



Tom Turkey Tells His Tale

AS TOLD TO BILL WEEKS

My name is Tom Turkey. I have a story to tell, but only a few hours in which to scratch my revelations in the dirt of my pen. For you see, I am a condemned bird. My crime is tradition, a crime from which there is no wavering, no mercy.

As I face death, my memories stir back over the days of my youth, days spent with my parents before they succumbed to one of the November Reigns of Terror.

My father, a stern old bird, often warned me of my hot temper and stated that someday I would blow my top once too often and get a good dressing down.

But mother, who always stuck up for me, said I was merely becoming a chip off the old block, and would have my feathers ruffled in good time.

I guess it was then that I first realized where my fate roared. I was shocked upon learning the facts of life, and it was difficult for me to accept the idea that someday I too would have to go the way of all turkey flesh.

The natural tendency was to rebel. Was I going to subject myself to these conditions? Was I to stand by and let myself duplicate the fate of my ancestors and receive no more than the dubious blessing of an ax for some not too distant Thanksgiving?

It was difficult for me to grow up. As the months went by and as maturity blossomed within me, I realized that duty was more important than selfish rebellion.

I have mellowed now into puberty. I realize I can't complain too much. I've had a happy life with plenty to eat and the companionship of

friends with whom I could have a good heart-to-heart gobble.

Although I now pace nervously in my coop awaiting the end, I have learned to become a proud prisoner, for I understand that maybe I'm not merely a bird that has picked and scratched for a living all his life, but that I am a symbol of plenty, that I represent happiness and pleasure to my superiors and that, in a way, they thank God for my being.

So, I guess I'm really more important than I thought, that my life has more to it than certain death-- and for this I can give thanks.

\$576,000 Loan Approved For WESTCO Telephone Co.

WASHINGTON- A supplemental REA loan of \$576,000 was approved here Wednesday to help WESTCO Telephone company continue system improvements for subscribers in five Western North Carolina counties, Congressman

Roy A. Taylor announced. The Weaverville firm received an initial REA loan of \$6,198.00 in June 1961.

WESTCO President Thomas H. Sawyer said the funds have been used to expand and modernize the system through installation of up-to-date dial telephones and related equipment.

Exchanges are being converted to accommodate the dial system. The modifications will also permit reduction in the number of subscribers on party lines.

The latest loan provides for the addition of approximately 250 new subscribers and construction of 97 miles of lines.

The improvements will be in Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Madison and Mitchell Counties. The company has more than 10,000 subscribers.

Christmas Seal Campaign Gets Underway In County

MURPHY- November 18 marked the opening of the 1964-65 Christmas Seal Campaign across the nation, it was announced today by Merle Davis, local advisory chairman for the Cherokee County Tuberculosis Committee.

"It is more important than ever that our campaign be successful this year," Mr. Davis stated, "for contrary to the widely held assumption that tuberculosis is no longer a threat since the advent of drug therapy, it is actually on the increase."

"Although the death rate has steadily declined, the number of new cases actually increased in 1963 both nationally and in North Carolina, for the first time in many years. This reversal of a downward trend in the case rate is a cause of grave concern to voluntary and official health groups across the nation."

Mr. Davis noted that Dr. James E. Perkins managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, states that it is still possible to eradicate TB but not without a "major battle on many fronts- social, economic and cultural- as well as medical."

The local TB group carries out a year-round program of health education, services to patients in the sanatorium and tuberculin testing and X-ray clinics in conjunction with the County Health Department.

The annual tuberculin testing program in the schools of Cherokee County has been in progress five years, Miss Willie Lovingood, County Public Health Nurse, stated and all positive reactors and their contacts have been X-rayed and tuberculin tested. This testing program will continue indefinitely.

Last month the WNC TB Association, which is composed of 17 counties, sponsored a four-day series of talks on "Smoking and Health" by Dr. C. Frank Tate of Miami, Florida, nationally known authority on smoking and its relation to lung cancer and emphysema.

Mrs. Josie Hayes is executive director of the WNC TB Association whose headquarters is in Black Mountain.

tain where the state Sanatorium is also located. Miss Jeanette Austin of Brevard is the current president of this group.

Included in the local advisory group in Cherokee County is Merle Davis, chairman, Mrs. Jack Ledford, Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Delaney, and Miss Willie Lovingood. Board members are Dr. W. A. Hoover, Merle Davis, and Miss Lovingood.

Bids To Be Advertised For Andrews Post Office And Federal Building

WASHINGTON- Bids for construction for the proposed new Post Office and Federal Building in Andrews will be advertised by the General Service Administration on Friday November 27, Congressman

Roy A. Taylor announced today.

Plans call for construction of a building containing 32,000 square feet of interior floor space. The structure is expected to cost \$100,000.

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, December 22. Approximately eight months will be required for the building to be erected.

Letter To The Citizens

Dear Citizens of Cherokee County and surrounding areas: I wish to join the Regional Blood Center in thanking you who gave so freely to the blood needs of the hospitals in Western North Carolina.

Do you realize that you have probably saved the lives of many by being so willing to cooperate with the blood program? These past twelve months you have given around three hundred pints of blood and this would have cost approximately \$7,500. The people who received this blood are more than grateful to you.

While attending a Regional Meeting in Asheville last week one of the workers at the Red Cross Center came up to me and said, "I just want to shake hands with a representative of the Cherokee Blood Program. A week or so ago we were out of blood and were frantically trying to locate some for a drastic need when up comes the Bloodmobile from Cherokee County and saves the day. You will never know how grateful we are to you people."

Thank you sincerely,
Mrs. Edgar Harshaw
Blood Program Chairman

County HD Clubs To Sponsor Christmas Bazaar

MURPHY- The Cherokee County Home Demonstration Council will sponsor a bazaar, December 3 and 4, on Thursday and Friday, on the ground floor of the library building. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Handmade articles including Christmas decorations, aprons, flower arrangements, pillows and novelties, will be on sale. There will also be baked goods including cookies and candies in attractive containers.

Christmas cook books will also be on sale.

Scout Office To Close Thanksgiving

The office of The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress will close Thursday, November 26, so that employees may be with their families for Thanksgiving. Business will begin as usual Friday at 8:00 a.m.

To The Editor

Dear Editor:
About three weeks ago there were jury trials in the Cherokee Recorders Court, and as usually everybody tried went scott free. What is wrong with our citizens in this county? It seems like something is wrong. Our neighbor counties do not have such a problem. It seems no matter how good the evidence is, who or how many officers make the arrest, or even what the crime is, the verdict is always NOT GUILTY! Almost 100%.

Let us be practical, we know that all cases cannot be guilty, that is what our courts are for, to serve the cause of justice. But everyone is also not guilty.

Do our citizens resent our local officers, or don't they believe them when they say a man is drunk or speeding. The cause of justice and highway safety will never be achieved as long as our juries turn the guilty parties loose. Usually they try the same old bunch every term.

If a drunk runs over a jurymans wife or child, or damages his car, he cries bloody murder to our officers.

This past week the Superior Court juries continued their "good work". You guessed it all drunk drivers NOT guilty. Our drunks still drive and the highways remain dangerous.

The jurors must be very proud of themselves. What a mockery of justice.

I, for one, hope that the officers in this county continue to do their work, and that my family may continue to live.

What do you think of this, Mr. Editor?

B.K.A. Williamson
Andrews, North Carolina

(EDITORS NOTE): We agree, Mr. Williamson, it is a pleasure to see a citizen take a stand for the betterment of Cherokee County.)

Fulton Attends Training Institute

MURPHY- Mrs. Beryl Fulton, Customers Relations Representative of the Murphy Power Board, recently attended the Personnel Training Institute held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The purpose of the Institute was to present new ideas and information about power use activities as they relate to improved customer service. Those attending the training sessions were from approximately 40 different municipal and cooperative distributors of TVA electricity.

The program consisted of five sessions of one week each month from June through October. After the initial orientation program, the week-long schools covered such subjects as commercial and residential lighting, adequate wiring, advertising, public relations, electric heating and cooling, commercial cooking and water heating and rural electrification.

TVA personnel were assisted in covering the subjects by specialists from related businesses and industry. "We are always looking for ways to improve our customer's electric service," John H. Bayless, Manager of the electric system, said. "This Training Institute has been especially helpful. We want to assist all our customers in planning for a better, more efficient use of low cost electricity."

Bayless said that free electrical planning services are available to all of the electric system's customers.

License School Begins December 2

MURPHY- A provisional License School will be held Wednesday, December 2, Wednesday, December 9, and Wednesday, December 16, at the Power Board Building here in Murphy.

Class hours on December 2, will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Classes on December 9 and 16, will be three hours in length, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The school is a driver education program offered by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Minimum age for the course is 15 years plus 9 months.



WILDCAT COACHES AND CO-CAPTAINS are shown with the Western North Carolina Championship Trophy they won in Canton Saturday night by defeating the Mars Hill team 30-27.

Only Undefeated, Untied High School Team In WNC

Andrews Defeates Mars Hill Saturday 30-27 To Be WNC Class A Champions

By "Red" Schuyler

CANTON - The Andrews Wildcats defeated Mars Hill 30-27 in a 'come from behind' victory Saturday night in Canton. In a game that possessed just about everything in the way of thrills, Andrews drove seventy yards in three plays to walk away with the honors.

For three quarters Andrews could only put nine points on the scoreboard. After trailing Mars Hill by eleven points at the half, both teams were scoreless in the third quarter, but in the fourth quarter Andrews exploded for 21 points while holding Mars Hill to a lone touchdown and an extra point. Actually the margin of victory was Tatham's 27 yard field goal early in the second quarter.

No one believed that this important three points would decide the winner, but as it happened, this played a big part in the final outcome.

In scoring the final touchdown and extra point this is what happened: Slagle passed to Jim Sursavage for 25 yards, then Eddie Brown took off on a twenty yard running play and Slagle hit Tatham with another pass good for 25 yards and a touchdown. Tatham's kick

for the extra point was good.

With only 40 seconds remaining and their backs broken, there was little that Mars Hill could do to change the figures on the scoreboard.

Andrews, for the first time in the game, briefly took the lead in the third quarter, but the brilliant running and pass receiving by Charles Tolley, workhorse for Mars Hill, reversed the lead in favor of the Mars Hill team going into the closing minutes of the game when Andrews pulled it out of the fire.

Tolley, Mars Hill halfback ran for touchdowns of forty and twenty yards in the first quarter and an extra point run by Castoloe gave Mars Hill a thirteen point advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Tatham's field goal early in the second quarter cut it to ten points and then Slagle's pass to Sursavage, good for 20 yards and a touchdown, cut the lead down to four points. Tolley, running for 70 yards and a touchdown, plus the extra point run by Hunter widened the gap to eleven points and Mars Hill took a 20 to 9 lead to the dressing room at halftime.

During the third quarter, it was a case of Andrews running the ball a while and then Mars Hill running the ball, with neither team threatening to score. With about two minutes elapsed time in the fourth and final quarter, Slagle passed to Tatham for twenty-two yards and a touchdown and Tatham's kick for the extra point was good. Andrews was only trailing 20 to 16.

Andrews kicked off to Mars Hill and Mars Hill failed to move the ball. Andrews took over on downs. Forty-nine yards from pay dirt and eight minutes remaining to play, Jim Sursavage burst through the Mars Hill line and with the help of good blocking ran all the way for the touchdown that gave Andrews the lead for the first time.

Once again Tatham's kick was good and Andrews led 23-20.

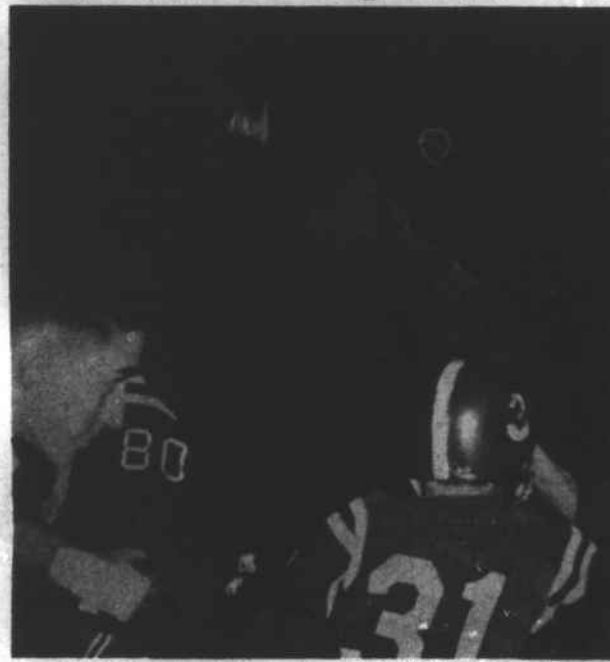
With about three minutes remaining, Devol caught a TD pass from Tolley that covered ten yards and Hunter ran the extra point to give Mars Hill the lead for the last time for the night.

Mars Hill was now ahead 27-23. At this point, the Wildcats from Andrews had their work cut out for them. They went to work and came home the "Champs" by scoring another touchdown and an extra point with about 40 seconds remaining.

This win over Mars Hill gave the Andrews team a perfect season and the distinction of being the only undefeated, untied high school team in Western North Carolina. Twelve victories this season and the last five in 1963 gives Andrews a string of seventeen consecutive victories. The last time the Wildcats suffered a defeat was at the hands of Sylva - Webster October 18, 1963 with a score of 14-6.

With just a few seniors on the team, Andrews should and probably will run this string of victories even further during the 65 season.

Congratulations to the Wildcats, Coaches Hamilton and Mashburn for their second consecutive Western Regional Class A Championship.



HAPPY ANDREWS PLAYERS carry head coach "Pee Wee" Hamilton from the field Saturday night after winning the Western North Carolina Regional Class A Championship.



DANNY TATHAM DASHES through the end zone after receiving a 25-yard pass from David Slagle with only 40 seconds remaining in the game. Tatham also kicked the extra point.

Hoover's Charges Weaken His Image

BY: Harry Bagley

In a recent press conference held for women representatives of the fourth estate in Washington, D. C., Director J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I., leveled an astounding charge at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, the Nobel Prize winning integration leader.

Mr. Hoover labeled Dr. King as "the country's most notorious liar."

I feel that Mr. Hoover showed unusually poor judgment in leveling such a charge at the civil rights leader. I do not think that he can adequately substantiate such an accusation.

ence, Mr. Hoover voiced great dissatisfaction with the Warren Report's findings regarding the F.B.I. in its investigation of the assassination of the late President Kennedy. Also, he made some caustic comments about the leniency of the courts in their handling of criminal cases.

On the subject of our court's treatment of criminals, I heartily agree with the Director.

My view of the Warren Commission's work, however, is that it was done thoroughly and impartially. It did not appear that they were trying to find a "goat" as such. The purpose of their sweep-

At this same press confer-

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