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Rural Mail Delivery Services Extended

About 6,000 rural families in the four-state Atlanta Region are now eligible for the first time to have mail delivered to their homes under a new Post Office Department policy.

These families became eligible for this service when Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien last week announced a nationwide extension of rural delivery services to less-densely populated areas of the nation.

Under the new policy, rural delivery service can be provided for all areas with an average population density of one and one-half families a mile instead of the prior requirement of two families a mile traveled by the rural carrier.

This means that a family living within .35 of a mile from the present route of a carrier is now eligible for delivery service.

Under the old policy, delivery service was possible only if the family lived within one-fourth mile of a carrier's route.

Bulldogs Open Season Friday

The Murphy Bulldogs open the 1967 football campaign at home Friday night against Gilmer County. Last year, Murphy edged Gilmer County, 14-13.

"I feel we're going to have a pretty good ball club," Coach Terry Postell told The Scout as he made preparations for the opening game. He declined to name his starting lineup for Friday and indicated several spots were still wide open.

Last year, Murphy had one of its best seasons in recent years with a 9-1 record. The only loss came in the Sylva-Webster game, a 54-19 rout.

The Bulldogs meet Sylva-Webster on the road in their first Smoky Mountain Conference game on September 8.

In spite of the loss of Tommy Love and Gary Phillips, "they're going to have a real good ball club," Postell said. He added, however, "I feel we can whip them."

Quarterback Roger Stiles and tackle Hoyt Roberson have been named co-captains of the Bulldog team, Postell said. Both players are seniors.

The coach said he had six starters returning from last year's team.

3 Receive WCU Degrees

Three Murphy residents received Master of Arts in Education Degrees at commencement exercises at Western Carolina University last Friday. They are Ruth Lall Forsyth, Robert W. Hendrix and William Rex Sudderth.

A total of 218 degrees were awarded at the WCU summer commencement.

Dr. Frank G. Dickey, executive director of the National Commission on Accrediting, addressed the graduates.

Young Americans "should not choose to be common men," Dickey said. "We must seek to be uncommon. We must seek opportunity--not security."

Van Gorders Host Shrine Club Meeting

By Bob Barker

Dr. & Mrs. Charles O. Van Gorder of Andrews were hosts to the monthly dinner meeting of the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, composed of Shriners in the seven western counties Haywood, Swain, Jackson, Macon, Graham, Clay and Cherokee at their home on Junaluska Road, Wednesday afternoon Aug. 18th at 7:30 p.m.

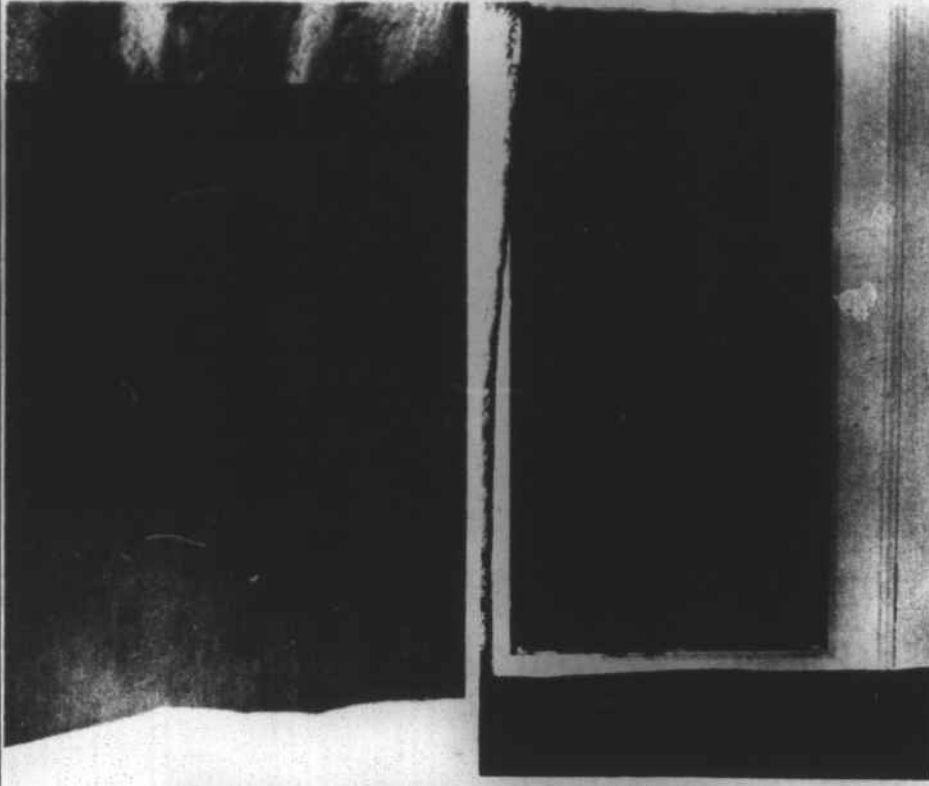
Thirty-five Shriners attended and Dave Bruce, Managing Editor of The Scout, was a specially invited guest for the occasion.

Refreshments and a barbecued dinner were served at the Van Gorder Grill in the Woods adjoining the Van Gorder Home and after thanks and the blessing was said by Rev. Leonard McClure of Marble, a Member of Oasis Temple of the Shrine, everybody pitched in to enjoy a meal of green seasoned beans, chopped Spanish Onions, corn bread baked especially for the occasion by Mrs. Bob Barker, barbecued chicken prepared by the Master Chef, Sam Hartman of Oasis Temple, tossed salad, pie, cake and ice cream and coffee.

Shriner W. D. (Bill) Whitaker of Andrews, a Member of the Imperial Divan of the Shrine, provided corn on the cob from his garden patch well attended by Farmer Buck Fisher of Andrews, recognized corn (on the cob) Expert of Valleytown Township.

Miss Kathy Van Gorder assisted her mother, Lady Helen Van Gorder, and her father, Dr. Van Gorder who got out of the Emergency Room at District Memorial Hospital just in time for the dinner.

Among those attending, in addition to President Ernest Hyde of Franklin, were Chief of Police, Shriner Walter Headley of Miami, Fla., Provost Marshal Emeritus of Mahia Temple, who has a summer home at Andrews; Nantahala Power Company President, Shriner John M. Archer of Franklin; President and Shriner W. Frank Forsyth of the Citizen Bank and Trust Company system of Murphy; Colonel Al G. Swan of the U. S. Air Force, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, a Member of San Antonio Temple of the Shrine; his father Capt. Frank W. Swan and his brother, Bill Swan, both Members of Oasis Temple, T. M. Jenkins and Kelly Hooper of Robbinsville; A. F. Padgett, Jack Bristol, and Jack Wood of Hayesville; Jay Gernert, Jimmy Helton, and Burton Killian of Murphy; J. C. Welch of Marble; H. C. Collins, Jack Welch of Bryson City; Bob Barker, Bobby Winfrey, Joe Parker, and Burke Wood of Andrews; Bennie McGlamery, Reid Rogers, S. R. Simpson, Claude Bolton, Mack Franks, Sidney Martin, Pat Brown, A. C. Tysinger all of Franklin; and Dr. Thomas D. Jones, M. D. of Naples, Florida, summer resident of Franklin all members of Oasis Temple.



Sniper Strikes Two Homes

TWO FAMILIES WERE THE INTENDED VICTIMS OF SNIPER FIRE on Rt. 2, Culberson, early last Wednesday, August 15. Lee Bailey said two shots were fired into his home and two into his car while his family slept around 1 a.m. The Baileys' two-week-old baby was sleeping in the crib in the left photo when a bullet came through the head of the crib about four inches above the child. The bullet hole can be seen in the center of the photo. Another shot shattered the living room window (right photo). Dave Johnson said four shots were fired at his home, about two miles from Bailey's home, around 1:10 a.m. Two of the shots entered the house, one striking within three feet of Johnson's daughter. The other two struck outside, he said. The scenes of the shootings are about 14 miles west of Murphy off US 64. The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation are working on the incidents.

Candidates Announce Plans For '68 Election

With the 1968 primaries over eight months away and the General Election more than a year from now, several candidates or potential candidates from both major parties are beginning to make their plans for 1968 known in North Carolina.

Republican W. Scott Harvey of Arden, who ran a close race against Rep. Roy A. Taylor last year, said last Friday he will seek the GOP nomination for another race against Taylor next year.

Rep. Jim Gardner indicated in Raleigh on Friday that he probably will seek the Republican nomination for governor.

Sen. Sam Ervin, Jr. wrote friends in North Carolina that he will seek a third term in the Senate next year.

And Gov. Dan K. Moore said he will not run for political office again after his term expires in January, 1969.

Harvey, speaking to the Burch Named In Draft Movement

Burch Named In Draft Movement

J. Doyle Burch of Murphy has been named campaign chairman in Cherokee County for the "Draft Stickley for Governor Committee."

The appointment was made by Marcus T. Hickman of Charlotte, state chairman of the draft movement.

Jack Stickley is a past president of Lions International and is a Charlotte textile executive.

In accepting the appointment, Burch said "I know Jack Stickley and he is exactly the kind of man the people are looking for to change the one-party entrenchment in North Carolina."

Col. Wayne West has been appointed to a similar position in Clay County.

Sen. Brumby Named To Library Group

Sen. Mary Faye Brumby of Murphy has been named to a commission to study library support in North Carolina. Lt. Gov. Robert Scott announced the appointment last Thursday.

The Commission will make a report of its findings and recommendations for more equitable and adequate financing of public libraries to the 1969 General Assembly.

Sen. Brumby was one of two senators to be appointed by Scott, speaker David Britt was to name two representatives and a fifth member was to be appointed by Gov. Dan K. Moore.

Petition Filed In Firing Case

Attorneys for International Woodworkers of America, AFL-CIO, filed a petition Monday with Thomas E. Rhodes, clerk of U. S. Court for the western district of North Carolina seeking removal of an Andrews labor dispute from Cherokee County Superior Court to the Federal court.

The petition was filed on behalf of Mrs. Karen Lee Melton of Andrews and Local 5-339 of Tennessee, previously known as the Andrews Furniture Industries Division of Magnovox Co., had filed suit in Cherokee County Superior Court on August 2 seeking a reversal of an opinion and award rendered on June 30 by labor dispute arbitrator Dr. Herbert A. Lynch.

Mrs. Melton, who was discharged by the firm for insubordination, was ordered reinstated with a three-day suspension by the arbitrator.

Superior Court Judge Lucy Thornburg had signed an injunction on August 2 restraining the local from enforcing the arbitrator's opinion and award, and scheduled a hearing on the case before Judge Thad D. Bryson, Jr. for Monday.

Magnovox contends Mrs. Melton refused reassignment from one work station to another in the Andrews plant.

Named Assistant Manpower Director

Alvin Penland, President of Four-Square Community Action, Inc., has announced the appointment of Verlon Martin, Jr. as Assistant Director-Manpower Developer of Four-Square Community Action, Inc.

Martin, who has been Principal-Teacher at Peachtree Elementary School was elected to the position of Assistant Director-Manpower Developer at the last Executive Committee meeting. He taught eleven years at Peachtree Elementary School, and served this summer as Assistant Director of Cherokee County Unit Head Start. Martin worked at Radio Station WKRK from 1968 to 1961 as part-time announcer. He also worked at WKRK from 1964-65 as Announcer-Salesman.

Atlanta Man Drowns; Inquest Clears Friend

Emory Albert Duckworth, 37, of Atlanta, drowned in Hiwassee Lake around 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Acroner's jury ruled Monday afternoon that death was due to drowning and no probable cause was found to hold anyone in connection with the death.

Franklin S. Thompson of Murphy was in the boat with Duckworth when the victim apparently either jumped or fell overboard.

Thompson told the jury he met Duckworth in Murphy Saturday afternoon and was invited to go fishing with him. He said Duckworth showed him how to operate his boat and he drove the boat while Duckworth water skied.

The two returned to the lake after dark, Thompson continued, and they fished from the boat. He said he became frightened about being on the lake in the dark and wanted to return to Murphy. Duckworth threatened him then and tried to push him overboard, Thompson said.

Thompson said Duckworth swung at him twice with a paddle, striking him first on the arm and then on the side of the head. He said he was dazed and when he regained his sense, Duckworth was gone.

"I never did touch him, I was trying to get away from him," Thompson said. The marks where he was struck on the side of the head were still visible during the inquest Monday.

He said he had no prior trouble with the drowning victim and hadn't seen him in about two years until their meeting Saturday afternoon. Blain Stalcup, who was fishing with four other men on a houseboat near the scene of the drowning, testified at the inquest.

He told the jury he was aware of the boat being out on the lake for some time before the drowning occurred. He said someone bothered for help and when he went to the boat, Thompson was sitting in it. He said he found two pieces of a paddle in the water.

The Cherokee County Rescue Squad found the body about an hour after the drowning.

The scene of the drowning is about two miles below the rock quarry in Murphy.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Glenda Lynn Hartness Duckworth; two daughters, Jane and Barbara, both of Atlanta; one son, Steve of Atlanta; his mother, Mrs. Powell Smith of Atlanta; and his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartness of Blue Ridge, Ga.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Blue Ridge. Burial, under the direction of Chastain-Pack Funeral Homes, Inc., was in the Chastain Memorial Park.

Time To Begin On Ft. Butler

By Dave Bruce

the group this State's historical heritage "was greatly neglected."

"We have a solid claim to more than a footnote to history here and it's up to us to stake our claim." That was the concluding statement in an article I wrote for the July 13 issue of this newspaper. I repeat it now because information made available to me since then strengthens that remark.

W. S. Tarlton, Historic Sites Superintendent of the Department of Archives and History, told Sen. Mary Faye Brumby recently that the Fort Butler site at Murphy is "sufficiently important to be preserved and developed in appropriate manner" but he emphasizes that "real initiative and responsibility...rest with the local agencies concerned." In other words, if the Fort Butler site is to be developed, there will need to be a great display of interest in Murphy and Cherokee County.

Dr. Crittenden gave two reasons for preserving historical sites. In addition to the obvious one, preserving our heritage, he said these sites should be preserved because "they serve as an excellent business proposition."

Tarlton recommended four key steps to be taken and the first step in planned for next Thursday, August 31.

A meeting will be held next Thursday, tentatively at the Murphy Power Board Building, to agree on a program proposal to be presented to the Murphy Town Board. Anyone interested in the Fort Butler project should be present at that meeting.

The second step would be presentation of a firm proposal to the Town Board. If the Board approves, the third step, land acquisition, would be taken. Tarlton indicated there is a "good chance that Federal funds can be obtained for part of the cost of land acquisition and development."

The fourth step also relates to land acquisition.

My own view is that Fort Butler has a story to tell and it should have been told long ago. It wasn't, but we still have a chance to do it and if we fail to claim our legitimate place in history, shame on us!

Tarlton asked Mrs. Brumby to "let us know when and how we can help to get the project off the ground." It's up to local residents to start getting it off the ground next Thursday night.

"If the Murphy citizens are ready to begin, we will be glad to help," Tarlton concluded.

Next Thursday night is the time to begin.

There is no doubt in my mind that Fort Butler can be made into a great asset for our town and the views Tarlton expressed to Mrs. Brumby indicate the State is willing to lend a great amount of assistance if the local initiative is there.

"There is not enough information available to justify attempting to recreate the fort in its entirety," Tarlton said. He recommended that "the site be worked into a city park complex... The fort ought to be handled as a historic spot and properly presented by means of markers, exhibits, and perhaps audio-visual educational devices."

Mrs. Brumby attended a luncheon meeting of the Asheville Civitan Club on August 15 and she reported that Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the Department of Archives and History, told

Trio Hurt In Andrews Wreck

Three men were injured in a car-motorcycle wreck one and one-half miles east of Andrews on the Junaluska Road about 3 p.m. last Saturday.

Nichols suffered "at least one broken arm and one broken leg," Miller said. He was treated at District Memorial Hospital and transferred to an Asheville hospital.

Highway Patrolman Patt Miller said the car was driven by Terry Edward Hall, 25, formerly of Andrews and now living in Hapeville, Ga. and the motorcycle driver was Johnny Frank Nichols, 24, of Andrews. Wade Dockery, 34, of Andrews was a passenger in the Hall car.

Miller said Hall was traveling west when he met the motorcycle in a curve. Hall cut his car to the right in an effort to avoid the motorcycle and he struck the motorcycle, ran into a tree and overturned. After colliding with the car, Nichols' motorcycle came to a stop against a rock wall.

Dockery was admitted to District Memorial Hospital with cuts and bruises. Hall was treated at the hospital and released.

Miller said the car was a total loss and damage to the motorcycle was estimated at \$75. He indicated that most of the damage occurred when the car struck the tree. Hall was charged with driving under the influence. Miller said additional charges are possible pending further investigation.

Miller said, ironically, Dockery was involved in an accident at the same place about a year ago when a car struck the same tree.

Building Trades Course Offered

A new course called Building Trades in Light Construction will be offered at Tri-County Technical Institute. Classes will start September 7, and they will meet four nights each week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, between the hours of 6:00 and 10:00 each night.

There will be basic instruction in carpentry, cabinet-making, masonry, electrical, blueprint reading, and other subjects related to the Building Trades.



MEMBERS OF THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN SHRINE CLUB and their guests held their monthly dinner meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles O. Van Gorder last Wednesday night. The Smoky Mountain Shriners represent seven western North Carolina Counties--Haywood, Swain, Jackson, Macon, Graham, Clay and Cherokee.



Pretty Ugly Picture Photo Editorial

THIS UNSIGHTLY GARBAGE DUMP is one of two that exist on old US 64 in the Cane Creek Community. The tin cans line the edge of the road and the car frame shown at the left is just a few feet off the road. The Scout believes this picture tells of an important need in Cherokee County--public dumps for the many residents who live in areas of the county where such facilities are not available now.