



Scout Office To Be Closed

The Scout-Progress office will be closed Friday Dec. 29 and Monday Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year holiday weekend. The office will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2.



Go, Granny, Go!

The woman patient was 70 years old, according to the hospital report, and the diagnosis read: "Injury to rib cage. Injured right hand and elbow. On motorcycle hit by car."
The hospital clerk wondered if the idea of a motorcycle grandmothers might not raise some eyebrows at the Medicare Department of Wisconsin Blue Cross.
So at the bottom of the billing form she wrote: "I kid you not!"

Telephone Hearing Draws Little Response; Company Gives Report

The telephone hearing in Asheville December 19 drew little response as representatives of the Western Carolina and Westco Telephone Companies reported considerable progress in meeting the stipulations laid down by the State Utilities Commission last August concerning better service to their customers.

It was reported that only two men attended the hearing from Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain Counties where most of the complaints of poor service by the telephone companies has been heard in the past.

Those attending from the five county area were Mr.

Tom Day of Hayesville and Mr. Carol White of Cherokee. The company's report was made by Herbert Hyde, attorney for the companies at

a hearing held in Asheville Tuesday by the Commission. In a short statement summarizing the companies efforts, Hyde said that new con-

struction begun or completed during 1967 would total \$3,147,000.

Of that total \$309,000, he said, is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The cost of the work begun since the commission issued its August order, calling for extensive improvement in the system, was given at \$1,008,000.

Company employees have increased from 190 a year ago to 243 at present.

Progress has been made in several exchanges in converting service to a five-party system as ordered by the commission.

R. R. Williams, who represents the interests of several Asheville subscribers, brought forth some interesting expense items, however.

Under sharp questioning by Williams, revealing salary figures for R. E. McKelvey and Tom Sawyer were brought out.

Robert Finch, vice president of Continental Telephone Company, the parent company,

was asked by Williams "What is the present status of R. E. McKelvey and Tom Sawyer with the company?"

Finch said McKelvey was a vice president in charge of special projects, but he didn't know what "special projects" entailed, he said.

He said Sawyer was now retired from active management and was available only for what information the present management would want from him.

"What compensation does the company pay Sawyer for doing nothing?" Williams asked.

"\$12,500 annually through September 30, 1970," Finch said.

He said the salary was charged to operating expenses. He also said that McKelvey's salary was \$16,000 annually as approved by the board of directors.

One other major question raised by Williams was "Why have we been able to receive such changes in five months, after five months without anything?"

Promotions Announced By American Thread

The American Thread Company has promoted J. B. Love to the post of Executive Vice President, effective January 1, 1968, it was announced by E. B. Shaw, President of the firm.

Love, former manufacturing vice president, now assumes over-all direction of the day to day operations of the Company.

Also promoted is W. H. Burton, Jr. to Director of Operations with responsibility for the firm's manufacturing operations and operations department as well as its production planning and general engineering functions.

These were the key appointments in a major re-alignment of responsibilities and reporting relationships within the Company's top management group.

Announcement of Love's promotion comes as he completes his 20th year of service with the Company that he joined in 1947 following graduation from Harvard Business School. Beginning as a management trainee at the Willimantic, Connecticut Plant, Love's steady advancement within the Willimantic manufacturing organization culminated in 1961 when he was named General Manager of the Willimantic Plant. Two years later he was transferred to the firm's New York office as director of general executive services. His promotion to manufacturing vice president and his election to the Board of Directors followed in 1966.

Burton has been serving as assistant to the manufacturing vice president for the past year. He is a textile graduate from the N. C. State University and he holds a law degree from the University of North Carolina.

Burton began his textile career in 1948 as a management trainee with J. P. Stevens. He advanced to successively greater responsibilities within the Stevens organization, serving as Plant Superintendent in 1952, Plant Manager in 1954 and Division Manager in 1955. In 1959 he became General Manager of that firm's six-plant Utica-Mohawk Division. More recently he has served as vice president and general manager of Abney Mills, Greenwood, S. C.



John Love



William H. Burton, Jr.

Academy Of Medicine Becomes A Reality

EDITOR'S NOTE: The State of Franklin is a name which recently has become familiar to many people in North Carolina, and in medical circles throughout the nation. Some people think that the name is odd, others joke that the mountain men of Western North Carolina plan to secede from their parent state and establish for themselves a new and sovereign nation. Others vaguely remember the history of John Sevier and his abortive attempt in 1780 to create a new and independent state within the western lands of North Carolina. The modern State of Franklin is a health council rather than a political body, and its name increasingly is being used to designate the region which consists of the seven far western North Carolina counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain.

The long anticipated State of Franklin Academy of Medicine became a reality when fourteen physicians representing the seven most Western Counties of North Carolina met in

the home of Dr. Ralph Feichter of Waynesville on Wednesday, December 20 to proclaim the formation of a new pro-

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Lake Pollution Action Taken; Boaters Must Comply By July

Further action by the Tennessee Valley Authority to stop pollution of TVA lakes by toilet waste discharges from boats and floating structures was announced today. TVA is extending to all other TVA lakes in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia the same program of requiring approved waste treatment devices which was successfully applied earlier this year on Norris Lake.

On these lakes, the owner of each boat or floating structure on which there is a toilet of any kind must have it equipped by July 1, 1968 with a waste treatment device meeting the standards already set by state pollution control agencies.

The growth of boating has made this kind of pollution an increasing problem, TVA said. Twenty years ago there were fewer than 10,000 boats on TVA lakes; now there are more than 50,000 plus over 9,000 houseboats and boat-houses.

As was done on Norris Lake, dock operators will be asked to notify their customers of the TVA requirement, and to provide information on approved treatment devices and where they may be purchased.

Before July 1 each boat or floating structure owner must complete a certified statement showing that his boat or structure either (a) has no toilet facility of any kind, or (b) is equipped with a state-approved type of treatment device properly installed. Owners of small open boats which obviously could not be equipped with a toilet unit will not be required to furnish the certified statement.

The owner of a craft using mooring service of a boat dock operator, must turn in the completed form to him.

For owners of craft moored outside established harbors, the form may be obtained from TVA Reservoir Properties Division branch office responsible for that lake, and must be completed and re-

turned to that office by July 1. The lakes involved, and the TVA branch manager to whom owners can write for information and certification forms, are:

Boone, Cherokee, Douglas, Fort Loudoun, Fort Patrick Henry, Melton Hill, Nolichucky (Davy Crockett), Norris, South Holston (Tennessee portion), Watuga, and Wilbur Lakes - M. A. DeVoe, TVA, Box 1236, Morristown, Tenn. 37814

Apalachia, Blue Ridge, Chatuge, Chickamauga, Fontana, Great Falls, Hales Bar, Hiwassee, Nicksjack, Nolichucky, Parksville, Ocoee No. 3, and Watts Bar Lakes - W. J. Arrants, TVA, Box 606, Athens, Tenn. 37303

Pickwick Lake (Tennessee portion) - F. G. Luffler, TVA, A-48 AB, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35660

Kentucky Lake (Tennessee portion), and Beech River Lakes - C. L. Olive, Jr., TVA, Box 280, Paris, Tennessee 38242

These are the TVA lakes in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia. All three states have regulations requiring the use of approved waste treatment devices with toilets on boats and floating craft.



When the contract is let next month, the grassy runway of the Cherokee County Airport shown in this aerial photo will soon be paved and lengthened so that heavier commercial aircraft will be able to land.

Airport Bids Opened; Asheville Firm Is Low

In a special meeting of the County Commissioners on Friday December 22 the bids on improvement of the Cherokee County Airport were opened. The Asheville Contracting Company of Asheville submitted the low bid of \$162,616.34. Only two other bids were received by the Board. These came from The Asheville Paving Company and Phillips and Jordan who submitted bids of \$168,930.00 and \$167,614.00 respectively.

W. T. Moore, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners stated that the contract will be formally awarded to the Asheville firm at the board's next regular meeting to be held in January.

Engineers will study the low bid specifications and determine whether they meet stip-

ulated requirements. Federal Aviation Agency approval must then be obtained. This represents another step toward the goal of improved airport facilities in southwestern North Carolina. In earlier statements by the commissioners they said that the airport here "offers the best potential for development of any airport in southwestern North Carolina. Aquisition of the airport is a progressive step for county betterment and healthier industrial climate."

The present expansion plans call for improvements that will make it possible for planes as large as the DC-9 to land in Cherokee County. With plans scattered around the country, it must depend on planes to rush supplies

to its widely dispersed branches and to speed company officials to each place of operation.

The increase in the use of private planes in this area is shown in the fact that over 5,000 landings and take-offs were made at the Cherokee County Airport during the past year.

At this same meeting of the Commissioners Richard Parker of Andrews was unanimously approved to succeed Herman H. West who resigned as a member of the Airport Board.

Parker is a part time commercial pilot.

Town Employees Hold Party

The Employees of The Town of Murphy and Murphy Power Board held their annual Christmas party on Friday afternoon, December 22 in the Power Board Building.

Mr. John Jordan was master of ceremonies. The group sang several Christmas carols and the Rev. Calvin Thompson gave the invocation.

After refreshments, gifts were exchanged to the following attending: Mayor and Mrs. Cloe Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, Charlie Johnson, James Garrett, Rev. Calvin Thompson, Alvin Queen, W. T. Brown, Ken Godfrey, Pete Stalcup, and Gay Davidson, Billy Ray Palmer, Francis Bourne, John H. Bayless, Pete Morrow, Rueben Moore, Leroy Coker, Porter Oliver, Bill Gibson, Fred Derreberry, Charlie Beal, Kell Jackson, Mrs. Beryl Falson, Mrs. Ruby Craig, Mrs. Mary Arden Coleman, Mrs. Eloise Chadwick, Mrs. Faye Kinney, Misses Josephine Heighway, Bernice Metcalf, Darlene Dockery and Hattie Palmer.

Forsyth To Manage Scott Campaign

Western North Carolina banker W. Frank Forsyth of Murphy will be a co-manager of Lt. Gov. Bob Scott's developing campaign for governor, it was announced this week.

This would team Murphy with Jimmy Johnson of Charlotte and Gilliam Horton of Wilmington in the top managerial slots in the Scott organization.

Forsyth, a member of the State Senate from 1959 through 1965, handled 10 Far Western counties for Governor Moore in Moore's 1964 campaign.

Horton, supporter of L. Beverly Lake in '64, would anchor the Eastern organization for Scott.

Johnson, a former Piedmont senator, has been identified with the Democratic Party faction which includes former Gov. Terry Sanford and the third Democratic candidate for governor in '64 Richardson Preyer.

A Johnson-Horton-Forsyth team is thus being viewed as significant from the standpoints of both geography and politics.

Officers Report Quiet Weekend

A check with local law enforcement officers revealed that there were no major accidents reported during the Christmas holiday weekend in Cherokee County.

Dented fenders and some minor vandalism told the story for the weekend. This is in sharp contrast to the national picture where over 660 dead were counted on the nation's highways alone.

Officers expressed hope that the county's drivers and all its citizenry would continue to exercise great care in their driving, hunting, and all other holiday pursuits for the coming New Year's holiday weekend.



Essard Radford of Rt. 5 Murphy, shot this wild Russian bear on Tuesday Dec. 19 on Dog Road Gap. Accompanying Radford on the hunt were: Willard Beavers, Mark Farmer, Willson Radford, Eddie Beavers, Larry Radford, and Teery Beavers.

A New Look

There will be a new look to the 2.7 million motor vehicles registration cards which will go in the mail on December 27th. These two-section cards replace the old five-section cards which have been in use for a number of years. The 1967 license plates go on sale at the Motor Vehicles Building in Raleigh and the 93 branch offices across the state January 2. The plates will be red on white and will be reflectorized again this year. All plates must be displayed on or after February 15. A 1968 plate can be purchased at any local branch or by mail. Just send renewal card along with check or money-order to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina. Surrounding area residents can procure their 1968 plates at Western Auto Store in Murphy, on January 2. The office hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays during the license renewal period. The local license agent, Mrs. Mescal Johnson and Miss Ingram urge that you "open your application cards and complete them in accordance with instructions before presenting for a new plate." They say this will greatly expedite the issuance and keep long lines from forming.