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Six Far Western Counties

Will Join In Appalachian Plan

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State

Highway officials

Topton to four miles west of

Murphy, will not indicate the exact route of the highways.

area not to assume that survey

stakes used in the work in-

dicates the final route.

They urged residents of the

"It is merely a preliminary

investigation of a route and

may possibly be as much as a mile wide," said Photogram-

metric Engineer E. J. Page.

'Once the corridor has been

studied, the final location line

will be staked at a later date.

Page added that the first

work is merely to develop con-

tour maps from which roadway

design engineers then can de-termine the best route through

It is sometimes a year

afterward before the location

department puts in the actual

Page said about 20 highway

survey employees will be in-

volved in this preliminary

State Highway Commissi-

oner W. Curtis Russ and Div-

ision Engineer A. J. Hughes

reports the completion of more than 48 miles of road

improvement in Cherokee,

Haywood, Henderson, Macon,

Polk, Translvania, Swain and

In Cherokee County the fol-

lowing roads were improved:

SR 1100, 0.60 mile; SR 1305,

0.70 mile; SR 1383, 0.30 mile;

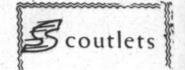
SR 1551, 0.70; Sr. 1550, 0.50;

the area.

stakes.

work.

Jackson.



-J-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 hat 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.

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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 to-bacco 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.

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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. -J-

Here's another nifty thats 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

Olive Williams. Mrs. Pauline Bault was in Unaka School Gets charge of the buffet table. 168 Library Books fun and fellowship.

The state's six westernmost counties are expected to join together soon as a local devpment 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. Dun-

can, 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 - Frell Owl, Chero-

kee, 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 comprehensvie 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

that the 25 per cent matching standards.

This means, he said, that if portion can be in cash or kind. traffic experts come up with "Such organizations," said, "can be the local focal facts and figures to show that points for all developmental these corridors will need four lanes to handle traffic in 1975, programs." they will be built to those

Also appearing with Hampspecifications in the begton at the meeting was Woodinning. "The greatest need in Wesrow Jones, director of the State Planning Task Force, who gave an overall rundown tern North Carolina is roads to on the Appalachian program as the outside," Jones said, "and it will apply to Western North if we get the roads we can solve our other problems." 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

Legislation By Forsyth **Three-County FHA** 

A. Taylor announced.

**Program Announced** 

WASHINGTON - A new leaders and State FHA Direc-Farmers Home Administor Melvin Hearn for their tration Program, to help sticooperative efforts over a two year preiod to gain the pro-gram for North Carolina. mulate the lagging economies of three Western North Car-

Administrative responsibolina counties, was officially ilities will be vested largely launched here Thursday, 11th in a local rural renewal org-District Representative Roy anization composed of representatives of the tri-county The project designates area.

Clay, Cherokee and Graham It will operate under authcounties as a pilot area elority granted by the 1965 North igible to receive rural renewal Carolina General Assembly as loans and technical assistance the result of special legisfrom F. H. A. It is one of six lation offered by Sen W. Frank similar projects in the nation.

Forsyth of Murphy. Project assistance will be Taylor commended local kept flexible to meet a variety New Faculty Members of rural community needs, depending on local conditions. Honored With Dinner

Aid will be in the field of housing, development of recreation resources, land and timber improvement, water conservation and utilization and many others. Attraction of new industires

the Murphy Elementary School lunchroom on Monday will be a chief concern of the evening, September 13, 1965 local organization.

Hearn has announced he will honoring the new faculty memassign a special assistant to Mrs. Emma Louise Minor the area to help develop and served as chairman of the implement the new program. arrangements committee with The state FHA director said Mrs. Velam Burch, Mrs. Barlimited funds to inaugurate the McConnell and Mrs. project are now available, with Patsy Hendrix assisting her. additional funds expected from The beautiful flowers used normal Agriculture Departfor table decorations were ment appropriations. grown and arranged by Mrs.

PRESENTS CERTIFICATE - Holland McSwain, Resident Dir-

ector of the Tri-County Industrial Education Center, presents a certificate of high school equivalence to Mrs. Frankie Lee Crawford. She is the first Andrews resident to graduate from

### **Mother Of Five Receives High School Certificate**

Holland McSwain, Resident more than 100 persons have been enrolled in the Tri-Director of the Tri-County County program and at least Industrial Education Center, presented Mrs. Frankie Lee eight have qualified for the certificates. About 20 others Crawford a Certificate of High School Equivalency this week. are ready to take the General She is the first Andrews Educational Development Test graduate of the program. She which is the basis for granting dropped out of school in the certificates. Mrs. Crawford is married

10th grade and now has five children, the oldest an eighth grade student at Andrews Elementary School. Crawford, an em-Mrs.

ployee 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. Mr. McSwain stated that

the Greensboro department's training division commander,

to William Doyle Crawford,

retired U. S. Navy, presently

working for U. S. Civil

Service Commission in Char-

A team of personnel speci- ous schools and training proalists from the Greensboro grams are available to mem. 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

work.

After recruit school and extended experience in the department's patrol division, patrolmen may be transferred, upon request, into detective, vice, juvenile, or traffic

may make appointments with

Lieutenant Seay through the

local ESC office.

\$362. Upon reaching 21 years of age, cadets become sworn officers.

Agricultural Sec.

**To Address** 

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**To Begin Work Today** 

**Highway Survey Parties** 

RALEIGH- State Highway program in the vicinity of And-Commission survey parties rews. will begin preliminary work Thursday, September 16, on a portion of the Appalachian stressed in advance that the work, preliminary to im-provement of US 19-129 from

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 The first stakes have very little bearing on the final line, but merely indicate a broad general corridor." 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 im-portant issue." said Mangum. We are organized in every county, and feel that a favorable vote is vital to continued progress in every co-

unty. 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.

SR 1509, 0.20; SR 1116, 3.0; "Road improvements made SR 1120, 2.4; SR 1577,1.3; SR possible by these funds would 1578, 0.20 and SR 1580, 0.80. mean a lot to North Carolina

#### leston, S. C. agriculture," said Mangum. **Greensboro Police Department** Seek Recruits From W.N.C.

the center.

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."

week, he cut out women fourth week, he cut out drinking. The fifth week, he cut out paper dolls.

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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."

-J-Harry "Cuz" Bagley allowed this week that he received a bill from Providence Hos-

pital for \$250,000. Undoubtedly a secretarygraphical err-or", 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. -1-

Sign in an antique shop win-dow: "There's no present like the past." -J-

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.

-J-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." -J-

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 ref-erence 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.

A novel way of finding places to sit at the table created much Door prizes were given to

The Murphy City Adminis-trative unit of the North Car-

olina Education Association

enjoyed a covered dish dinner

at

bers.

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the lucky number drawn for a lady and a man. The next meeting will be a business meeting to be held in October.

On September 8, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minor entertained with a tea at their home on Ranger Road honoring the new high school teachers. The tea table was beautifully decorated with pink snapdragons as a center piece.

Mrs. Velma Burch and Mrs. Patsy Hendrix assisted Mrs. Minor in serving.

## **Electrical Classes** To Begin Sept. 21

Electrical classes will small fee to pay for text books begin Tuesday night, Sep- and any other instructional tember 21, at 6:30 o'clock. materials. The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday nights over, or a high school grad-for ten weeks, and the hours uate, will be eligible to enroll. will be from 6:30 to 9:00 each night. The first three or four meetings will be at the Murphy High School building. The only cost to residents

of North Carolina will be a pector.

Lt. G. A. Seay, a former homicide detective and veteran of 13 years in the police ice officials in next week's profession. western North Carolina recruiting drive and applicants

Patrolmen in Greensboro start at \$400 a month for a 42-hour week and may advance to \$513 a month while still in the patrolman grade. In addition they are eligible Any person age eighteen and for promotion to sergeant after four years and begin drawing longevity pay after five

> that program. age earn \$328 a month, those 19 earn \$345 and those 20 earn

#### ployment Security Commi-Farm Meeting ssion is cooperating with pol-

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

A cadet program in the de-This will mark the second appearance of the cabinet offipartment is open to high school cial before members of the graduates interested in policing who have not reached their Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the Carolinas 21st birthday, and the police Cotton Growers Association. team visiting here next week He spoke previously in 1961, will interview candidates for his first year as a member Cadets who are 18 years of of the Kennedy cabinet.

> G. D. Arndt, Raleigh, gen-eral manager of the two farm organizations, expressed himself as being highly pleasexpressed ed that the Secretary saw fit to accept the invitation for a return visit.

"We are highly honored," he said, "to have this distin-guished 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 of 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.

FCX nominees for three" year terms to represent their districts are Lambert Lewis, Pembroke, now serving as president of FCX: Rupert Rhodes, Walterboro, S. C., al-so a member of the boards William G. Greenlee, Marion, and H. P. Jenkins, Pinetops.

# Water Is Area's Most Abundant Resources

(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,

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 abuant resources according to a report on the area's resources recently issued by the Upper Hiawassee Watershed Development Association and TVA.

Towns and Fannin in Georgia.)

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 streams tributary to the main rivers are not regulated, and streamflows are low in the late summer and fall months. Little knowledge of low-flow situations on the unguaged small streams is available at present.

Ground water is an important source of supply. About half of the water systems in the area are supplied from ground-water sources, which are also the most common sources of water for the rural population, the report notes. The flood situation along the

lower Hiwassee River was improved with the closure of Hiwassee Dam in 1940. Along the Upper Hiwassee River, closure of Nottely and Chatuge Dams in 1942 provided storage for flood control. Despite the degree of flood protection provided by the dams, certain urban areas are still subject to flooding, among them Murphy and Andrews, N. C., and McCaysville, Ga. Although most of the larger floods occur during the winter months when there are no growing crops, there can be heavy damage to rural areas. Roads, bridges, farm buildings, and fences often are damaged or des-

troyed. Top soil is washed away, and large deposits of sand, gravel, and river rock are left by the receding waters.

Water use in the 5-county area is small when compared with the supply. Only 3,700 acre-feet is withdrawn each year from the 2.3 million acre-feet available. Of the 3, 700 acre-feet withdrawn, 1,000 acre-feet is used up and never returned to ground water sources or surface streams. Per capita use of about 125 gallons per day is slightly below national per capita use of 150 gallons per day.

Pollution is not a serious problem in the area. Most of the communities have recently constructed waste treatment facilities or have them in the planning stage. No significant industrial wastes are discharged to surface streams. In fact, the report states, most water-using industries dis-charge directly to municipal systems.

Any future increases in population or expansions in industry will increase the pollution loads of the streams. The smaller streams of the area, because of poorly sustained

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 therfore 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 DevelopmentAss-ociation surveyed the local agricultural resources.

This course is sponsored by years. Tri-County Industrial Education Center and classes will be under the instruction of L. D. "Red" Schuyler, Cherokee County Electrical Ins-

The department offers both retirement and insurance plans to its 227 officers, and as members of one of North Carolina's most modern law enforcement agencies numer-

> 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 brollers.

In view of the limited amount of tillable soil, the report concludes that the future of agriculture in the upper Hiawasser Valley lies in more intensive cultivation of high-value crops and in poultry, neither of which requires large land holdings.