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Dave Bruce Elected Chairman Of UHWDA Tourism Group

YOUNG HARRIS, Ga.—Dave Bruce, Managing Editor of the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress, was elected chairman of the tourism and recreation work group of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association last Thursday night.

The work group also decided to proceed with plans to produce a place mat for sale to restaurants in the area which

would contain a map showing points of interest to visitors in the five counties covered by UHWDA. The five counties are Cherokee and Clay in North Carolina and Towns, Union and Fannin in Georgia.

Tom Willoughby and Dave Sherada of the Tennessee Valley Authority listened to the group's ideas on what the place mat should contain and said they will have a rough

sketch of what will be shown available within four weeks. They said the group can then make a definite decision on what will be shown on the mats and plans can be made to print and distribute them.

Bruce said the work group will meet again on September 22 at the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Office in Young Harris to examine the prospective design TVA presents and to make a final decision on the items to be shown.

Bruce, in accepting the chairmanship of the work group, said, "I welcome this opportunity to work with people throughout the five counties who believe, as I do, that a united effort by all of the counties covered by the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association is necessary if we are to realize the potential benefits from tourism and recreation. The surface has barely been scratched in this field and the time has come for people to roll up their sleeves and go to work on this."

"I feel the most important item of business to begin with is the elimination of county and state lines in this field. We can not afford the luxury of these political boundaries. We must work as one unit and it must be realized that what is good for one county is good for the other four."

He said he hopes the next meeting will be attended by anyone in the five counties who depends on spending for recreation by both tourists and local residents. "These people are the ones who stand to benefit the most from the efforts of our work group and I issue an open invitation to all of them to be at our September 22 meeting," Bruce said.

He noted the great interest TVA has shown in working with tributary development groups throughout the agency's service area and said that this interest must be matched on the local level. "These men can not only tell us a lot about what's going on in southwest Virginia, east Tennessee or northern Alabama," Bruce said, "they can tell us a lot more than most of us know about the Upper Hiwassee area. If we can match the enthusiasm of TVA, we can begin to move in the right direction."

The chairman returned to his earlier views on making a united five county effort to promote tourism and recreation. "Provincialism must go," he said. "I'm sick and tired of hearing people in one county talk about the county next to them as if it were a foreign country. Let the word go out that this work group will disregard county lines and state lines. We will work for the benefit of all five counties in the association."

Bruce said he will be happy to hear from people who haven't been working with the association in the past who have ideas on how the work group can carry out its functions.

Willoughby, who works out of the TVA office in Athens, Tenn., said "I'll be in contact with Dave in the next few days as we begin work on the design of the five county place mat."

Wilson Addresses Murphy Rotarians

Edward H. Wilson, Director of the Extension Program for the Department of Community Colleges in Raleigh told the Murphy Rotary Club on Monday he is "most pleased with" the Tri-County Industrial Education Center Peachtree.

The extension program "has really caught fire" and is "one of the most dynamic programs in North Carolina", Wilson said. He noted that enrollment in the program has grown from 4,000 in 1958 to over 40,000 today.

He said the Center at Peachtree is one of 13 scattered across the state and said his department wants the centers dispersed because "a man in Murphy is as entitled to training as a man in Charlotte, Greensboro or Raleigh."

Wilson told the Rotarians that these institutions "fit in where public schools leave off."

Wilson was introduced to the Rotarians by Holland McSwain, Director of the Tri-County Industrial Education Center.



THE INDEPENDENTS, undefeated in the Murphy Softball Association, won the Four Square Tournament at Andrews last week. Pictured above are (l to r) Front row-Lyle Carringer, Jack Hogan, Hugh Carringer and Jackie Hughes; back row-Tony Hembree, Weaver Carringer, Leroy Coker, Adam Sutton and Blaine Stalcup; not pictured-Jerry Kephart, Gerald Moore, Billy Henson and Coach Red Schuyler.

Independents Take Tourney; All Star Finals Tonight

The Independents, undefeated champs of the Murphy Softball Association, clinched the championship of the Four Square Softball Tournament at Andrews Friday night with an 8-1 victory over Wiggins 66 the winners of the Swain County Association.

The Murphy team battled its way to the finals with a 15-4 win over Alarka of Swain County on Thursday night.

Wiggins 66 earned the right to meet the Independents with a 15-9 victory over Ranger of the Murphy circuit on Thursday night.

The All-Star Tournament got underway Monday night and again the teams from Cherokee County and Swain County are dominating the play.

After rain continued to

interfere with the Murphy-Andrews All-Star series to determine who would represent Cherokee County, the series was awarded to Murphy on the basis of their victory in the only game played.

Monday night, Murphy defeated Clay County, 7-4, and Swain County shutout Graham County 10-7.

Murphy and Swain County meet in the final game of this tournament tonight and Clay County and Graham County will meet in a consolation game.

In the women's tournament ABC, Murphy's undefeated team, shutout Berkshire of Andrews, 15-0, last Friday and will meet BesBurger of Swain County in the championship game tonight at 8:30.

Bulldogs Face Gilmer County Friday Night

The 1966 football season gets underway this Friday in the Tri-State area.

Forty nine boys reported to Coach Terry Postell last week in hopes of making the 1966 Murphy High School football team, and these boys, under the guidance of Postell and Assistant Coach and Director of Athletics Jim McCombs have been working out twice daily in preparation for their opening game with non-conference foe Gilmer County Georgia on Friday night.

The 1966 Bulldogs lost seven boys by graduation last year, but only one member of the backfield will be missing, Don Stevens who was plagued by injuries last year will be absent, Hubert Wells, who alternated with Stevens last year at the halfback position is determined that he will take sole possession of that position this year.

In the line such men as Johnny Rogers and Haskell Roberson will have to be replaced at ends as well as David Penland and Jackie Morris at Guards.

The Bulldogs, for the second year in a row, will be starting out under a new head coach. Terry Postell will take over the reins from Coach Jim McCombs. The Athletic Directorship being almost a fulltime job, Coach McCombs stepped down as head coach and in his place Postell was appointed.

Coach Postell is by no means a newcomer to the football fans of this area. He was a standout player for Coach Maennle at Andrews High School for four years. After leaving Andrews, he won scholarships at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C.

Local Leaders Urge OK Of Airport Bond Issue

By Dave Bruce

Local officials are unanimous in their support of the bond issue for expansion and improvement of the Cherokee County Airport which will be voted upon on Saturday.

Mayor Cloe Moore of

Murphy, in a letter to The Scout, said, "your vote for this bond issue will be a vote for progress in Cherokee County. Let us pass this bond issue now while we have a chance of getting government grants of up to 80% of the cost, leaving Cherokee County to have to bear only 20%

of this cost."

In another letter, Mayor Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews said, "Saturday is the date on which the voters of Cherokee County have an opportunity to vote on whether or not the county will have to pay only \$75,000 of the total cost of \$345,000 and that "to fail to capitalize on this opportunity would be the greatest setback to the county that has happened during many years."

Senator-elect Mary Faye Brumby said, "whether he flies or not, every citizen in the county will benefit directly or indirectly from the increasing payrolls of industries in the area that now depend so much on modern air travel. I urge approval of the airport bonds on Saturday."

The president of Reece Motor Co., Jeff Brooks, told The Scout, "I am for the bond issue. I feel the airport would be one of our greatest assets and I urge every voter in Cherokee County to vote for the bond issue."

W. Frank Forsyth, president of Citizens Bank and Trust Co., called Saturday's vote "most important to the people of Cherokee County" and said should the bonds be turned down, "we will not have this opportunity again."

Herman H. West said, "shortly after our company began interstate operations, it became apparent that a company owned aircraft was a necessity." The present airport "has rendered an invaluable service to this county, but its facilities are limited. Purchase and development by the county is the best possible solution. I urge everyone to vote for the airport bond on Saturday."

Dr. W.A. Hoover, chairman of the county commissioners said, "I feel that our present and future industries, to which a modern airport would mean so much, should be appraised as creators of tax potential rather than simply tax-payers in a limited sense."

The commissioners have gone on record with a firm statement that they do not anticipate a tax increase as a result of the bond issue.

The Scout has editorially endorsed the bond issue and the statements made here show that the local leadership is firmly supporting the bond issue.

I have, in the past two issues, pointed out the benefits to be derived from an improved, county-owned airport. I feel all the legitimate questions that could arise have been answered fully and frankly in advertisements carried in this newspaper and by speakers that have appeared before various groups in the county in the past few weeks.

I know of no reason for a no vote on Saturday. I know of many reasons for supporting the bond issue that will provide Cherokee County with a modern airport at a cost to the county of only twenty cents on the dollar. It's a deal we can't turn down.



Stanley Davis Youth Drowns In Murphy Pool

Stanley Davis a 14-year-old Boeig, Ore. boy who was visiting relatives in Cherokee County, became the first drowning victim in the ten year history of the Murphy Swimming Pool last Thursday afternoon.

The body was recovered from 12 feet of water near the diving board. Artificial respiration was administered at the scene and the boy was rushed to Providence Hospital where doctors' efforts to save him failed.

It has not been determined how long the boy was in the water and whether he was already in the pool or if he fell in. His mother, Mrs. Dewey Davis, noticed Stanley was missing when the pool was being cleared due to a thunderstorm. He was reportedly a non-swimmer.

The Davises are former residents of Murphy who moved to the west coast seven years ago.

Stanley and Mrs. Davis were visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Sneed of Rt. 3, Murphy.

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Ivie Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

EDITORIAL

The Lesson Is There But Few Come To Learn

For the past five weeks, classes in firefighting and use of available firefighting equipment have been held for the benefit of Murphy's volunteer fire department. Each Wednesday, two instructors in this field come to Murphy from Sylva to conduct these classes.

Our town governing body spends some \$3,000 per year providing fire water and sewer to 32 volunteer firemen and the cost of these classes is about \$33. per week for 10 weeks.

A small price to pay for a fire department, you might say, and, in a way, it is true since the Department of Community Colleges in Raleigh picks up the tab for the classes.

However, our Town Council and The Scout is disturbed with the attendance of these firefighting classes. During the first half of the course, an average of five out of 32 firemen attended the classes with as few as three attending one.

The classes got off to a slow start with poor attendance so a steak dinner was held to boost interest. It did! Twenty-two firemen showed up to eat but the next week only five came to class.

Surely our 32 firemen joined the department with the best interest of the community at heart and not for the free water and sewer. It does puzzle us though, why 22 firemen will come to a free dinner and only five will come to a training that is designed to help our firemen better serve their community.

For quite sometime the attendance of our firemen at fires has been low but there is always the possibility that the alarm was not heard. We have found that the same dedicated few are at nearly all the fires, attend classes and stand ready to serve the community as best they can and we feel that those firemen who are not willing to do so should be replaced on the rolls of our volunteer fire department. Undoubtedly there are several who never seem to hear the fire alarm but all our firemen know of the firefighting classes.

The lesson is there but few come to learn.



JOHNNY MIKE GREER of Murphy, who was the first place territorial winner in the boys' division of the 4-H Electric Project in the service area of Nantahala Power and Light Company, is pictured with Miss Thelma Wheeler, Cherokee County Home Extension Agent, at the 4-H Electric Congress in Asheville.

Greer Is Area Winner In 4-H Electric Project

ASHEVILLE-Johnny Mike Greer of Murphy was awarded a \$100 scholarship by Nantahala Power and Light Company at the 4-H Electric Congress Awards Breakfast in Asheville last week after being named as first place territorial winner in the boys' division of the 4-H Electric Project.

The Grape Creek 4-H Club member compiled the best record of achievement in the 4-H Electric project during the past year among the boys competing from the six WNC counties served by Nantahala. Nantahala, Carolina, Duke and Virginia power companies sponsor the 4-H Electric Project in North Carolina and the Electric Congress each year, and the power companies provide awards and trips to the Congress for county and territorial winners and adult 4-H leaders from their service areas.

Included among the 15 4-Hers and six adult leaders as guests of Nantahala at the Congress were Johnny Rex Smart of Hayesville, county winner in the Clay County boys' division; Miss Thelma Wheeler, Cherokee County Home Agent; and George Bowers, Clay County Extension Agent. There were no county winners in the girls' division in Cherokee and Clay counties this year. In all, some 250 club members representing 98 counties in North Carolina attended the Congress.

Nantahala secretary W.W. Sican presented the awards to Johnny and the other territorial winners from Nantahala's service area.

Johnny who is 15 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Greer, was cited for six years

A Special Tribute To Farmers And Stockmen

The business and professional people of Murphy pay a special tribute to the farmers and stockmen of this area. Your habits and knowledge of agriculture and animal husbandry have made our region one of the most profitable sections of the state.

Farmers and stockmen of this area can be assured that they will receive top dollar for all their products sold in Murphy.

Murphy farm supplies will be glad to assist you with all your farm needs. Feel free to consult any of these firms for free estimate and information on all your needs.

We urge you to be in Murphy this week for "Values Galore" from all these fine firms.

Graves-Chrysler Plymouth, Davis Jewelers, Maubey Drug Lois & Nancy Sportswear & Dress Outlet, Murphy Tire & Appliance, Lens's, Murphy Supply, Murphy Florist, Cherokee Shopping Center, Western Auto, Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Graves Furniture, O'Dell's Cafeteria & Restaurant, Collins Crain, Moore Jewelers, Trudy's, Candler and Ivie Furniture.



GILLESPIE'S FRUIT STAND, located in downtown Murphy, was the scene of a fire early Monday morning. Fire damage was confined to the rear of the building and smoke and water damage in the main part of the store was reported light.