



Seriously Injured

Mrs. Pauline Mona Roberts, 55, of Rt. 1, Murphy is lifted to a stretcher after her car landed on its top in the Hiwassee River last Wednesday afternoon. Highway Patrolman Patt Miller said she was travelling east on US 64 about one mile east of Murphy when the car ran off the right side of the road into

the river. Mrs. Roberts was pinned in the wreckage about 25 minutes. She was brought to Providence Hospital and later transferred to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, where she is reported in serious condition. Miller said no charges had been filed. (Photo by Weaver Carringer)

Two Servicemen Are Killed In Vietnam



William Morrow

Two Cherokee County servicemen were killed in Vietnam within three days last week. Marine Lance Corporal Raymond F. Trantham, 19, of Murphy was killed in action near Quang Tri on May 19. Army Private First Class William D. Morrow, 19 of the Violet section, was killed while on guard duty on May 22. Trantham was the son of Walter Trantham of Unaka and Mrs. Mary Trantham of Murphy. Morrow was the son of Mr.

and Mrs. Bayless Morrow of Violet. According to a telegram to Trantham's mother, "he sustained fragmentation wounds to the body from a hostile explosive device while on a road sweep." Trantham graduated from Murphy High School in 1967. He received the Good Citizenship Award in his senior year and played guard on the football team. He enlisted in the Marine Corps last June.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ivie Funeral Home. A telegram to Morrow's parents said he died of "wounds received while on guard duty when hit by fragments from a friendly claymore mine. Morrow graduated from Hiwassee Dam High School in 1966. He enlisted in the Army last September and was assigned to the First Air Cavalry. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Chastain-Pack Funeral Home of Copperhill.



Raymond Trantham

Tear Gas Foils Safecracking Job Attempts

Safecrackers came away almost empty handed after breaking into safes at Dickey Chevrolet and Burch Motors Sunday night or early Monday morning. Tear gas bombs exploded at both places when the safes were tampered with. The safe at Dickey Chevrolet was believed to have been pried open with a hammer and crowbar while the Burch Motors safe was opened by "blasting it with a light charge," according to Police Chief Pete Stalcup. Nothing was taken from either safe because the safecrackers were driven away by the tear gas. Doyle Burch reported that \$12 to \$15 was taken from an open cash register in his place. Hadley Dickey said there was very little money in his safe. He added that the firm always keeps just enough money on hand to make change at the opening of a business day. Burch said he has had the tear

gas bomb rigged to his safe for about 20 years and that was the first time it had been exploded. The tear gas is "what saved Hadley and us both," he added. It was believed Dickey Chevrolet was entered first and tracks indicated two persons made the entry. The tracks were made from the dust of concrete broken from the safe wall at Dickey Chevrolet. The same type of shoe prints were found on the floor at Burch Motors. Both places were entered from a rear door. Virgil Kephart, an employee of Dickey Chevrolet, said he was in the building Sunday afternoon and everything was in order then. Kephart discovered the safecracking attempt when he reported for work Monday morning. He said he was attracted to it when he smelled tear gas upon entering the building.



Would be safecrackers hit rock but the tear gas kept them from hitting paydirt. This is the safe at Dickey Chevrolet. A similar attempt was made at Burch Motors. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

Marble Men Apprehended After Three County Chase

Two Rt. 1, Marble men faced charges following a three-county chase that began in Swain County and ended in Cherokee County early Saturday morning. Ted Kimbrell, 19, was charged with speeding at 110

miles per hour and carrying a concealed weapon by Highway Patrolman Patt Miller. His brother, Claude Kimbrell, 22, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Both were charged with

breaking and entering by Swain County Sheriff Vincent Casaway. Miller said he was returning to Murphy after administering a breath-o-lyzer test at Bryson City when he saw the Kimbrell's car going around a curve near the Tomahawk Trail Store in the Nantahala Gorge. He decided to check the car and began pursuit. The patrolman said he reached speeds up to 110 miles per hour on US 19 until he apprehended the men at the foot of Granny Squirrel Mountain east

of Andrews. The chase covered portions of Swain, Macon and Cherokee counties. When he stopped the car, Miller reported he found five feed sacks inside containing about 125 cartons of cigarettes. The breaking and entering charges allege that the cigarettes were taken from The Tomahawk Trail Store. Miller radioed for help and Patrolman Zeb Phillips of Graham County came to his assistance after he had halted the Kimbrells. Miller said the men did not offer any resistance.

Explorer Post Program Starts

Explorer Post 416 Boy Scouts of America, will begin a recreation program Saturday at the Rock Gym, according to District Scout Executive Dan Angel. The gym will be open each weekday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Activities planned include bad minton, basketball, boxing, checkers, chess, darts, handball, ping pong, shuffleboard, volleyball and weight lifting. A free movie will be presented each Tuesday at 9 p.m. and a dance, with live music, is planned for each Friday. Admission to the dance will be 25¢. "We have over \$400 worth of equipment ready for use and more is to arrive within the

week," Angel said. "All we need now is the young people. I am sure that they will take advantage of this program as soon as school is out." The program will be financed by the sale of membership cards to young people between the ages of 9 and 19. The cards will be sold for 50¢ per month beginning on Saturday. Proceeds from rentals of the gym will also be used. Angel said adult supervision will be provided for all activities. He urges any civic organization or adult interested in the program to support it either by serving as a chaperone or giving financial help. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Rev. Thornton Hawkins at the First Methodist Church.

Pat Taylor To Speak At Democratic Supper



The supper will be sponsored by the Young Democratic Club. YDC President Rex Sudderth said tickets will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. They may be secured from Sudderth, the Cherokee Cafe, precinct chairmen and YDC members. Door prizes will be awarded. Taylor will begin the day with a breakfast in Brevard at 8 a.m. He is scheduled to visit the Macon County Courthouse in Franklin at 11 a.m. Lunch is scheduled at the Parkway Restaurant in Sylva at 1 p.m. The last stop before Hiwassee Dam will be at the Swain County Courthouse in Bryson City at 3 p.m. The party travelling with Taylor will include Sen. Mary Faye Brumby, E. H. Brumby, Sr., Edward H. Brumby, Jr., Cherokee County Democratic Chairman Ben Scott and County Commissioner Ray Sims.

Head Start Program To Begin June 27

Roy A. Taylor, 11th District Congressman, has announced the approval of the 1968 Project Head Start for Four-Square Community Action, Inc., covering Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Swain Counties. The appro-

val came from the office of Economic Opportunity in Washington and involves \$14,375 in Federal funds. The 1968 project for the four counties will be handled by each school unit under the supervision of Four-Square. It will involve 13 separate schools and will contain a total of 35 classes for 555 children. Teachers will begin a three day workshop at Andrews Community Center June 24th. Head Start classes will begin June 27th and will continue until August 7th. The staff of the Project will include 46 paid professional personnel, 70 non-professional who are members of the group served and 487 volunteers. Kyle Beal of Hayesville will be Project Director.

Six Communities In Development Program

Six Cherokee County communities are among 113 participating in the 1968 Western North Carolina Community Development Program, according to James F. Davis, president of the Asheville, Agricultural Development Council and William Parton of Drexel, area chairman of the program. The six are Marble, Happy Top, Peachtree, Texanna, Tomolia and Unaka. The are-wide improvement program, now in its 19th year, aims at stimulating community-wide effort and cooperation in tackling local programs and making needed improvements. The program has been repeatedly cited by state and national leaders for promoting thousands of improvement projects in Western North Carolina since its inception. It is sponsored by the agricultural agencies in participating counties and the Agricultural Development Council. Area awards totaling over \$4,500 will be awarded next fall to the communities that make the most progress during

the year. Communities in both the farm and non-farm divisions will be judged on the basis of community-wide projects, youth programs, efforts to increase income and improved family living. Local sponsors in the various counties, including business firms, Chambers of Commerce, Civic Clubs and United Funds will provide about \$8,000 in local awards to the communities. Area prizes to the winners of both the farm and non-farm groups will amount to \$1,750 each. Additional awards of \$500 will go to the areas with the most outstanding youth programs. A total of 68 communities are also competing in a special Roadside Improvement Contest which is held as a part of the Community Development Program. Purpose of this contest is to encourage special effort in cleaning-up and improving the roadsides and making more attractive communities. Special prizes are also offered in this program, with the judging to be held in last summer.

Tourism Workshops Planned Next Week

Two workshops in tourism will be conducted next week by the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association work group and Tri-County Technical Institute. The first workshop will be held Tuesday at 6:30 at the Murphy Elementary Auditorium and the second will be Wednesday at 6:30 at the Hayesville High School Auditorium. The purpose of the workshops is to create interest in tourism. "The way tourists who come to our area are treated determines how long they will stay in our Mountain Lake Vacation Land and will determine if they will come back," said Carl Moore of Tri-County Tech. The general public is invited to attend the workshops and service station attendants, waitresses, and sales people are especially encouraged to attend. The program will include filmstrips, skits, a talk on how to give directions, and films and slides showing local tourist attractions.

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Pool, Kiddie Park To Open

Pool Officials have announced this week that the Murphy Lions Club Swimming Pool will open its summer 1968 season Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Admission this year will be the same as last year, 25¢ for children under twelve years of age and 50¢ for children and adults above twelve years of age. Season tickets are \$25.00 for family, \$12.50 for adults and \$8.00 for children. The family season ticket enables the out of town guests to be admitted to the pool on this ticket. Dates for the lifesaving and swimming classes will be announced at a later date. Pool hours this year are from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Murphy Kiddie Park will open Monday at 2:00 p.m. Kiddie Park hours this year are from 2:00 p.m. each day Monday through Friday until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Ruth Cheney will be the Kiddie Park supervisor again this year. There is no charge for the use of the Kiddie Park and mothers are encouraged to bring their children up to eight years of age and enjoy the Park every afternoon.

Charged With Shooting Wife

David Phillips of the Martins Creek section is being held in the Cherokee County Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Sheriff Claude Anderson said Phillips is charged in connection with the shooting of his wife, Mae, Tuesday afternoon near their home. Mrs. Phillips was hospitalized with several shots. The sheriff said she was not seriously wounded. Anderson said Mrs. Phillips told him she was running to get away from her husband when she was shot.

Managing Editor Resigns; Joins Waynesville Newspaper

Dave Bruce resigned this week as Managing Editor of The Cherokee Scout and The Andrews Journal. He has accepted a position as a reporter with The Waynesville Mountaineer and will assume his duties there July 1. Bruce joined The Scout on May 16, 1966 and assumed the Journal position last October. "I will leave with mixed



Dave Bruce

feelings because it has been a pleasure working with these papers and the people of Cherokee and Clay counties," Bruce said. "However, I did not feel I could pass up the opportunity The Mountaineer offered me." He pointed out he will "still be in western North Carolina and will be very much interested in the developments in the far west in the years ahead." Bruce said he plans to attend night classes at Western Carolina University after he is out-

Runoff On Saturday

Republican voters in North Carolina will go to the polls Saturday to decide a runoff contest for the U. S. Senate nomination. Larry Zimmerman, a Durham attorney-businessman, called for the runoff after placing second to Salisbury attorney Bob Somers in the May 4 primary. Somers led a three-man race on May 4 with 48,351. Zimmerman received 43,644 votes and Ed Tenney of Chapel Hill got 40,023. The winner will face Sen. Sam Ervin, Jr. in the November general election. Ervin was re-nominated easily over three other candidates in the Democratic Primary. Zimmerman said he plans to attend night classes at Western Carolina University after he is out-

Courthouse Closed

The Cherokee County Courthouse will be closed today (Thursday) in observance of Memorial Day and Saturday because of the Republican Primary.