

## Scout Begins Major Expansion Program

### New Press Scheduled For March Delivery

Scout Publishing Co. has begun a major expansion program at its plant in Murphy. Publisher Jack Owens announced this week.

The expansion program includes:

A new three-unit Goss Community Web Offset Press which will be installed in March.

A new Nu-arc graphic arts process camera and dark room accessories which were installed two weeks ago.

New Frieden Just-O-Writers, machines that are used to set type for the newspapers, which are scheduled for delivery this week.

Remodeling of the interior of the newspaper building to accommodate the new equipment and provide more efficient working conditions.

"This large investment in high quality, new equipment is an indication of the confidence Scout Publishing Co. has in the future growth of the Murphy area and western North Carolina," Owens said.

The publisher detailed the improvements that will be in effect when the new equipment is fully operational.

The new press will print a 12-page completed paper, an eight page completed paper with one color, and a four page circular with two colors.

The newspaper will be printed from large rolls of newsprint. Each roll contains six miles of paper.

"Seconds after the paper leaves the roll, it is printed, cut, folded and delivered as a complete newspaper," Owens explained. He said the press can deliver 12,000 papers per hour, or more than three complete newspapers each second.

The press will enable the company to print the newspaper at a high rate of speed, allowing the editorial department more time to prepare the paper and still meet the present deadline.

The new camera will improve the quality of pictures in the newspaper.

The new Just-O-Writers will provide larger, easier to read type.

Scout Publishing Company is now printing the Andrews



Weaver Carringer operates the Nu-arc process camera installed recently as part of The Scout's major expansion program. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

### Hiwassee Dam Youth Faces Amputation



Roy Walls

Roy Walls, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Walls of Rt. 4, Murphy, was scheduled to undergo surgery for amputation of his left foot Wednesday at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

The latest information available from the hospital at press time is that the youth remains in serious condition.

The surgery is required by an accidental cutting that occurred on February 10 when Walls is reported to have fallen onto a hunting knife at a cabin in the Tellico Mountains near Tellico Plains, Tenn.

A family spokesman said Walls and three companions, Danny Floyd, Mike Stiles and Steve Raper, had gone to the cabin to spend the weekend camping out and hunting.

The knife reportedly was in a scabbard in Walls' hip

pocket and fell out between two cushions on a sofa. After sitting on the sofa, he was said to have gotten up and then had a dizzy spell and fell back onto the sofa. The knife inflicted a severe wound above the knee.

His companions applied a tourniquet to the leg and had to push a truck belonging to the Floyd youth to get started toward Cherokee County.

Walls was taken to the home of an uncle, Ernest Floyd, who applied another tourniquet and then was brought to Providence Hospital in Murphy.

The youth has a rare type of blood and it was necessary to seek blood donors for him in the early hours of Sunday morning.

He was transferred to Chattanooga on Tuesday, February 13, and went into shock there Tuesday night.

Several pints of blood were needed immediately and an appeal for replacement blood was made at a basketball game at Hiwassee Dam High School. About 15 of the pledges received there were acceptable.

It was determined that much more blood would be needed for the anticipated surgery. Volunteer workers have received between 25 and 30 firm pledges since the need became known. At least a dozen people are standing by in Chattanooga if and when their blood is needed.

Walls is a junior at Hiwassee Dam High School.



THE CHEROKEE SCOUT and five other western North Carolina newspapers will be printed on a modern three-unit Goss Community Web Offset Press beginning next month. The press will be similar to the one pictured above.

### Two Arson Suspects Make Confessions

Two of the three men charged with a series of fires in downtown Murphy on February 12 have confessed, according to Chief of Police Pete Stalcup.

Steve Killian and Don Wolfe signed written confessions and made verbal confessions on tape last Thursday afternoon. Stalcup said the other man

charged, Bobby Dockery, won't talk except to say "he knows nothing about anything."

The Chief said the two confessions are three pages long and each says approximately the same thing.

Wolfe confessed to doing the actual setting of the fires, Stalcup said.

"They said they noticed how

dead the town was and wanted to create some excitement," he added.

Killian and Wolfe "were very strictly informed of their constitutional rights" before making the confessions, Stalcup said.

He said the two were very cooperative and seemed anxious to talk.

Bond for the three has been set at \$10,000 pending a hearing in District Court next week.

Wolfe had voluntarily returned to the county jail earlier last Thursday after escaping either Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

"He just walked in around 7 a.m.," Sheriff Claude Anderson said.

Wolfe had escaped by sawing through the door leading from the third floor of the jail to the courtroom.

The fires the three are charged with setting did extensive damage in the downtown Murphy area, destroying some buildings and heavily damaging others.

Murphy and Andrews firemen and the Andrews and Cherokee County Rescue Squads battled the fires over seven hours in sub-freezing temperatures.

### Four Local Teams Lose

Monday night was the night that wasn't for the Cherokee and Clay County teams in the Smoky Mountain Conference Basketball Tournament at Robbinsville. All four local teams were on the short end of the score.

The Swain County girls eliminated the Hiwassee Dam girls, 45-25.

The Murphy Bulldogs became the 21st victim of the undefeated Cherokee Braves, 75-49.

The Mountain View girls downed the Hayesville girls, 46-33.

Hiwassee Dam dropped a close 60-57 contest to Franklin.

The Hiwassee Dam girls had advanced to their Monday meeting with Swain County by eliminating Murphy, 31-26, last Friday.

The Murphy boys overcame Mountain View, 51-47, on opening night.

The Hayesville girls had picked up an easy 45-19 victory over Highlands on Friday.

The Hiwassee Dam boys edged Hayesville, 68-66 in the first round.

### Bank Closes For Holiday

Citizens Bank and Trust Co. will be closed today (Thursday) in observance of Washington's Birthday.

### County Republicans Recognized At Dinner

Twenty-three Cherokee County Republicans attended the 11th District Convention and Lincoln Day Dinner Saturday in Asheville.

The Cherokee County group

was recognized at the dinner for having the largest representation of any county except Buncombe and for having travelled the greatest distance to the convention.

Bill Bradley of Hayesville was re-elected 11th District Republican Chairman at the convention.

Congressman William Brock of Tennessee was the featured speaker at the dinner.

Rep. Charles Taylor of Brevard presented a summary of Republican-sponsored legislation during the 1967 General Assembly.

Gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner made an appearance at the convention.

The Cherokee Counties at the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickery, Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Burch, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Hoover, Jr., Sheriff Claude Anderson, Claude Bryant, Don Ramsey, Leonard Ramsey, Fred Haney, Lof-ton West, Kellis Radford, Jack Simonds, Bob Gibson, Fred West and Lloyd Clark.

### Rural Road Projects Approved

Four rural roads in Cherokee County and one in Clay County have been approved by the State Highway Commission.

According to W. Curtis Russ, commissioner, and A. J. Hughes, division engineer, the Cherokee county projects total \$89,000 and the Clay project \$20,000.

The Cherokee projects include grading and draining .20 of a mile of the Bob Branch Road; .30 of a mile of the Bear Paw Road, which will be paved; .35 of a mile of the Sunny Point Road, and the .40 mile of Mack Cooper Road.

Stabilization of school bus routes was set at \$40,000.

In Clay County plans are to grade and pave the Hot House Road from US 64 to Rural Road 1160, and distance of 1.20 miles. This will cost \$20,000.

### Storm Sewers To Be Improved; Deposits On Water Increased

The Murphy Town Board is seeking bids on two projects to improve storm sewer drainage in the town.

One project would involve improving the drainage on Hiwassee St. from Church to Sycamore Sts.

The other proposed project is near the lower Valley River Bridge on the Joe Brown Highway.

The present sewer on Hiwassee St. is unable to handle the runoff during heavy rains, causing large amounts of water to run down the gutters.

Work on the line on the Joe Brown Highway must be completed before the level of Lake Hiwassee is raised in the spring.

The Board approved the action unanimously on a motion by John Carringer on February 12 and the bids are being sought now.

Kenneth Godfrey offered a motion to increase the water deposit for new service. It was voted unanimously.

The deposit for residential service was raised from \$5 to \$10 and the commercial deposit was increased from \$10 to \$15.

The Board has planned a dinner to honor the Murphy

Volunteer Firemen on March 7. It was to be held at O'Dell's beginning at 7 p.m.

G. Keith Phillippe, supervisor of Firemanship Training for the Department of Community Colleges in Raleigh will be the speaker for the dinner.

Mayor Cloe Moore has invited the Andrews Volunteer Firemen, the Cherokee County Rescue Squad and the Andrews Rescue Squad to the dinner in recognition of their assistance during the February 12 fires in Murphy.

Townson Lumber Co. made a \$100 donation toward the dinner in recognition of services rendered thereby the firemen.

### Heart Fund Show Planned

Randall Collins and the Carolina Buddies will present a stagershow and square dance for the Heart Fund Saturday night at 7:30 at the Old Rock Gym.

Other local talent is also scheduled to participate.

All of the talent will perform free and all proceeds from the show will go to the Heart Fund.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children.

### Board Meeting Cancelled

The February meeting of the Murphy Board of Education scheduled for tonight (Thursday), has been cancelled. Superintendent John Jordan said the next meeting date has not been set.

### Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
I would like to express our appreciation to the Murphy Volunteer Fire Department, the Andrews Fire Department, the Andrews Rescue Squad, the Murphy Rescue Squad and to any and all others who worked so hard in the bitter cold, and doing such a good job of fire fighting on the night of February 12th.  
May we say a big thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Cloe Moore, Mayor  
Town of Murphy

### Lincoln Day Dinner Saturday

Republicans from Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties will gather at O'Dell's in Murphy Saturday night at 7 for the Lincoln Day Dinner.

Congressional candidate W. Scott Harvey of Arden and State Representative Charles Taylor of Brevard will be the speakers for the dinner.

### Burley Growers Vote Next Week

Burley tobacco growers will vote next Monday through Friday on marketing quotas for the next three crops. The vote will be by mail.

A ballot will be mailed to each person known to have had an interest in a 1967 crop of Burley tobacco. Any person who shared in a Burley crop in 1967 who does not receive a ballot may obtain one by calling, writing or visiting the ASCS office. All ballots must be returned to the ASCS county office, or be post-marked, no later than March 1, in order to be counted.

The vote is on Burley quotas on an acreage basis—NOT on an acreage-poundage basis.

1968 allotted acreage is the same for 1968 as it was in 1967.

### Birthday Sale, By George!

Washington's Birthday is a traditional day for sales in Murphy today.

See the ads on the inside pages of The Scout for information about special values that Murphy merchants are offering you today.

### Public Meeting On Recreation Complex Scheduled Tuesday

A public meeting will be held Tuesday night to present final plans for the Cherokee County Recreation Complex three miles east of Murphy.

The meeting, at the Murphy Power Board Building, will begin at 8 p. m.

"We not only hope to have the final plans ready, but expect to be able to reveal when we will advertise for bids and when work will start," said John T. Gill, chairman of the Cherokee County Rural Renewal Authority.

He said engineers and architects will be present at the meeting to answer any questions the public may have.

The recreation complex is being financed by a \$250,000 low interest loan from the

Farmers Home Administration. It is the first recreation project to receive a rural renewal loan in North Carolina.

The 379 acres of land needed for the site were purchased from the Mulkeys for a home-site project.

The recreation complex will include an 18 hole golf course, a small lake, a picnic area, tennis courts, a skeet shooting range and hiking and riding trails.

A membership drive was conducted last summer, prior to the approval of the FHA loan, and 389 persons paid

a \$10 initial membership fee to back the project.

Memberships will be \$10 per month or \$120 per year. Non-members will be able to use the facility by paying a daily user fee.

Gill has estimated that the complex "will be the equivalent of a new industry employing 200 people" when it is in full operation.

The complex is located within 2.5 miles of the proposed four-lane Appalachian Development Highway and is expected to become an important factor in increasing tourist trade in Cherokee County.

### 3 Charged With Thefts At Marble

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department arrested three men Friday in connection with a series of thefts earlier this month in the Marble area.

Billy Cornwell and Tommy Bowers of Marble are being held under \$3,300 bond each on charges of breaking and entering.

Carl Arrp of Mineral Bluff, Ga. is free on bond on a charge of larceny.

Deputy Sheriff Glenn Holloway said Cornwell and Bowers are charged with taking four bicycles in the Marble area on February 2, breaking into Frank Craig's store at Marble and taking five mar-

tons of cigarettes on February 3, and stealing two batteries, a cressent wrench, a bar and other tools from Herman West on February 14.

Arrp is charged only in connection with the February 14 incident.

Holloway said he found the batteries and wrench at Mineral Bluff, where they had been sold.

The Sheriff's Department is also investigating the firing of a shot into the home of Carl Thomas in Tennessee Saturday night.

Holloway said the shot from a .25-gauge shotgun was fired through the window of the home.