



Wind Uproots Apple Trees

Joe Golden looks over damage done to his apple trees when a twister struck his property at the head of Hot House Creek last Wednesday night. The strong winds uprooted 11 apple trees that Golden said had been planted about 35 years ago. Falling limbs damaged the front porch of his home. At the home

of Luther Farner, a short distance away, several shingles were blown off the roof. Golden said the damage was done in a few minutes time. A heavy rain and wind storm struck much of the county. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

Westco Announces Improvements In Clay County Telephone Service

C. F. Gore, Vice President of Westco and Western Carolina Telephone Company, announced at a meeting at Hayesville High School Tuesday night that a total of \$283,000 will be spent in the near future to improve the telephone system in Clay County. The major part of the work will consist of adding additional lines within the county and replacing the open wire network from Hayesville to Murphy with a cable complex. The additional lines will increase the number of calls that can be made while the cable will help to improve the quality of long distance calls Gore stated.

Other improvements which will alleviate many of the long distance problems include replacing the present microwave from Murphy to Sylva and adding Direct Distance Dialing by 1972. Approximately 100 people attended the meeting which was scheduled at the request of the telephone company. The purpose of the meeting, according to Gore, was "to inform the people of Clay County that the telephone company is going to begin immediately to improve the present system and to give the people a chance to discuss their problems."

A panel of telephone company supervisors attempted to answer the questions asked by the audience. These men included C.O. Stafford, Gary McKelvey, Don Hall, George Worley, G. W. Revis and A. Tom Williams. Most of the questions involved the difficulties of placing and receiving long distance calls and the multi-party lines in the rural areas. Outside plant manager C. O. Stafford explained that many of the long distance problems resulted in difficulties outside of the 11 - county Westco area, and that these were multiplied by the "inadequate microwave between Murphy and Sylva." For those experiencing difficulties with toll calls, he suggested patience and persistence would be necessary until the microwave system can be replaced.

In response to the many questions involving multi-party lines, Gore explained that although the maximum phones per line is limited to 10 for existing lines, the average number of parties per line in Clay County is 5.3. He assured those people reporting to have 12 to 15 neighbors on their line that this is improper and that they should report their number and the other party numbers to the telephone office. When asked about the possibility of and the procedure for obtaining a private or semi-private line, Stafford stated that additional lines should be completed by the end of the year and anyone wanting a less crowded line place a request at the office in Murphy. Stafford stated that there is an additional fee for a private line, and the rates could be obtained by calling or writing the Murphy office.

In his opening talk, Gore gave a brief history and the present data of the Western Carolina and Westco companies. Both of these companies are subsidiaries of the Continental System company, and were split so they could be eligible for REA financing. Western Carolina serves the larger exchanges while Westco handles the smaller towns. The rate of growth of the two companies in its 11 county area is evidenced by the number of phones increasing over three times and the capital investment increasing over four times since 1958, according to Gore. In Clay County, there were approximately 200 phones in 1958. Today there are almost 1000. Capital improvements totaled \$3.6 million in 1967, with \$1.8 million spent during the last quarter of the year in Western North Carolina. Gore closed by stating that anyone having difficulties should not hesitate in notifying the office in Murphy or to call or write the home office in Weaverville.

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G. F. Gore, right, Vice President of Westco and Western Carolina Telephone Companies, points out the net station growth of the company in 1967. Looking on are, from the left, Andy Padgett, chairman of the Clay County Board of Commissioners; George Worley, Westco District Manager; and Tom Day, Chairman of the Clay County Rural Development Authority. The presentation was made at a meeting in Hayesville Tuesday night. (Photo by Bill Gray)

Three In Family Found Guilty

A Cherokee County mother, father and son were found guilty of owning a distillery, making liquor and mash and processing 24 gals. of non-tax paid whisky last Wednesday in U. S. District Court at Bryson City.

Mrs. Evelyn Gladson and son, James, were sentenced to 18

months in prison by Judge Wilson Warlick. Her husband, Alvin, drew a two-year suspended sentence and was fined \$1,000. All three entered an appeal to the U. S. Court of Appeals and the mother and son were released under \$1000.00 bond. The jury returned a guilty

verdict in the case Wednesday after hearing testimony Tuesday that Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division agents and deputy sheriffs had found a still, mash and liquor near the home of Mrs. Gladson last July 19 in the Culberson area. The officers testified that they found 28 gallon jugs in the house and 24 gallons of white lightning in the trunk of an old car in the yard. According to the officers, they had followed fresh sled tracks from behind the house to the site of the illicit distillery. A discussion ensued over who owned a mule found in Mrs. Gladson's barn and a sled which was nearby. Upon cross-examination by defense attorney Roy Francis, the government witnesses said no evidence of liquor had been found in the house, just the jugs, and none in the road-worthy vehicles. Mrs. Gladson insisted on taking the stand, against the advice of her attorney. She maintained that strange men had come to the place, got her permission to take a mule and sled through her yard to cut some wood up where the still was, and it must have been their mule and sled. She said the jugs in the house came with milk she had bought. A government attorney asked "what have you been convicted

of?" It was determined that she had been convicted of liquor law violations in state and federal court several times previously. Once she had been convicted of contempt of court for slapping the state's Solicitor during such a trial. When her husband and son maintained their innocence, Mrs. Gladson disrupted the proceeding and was taken into custody until she calmed down. Judge Warlick told Alvin Gladson, "I have reliable information that you're not a bad man," but he noted that Gladson did furnish jars and sugar out of his store. Mrs. Gladson wanted to go get the man who owned the distillery and make him come into court. "No lady, you've had your day in court. You've had a good lawyer. You don't fool around in U. S. District Court," the judge told her.

Andrews Sailor Is Killed In Vietnam



Ronald Hembree

Mrs. Gladys B. Hembree of Andrews received word Sunday that her son, HM3 Ronald Gene Hembree, U.S. Navy, was killed in action on May 28 in the vicinity of Quan Tri Province of South Vietnam. Hembree is the third Cherokee County resident to die in

Vietnam since May 19. According to a telegram to Hembree's mother, he died "as a result of gunshot wounds from enemy sniper fire while engaged in action against hostile forces during operation Kentucky." Hembree, 21, was a 1965 graduate of Andrews High School. He played guard on the football team during his four years at Andrews High School. He enlisted in the Navy on July 13, 1966 and had been in Vietnam since last November. Hembree was married to the former Miss Sharon Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Powell Bradley of Andrews. In addition to his mother and wife, he is also survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Ira Hembree of Andrews. The body is expected to arrive in Andrews in about two weeks. Iyle Funeral Home of Andrews will announce funeral arrangements.

Fifty On Jury List For June Civil Term

Fifty persons are listed on the list of prospective jurors for the civil term of Cherokee County Superior Court. The term will begin on June 24. Those listed are: Mazie B. Garrett, Joe Francis Earley, Grady Ingle and Boyd Arrowood of Rt. 1, Murphy. Christy Gray, Mrs. Mark Elliott, Patricia J. Winfrey, Clint Dalley, Mrs. Charles Solesbee, Adline Newman, Inez Brendle, Imogene V. Adams and Carol J. Breedlove of Andrews. Mrs. Norris O'Dell, Nora Warrne, Walter E. Smith, Ben M. Ragsdale, William L. Christy, Jack Colman, Tommy J. Ramsey, J. S. Ramsey, Gertrude Graves, Pauline Anderson, Leonard Ashe, Mrs. John C. O'Dell

Lottie Stalcup, Mrs. W. G. Darnell, Clifford Horton, Mrs. James C. Howse and Kenneth Lawrence Beal of Murphy. Jack Pinson, Myrtle Helton, Dave L. Kimball, Mrs. Jess Ledford and Edna Burrell of Rt. 4, Murphy. D. L. Harris and J. E. Wallace of Rt. 2, Culberson. Emelee Wallace and Gladys Cook of Brasstown. Jean McDonald and Marie Graves of Rt. 3, Murphy. Hube Raxter, Mrs. S. L. Corbin, Roy Dockery and Jack Wike of Marble. Maudine Gaynell Martin, Baxter Hatchett and A. M. Green of Rt. 2, Murphy. Ronald E. Maxey of Rt. 1, Marble. Jerry Rex Ware of Suit Rural Station.

Republican Club To Meet

The Cherokee County Republican Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the courthouse.

Somers Wins Runoff For GOP Senate Bid

Robert V. Somers won the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate in a runoff against Larry Zimmerman Saturday. He will face Sen. Sam Ervin in November. The 30-year-old Salisbury attorney received 8,018 votes to 5,329 for Zimmerman with a light turnout across the state. Zimmerman, a 39-year-old Durham attorney, called for the runoff after finishing second to Somers in a three way race in the May 4 primary. Only 108 Republican voted in Cherokee County. The vote here was 96 for Somers and 12 for Zimmerman.

No votes were reported in either the Andrews North Ward or Andrews South Ward. In spite of receiving only 12 votes in the county, Zimmerman carried two precincts. He received the only vote cast at Unaka and won, 7-2, at Peachtree. Somers carried the other precincts as follows: Brasstown, 8-0; Burnt Meeting House, 7-0; Culberson, 3-0; Grape Creek, 8-0; Hanging Dog, 5-0 Hot House, 16-0; Marble, 2-1; Murphy North Ward, 16-1; Murphy South Ward, 14-0; Ogreeza 2-0; Shoal Creek, 6-0; Topton, 3-2 and Walker School House, 4-0.

Lifesaving Course Set Enrichment Program Set

A two week course in Senior Lifesaving will begin Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Murphy Lions Club Swimming Pool. Anyone who has passed their sixteenth birthday or who is a student in or above the eleventh grade is eligible. The course will provide the students with knowledge and rescue skills which will enable them to cope with problems of water safety. A fee of \$2.00 will be required, plus cost of admission to the pool during

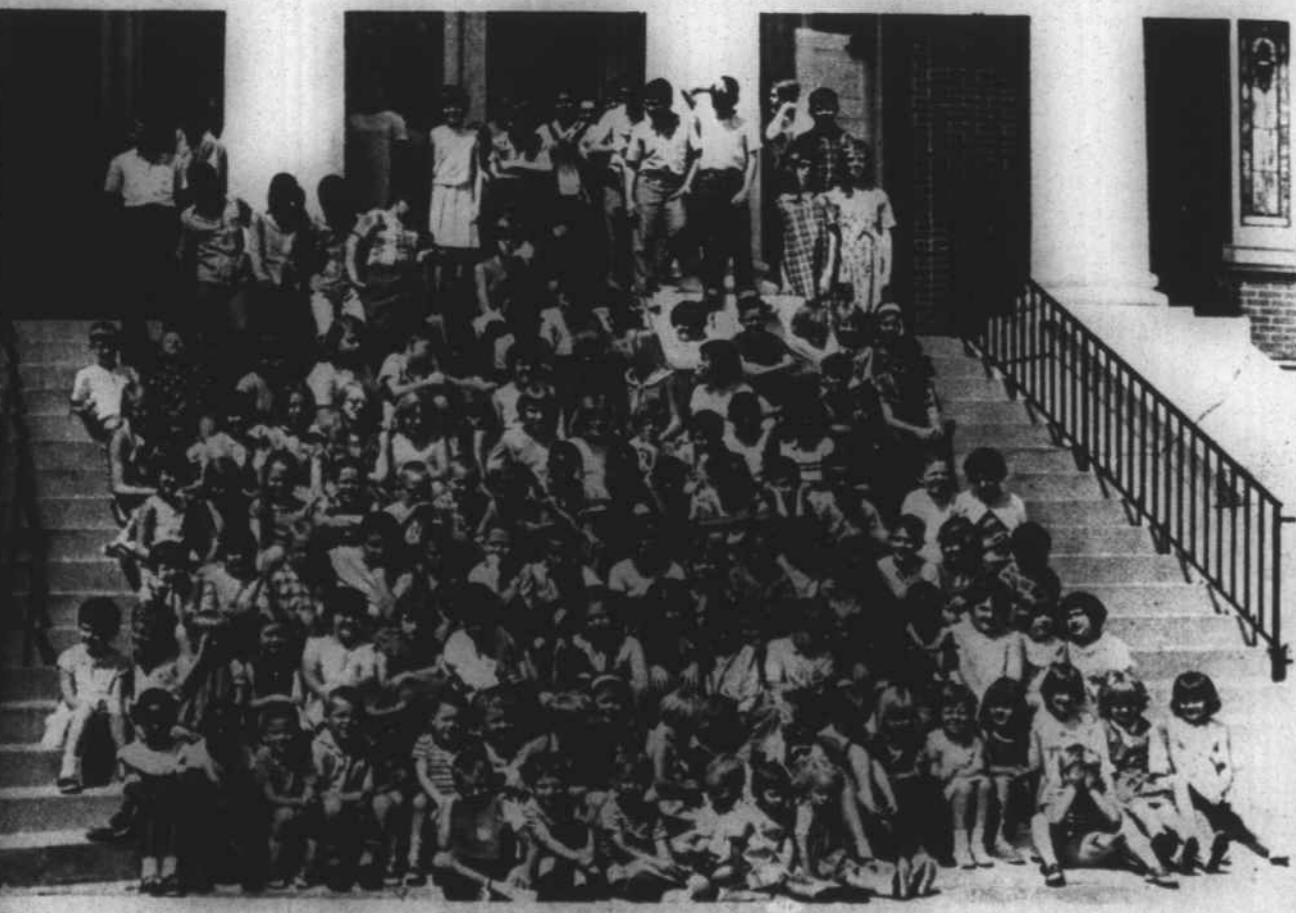
The enrichment program of Title One Elementary and Secondary education Act will begin Monday at 9 a.m. Pupils who have already registered will go to the auditorium in the Dome building for class assignments. Others who have not previously registered will report to Mr. Hughes office to register following the meeting in auditorium.

Levi & Texanna On Top

Levi and Texanna are the only remaining unbeaten teams in the Murphy Softball League. Levi picked up its fifth straight win with a 17-10 win over State Highway this week. Texanna won its fourth in a row with a 10-7 victory over previously unbeaten Rimco. The loss dropped Rimco to fourth place. Clifton is in third place with a 4-1 record after edging Citizens Bank, 10-9. Citizens Bank and Hiwassee

Dam are tied for fifth place with 3-2 marks. Before losing to Clifton, the bank team beat Easley, 8-2. Hiwassee Dam edged the Independents 5-4, and walloped Westco, 14-4. American Thread defeated Westco, 14-9, and Coble clobbered Easley, 14-4. In the only girls game last week, Clifton picked up its first win with a 17-2 victory over Texanna. Citizens Bank leads the girls division with a 2-0 record and Hicks Gulf has won its only game to date.

Tonight (Thursday) Clifton meets Westco, Coble plays Rimco and Easley battles the Independents. The two unbeaten teams see action Friday night. State Highway plays Texanan, Levi battles American Thread and Citizens Bank will meet Hiwassee Dam. The Independents tangle with Coble Monday night. Hicks Gulf will meet Texanna in a girls game and Clifton plays Rimco. On Tuesday Easley will meet Texanna the Clifton girls will play Citizens Bank and Levi will go against Hiwassee Dam.



Record Bible School Enrollment

The 187 children of the First Baptist Church Bible School gathered on the church steps during the week of activities that began on Monday. The children came from the Realtown Baptist Mission and the Texanna Baptist Church as well as the First Baptist. (Photo by Bill Gray)

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