

Towns County Builds New Medical Facilities



Construction Officially Begins

Frank Abernathy turns the first shovel of dirt to officially begin construction of the new medical facilities to be built in Hiawasse, Georgia. Abernathy, Chairman of the Towns County Hospital Board, announces that over \$1,600,000 would be spent on the

new facilities. From left to right are Steve Holmes, administrator of the hospital, Abernathy, Henry Whitehead, architect of the new buildings, and Coitt Somers, the primary contractor.

Funds of \$1,631,000 have been obtained for the rebuilding of the Towns County Hospital. It was announced at the ground breaking ceremonies Friday.

According to Mr. Bob Anderson, a member of the Towns County Hospital Board, the new construction will consist of a 40 bed hospital and a 30 bed nursing home.

The present hospital, which serves Clay and Cherokee counties as well as Georgia counties, was partially destroyed by fire on February 10, 1967. Damage at that time was estimated as 65 percent total loss. Since that time the hospital has had only seven patients rooms containing eight beds. However, beds have been placed in other areas to accommodate the demands of the patient load. Before the fire, the hospital had a total of 26 beds.

Towns County recently voted a bond issue of \$125,000

to show their interest in obtaining funds for the hospital. Local funds will pay for 20 percent of the total cost, while State, Federal and Appalachian grants will provide the remaining 80 percent.

Continental Construction Company of Vidalia, Ga., winner of the contract will begin construction Monday. A completion date of 18 months has been set. The Architect was Henry M. Whitehead of Atlanta.

The new buildings will be at the side of the present hospital. Additional land was purchased, and W. V. Rice Jr. whose father donated the land for the present hospital, donated additional land for this project.

The new building will house medical facilities not found in any other hospital in this area, Anderson stated. This will make this the most modern hospital in the mountain area, he said.

Former Clay County Man Found Murdered

Howard Cabe, 48, a former resident of Clay County, was found murdered last week in northern Florida. His nude body was found in a bay about 20 miles north of Panama City.

According to police, the body bore 47 stab wounds. Cabe had lived in California for the past 10 years, and had only last month taken up residence in Decatur, Georgia.

The FBI said that a fugitive warrant for Guy Erskine was issued, charging him with flight to avoid prosecution on a murder charge.

Atlanta police said officers

were tracing Cabe's route to Florida in an effort to clarify the events leading to his death.

He was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lucille Cabe; one daughter, Candice, and one son, Kevin, both of the home; the mother, Mrs. Ila Ashe Cabe, of Hayesville and two brothers, Oscar and Neal Cabe, both of Hayesville.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ledford Chapel Methodist Church. The Rev. J. W. Bargol officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.



The IBM Selectric computerized typesetting system gets a whirl as Barbara Waldrup programs the computer for this week's publication. The computer replaces six conventional typesetting machines that were installed at The Scout office only four months ago. (Photo by Bill Gray)

IBM Computer Gives Scout New "Dress"

The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress is wearing a new typographical "dress" this week installing a new IBM magnetic tape composer and is using 9 point Century type.

Publisher, Jack Owens adds that the Cherokee Scout is the first weekly in the Tar Heel State to install this system.

The machine was installed over a week ago, but a training period of five days was necessary for personnel to learn of its operation.

The Scout tested the system for a week, Owens said, and finds that it offers a variety of type sizes and styles, in addition to increased speeds.

Folk Games

Set For Friday

Folk Games will be held at the Campbell Folk School this Friday night at 8:00. Philip Merrill and the Woods will provide music for Squares and other dances. Everyone is invited to join the "beeg" circle.

News and some advertising copy are recorded on Selectric typewriters, which feed impulses to a magnetic tape.

This tape then is "played back" through a composing machine at the rate of 22 newspaper lines per minute.

A Computer in the composer obeys codes which the operator has recorded on the tape.

It not only reads the tape but also blends in instructions from an operator's control panel.

Total information then is printed out by a small globe-shaped printing element which skims across the page faster than the eye can see—up to 14 characters per second.

A "merge tape" feature of this equipment allows proof-reading corrections to be stored on one tape, the story recorded on a second tape and the two tapes "merged" in typesetting.

Winners Announced

The 1968 Teen-Age Driving Rodeo was held June 19, at Graves Chrysler-Plymouth. The winners of the event were: Mike Beavers, first place winner; Steve Thompson, second, and Cindy Stiles third. The judges were, Don Reavis, Gene Crooke and Pat Miller.

The sponsors of the event were Burch Motors, Dickey Chevrolet, Graves Chrysler-Plymouth, Moore Dodge and Townson Pontiac. The State Highway Department furnished the equipment to set up the driving course.

Luke Ruston Heads Basketball School

Luke Rushton, Head Basketball Coach of Young Harris College will hold a Basketball School in Murphy starting July 9 through the 12th. In his 21 years of coaching, Rushton has guided Young Harris teams to six state championships and one regional title. His teams have competed in two national tournaments.

During the 1960-1961 season, the Mountain Lions ranked 9th in the nation. His 1961-1962 squad ranked number one in the United States among Junior Colleges. During these years he was named Basketball Coach of the Year.

Coach Rushton has a lifetime coaching record of 390 wins, while losing only 156. He

has the honor of occupying third place among all-time winning records in Junior Colleges of our nation.

The Basketball School will be held at the Murphy High School Gymnasium. The cost of the school is \$10.00 per person. This school is being sponsored by Explorer Post No. 416 Murphy and the Murphy Rotary Club. Any person in the 8th grade through High School may attend by sending a check or money order to the Explorer Post, P. O. Box 628, Murphy, N. C. The girls session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the boys class will begin at 2:00 p.m. each day. For additional information concerning the Murphy Basketball School contact Dan W. Angel in Murphy at 837-3237.

City Policeman, Wayne Wilson, Injured In Fall

Murphy Jaycees will be the contestants.

Two more classifications have been added to the boat racing ticket Sunday, with "C" Stock Hydro and G. W. Invader races now on the schedule.

Entries from seven states

have confirmed that they will appear for this race, which begins at 1:00 p.m. Sunday at the Hiwassee Campground.

The festival this year should be the biggest and best ever. Make plans to attend all of these events.

Wayne Wilson, meter reader of the Murphy Police Department, received serious injuries Wednesday, June 26, when he fell on slick rocks while trout fishing.

According to Charlie Hyatt, Captain of the Murphy Rescue Squad, Wilson's wife had taken him to Beaver Dam Creek about 3:00 Wednesday afternoon. Wilson was to meet his wife at 5:00 and when he did not come Mrs. Wilson got Roy Willard Dockery of that section to look for him. Dockery found Wilson about 1 1/2 miles above the Cliff

Radford farm near Beaver Dam Creek.

The rescue squad arrived at Wilson around 9:00, but the rough terrain made recovery operations slow.

Wilson was taken immediately to a Murphy hospital, where he was treated for a broken hip. He was then taken to Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville.

A family spokesman said Monday that Wilson had a serious break, but that otherwise he was in good condition.

Murphy Jaycee 1968 Miss Lake Hiwassee Beauty Contestants



DAISY CHASTAIN
Daisy Chastain is the 20 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chastain of Route 4, Hayesville.

She is sponsored by Clifton Precision, where she is presently employed.



DONNA CHASTAIN
Donna Chastain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Chastain of Route 2, Murphy.

Sponsored by Rimco, Miss Chastain is 17 years old and a rising senior at Murphy High School.



PAM CHASTAIN
Pam Chastain, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Chastain of Murphy.

She attends Western Carolina University, where she will be a sophomore this fall. Miss Chastain is sponsored by Townson Funeral Home.



DEBRA CORNWELL
Debra Cornwell, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cornwell of Murphy.

A rising senior at Murphy High School, she is sponsored by Easley Manufacturing Company.



PAT GUFFEY
Pat Guffey, age 20, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guffey of Andrews.

She is sponsored by D.J. K. Florist of Andrews, and is planning to enter Lenoir Rhyne College this fall.



SARAH JANE HILL
Sarah Jane Hill is the 19 year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Hill Jr. of Murphy.

A graduate of Murphy High School, she is planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this fall. Miss Hill is sponsored by Columbia Marble Company.



SANDY POSTELL
Sandy Postell is the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Postell of Andrews Route 1.

Miss Postell is sponsored by Tri-County Technical Institute where she is a student.



SANDRA ROGERS
A student at Western Carolina University, Sandra Rogers is the 20 year old daughter of Mrs. Doris Rogers of Murphy.

She is sponsored by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Murphy, and is a graduate of Murphy High



SANDRA STILES
Sandra Stiles is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Stiles of Marble.

She is a graduate of Murphy High School, and is planning to attend Tri-County Technical Institute this fall. Miss Stiles is sponsored by Magnavox of Andrews.