



Rural Renewal Program Activated, N.C. Pilot Project Now Underway

The Rural Renewal Program, the first such pilot project in the State of North Carolina and the 5th in the nation, got underway last week.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 6, 7,

and 8, John M. Lovorn, Dir. Rural Renewal Division, FHA, Washington, D. C., assisted the Rural Development Authorities in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties in getting the Pilot Program in North Carolina underway. Meeting also with the County Rural Dev. Authority Board was Marion C. Holland, Operating Loans Officer, State Office, FHA, Raleigh, N. C., Paul Laughrun, District FHA Supervisor from Asheville, Mack B. Ray, Rural Renewal Program Leader for the Tri-County Area, and County FHA Supervisor Robert D. Bruce of Cherokee and Graham Counties, and Phillip J. Howell, FHA Supervisor of Clay County.

nating chronic rural under-employment, fostering sound rural area economy, strengthening family farming and increasing the incomes of farm and other rural people.

If the Tri-County Area is to capitalize on the future tourist industry, a must is the development of good wholesome recreation that will attract people to the area and hold them for several days. This means good wholesome recreation for the entire family. The overnight tourist is important - but those who remain in the area for several days, even weeks, are really the keys to the future in tourism.

Some of the projects Rural Renewal will be vitally interested in promoting will include a complete recreation complex, including golf course, swimming, and wading areas for children, playgrounds and picnic areas, riding trails, hiking and nature trails, hunting and fishing reserves, and many others that the public will demand if we are to capture our share of the future tourist industry.

The area has a wonderful potential, especially when the Appalachian roads are finished.

"The area will need many more modern motels, good eating places, rest homes for our aged, nursing for our partially disabled and modern hospital facilities and improved schools if we hope to bring new people to our area on a permanent basis", Mack B. Ray, Rural Renewal Program Leader, said.

"As we move forward in Rural Renewal, we anticipate many problems. With proper motivation by all, we can overcome many of our common problems, especially with good team work, and corporation we can move forward and offer our boys and girls of today a better tomorrow, and hope they will remain in the area as our future leaders," Mr. Ray concluded.

Rural Authority Board Members for the Tri-County Area are:

Cherokee County: John Gill, Chairman; Joseph El Khouri, Vice Chairman; Merle Davis, Secretary; H. E. Dickey, Member; J. Wiley S. Davis, Member.

Clay County: Tom Day, Chairman; Wallace Crawford, Vice Chairman; James Armstrong, Secretary; W. G. Mings, Treasurer; Robert Alexander, Member.

Graham County: Tom Carpenter, Chairman; J. B. Collins, Mrs. Oleta Wilson; Boyd Crisp.

The Rural Renewal Office is located in Murphy adjacent to the County FHA Office. Suggestions on plans and proper steps to overcome area problems will be appreciated.

County leaders along with Rural Renewal Authority Board Members were very enthusiastic about the Pilot Project, officially started in the Tri-County Area in late September, 1965. In each county some live projects are now shaping up and options for land purchases should soon be taken.

According to Mr. Lovorn, Rural homesites appear to be one of the immediate needs of the tri-county area due to the housing shortage. It is anticipated the authority in each county will purchase land, provide funds for complete development including home construction, water, sewage, streets or roads where needed. In order to encourage low income families to purchase homes in the Development Area, prices will be kept within their ability to repay. It is hoped that modern homes can be constructed that will meet the needs of low income families, those with larger families, and also those with modest incomes, as with other Farmers Home Administration Program families able to get needed credit on terms they can reasonably meet for the area.

County Commissioners of the Tri-County Area have been very interested in getting the Rural Renewal Program underway. County TAP (Technical Action Panel) members have actively supported the new program. County Extension Chairmen in the Tri-County Area have given valuable assistance in the new program. Mr. Kenneth Perry, Extension Chairman of Graham County, Mr. Jack Early, Extension Chairman, Cherokee County, and Prentice England, Extension Chairman for Clay County, along with their staff members have been very instrumental in activating Rural Renewal in their respective counties. The County Planning Board with the County Overall Economic Development Plan have been helpful in pin-pointing the major problems of the tri-county area.

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Quarter-Century Club Welcomes New Members

BRYSON CITY - The Quarter-Century Club of Carolina Wood Turning Company welcomed several new members at a Christmas dinner Monday evening at the Frymont Inn. M. H. Clarke, President of the Company, presented service pins to Claude Patterson for thirty years of continuous service to the Company, and twenty-five year service pins to Grady Medford, Floyd Cochran and Roy Payne.

Christmas dinner is an annual affair of the CWT Quarter-Century Club honoring new members and the entire management staff along with all office employees, their wives and husbands attended this event.

Members of the Quarter-Century Club are Horace Wiggins, Red Medford, Kenneth Massey, Earl Ollis, Henry Grant, Kermit Marcus, Carroll Wright, Commodore Casada, Claude Patterson, Roy Payne, Floyd Cochran and Grady Medford.



Harshaw Chapel

Murphy Garden Club Puts Harshaw Restoration Fund Over The Top

MURPHY - A gift of \$260.00 from the Murphy Garden Club to the Archibald D. Murphey Chapter of DAR, put the initial Harshaw Restoration Fund over the top enabling the chapter to meet the Richardson Challenge Grant requirements.

To meet the Richardson Challenge Grant requirements,

the DAR was required to raise \$2,000 locally in order to receive a \$1,000 grant through the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh. The DAR will be allowed to re-apply for an additional grant and possible receive another \$1,000 in 1967.

The Murphy Garden Club raised \$260 Dec. 4 holding a

Bazaar, selling cakes, cookies as well as Christmas decoration articles. The club turned the complete proceeds from the sale over to the DAR.

"This is only the beginning," Mrs. Jerry Davidson, President of the local DAR chapter said, "this first \$3,000 will be used to restore the belfry of the chapel and install a new roof. We still have a long way to go."

Future plans call for a museum which will attract tourists as Zeb Vance Restoration in Asheville does.

The \$260 gift by the Murphy Garden Club was accompanied by the following letter:

"It is with great pride that we, as a civic group, present the enclosed check to go into the Harshaw Chapel Restoration Fund. Our club voted to devote the entire proceeds from their Christmas bazaar."

"We are pleased that we can help, and it gives us a rather warm feeling of accomplishment, knowing that we can help in such a substantial manner. Every member of the club wishes you great success in the project and sends their warmest wishes."

Additional contributions have been received from: Mr. Gustavo Corder, Mrs. Fannie Fain Butt, Mrs. Maurine Fain Bryant, Mrs. Willard Axley, McKeever & Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickey, Mrs. Charles A. Brown, Mr. Henry Hyatt, Mrs. Winifred Townsend Wells, Mr. J. H. Duncan, Mr. Frank Mauney, Mrs. J. H. Wilson Sr., Mrs. Paul Hill, Mrs. Walter Coleman, Mrs. John Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, Mr. Harry Webb Mattox, Mrs. Ellen Cooper Axley Eich, Murphy Business & Professional Women Mrs. Creek Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lee Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warner, Jr.

Folk School Slates Annual Christmas Dance

The annual Christmas Dance Party will be held at the Folk School, Monday night, December 20th at 8:00 o'clock.

This year there will be two special treats: Philip Merrill of New York who is director of music of the Country Dance Society of America and who has been at the Folk School for twenty-six summers, will be with us for the first time for our Christmas Party.

All who have danced to Philip's music know what a treat it is in store. He will also play for the carol singing.

Then, another first - a Mummer's Play will be given, directed by Lynn Gault, and the leading part--the Fool--will be played by Lynn.

There will be a minimum charge of 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. Refreshments will be served during the evening. All ages are cordially invited.

CORRECTION

In last week's special 36-page edition saluting Andrews Furniture Industries, Inc., The Scout omitted four names from the roll of members belonging to the Andrews Development Corporation. The error was made in the double truck ad of Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Andrews. The management of The Cherokee Scout regrets this error and is happy to re-run the statement by Mayor Percy B. Ferebee.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the stockholders of Andrews Development Corporation for the untiring effort they put forth in the 2 1/4 years that was spent in locating this splendid industry in Andrews. The following are the stockholders of the Andrews Development Corporation who never faltered when called upon for any service in the effort to locate Andrews Furniture Industries, Inc. in this area: S. J. Gernert; R. E. Heaton; Lee B. Nichols, Jr.; John H. Christy; William J. Carter; William D. Whitaker; T. Jeff Brooks; Joseph El Khouri; Ty W. Burnette; Capt. F. W. Swan; Grady A. Garrett; Norman Hartman; W. C. Gray; L. L. Love; Sam W. Jones; J. Wayne Battle; John E. Boring; Joseph Parker; Dr. F. E. Blalock; James B. Ferebee II, Mark Elliott; Ted Smiley; Rev. Del Holmes; Percy Ferebee. We also want to recognize the splendid cooperation of the Town of Andrews and Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County."

Window Breaking Spree Lands Clay Youth In Jail

MURPHY - A Clay County youth went on a window breaking spree here around 1:00 a.m., Saturday, breaking out 14 plate glass windows in ten different Murphy business establishments.

Charged with malicious damage to realty on ten different warrants is Henry McDowell, 18, of Hayesville.

McDowell broke the windows by throwing bricks taken from the burned out building formerly occupied by Lloyd's Radio & TV.

A citizen witnessed the window breaking and notified the police. Officers Wayne Wilson and Charles Brickey arrested McDowell a few minutes later at the Mulkey Coal yard where he had crawled under a building.

The youth told police that he had been to Tennessee with some other boys and had had a fight. On returning to Murphy, McDowell said that he went to see a girl. Unable to see her he came downtown and began breaking windows. McDowell is being held in

Cherokee County jail in default of \$4,000 bond.

Windows were broken in the following business establishments: the vacated Peoples Cafe building; Gibbs Home & Auto; Dickey Chevrolet; Carroll's Taxi Stand; Burch Motors; Deluxe Cleaners; Hughes Electric Shop; The Fabric Shop, and the Tar-Heel Restaurant.

Postal Clerk Charged In Embezzlement

A 41-year-old postal clerk who has spent 17 years in the Murphy post office was arrested Friday by a federal officer and charged with embezzling money from the office.

Jack D. Crawford was charged in three warrants issued by U. S. Commissioner J. L. Chambers in Charlotte. Deputy U. S. Marshal Hugh Stevens, accompanied by Postal Inspectors Jack Forbes and Ed Shively, arrested Crawford on a Murphy street. He was brought before U. S. Commissioner Lawrence C. Stoker here and waived preliminary examination.

He was placed in the Federal section of Buncombe County jail in default of \$15,000 bond for trial at the May term of U. S. District Court in Bryson City.

Crawford has been released under the \$15,000 bond.

Stevens said Crawford was charged in three warrants signed by Forbes.

One warrant charges him with embezzling \$978; the others charge him with embezzling unspecified funds from two C. O. D. packages. The embezzlements are alleged to have taken place from September through November of this year.

Crawford worked as a parcel post and C. O. D. clerk, Stevens said.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have just received a copy of your December 9 edition of the Cherokee Scout and I could not pass up the opportunity of dropping you a note to congratulate you on this fine edition. I think this is one of the finest that I have ever seen published by a weekly newspaper. Your ad composition and reproduction exceeds anything that I have ever seen produced by a newspaper of this size. As a matter of fact, I do not remember seeing this fine a job in larger papers.

If by chance you have an extra copy of this edition, I would very much appreciate receiving one. I have a daily newspaper which we represent which has just converted to off-set, and I would like very much to take this to them as an example for them to follow. Sincerely and best regards, Bob Turner

Rotarians To Sponsor Christmas Tree Sale

MURPHY - The Murphy Rotary Club will have a Christmas Tree Sale on the square in Murphy, Saturday, December 18.

The trees come from the John C. Campbell Folk School and are of good quality. Proceeds from this Christmas Tree Sale will go to help some needy family during Christmas.



Scout Photo by Red Schuyler

JACKIE WAYMAN (L) was voted best Back at Murphy High and Haskell Roberson (R) received the Lineman of the Year award. Luke Rushton, basketball coach at Young Harris College, presented the trophies.

Best Back, Best Lineman

The Murphy Quarterback Club honored the Murphy High School varsity and Jr. Varsity Football teams, the Cheerleaders and their dates with their annual banquet Saturday night at the Murphy Elementary School Luncheon.

Along with the young people present were members of the Quarterback club and their wives as well as other invited guests.

Each year at the end of the season, the Quarterback Club awards a trophy to the outstanding lineman and the outstanding back. This year, the two recipients of these awards were chosen by their team members as well as the Quarterback Club members.

Luke Rushton, Young Harris College Basketball Coach, was the guest speaker for this year's event and also made the presentations of the trophies.

Haskell Roberson received the trophy for the best Lineman of the year and Jackie Wayman received the Back-field award.

Coach Rushton in this writer's opinion made one of the most inspiring talks heard in a long time. Even though the talk was aimed at the young people, it also sent a message home to the parents that were in attendance.

Coach Rushton, stressed that the boys and girls of today are not taking full advantage of the opportunity to develop

their bodies and minds as they should be. That whenever things did not go to suit their tastes they were prone to place the responsibility on someone else.

In some instances perhaps that was true in regards to the parents attitude. Coach Rushton cited one instance where one of his "boys" has become somewhat disillusioned and had decided to drop out of school. After trying to show the disillusioned boy that he was making a mistake and should remain in school, he asked the boy what his parents would think about his decision. His reply was, "they don't care".

Scoutlets

R.R. Carryl from Rt. 1, Murphy scolded us last week for not having a chair for him to sit in while he waited to see us. "Almost everywhere I go," says Dick, "they say 'take a chair', and I do. Now I've got the darndest collection of chairs you've ever seen." (Note: Guess it's better that we don't have any.)

Most everyone knows Jo Jo Moody, the Scouts ace subscription saleslady in Murphy but I betcha didn't know that she is quite a football fan to boot. There's been a little football contest on the side at the Scout office each week to see who among the employees could pick the most winners. Well I'm here to tell you that Jo Jo has won 5 out of 10 times, putting us all to shame.

We spotted this nifty on a suitcase in the back of a car parked downtown. A printed sign on the valise read, "This belongs to a shoe salesman. It contains nothing of value to anyone except a shoe salesman. Every shoe in it is for only one foot."

The doctor told a friend of ours that he needed exercise and should play at least 18 holes a day. So my friend bought a harmonica.

A tip of our Scoutlet hat goes to several this week. A hearty THANKS to Charlie Johnson and his town crew, to W. D. Townson and John Carringer who supplied the transportation to go get the tree and to former Murphy resident and ex-Jaycee, Helton Carmichael who cut the tree down over in Burnsville and gave it to the Murphy Jaycees.

Several Scoutlets have been written concerning ballroom dancing lessons in Murphy. Well, everything seems quite successful. Miss Jeanette Evans, instructor for the course, reported this week that four classes have been set up and will get underway Friday, January 7. The course will consist of five - two hour classes, meeting once each week. Classes are set up for Friday and Saturday nights, and instruction will be from 6:00 to 8:00 and 8:00 to 10:00 each night. Miss Evans said that the classes are filling up fast and that she will only be able to take 15 more couples on a first come, first serve basis. If you're interested, better call 837-5122 now and get your name on the list.

Nelle June Reid of Andrews, already caught up in the true spirit of Christmas sends us the following lines of verse.

Christmas bells so sweetly chime,
Carols fill the air,
As once more they proclaim
The glad tidings everywhere
And the angels lift their voices,
Christ is born-the world rejoices.

Little childrens eyes are sparkling,
Shouts of laughter, dancing feet,
Ah, the beauty of the season,
Christians giving Christmas treats
There's a feeling of goodwill
On Christmas eve so still.

Once again I see the manger
Where the little Christ Child lay,
Born in humbleness and meekness,
For there was no room
Have you room in your own heart,
For the Christ who won't despair?

Mr. T. S. White of Shreveport, Louisiana writes that he collects old Bibles and gives them to people who cannot afford to buy one. If you have several and would like to send Mr. White a Bible his address is 1719 Buckner Street, Shreveport, La.

