

The occasion was a Democratic rally at the Rock Gym in Murphy, attended by party faithful from Clay, Cherokee and Graham Counties and Lloyd was the featured speaker.

Lloyd used the phrasing of a preacher as he talked of converts, Republicans who join the Democratic party, and "backslidin'" Democrats coming back to the fold delivered with plenty of spirit and humor, it was exactly what the Democrats wanted to hear and they clapped and cheered it every turn.

He was critical of President Nixon's scheduled trip to Asheville to campaign for Republican Luke Atkinson, who is challenging Democratic incumbent Roy Taylor for the 11th District House seat.

Still in his revival meeting theme, Lloyd ended with a strong plea for party unity and urged those present "to obey the 11th Commandment - don't vote a split ballot."

About 200 attended the barbecue supper at the gym, which was presided over by Murphy Mayor Cioe Moore. He spoke briefly in support of Taylor's campaign and then introduced Dr. Carl Killian of Julowhee, who is running for the State Senate seat held by

GOP Sen. Herman (Bull) West.

"I've been campaigning for eight months and when the election comes, I will have spent a day in every precinct in the district," Killian said. "I have talked to and seen over 10,000 people. I have gone to the people and agencies and institutions to find out how I should vote when I go to Raleigh."

Then Erwin Patton of Macon County was introduced,

a candidate for State House from the district composed of Macon, Cherokee, Clay and Graham. He pledged to work as hard for the other three counties as for Macon.

Moore then introduced the Democratic candidates for office in Cherokee County - Balin Stalcup for sheriff, Jimmy Howse for clerk of court, Mrs. Thelma Crawford for register of deeds, J.B. Hall for coroner.

The candidates for commissioner from each of the three districts were also introduced - W.T. Moore in the Andrews district, Ray Sims in the Murphy district and Fred Sneed in District 3.

Moore also recognized three men on the non-partisan school board as Democrats, asking the party members to vote for them in the election - Dr. C.O. VanGorder, the Rev. Bob Barker and Charles Aiken.



## Delivers The Message

Robbinsville Attorney Leonard Lloyd is shown addressing the Democratic rally held Saturday at the Murphy Rock Gym, attended by Democrats from Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties. About 200 enjoyed the barbecue supper and met the candidates. (Staff Photo)

## Guy Wheeler Dies Of Heart Attack

Guy H. Wheeler, 59, died suddenly in his office Tuesday morning at Hayesville High School of a heart attack. He was the school principal.

A native of Barnardsville, he had lived in Clay County for the past 33 years. He was a captain in the U.S. Army in

World War II, serving four years in all, one year in the South Pacific theater.

He was a charter member of the Hayesville Lions Club and a Master Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Bristol Wheeler of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Julia Jones of Greensboro; two sisters, Mrs. Ada Grooms of Asheville and Mrs. Florence Kaasa of California; two brothers, Ralph and Joe Wheeler, both of Asheville.

## Democrats To Rally In Clay

The Democratic Party will hold a chicken barbecue on Saturday at the Hayesville School lunchroom.

Serving of the chicken plates will begin at 5:30 p.m. and in addition to the barbecue, a bake sale will be held.

The guest speaker will be Marcellus Buchanan of Sylva, the district Superior Court solicitor. A string band will provide music.

## Savings & Loan Shareholders Hold Meeting

The first annual meeting of the Cherokee Savings & Loan Association was held in Murphy on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The financial reports were given and approved by the shareholders.

The first report was pertaining to the operating funds which was advanced initially by the 12 directors who serve without pay. Opening expenses and all operating expenses have been paid and there is still a satisfactory reserve in this fund.

A financial report was given on the earnings and expenses from the depositor's funds. All dividends have been paid and at the present rate of expenses and earnings, the Cherokee Savings & Loan Association is earning its current operating expenses. The Shareholders expressed confidence in the sound financial standing of the Association and re-elected the present Board of Directors.

Cherokee Savings & Loan Association's rate of growth has been twice what was anticipated by advisors and counselors from the State Department of Insurance, which charters and supervises all North Carolina Savings & Loans.

A part of the money placed on deposit at Cherokee Savings & Loan Association is now being used to build or remodel 17 homes in this area.

Cherokee Savings & Loan Association a non-profit corp. is set up to service a large area. They have announced that they will be happy to make loans in surrounding counties, and that they have available for immediate use, money that would build 15 to 20 homes in this area.



James Sparks



Stella Kay Sparks

## Warne Residents Wreck Victims

James Sparks, 23, and his sister, Miss Stella Kay Sparks, 18, both of Route 1, Warne, died as a result of an automobile accident which occurred near Montgomery, Alabama, Sunday.

Due to heavy fog, the car in which they were riding, ran upon a truck that had wrecked on a bridge. Sparks' wife and his mother-in-law were also injured in the accident.

Sparks attended Hiwassee, Georgia High School. Miss Sparks was a graduate of Hiwassee, Georgia High School and was an employee of the Hiwassee, Georgia clinic.

Sparks and his sister are survived by their mother, Mrs. Lelia Sparks, of Warne; Sparks' widow, Mrs. Helen Henderson Sparks; seven sisters: Mrs. Berniece Henderson, Mrs. Marilyn Ivester, and Mrs. Annie Stevens, all of Warne; Mrs. Laura Faye Stamey, of Hayesville; Mrs. Margie Payne,

of Brasstown; Miss Frances Sparks and Miss Patsy Sparks, both of the home; the grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Groves, of Warne. Stella Kay is also survived by her fiancé, Larry Harper, of the U.S. Army, Korea.

Joint funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Many Forks Baptist Church, of which they were both members. Revs. Jimmy Rogers, Billy Stiles, and Farrell Presley were to officiate; interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers for James Sparks were Austin and Arbon Evans, Hal Phillips, John Rowell, R.L. Martin and Carroll Williamson. Pallbearers for Stella Kay Sparks were Dale Arrowood, Terry Roberts, Ray Cunningham, Roy Phillips, Troy Sampson, and Donald Curtis.

Ivies Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements.

## Bloodmobile Visit Set

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Power Board Building in Murphy on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 1 until 5:30 p.m. for donation of blood.

"We urge all persons who have signed pledges for blood replacements to make a special effort to do so at this time," says Mrs. Edgar Harshaw, blood program chairman for the Murphy Red Cross chapter. These pledges, she said, are

for blood that has already been used. "They are repaid very slowly and we need your help."

Mrs. Harshaw added "We urge all our faithful donors, and also new donors, to come out on Wednesday afternoon. You are keeping our Red Cross program going and we need you."

The blood banks have had quite a drain on them this year and low stocks need to be replenished, she said.