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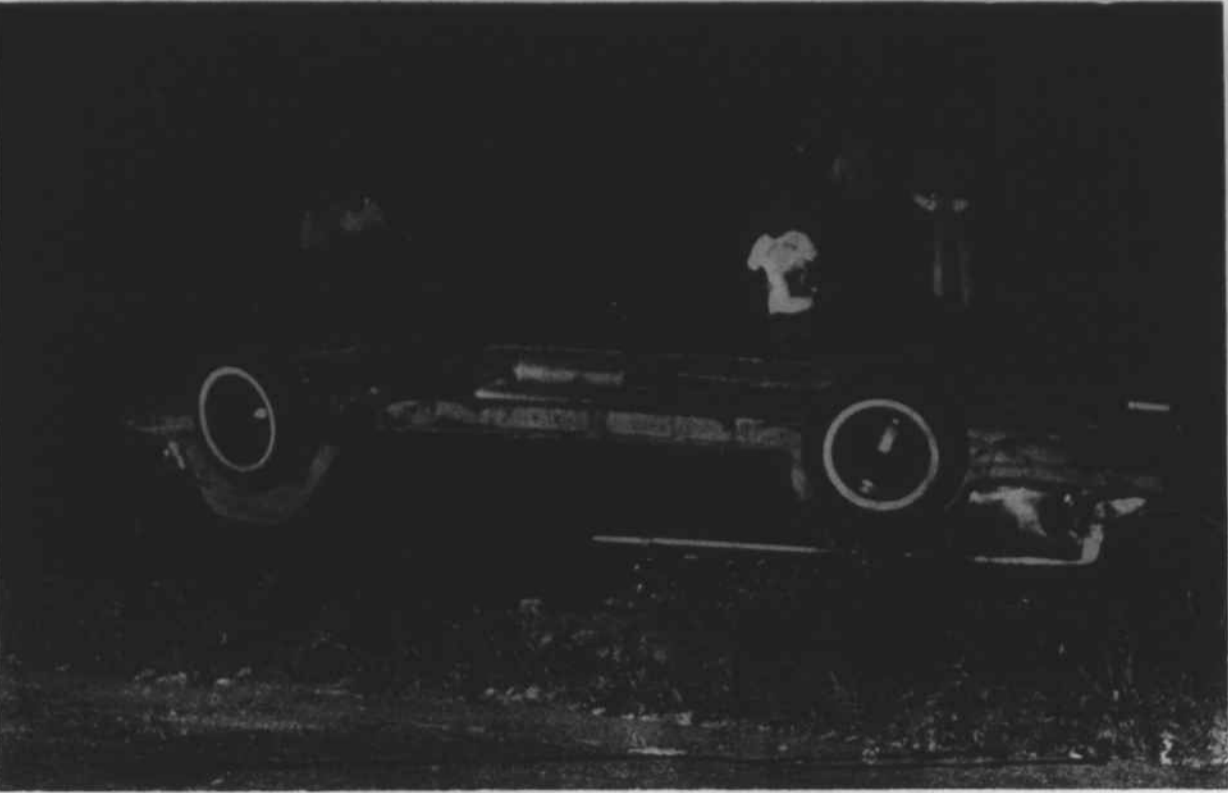
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Fair time is here and nobody knows it better than us. We took a turn in the "Duck-A-Jaycee" tank Tuesday night and we're still water logged. In fact, a character named R. V. Dockery got zeroed in on the target and kept us under water most of the time. We'll be back though and so will a lot of other Jaycees. So warm up your pitching arm and come down and "duck" us.
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According to information received from Wake Forest and Clemson Colleges, three Cherokee County boys are expected to see lots of action this Fall. John Snow, a Junior and Bill Graves, a Sophomore who starred at Murphy High school will be playing tackle on opposite sides of the line for Wake Forest. Butch Savage, a former Andrews High School Star will be playing a lot of end at Clemson. You football fans that would like to see these boys in action, make your plans to go to Clemson, Saturday October 30 as that will be the closest Wake Forest will be playing around here and you can see all three at the same time.
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Red Schuyler made some pretty wild predictions about the outcome of the big Labor Day Race in Darlington, S.C. and he's been eating "crow" ever since he got back. No kidding, he brought back a whole case of bar-be-cue sauce. Says it even goes good on grits.
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If you would like to cheer up a man that has thrilled many a child in Murphy for the past several years, drop a card to Frank Smith, Room 2888, Mission Memorial Hospital, Asheville, N. C. Frank has played the roll of Santa Clause in Murphy for the past several years.
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Plunk or Plink: Who Knows?
According to the prestigious National Geographic Society, it's no indication that a watermelon is ripe if it says "plunk" when you thump it. Likewise, if it says "plink", that is not a reliable sign that the melon isn't ripe. It is apparent that scientists will have to do a great deal more thumping before plunking the mystery of the difference between plunk and plink. This is a project worthy of a multi-million dollar research from the Government, probably as economically significant as probing the love life of butterflies. We young scientists who long ago plundered the farmer's watermelon patch down on the river bank never bothered about plunk and plink. Our experiments convinced us that there was one infallible test: If the stem had turned brown and there was a general paleness of the belly side, the melon was lusciously ripe. Guided by this criteria, we never filched a green one. Scientific curiosity, though, prompted us this year to investigate the truth about plunk and plink. So last spring on the back lot we put out a



No Injuries, Five Flee

FIVE OF THE SIX OCCUPANTS of this 1955 Chevrolet fled after the car overturned Saturday night, September 4, on a curve near Murphy General Hospital. The automobile

was being chased by City Policeman, Jack Ingle, when the accident occurred. It was not determined who was driving the vehicle.

planting of those delectable little round melons called New Hampshire Midgets. We thumped all during July and never did get a plunk, just plinks. Then one night, before the experiments were completed, some furtive rascal invaded the patch and made off with the whole crop. The sneaking scoundrel! The perspective of years sure does put a different complexion on what we used to think was the practical joke of watermelon stealing - Roanoke (Va.) Times.

One Charged In Shooting At Sandy Gap

MURPHY - A Cherokee County man remains in serious condition after a shooting Saturday, and another was charged with a felony assault Monday.

Sheriff Claude Anderson of Cherokee County said Emanuel Elliott, 55, of Sandy Gap, was shot in the abdomen, Saturday in the home of Jesse Rich, who was charged Monday with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He is being held in Cherokee County jail pending the condition of Elliott.

Questioned by the SBI concerning the shooting and released were Leonard Clontz, Felix Voyles, and Allen Fox. State Highway Patrolman Don Reavis said he went to the Rich residence following the shooting and saw a man leave in a truck. Just a few yards from the house, the driver, Allen Fox, lost control and ran off an embankment. Fox stated that he had started to get his truck out of the driveway when he saw the ambulances coming. He suffered a broken back in the accident and has been transferred to Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta.

A Centavo is money in Portugal


but PRIZEWARDS is money for you!
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JOKE OF THE WEEK - Two Georgia farmers were always bragging to one another about the crops they could raise. One day one farmer told his son to "go over to Sam's place and ask him if I can borrow his crosscut saw. If he asks, tell him we need it to cut a watermelon." Within a short time the son returned with the news that: "Sam says he can't let you have the saw until this afternoon. He's only half-way through a carrot."



Fred Leak Babington ... Member of 25 Year Club

Babington Is 25th Member Of Nantahala P&L 25 Year Club

NANTAHALA - Fred Leak Babington of Nantahala, North Carolina completed 25 years of service with Nantahala Power and Light Company August 30 to become the 25 member of the power company's 25 year club.

Mr. Babington, a native of Cleveland County, began his career with Nantahala August 30, 1940 as a rodmans in the engineering department. In April of 1941 he was transferred to the operating department as a power house operator at the Franklin Plant and later that year was transferred to Thorpe Plant in Jackson County. In April 1942 he was assigned to the Nantahala Plant which was then near completion. In April 1944 he was promoted to shift foreman at Nantahala, his present position.

DAR To Hold First Meeting Of Year

MURPHY - The Archibald D. Murphy chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Monday, September 13, 8:00 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Peyton G. Ivie. Mrs. Jerry Davidson will be hostess.

This is the first meeting of the new year for the chapter, and important business matters will be discussed. All members are urged to be present.

Blue Ridge Mtn. EMC To Hold Annual Meet

YOUNG HARRIS, GA - The annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will be held Friday, September 10, at 10 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center at Young Harris College.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Oak Ridge Quartet and the recent State FAA String Band winners from Hiwassee, Georgia.

Prizes will be given again this year and everyone is asked to register prior to the meeting.

Taylor's Secretary Tells Visit Dates

ASHEVILLE - Tom L. Maloney, Eleventh Congressional District Secretary to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, will be making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties next week.

On Wednesday, September 15, he will be at the Town Hall, Andrews, from 9:00 to 9:30; at the City Hall, Murphy from 11:00 to 12:00; and at the Clay County Courthouse, Hayesville, from 3:00 to 4:00.

Lions' Sponsored Fair Offers Wide Variety Of Entertainment

MURPHY - The Annual Cherokee County Fair, sponsorship of the Murphy Lions Club for the third year, offers the widest variety of entertainment and exhibits of any local fair in recent years. With the opening Monday, September 6, of the 47th Annual Cherokee County Fair, local citizens were treated to a simulated trip to the moon, real mountain music by the Smoky Mountain Band, an opportunity to view an air to surface missile, a chance to carry on a conversation with the only talking mule in Cherokee County, and rides galore on the Georgia Amusement Company Midway.

In addition to the traditional agricultural and horticultural exhibits of past years, this year's fair offers a wide variety of arts and crafts exhibits and one of the largest displays of rocks and minerals ever assembled for a local fair. Drawing a great deal of interest at the fair this year are the exhibits sponsored by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. The Navy exhibit features models of the USS Forrestal and the Nuclear Submarine Nautilus, and the Air Force exhibit consists of an actual Hound Dog missile. The service exhibit drawing most of the attention, however, is the simulated moon trip, by way of an eight minute movie, sponsored by the Army.

The stock exhibits this year features a pretty remarkable mule named Jenny, raised and educated by R. D. Bruce of Clay County. It has been reliably reported that Jenny has been heard to carry on a fairly sensible conversation, for a mule that is. The children have been getting the biggest kick, figuratively speaking, of course, out of talking to the mule.

The Georgia Amusement Company's Midway has been crowded each night since the fair's opening and even the sprinkle of rain which fell Monday evening failed to dampen the spirit of the crowd who had come to open the fair.

The Lions Club bingo booth, an annual favorite among local fair visitors is again in operation with a greater variety of prizes than ever before.

The ability of a man, woman, or child to throw a baseball accurately gets a real work-out on the Midway with not only cats and bottles to throw at, but also local Jaycees.

The opportunity to see whether or not you could have made the astronaut team is available to everyone through the many rides at the fair. These rides go up and down, backward and forward, in and out. More than one parent has been seen asking his children not to make him or her go on the next ride.

The fair will continue through Saturday, September 11, and truly has something for everyone to enjoy.

Car Crashes After High Speed Chase

MURPHY - A high speed chase with a State Patrolman, Wednesday night, September 1, ended when a 1964 Dodge driven by Joe Raymond Kephart, 28, of Atlanta, crashed into a utility pole on the Martins Creek Road.

Mr. Kephart suffered a broken left arm and head cuts. He was released from Providence Hospital, Saturday, September 4.

A passenger in the Kephart vehicle, Marvin Raper, 20, of Rt. 3, Blairsville, Ga., was treated in the emergency room of the hospital and released. State Patrolman, Patt Miller, stated that the Kephart vehicle went by his parked patrol car on U. S. 64 west of Murphy at a high rate of speed and he gave chase.

The chase continued on toward Murphy then on to the Martins Creek Road, where Kephart lost control of his auto and crashed into a utility pole.

Kephart is charged with speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour, reckless driving, and failing to stop for a patrolman's red light. Bond has been set at \$600, and the trial will be September 27.



Clyde William McCoy ... Killed In Mine

Falling Slab Kills Murphy Talc Miner

MURPHY - Clyde William (Bill) McCoy, 38, of Murphy Route 4, a talc miner, was killed Friday morning September 3, by a falling slab in Hitchcock Talc Mine.

Working with companions Carl Dillard and Homer Roberson Jr., who were not hurt, McCoy, a native of Murphy, died about an hour after he was struck at 5 a.m.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady McCoy, of Murphy; the widow, Mrs. Frankie Raper McCoy; a daughter, Susie, and three sons, David, Keith and Steve McCoy, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Frances Johnson of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Grace Slagle, Mrs. Ruby Queen and Mrs. Shirley Simmons, all of Murphy; and four brothers, J. C., Lloyd, and Tim of Murphy and Richard McCoy of the U. S. Army in Germany.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Raymond Carroll, the Rev. Ernie Young, and the Rev. Grover Moss officiated and burial was in Line Church Cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Adult Education Classes To Begin

MURPHY - Holland McSwain, Resident Director of the Tri-County Industrial Education Center, announced this week that new classes in basic education for adults will begin Tuesday night, October 5, in the following schools: Hayesville, Ranger, Hiwassee Dam, Andrews, Robbinsville, and Murphy Elementary. Clay and Cherokee County residents wishing to enroll are requested to report to Murphy Elementary School on Tuesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. for placement tests. Graham County residents will report to Robbinsville High School on Tuesday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m. Persons already enrolled in classes, who have had the tests, will not report at this time.

The adult education classes offer individuals who have not completed high school an opportunity to upgrade themselves. Since the program was begun last spring, more than 100 persons have been enrolled, and at least eight have qualified for a Certificate of High School Equivalency. About twenty more are ready to take the General Educational Development Test, which is the basis for granting the certificate.

Area Football Games Of The Week

- MURPHY vs SYLVA**
At Sylva
- ANDREWS vs FRANKLIN**
At Andrews
- HAYESVILLE vs SWAIN**
At Hayesville
- ROBBINSVILLE vs ROSMAN**
At Robbinsville

Support Your Team

Forests Support 71 Industries Employing 600 People

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of five articles concerning the work groups of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association and their findings in a recent inventory of five counties in the Upper Hiwassee Valley. The five counties are Cherokee and Clay in North Carolina and Union, Towns and Fannin in Georgia.) Trees are the most obvious natural resource in the upper Hiwassee Valley where nine out of 10 acres is forested. The mild climate, plentiful rainfall, and long growing season are all conducive to timber growth. These are the findings of a report recently compiled by the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association and TVA on the basic resources of the 5-county area. Todd Kimsey of Young Harris, Ga., acted as chairman of the Forestry Work Group. These forests support 71 industries, employing some 600 people with payrolls amounting to \$1 million a year, and product values totaling \$3 million. Products include lumber, pulpwood, crossties, and giftware.

The report suggests that increased chip and pulpwood production and the manufacture of high-quality furniture for the tourist trade offer promise for forest industries. The area could support 85 industries, employing 1,000 persons, having payrolls of \$3 million a year, and product values of \$9 million. Forests also contribute to the area's recreation resources. With most of the forests in hardwoods, forest game such as deer, turkey, raccoon, and squirrel are present. The lakes and rivers are well-stocked with fish. Sportsmen now spend \$2 million a year in the five valley counties but this figure could be substantially increased if the valley lives up to its possibilities for increasing hunting and fishing opportunities, the report says. Commercial forests cover nearly 90 per cent of the area. Sixty-eight per cent of the forest area is in upland hardwoods; 12 per cent in pine-hardwood mixtures, and 12 per cent in pine. Merchantable sawtimber totals 2.5 billion board feet, or 2,900 board feet per acre,

which compares favorably with the Tennessee Valley average of 2,000 board feet per acre. Management practices, according to the report, are good on 50 per cent of the forest area. The best management is on two large private holdings and on the lands of the Nantahala and Chattahoochee National Forests. Landowners have reforested about 30,000 acres by planting seeds and seedlings. Another 70,000 acres needs planting. These acres could add \$1 million a year to the income of loggers and landowners. All the private lands in the area, except some 116,500 acres in Towns and Union Counties, are under organized fire protection. The Forest Service is responsible for controlling fire on national forest lands. Burn on both the protected and unprotected areas has been light. Minerals in the upper Hiwassee Valley, in addition to being a recreation attraction, pump several hundred thousand dollars a year into the economy of the area. One of the unique features

of the Blue Ridge Mountains with North Georgia and North Carolina is the presence of mineral deposits which are of interest to the serious collector and the amateur. The amateurs, who call themselves "rockhounds" have organized several clubs within the valley and sponsor shows each year which attract collectors from a 10-state area. The clubs also sponsor collecting expeditions. Commercial mineral operations include the production of quartzite, marble, and talc. Value of production has fluctuated between \$260,000 and \$675,000 from 1953 through 1962, the report finds. Talc mining began in North Carolina in the 1850's and has continued despite economic difficulties. The valley has from 10 to 20 years of known reserves. Most of the marble quarried is used for monuments; however, some building stone is produced. Waste material is used for "split face" trim and terrazzo chip. Terrazzo has been in great demand in the past few years, particularly in Florida. A new quarry is being put into operation in

the valley to produce terrazzo principally for the Florida market. Quartzite, being produced in Georgia, is crushed, screened and sold for ornamental concrete panels. Fine material is ground and used as a filler for plastic. Some interesting new products have resulted from the quartzite products. One is tops for tables and counters which closely resemble marble in appearance, but are not as heavy or as expensive as marble and which can be molded without seams. Other minerals reported by the Mineral Work Group headed by A. Neal Collins of Young Harris, Ga., include copper, feldspar, mica, sand and gravel, and rutile. The work group reported that talc and marble operations are small but stable and will continue to contribute to the valley's economy. Other mineral operations are too new to assess their permanency; the possibilities of developing more mineral operations are slim until more is known about the area's geology.