



Man Takes Over Mountain

Bulldozers move tons of earth from the west side of Franklin Mountain as construction begins on the first section of Appalachian Development Highway in Cherokee County. The new highway will connect Interstate 75 near Cleveland, Tenn. with Interstate 40 near Asheville. Contracts have been let for this and one other section of the highway from the Tennessee line eastward to Murphy. This photo was taken from atop Franklin Gap by Managing Editor Dave Bruce.

Jury Calls Jail And Courthouse Filthy

The Cherokee County Courthouse and Jail were described as "filthy" in a report submitted by the Grand Jury during the March-April Session of Superior Court.

"We suggest that the County Commissioners see to it that these buildings are kept much cleaner," said the report signed by Foreman Max McClure.

The Grand Jury also made recommendations for several schools.

The roof at Peachtree School should be repaired or replaced, according to the report.

It cited "a pressing need for classroom space" at Murphy High School.

The Grand Jury recommended that three classes that meet in the high school gym be moved "since physical education classes in the gym are disturbing to the classes in those rooms which are built for dressing rooms instead of classrooms."

Painting was recommended for 10 rooms at the high school.

"Recommendations are made

for the repair of the Dome Building (on the elementary school campus) if it is not torn down in the near future," the report said.

The Grand Jury found all buildings and grounds at the elementary school well cared for but said playground space is "inadequate."

The elementary building at Andrews should be condemned, the report said.

Other findings at Andrews included:

A need for boiler shields in the elementary school.

The roof in the elementary gym should be repaired.

Doors and windows in all buildings stick and are in need or repair.

One fireescape in the elementary building is unsafe.

All rooms are too crowded and need new baseboards and blackboards.

Doors, locks and baseboards were said to be in need of repair at Marble School. The Grand Jury also recommended that the auditorium and kitchen be painted there.

Special Holy Week Services Planned

Murphy churches will join for a series of special services during Holy Week.

Special worship services will be held next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Presbyterian Church. Each service will run 45 minutes and special music will be presented by various choirs.

One minister will preach each night. Those participating are the Rev. W. Thornton Hawkins, the Rev. Mr. Jack Watson and the Rev. Mr. Robert P. Crumpler.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will conduct a Holy Communion Service Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Presbyterian Church.

On Good Friday, a special nontime service will be held at the First Methodist Church from 12:05 to 12:30. The Rev. Mr. Glen Rhodes will be the speaker.

A special offering for the Ministers' Transit Fund will be taken at the Good Friday service. The fund is used to help transits in the area.

Campgrounds Open

The District Ranger of the U.S. Forest Service announced today that the Hiwassee Campground, five miles northeast of Murphy, is officially open for the recreation season.

Bunch Nugent, District Ranger, stated that one loop would be opened later on as needed.

Nugent stated that campers and picnickers would be charged the same rates this year as were charged last year. The \$7.00 Golden Eagle Passport entitles the purchaser and his family to use hundreds of designated recreation areas across the country until March 31, 1969. The \$1.00 permit entitles the purchaser and occupants of his car to use the facilities of these same designated recreation areas for one night. Both of these permits will be sold at the District Ranger's Office in Murphy and by Forest Officers at the Campground.

Nugent stated that Jackrabbit Mountain Campground in Clay County will be opened by April 15th. The same user charges apply to this recreation area also this year.

Some general information which applies to users of these recreation facilities is listed:

1. No entrance fees will be charged for person under 16 years of age.
2. The \$1.00 daily permit is valid only at the designated area for which purchased.
3. No reservations will be made.
4. Permits are required for all vehicles, one family group entering in more than one car must have a permit for each.
5. No charge will be made for use of the boat launching facilities at Jackrabbit Mountain or Hiwassee Lake Campgrounds.

Bake Sale

The Providence Hospital Auxiliary is holding a bake sale Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Moore Dodge Showroom.

The best cooks in Murphy are contributing baked goods and candies for this sale. Now will be a good time to buy your Easter cakes.

The proceeds will be used to buy much needed equipment for the hospital.



Lt. Gov. Bob Scott chats with Miss Thelma Wheeler during a reception in his honor at the Power Board Building last Thursday. Scott is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor in the May 4 primary. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

Scott Campaigns Here

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott visited Cherokee County last Thursday in his quest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Scott visited Andrews and Marble before arriving in Murphy for a reception at the Power Board Building in the afternoon and a speech at the Courthouse Thursday night.

Enroute to Andrews, Scott travelled over what he called "the first Scott road in North Carolina" - the road from Robbinsville to Andrews that was built by Gen. Winfield Scott as

part of the "Trail of Tears" in the 1830's.

On a more serious note about roads, he said 47% of the rural roads in North Carolina are still unpaved and this is a major problem for the next governor to contend with.

"The most important business in North Carolina is to strengthen our program of education," Scott said. He said he favors public school kindergartens as part of this strengthening.

He indicated there is little a governor can do about medi-

cal problems in the far west, but added "the state can assist in training para-medical personnel" such as nurses aides and lab technicians.

Scott told Managing Editor Dave Bruce he feels national issues such as the Vietnam War lawlessness, and the economy are overshadowing state issues in this year's election.

If elected governor, he said he would insist on law and order.

He indicated he favors many of the remedial or preventive measures recommended in the Riot Commission report to President Johnson such as better housing and more jobs.

He "would not agree with the report's findings" on the causes of last year's rioting. The report blamed the riots on white racism. Scott said "white racism is not a dominant factor in North Carolina," but he said he could not comment on its presence in other areas.

"Dr. Reginald Hawkins is a serious contender for the democratic nomination," Scott said. He declined to say whether he thought Hawkins would draw enough support to force a runoff between himself and J. Melville Broughton.

Scott acknowledged "there will be a stiffer race in the General Election, but I feel confident that the Democrats will retain their position as the majority party in North Carolina."

Bruce concluded his interview by asking Scott if he will support President Johnson for reelection. "I will support whoever the Democrats nominate," he replied.

MHS Band Director Announces Concerts

Paul Penninger, Band Director at Murphy High School, has announced several concerts planned in the near future.

A portion of the band will play at the Hinton Art Festival in Clay County next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

A concert for the students will be presented on April 18 at the Elementary school and at the high school.

On April 30, the band will present a public concert at the Dome Building.

Penninger has served as band director since January. He is also teaching public school music for fifth and sixth grade students and a special education music class for a com-

bined group of elementary students.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Mars Hill College in December. He is a native of Lexington, N.C. and a graduate of Lexington High School.

His wife, the former Caren Owenby of Asheville, is a medical technologist at District Memorial Hospital in Andrews.

"I like the mountains and wanted to stay in the mountain area when I received my degree. This job in Murphy was open and I was delighted to accept it," Penninger said.

He is a member of the Civitan Club and the Penningers attend the First Baptist Church.

Some Rural Road Projects May Go On Inactive List

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners has been advised by the State Highway Commission that three rural road projects requested in the county are in danger of being placed on the inactive list for two years because some property owners have refused to

sign the necessary right-of-way agreement.

Forest Ponder, right-of-way agent for the SHC, made the report.

The deadline of March 28 has passed on Regar Road SR-1370. Four out of the five

property owners along the road have refused to sign, according to Ponder's report.

April 14 is the deadline established for District Road, SR-1513. Ponder said nine of the 12 property owners have not yet signed the agreement.

May 1 will be the deadline

on Bear Paw Road, SR-1312. Two of the seven property owners have yet to sign the agreement.

It is the policy of the SHC to place projects on which the agreements are not signed on the inactive list for two years after the deadline passes.

The Commissioners recommended to the SHC Monday that general repairs be made on the Hyatt's Creek Road at Marble. Repairs were also requested for Bear Paw Church Cemetery Road and Hampton Memorial Cemetery Road.

Purchase of a Remington Copy Machine for the Register of Deeds Office was approved. The machine will cost \$1,127, less \$100 trade in on the old machine. The Board retained the present charge of 50¢ for small copies made on the machine and 75¢ for large copies.

The Board voted to transfer \$1,000 from the general fund to the ambulance maintenance fund.

An amendment to the Murphy-Andrews Airport Agreement was accepted. Under the amendment, Appalachian funds will be paid on 14.6% of the cost instead of the previous 16.32%. County Attorney L.L. Mason, Jr. said the reduction was made in proportion to an overall lowering of the bids on the project. The agreement states that the Federal Aviation Agency will contribute \$134,763 to the airport improvements and Appalachian funds will pay \$39,351.

The Commissioners accepted the resignation of J. Wiley Davis from the Cherokee County Rural Renewal Authority. W. J. Carter was named to replace him.

B&T Establishes Clay News Box; County News Appears On Page 3



Bobby Tiger, owner of B & T Supermarket in Hayesville, has agreed to accept Clay County news and pictures at B & T for publication in the Scout-Progress. A news box has been set up in the store for this purpose.

Effective this week, page three of the Scout-Progress is reserved for Clay County news.

The new nine-column format introduced last week enables us to reserve more space on this page for Clay County.

Clay County residents are invited to take their news items and pictures to B & T and deposit them in the box by noon each Tuesday.

Those desiring to continue mailing their items directly to the newspaper office in Murphy may do so.

A special message to Clay County readers appears on page three.

Robert Lee, assistant manager of B & T Supermarket, is shown preparing the collection box for Clay County news and pictures. (Photo by Red Schuyler)

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