

Scoutlets

Once again the Fair has come and gone, but this year's fair leaves an impression on many Jaycees they won't soon forget. We're talking about the "Dunk-A-Jaycee" tank at the fair and on behalf of the Murphy Jaycees, I say thanks to all the folks who threw baseballs at us and made the project successful. A special thanks and a tip of the Scoutlet that goes to J. H. Duncan who took time from his busy schedule, donned a clown suit and entertained the children on the fair's "Kiddie Day", Thursday. Proceeds from the project go to construct a building to house T.V. translator equipment on top of Fain Mountain.

A Cherokee County resident (S.C., that is) says this story is making the rounds in his part of the county. It seems that a man who weighed 350 pounds decided to go on a tobacco diet. He didn't eat anything for 30 days and just smoked, dipped and chewed. At the end of this period, he weighed only 110 pounds in a casket, of course.

A couple of guys down at the boat dock at Hiwassee Dam decided to have some fun out of Bergan Moore but Bergan was smarter than the average bear, and the whole thing backfired. Bergan was making his regular bread run at the dock and a couple of fellows were trying to get him to go fishing - telling him how many fish were in the area. No sooner was it said, the water began to splash and it looked like a whale was having a party a few yards off shore. Well, ole Bergan is a disbeliever so he got in his bread truck and went up on a hill so he could see down in the lake. What he saw was a man in a scuba diving outfit just under the water and flipping his fins so as it would look like a fish.

Here's another nifty that's making the rounds. It's about a man who had decided gradually to give up everything that scientists have linked to cancer. The first week, he cut out smoked fish and charcoal steaks. The second week, he cut out smoking. The third week, he cut out women. The fourth week, he cut out drinking. The fifth week, he cut out paper dolls.

According to Mrs. Frances Malcomson of Shelby, a friend of hers faced stomach surgery after suffering a severe attack of ulcers. The patient was wheeled into the operating room and when the sheet was pulled from over her so the doctors could begin operating, personnel in surgery received the surprise of their lives. The patient had written a message in red ink on her stomach and it read: "Open With Care, Thanks."

Harry "Cuz" Bagley allowed this week that he received a bill from Providence Hospital for \$250,000. "Undoubtedly a secretarygraphical error," says Cuz, "it should have been for \$25.00. Out of the goodness of his heart, Cuz sent them a check for \$250,000 and asked for a receipt so as he could claim a medical deduction. Scoutlet Note: Wonder how much his insurance policy paid.

Sign in an antique shop window: "There's no present like the past."

Here's a statement that appeared in a religious publication that should cause you to stop and think. It goes like this: "The only people we should want to get even with are those who have helped us." Scoutlet Note: Just think how much better off the world would be if folks would put this philosophy into practice.

Last Note: There was a group gathered around the other day talking about getting up a golf match for the weekend. Somebody asked, "Does Jay Phillips hit a long ball?", and Jim Morgan answered, "No, he hits one of them round kind."

Six Far Western Counties Will Join In Appalachian Plan

The state's six westernmost counties are expected to join together soon as a local development district of the Appalachian program. A 12-member steering committee, appointed at a special meeting with officials of the State Planning Task Force in Bryson City, Wednesday night, was authorized to develop machinery for setting up the organization. Jennings Bruson, a Sylva banker and former president of the Western North Carolina Planning Commission, was named chairman of the steering committee which will hold its first meeting here early in October.

The steering committee, composed of two members from each of the counties, is: Cherokee - Percy B. Ferebee, Andrews, and J. H. Duncan, Murphy. Clay - W. T. Groves, and W. A. McGlamery of Hayesville.

Graham - L. W. Wilson, Robbinsville, and O. A. Fetch, Fontana Village. Jackson - Bryson and Dr. Carl D. Killian, Cullowhee. Macon - Bob Sloan and H. Bueck of Franklin.

Swain - Frel Owl, Cherokee, and Jack Lyday, Bryson City. The local development district for the six-county area would be a non-profit body certified to the Appalachian Regional Commission by Gov. Dan K. Moore and chartered under North Carolina laws. John Hampton, coordinator of the State Planning Task Force, told some 60 leaders from the six counties at the Bryson City meeting that "one of the most important concepts of the Appalachian program is the local development district."

He explained that "this is a total comprehensive program for our development than can be handled only on a district basis and not on a county basis."

"It will be up to the local development district," Hampton said, "to come up with projects that will benefit the whole area and thereby qualify for Appalachian funds." The Appalachian Act, Hampton explained, provides for administrative grants to a local development district up to 75 per cent of cost for a maximum of three years, and

Unaka School Gets 168 Library Books

UNAKA - Burke E. Moore, Principal of Unaka Elementary School, announced that the school has received 168 books to add to their library. The books, including religious, history, fiction and reference material, were a donation by Walter R. Martin. "Thanks to Mr. Martin, we now have an 804 volume library and as this figure increases, we will be a more progressive school," Mr. Moore said.

(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.)

In a day when many areas of the world are without adequate supplies of good quality water free from pollution, the upper Hiwassee Valley is fortunate. Pure water of good quality is one of its most abundant resources according to a report on the area's resources recently issued by the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association and TVA.

Rainfall over the watershed averages 59 inches a year, and annual flows from the North Carolina and Georgia portions of the watershed would cover the whole watershed to a depth of 30 inches. Streamflow on the Hiwassee and Toccoa Rivers is controlled by TVA impoundments. The most serious limitation on the supply is the fact that

the 25 per cent matching portion can be in cash or kind. "Such organizations," he said, "can be the local focal points for all developmental programs." Also appearing with Hampton at the meeting was Woodrow Jones, director of the State Planning Task Force, who gave an overall rundown on the Appalachian program as it will apply to Western North Carolina.

Jones discussed the program's development highways, pointing out that two of the major corridors will run west from Lake Junaluska, which will be built to 1975 standards.

This means, he said, that if traffic experts come up with facts and figures to show that these corridors will need four lanes to handle traffic in 1975, they will be built to those specifications in the beginning. "The greatest need in Western North Carolina is roads to the outside," Jones said, "and if we get the roads we can solve our other problems."

In touching on the local development district phase, Jones said "emphasis is being placed on regional planning and we want counties that can work together to form districts."

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leaders and State FHA Director Melvin Hearn for their cooperative efforts over a two year period to gain the program for North Carolina. Administrative responsibilities will be vested largely in a local rural renewal organization composed of representatives of the tri-county area. It will operate under authority granted by the 1965 North Carolina General Assembly as the result of special legislation offered by Sen. W. Frank Forsyth of Murphy.

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Mother Of Five Receives High School Certificate

Holland McSwain, Resident Director of the Tri-County Industrial Education Center, presented Mrs. Frankie Lee Crawford a Certificate of High School Equivalency this week. She is the first Andrews graduate of the program. She dropped out of school in the 10th grade and now has five children, the oldest an eighth grade student at Andrews Elementary School.

Mrs. Crawford, an employee at Owenby Mfg. Co. in Andrews, attended classes in Murphy for ten weeks with perfect attendance and then enrolled in Andrews classes for another ten weeks. Classes meet two nights weekly, for three hours each night.

Mrs. Crawford said that she is proud of her certificate and feels that the adult education program offers a much needed opportunity for persons who want to improve their educational background and perhaps go on to higher education.

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Highway Survey Parties To Begin Work Today

RALEIGH - State Highway Commission survey parties will begin preliminary work Thursday, September 16, on a portion of the Appalachian

Farm Federation To Support \$300,000 Road Bond Issue

RALEIGH, N. C. - North Carolina's largest general farm organization will lend its support to the state's \$300 million road bond issue, an organization spokesman announced today. B. C. Mangum, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, said the farm group's support stems from official policies which call for "an up-grading of our highway system, with appropriate consideration being given to rural roads in the allocation of funds."

On the basis of several policies, said Mangum, the N. C. Farm Bureau board of directors recently voted to back the road bond issue. The organization reports a membership of over 61,000 farm family members in North Carolina. "We will urge all of our members to support this important issue," said Mangum. "We are organized in every county, and feel that a favorable vote is vital to continued progress in every county."

The road bond act earmarks \$150 million for the rural primary system of state highways, \$75 million for secondary roads, and \$75 million for use in incorporated urban areas. "Road improvements made possible by these funds would mean a lot to North Carolina agriculture," said Mangum.

Page added that the first work is merely to develop contour maps from which roadway design engineers then can determine the best route through the area. It is sometimes a year afterward before the location department puts in the actual stakes.

Page said about 20 highway survey employees will be involved in this preliminary work. State Highway Commissioner W. Curtis Russ and Division Engineer A. J. Hughes reports the completion of more than 48 miles of road improvement in Cherokee, Haywood, Henderson, Macon, Polk, Transylvania, Swain and Jackson.

In Cherokee County the following roads were improved: SR 1100, 0.60 mile; SR 1305, 0.70 mile; SR 1383, 0.30 mile; SR 1551, 0.70; Sr. 1550, 0.50; SR 1509, 0.20; SR 1116, 3.0; SR 1120, 2.4; SR 1577, 1.3; SR 1578, 0.20 and SR 1580, 0.80.

Greensboro Police Department Seek Recruits From W.N.C.

A team of personnel specialists from the Greensboro Police Department will be in Murphy on Monday, September 20, to interview young men interested in beginning a police career in Greensboro. The team will be headed by the Greensboro department's training division commander, Lt. G. A. Seay, a former homicide detective and veteran of 13 years in the police profession.

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Water Is Area's Most Abundant Resources

flows, cannot be used for waste dilution. However, the main streams - the Toccoa, Hiwassee, Valley, and Nottely Rivers - have large unused capacities for waste assimilation and therefore will be real assets to area economic development. Several profound changes took place in upper Hiwassee agriculture from 1950 to 1959. The most obvious change was the decline in the number of farms. During the decade, nearly 2,500 farms went out of operation, representing a 41 percent decline. Even more dramatic have been the changes within the classes of farms. All classes declined in number except the commercial class, that is, farms with \$2,500 or more in sales. The number of commercial farms increased 345 percent. There has also been a pronounced increase in the proportion of farmers working off the farm.

As part of its resource development program for the 5-county upper Hiwassee Valley, the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association surveyed the local agricultural resources. It is estimated that about one-fifth of the land in the valley is suitable for cropland and pasture. The major portion of these soils is in Fannin and Union Counties. Changes were evident also in crop yields. The number of acres planted to corn and small grains declined, but yields increased. Like trends have occurred in the production of Irish potatoes, commercial vegetable and fruit crops.

According to the report, the most common types of farms are livestock and poultry. Most of the farm income in the upper Hiwassee Valley is from the sale of poultry and poultry products. This one source accounted for some \$7 million of the total of \$9 million realized from farm products. Fifty-four percent was from the sale of eggs and 37 percent from broilers. In view of the limited amount of tillable soil, the report concludes that the future of agriculture in the upper Hiwassee Valley lies in more intensive cultivation of high-value crops and in poultry, neither of which requires large land holdings.

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Agricultural Sec. To Address Farm Meeting

RALEIGH -- Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman will address the annual joint meeting of two farm cooperatives here October 1.

This will mark the second appearance of the cabinet official before members of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the Carolinas Cotton Growers Association. He spoke previously in 1961, his first year as a member of the Kennedy cabinet.

G. D. Arndt, Raleigh, general manager of the two farm organizations, expressed himself as being highly pleased that the Secretary saw fit to accept the invitation for a return visit.

"We are highly honored," he said, "to have this distinguished member of the President's cabinet take time out from a most busy and demanding schedule to be with us for our annual meeting."

Governor Minnesota for three terms, Secretary Freeman is married to a North Carolinian, the former Jane C. Shields of Winston-Salem. Arndt said this year's meeting will be held in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium and is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Official business will include the election of three Cotton Association directors and four FCX directors. Nominated for re-election at Association district meetings were R. Hunter Pope, Enfield; Paul D. Grady, Kenly; and T.B. Upchurch, Jr., Raeford.

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