

The Oldest And The Newest

Miss Hattie Palmer, the oldest employee of The Cherokee Scout, pushes the button to start the newest employee, the Goss Community Web Offset Press. The new press was christened Miss Hattie in recognition of Miss Palmer's service with the paper which began in 1929. She has done nearly every job with the paper including operating the linotype machine under the old letter press system and is now the Society Editor. Looking on are, from the left, Publisher, Jack Owens, Production Manager Jim Morgan and Goss Co. Engineer Al Taber, Jr. (Photo by Weaver Carringer)

## Cardboard Subs For Postcard!

The U. S. Mail does get through, even on the cardboard lid of a C-ration box!  
PFC Jimmy Kimsey, serving in Vietnam, wrote a "postcard" to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimsey of Murphy, last week. Since the real thing wasn't available, Jimmy tore the lid off the box and made it the approximate size of a postcard.  
"Getting along well, expect to move on Wednesday. Chilly nights, hot days, and plenty of dust. No steril technique. Only 356 days left. Pardon stationery. All I have," he wrote.  
He wrote the "card" on Monday of last week, it was postmarked Tuesday and the Kimseys received it Saturday!

## Increased Employment Predicted For Rimco

Robert W. Lear, president of Indian Head, Inc., visited the company's Rimco Manufacturing Corp. plant in Murphy last Wednesday.  
"One of our pleasant problems is increasing production," Lear said. He pointed out that the lace made in the Murphy plant is used in the highest quality lingerie and said that current fashion trends are using more lace than ever before.  
"We are conducting a continuous expansion program" in Indian Head's Native Laces Division, he said. "Certainly over the next few months," the number of employees at the Rimco plant will be increased, according to Lear.  
The Murphy plant is presently working five and two-

thirds days a week on a three-shift basis.  
Lear said, "the Murphy plant is one of the nicest and best we have." The plant recently completed an 8,000 square foot addition of floor space.  
He pointed out that this expansion included the construction of additional office space that is not now needed and said this is an indication of the confidence he has in the continuous growth of the Murphy plant.  
This was Lear's first visit to Murphy. He became president of Indian Head last fall. "I enjoyed visiting Murphy on the first day of spring and I expect to be a regular visitor in the future," he said.  
Lear was accompanied by Bill Dreury, Indian Head director of marketing and planning.

## Andrews Hospital Grant Approved

Mayor P. B. Ferebee of Andrews by the U. S. Public Health Service for the expansion of District Memorial Hospital of Southwestern North Carolina at Andrews.  
The 31-bed hospital has been operating at 144 per cent capacity for several months and has proved to be inadequate because of increased industrial development and resulting increase in the population of Andrews and the surrounding area.

## Bob Scott Here Today

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott will bring his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination to Cherokee and Clay Counties today (Thursday), according to his western campaign manager W. Frank Forsyth.  
The first stop will be at the Andrews City Hall where he will meet friends from 2:15 to 3:00.  
Scott will stop in Marble to make an appearance at Bryson's Phillips 66 Station.  
He is scheduled to arrive in Murphy at 4:00 for a reception

at the Murphy Power Board Building.  
He plans to meet Clay County supporters at the courthouse in Hayesville at 7:30.  
He will conclude the day's schedule with an appearance at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy at 8:00.  
Scott is opposed by Dr. Reginald Hawkins and J. Melville Broughton in the May 4 Democratic Primary.  
Scott and Broughton are both the sons of former governors.

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In addition to the Hill-Burton funds, the state will provide \$100,000 and Appalachian Regional Development Funds will provide \$271,668. This will leave a balance of a \$310,023 to be raised locally.  
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Ferebee said the need is critical and local funds must be found.

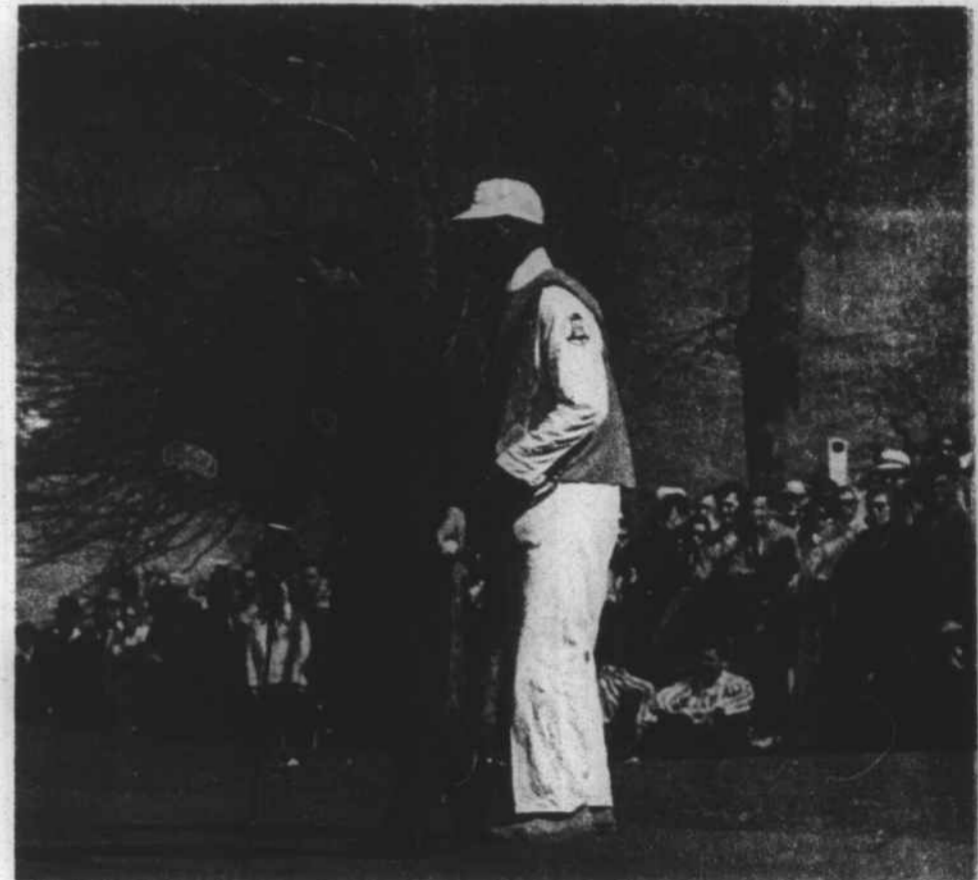
operating at 144 per cent capacity for several months and has proved to be inadequate because of increased industrial development and resulting increase in the population of Andrews and the surrounding area.  
The facility can no longer adequately serve the area because of the overcrowded conditions which have plagued the hospital since the increase in population.  
For over a year a hospital committee has been working with federal, state, and local officials toward expansion of the facility.  
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**School Board Meets Tonight**  
The Murphy City School Board will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the superintendent's office.

**Chamber Meet Monday Night**  
The Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night at 7:30.

## New Press Installed; The Scout Makes Reproduction Changes

This week's edition of The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress was printed on the new three-unit Goss Community Web Offset Press.  
The new press arrived last Wednesday afternoon and installation continued through the weekend.  
"We are pleased to begin operation of the new press a week ahead of our original schedule," Publisher Jack Owens said.  
Installation of the press climaxed a major expansion program that began in February. Early in February, a new Nu-Arc graphic arts process camera and dark room accessories were installed to begin the expansion.  
Later in the month, new Friden Just-O-Writer machines were installed in the typesetting department.  
During this time, the interior of the building has been remodeled extensively. The remodeling has provided proper space to accommodate the new equipment and has provided more efficient working conditions.  
"Although the major portion of our expansion of the plant has been completed, it is only a beginning of our plans to continuously upgrade the quality of our product," Owens said.  
The new press will print a 12-page completed paper, an eight-page completed paper with two color, and a four-page paper with four colors.  
The papers can be printed at the rate of 14,000 per hour. Using the old equipment, only two pages could be printed at one time and each two-page "press run" took about one hour. It was necessary to begin printing the paper on Tuesday afternoon on the old press. Now, the entire paper will go to press Wednesday afternoon and the complete issue will be run in less than an hour.  
Owens and Production Manager Jim Morgan have taken special courses in Web Offset Training during the past several months and Morgan received a week of on-the-job training at Laurinburg, N.C. with a newspaper using a similar press.  
Effective this week, The Andrews Journal, which is printed by The Scout for Community Newspapers, Inc., is being printed in a tabloid format. This is made possible with the new press.



WE CALL IT PROGRESS - The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress is proud to offer this multi-color picture of golfing great Doug Sanders to demonstrate the reproduction we offer on our new Goss Community Web Offset Press. By the summer of 1969, area golfers will be able to play on their own courses at the Cherokee County Recreation Complex and the Chatauge Shores Complex in Clay County. The Scout-Progress is proud to be a part of the progress and growth of our two counties.

## The New Look

This issue of the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress is different in many respects. It was produced on our new Goss Community Web Offset Press, the format of the newspaper has undergone some changes and a multi-color photo is printed above.  
The format has been changed from eight to nine columns and new type styles are in use. These changes are designed to improve the appearance of the newspaper, to speed up production, and to give the advertising and editorial departments more flexibility of reproduction.

## Dies From Wreck Burns

Lloyd Burton (Jim) Twiggs, died Saturday night in an Asheville hospital from burns suffered in an auto accident two miles west of Murphy on March 10.  
Twiggs was making a left turn off US 64 when his car was struck by a car travelling behind him. His car began burn-

ing on impact and exploded a few minutes later.  
Twiggs' death is the second traffic fatality of 1968 in Cherokee County. At this time last year, there were no deaths on the county's highways.  
A passenger in his car, Ralph Berrong of Murphy, also suffered burns in the accident.  
The driver of the other car,

Jack Douglas Pope, 16, of Murphy, was treated and released the night of the accident. A passenger in the Pope car, Joanne Hedrick, 16, of Rt. 4, Murphy, was hospitalized in Chattanooga.  
Twiggs was a native of Union County, Ga.  
Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at Ivy Log Baptist Church.  
The Rev. Billy Styles officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.  
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Claudine Haney Twiggs; two daughters, Kimberly of the home and Miss Lisa Denise Twiggs of Murphy; a son, Richard Dale Twiggs of Murphy; two step-daughters, Connie and Sandy Byers, and a step-son Danny Byers of the home; a sister, Mrs. Thelma McConnell of Ackworth, Ga.; the father, Jewell Twiggs of Blairsville; the mother, Mrs. Lelia Burch Morgan of Marietta, Ga.; three brothers, Randall of Blairsville and Frank and Johnny Twiggs, of Akron, Ohio.  
Palbearers were Lake Weaver, Leon Owenby, Merlin Ramsey, Ray Elliott, Wayne Beaver, Reginald Bryson and Rex Ledford.  
Townson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## Prisoner Locks Up Sheriff, Escapes

A prisoner at the Cherokee County Jail escaped Wednesday morning by locking Sheriff Claude Anderson in the hallway leading to the stairs to the cell-blocks.  
Anderson said he opened the door to the hallway to take breakfast to the prisoners when Bobby Thrasher grabbed him and shoved him behind the door and locked it. The Sheriff said Thrasher injured his arm.  
He said Thrasher had been locked in a cell and somehow opened that door to get down to the hallway.  
Thrasher had escaped from a road gang in Georgia and turned himself in at the jail on March 11.  
He refused extradition back to Georgia and was being held pending a hearing on the extradition, Anderson said.

## Stickley To Tour Area

Republican gubernatorial candidate Jack Stickley will visit Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties on Tuesday, April 9.  
J. Doyle Burch, Stickley's campaign manager in Cherokee County, said the candidate will arrive at Topton at 11 a. m. and a motorcade of supporters from the three counties will meet him there to accompany him on the three-county speaking tour.  
Stickley will make his first speech at 12 noon at the Graham County Courthouse in Robbinsville.  
The motorcade will travel to Andrews where he will make a speech at 1 p. m.  
A lunch break is planned at O'Dell's in Murphy at 2 p. m.  
The next speech will be at

the Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville at 3:15. The motorcade will return to Murphy and disband following the Hayesville appearance.  
Stickley, a former president of Lions International, will meet with the Murphy Lions Club at 6:30 at O'Dells.  
He will wrap up the day's campaigning with a speech at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy at 7:30 p. m.  
Burch said anyone desiring to join the motorcade is welcome to do so.  
Burch arranged the tour along with Clay County manager Co. Wayne West and Graham County manager Will Sherrill.  
Stickley is opposing Congressman Jim Gardner for the governor's nomination in the May 4 Republican Primary.

## Strawberry Deadline

Friday is the last day the County Agents office in Murphy will be taking orders for strawberry plants. These plants are of the Tennessee Beauty variety-certified and disease free.  
If you would like some of these plants for home or commercial use, call or contact the County Agent's office Friday.  
Pamphlets and other material will be furnished on the production of berries.



Rimco Manager Peter J. McKeon conducts an orientation tour of the Murphy plant for Robert W. Lear, president of Indian Head, Inc., Rimco's parent company. Pictured from the left are McKeon, his administrative assistant, Franklin Barnett, Lear and Billy Dreury, Indian Head director of marketing and planning. (Photo by Dave Bruce)