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Marble Water System Seeks Federal Funds

The Marble Community Water System is seeking a Federal loan and grant to provide water service to approximately 100 families in the Marble area.

The group has applied for a 70% grant of \$135,800 from the Economic Development Administration and a 30% loan of \$58,200 from the Farmers Home Administration. The total cost will be \$194,000.

Charles S. Edwards, North Carolina Coordinator for EDA, visited the area on June 30 to make an inspection and commented favorably on the need for the project, according to Giles F. Bryson, president of the water system.

16 Area Teams Enter Tournament

A total of 16 teams drawn from the five principal leagues in far western North Carolina have entered the district Slow Pitch softball Tournament to be held in Robbinsville starting July 21.

Home-standing Robbinsville leads in the number of entries with five including the league-leading Triplets and the second-place Crisp Contractors. Bryson City and Murphy each contribute four entries while two teams come from Andrews and one from Hayesville.

Bryson City's current league leader, Jim's Laundry has been ceded the top spot in the tournament and Graves Chrysler-Plymouth, the top Murphy entry is expected to furnish the major opposition. All clubs are given good chances to make a run at the title as several lower rated teams based on seasonal performances have taken the opportunity to add new players.

The district winner, in addition to taking home the championship trophy, will also earn the right to represent the district in the state tournament at Burlington starting Friday, August 11.

The Robbinsville Lions Club is sponsoring the tournament which will be the first to be held in the newly created Far West District consisting of Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties.

Sen. Brumby Answers On Registration Bill

(Editor's Note: The following is the first of three articles prepared by Sen. Mary Faye Brumby on the recently ended session of the North Carolina General Assembly.)

By Senator Mary Faye Brumby

In view of the fact that Charles H. Taylor, Representative of the 48th House District has seen fit to make charges against me in state news media concerning the bill which he introduced to provide loose-leaf, full time registration in Swain County, I should like to answer him.

As many of you may know, we passed a bill at the Session to provide for a State-wide, loose-leaf, full time registration which will have to be installed in 1969 before the 1970 elections.

Under the State-wide bill, the State will furnish all materials except the binders.

Rep. Taylor singled out Swain County where he lost heavily in the last election and attempted to force them to install the new loose-leaf system and re-register before the primary in 1968 and "to bear all the expense."

The Swain County Commissioners and Board of Election officials informed me that they approved the loose-leaf registration system and had no objection to re-registering, but that they would like to come under the State-wide bill in order to have the State help bear the expense.

ing to Giles F. Bryson, president of the water system. Bryson said the group's application is now in Washington.

He said the group was chartered on May 15, although work has been done on an informal basis for about two years. R. D. Bruce of the local FHA Office has worked closely with the group during that time.

In addition to water service to homes, fire hydrants will be set up. The American Thread Co. plant at Marble will receive water for additional fire protection from the system.

The group has been chartered on a non-profit basis, to set up a sewer system after the water system is established.

The service area will be within about a one mile radius of Marble.

In addition to Bryson, other officers are Kermit R. Kilpatrick, vice-president, and Wayne J. Edwards, secretary treasurer.

The members of the board of directors are Fred V. Barton, William D. Brackett, J. Vernon Bryson, Donald Cook, Frank W. Craig, J. Vinson Hall, Bruce R. Lunsford and Jack B. Palmer.

Tourism Group Meets Tonight

Chairman Dave Bruce has announced that the Tourism and Recreation Work Group of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC office in Young Harris, Ga.

Bruce said all officers and trustees of the Association are urged to meet with his group.

Rescue Squads, Jaycees Thanked

Chief of Police Pete Stalcup has expressed his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Cherokee County Rescue Squad, the Andrews Rescue Squad, and the Murphy Jaycees for their volunteer services during the Fourth of July weekend.

Stalcup said the three groups were very helpful in assisting the police with traffic direction during the Wagon Train and Water Festival.



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE MARBLE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM include: Front row-Giles F. Bryson, president and J. Vernon Bryson, Back row-Frank W. Craig, Fred V. Barton and Kermit R. Kilpatrick, vice-president, Not pictured-Wayne J. Edwards, secretary-treasurer; William D. Brackett, Donald Cook, J. Vinson Hall, Bruce R. Lunsford and Jack B. Palmer.

Voters To Elect School Board

The voters of Cherokee County will begin electing their school board in 1968 under the provisions of a local act passed by the General Assembly.

Sen. Mary Faye Brumby said the local bill will provide for the election of six board members on a partisan basis. They will serve staggered six-year terms.

She said the elections would begin next year when the term of Clarence C. Hemphill expires in District 2 and a vacancy from district 1 will be filled. Further elections would be held as the other terms are up.

Two board members will be elected from each district in the county. The districts will be the same as those from which county Commissioners are elected.

The chairman of the board will be elected by the members. He will not be allowed to vote except in case of a tie.

Sen. Brumby said that any vacancies on the board will be filled by the executive committee of the political party to which the vacating member belongs.

The county board would continue to appoint the board for the Murphy Schools.

Sen. Brumby said that if Cherokee county had remained under the new state-wide law, the elections would have been non-partisan and all members would have been elected at one time.

She indicated she felt the staggered-term approach would be better for the county.

Scout Offers Camp Trip To 15 Boys

By Red Schuyler

Applications are now being accepted for boys wanting to go to Camp Ney-A-Ti. Any boy

in Cherokee and Clay counties from the age of 10 and who has not reached his 14th birthday by July 23 is eligible to attend.

Each year The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress sponsors 15 boys. There is no charge to the boys. The only money they need is the money that they might want to spend for chewing gum, soft drinks and stamps and other "goodies" at the camp commissary.

The boys will leave Murphy Sunday morning, July 23rd, and return on Saturday afternoon, August 5th.

Camp Ney-A-Ti is an Indian name meaning "Camp by the Lake" and is nestled on the side of a mountain in a forest with many winding trails. The camp, naturally, leads the youngsters to nature. During the two week's encampment, each camper has an opportunity to try his hand at handicrafts. Boys are singled out for their excellence in crafts. The boys also play all kinds of sports under the supervision of the counselors or camp director Clemon K. Gant. Gant is head basketball coach at Ringold High school in Georgia.

All boys in the Andrews area that would like to place an application to attend this year's camp should get in touch with Mrs. F.E. (Dora) Blalock. Boys in the Hayesville and Murphy area should contact The Scout office.

If more than 15 boys make application to go, some method will be determined later, will be used to decide which 15 will attend. No applications will be accepted after midnight July 18th.

Brumby Mills Gets Contract

Brumby Textile Mills, Inc. plans to resume production in a few days.

The firm has received a Defense Department contract to produce 872,400 shirts.

Bogus Bills Found Here

Two bogus \$20 bills were deposited at Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Murphy last Friday and Saturday.

Vice-President John T. Gill said the money was deposited by tellers at the bank when the bills were deposited by two local business places.

He said the Secret Service office in Charlotte has been notified and is working on the case.

Gill said the bogus bills were "real good, the best we've seen in some time."

He said most people would only be able to tell they were counterfeit by feeling the paper.

The serial numbers on the bills were F48101937B and F48101939B.

Rainfall Tops Five Inches

Over five inches of rain fell in Cherokee and Clay Counties from last Wednesday through Monday morning.

The TVA rain gauge at Murphy recorded 5.80 inches during that period with 2.59 inches being reported in the 24-hour period ending Saturday morning.

At Myers Chapel in Clay recorded by TVA during the five-day period. The heaviest rainfall during the period 2.56 inches in the 24-hour period ending Friday morning.

Minor crop damage was reported in isolated areas. Mike Angel, Assistant County Agent, said the rains have hampered the regular spray schedules for tomato growers. Damp and cool weather provide ideal conditions for the blights to grow, he said.

7 County Roads To Be Improved

Six Cherokee County roads will be paved and one road will be resurfaced under the terms of a contract let by the State Highway Commission to Warren Brothers of Knoxville.

The roads to be paved are:

SR 1158, Liberty Road, from SR 1150 to SR 1156, 1.4 miles.

SR 1350, Carter Road, from SR 1326 to SR 1351, 1 mile.

SR 1558, Ghringalle Road, from SR 1564 northwest, 1 mile.

SR 1345, Lower Owl Creek Road from SR 1331 to SR 1342 1.4 miles.

SR 1616, Kent St. from US 19-129 to SR 1515, 0.4 mile.

SR 1141, Pack Gap Road, from SR 1150 to SR 1147, 1.7 miles.

The resurfacing will be on 0.3 mile of SR 1618, Whitaker Lane, from US 19-129 to SR 1616.

The contract includes five projects in Clay County and is for \$148,448.

Half Million Released For Recreation Complex And Rural Homesites

A half million dollars in Federal funds have been made available to construct a recreation complex near Murphy and eight rural homesites on an adjacent tract of land.

Mack B. Ray, Cherokee County Rural Renewal Program Leader, and Melvin

H. Hearn, North Carolina Director of the Farmers Home Administration, announced the approval of the two \$250,000 loans.

The loan for the recreation project will finance the purchase of 400 acres of land and pay the costs of constructing

an 18-hole golf course, a small lake, a picnic area and future sites for tennis courts and a skeet shooting range. Hiking and riding trails will also be provided. It is the first Rural Renewal loan for a recreation project approved in North Carolina.

John T. Gill, chairman of the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority, said the recreation complex will be the equivalent of a new industry employing 200 people.

Over 300 initial users have agreed in writing to use and support the project. They will pay \$10 per month or an annual fee of \$120 totaling \$36,000 a year. A daily user's fee will be charged for other persons using the complex.

The planned four-lane Appalachian highway will pass within 2.5 miles of the site and it is expected that the number of users will double when the highway is completed.

A minimum of 5,000 man-days of labor will be provided in the construction of the site. Over 100 acres of land will be removed from crop land and pasture. Present estimates show that 30 people will be employed during the development of the facilities and ten new jobs will be provided for its operation.

"These facilities help develop the type of rural community that encourages young people to remain in their home communities, attracts new industry, promotes tourism and gives that little push that is often needed in our rural economy," Hearn said.

The recreation loan will be repaid over a 30-year period. The homesite loan will also be repaid over a 30-year period.

It will provide for the purchase of 156 acres of land, the construction of eight rural homesites and the development of 60 homesite lots.

The houses will be brick veneer, three bedroom units, with water, sewer, electric heat, and landscaping. Each will be on a lot in excess of one acre.

Long term credit will be available for purchase of the homesites by low and medium income families.

An estimated 6,000 man days of labor will be needed on the homesite construction and 25 people are expected to be employed.

Smith & Jones Gets Contract

Smith and Jones of Murphy has been awarded a contract to construct an 8,400 square foot addition to Rimco plant here.

Rimco manager Peter J. McKeon said construction is expected to begin immediately. He said it is hoped that the addition will be completed this summer.

57 Wrecks, 6 Deaths In First Half Of 67

The Highway Patrol has released figures showing there were 57 traffic accidents, two of which resulted in six deaths, and 206 preventive arrests made in Cherokee County during the first six months of 1967. The period covered is from January 1 to June 30.

Driving on the wrong side of the road was the most frequent cause of accidents. Patrolman Don Reavis said 12 of the accidents were blamed on that, including the two fatal wrecks.

Other causes were: other dangerous moving violations, 9; speeding, 7; driving drunk, 6; improper passing, 5; failure to yield the right-of-way, 5; unsafe equipment, 3; weather conditions, 3; mechanical failure, 3; reckless driving, 2; and following too close, 2.

Reavis, while listing the preventive arrests, pointed out that the total does not include charges filed after an accident has occurred. The preventive arrests, he said,

are those made for violations that could cause an accident.

The arrests were for the following violations: speeding, 114; driving drunk, 31; other dangerous moving violations, 18; unsafe equipment, 12; improper passing, 10; stop sign violations, 19; reckless driving, 4; failure to yield the right-of-way, 4; and driving on the wrong side of the road, 3.

The arrest totals include only those made by the Highway Patrol. Sheriff's department and police arrests are not included.

Reavis said the other dangerous moving violations listed include passing a stopped school bus, racing, failure to give a proper signal; and improper turn.

He said the figures do not include non-moving violations such as littering, no operator's license, larceny of an automobile, possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages, public drunkenness and no insurance.

Nantahala District To Host Camporee

The Nantahala District will host the Annual Fall Boy Scout Camporee, September 29-30 and October 1 at Appletree Branch Campground at Nantahala.

"Approximately 1,500 Boy Scouts from 14 Western North Carolina Counties which made up the Daniel Boone Council will attend the three day Scouting expedition," said Dan Angel, District Scout Executive for the Nantahala District. "We have asked for this scouting event to be held in our area for one reason," said Angel, "this is to let the people of Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties, which make up the Nantahala District, see what scouting is doing for their young people. We urge them to come by and visit with us on this event. Let these young men show you what Scouting is all about, and what it has done for the boys as individuals."

"This is the biggest Scouting event ever to be held in this area and I personally want to thank all the volunteers who have given their time to make this event possible," Angel said. He was informed of this camporee by Clayton Doty, Scout Executive for the Daniel Boone

Council, at a staff meeting last week in Asheville.

"To make this camporee a success we in the Nantahala District will have to give a helping hand. First we will have to ask each Rescue Squad in our area to have units at Apple Tree in case of an emergency, which we hope never happens, but just in case," said Angel. "These are the unsung heroes who make events like this possible. I have already got a Protestant minister lined up for the Sunday morning worship services and have a Catholic Father for Catholic Mass. Scouting is built around the church and the young people will have the opportunity to worship while they are at the camporee," he noted.

At the present time applications are being taken at the Council Office for troops who will attend this event.

Arrangements for Scouting skills are being finalized by the Camporee committee and will be released by August 15.

Each Scoutmaster in the Nantahala District will be contacted by the District Scout Executive prior to September 1st for a list of all Scouts who will attend the camporee.

Early Days In Murphy Exhibit: An Interesting Backward Glance

By Dave Bruce

Did you know the wagon train promotion for a new road wasn't original?

Did you know Ft. Butler was one of 17 stockades into which the Cherokee Indians were collected prior to their removal to the west?

Did you know the Town of Murphy was named for Judge Archibald D. Murphy?

These are some of the interesting facts that can be learned by visiting the Early Days In Murphy Exhibit that is on display at the Murphy Carnegie Library this month.

Pictures taken on the Town Square show that sometime in the early part of this century a motorcade travelled from Murphy to Blairsville to promote construction of US 19-129. In later years, we switched back to the wagons to emphasize the need for a Murphy-Tallico Plains road.

Ft. Butler, incidentally, is believed to have been named

for B.F. Butler, a member of President Andrew Jackson's cabinet. He was a law partner of Jackson's vice-president, Martin Van Buren and is not to be confused with the notorious "Beast" Butler of New Orleans fame in the Civil War.

Judge Murphy's portrait donated to the Library by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray and Becky Jo and his papers are among the highlights of the display.

There is a stark reminder of the past in the exhibit-two deed recording the sale of slaves here.

A portion of Naturalist John Muir's writing was reproduced. He had the misfortunes of being mistaken for a carportbagger upon his arrival here.

A hand-made sausage mill is on display. It belonged to the grandmother of baseball great Ty Cobb. She lived in the Bellview area.

Hunter's Trading Post was established on the present site of Murphy and a ledger from the year 1838 gives you an

idea of prices in the days before inflation. A quarter would buy a pound of coffee. Fifty cents was the going price for a pint of brandy, and according to Hunter's ledger, brandy was in strong demand by the early settlers here. Fishermen could stock up on 100 fish hooks for a dollar.

The newspapers displayed date back to 1875 and there is interesting reading in several old scrapbooks that are included in the exhibit.

Pictures include those of early stores here, a school class and prominent local people of bygone years.

It is incredible but so obvious when one reads in an early history that Cherokee County was founded in 1839 and named in honor of the Cherokee Indians. In honor of those who were herded like cattle into Ft. Butler and 16 similar stockades to be removed from their homes against their will.