



AFTER A SNOW-FREE WINTER, the Murphy area was hit by a fast-moving storm system that dumped about three inches on the ground in a few hours Monday morning. The snow came along with a warming trend that followed the longest



cold spell of the year. The TVA weather observer said the low Saturday morning was zero at 6 a.m. and the high for the day Saturday was a frigid 27 degrees at 3 p.m.. These photos by Scout Studio Manager Weaver Carringer were taken at the



peak of the snow-fall. The left photo, taken from the road leading to Rimco, shows the Hiwassee River in the foreground, the Southern Railway yard and houses in Murphy. Highway 64 at the western city limits is almost deserted in the center

photo as a single car heads toward town. Tire marks on the highway can be seen in the foreground of the right photo taken on US 64 west, but the lane leading to the house on the hill is untouched.

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Graham Worker Dies In Freak Explosion

ROBBINSVILLE-----H.M. Millsaps, 50 of Graham County, was killed Monday in a freak explosion at a highway construction site two miles north of Robbinsville. It is believed that Millsaps fell into a hole loaded with dynamite charge. The accident occurred just after noon, when the Wilkes Construction Co. crew, working on U.S. 129, had finished lunch. Kenneth Caldwell of Hazelwood, a driller who was assisted by Millsaps, said he had just walked toward an air compressor to put up his lunch pail when he heard the explosion. When he looked around, Millsaps was gone, Caldwell said. A taxi driver, Posey Roberts, was driving up the highway toward Robbinsville when he heard the explosion. Roberts said he saw a body hurtling through the air, land and roll downhill toward a lake. Caldwell said Millsaps' body was thrown about 100 feet from the explosion. Millsaps is survived by the widow, Mrs. Inez Hensley Millsaps, three daughters and three sons. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Old Mother Church. The Rev. Frank Jones and the Rev. Leslie Hedrick officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Luther McGuire, Vaughn Rogers, Robert Moore, Kenneth Rogers, Leon Moore and Joe Millsaps. Townson Funeral Home was in charge.



Donald Gregory

Gregory Named Outreach Head

Alvin Penland, President of Four-Square Community Action Inc., has announced the appointment of Donald Gregory as Director of Outreach Program for Adult and Youth Services. Gregory, who has been Assistant Director of Mental and Physical Fitness, was elevated to the Directors position of the Outreach Program when Jack Frauson was appointed Executive Director of Four-Square Community Action, Inc. Gregory, 35, a four year Navy Veteran, attended Western Carolina College. Gregory taught at Nantahala High School and the Graham County School System prior to his appointment with Four-Square. He also coached football and basketball. Gregory is married to the former Joan Garland and they have one daughter, Lisa, age seven.

Bank Gains 308 Places In Rank

Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Murphy gained 308 places in its standing among the 2,000 largest commercial banks in the United States during 1966. It now ranks as the 1924 largest in size compared to 2232 place at the end of 1965. CB&T reported deposits of \$20,413,424 on December 31, 1966 compared to \$16,624,175 a year earlier. The figures were revealed in the 1967 Annual Roll Call published by the daily "American Banker" of New York, the trade paper of the banking business. There are approximately 13,500 banks in the United States.

Cancer Clinic Cancelled

The Cherokee County Cancer Clinic set for March 9 at the Health Department in Murphy has been cancelled. Those wishing appointments for the April 13 Clinic are asked to call the Health Department or Mrs. Emogene Bates at 837-3617.



PAUL WATSON (left) of Hayesville shows instructor Bert Smith a homemade apparatus for puncturing cans of methyl bromide used to fumigate plant beds. Johnny and Jimmy Hoges (standing) are among 48 students from Cherokee and Clay Counties who have been attending a six week course on Tomato Training at the John C. Campbell Folk School. The course ends Friday.

Steady Progress Seen At American Thread

Construction on American Thread's new Cherokee Plant at Marble has been progressing steadily throughout the winter months. Most of the brick siding has already been erected and a roof now covers the entire operating area. Inside, nearly three-fourths of the building's concrete floor is poured and the office area is now framed out with cinder blocks. Still to be completed are the plumbing, heating, electrical and air conditioning systems. Given good weather, best

estimates now available fix late April as the time when the building and all its systems will be completed. Process machinery has already begun to arrive and deliveries will continue into December. Once complete, the Cherokee Plant, which is located on a 100 acre site, will provide more than a quarter of a million square feet of floor space. That space will house the most modern equipment now available to the textile industry. To be fully air conditioned the plant will utilize electricity as its only source of power. As a result, it will have no smokestack and no smoke will be given off.

According to Dan Lamb, Plant Manager, about 325 people will eventually be employed at the Cherokee Plant. He went on to say that present hiring plans call for the gradual staffing of the plant as permitted by the rate of machinery installation. May 1 has been set as the target date to start the hiring of regular operating personnel. In stressing American Thread's concern for its employees, Lamb pointed out that the company has set up an extensive training program. As part of that program, there are 30 men from the Marble area currently training to be skilled machinery fixers. An important part of their training will involve the installation of machinery as it is delivered. Regular operating personnel will receive their training in a separate room complete with working machinery. There, new employees will be taught the proper methods of operating this new equipment. In commenting further, Lamb said that the excellent progress made and the high job interest shown by employees from this area now in training have made him confident that the Cherokee Plant will soon be one of the best plants in the company.

Chamber Gives \$175 Cash

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce awarded cash prizes totalling \$175 last week in observance of the local Washington's Birthday Sale. Howard Moody, Hickory St., Murphy, won the grand prize of \$100 in a drawing held on Wednesday, Washington's Birthday. Kenneth Thomas, Rt. 3, Murphy, won \$75 in a drawing held on Tuesday of last week. Tickets for the drawing were distributed by merchants who are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lady Bird Schedules WNC Visit This Month

WASHINGTON--- Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will visit western North Carolina this month. The President's wife, accompanied by Secretary of Welfare John W. Gardner, will make a three-day visit to school rooms in Appalachia to look at what has been done with federal funds bolstering programs from kindergarten through college. While the whole itinerary has not been set, Mrs. Johnson's press secretary did indicate she will visit Western Carolina College at Cullowhee and Canada Township near Asheville where members of the Teacher Corps are at work. Mrs. Johnson will visit in the Charleston, W. Va. area on March 13 and then come to Asheville. Following her stay in WNC, the First Lady will fly to Nashville for ceremonies on March 15 commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Andrew Jackson.

Foodliner Now Open

Gibson's IGA Foodliner opened for business Wednesday on US 19 at the west end of Andrews. Floyd Gibson said a Grand Opening will be announced in The Scout later. The Foodliner is the largest supermarket in the Tri-State area. Gibson also reopened his Dairy Whip which is located next to the new supermarket. He announced Fred West and Mrs. Glad West are the new managers of the Dairy Whip.

Truck Runs Over Bank

A Ledford Cleaner's truck driven by Creed Coffee rolled down an embankment in the Beaver Creek section Monday morning. Coffee escaped injury by jumping out of the truck as it started to go over the bank. The snow and ice on the road were blamed for the accident and no charges were filed.

Boy Found After Spending Night In Cold Mountains

Ten-year-old Charles "Pedro" Bryson of Marble spent a cold night in the snow-covered mountains of Cherokee and Graham Counties Sunday night. He was found Monday morning, unharmed except for frost-bitten feet. Over 600 men from six counties either participated in the search or were ready to go into action when he was found.

The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bryson, missed him around 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Andrews Rescue Squad began the search at 7 p.m. Sunday. The Nantahala Rescue Squad and the Cherokee County Rescue Squad joined them a short time later and by midnight, the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and the Graham County Rescue Squad were combing the hills, too. The Hayesville Rescue Squad stayed on stand-by and joined the search at daylight. Rescue Squads from Union and Swain Counties were on their way to help when "Pedro" was found. A group of men headed by Mr. Williams of the Graham County Rescue Squad and Mr. Truell of Marble found the boy around 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Slick Rock section of Graham County. "Pedro" was dressed in a hooded sweatshirt, pants and loafers.



"PEDRO" BRYSON of Marble catches up on his sleep in District Memorial Hospital after spending a night in the cold, snowy mountains of Cherokee and Graham counties. (Staff Photo by Berry)

He said he was with three dogs and when the dogs began chasing a rabbit, he followed them. When it got dark, he crawled into a hollow tree trunk and called the dogs in with him. The dogs stayed with the boy throughout the night and gave him warmth. "Pedro" was brought to Andrews District Memorial Hospital for observation. Dr. F.E. Bialock said the boy was in good condition considering his long, cold night of exposure. Snow began to fall in the area after the search got underway and the temperature

was below 10 degrees during the night. Women living in the area kept hot coffee available throughout the night for the searchers as they came in to report on their progress. "Pedro's" first request when he got home was that his friends, the dogs, be fed too. A greater tragedy was feared when the boy was first reported missing. The Columbia Marble Co. operations are less than a mile from the Bryson home and there was apprehension that he might have fallen into an open mine shaft.

Cultural Planning Program Underway

One of the most far-reaching projects resulting from the new federal assistance for schools is the Cultural Planning Program for Eight Mountain Counties. The program which started December 1, 1966 was funded under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Title III provides grants to local schools for establishment of supplementary education centers and services. A wide range of activities may be authorized under this title. School administrations are to co-operate with other educational and cultural interests in the community. Jackson County school authorities under Paul Buchanan, Superintendent, and Mrs. Albertine Thompson, ESEA Director, realized that music, art and crafts instruction was a neglected area in the schools and in the communities. Securing the co-operation of eight western counties, they gathered facts to show the cultural needs of the area. An application was made to federal authorities and they were given funds to set up a planning group. The planners will formulate a program to eliminate the cultural deprivations in the area and apply for funds to put this program into operation. The counties involved are Haywood, Transylvania, and those west, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay and

Cherokee. In this area at the time of the application there were only 14 1/2 music teachers and 3 1/2 art teachers in all the 75 schools of the area. In other parts of the country, many schools have trained art and music specialists in each school. This section holds a rich folk heritage in music and in the arts. The schools can give only modest opportunity for children to develop their musical abilities. As one of the craft centers

of the country, craft skills were learned in families or in a few craft centers. But training in design and color was hard to find. All of us know of talent which has never had the needed help to develop. There is hidden talent which can be found and nurtured.

As these interests in music and art are helped to grow, some people will find they can go into new occupations using all their abilities. Others will find parttime occupations using all their abilities.

EDITORIAL:

The Choice Is Clear

A hearing in Washington on March 22 will determine whether Murphy or Blue Ridge, Ga. will receive an FM radio station. Both Murphy AM stations are daylight stations meaning they are authorized to operate only from sunrise to sunset. Murphy is without local night time radio service. We believe that an FM station, operating here at night, would be a great public service and a beneficial addition to our community. Our position may be surprising since newspapers and radio stations must compete for the advertising dollar of a community and we are endorsing another competitor. Our position should not be surprising at all. The Scout has always believed that competition is an essential ingredient in success. There is always room for one more, whether it be in the advertising industry, or any other type of business. Our choice is clear when a decision must be made to determine whether Blue Ridge, Ga. or Murphy will get an FM radio station. We will be pleased to welcome an FM station to our community.



MISS MARCH

Miss Mary D. Cheney, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Cheney, Murphy, N.C.

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