

Scoutlets

By Jack Owens

We were all tuned up to tip our Scoutlet hat to the town this week for patching the large hole in Church Street, but while we were tuning up, someone came along and dug up the whole street. (New telephone cable is being installed.) And about those high weeds at the intersection of Lowell and King Streets. A rumble from the Town Hall informs us that the weeds belong to the Forest Service.

Times sure have changed since the dark ages when we went to school. Back in those days an 'A' or '100' was the best a fellow could in the way of a grade. Not so in these modern times. Chris Schuyler son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Schuyler came home last week with an A-plus-plus. We never saw many A's let alone the pluses.

Governor Dan K. Moore made his first visit back to the far west last Thursday since his election to the high office and broke ground for a new classroom building at the Tri-County Industrial Center at Peachtree. The Murphy High Band arrived a few minutes early in order to get set up. The majorettes were practicing around and the individual band members were playing an assortment of tunes to get warmed up. We couldn't help but hear one trumpet player loosen up his lips with the "Sterling Song". (T.V., I guess.)

We made a picture of a high school graduate in cap and gown this week. Not usual, you say? This particular grad was Mrs. Veda Myers, age 38, and the mother of three boys. She has been attending regular classes at Hayesville High School and was graduated Wednesday night. This takes a lot of courage and a strong desire to learn. Our hat is off to you, Mrs. Myers.

Mr. Jack Barnett of Box 142, Cullowhee, N. C. writes: "Don't like your system of giving prizes. How the devil can I be postmarked early when I don't even get my Scout until Friday?" Glad you asked that, Mr. Barnett. I'll admit the system is lousy and a change will be made before another contest is run. If you or any of our readers have any suggestions for a more fair way of working these contests drop me a line. I'll be happy to listen.

A lot of people write themselves notes to do their daily chores by and we plead guilty. But here's one that ends in outer space. It was found in Cherokee Shopping Center not too long ago. "Fix corns, write letter, join record club, Davis Jewelers, pay safety deposit box, Gentry Shoe Shop, weigh myself, dressing subconscious mind." (Whoopie!)

There were 720,000 more persons admitted to hospitals in 1964 than in the previous year. The number admitted during the year was virtually the same as the total number of hospital beds available - 721,000. Let's not all get sick at once.

Spring has sprung, school is out, and a man's fancy now turns to fishing, golf, and softball. Weaver Carringer of Brasstown says that his team of "Independents" are red hot and ready and plan to come out on top. From what we hear, Tomotia, the team that has come out on top in area softball competition for the last several years plans to be the big guns again this year. Somebody has got to be wrong so we'll just say that the Murphy Jaycees will have a team to be reckoned with.

TODAYS THOUGHT - The most popular labor saving device for most women is still a husband with money.

Mrs. Lochaby Home From Training Meet

Mrs. Helen Lochaby of Murphy returned Friday from a training program held in Spartanburg, S.C. She was among 25 agents for Nationwide Insurance Companies and Heritage Securities, Inc. at the meeting.

Mrs. Lochaby qualified to attend the program which was one of a series of training courses held periodically to help agents render better service to policyholders.

Graham Brakeman Takes Wild Ride, Leaps Safely

Cowan Bateman of Robbinsville took what he described as the fastest ride ever taken on the Graham County Railroad, Tuesday. The 65-year-old Bateman is a brakeman for the shortline which connects Robbinsville with the junction of the Southern Railway at Topton.

He escaped serious injury while trying to halt a string of runaway cars that raced down the track and crashed into the side of a cut at 60 miles an hour.

The cars had been received last week and taken to Bear Creek Junction where a tourist attraction featuring train rides and a railroad museum is to open later this month. The cars that ran away were to be part of the museum. When the runaway occurred Tuesday, the railroad crew was preparing to move the cars to a siding at the junction.

Three of the four cars in the string were already coupled and when the crew was attempting to hook up the fourth car, the string was bumped and began the wild trip.

Bateman tried to brake the cars but he soon realized he couldn't and that he must try to leap off. He suffered bruises and said he was very sore but "I guess I'm mighty lucky to be here."

The cars left the tracks just short of a trestle over Tullula Creek where a little boy was fishing. The wreck occurred five miles east of Robbinsville and two and a half miles west of Bear Creek Junction.

A spokesman for the Graham County Railroad said none of the cars involved were to be used on the sight-seeing trips that will be provided starting June 25. He said the passenger cars to be used on the tours are in Robbinsville. One of the cars that wrecked was to be used as a dining car at the junction.



Bill Christy

Bill Christy Joins Staff Of Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

W. Frank Forsyth, President of Citizens Bank & Trust Company, announced Friday that William (Bill) Lamar Christy joined the staff of Citizens Bank & Trust Company, and will work as Cashier and Manager of its new bank in Cashiers, North Carolina. The bank is expected to be completed within 60 days. In the meantime, Mr. Christy will work in several offices of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Christy was born in Gainesville, Ga., attended public schools there, and upon graduation from high school attended Perry Business School in Gainesville. He worked for Slack Auto Parts Company there before joining Home Credit Company in Gainesville. He worked there for three and one-half years as Assistant Manager before being transferred to Murphy. He was Manager of Home Credit Company in Murphy for three and one-half years, past President of the Jaycees, a Mason, and is active in civic affairs in Murphy.

Husband And Wife On Honor Roll At Western Carolina

Lynda Schuyler Sheppard and Larry W. Sheppard, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Schuyler of Murphy, made the Alpha honor roll at Western Carolina College in Cullowhee for the spring quarter.

Lynda is a rising senior majoring in elementary education and Larry is a recent graduate with a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration.

Lynda will return to W.C.C. June 13 to continue her studies and will finish during the winter quarter.

He said that the tourist attraction will open on schedule without a restaurant until the dining car is repaired.

The car that Bateman rode during the fast ride was hauled back to Bear Creek Junction by one of the famous old Shay engines Tuesday afternoon.

Two Killed, Three County People Hurt In Tennessee Wreck

Three Cherokee County residents were injured in a car wreck that took two lives Saturday morning two miles south of Greenback, Tenn.

Winfred Hamby, 40, Gail Ledford, 14, and Cathy Hamby 13, all of Rt. 4, Murphy, were passengers in a car driven by Leon Boring of Farners, Tenn. Boring's wife, Mrs. Betty June Boring, 18, and the driver of the other car, Bobby Hunt, 23, of Greenback, were killed. The Borings' 19 month old daughter, Tammie and Leon were also injured.

Trooper Larry Daughter of the Tennessee Highway Patrol said Hunt was driving south when a car in front of him attempted to make a left turn. It is believed Hunt lost control of his car and skidded into the northbound lane in an attempt to avoid striking the rear of the car trying to turn. He crashed head-on into the Boring car. Both vehicles were demolished.

Mrs. Boring and Hunt were dead on arrival at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville.

Hamby was the most seriously injured among the survivors. He regained consciousness Sunday but was still in critical condition. He is the uncle of Mrs. Boring and Cathy Hamby.

Cathy, Mrs. Boring's sister suffered a broken arm. She was listed in fair condition.

Gail Ledford and Tammie Boring were released from the hospital on Sunday.

Leon Boring suffered bruises and cuts. He left the hospital Monday so he could attend his wife's funeral which was held Tuesday at the Church of God of Prophecy at the Fields of the Wood.

Boring, an announcer at Radio Station WLSB in Copperhill, Tenn., was knocked unconscious in the wreck. When he recovered from this he removed all of the victims from the twisted wreckage and went to a house where he called his father to report what happened while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

The Borings also have a seven month old son, Timothy Leon, who did not make the ill-fated trip to Knoxville.

While working with Home Credit Company, Christy worked in the Career Proficiency Development Program. This is in the executive field.

Mr. Christy is married to the former Miss Louise Stargel of Gainesville. They have two sons, Steve and Chris. The Christys will continue to make their home in Murphy until the bank building at Cashiers is completed.

Nelson Lumber And Supply Now Open

P. N. Hensley, a former Murphy resident, has opened a new business on Tennessee Street. Nelson Lumber and Supply Company is now open in the old Messer Lumber Supply Building.

Joe Ladd of Marble, a lifelong resident of Cherokee County, is the manager of Nelson Lumber and Supply Company. He has fifteen years experience in the building supply business. Ladd served twenty-four months with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He was awarded several battle stars during his tour of duty. Ladd and his wife, the former Miss Nell Phillips, are members of the Maltby Baptist Church. Hensley left Murphy in 1941 to accept a position as staff engineer with Union Carbide Company in East Tennessee. He served as field engineer and participated in the atomic bomb testing in Nevada and the Pacific. Hensley is married to the former Miss Mae Ladd. The couple have one daughter, Debbie, age 14. The Hensleys expect to move back to Murphy in the near future.

The bookkeeper at Nelson Lumber and Supply Company is Mrs. Nina Lunford.



A SMILING GOVERNOR Dan K. Moore breaks ground for the site of the new building at the Tri-County Industrial Education Center at Peachtree. Holland McSwain, Johnny Reynolds of Asheville, member of the State Board of Education; and Thomas W. Simpson of Asheville president of the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute.

Moore Breaks Ground At Center; Looks With Confidence To Future Of Tri-County Area

By Dave Bruce

Last Thursday was "a great day for the southwestern area of North Carolina" said Gov. Dan K. Moore. His statement summed up the general feeling as he came to the Tri-County Industrial Education Center at Peachtree to break ground for a new building there.

After showers much of the day, the rain stopped shortly before the arrival of the Governor and his party. A crowd of about 200 was on hand to greet Moore on his first visit to Cherokee County since taking office.

Moore reminisced a while before delivering his prepared remarks. He recalled that his father was born at Brasstown and told of carrying Peachtree 198-2 when he was running for solicitor. "Naturally, I love to come to Peachtree," he said.

He called the education center "a symbol of the bright present and brighter future of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties."

"This Center is being built here in response to a definite need for trained people to fill new and improved job opportunities which new and expanded industries are providing in this area," Moore said, "the establishment of these new industries and the expansion of existing operations, were made possible largely by the cooperative attitude of you who live in this area and by your determination to revive and strengthen your economy."

The Governor went on to outline the beginning of the Center in 1964 and traced its progress through the present time. He noted the number of people who have taken training offered at several locations through out the three county area.

"The availability of such training has been a factor in continuing industrial growth in this area," Moore said. He pointed out that since January 1965, four new industries have been announced here.

After saying, "we can look with confidence to the future of this tri-county area because of other developments in the making", the Governor announced the approval of \$13,248 by the Appalachian Regional Commission to go toward the construction of an \$80,000 library at Hayesville. "The library will serve as county library headquarters and will be part of the Nantahala Regional Library System covering Clay, Cherokee, and Graham counties", Moore said.

Following his address, the Governor took a shovel and turned the first load of dirt on the site of the new building. He then visited the former prison dormitory where Clifton Precision is training workers for its soon to be built plant at Peachtree. Moore chatted with many of the workers as he toured the building.

Sen. W. Frank Forsyth introduced Gov. Moore. The veteran legislator recalled hearing Moore say he wanted the former prison property set aside for a "worthwhile enterprise for Cherokee County."

The master of ceremonies was Thomas W. Simpson, president of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute. The local Center is an extension of this school.



CAPT. FRANK SWAN PRESENTS the American Flag to Director Holland McSwain. The flag, a gift of the American Legion, is presented in honor of the war dead from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

Watson Graduates At N. C. State

Ronald G. Watson of Andrews received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering during commencement at North Carolina State University last Saturday in Raleigh.

Watson was one of 1,700 candidates for degrees at the 77th N.C. State commencement, the largest in the Raleigh school's history.

Gov. Dan K. Moore, chairman of the University officials attended the ceremonies in Reynolds Coliseum.

Dr. John T. Caldwell, N.C. State chancellor, conferred 95 doctor of philosophy degrees, 276 master's, 14 professional degrees, and 1,317 bachelors of science and arts.

Honorary doctorate degrees were conferred on James G. Hanes, Winston Salem, president, Hanes Hosiery Mills Co.; Dr. James H. Jensen, president, Oregon State University; Judge Rudolph I. Mintz, Wilmington; Charles S. Mitchell, New York, president, Cities Service Company; and Frances G. Patton, author, Durham.

In afternoon ceremonies, 63 graduating seniors were commissioned in the United States Army and Air Force. The Seniors were graduates of the ROTC program. They Army commissioned 44 and the Air Force 19.

Decker Cleared On Federal Charges

The cases of two former employees of the Murphy Post Office came up in U.S. District Court at Bryson City last Thursday.

M.G. Decker pleaded not guilty to six counts of embezzlement of postal funds. He was acquitted.

Jack D. Crawford, charged with three counts of embezzlement of postal funds, had his case continued.

Brumby Routs Crawford; Primary Voting Light

Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby swept Cherokee County by a 15-1 margin and coasted to an easy 3-2 victory over Charles R. Crawford in Saturday's Democratic Primary race for the nomination to the new 33rd District Senate Seat.

The result was much the same in the other races. The winner was never in doubt in any contest and the turnout was light.

Sen. B. Everett Jordan bowled over the token opposition of Hubert E. Seymour, Jr. Cherokee County Democrats gave Jordan 1,398 votes and Seymour received 103.

Rep. Roy A. Taylor won re-nomination in a landslide over Bruce "Bozo" Burleson. The Cherokee County totals showed 1,577 votes for Taylor and 30 for Burleson.

Four Democrats sought the two positions for District Court Judge. Robert Leatherwood 111 and Felix E. (Gene) Alley, Jr. won the nominations easily over James H. Howell, Jr. and Guy L. Houk.

In Cherokee County Leatherwood lead the ticket with 1,166 votes, Alley received 1,074, Howell 275, and Houk 107.

While the Democratic turnout was light, the Republican turnout was almost non-existent. The only GOP race was between W. Scott Harvey and Joe Sam Schench for the 11th District Congressional nomination. Harvey was the winner and he carried Cherokee County by a 36-17 margin.

Mrs. Brumby took five of the seven counties in the new senate district. She lost Jackson and Macon counties, but beat Crawford by 500 votes in his home county of Swain.

Chambers Gets Assistantship At U. Of Ga.

Gerald Thomas Chambers of Murphy has received an assistantship for graduate study at the University of Georgia, where he will enroll this fall.

Chambers was graduated cum laude at Western Carolina College on Sunday May 22, with majors in English and French. He will work for the master's degree in English.

During the past year he has served as editor of the "The Western Carolinian," the WCC student newspaper; president of the English Seminar; secretary of Kappa Alpha social fraternity; reporter for Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholastic society; and last fall was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American College and Universities."

His college career has been marked by active participation in a variety of activities and several important elective and appointive offices. He has served as a dormitory counselor; member of the Student-Faculty Judiciary Committee; student assistant in the English department; member of the Greek Council and the Canterbury Club. In addition to these and other activities, he was layout editor and member of the selection board for the Nomad, campus literary magazine.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Chambers of Route 5, Murphy.

County To Seek Bonds For Airport

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners it expected to seek the approval of Local Government Commission in Raleigh soon for a \$150,000 bond issue for improvements at the Cherokee County Airport near Andrews.

If the commission approves the proposal, a referendum will be held to either approve or reject the issuance of the bonds. The election would probably be held in the last portion of August. The voters must act on the issue within sixty days after the application is sent to Raleigh.

Suzi Sprung To Graduate At UT

Miss Marjorie Suzanne Sprung, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sprung of Murphy will be awarded the B. S. degree from the College of Home Economics of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on Sunday. A former student at Western Carolina College, Suzi transferred to the University of Tennessee two years ago where she has majored in Clothing and Textiles.

During the weekend, Miss

This was on the basis of official returns. All ballots, registration books, and surplus ballots in Swain were impounded on order of Superior Court Judge Guy L. Houk. The order was issued when a candidate for sheriff claimed there were irregularities.

Mrs. Brumby said she made "many fine friends" in her campaign through the new seven county district and is "looking forward" to working with all the people in all of the counties in my district." She said, "I am pleased and gratified at the support I received."

George Postell To Head Democrats

George Postell, Rt. 2, Murphy has been elected chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic Party.

Postell, long active in party affairs, was unanimously elected by the executive committee last Friday night.

He was elected to replace Sen. W. Frank Forsyth. Forsyth had been chosen for the post at the party's convention May 14 but he declined the position.



Hoyt Crane, Jr.

Hoyt Crane Joins Clifton Precision

Clifton Precision Products Company has announced the appointment of Hoyt E. Crane, Jr. as personnel manager.

Crane, a native of Cleveland, Ga., is the father of two children, Melanie, 11 and Mike 7.

He has been the personnel manager of Boyle-Midway, Inc. in Chamblee, Ga. for the past 10 years.

During his stay with Boyle-Midway, Crane, his wife, Barbara and two children resided in Decatur, Ga. He is a member of the North Clarendon Baptist Church of Avondale.

The Cranes plan to move to Murphy around June 15.

Driver Returns Stolen Car

This is the story of a stolen car that was returned to the place it was taken from.

Early Sunday morning the car, a 1959 Chevrolet, was taken from the residence of Gordon Jones on Highway 64 just west of Murphy City Limits. The car belongs to M&J Finance Corp., Jones' employer.

Sunday afternoon the car was spotted about four miles south of the state line in Georgia on Highway 19 by Jones' sister-in-law, Becky Kephart of Murphy and Jeff Mason of Blairsville. The couple went to Jones' home and reported that they saw the car.

Jones, Charles Castor, manager of M&J's Murphy office, and David Shields, whose company insured the car, went to intercept the vehicle. Shields got out to notify the Highway Patrol. Jones and Castor met the car and followed it until it pulled into Tastee-Freez which is located in front of Jones' home.

Castor started a conversation with the driver while Jones went to telephone the sheriff's office. The driver asked Castor where the restroom was. He went in there and when Sheriff Claude Anderson went to the door and called for the man to come out, no one answered. The door was unlocked and it was discovered that the man had fled.

Jones and Castor had seen the driver before and Jones told the Scout he knows where the man lives. No charges have been filed.