

298 To Graduate From Area High Schools

A total of 298 students will graduate from the four high schools in Cherokee and Clay Counties in the week ahead. Hiwassee Dam High School will hold commencement exercises Friday at 7:30 at the school. The speakers will be three honor students in the graduating class, Linda Weaver, Mickey Gunther and Janie Williams. There are 37 graduates. The class held its Baccalaureate Service last Sunday. The speaker was the Rev. Richard Hicks of the First Baptist Church in Murphy. Murphy High School will hold its Baccalaureate Service Sunday at 11:15 a.m. and Commencement Monday at 8 p.m. in the Gymnasium. The Rev. Hicks will deliver the sermon to the 110 graduates. The Speakers for the commencement program will be honor students Dennis Coffey, Rita Brendle and Karen

Caldwell. Hayesville High School will hold its Baccalaureate Service Sunday at 8 p.m. and Commencement Monday at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Dr. Harold McSwain of Hinton Rural Life Center will be the Baccalaureate speaker. Five honor students will address the commencement. They are Malcolm Martin, Donna McClure, Joe McClure, Ronald Martin and Keith Crawford. There are 84 students in the graduating class. Andrews High School will hold its Baccalaureate Service Sunday at 8 p.m. and Commencement Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the new gym. The 67 seniors will hear the Rev. Tom Ledbetter of the Church of Christ at the Baccalaureate Service. Dr. William Edward Highsmith, president of Asheville-Biltmore College, will speak at Commencement.

Schulte To Leave Clifton On June 1

Ed Schulte, Plant Manager of Clifton Precision Products at Peachtree has announced he will be leaving his post with Clifton on June 1.

Schulte will assume the duties of Plant Manager of a plant in northern Maryland which manufactures fractional horsepower motors.

Schulte, a native of Perryville, Missouri, and graduate of the University of Missouri, has been an active member of the Murphy Community, since arriving here in August 1965. He has served as Chairman of the

Murphy Hospital Authority, Director of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the Murphy Lions Club, and member of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of Murphy.

The Schultes, including Ed's wife Jonnie and children, Steve age 5, and Karla age 2, will be leaving Murphy shortly after June 1.

In the interim period until a replacement for Schulte is named, John Rogacz, Vice President Sychros will be a frequent visitor and will oversee the Murphy operation.

Poppy Day To Be Observed Saturday

Lest we forget, wear a poppy to remember!

This will be the message of the American Legion Auxiliary to the people of Murphy on Poppy Day, Saturday.

Members of the Auxiliary and cooperating groups of young people will be stationed at numerous places all day offering baskets of Memorial Poppies and urging all citizens to wear one of the little red blossoms in honor of our Nation's war dead.

The memorial poppies have been made for the Auxiliary by disabled war veterans and convalescent workrooms. The

work is considered valuable as occupational therapy, in addition to giving the disabled men the encouraging experience of earning money once again. All materials are supplied without cost by the American Legion Auxiliary which pays the hospitalized veteran for his work.

All contributions received from the public are used solely for the rehabilitation and child welfare programs conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Frances Johnson, President of the local American Legion Auxiliary unit, urges your participation in this worthwhile project.

New Deputy Appointed

Kenneth Higgins of Marble has been appointed a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Claude Anderson. Higgins is a former member of the Murphy Police Department.

The Sheriff's Department released the following list of activities for the week ending Tuesday: 15 arrested for public drunkenness, two arrested for driving drunk, two arrested for being AWOL from the Armed Forces, 10 calls were answered, three breaking and entering cases were investigated, four magistrate summons were served, nine civil summons

were served, eight capias were served, nine warrants were served and 25 subpoenas were served.

The breaking and entering cases occurred in Andrews and Murphy. A trailer was broken into in Andrews, but nothing was stolen, according to Deputy Glenn Holloway. Two homes in Murphy were broken into. No arrests have been made in these cases.

One stolen car was recovered last Wednesday on US 64 west of Murphy. The vehicle had been stolen in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Clifton, Levi Top Softball Standings

Clifton Precision and Levi are in a tie for first place with two victories each after the first week of action in the Murphy Softball Association.

Clifton opened with an 11-6 victory over Coble Dairy and shutout Easley Mfg., 12-0.

Levi edged Citizens Bank, 9-7 and outslugged Coble, 13-10. Results of other games were: State Highway 9, Easley Mfg. 4; Rimco 2, Westco 10; Texanna 13, Independents, 8; Hiwassee Dam 19, American Thread 6. In the only girls game to date, Levi defeated Citizens

Bank, 13-11. Tonight (Thursday) Rimco meets American Thread, Texanna plays Hiwassee Dam and Clifton faces State Highway.

Friday's slate matches Coble and Citizens Bank, Easley and Levi, and Westco and Texanna. Next Monday, Rimco plays Hiwassee Dam, Levi meets Clifton in a girls game, and the Independents face American Thread.

On Tuesday, Clifton takes on Levi, the Texanna girls play Brumby, and Coble meets State Highway.



President E. B. Shaw of American Thread Co. speaks at the dedication and open house of The Cherokee Plant at Marble Saturday. Seated are Plant Manager Dan Lamb, left, and Rep. Roy A. Taylor. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

Taylor Dedicates American Thread Cherokee Plant

By Dave Bruce

Marble is the geographical center of Cherokee County and last Saturday it became the center of attention in the county as about 5,000 people attended the dedication and open house at the new Cherokee Plant of American Thread Company.

While rain was an ever-present threat, the moisture stayed in the sky as Rep. Roy A. Taylor formally dedicated the plant.

"American Thread Company considers community participation a vital responsibility and strives to be a good neighbor and supports programs that are in the public interest," Taylor said.

He pointed out that the firm "came to Cherokee County without asking the community or the county for one dime or any special concessions. It only asked for community cooperation."

Citing recent industrial growth in Cherokee County, Taylor said unemployment has declined 10% and the number of industrial workers has increased 5% in the past two years.

He called the county "an industrial area" and said the people "are proud to see dreams coming true." He cited Thomas Jefferson's statement: "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Taylor declared the new plant dedicated as Boy Scout Troop 414 of Marble raised the flag on the pole outside the office wing of the building.

Preceding Taylor's re-

marks, American Thread President E. B. Shaw expressed pleasure with the operation of the Cherokee Plant.

Taylor and Shaw introduced by Dan Lamb, manager of the plant.

Shaw joined the firm as an apprentice 48 years ago.

Following the dedication,

visitors toured the 285,000 square foot plant and ate picnic lunches served by a catering firm in the parking area at the rear of the building.

The Cherokee Plant is the third operation established by American Thread in North Carolina. The others are at Rosman and Marion. Thread pro-

duced at Marble and Rosman are sent to the Serier Finishing Plant at Marion where it is mercerized, dyed, waxed and packaged for shipping.

American Thread is the nation's largest manufacturer of industrial thread. It employs more than 5,000 people in plants from Maine to Georgia.



Here is a portion of the crowd of approximately 5,000 persons that enjoyed a picnic lunch during the American Thread dedication and open house. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

DECA Club

Gets Plaque

The Murphy Distributive Education Club received a two-star plaque and a cash award from Clyde Ware of Sears Roebuck Foundation of Atlanta.

To obtain this plaque, 208 points are required. The points are gained by D.E. activities in contest and publicity of radio programs and newspaper clippings pertaining to this program. This plaque is next to the highest award given to any D. E. Club.

The purpose of this plaque is to encourage D.E.C.A. Chapters to plan a yearly Program of Youth Activity in keeping with the purpose and creed of D.E.C.A. and to give special recognition to those chapters which fulfill these aims and purpose to the highest

Summer Camp For Retarded Children Will Be In Murphy

Day School Open To Children From Cherokee, Clay & Graham

A grant of \$9,000 to the five public school units of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties by the State Department of Public Instruction for the conduct of a summer day camp for mentally retarded children was announced today by John Jordan, superintendent of the Murphy City Schools.

This project, which will serve 60 children from the schools of the three counties, is an expansion of the State of Franklin program of service to disadvantaged children, and will compliment the summer day camp in Cullowhee which is planned this summer for the children of Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties.

This day camp, which is to be conducted in the Murphy Elementary School, is named Camp Butler in memory of the fortier fort, Fort Butler, on the outskirts of the city of Murphy in which bands of Cherokee Indians were gathered many years ago in preparation for the March of Tears, to the Oklahoma Territory. Not only will the site of Fort Butler

be visited by the children, said Jordan, but visits of National Forest Camp sites and other excursions are planned.

The project will serve both trainable and educable children, and academic training will be balanced by activities in the arts, crafts, and in recreation. "We are happy that we will be able to give the children a nourishing meal and a snack," said Jordan. "Youngsters from seven to 15 years of age are full of energy and they will need plenty of nourishing food so that they can participate in all of the many activities which are planned."

Although school buses will bring children to Camp Butler from Clay and Graham Counties and from the Andrews and Hiwassee Dam sections of Cherokee County, it will be necessary for parents or volunteers to transport some of the children to the bus routes which will follow the main roads. In other areas provision has been made for transportation by private automobile.

"Nine thousand dollars is a small amount of money to con-

duct an ambitious special education project such as this," said Jordan. "The help of volunteers and Four-Square N-YC youths will be needed. Any help which civic organizations can give us will be appreciated."

The ground work for this day camp was done last summer at Cullowhee where a successful project was conducted with financial assistance from the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation. Money for the operation of Camp Butler will come from Title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The day camp last summer at Cullowhee was largely supported by civic clubs, tuition fees, and by Western Carolina University. No fees will be required for attendance at Camp Butler and the students will be recruited on the basis of need alone.

Parents who have any questions about this special education program for trainable and educable mentally retarded children are encouraged to contact the local superintendent of schools.

Andrews Democrats Unhappy With South Ward Precinct Meeting

By Sue Morrow & Dave Bruce

L. L. Love drew criticism last week for the manner in which he conducted a Democratic precinct meeting in the Andrews South Ward on Monday, May 13.

The Democrats of the precinct were scheduled to meet on Saturday, May 11, along with all other precincts in Cherokee County.

Joe El Khouri said Hugh Rayburn served as acting chairman at the Saturday meeting. El Khouri said he was nominated by W. T. Moore to serve as chairman of the precinct, Mrs. Doris Ladd nominated Love, El Khouri said the vote resulted in a 5-5 tie.

Another meeting was called for Monday night, May 13. El Khouri said he did not know of the meeting until about a half hour before it began and he was late arriving. Love acted as chairman at this meeting. El Khouri said he was nominated before he arrived and Love ruled his nomination was not in order because he was not present. Love was not present at the Saturday meeting, but Rayburn accepted his nomination, according to El Khouri.

The purpose of the meetings was to elect the executive committee and delegates and alternates to attend the county convention at the courthouse in Murphy Saturday.

Bill Carter said when the ballots were taken up at the Monday meeting, Love began counting the votes and became angry after counting the first few ballots which did not have his name marked. He tore the ballots up and declared another vote would have to be taken, according to Carter and Mrs. Barbara Mashburn.

Carter added that Love said he was not getting enough votes and said he said he "needed time

to talk to my people." Mrs. Oletta Truett said that at this point, she and several others present protested the action and walked out of the meeting.

Carter said when a second vote was held, Love took up each ballot and counted it as it was taken.

Those elected to the executive committee were Love, Hugh Rayburn, Milton Mashburn, Ernest Whitaker, Jim Conley, Mrs. L. L. Love, Mary Willie Gentry, Doris Ladd, Mrs. Milton Mashburn and Mrs. Oletta Truett.

The executive committee then elected Love as chairman of the precinct; Mrs. Ladd, co-chairman; and Rayburn as secretary-treasurer.

Ten delegates were elected to attend the convention Saturday. Andrews Journal Editor Sue Morrow was unable to determine who the delegates would be. When Love was contacted, he slammed the phone down. Hugh Rayburn said he did not

have his minute book available. When attempts were made to reach other members of the executive committee, those contacted said they did not know who the delegates would be. Mrs. Truett expressed surprise at her being on the committee. She said since she walked out of the meeting, she was not aware of being elected.

Managing Editor Dave Bruce made an effort to contact Love prior to press time on Wednesday for comment on the meeting but was unable to reach him.

Program Gets Grant

Four-Square Community Action, Inc., of Andrews announced Friday the approval of the remaining part of the \$183,330 grant to the New Careers pro-

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Hospital Receives Appalachian Grant

Approval of a \$271,663 Appalachian grant for District Memorial Hospital at Andrews was announced Monday by Rep. Roy A. Taylor.

The funds will be used for the expansion program at the hospital. A two-story addition to the existing building is planned. It will include new facilities for the X-ray room, laboratory offices, supply rooms and record rooms. The second floor will include 30 general nursing beds, a self-nursing station, a nursery and a complete obst-

trical department. A total of \$310,000 in local funds is needed to supplement the Appalachian grant and aid received in the past. A spokesman for the hospital drive said Tuesday \$80,000 of the total share must still be raised. A total of \$225,000 has been pledged and is reported about half of this has been turned in. Previous monies include \$217,666 from the Hill-Burton funds and \$100,000 from the State of North Carolina.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,428,000.



Visitors were given an opportunity to take a tour through the American Thread plant to observe the operations of the company. Each visitor received a souvenir box of a dozen rolls of thread. (Photo by Dave Bruce)