

La Rue Cook Named Scout Studio Manager Davis Is New Patrolman



La Rue Cook Studio Manager

MURPHY - La Rue Cook has been named manager of the Scout Studio and Staff News Photographer for the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress...

Window Breaker Gets 7 Months

A Clay County youth, appearing in Recorder's Court, Monday, January 3, was sentenced to serve seven months in jail and assume the work under the supervision of the state prison department for breaking out plate glass windows in ten business establishments in downtown Murphy, December 11.

Henry McDowell, 18, of Hayesville, was charged with malicious damage to realty on ten different occasions. He was sentenced to serve six months for the window breaking and thirty days for resisting arrest.

School Bells To Ring For Adults

Beginning Monday, January 10, school bells will ring in Cherokee, Clay and Graham for adult education classes, Holland McSwain, Director of the Tri-County Industrial School, announced today.

The general public school education courses for adults, age eighteen and over, will be offered in the following communities in the three counties:

CHEROKEE COUNTY - Hiwassee Dam School, Ranger School, Martins Creek School, Peachtree School, White Church School, Murphy Elementary School, Tomolia Community Building, Marble School, Andrews School, and Unaka Elementary School.

CLAY COUNTY - El School, Oden School, Shooting Creek School, and Hayesville School.

GRAHAM COUNTY - Robbinsville School, Stecoah School, and Mountain View School.

All adults age eighteen and over who are interested in studying English, including reading and writing, history, arithmetic, or science, should notify the principal of the school in the community in which he lives. This should be done during the first week in January 1966.

The proposed classes will meet two nights each week, three hours each night for ten weeks. The number of adults enrolling will determine whether or not these courses will be offered in the different communities.

There is no cost for the instruction or the text books.

No Baby Yet, Contest Still Running

The first baby of 1966 contest thus far has not produced a winner. Several babies have been born in Cherokee County hospitals since the new year began, but the parents are not residents of Cherokee County as stipulated in the rules.

Local merchants sponsoring the annual contest are still waiting to shower some Cherokee County couple with presents. Participating merchants and gifts to be awarded are: Jabaley's of Murphy, one dozen Diapers; Mauney Drug

Fred Davis, who has been in charge of the newspaper's studio and news photography for the past three and a half years, has taken a position with the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

The new Scout Studio manager is a native of Lenoir, N.C. His photography career began in 1964 when he joined the staff of B. & B. Studios in Spartanburg, N.C., immediately after graduation from Fossil High School.

He is married to the former Miss Sandra Cary of Gaffney, S.C. They have no children and are members of the First Methodist Church in Spartanburg.

Mr. Davis assumed his duties with the N.C. Highway Patrol, Tuesday, January 4. He will serve as clerk in the Bryson City office for the next three months and then attend Highway Patrol School at Chapel Hill, N.C.

Prior to his duties as Scout Staff Photographer, Mr. Davis attended Andrews High School and was graduated from Murphy High School in 1962. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Davis of Marble and is married to the former Miss Joyce Herdree of Murphy.

During his career at B. & B. Studios, Mr. Cook attended photography schools in South Carolina, studying Portrait Photography, Lightning Techniques, and Press Photography.

Mr. Owens said, "Mr. Cook is a true county man with a keen interest in photography. At the age of 21, he is considered a professional by his colleagues at B. & B. Studios. We are very fortunate to have him on our staff." Harry White, Manager of B. & B. Studios, stated that La Rue is known throughout the state of North Carolina for his sports and news photography.

Mr. Cook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fox Cook of Fossil, N.C.



Fred Davis New Patrolman



Fire Strikes Twice, House Destroyed

Two fires in the city limits of Murphy Monday afternoon completely destroyed the home and contents of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kaniser. The Murphy volunteer fire department answered the call and almost had the fire out to leave out of water carried by the truck. It is using the entire load of hose on one truck plus two feet of hose on the second truck, the firemen strain out 120 feet of hose from the second truck. During this time, the fire again caught and was soon extinguished.

Asheville Social Security Office To Open Saturdays

The Asheville Social Security Office will be open to the public every Saturday morning during the first three months of 1966. Douglas Butler, Social Security Field Representative in this area announced today.

The special Saturday morning office hours have been arranged to meet the needs of the many people who have been unable to see the local Social Security representative in the past because of inability to get off the city or to get transportation during a weekday.

The Asheville hours, Monday through Friday, are from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The new Saturday hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from Saturday, January 8, through Saturday, March 26.

People who may be eligible for benefits for 1965 - and this may include those who have not yet retired, as well as retired or semi-retired people - should contact the local Social Security representative when he visits this area in January to insure that no 1965 benefits are lost.

Those who are 65 years of age or over and have not signed up for Medicare should do so immediately. Even if such a person has never worked at all, or is still employed full time, a claim for Medicare can and should be filed now, since to delay filing until the March deadline could mean that some applications may not be taken in time because of the expected very heavy workload in March.

Butler states that the Asheville office will be fully staffed on Saturdays as well as on week days in order to provide full service to the public. He urges everyone to take full advantage of the special hours now and this not be subject to a possible long wait for assistance during the expected March rush of applicants. He stresses, however, the fact that there will be no reduction in the service provided in this area for those who find it possible to meet the local representative on his days here.

Federal Grant Creates Jobs

A \$104,048 Federal grant announced Dec. 22 to expand the War on Poverty in four Western North Carolina counties is already creating new job opportunities.

The grant was awarded to Four-Square Community Action, Inc., a nonprofit organization which will coordinate anti-poverty programs in Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties.

Charles W. Edwards, Jr. announces today that applications are now being taken to fill 13 positions in the Four-Square program in the county area.

Positions and salaries are as follows: program Director, \$930 monthly; Secretary-Bookkeeper, \$375 to \$425 monthly; 4 Community Organizers, \$8,500 year; Director for Physical and Mental Fitness Project, \$300 to \$400 monthly; and a Horticulture Specialist, \$8,500 year.

Applications can be made at the Employment Security Commission Office.

Davis Joins Alcoa Cherokee Co. Native Promoted By Nantahala



James R. Suit



John H. Davis

FRANKLIN - John H. Davis of Franklin, Assistant Chief Engineer for Nantahala Power and Light Company since 1958, has accepted a position as an engineer in the power division of the Aluminum Company of America's Warwick Operations near Evansville, Indiana.

Nantahala Vice President William T. Walker announced this week that James R. Suit, an electrical engineer with Nantahala since 1958, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Davis as the power company's Assistant Chief Engineer.

Mr. Walker also announced that Kenyon E. Hyde of Franklin, who has previous experience with the company, has been re-employed as Survey Chief of Party. All three personnel changes were effective January 1, Mr. Walker said.

A native of Andrews and a graduate of Andrews High School, Mr. Davis was first employed by Nantahala in June of 1950 following his graduation from N. C. State University with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree. He had served with the U. S. Army in 1945 and 1946, and was recalled to duty in the Korean War, in April of 1951. He returned to work for Nantahala in March of 1952 following his discharge from the Army as a 1st Lieutenant.

During his residence in Franklin, Mr. Davis was a member of the Lions Club, a Club Scoutmaster, a Lay Reader, and Vestryman of St. Agnes Episcopal Church, and a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. He was a member and served on the Board of Directors of the WNC Subsection of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Mrs. Davis, the former Miss Dorothy Ziebler of Niles, N.J., and their three children, Glen, 13, Ellen, 11, and Mark, 7, will join Mr. Davis at their new home in Newburgh, Ind. later this month.

Mr. Suit is a native of Cherokee County and a graduate of Murphy High School. He was employed as an electrician and an electrical contractor in Wheeling, West Virginia from 1935 to 1942. In 1942 he joined the U. S. Air Force and served as a flying officer, piloting a B-26 with the 14th Air Force in China until his discharge in 1948. He entered Duke University in 1949 and graduated in 1953 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. Following his graduation, he was employed by Tapco, Inc. as Power Division Resident Engineer. He kept this position with Tapco for three years, and spent two years supervising the electrical installation at Chilhowee Dam near Marysville, Tennessee before joining Nantahala in 1958.

He is married to the former Miss Elia Allen of Cherokee County, and the couple has two children, Curtis, 17, and Debbi, 15. Mr. Suit is a member of I. O. O. F., Scoutmaster of Franklin Troop 221, and a Ruling Elder of Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hyde, a native of Swain County, was first employed by Nantahala in 1929, and worked on various assignments intermittently as a member of the survey party until 1940. From 1940 to 1952 he served as Survey Chief of Party for Alcoa at Alcoa, Tennessee. From 1952 until 1955 he was engaged in private survey work, and from 1955 until 1958 he was employed by Tapco, Inc. as Survey Chief of Party. Following his employment with Tapco, he returned to private survey work until his re-employment by Nantahala. He has lived in Franklin since 1952 and is married to the former Miss Mary Alice Bumgarner of Jackson County.

Buckner Named 'Man Of Year'

Everett O. Buckner, of Asheville, has been named "Man of the Year" for 1965 by the Asheville Agency of The Fidelity-Boone Life Insurance Company and The Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc.

Mr. Buckner has been associated with the two Worcester, Mass., insurance companies since 1958. Active in local Masonic affairs, he is also a member of the Life Underwriters Association and the Trinity Episcopal Church.

According to Albert H. Guisler, General Agent of the Asheville Agency, Mr. Buckner was chosen for this honor on the basis of his outstanding overall sales and service performance during the past 12 months. Mr. Buckner was presented with a special citation certificate at a meeting of the Asheville Agency.

Inspection Stations Announced

All vehicles licensed in the State of North Carolina will have to be inspected sometime during 1966. A complete schedule of these inspections will be found along with your license renewal card. You are not obligated to have your necessary repairs made at any inspection station. Your repairs can be made at any garage you prefer.

The list of Inspection Stations appointed thus far are: Burch Motors, Townson Auto Company, E. C. Moore Company, and Elliott's Garage. Others may be appointed at a later date.

Leatherwood Announces Judgeship Candidacy

ROBERT L. LEATHERWOOD, III, Attorney at Law of Bryson City, North Carolina, has formally announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination at the coming May Primary for one of the District Judgeships newly created for the North Carolina District.

He said that he is making this announcement at this time due to the fact that his many friends and the District have been actively urging him to announce that he is a candidate for one of the District Judgeships and is seeking the Democratic nomination.

Mr. Leatherwood is a former Legislator from Swain County. While serving in the House of Representatives he became well known for his outstanding interest in Western North Carolina and its people. He was a very active member of the Public Utilities Committee and helped to re-write and completely revise the Public Utilities Laws of North Carolina. He was also Chairman of the Institutions for the Blind's committee and received a citation for his progressive active support on their behalf.

Mr. Leatherwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leatherwood of Bryson City. His grandparents were residents of Cherokee County before moving to Haywood County in 1880.

After graduating from Swain County High School, Mr. Leatherwood entered the military service. As a member of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, he served as a Paratrooper in Italy and later participated in the invasion of France.

After being wounded in action in France, he entered Wake Forest College, graduating in 1949, with a B.S. in Political Science. While doing his undergraduate study, he was a member of the Veterans Club, Fire-Law Society, Young Democratic Club and member of the Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity.

After receiving his degree from Wake Forest College, he entered Wake Forest School of Law, receiving his L.L.B. degree in Law in 1951. He was admitted to the Bar and has been actively engaged in the practice of Law in Swain County since 1952.

Mr. Leatherwood is an active civic and political leader. He has served as President of the Swain County Chamber of Commerce and is now serving his 6th Term as Secretary of the Swain County Democratic Executive Committee. He has also been President and Vice-President of the 30th Judicial District Bar and is a member of the Swain County and North Carolina State Bar. He is now County Attorney for Swain County. He is also a member of the Executive County Hospital, which is undertaking a campaign to ex-

12 Escape School Bus Accident

A school bus, carrying twelve high school students, overturned on the Blackwell Gap Road, four and one half miles north of Murphy about 8:30, Tuesday morning. The driver alerted the students that the bus was going to overturn and no one was injured.

State Trooper E. N. Hooper said the driver, David Roberts, a student, stated that he took one hand from the wheel to change gears and the right wheels of the bus dropped onto the shoulder of the road.

In an effort to get the bus back on the road, Roberts brought the vehicle to a complete stop. The bus started to lean to the right and Roberts yelled to the students to hang on.

The bus overturned down a 15-foot embankment and landed on its top. No charges were filed against the driver at press time.

Pastors To Meet

The Western North Carolina Pastors' Conference will be held Monday, January 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, Waynesville, N. C.

Change Should Be Made By The People, Not By Federal Coercion

By: Leslie Vann

January 10th opens a special session of the North Carolina State Legislature to reappoint our districts. Apparently, opposition to the Supreme Court's decision has diminished and legislators are now predicting a swift reappointment. All of us like to see government conducted fairly and it is the duty of state governments to see that all are represented. But the Supreme Court has overstepped its bounds in ruling that both houses must be apportioned on the basis of population. The right of states to constitute and apportion their own legislatures is clearly granted in the Constitution and there is no implication that both houses must be based on population. The Supreme Court derived its decision from Article XIV, Section 1, which in the last sentence states, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges of citizens of the United States, nor deprive any person of life, limb, or property without the due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

This section is clearly referring to the due process of common law, not to the structural form of state government. The United States government has one house representing population and one representing region. Using the Supreme Court's interpretation of Article XIV, it may be said that any state, by being a member of the United States, deprives its citizens of the equal protection of the laws.