

Cuz's Corner By Bagley

"What's On De Agenda?"

Nope, I don't get all my stories as a result of the phone, but last week's and this one, too, began with a phone call.

It was about 9:30 that Friday evening when the phone rang. Somebody wanted to talk with me. I went to the phone and began with the usual, hello. The voice on the other end was unfamiliar. Then I was asked, "What's on de agenda?" And then it dawned on me who was calling.

An old friend whom I hadn't seen in years. I still can't remember how many. But years ago, after WW II, I spent a considerable amount of time in V.A. hospitals. And one in particular, at Swannanoa, North Carolina. Now for more weeks and months than I care to remember I spent wrapped in a hunk of plaster of Paris--a body cast.

And to say that this is somewhat of a handicap is a slight understatement.

Maybe you never tried it. And maybe you've never tried being sick a long ways from home and friends. Take my

word for it. 'Tain't easy. But the guy who asked me about what was on the agenda owned the voice at the other end of the wire that Friday night. And then, I remembered: Johnson. That was all I ever knew him by.

When I first got acquainted with Johnny he was a Ward Attendant at the V.A. Hospital at Swannanoa and I guess you could say that we sorta took a liking to one another.

I don't know why he ever liked me but I can assure you that it wasn't any trouble at all for me to like HIM. He just saw to it that I was taken care of. And I don't mean that he neglected the other patients just to see about me. He did his work. Did it well. Maybe he felt a little sorry for me. Maybe. Well, I just don't really know why he ever took such a special interest in me. But he did, and he was always a bright spot in the day for me.

When Johnny was on duty I could always expect some activity and, especially, after I got well enough to travel.

I won't ever forget the first trip we took together.

One day he came back to my bed and said, "Man, don't you need to go to the P.X.? I didn't need to. I didn't think I could possibly make it. Finally, after he told me that HE needed to go and in order for him to get to go he'd have to take a patient up there, so he said, "Fellah, you are elected."

I dreaded getting out of that bed for the first time. I wasn't going to, but he kept insisting that, like he said, I was ELECTED to make the trip.

He got me out of there and into that wheelchair and we lit a shuck for the P.X. Johnny was able to get me in and out of bed, into wheelchairs, onto things, what things? Well, in a hospital, and when you can't get out of bed for anything it's necessary for you to get onto some things. And Johnson was a whiz at that as well as everything else that was ever required of attendants. And, me, well... I just always thought he handled me with more--maybe not more, but certainly he handled me capably and painlessly. And that I couldn't always say about a lot of the other guys.

Soon after he came to work each day he'd come back to my bed and it was always with the same question that he greeted me, "What's on de agenda?" I used to think that one day I'd beat him to the draw and ask HIM, but somehow he always managed to beat me to the punch. And with it always came a broad smile.

There must have been at least a hundred miles of corridors in the old Swannanoa VA Hospital and I'd betcha anything I rode over every mile of them with Johnson as my chauffeur. We'd go to the P.X. the library, we just took trips all over the place.. in a wheelchair.

The reason I got to ride around so much was a pretty silly rule they used to have there. If the attendants or aides got all their work caught up they weren't supposed to sit down or be anywhere in sight doing nothing. If they didn't have anything to do, well, they were supposed to ACT like they were busy. And Johnson, Ulysses, June, Cap Johnson, wasn't about to PRETEND that he was busy. No sir, he would be BUSY, taking me places.

At the P.X. we took turns buying the milkshakes or set-ups. I'd buy em one day and Useless, I mean Ulysses, the next.

We had one particular nurse one our ward who, every once in a while, would sorta pitch a tantrum. When she got all wound up, or if Cap saw it coming, he'd come back to my bed and say, "Man, Granny is having one of her fits and whatever you got on de agenda we gotta travel." His trademark should have been, "Have wheelchair, will travel."

I said that all I ever knew him by was 'Johnson' and it was until the Saturday after I talked with him that Friday night. We had planned for me to come to his mother-in-law's, Mrs. Valerie Bowman's, to see him. I did, but Useless, I mean Ulysses, June Johnson was outta pocket. He didn't show. But I found out several things about him that I hadn't known before, such as his several names. And I meant to give him one more, Have Wheelchair Will Travel Johnson.

He was, and is, a real good buddy.

Lodge Purchases

Raper Building

Cherokee Lodge 146 AF&AM of Murphy has announced the purchase of the Raper Building at the corner of Hiwassee and Church Streets.

The Board of Trustees said the purchase was approved by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Cherokee Lodge's former hall was destroyed in the Murphy Hardware fire last year.

The trustees said lodge funds were "greatly depleted in making the down payment of the \$25,000 building and it will be necessary to raise additional money to renovate the second floor into a lodge hall and make monthly payments on the balance due."

Members will raise funds and assist in renovation of the building.

The property was purchased from Mrs. W. B. Raper.

The trustees of the Lodge are C. E. Johnson, Jim Hembree and W. A. Singleton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes returned home last Wednesday from a trip to Hollywood, Fla.

Eagle Awards To Highlight Court



Randall Barnett



Jack Jackson

Presentation of Eagle Scout Rank to two Cherokee County Boy Scouts will highlight the Court of Honor to be held at the Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church, Thursday evening (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. Randall L. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnett, Route 1, Murphy and Jack Johnson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of Route 4, Murphy will be the recipients of Scouting's highest award.

Randy, member of Troop



Tommy Hogan

...In Who's Who

Thomas Howard Hogan, formerly of Route 1, Brasstown, has been selected to represent Truett McConnell College of Cleveland, Georgia, in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Students are selected not only for their academic record but for their leadership ability, personality, cooperation, and how they are regarded by faculty and students.

While at Truett McConnell, Thomas was a member of the President's Club (a club made up of students who have no grade less than an A for a quarter), the Baptist Student Union, The Scribes (a club composed of students who made all A's in English for three quarters, the Torchbearers, and the Fountain's (the college magazine). He has made the Dean's list every quarter that he has attended TMC.

Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hogan of Brasstown, and is married to the former Diana Jean Anderson of Culberson. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan now lives at Sylva, where he is completing his education at Western Carolina University.

Mrs. Jimmy Weir of Atlanta returned to her home Monday after visiting her sister, Miss Adella Meroney and Mrs. Walter Mauney. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Mauney who will spend several days with her.

Mrs. Dewey Garrett and Mrs. E. L. Shields spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woody and children of Birmingham, Ala. spent the weekend here with Mrs. Woody's mother, Mrs. Pearl Woodard. Mr. Woody returned home Monday and Mrs. Woody and children remained for a longer visit with her mother.

#421, Peachtree, has been enrolled in scouting since 1964. He is a member of the Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church where he was a member of the Royal Ambassadors. While a student of the Peachtree Elementary School he was active in the 4-H Program and was awarded the best camper for 1966 while attending 4-H camp in Swannanoa. Paul Vaughn, Jr. is serving as Scoutmaster for troop 421.

Jack, a member of Troop 417, Hiwassee Dam, was an active member of the Ranger 4-H program while in Ranger Elementary School. During his four years at Hiwassee Dam School, Jack was a member of the Future Farmers of America and Manager of the Basketball team. Jack attends the Range-Fairview Methodist Church. Rex Sudreth is serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 417.

Other scouting awards to be presented at the Court of Honor include: Tommy Alexander, Troop 402, Murphy, and Ronnie Jordan, Troop 404, Robbinsville will receive Life Award. The following boys will receive the Star award: Troop #986, Bryson City: Sammy McAdoo, Leon McDonald; Troop #402 Murphy, Tommy Gill, David Gill; Troop #421 William McKeon, Ronnie Wilson, George Hembree, James Wilson, Jammie Robinson; Troop #407 Hayesville, Cary Brackens.

Receiving the 1st class award are: Troop #402 Murphy, Terry Newman, Peden Gaines, Troop #417, Hiwassee Dam, Mike Adams, Rodney Campbell, Danny Floyd, Dennis Floyd, Ronnie Graves, Eugene Morrow, Paul Morrow, Mike Payne, Steve Raper, Loye Reid, Arnold Starks, Mike Stiles, Bruce Voyles, and Pat Campbell. Peachtree Troop #421, Danny Coffey. Troop 905 Bryson City, Fred Cochran. Fifty boys will receive the 2nd class award and 30 new boys will be taken in as Tenderfoot.



Murphy Junior 4-H Club held a meeting in the home of Mrs. A. G. Quinn. At this meeting the following new officers were elected to serve in 1968; seated in picture Eddie Blount, song leader; Lisa Warner, song leader; Kenneth Radford, vice president; Rebecca Quinn, president; Rhonda Cornwell, treasurer; Rosanna Radford, reporter; standing in back is Mrs. A. G. Quinn, Murphy 4-H Club leader; Vaughn Gibson, recreation leader; Linda Ruth Carlson, Debra Radford and Martha Ann Thompson, program committee and Mrs. C. L. Alverson, Murphy 4-H Club leader. Not pictured: Susan Hatchett, secretary.

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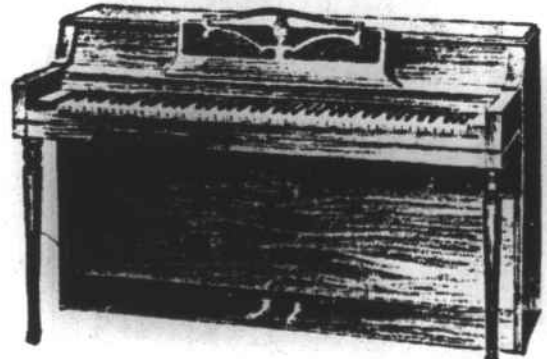
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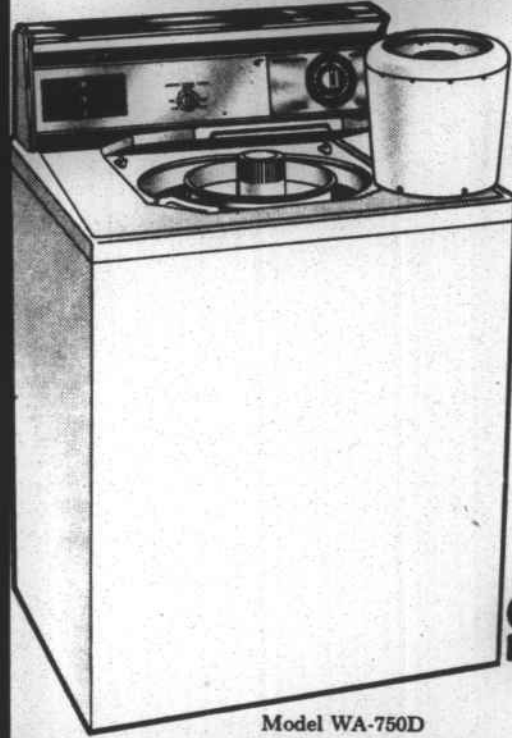
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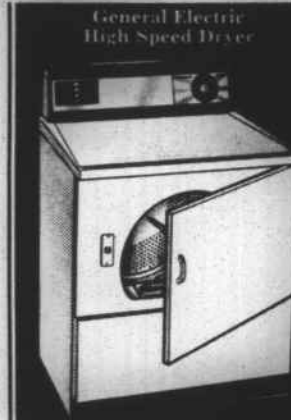


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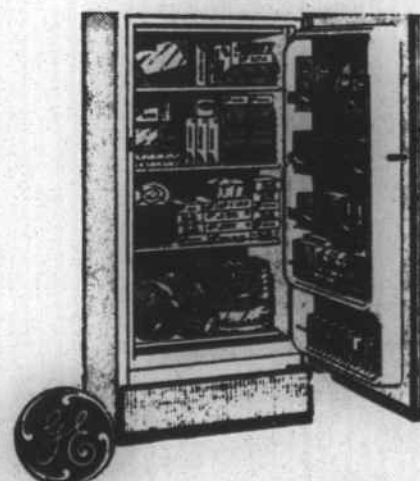
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