

UHWDA Discusses Tourism; Low Lake Level Explained

YOUNG HARRIS, GA.--The tourism and re-creation work group of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association met to discuss a coordinated effort to improve the tourist industry in the five-county area covered by the association last Thursday night.

An explanation for the low level of Hiwassee Lake was given to the group by Maxwell Ramsey of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville. Ramsey explained that the level being maintained at the present time is necessary due to the construction going on at Appalachia Dam. He said it is essential that there is a large amount of storage space in Hiwassee Lake to protect the construction in the event of sudden heavy rains.

People in the Murphy area complained about the low level of Hiwassee while higher levels are being maintained on Chatuge and Nottley lakes. Ramsey pointed out that the reason is obvious since Hiwassee is the next storage area upriver from Appalachia. He stated that TVA is interested in doing all it can to further recreational use of the lakes but that they must work within the framework of existing policies of providing flood control, power production and navigation throughout the system. It was pointed out that every move made here must be coordinated with activities at all other dams throughout the system.

He said he expects the work

at Appalachia to be completed by the end of this year. When that is done, he said, TVA will attempt to follow guidelines announced last February that would maintain favorable levels for recreation on Hiwassee, Chatuge and Nottley during the summer months. In the past, Chatuge and Nottley have been drawn to low levels during the summer.

The Upper Hiwassee group had previously committed itself to examining the possibilities for further public recreation and home site development on Hiwassee Lake. At last week's meeting, the group discussed this issue in detail but it seems unlikely that much can be done at the present time. Most of the land on the shoreline of the lake is owned by the Forest Service and the policies of that organization do not favor such development.

Ed Swartz said "more people who are willing to put their hands to the plow" are needed to further the development of tourism in the five county area consisting of Cherokee and Clay in North Carolina and Fannin, Union and Towns in Georgia.

Those attending the meeting explored several suggested projects to work on and agreed that the best project to begin with would be a promotion brochure that would include all of the tourist attractions in the five county area.

The group was asked to come up with some definite ideas on the brochure to present at the next meeting on August 18. A chairman from each of the counties will be named at that meeting.

Two other work groups of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association, business and industry and water resources, will hold meetings in Young Harris next Tuesday at the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Building.

B&PW Club Starts Community Fund

The Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club has voted to start a fund to be used for a worthy community project that will be decided upon later.

The club is starting the fund with approximately \$400 that was cleared from the beauty pageant which was held during the Jaycee Water Festival. The club plans to add to the fund during the year and is hopeful that other organizations will start a similar project.

Plans were made for members to attend the national convention of B&PW Clubs which will be held in Atlanta July 24-28.

The group also discussed tentative plans for the club's Radio Day and will announce the date later.

Four new members were welcomed to the Murphy B&PW Club. They are: Carol Moore, Mary George Moore, Becky Penland and Jennie Lee Sneed.



MRS. ARRETTIA ARROWOOD was injured when the car she was driving ran off the road and crashed into an embankment on U.S. 64 one mile east of Murphy last Thursday.

Power Failure. Two Wrecks During Storm

The skies to the west of Murphy began darkening around 5:30 last Thursday afternoon and by nightfall the area experienced a violent thunderstorm, hard rains, strong winds, some hail and a power failure. Two traffic accidents in Cherokee County occurred during the storm. Six-tenths of an inch of rain was recorded by TVA at Hiwassee Dam.

The power failure lasted about an hour in Murphy but some places in the area went several hours without electricity. Repair crews of Blue Ridge Mountain EMC worked all night to restore service.

The suit area of Cherokee County was one of the hardest hit in the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC service area. The power co-op reported heavy damage to its equipment due to lightning and trees that were blown over by the wind.

Mrs. Arretta Arrowood 38, of Rt. 1, Murphy suffered a back injury, lacerations and bruises when she lost control of her car one mile east of Murphy on U.S. 64. The vehicle, heading east, ran off the roadway on the left side, struck the embankment and overturned, landing upright and pointed west in the middle of the highway.

A passing motorist took Mrs. Arrowood to Providence Hospital.

The car was listed as a total loss.

A short time later, a car driven by Hubert Cantrell of Brasstown ran off U.S. 64 near

West Awarded Idaho Contract

Herman H. West and Co. of Murphy has been awarded an Army contract for clearing approximately four thousand screws at the site of the Dworshak Dam on the north fork of the Clearwater River near Orofino, Idaho. The contract totals \$1,274,797.

Work will be started as soon as equipment can be loaded and shipped to the site in the Walla Walla Engineering District from Murphy. This is expected to be around July 26.

Twelve to fifteen men from this area are expected to go to Idaho to work on this project.

the Tycora plant. There were no injuries but property damage was extensive. About 100 feet of wire fence was torn down and damage to the car was listed at \$400. Trooper Don Reavis said no charges were filed.

The storm began early in the afternoon in the middle Tennessee area and moved southeast. Asheville, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville all reported power failures and damage similar to that which occurred in the Murphy area.

Airport Bond Vote Set For August 27

Cherokee County voters will go to the polls on Saturday, August 27, to vote on a proposed \$150,000 bond issue for improvements at the Cherokee County Airport. A simple majority will be required for approval of the bond issue and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Qualified persons who are not now registered to vote will be given an opportunity to do so beginning July 30. The registration books will be open in each precinct from then until August 13.

The county commissioners held a public hearing on whether the bond issues should be brought to a vote on July 5. No one appeared at the hearing to protest the calling of the election.

Following the hearing, the commissioners formally adopted an order authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

A spokesman close to the commissioners told The Scout that the tax rate of \$1.72 which was adopted in June will not be affected by approval of the bonds. This rate is a five cent reduction from last year's rate.

It is also believed that a further reduction may be possible next year and this source emphasized that although a provision is made in the bond order for the levy of taxes to pay for the bonds, this is purely a precautionary measure and that there is no reason to believe that the bond issue would cause a tax increase.

Bloodmobile Here Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Murphy this afternoon. The Bloodmobile will be at the Murphy Power Board Building from 1 to 5:30.

You can help make this visit of the Bloodmobile a success by donating a pint of blood this afternoon.

Boys Leave For Camp Sunday

Fifteen boys from Cherokee and Clay Counties will leave Sunday morning for a two-week stay at Camp Ney-A-Ti near Guntersville, Ala. The trip is sponsored by The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress.

The boys are asked to report to The Scout Office no later than 7:30 a.m. Departure time will be 8 a.m.

The group will return to Murphy on July 31.

Photo Contest Winners Named

John T. Gill, Vice President and Manager of the Murphy Office, Citizens Bank & Trust Company, announced today the winners of the old railroad and logging operation pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Palmer were awarded first and second prizes for pictures of old time logging and lumbering in Western North Carolina. The third prize was awarded T.E. Maxey, Rt. 1, Marble, N.C.

Jack Veach, President of the Graham County Railroad, and sponsor of the Bear Creek Junction Railroad project, joined with the bank in thanking all the people who participated in this project. The most interesting pictures were displayed in the bank and Veach is having several reproduced for his museum.

Presbytery OK's Crumpler

Robert P. Crumpler will be installed as pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church on July 31. He was one of three men approved for churches in western North Carolina by the Asheville Presbytery on Tuesday.

Sales Clinic Set

Murphy Merchants To Participate In "Values Galore" Campaign

Murphy merchants are participating in an eight-week sales campaign appropriately called "Values Galore".

The campaign, which is sponsored by the Cherokee Scout will be kicked off by a sales clinic to be conducted at 8 p.m. next Thursday at O'Dell's Cafeteria.

Roy Barnett, sales training executive from McMinnville, Tenn., will conduct the sales training session following a banquet for the employers and employees of the participating stores.

Starting with the July 28 issue, the participating stores will have special ads in The Scout to make shopping in Murphy even more attractive and appealing.

Barnett is expected to give

pointers on how to get prospective customers into a place of business and how to sell them once they are there.

"Local merchants and businessmen are doing an excellent job but sometimes we tend to get into a rut and need just a little push to get back into the real enthusiasm of merchandising," Barnett said. "This new enthusiasm is what we will try to raise in the sales clinic on July 28."

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the sales clinic and the "Values Galore" campaign. Chamber President Wally Williams said, "The sales clinic is a fine thing and the 'Values Galore' campaign is something we need. I'm glad somebody woke up and got this for Murphy." Barnett became interested



Roy W. Barnett

in sales while a law student and was connected with a national sales and human relations firm before going into the business of sales training for himself.

He has conducted sales clinics all over the United States and Canada.

In 1960, he was named "Salesman of the Year" by Sales Week magazine, the publication of the National Sales Executive Club.

During his brief sales training career he uses facts and figures to help back up his statements.

Firemen Urged To Attend Classes

Fire Chief Bob White has urged all volunteer firemen in Murphy to attend the firemanship training program which is now in progress. Classes are being held for three hours each Wednesday night at 6:30.

White told The Scout attendance thus far has been disappointing and he hopes that all members of the fire department will participate in the remainder of the course which is being conducted under the supervision of the Tri-County Industrial Education Center.

Galloway, Hampton Get Certificates

Frank Galloway, Jr. of Hayesville and Marvin L. Hampton of Murphy were awarded a certificate of Training in School Social Work by James R. Nelson in ceremonies held in Four-Square Community Action, Inc. headquarters in Andrews last Friday.

The certificate was issued by the Community Services Division of the North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare on satisfactory completion of a thirty hour workshop in preparation for summer employment in the local Head Start Project.

The week long period of orientation to school social work practice was conducted by Charles W. Edwards, Jr. with the assistance of State Community Services Consultant assigned to the four county area of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties. He is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

Addressing the group of Head Start Social Workers were Tom Day of Hayesville, President of Four-Square; Ben Carpenter, Field Representative of the North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare; Leroy English, Director of Public Welfare of Swain County; and Robert Leatherwood, 111, District Judge nominee. Mr. Leatherwood spoke on Family Law.

Also receiving certificates were Charles W. Stiles of Robbinsville and Marion Gass of Bryson City.

David M. Hendrix, of Murphy, is serving as School Social Worker with the Cherokee County Head Start Project.

Browning Sent To Atlanta

William E. Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Browning of Murphy, has been transferred to Atlanta as a special consultant from computer system development to Coca Cola.

He is employed by Davidson, Talbird and McLynn, Inc., management consultants, of Bethesda, Md.

Browning, a 1967 graduate of Murphy High School, received his B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Independents Dump Hiwassee Dam

The Independents dumped Hiwassee Dam from the unbeaten ranks of the Murphy Softball Association, 14-4 last Friday. The Independents lead the league with five wins in as many games. Ranger remains undefeated in three games and will meet the Independents Monday night.

Hiwassee Dam bounced back from their loss with a 10-9 win over Forest Service on Monday.

In a women's division game, Government rolled over Text-23-3.

Mashburn Awarded Scholarship

Cecil W. Mashburn, a former teacher at Andrews High School, has been awarded a Sears Roebuck Foundation Scholarship to further his studies at the University of North Carolina.

He was one of four persons receiving this award out of a group of about 150 students and is studying in the field of Distributive Education this summer.

Mashburn will be working in the Murphy City Schools during the coming school year.

Kate Robinson On WCC Summer Staff

CULOWHEE--Miss Kate Robinson of Kannapolis is on the teaching staff of the Summer Demonstration School at Western Carolina College. The term began on June 13 and will end on Friday, July 15.

Miss Robinson regularly teaches in the Towan County schools, and at WCC is teaching a sixth and seventh grade combination.

The Summer Demonstration School is a vital part of WCC's special education program, and provides enrichment features not ordinarily possible in a regular classroom. Students are enrolled in grades one through twelve and commute daily via school bus from four surrounding counties. High school students may live in the dormitories, and may earn either new or make up credit upon approval of their principals.

Miss Robinson is the daughter of Hugh L. Robinson of Murphy.

If By-pass Isn't Built, Murphy Will Be By-passed

By Dave Bruce

There is a six-letter word that a few uninformed people would like to banish from our thoughts. That word is by-pass.

The hearings which the State Highway Commission will hold next week include a chance for the public to express their views on the proposed by-passes around Murphy, Marble and Andrews.

The average person seems to be aware of the benefits to be derived from construction of these by-passes. But awareness is not enough. It is important that every person who believes in the need for these by-passes turn out for the public hearing at 10 a.m. July 21 at the Cherokee County Courthouse.

I find it difficult to find any logic in the arguments offered by those who oppose the construction of these by-passes but this obstructionist crowd always avoids logic like the plague.

Their opposition to building by-passes is built on the ex-

cess that this will drive business away. Nothing could be further from the truth. Take the through traffic off the streets downtown and the people who do go downtown find it much more pleasant to do so.

I know of many small towns that have by-passes that are absolute necessities today. These by-passes have taken the through traffic off the streets of these towns but due to the expanding local automotive population, their streets are still clogged with local traffic. Whenever I visit one of these places, I can't help but wonder how they would ever manage if the through traffic was still being routed through town.

I am qualified to make a judgement on the highway systems in the Appalachia area of four states: Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Over the past ten years I have watched the development of highways in Virginia with much interest. That Common-

wealth has had a continuing program of improvement in their highway system through their Appalachia region and the construction of by-passes has been a major factor in making it a pleasure to drive across Virginia.

When I first began travelling between Pennsylvania and Tennessee a decade ago, there were by-passes around only three cities: Roanoke, Lexington and Staunton. There were at least 12 towns or cities from the size of Murphy on up that had to be driven through. Almost every time I'd make that trip a new by-pass would be added. Today there is not a single town of any size from the Tennessee line on the south to the West Virginia line on the north that a through motorist must contend with along U.S. 41 and Interstate 81.

There are restaurants, gas stations and motels that my family and I have patronized regularly along this route. Most of them are now off the main highway but we continue to seek an exit and get off to

patronize our favorite places. By-passes haven't hurt and they certainly have helped making motoring in Virginia a pleasure for me. The by-passes along with long stretches of interstate highway have cut the driving time across the state by at least two hours from what it was in 1966.

Tennessee got a later start in improving their highways in the mountain area and while the change there is not as spectacular as Virginia, the Volunteer State is moving in the right direction.

North Carolina and Kentucky lag far behind and the problem is much more acute here because the Appalachia area of Kentucky does not attract the large number of visitors that we have in Western North Carolina.

The only important project completed in the area west of Asheville is the 20 mile stretch of Interstate 40 that ends at Clyde.

But the money is available to complete the construction of

highways in Cherokee and Clay Counties. When the routes are approved, work can begin.

The location of a four lane highway from the Tennessee line to a mile west of Murphy has been settled. Next Thursday's hearing will provide a forum to agree on the route for four lanes from west of Murphy to Topton with the by-passes around Murphy, Marble and Andrews.

That afternoon at 2 p.m. another hearing will be held at the courthouse in Hayesville on the improved road planned from the Georgia line almost to Franklin. It will replace the dangerous stretch of U.S. 64 from Hayesville to Franklin.

The hour is late but if the people of Cherokee and Clay will express their support we can start moving.

On the other hand, if this anti-by-pass crew is allowed to carry the day, the last half of the 20th century may by-pass us.