



Presents Checks

Mr. D. H. Keck, far right, the state coordinator of the On the Job training program, traveled from Raleigh to Hayesville to present checks to American Components plants in Hayesville and Robbinsville. The checks were from the State Planning Task Force, a prime contractor of the N. C. Department of Labor. They were presented to American Components to partially reimburse their training program. From

left to right are Verlin Martin Jr., the Assistant Director of the Four Square OJT program, E. L. Leak, Technical Assistant with the State Economic Opportunity program; Ed Patterson Manager of the Robbinsville plant; Howard Mazza, manager of the Hayesville plant, and Mr. Keck. The Hayesville plant received \$960, and Robbinsville received \$618. (Photo by Bill Gray)

Murphy Youth Drowns In Lake

Jess Willard Pendergrass, Jr., 18, of Murphy, drowned Monday afternoon in Lake Hiwassee while a friend who could not swim watched helplessly from the bank.

The friend, Harold Phillips, of Murphy, said that Pendergrass talked him into going to the lake for a swim about 2:30. Phillips sat on the bank while Pendergrass went into the water under railroad trestle at the Caney Creek section of

the lake. After ten minutes in the water, Pendergrass disappeared from the surface of the water, according to Phillips who called for help when he did not come to the surface.



Jess and Hershel Pendergrass, Harold Phillips, Danny Timpson, W. L. Day, and Allen McDonald.

The body was retrieved about 30 minutes later by Jim Morgan of Murphy. Morgan stated the water was about 15-feet deep where the boy was swimming.

Pendergrass was employed by the Henn Theater and was a native of Macon County.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Willard Pendergrass, Sr.; three sisters, Vestal, Barbara, and Mary Lou, and a brother, Jonathon Pendergrass, all of the home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Aquone Baptist Church. The Rev. S. J. Waters officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Palbearers were: Corne-

Wounds Fatal To Youth



Dale Winters, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Winters of Rt. 1, died Saturday night at District Memorial Hospital. He was accidentally shot about two weeks ago.

Young Winters was visiting his 12-year-old uncle, Ronnie Nations on June 11, when the accident occurred.

According to Winters' mother, Ronnie had loaded his shotgun a few days prior to the accident. He and Dale were

playing cowboys and Indians with the shotgun and Nations had forgotten about it being loaded. He fired the gun and the shot entered Winters' stomach and came out through his back.

The Cherokee County coroner, J. C. Townson, said no hearing would be held.

The youth had just completed the sixth grade at Peachtree Elementary School.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters and four brothers, all of the home, Debra, Kelley, Dannie, DeWayne, Robert, Darren and Lonnie Paul; the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Nations of Marble; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sara Winters of Centerville, Tenn.; the maternal great-grandfather, Gus Johnson of Marble.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Pleasant Chapel of Gospel, Lyles, Tenn.

The Rev. Paul Tucker officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Ivie Funeral Home of Murphy was in charge.

Sixty Students To Attend Camp Butler

A unique educational program is being offered by the Murphy Elementary School this summer for the children in this area. "Camp Butler", as the day school is named, has been designed to help students who encounter more than average problems in their regular classroom studies.

The project is a joint undertaking of Cherokee, Graham, and Clay Counties, and is financed by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title VI.

About 60 students are expected to attend. New and experimental teaching methods and techniques will be employed to help these children grasp the subject matter to which they are exposed.

The five week school will begin July 1, and end August 2. Classes will begin at 9:00 a. m. and last until 1:30 in the afternoon. A limited number of buses will be placed in operation to bring children from Hayesville, Hiwassee Dam, Andrews, Marble, and Robbinsville.

A typical day's schedule will be similar to this: For a per-

iod of two hours the children will be in the classroom for training in art, crafts, music, social studies, language arts, math, and other related subjects. After a 30 minute lunch period, the remaining two hours will be devoted to physical education specially designed for these children.

Several trips have been planned, including a trip to the zoo in Atlanta.

Bill Hughes, Principal of the Murphy Elementary School, has been appointed Project Director.

Senior Citizens

All Senior Citizens are invited for a day of recreation today (Thursday). Assembly will be at 11 a.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building to go to Vogel State Park.

Bank Plans Merger With First Union

By Sue Morrow

The board of directors of Citizens Bank & Trust Company at their regular meeting at 2 p. m. Tuesday, voted to merge with the First Union National Bank of Charlotte, subject to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency and the stockholders of both institutions.

Total combined resources of the two institutions will be in excess of \$850,000,000.

First Union National, headquartered in Charlotte, operates 14 offices in 50 North Carolina communities.

Percy B. Ferebee, chairman of the board, stated that there will be no change in the personnel at any of the branches as a result of the merger. He said all employees will continue to serve as they have in the past and these banks will be under the supervision of the same authority as they are now. Citizens Bank & Trust Company's main office is in Andrews with offices in Murphy, Hayesville, Sylva, Cullowhee, Robbinsville, and Cashiers.

Citizens Bank & Trust Company was organized by R. T. Heaton and D. W. MeHaffey on Oct. 14, 1924, with \$15,000 capital and no surplus or undivided profit.

About two years later, on Sept. 26, 1926, Ferebee purchased the bank from MeHaffey and Heaton. At that time, the bank had \$91,348.13 in total resources. Capital stock was \$15,000 and lacked \$331.38 hav-

ing any undivided profit or surplus.

The bank operated as a unit bank until 1931 when another office was opened in Murphy. Two previous banks had failed and closed in Murphy. A few years later the bank opened an office in Robbinsville which had had a bank that also failed. Later an office was opened in Hayesville which also had a bank that failed and was closed.

The bank has more recently opened offices at Sylva, Cullowhee, and Cashiers. They also have on file an approved application for an office in Franklin.

As of June 21, the bank had a capital of \$600,000, a surplus of \$1 million, and an undivided profit of \$316,867.42 making a total capital and surplus of \$1,916,867.42. Total resources on that day were \$27,856,137.

Ferebee stated that he asked for the merger because the industrial growth of the area served by the bank in the last 10 years has been tremendous and that in his opinion, it is just beginning to realize its potential. For this reason, the area needed a larger bank and the First Union National had over \$800 million in resources which Ferebee said will be a tremendous help in serving the larger customers.

Ferebee, a native of Elizabeth City, came to Andrews to work with the U. S. Forest Service following graduation at State College. He worked in the Ac-

quisition Department acquiring lands that are now national forests. At that time, the office for the Nantahala purchase area was in Andrews.

After coming to Andrews, the Forest Service ran out of appropriations to purchase land and Ferebee was without a job. He did some engineering and land surveying, then he purchased the "Andrews Sun", a weekly newspaper which he operated as the "Tri-County News".

Just before World War I, Ferebee got into the iron ore

business in Cherokee County and had connections in Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

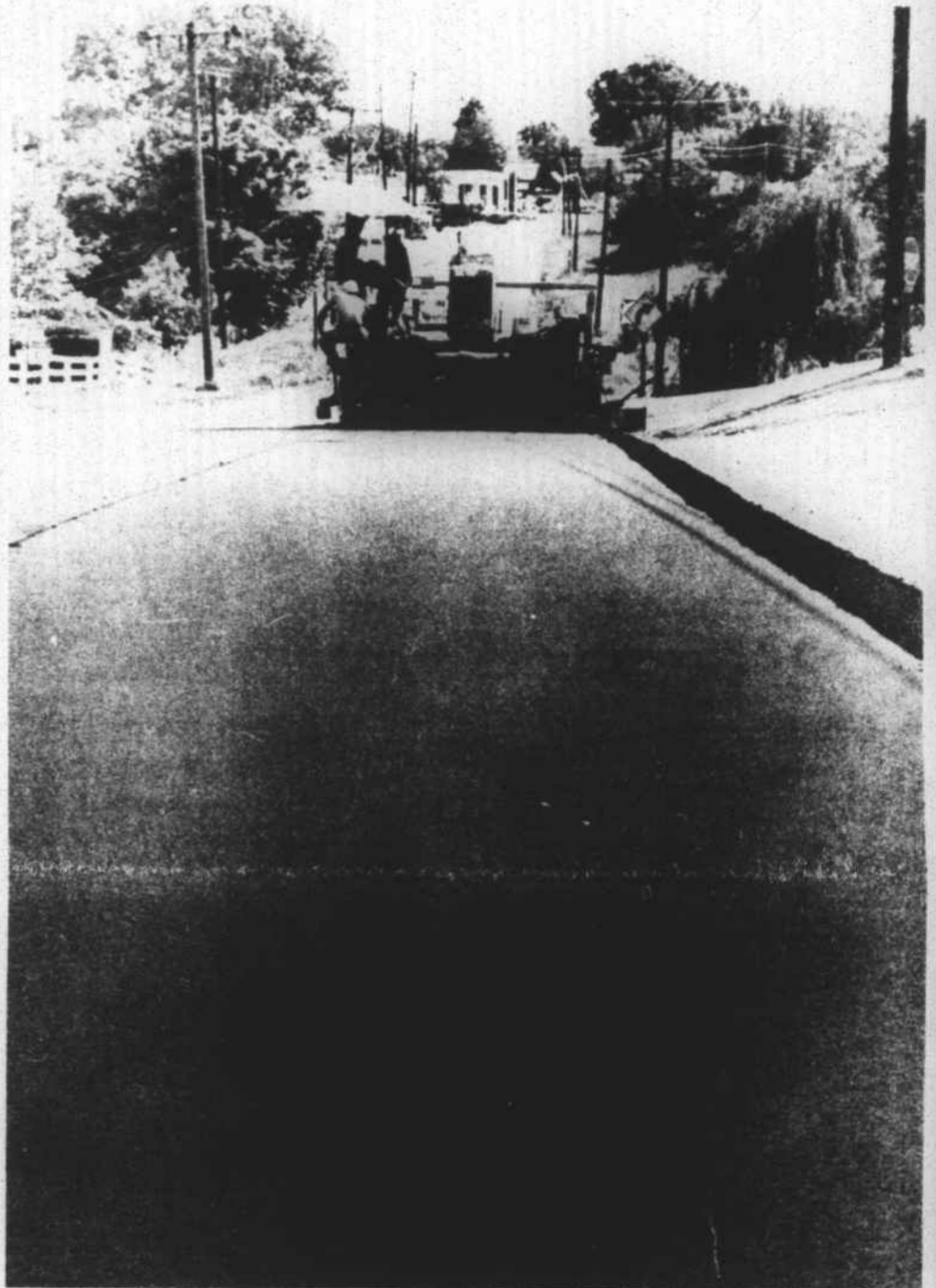
He later established an insurance business which he carried on until he went into banking. He then made the insurance business a department of the bank. Today all the offices of Citizens Bank & Trust Co. have insurance departments.

Ferebee said that W. Frank Forsyth, who served four terms in the State Senate, will be active in the management of Citizens

Bank & Trust Company's group of banks.

Forsyth will continue as president, W. D. Whitaker is senior vice president and secretary, William J. Carter is vice president and auditor, and Mrs. Mildred B. Ray is vice president and controller.

Forsyth has been with the bank since 1933. Whitaker has been with the bank continuously since 1926. Mrs. Ray has been with the bank since 1937, and Carter, a native of Clay County, joined the bank in 1960.



Smooth Road At Last

The resurfacing of the Andrews road is now complete as the above picture shows the paving machine finally reaching the Murphy city limits. The paving has been completed all the way to Andrews, except in spots where the new highway will not follow the old route. (Photo by Bill Gray)

Murphy Problems Discussed By Board

The Murphy Planning Board held its regular meeting Thursday June 20 at the Murphy Power Board Building.

The Garbage Survey which was started about a month ago was discussed and it was determined to be about fifty percent complete. Rubbish strewn along the streets was discussed and the need of an ordinance regulat-

ing same was re-emphasized.

The Garbage Survey should be completed prior to the next regular meeting at which time the survey results will be studied for the purpose of writing an ordinance to be presented to the Town Board. This Ordinance will cover all phases of garbage and Rubbish Collection, storage handling and the littering of streets and walks inside the City Limits.

Chinese Foresters

Visit Orchard

Two prominent Chinese Foresters visited the U. S. Forest Service in Murphy last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Tsou and Mr. Hu, both of Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, reviewed the work of Beech Creek Seed Orchard in preparation to launching a Tree Improvement Program in Taiwan.

Mrs. Tsou is responsible for all forest research work for the Republic of China. She was concerned on this trip with designing research on forest-tree breeding.

Mr. Hu is a Silvicultural Specialist with the Forestry Research Institute at the Botanical Garden in Taipei.

The guests were accompanied by Walt E. Smith, Tree Improvement Forester for the Southern Appalachians, and T. F. Swofford, Tree Improvement Forester for the Southern Region.

Texanna Beaten, Levi Still Undefeated

Clifton Precision upset Texanna 11 to 1 to highlight last week's softball action, moving Clifton into second place behind still undefeated Levi.

Levi boys beat Rimco 16 to 8 while the Levi girls sneaked past Clifton 11 to 10. In other games, the third place Independents topped Citizens Bank 13 to 7, and American Thread was outmatched by Coble in a 15 to 3 game.

In the other girls game of the week, first place Citizens Bank outscored Hicks Gulf 13 to 1. The final boys contests found Clifton rolling over American Thread 16 to 7, and State High-

way doubling the score on Westco 8 to 4, and Hiwassee Dam easily going past Easley 16 to 6.

This week's games finds State Highway meeting Independents, Thursday night, followed by Easley vs. Rimco and Levi facing Texanna.

Friday night only two games are scheduled, with Citizens Bank facing American Thread and Coble going up against Hiwassee Dam.

Monday, July 1, State Highway faces Texanna in the first game, Levi meets American Thread and Citizens Bank plays Hiwassee Dam.



Receives Certificate

L. L. Mason, (third from left) the Government Appeal Agent and Legal Advisor of the local Selective Service Board No. 12 received a certificate and pin Monday in recognition of his 25 years service with the board. Presenting the certificate is

William H. McCachren, the State Director of the System. Others pictured are Ben D. Palmer, Chairman of the Local Board, left, and Frankie W. Roberson, Executive Secretary, far right.

(Photo by Jim Morgan)

Correction

In last week's paper, it was announced incorrectly that the wedding of Miss Susan Stripling would be June 15. It should have been July 15.