



Civilians Cited For Service

The Murphy Civitans honored two of their members and installed new officers last week. Paul Ridenhour, third from left, was recognized for his outstanding work to the club and the community. Bud Alexander, center, was honored as the Outstanding Civitan of the Year. Pictured above are, left to right, Don Ramsey, President; Bill Hughes, President Elect; Paul Ridenhour, First Vice President; Bud Alexander, Outgoing President; Don Gentry, Second Vice President; R. D. Chandler, Secretary; and Gene Farmer, Treasurer. (Photo by Bill Gray)

Tree Growers Invited To Shearing Tuesday

A Christmas tree shearing demonstration will be held Tuesday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This demonstration will be held on the Vick Bell farm between Warne and Brasstown, moving from this farm to the George Bidstrup farm. The demonstration will be sponsored jointly by the County Agent's office in Hayesville and the County Agent's office in Murphy. Christmas tree growers and other people interested in learning about Christmas trees should attend this meeting in order to learn more about production of Christmas trees and the shearing of white pine for Christmas trees. Fred Whitfield, Forestry Specialist from North Carolina State University, will be present to assist with the demonstration. Land owners who have suitable land for the production of Christmas trees are urged to explore the possibility of this enterprise for additional farm income. It requires several years to get into the Christmas tree production business. After the initial time spent, a group of trees can be cut each year by planting some additional trees each year. As more and more of our people get jobs and release land from annual crops, this is a good side line to become engaged in, according to the County Agent's office. At the present time, several growers are producing Christmas trees and additional growers are needed in order to produce volume that is necessary for a healthy marketing situation.



Runway To Be Paved

Work began last week on the improvement project at the Cherokee County Airport. The work is financed by the \$150,000 bond issue passed by the voters in August 1966 and by funds from the Federal Aviation Agency and the Appalachian Regional Development Commission. (Photo by Bill Gray)

Couple Saved As Boat Burns & Sinks

A Doraville, Ga. couple escaped without harm Saturday afternoon when their boat caught fire and sank on Lake Hiwassee. They were identified as Menge Franz, 29, and his wife, Caryl, 24. According to Casteel Floyd, owner of Hiwassee Boat Dock, the couple left the dock in their runabout enroute to the wildlife camping area near Grape Creek. He said the boat contained their camping equipment and dog. Franz told Floyd that he was about seven miles from the dock when he noticed the motor misfiring and then saw that the motor and gas cans were in flames. He and his wife jumped into the lake near the center. They were picked up by Comer Hobbs and Ed Griffin, both of Dalton, Ga. The dog was reported saved, too.

Age Discrimination Act May Change Hiring Policies

The federal Age Discrimination Act of 1967 became effective Wednesday and according to the manager of the State Employment office here it could change the hiring policies of some local companies. "The new Law," reports Charles Erwin, "prohibits employers engaged in a business affecting interstate commerce from arbitrary age discrimination in employment." He said the Law is designed to protect individuals 40 to 65 years old by promoting the employment of older workers on the basis of ability rather than age. The U. S. Department of Labor is responsible for administering and enforcing the new Law. "Basically the Law means an employer can't refuse to hire a job applicant because the company thinks he's too old. Refusal to hire an older worker has to be for some reason other than age, or unless age is a bona fide occupational qualification of the job." The Law applies to employers of 25 or more persons in an industry affecting interstate commerce; employment agencies both public and private serving such employers; and labor organizations with 25 or more members in an industry affecting interstate commerce. It will be unlawful for liable employers to fail or refuse to hire, or to discharge and discriminate against any individual concerning compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of age, or to deprive any individual of employment opportunities because of age. It will also be unlawful to reduce the wage rate of any employee in order to comply with the Act. Employment agencies cannot refuse to refer for jobs any individual because of age or to classify or refer anyone for employment on the basis of age. It's unlawful for labor unions to discriminate against anyone because of age by excluding or expelling any individual from membership or by classifying his membership on age. Also, the new Act makes it unlawful for a labor union to fail or refuse to refer anyone for employment on the basis of age, or to cause an employer to discriminate against any individual because of age. Erwin believes the Age Discrimination Act is one of the most important legislative moves ever to effect the older worker. "We've always known older workers make good employees, but some employers have been reluctant to hire them. We think this Act will certainly increase their chances for employment."

Water Festival Set For July 4th Weekend

Plans are now complete for the Murphy Jaycee's 5th Annual Lake Hiwassee Water Festival to be held at Murphy on July 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Water Festival Chairman Bob Gold announced Friday. The Festival Events will include a beauty pageant, boat race, mountain square dance, stock car race, judging of the fishing contest and a double elimination tennis tournament. The Festival will be kicked off with a spectacular fireworks display at 10:00 on July 3 at the Murphy High School Stadium, Gold said. At 8:00 the same night a Mountain Square Dance will begin at the Old Rock Gym and continue after the fireworks display. The major attraction for July 4th will be the Jaycee sponsored Stock Car race held at the Tri County Raceway at 7:30 p.m. near Brasstown. A special attraction at this race will be a fire works display which will be put on at no extra cost to those attending the race. The annual Beauty Pageant will be held the following day, July 5th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy High School Gym. Ten lovely ladies will compete for the Title of Miss Lake Hiwassee and will reign over the remaining Festival Events and throughout the coming year, Gold said. More than 150 boat racers have been invited from seven Southeastern States to compete in the boat race on Sunday, July 7th, on Hiwassee Lake adjacent to the Hiwassee Campground. Trophies plus \$1000 in prize money will be given to the winners of this race, which is again co-sponsored by the Rebels Boat Racing Club of Columbus Georgia. The five-day festival will also include the judging of the Annual Jaycee Fishing Contest and a double elimination tennis tournament and several concessions.

Fiddlers Convention Set For Saturday

The first annual Fiddlers Convention will be this Saturday at the Old Rock Gym in Murphy. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. with the contest beginning at 8:00. R. C. Harris, Chairman of the Convention said that over 100 bands had been invited. He said that this will be the largest gathering of this type in this area. Harris emphasized that everyone is invited to participate. Trophies will be awarded to the outstanding three performers in the categories of the best band, fiddle player, banjo player and guitar player. Participants should bring their instruments and register at the gate. The instruments will include not only fiddles but also all other non-electrical instruments, Harris said. Charlie Moore, recording star for the King label, will be the master of ceremonies for the program. The show will begin with performances by two local clogging groups, the Hiwassee Cloggers of Hiwassee Ga. and the Carolina Sweethearts of Murphy. Admission for the show is \$1.50 for adults, \$.50 for school children and those under six are admitted free. Advance tickets are on sale for \$1.00 by members of Murphy Moose Lodge No. 2170, who are sponsoring the convention.

200 Phone Workers Under New Contract

A three year contract covering 200 nonmanagement employees of the Western Carolina and Westco Telephone Companies in North Carolina and Rabun County, Georgia has been agreed on by the company and the Communication Workers of America. The agreement was reached recently through collective bargaining which began three weeks ago. The agreement was ratified by the membership June 5. The agreement calls for basic first-year wage increases ranging from \$4.00 to \$18.00 weekly depending on the job classification of the employee, James Armstrong, president of the two companies, said. Also provided for, he said, are the shortening of some wage progression schedules which will result in larger weekly increases for some employees. Additional basic wage increases ranging from \$4.00 to \$10.40 weekly are to become effective in June 1969 and in June 1970. The contract also provides improved health, disability and insurance benefits, their effective dates to be spread over the three-year span of the contract, Armstrong, concluded.

Woodmen Meet

The Woodmen of the World will meet Monday, at the Murphy Power Board Building. This meeting is for initiation and to honor the Woodman of the Year, Newt Boling.

Dave Bristol Hospitalized

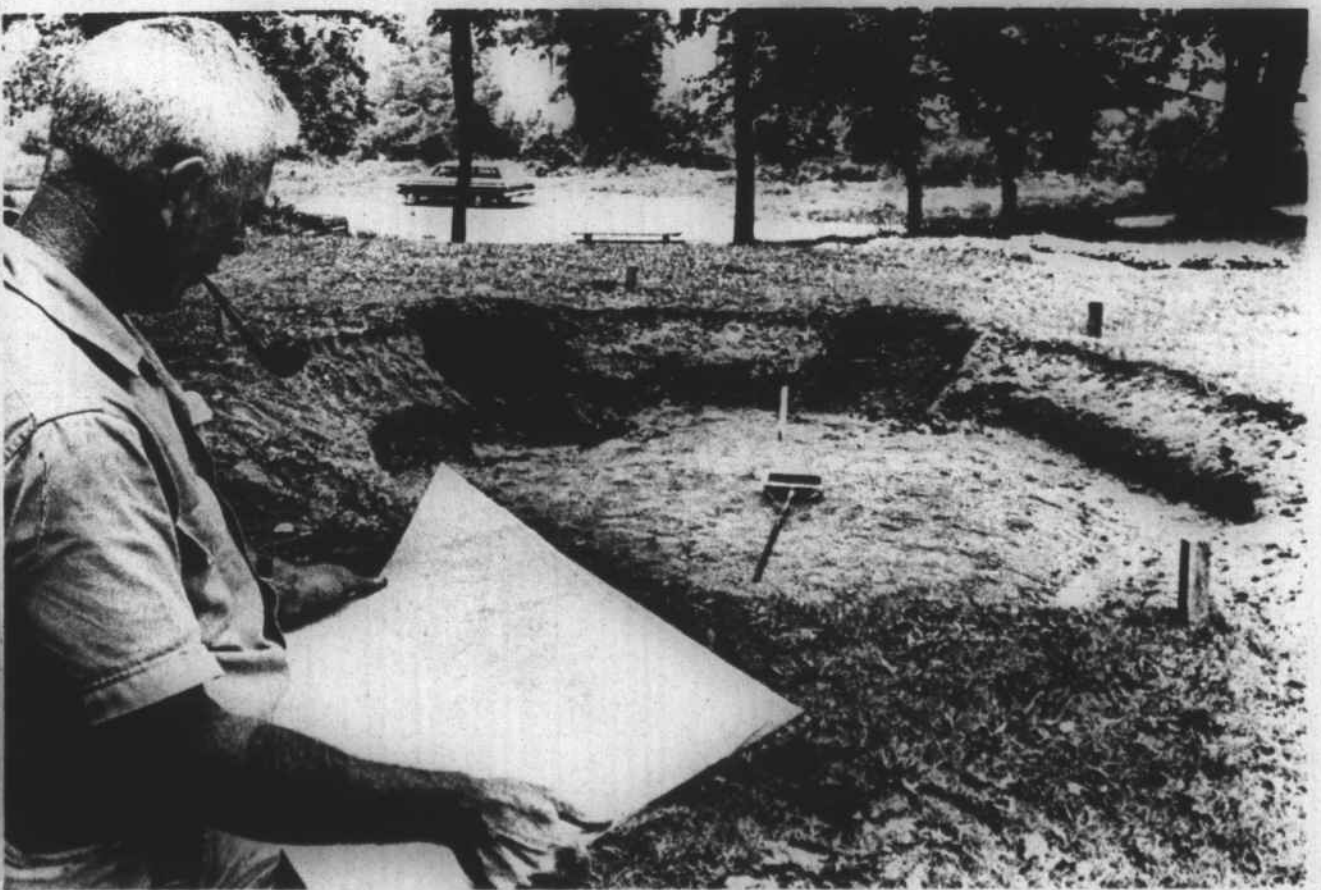
Dave Bristol, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, entered a Cincinnati hospital for a series of tests Sunday following a doubleheader split between the Reds and and league-leading St. Louis Cardinals. Bristol has been bothered with a persistent cough for the past several days and the Cincinnati team physician advised him to undergo the tests which are to be conducted over the next few days. Mrs. Bristol, who lives in Andrews, left Tuesday morning to be with her husband who is in Christ Hospital at Cincinnati.

Standards Revised For Medallion Homes

The Gold Medallion Home program, sponsored by Murphy Power Board seeks to adjust the standards of homes in this area. Using electricity as the sole source of energy, homes meeting the Gold Medallion requirements are designed for comfort as well as convenience, a spokesman for the Power Board said. Homes meeting these requirements are awarded the Gold Medallion by the Murphy Power Board. The Murphy Power Board furnish specialized assistance in making home plans that qualify for the Gold Medallion. This service is without charge to their customers. Gold Medallion standards are adaptable to any home, new or old, large or small. No matter what the price, it can become a Gold Medallion Home. Gold Medallion plaques and certificates were awarded this week to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Christy. Other homes qualifying will be awarded Gold Medallions as soon as possible. Customers of the Murphy Power Board participating in this program can bring their homes up to Gold Medallion status by meeting certain standards. These include appliances for kitchen and laundry, heating, wiring and lighting. Central air conditioning is recommended but no longer required. Requirements for appliances include an electric range, a quick-recovery water heater, dishwasher, automatic clothes washer, clothes dryer, and refrigerator. An exhaust fan of adequate capacity, properly vented to the outside, is required over the range. Also recommended, but not required is a garbage disposal unit installed with proper plumbing facilities. Electric heating must be properly engineered for the entire home. Wiring must be adequate, including at least a service entrance of 200-ampere size. All wiring must conform to the National Electrical Code and other local codes. Though not required, a 240-volt outlet is recommended for outdoor patios. Lighting must meet the requirements of the American Home Lighting Institute's suggestions.

Head Start Classes Set

Four-Square Community Action, Inc. of Andrews, announces that Headstart Classes in Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain Counties will begin Thursday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the following schools: Clay County - Hayesville; Cherokee County - Peachtree; Martins Creek; Ranger; Hiwassee Dam; Unaka; White Church; Murphy; Andrews; Graham County - Robbinsville; Stecoah; Mountain View; Swain County - Bryson City. School bus transportation will be provided for students in Clay and Swain counties. Car pools will be provided in Cherokee and Graham Counties.



Work On Fountain Starts

Frank Lee, Superintendent of Smith and Jones Inc. of Atlanta studies the plans for the fountain he is building for the Murphy Garden Club. The fountain and pool, which was begun last week to honor the late Mrs. ...

Grange Youth Rally Set For Saturday

A Grange Youth Rally will be held at Ranger School on Saturday at 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, State Grange Master. The Rally is being held in connection with a statewide Grange Youth Caravan conducted by the Youth Officers of the State Grange Youth Department. Grange members youth and adults are cordially invited to attend the rally. There will be information and inspiration for all age groups. Sara Olive of Apex, N.C. President of N. C. Grange Youth, will preside. She will be assisted by Macon Massey, Dudley, Vice-President; Linda Snelson, Lecturer, Rt. 4, Asheville, NC; Sandra Fox, Hurdle Mills, Secretary and 1968 Most Representative Grange girl; Larry McCann, 1968 National Grange Prince and Ralph Gatta, Rite 2 Elkin, Chaplain. Mrs. W. I. McLamb, Garland N. C. is serving as leader of the Youth Caravan and will accompany the youth officers to the meeting.

Man Found Beside Road

A man who identified himself as James Dills of Sylva was found lying beside the road near the Murphy ball park Wednesday morning. He was taken to the emergency room at Providence Hospital for treatment. Chief of Police Pete Stalcup said the man "apparently was lying beside the road." He did not believe he had been struck by a vehicle. Stalcup was continuing his in-

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Scout subscribers are reminded that they have until Friday to renew or extend their subscriptions at the old rate. Any order placed by Friday will be billed at \$3.00 per year for papers delivered in Cherokee and Clay Counties. Effective Saturday, the annual rate will be \$4.12 in the two-county area. All subscriptions outside the two-county area will be \$6.18 per year. Local residents can save \$1.03 by subscribing no later than Friday.