

American Thread's Cherokee Plant Progressing On Schedule At Marble

Construction of the American Thread Company's Cherokee Plant is proceeding according to schedule, the Scout learned

today from C. S. Johnson, General Manager of the company's Southern Plants.

Ground was broken for the

new plant early this month and the site is currently being prepared for the start of construction.

Several people from the Marble area are now being trained at the company's Sylva plant in Rosman, N. C. to perform key technical jobs at the Cherokee Plant when it opens.

Scheduled for completion in the spring of 1967, the Cherokee Plant will be an all electric plant providing some 250,000 square feet of floor space.

Million Dollar Expansion Only First Phase Of Plan

ANDREWS - The proposed million-dollar expansion of District Memorial Hospital is hopefully only the first phase of a long-range plan for a complete hospital center, hospital administrator R. W. Pegram declared this week.

"The first phase of the expansion", Pegram asserted, "would be the addition of thirty more beds to alleviate the existing crowded condition and to facilitate an improvement in general service."

District Memorial, built under the Hill-Burton Act, is centrally located in an allocated district, and primarily serves an area comprised of Clay Co., population 5556, Cherokee Co., 16,355, and Graham County, 6,432, a total population of 28,323 (1960 census).

Since the U. S. Public Health Service regards a general average of 4.5 beds per 1,000 population as adequate, the And-

rews hospital with a complement of 31 beds is only adequate for a county the size of Graham.

Doubling the size of the present hospital, Pegram contends, will bring an increased responsibility as a hospital center to support the larger institution with qualified specialists in the various fields of medicine and surgery.

"The need is already upon us", Pegram said, "for the services of a number of specialists to supplement the present excellent hospital staff. Right now we could use qualified personnel in the fields of radiology, urology, internal medicine, gynecology, pediatrics, and eye, ear, nose and throat."

"Due to the far-sightedness of the hospital trustees in having acquired additional property," he added, "there is plenty of room for the expansion of present private clinic facilities or the addition of others."

Murphy Businessmen Name Chamber Of Commerce Board

Murphy businessmen met at the Power Board Building, Friday night, April 21, and named twelve men to serve on the Board of Directors of the newly re-organized Murphy Chamber of Commerce.

The motion was made at the meeting that the directors serve staggered terms based on the total number of votes each received. The new directors and their terms are: Jack Owens, Larry T. Black, Merle Davis, and John T. Gill, three-year terms; C. L. Alverson, Max Blakemore, Bill Hoover, and Pete McKeon, two-year terms; Wally Williams, Ben Palmer, J. Doyle Burch and Bill Gossett, one-year terms.

The newly elected directors will hold their first official

meeting Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building. All officers of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will be elected by this twelve-member board at this meeting. All board members are urged to be present.

Key Reservists Hear Navy ASW Experts

Commander Hobart L. McKeever, of Murphy returned April 23, from Norfolk, Virginia, where he heard the Navy's top antisubmarine warfare (ASW) experts in three days of briefings.

McKeever, the Commanding Officer of ASW Squadron, VV-871, NAS, Atlanta, attended the first Naval Reserve ASW symposium, 20-22 April.

Vice Admiral Charles E. Weakley, USN, who commands the Atlantic ASW Force, hosted the meeting attended by more than 300 key Naval Reserve officers. Admiral Weakley told the group that tactical and material advances have made his forces better able today than ever before to find and destroy enemy submarines.

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, told the officers that it is essential for them to keep abreast of ASW advances which affect their potential missions should mobilization be necessary. In all, 15 Admirals addressed the group on tactics, development, data analysis, and personnel matters.

The meeting was designed to update the knowledge of reserve officers who are in command positions in Naval Reserve ASW aircraft squadrons, ships, and other units which have mobilization assignments on the east coast.

Admiral Weakley's command has centralized direction of all ASW operations of the Atlantic Fleet. His wartime job would include routing and protection of convoys as well as defending the United States against submarine-launched missile attack.

Republicans To Reconvene

According to Virgil O'Dell, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party, the GOP Convention will reconvene at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7th at the County Courthouse, Murphy, N.C. for the purpose of nominating candidates for all county offices to be voted on in the general election this November.

"All other business to be transacted at this time will be taken care of," O'Dell said.



B & PW Select Carolyn Graves

Miss Carolyn Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graves of Murphy and presently a senior at Western Carolina College, was selected by the Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club to be their representative in the District I Young Career Women's Contest. She attended the District I Business and Professional Women's Club annual meeting Sunday, April 24 at Sylva.

Miss Graves has been an honor student during her three years at Western Carolina College. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Honorary Scholastic Fraternity Counselor for Freshman girls, member of the Student National Education Association, a student assistant in the English Department and is also listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Saturday Is The Day

Saturday is the day that the Murphy Jaycees and local residence have been waiting to come for almost two years.

Bob Young, Chief Engineer at WDEF - TV, Chattanooga, told Jaycee Translator Chairman, Bill Christy, Tuesday, that his crew would be atop Fain Mountain, Saturday morning to begin installation of the translator equipment for channel 12. Young said he hoped to have his station on the air sometime next week.

Mrs. Ray Named Vice President Of Citizens Bank And Trust Co.

Mrs. Mildred B. Ray of Andrews has been promoted to Vice-President and Controller of Consolidated Banks of Citizens and Trust Company.



Mildred B. Ray

Bank President W. Frank Forsyth said the promotion was given her in recognition of years of continuous and efficient service to the bank.

Mrs. Ray has been with the bank since June 16, 1930. She began as a secretary and teller and has handled the positions of Assistant Cashier and Cashier. She has worked on special assignments for the bank in Hayesville and Sylva.

The new Controller is a graduate of Andrews High School and Draughon's Business College in Knoxville. She was valedictorian of her class at Andrews. Mrs. Ray completed the mid-management course in banking at the University of North Carolina. She is a member of the National Association of Bank Women.

Allen Signs With Lees-McRae

Steve Allen has signed a football grant-in-aid with Lees-McRae College according to a statement made by head coach and Athletic Director George Litton.

The 6'1", 190 pound tackle played for the Wildcats of Andrews High School, who won 5, lost 4, and tied 1 last season.

Coach Hugh Hamilton stated: "I am very pleased that Steve is interested in playing football at LMC. Steve is an aggressive boy and I feel that he will help the team both offensively and defensively."

"We are pleased that Allen has signed with us. We feel he will be a great asset to our squad. We are always pleased to get a product of Andrews High School to join us. Coach Hamilton always does a good job with his boys and turns out some fine teams," stated Coach Litton.

Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen of Andrews.

Botanist Quits 'Hunger Strike'

Jesse C. Nicholls, Jr., 59, of Murphy ended a 27-hour hunger strike in Cherokee County jail by paying a \$12.00 court cost.

Nicholls staged the fast in protest of a traffic violation charge. Nicholls, a graduate of Cornell University is a zoological collector by occupation, a botanist by training, and a scientist at heart. He collects salamanders, salamander eggs and larvae, bats, frogs, toads and other animals needed by Universities and laboratories for research and experimentation.

Nicholls began his hunger strike following a hearing Saturday afternoon before a Justice of the Peace, Hugh Brittain. Charged by running a stop sign by Patt Miller, Nicholls was ordered to pay the cost in the case. He refused to pay the cost, contending that Miller was not in a position (on the road) to determine if a violation occurred. Brittain then sentenced him to serve 30 days at Craggy Prison Camp.

When taken to county jail to await transfer to Craggy, Nicholls announced that he was going on a hunger strike. He refused a food the remainder of Saturday and throughout the day Sunday. Sunday evening Nicholls paid the cost, stating that due to a heart condition he could not safely proceed with the hunger strike.

He was released from custody Sunday at 7:20 p.m., approximately 27 hours after his hunger strike began.

Smith Transferred To Walter Reed.

PFC Carl Smith of Brass-town who was wounded in Viet Nam on April 17, has been transferred to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith, talked to him by telephone on Sunday. They said their son was in good spirits but would be confined to Walter Reed for an indefinite period for therapy and convalescence.

Smith, 19, sustained metal fragment wounds of the head when a Claymore mine detonated while on a combat mission.

What Is It That Sells Newspapers?

(Bill Vaughan, associate editor of the Kansas City Star, but better known for his widely published column, "Senator Soaper Says," replies to a common misstatement in the following excerpt from a speech he made to the Inland Daily Press Assn.)

NO LINE OF DIALOGUE makes me more weary than one that appears in every movie or television program or novel depicting the press: "Well, that's what sells newspapers!"

It's a favorite of politicians in their relations with the press. I've been reading a book by a professor of sociology, who was discussing the system of news leakage in Washington, and he had this to say:

"Journalists, of course, were eager to listen to leaks because they made money for the paper."

Just think of all the money you made on leaks out of the

Pentagon! That's what sells newspapers?

We rather like to sell newspapers, but as a matter of balance sheets, consider this--any good newspaper spends thousands of dollars a year covering events in Africa, in the Far East, in South Africa; and interpreting the background of social, economic, and political questions in those areas, as well as in our own country. Yet, it would be hard to prove that any one of these stories sells a single newspaper.

Newspapers could be produced more cheaply of their product, if they printed only these stories which, in the standard line, are what sells newspapers. They might even sell more newspapers but by and large the newspapers which have tried it have found that any advantages are brief in nature.

If stories that deal with the real issues of concern to people

are not what sell newspapers, in the same sense of having them snatched off the newsstands, they are the kind that build a newspaper over the years, that create a relationship of trust between a newspaper and its readers.

Articles about schools and bond issues and sewers and parks aren't reflected in any day-to-day variation in circulation, but they have a cumulative effect in establishing a newspaper as a factor which is intimately and thoughtfully involved in the affairs of its community.

There are other businesses, of course, which have found that integrity, and quality will, over the long haul, outsell the shoddy product.

But in another regard, I think the newspaper is unique among businesses. It must, as a matter of course and of deliberate policy, believe that the customer is not always right.

Andrews Furniture Employees To Vote On Union In May

At an informal hearing held by the National Labor Relations Board in Andrews on Tuesday morning, April 26, representatives of the NLRB, The Andrews Furniture Industries, and The International Woodworkers of America agreed to the date and terms of a representation election for the employees of AFL.

As agreed, the election will be held on Friday, May 20, from 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at AFL plant.

Following the hearing, Mr. Lewis Reed, AFL Plant Manager stated, "I am very pleased to announce that our company has attained its objective in this

matter. Through today's agreement, we have managed to guarantee all of our employees a right to express their desires in a free secret ballot election.

This has been an objective since we first learned that a union wanted recognition. Such a secret ballot election is the only fair and democratic way to truly determine if our people want a union or not. These elections are supervised by the NLRB, an agency of the Federal Government, and our employees are assured that however they vote, their choice will be completely secret."

"I have a great deal of confidence in our people. I know they recognize that in the short time the plant has been in operation, we have made a great deal of progress in licking the many problems that face any new operation. Probably the greatest single area of such progress has been in the field of wages and benefits, which are comparable to the best standards in the industry or the area.

"I feel certain that on election day, our employees will endorse these progressive policies."

Dedication Ceremonies, Open House Slated At Andrews Plant

Official dedication ceremonies for the Magnavox Company's new Andrews Furniture Industries Plant at Andrews, North Carolina, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7th at the plant site. The ceremonies will be followed by an Open House to which the public is invited. Local and State Officials and a representative of the Area Redevelopment Administration are expected to take part in the dedication.

Immediately following the dedication ceremonies, the public is invited to tour the plant and meet the Magnavox Personnel and their families. There will be souvenirs for adults and children and refreshments will be served.

Head Start Plans Revealed

Tom Day, President of Four-Square Community Action, Inc. has revealed plans for the 1966 Project Head Start in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties.

Day said proposal has been received favorably at Head Start Headquarters in Washington but final approval has not yet been received.

The program will be conducted in 14 centers throughout the four-county area beginning on June 27 and will continue five days a week until August 5.

Crowe Enters Sheriff's Race

Crowe has been engaged in farming and timber cutting and has been affiliated with Commonwealth Lumber Corporation for the past twenty-two years. He was born in Cherokee County and has lived here all his life.

Ernest Crowe this week tossed his hat in the ring for the nomination for Sheriff of Cherokee County in the forthcoming Democratic Primary.

He is married to the former Hazel Frady and they have two daughters, Mrs. Janice Crowe Bates and Geraldine Crowe, who is a senior at Murphy High School.

Crowe lives on Route #2 in the Culberson section of Cherokee County and is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church. This will be the first time that he has sought a political office.

Lewis O. Reed, Manager of the Andrews Furniture Industries Operation, commented, "We've got a going operation now, with excellent people and the finest equipment available anywhere, and we're proud of what we've accomplished. We hope that when the people of Andrews and the surrounding area come to our open house and see what's been done, they will be proud too."

"It's always a tough job to get a new plant off the ground, and this one has been no exception. But we've been fortunate in gathering together a fine group of people who recognize that it takes time and hard work

to build anything worthwhile. We've made fine progress already, but we still have a long way to go."

The Andrews Plant is the newest in Manganox's widespread operations. The Company also has facilities in: Fort Wayne, Indiana; Urbana, Ill.; Bryson City, N. C.; Tourance, Calif.; London, England; Ilora, Mississippi; Lenoir North Carolina and Greenville, McFris-town, Jefferson City and Johnson City in Tennessee.

International Platform Assn. Elects Brumby

The Board of Governors of the International Platform Association wish to announce the election of Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, State Representative from Cherokee County to its membership.

The 63-year-old International Platform Association is an organization of distinguished and dedicated persons from all over the world. For over half a century its members have been instrumental in bettering the quality of the American platform particularly as it relates to the field of school assembly programs available to children.

Originally brought into existence by Mark Twain, William Jennings Bryan, President William Howard Taft, Governor Paul Pearson and other orators and celebrities of the Platform, its distinguished members, living or dead, include Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. Also in its membership are many of the celebrities of the news and entertainment media, the press, TV, radio and the theatre.

EDITORIAL:

Already The Drive Has Started; Your Help Is Needed For Success

The head line above states that a drive has started so don't stop reading now that we're telling you it's a fund raising drive. We realize that many organizations raise funds locally and we never question their importance. However we do want to impress upon you the importance of this particular drive. The Cherokee County Chapter of the American Red Cross drive.

In 1963 Murphy almost lost the services of the Red Cross which include the Blood Mobile and Home Services but local citizens came to the rescue with their time and money.

In 1964, enough money was raised to keep the Bloodmobile and pay a little on our other obligations. We began slipping in 1965, had no Red Cross Fund Drive at all, and now we're far behind.

In fact \$2,400 behind! That's a lot of money, you say, and you're right but if these funds are not raised we stand to lose the Bloodmobile, Home Service and the entire Cherokee County Red Cross program. Many people do not realize that we, as a community, are really getting our money's worth from our Red Cross program.

Let's look at one aspect, the Bloodmobile. During the past 9 months over 140 pints of blood have been administered, at no cost for the blood itself, to local residents.

If this blood had been paid for at the going rate of \$26.00 a pint, the amount of money spent by local residents would have amounted to over \$3,500. This is for only nine months, so we are really getting more than our money's worth from the Bloodmobile itself.

We don't want to see Murphy lose the Red Cross Chapter and with the cooperation of us all to raise this \$2,400.00 we want to lose. Your help is needed for the success of this drive. If a Red Cross Volunteer worker fails to call on you, mail your contribution to American Red Cross, c/o this newspaper.