



McKelvey Named Westco Manager

General Commercial Manager for both Westco and Western Carolina Telephone Co. in Weaverville since September, 1963.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and Economics from North Carolina State in 1963.

McKelvey is a native of Alabama but had made his home in Franklin since he was four years old.

"We have a tremendous program of expansion which is going on at a peak rate" in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, he noted. "I will make every effort to keep pace with the industrial and residential demands for service in the area," McKelvey said.

He is married to the former Miss Jean Burrell of Franklin. The McKelveys have two daughters, Leslie, age two, and Beth, four months.

Mrs. McKelvey and the couple's daughters are in Weaverville but they hope to complete their move to Murphy in the near future.

Gary McKelvey

Gary M. McKelvey, 26, has been named District Manager of the Murphy office of Westco Telephone Co. He replaces L.J. Phillips, who resigned last week.

McKelvey has served as

Leaders Complain About Telephones

A group of Cherokee and Clay County industrial and business leaders met with Vern W. Chase, telephone engineer with the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission, Wednesday at O'Dell's Cafeteria to determine what could be done to improve telephone service offered by Westco Telephone Company.

Tom Day of Hayesville presided at the luncheon meeting. Day told the group "we insist on better local and long distance service."

Chase said he anticipates that changes presently underway at the toll center in Sylva will improve long distance service out of the area this summer.

"Barring unforeseen delays, you can expect relief in toll service this summer," he said.

Chase said he believes that the daytime peak loads, which industry is concerned about, will be taken care of. He does not expect that the night peaks

reached during the tourist season will be relieved entirely.

Day pointed out that in addition to the long distance complaints, local service is unreliable between Murphy, Andrews and Hayesville.

Chase said Westco officials "have conceded that service isn't what it should be at Hayesville."

He has been told, he said, that the company has had difficulty in getting necessary equipment and the personnel to install it.

Chase said he will recommend to the Utilities Commission that Westco not push ahead with expansion in isolated rural areas until local service problems are corrected.

Waldroup Named Bank Director

John Max Waldroup, a prominent Clay County dairy farmer, has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Asheville.

Waldroup, along with the other directors, Mack Rogers and R.A. Crowell of Buncombe County; Mallie Brown, Madison County; S.R. Cathey, Henderson County, and Edward C. Sumner, Manager, recently attended a Management Development Institute in Columbia, S.C. This institute was conducted by the officers of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia and Gus Campbell, Management Consultant of New York.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Asheville makes and services long term farm loans for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

FCC Sets FM Hearing

A hearing scheduled for March 22 in Washington will determine whether Murphy or Blue Ridge, Ga. will receive a new FM radio station.

Max M. Blakemore, doing business as Cherokee Broadcasting Co., and Robert P. Schwab, doing business as Fannin County Broadcasting Co., are seeking a construction permit.

Both companies have applied for permission to operate on Channel 280 or 103.9 megacycles.

Blakemore is the owner of Radio Station WCVF in Murphy and Schwab is the owner of Radio Station WLSB in Copperhill, Tenn.

Wildlife Lecture At Courthouse Tuesday

Dr. Frank A. Hayes, D.D.M., Director of the Southeastern Cooperative Disease Study will give a lecture sponsored by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission at the Clay County Courthouse next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Other lectures in the series are scheduled at Canton Monday evening and in Franklin on Wednesday of next week.

Dr. Hayes is a native of North Carolina. He directs a cooperative venture sponsored by the Wildlife Department of 13 southeastern States, organized to determine the nature and importance of wildlife diseases in relation to wild animal population and their impact on other human interest. Among the more important studies is the incidence of rabies in bats and foxes as a source of infection in dogs and other domestic animals. Other studies include the determination of normal parasite loads of most game animals and the relationship between parasitism and nutrition.

In addition to these special studies, centered at the Coops laboratory on the Campus of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia, each of the participating states sends in sick, wild animals for diagnostic service to determine whether it represents a potentially dangerous disease outbreak.

In his talk, Dr. Hayes will present movies and slides illustrating the work of his staff. Including in the series will be the result of work done on specimens from North Carolina. All persons interested in the management of wildlife in Western North Carolina are invited and should attend.

Five men were sent for induction into the Armed Forces by the local draft board last week.

They are David Floyd Stewart, James Harold Moore, Ernest Harold Boring, Stephen Leon Ledford and Howard Francis Wiggins.



GIRL SCOUTS in our area are conducting their annual sale of Girl Scout Cookies through March 1. Many Girl Scout projects and activities are financed by the cookie sales.

UHWDA Asked To Look At Five County Medical Needs

YOUNG HARRIS--The need for more and better medical facilities in the five-county area dominated a called meeting of the officers and directors of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association Tuesday night.

John Gill of Murphy pointed out that plans for medical expansion in western North Carolina seemed oriented toward Sylva and in North Georgia, medical expansion is concentrated in the Gainesville area.

He noted that this leaves most residents of the five-county area 75 or more miles from an up-to-date facility.

Oliver Derriberry of the

Georgia Mountains Planning and Development Commission explained some of the current legislation and its effect on more local medical expansion.

When the question of recruiting new doctors was mentioned, Derriberry said "recruiting doctors requires the same community effort as securing new industry."

Gill expressed the view that the five-county area is handicapped by the state line which divides the area and called on the UHWDA to look into the possibility of closer cooperation between the North Carolina and Georgia Counties

on medical problems. Derriberry "strongly urged" the group to "look at medical needs in the five county area."

President Bobby Jones of Blairsville reported that the current membership drive is proceeding well. He said 22 business memberships and 28 individual memberships have been received since the drive began.

The membership drive is being conducted to set up a revolving fund to finance UHWDA projects.

Jones asked Dave Bruce, chairman of the tourism and recreation work group, to report on the progress of the placemat project.

The work group has designed a placemat which will be sold at area restaurants. It shows points of tourist interest in the five counties.

"I anticipate that the mats will be on sale by late spring. We expect to place the printing order in a few weeks," Bruce said.

He told the group "these placemats will be a great asset to our area. They will encourage people passing through to stay and visit with us for a while."

Jones asked Bruce for a more detailed report on the tourism and recreation work group's plans when its placemat project is completed.

"Getting the placemat project off the ground is my primary concern now," Bruce said.

"When we finish this, I expect to begin work on a brochure which will require extensive planning and research," he continued.

Derriberry reported on a study to determine the feasibility of a light and heavy fowl processing plant in North Georgia.

While the study related only to Georgia counties, Derriberry said the study "has application in North Carolina."

He said a market outlet is needed for these fowl and said some Georgia birds are being transported as far away as New Jersey for processing.

Carlos C. Russell of Towns County, chairman of the agriculture work group, said his committee plans to continue concentrating on the promotion of vine-ripened tomatoes and promotion of a livestock and feeder calf sale.

Rev. George Dalton of Hayesville reported on the sanitation study which was recently completed in the five counties and suggested that "TVA aid in interpreting the findings of the study to local groups."

Dalton, who is chairman of the resources work group, said the study showed a lack of facilities for disposal of junk in the five county area.

Merle Davis, chairman of the business and industry work group, said his committee is working on a fact sheet for industrial development which would be for individual communities rather than the whole area.

Davis said when this work is completed, the group will proceed with a date sheet for each community.

Jones, who was elected to head UHWDA in December, expressed pleasure at the large turnout for Tuesday's meeting and was pleased with the progress of the individual work groups.

Democrats Seek Uniform School Board Elections

RALEIGH--Sen. Ashley B. Futrell of Wilmington has introduced a bill in the General Assembly which would create a uniform system for the nomination and election of school board members in all counties of North Carolina.

The measure was co-sponsored by Sens. Robert Morgan, Worth Gentry, Al-

bert Ellis, Monk Harrington, Adrian Shuford, John Boger, Jay Vinson Bridgers, Hector McGachy, Lindsay Warren, Jr., and George Wood.

Senate Democrats rushed the bill to the floor last Friday amid rumors that the Republicans were preparing a similar bill.

Present law allows the Gen-

eral Assembly to determine who will serve on the boards in many counties, including Cherokee.

Under Futrell's proposal, nomination and election of board members would be subject to the primaries and General Election in 1968.

The five members receiving the highest number of votes in the primary would be declared the nominees and their names would appear on the ballot in the General Election.

These provisions would apply to all political parties whose members desire to seek the nominations.

The bill also provides for nomination by county convention in counties like Cherokee which are exempt from the state primary election law.

Over a thousand residents of Cherokee County have already signed a petition requesting that board members in the county and the Murphy unit be elected by the voters.

More petitions are being circulated in the county and these will be forwarded to Sen. Mary Faye Brumby and Rep. Wiley A. McGlamery in a few days.

(Editor's Note: Cliff Blue comments on the school board issue in his column on The Scout's editorial page this week.)

Brumby Bill Seeks Vacancy Change

Sen. Mary Faye Brumby has introduced a bill in the General Assembly which would change the present method of filling vacancies on the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

Under the existing law, the Clerk of Superior Court is designated as the person responsible for appointing members to the Board in the event of a vacancy.

Sen. Brumby's bill, SB-16 states that vacancies in the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term by the county executive committee of the political party to which the commissioner causing the vacancy belongs.

This would perpetuate each party's numerical strength on the Board throughout a term regardless of any vacancies.

It would prevent the Rep-

ublicans from gaining a 4-2 margin should a Democratic seat become vacant. The present party line-up is 3-3 with the Democrats holding control under the provision of a special local bill.

Presumably, if a Democratic seat became vacant under the present law, Clerk of Court Don Ramsey would appoint a Republican and that party would take control of the Board. This would not be allowed under Sen. Brumby's bill.

The Clerk of Superior Court holds the power to fill vacancies in 62 of the 100 counties in the state at the present time.

Sen. Brumby's bill, which was introduced on February 13, has been sent to the Senate Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Teacher Tenure Bill Introduced

RALEIGH--Rep. Jeter L. Haynes (R-Yadkin) has introduced legislation calling for creation of a state tenure system for public school teachers.

All teachers who hold a regular certificate and had been reappointed for a fourth year in one school district would automatically be given tenure, according to Haynes.

Contracts would also go to any teachers who had taught in the state for five years regardless of time spent in a single district.

Any teacher charged with a justifiable dismissal offense under the tenure law would be guaranteed a public hearing by the school board, the right to counsel and judicial review by the Superior Court.

Among the major causes for justifiable dismissal cited in the bill are immorality, misconduct in teaching service, incompetence, sexual offenses, drunkenness, public display of whisky and disability.

Haynes' measure was referred to the House Education Committee.

GOP Seeks To Abolish Epileptic Restriction

Republican representatives have introduced a bill in the House which would abolish the requirement for Persons subject to epileptic attacks to submit to sterilization before being allowed to marry. G-S 51-12 presently calls for Eugenic sterilization for Persons adjudged to be subject to epileptic attacks.

The bill was introduced by Representatives David Jordan from the 45th district of McDowell and Buncombe Counties and Representative Charles Taylor from the 48th District of Jackson, Swain and Transylvania Counties.

Taylor stated that he felt that laws regarding Epilepsy should be revised for several reasons.

"First they are neither being enforced nor followed. It is more a senseless indignation than binding control. The citizens of our state should and are gradually beginning to realize that epilepsy is a fairly common ailment. There are at least 50,000 cases in North Carolina. Today most cases can be effectively controlled. While Epilepsy can possibly be inherited it is usually recognized that the more serious cases of Epilepsy are brought about by non-hereditary

causes. Most Epileptics are intelligent human beings who have made and can continue to make valuable contributions to society. They do not deserve to be singled out as something queer or oddily diseased.

"There are many types of maladies which are hereditary and yet do not carry the legal or social penalties placed on the Epileptic."

Taylor said that, "Changing the social attitude toward Epileptics must be brought about through education and understanding. It may take a long time. Correcting the archaic discriminatory law concerning the subject can be accomplished at once by this General Assembly."

SBA Representative To Visit Asheville Monthly

In an effort to make its programs accessible and more convenient for the small business concerns in this area, the Small Business Administration will have a representative in Asheville one day each month to counsel small business owners about their financial and management needs.

The SBA representative will be at the Asheville Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday of the third full week of each month. Appointments may be made by

calling the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, telephone number 233-3361, Asheville.

SBA loans are made for business construction, expansion, purchase of machinery, equipment, inventory and working capital. Maximum maturity is ten years on fixed assets loans. Maturities on working capital loans are usually confined to six years. Most retail and service businesses are classified as small if their annual sales do not exceed one million dollars; wholesale concerns with annual receipts of five million or less and manufacturing concerns, with some exceptions, if total number of employees does not exceed 250.

SBA can make direct loans up to \$100,000; bank participation loans (SBA share \$150,000) and SBA guaranteed loans up to \$350,000. Under the Guaranty Program, the bank advances the entire funds and SBA can guarantee up to 90 percent of the loan. However SBA cannot make a loan until there is evidence that the funds needed are not available on reasonable terms from banks or other private lending sources. Small business owners desiring to discuss their financial needs with the SBA representative should bring with them current financial information.

Additional information about the programs and services of SBA may be obtained from the Charlotte Regional Office, located in Room 501, 501 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, S.C., 28202

Bullet Bouncer!

GREENVILLE, S.C.--Charles Castor, former manager of the M&J Finance Corp. office in Murphy, helped foil a hold-up attempt by letting a bullet bounce off his chest.

A bandit who demanded \$1,000 pulled the trigger and when the bullet hit Castor and bounced to the floor, a woman bystander screamed. The bandit fled.

Castor has a bruise on his chest. Greenville police said the bullet must have contained very old powder.

Barry's Attend Paint Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barry, owners of the Western Auto Associate Store in Andrews, attended a paint projects information meeting in Asheville last Friday.

The meeting was conducted by E.J. Lowery, vice-president and technical director of Precision Paint Co., manufacturer of Wizard paints.

Fifteen dealer stores were represented at the meeting.

Heart March To Be Sunday

The Heart Sunday Volunteer Corps will be on the march this Sunday to give every resident of Murphy a personal opportunity to fight the Nation's Number One health enemy--the heart and blood vessel diseases.

Tommy Gentry, Heart Sunday chairman, has announced that the volunteer group will be made up of Boys Scouts and their parents. They will visit homes in every section of Murphy to accept contributions to the 1967 Heart Fund Campaign and to distribute literature telling how to reduce the risk of heart attacks and what to do in case of a heart attack.

Heart Sunday marks the high point of the local drive. A goal of \$1,200 dollars has been set for the Murphy area.