



Westco Announces Rate Drop On Long Distance

Reductions in charges for long distance telephone service began for the customers of Western Carolina Telephone Company and Westco Telephone Company Wednesday according to James Armstrong, President of the two companies.

The lower rates will apply interstate long distance calls, Armstrong said. Customers will benefit in three ways—lower charges on many calls, longer time periods and added days (Saturday and certain holidays) when low rates apply.

This will be the 22nd major rate reduction since coast-to-coast service began in 1915. That year, a call between New York and San Francisco cost \$20.70. By 1940, the day rate was \$4. The \$1 night rate came in 1963 for calls "After 9", followed in 1965 by "After 8".

The "After 8 and Sunday" rate will become the "After

7 and Weekend" rate, and it will also apply all day on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

Present evening rates which extend from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will apply between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. each weekday and will be named "After 5". The rate for maximum distance during these hours will be lowered from \$1.50 to \$1.25 for the first three minutes of a station-to-station call.

Daytime station-to-station rates beyond 468 miles will be lowered, and the maximum cost for a call across the country will drop from \$2.00 to \$1.75 for the first three minutes. These rates will be in effect between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Armstrong said there would be a considerable savings to telephone customers as well as making long distance calling more convenient and economical.

Community Buys Three WNC Papers

Community Newspapers, Inc., of Murphy has announced today the purchase of three weekly North Carolina newspapers.

Jack T. Owens, president of Community Newspapers, said the three are The Franklin Press of Franklin, The Graham Star of Robbinsville, and The Black Mountain News of Black Mountain.

Owens and Bob Sloan, former owner of the Franklin and Robbinsville papers, said in a joint announcement that the two papers were sold to Franklin Press, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Community Newspapers.

The Black Mountain paper was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood. In a joint announcement the Greenwoods and Owens said Mr. Greenwood will continue as editor and publisher with no change in personnel or policy.

Sloan will continue in his capacity as editor of The Franklin Press. No personnel or policy changes will be made there or in Robbinsville.

Community Newspapers is a North Carolina corporation and also publishes The Andrews Journal, Andrews and The Smoky Mountain Times, Bryson City.



VERNON HOWARD AND CONNIE SATTERFIELD, seniors, were crowned King and Queen of the Hiwassee Dam Fall Carnival Saturday night. Pictured with them are, from the left, front row—David Anderson, Marvin White, Jerry Stiles, Matthew Stiles, Tim Hamby, Prince Elmer Morrow, Princess Lisa Floyd, Peggy Gibson, Angela Boring, Sue Lynn Murphy, Sheilah Loudermilk and Sheila Howard; back row—Wayne Price, Richard Hooper, Mike Payne, Steve Bryant, Winfield Clonts, Gayle Ledford, Margaret Beaver, Sue Picklesimer, Patricia Reid and Joanne Long. The carnival goal this year was to complete payment on the new intercom and PA system and to supply playground equipment for the elementary school. Princess Lisa and Prince Elmer turned in a record of \$712 while Queen Connie and King Vernon set a record for seniors with \$634. Junior runner-ups Gayle Ledford and Winfield Clonts and elementary runner-ups Peggy Gibson and Tim Hamby also reported high totals. (Photo by Student Photographer Ronald Tipton).

Marketing Rules Changed For Out-Of-State Cattle

The Cherokee County Extension office received confirmation Friday of changes in North Carolina regulations concerning the marketing of out-of-state feeder cattle.

The new regulations will permit Georgia beef cattle producers to market their animals through cooperative sales held in North Carolina with no restrictions. All heifer cattle will be tested for Brucellosis at the sale regardless of origin.

Earley said the first cooperative sale is expected to take place in Murphy next fall. The regulation change was originally requested to accommodate producers in the local border area, but as approved they include the Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia.

Earley indicated the regulation change will enable cattle producers in the area to receive a better price for their animals.

three to four cents more per pound if they are able to buy, in larger quantity, animals of the same grade, sex and approximate weight," he pointed out.

He said with more sellers represented at sales here, more of the big buyers will be encouraged to attend.

Watershed Group Plans Information Program

YOUNG HARRIS, GA. -- The Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association plans to contribute its efforts in 1968 on making information available that will be useful in reaching development ob-

jectives in the five county area served by the group. A special committee headed by R.D. Bruce of Murphy met last Thursday night to determine what projects should receive the attention of the Asso-

ciation next year. After hearing a report from Dr. Dave Harrington of TVA's agricultural development division, the group voted to: --Promote the planned egg marketing co-op for the five county area. The co-op will be built in Clay County.

--Endorse a proposed feeder calf sale which is expected to be held in Murphy. Dr. Harrington said he understands differences in the health regulations of North Carolina and Georgia have been ironed out so that livestock producers from the entire area can participate.

--Continue support of the tomato program and encourage more farmers to participate in the production of tomatoes.

--Support the development of an area hog marketing program. Dave Bruce of Murphy, chairman of the tourism and recreation work group, proposed that the Association endorse and support the Cherokee County Recreation Complex, the proposed Chatuge Shores Recreation Area in Clay County, the Towns County EDA Recreation Study and the restoration of Fort Butler in Murphy.

He also asked for continued support of the work group's placement project and proposed brochure project.

The committee voted to accept his recommendations. Bruce also announced the appointment of Ed Henry, Superintendent of Vogel State Park, to the tourism and recreation work group.

Rev. George Dalton of Hayesville, chairman of the human resources work group, suggested a survey of job opportunities in the five counties in order to inform young people of available employment as a means of keeping them in the area. He also asked for continued support of the school drop-out prevention program. Both proposals were adopted.

The committee voted to continue support of the business and industry work group's project to develop a fact sheet for distribution to industrial prospects and the maps showing the location of desirable industrial sites in the area.

Continued support was also voted for all watershed projects in the five counties.

Nominations were made for trustee positions which are up for re-election in December. George Bowers was nominated to retain his position for Clay County.

John Ramsay was nominated to succeed R.D. Bruce as a trustee for Cherokee County. Bruce is the president-designate for 1968 and is expected to be formally elected at the Association's annual meeting on December 7.

Jimmy Taft was nominated to serve another term for Towns County.

Ben Car, now an alternate was nominated as a new trustee for Union County.

Fannin County was not represented at the meeting and no nominations were made to fill the vacancy which will occur there.

Andrews Soldier Dies In Vietnam

SP4 Ramond T. Mashburn of Andrews was fatally wounded in action in Vietnam early in the morning of October 23.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Mashburn of Andrews.

The family was notified late last Wednesday night that he was missing in action. Word of his death was received Thursday morning.

Mashburn was wounded "by a burst of automatic weapon's fire while participating on a squad ambush patrol," according to his company commander, Capt. Donald A. Simpson.

The commander, in a letter to the Mashburns, said their son was "one of the finest soldiers in my command."

Simpson said he is recommending that Mashburn be promoted to the rank of sergeant and awarded the Bronze Star Medal posthumously.

He told the family a memorial service was held in the company's field chapel on October 24.



SP4 Mashburn

Mashburn was serving with the 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

The body was scheduled to arrive in Andrews Wednesday. Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Andrews First Baptist Church.

Herbert Sheidy Wins This Week's Contest

Herbert Sheidy of Andrews took first place in The Scout Football Contest this week with 20 correct predictions out of 23 games listed.

There was a tie for second place. E. C. James of Rt. 3, Murphy, a previous winner, and E. R. Voyles of Rt. 4, Murphy, will split the second and third place money and points.

Both contestants had four wrong and both were off 13 predicted Andrews would beat Murphy, 14-6, and Voyles said the score would be 13-7. Andrews won the game, 7-0. James moves into second place in the competition for the grand prize—two tickets and \$25 expense money for the Atlanta-Chicago pro game in Atlanta on December 17.

Here are the current point standings: Don Gentry—seven and one-half points, E. C. James—five and one-half points, Karen Watson, Larry Shope, James H. Kilpatrick, Patsy Hyde and Herbert Sheidy—five points each.

Sandra Mintz, Don Gregory and Boyd Pullium—three points each.

Terry Sanders and E. R. Voyles—two and one-half points each.

Aby Mathis, Herbie Gibson and Dale Lunsford—two points each.

Fran Crawford, Richard B. Caldwell and Graham Bayless—two-thirds of a point

each. The race for the big prize is wide open, so turn to this week's contest page and try your luck.

Benton Seeks Insurance Post

RALEIGH--Fred M. Benton of Raleigh announced Monday that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Commissioner of Insurance in the May, 1968, primary election.

In his announcement for the past, Benton said the people of the State "don't understand what's going on in insurance" and laid the blame on the Insurance Department.

He went on, "This wide gulf between the people of North Carolina and the Insurance has to be bridged before we are going to get an effective insurance situation in this state."

Benton said if nominated and elected to the post he would initiate hearings by the department throughout the state. He also suggested the Insurance Department would become more involved in promoting traffic safety since it has such an effect on the premiums paid by drivers.

Andrews Downs Murphy For SMC Championship

By Red Schuyler

Before the largest crowd ever to see a football game in Andrews (estimated at 4,000 or more) the Wildcats defeated the Murphy Bulldogs, 7-0.

The fans had anticipated that it would be a high scoring contest with a possibility of both teams scoring frequently but it was strictly a defensive battle from start to finish.

The only consolation the Bulldogs have is that due to the fact that Andrews is Class A and they are Class AA, they will play at least one and possibly several more games in the State playoffs.

The Wildcats are the Smoky Mountain Conference Champions for 1967, posting an almost perfect season record.

The Wildcats, with one more game to play, have won eight games and tied one and should wind up the regular season play with nine wins and one tie.

The State playoffs are scheduled to start on the 17th. The Bulldogs' first opponent has not been decided, but in all probability it will be T.C. Roberson of Skyland. Right now it is a tie between T.C. Roberson and Edneyville, T.C. The two schools tied when they played earlier and the game was decided by total yardage with Edneyville getting the nod. Edneyville has lost a game and T.C. Roberson

plays North Buncombe this Friday night. Should T.C. Roberson lose, then Edneyville will be the first opponent for the Bulldogs in the playoffs. If T.C. Roberson wins, they will face the Bulldogs in the game Friday night.

In the game Friday night, Andrews won the toss and decided to have possession of the ball immediately. The ball was kicked to Leslie McKinney on the ten yard line and McKinney handed off to Gary Morgan who returned it to the Andrews 29 yard line. Andrews, making only a net gain of two yards in the first three downs kicked out to the Bulldog 42 yard line with no return.

In the first series of downs for the Bulldogs they could only make three and one half yards, so they kicked out to the Wildcat 21 yard line with no return. The Bulldogs gained eight yards in the exchange of punts.

On the first play, Bradley was stopped at the line of scrimmage, Gary Morgan picked up four yards, but the Bulldogs were guilty of being offside and the Wildcats took the five yard penalty. Van Brown then picked up a yard. With third and four to go, Bradley romped 14 yards for the first first down of the night. On the next series, Morgan gained three and the Bulldogs were guilty again of an infraction and were

penalized 15 yards and another first down. Morgan then picked up seven yards. This time the Wildcats were guilty of an infraction and they were penalized 15 yards. Bradley, in three tries, picked up 13 yards but was shy two yards for a first down and the Wildcats kicked to Harold Kephart on the 11 yard line with a two yard return. Kincaid netted one yard and then Mike Kephart taking a pitchout from Stiles picked up ten yards and a first down. In three stabs at the Wildcat line, the Bulldogs could only net six yards and once again called on Scott to boot it away. Scott got off a long kick and it was downed by Bradley on the Wildcat 27 yard line with no return. In three plays Bradley picked up 13 yards and a first down as the first quarter ended.

An intended pass to Gary Morgan fell to the ground. Another pass attempt and the Wildcats lost seven yards. Once again the Wildcats called on Bradley and he responded with a 17 yard gallop and a first down. Andrews picked up another first down and were on their way to another. With fourth down and three to go on the Bulldog 30, they decided to go for it but were short a few inches, and the Bulldogs took over on their own 27 1/2 yard line.

Mike Kephart picked up one yard and then John Wishon

intercepted a Stiles pass on the Bulldog 32 and returned it four yards to the Bulldog 28. Bradley then picked up one yard. On the next play, Gary Morgan heaved a pass to John Golem in the end zone good for six points. Bradley's kick for the extra point was good. This made it Andrews 7, the Bulldogs 0 with 5:52 remaining in the first half.

On the ensuing kickoff, the ball sailed out of bounds and the Bulldogs put it in play at their 40 yard line. Stiles, in three pass attempts with little or no protection, had to "eat" the ball three times and lost a total of 21 yards, placing the ball on the Bulldog 19 yard line. Scott again was called on to kick it out and the ball went to Morgan on the 50 yard line with an eight yard return.

In this series, McKinney ran for three yards, then lost a yard and the next pass attempt lost eight yards and the Bulldogs were offside and penalized five yards. On the next play Bradley, without a doubt one of the best all round backs seen in this section in a long time, burst through the line and picked up twenty yards and a first down placing the ball on the Bulldog 14 yard line. McKinney fumbled the next play and Murphy recovered on the Murphy 12 yard line with 2:20 remaining in the first half. On the next three plays, Murphy could only net eight and one-half yards and the Bulldogs again kicked it out of danger to the Bulldog 49 yard line, with 49 seconds remaining. A few plays later the first half ended.

The second half was quite a bit like the first half with Andrews dominating the play in all departments. The Wildcats picked five first downs in the second half while holding the Bulldogs to no first downs. Two first downs in the first half were all the Bulldogs could get for the game.

Late in the second half, with 3:16 left, Murphy took possession of the ball as a result of a punt by Andrews on the Bulldog 42 yard line. With fourth and 20 yards to go for a first down and two minutes left to play, realizing that if they kicked the ball, they would never get possession of it again, the Bulldogs had no other choice than to try to go for it. A pass to Doug Stevens only netted 4 yards and the Wildcats took over on the Bulldog 32 yard line. The game ended with Andrews in possession of the ball on the seven yard line.

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The Murphy Jaycees have begun their annual Toys for Tots Campaign, according to the project chairman, Glen Beaver.

Anyone wishing to contribute candy or toys to the campaign can call any Jaycee for pickup. Beaver can be reached at 837-3026.

Murphy Midgets Clinch First

The Murphy Midgets clinched the Smoky Mountain Conference championship with a 27-13 win at Robbinsville Saturday night.

Coach Haskel Robertson's team held a slim 14-13 lead at the half but they wrapped up the victory with two second half touchdowns.

The Mites settled for a 6-6 tie at Robbinsville but still have an outside chance to win the championship in their division this week.

The Mites must defeat Hayesville Friday night in Murphy to stay alive. Should they win and should Robbinsville lose to Andrews, the Murphy Mites will finish in first place. Kick off time Friday is 7 p.m.



MISS NOVEMBER

Miss Suzanne Coward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Coward, Murphy, N.C.

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DOUG STEVENS finds the going rough against a strong Andrews defense. (Photo by Jim Morgan)