

Ben Scott Resigns Democratic Post Charges Petty Politics, Disunity

Ben Scott, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Cherokee County, charged petty politics and County political disunity as his reason for resigning his post.



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Scott, who was elected to his post in April of this year, made his resignation public early this week in a letter to L.L. Mason, Committee Secretary. He (Scott) said that he wanted his resignation to be effective at once, and that he would not reconsider the position.

"I feel that I can no longer be effective as Chairman due to several factions, petty politics and lack of cooperation in the party," the letter read. It went on to say that "I also feel there should be some new blood and new faces in the leadership of the party in order to win elections."

Scott told the Scout that the existence of these factions

throughout the county made political unity impossible. He said that he had tried to get the factions together, but it was to no avail. "These factions are responsible for the fact that

Democrats have not had a majority vote in the county for the past 16 years," Scott added that another 16 years would follow with the same old leadership.

"It is the petty politics and bickering within the party that is doing the most harm," Scott re-emphasized. "Several party members complain because I worked toward raising money for Bob Scott, the democratic gubernatorial candidate. They felt that it was taking money out of the County. What I was really trying to do is win elections, from the nation level to the state level all the way down to the precinct level, which is the purpose of the Executive committee." He pointed out that "I have always had the democratic party at heart, and I insist on putting the values of the party before my own personal gain,

which seems to be the end of some leaders in the county."

The trip made to Cherokee County by Thad Eure, State Party Chairman, delayed the announcement of Scott's resignation until this week. "one man-one vote" rule. "There should either be five or seven County Commissioners in the County," Scott said, referring to the two votes held by County Commissioner W. T. Moore, who is a democrat.

After 28 years with the Southern Railway System, Scott is retiring this month. "It would be difficult, he said, "to be effective as a party chairman on a retirement salary because of the expense involved."

In closing his letter to the Executive Committee, Scott said the "I hope that in the future there can be fewer Chiefs and lot more Indians."

Senator Brumby Defends Attack On Roads

(Editor's Note: Last Week Scott Harvey distributed an article to many of the local papers denouncing lack of leadership on the part of the WNC Democratic politicians. This is a reply by Senator Mary Faye Brumby to his article.)

Recently I was asked by a newspaper to list the most urgent needs in the district which I represent. In my answer I said that I gave the need for better roads top priority.

Since that time Scott Harvey, Republican nominee for Congress from the 11th District has sought to crucify Democratic Congressman Roy A. Taylor who represents the 11th District, State Highway Commissioner Joe Hunt and myself. Harvey was also asked to list the most urgent needs, and he never mentioned the need for better roads or any other concrete program. He spoke only in generalities.

His performance over the 11th District reminds me of an armchair quarterback who sits on the sidelines and plays a wonderful game, but who wouldn't know what to do if put on the team.

Those who have followed my political career know that I have always worked for better roads and had them as the dominant plank in my platform. My reason for this is that I know good roads are basic to economic, industrial, educational and cultural growth.

We live in an area of mountainous and rugged terrain where the building of a mile of road costs from six to ten times as much as in the flat lands. This coupled with the fact that the region is more sparsely settled than the rest of the State has held our road building program back.

The State has only the tax money collected from gasoline and licenses for road building. In addition to roads, the State must maintain the Highway

Patrol System, the Driver Education Program, Wildlife Roads and Utility Roads. The State of North Carolina seeks to maintain seventy three thousand miles of roads which is more than any other State in the Union. Many states do not attempt to maintain county roads.

I, as Cherokee County Representative in 1965, worked hard for the passage of the 300 Million Dollar Road Bond Act. After the bill was passed in the legislature, I returned to Cherokee County and headed the drive for these road bonds as they required the approval of the voters. I think the overwhelming majority by which this bond issue in Cherokee County was a testimony to the Democratic leadership, myself included.

Since elected State Senator of the 33rd District, I have worked tirelessly for better roads in all seven counties of the district, especially for secondary roads. I have been particularly concerned with school bus routes. I have sought to have blind spots removed, to get roads paved wherever possible, to see that school bus routes were kept open and passable in snow and icy weather.

Yes, we do have road needs and problems, but I defy anyone to say that I have not given generously of my time and efforts to alleviate these conditions.

I have also worked hard to see that the Appalachian Road Program was matched with the necessary State funds. As our good Congressman Roy A. Taylor has pointed out, there would have been no Appalachian Road Program if the Republicans could have prevented it; for 81 per cent of them, including the Republican Congressman from North Carolina, voted against it.

It seems to me that Mr. Scott Harvey might be more effective in getting roads if he

would start work on the Republicans and get them in line.

Under Democratic leadership the most ambitious road building program in the history of this State is now in progress in Western North Carolina. Approximately 100 million dollars will be spent by 1969 on roads. Already 80 million dollars has been spent or has been set aside.

I do not contend that anyone or two or three people caused this to happen, but it did happen because the Democrats were in power. They initiated, voted for and are carrying out this unprecedented road building program while the Republicans dragged their feet. And it all happened while Congressman Roy A. Taylor of the 11th District, Joe Hunt, State Highway Commissioner and I were in office.

A good road building program takes a long time, so it is understandable that some people become impatient. Roads must be planned, engineered, right-of-ways must be secured and contracts let before the actual construction. And it takes as long to do these things as it does to construct the road. All these problems are compounded in the mountains, but work is going on in every county in the 33rd Senatorial District as well as the other counties in the Fourteenth Division of Highways which includes ten counties in the West. To give two examples of what is being done, 18 miles of the Appalachian Corridor (four lanes) are under contract in Cherokee County at a cost of

nine to ten million dollars. The sum of twenty five million dollars is being spent in Macon and Clay Counties, and numerous projects are underway in all other counties. Later I will have a breakdown on each one.

Let me repeat, I challenge any candidate to show where the road building program has left any county out, or is not doing everything possible for better roads with the money available.

Carol McRae To Attend United Nations Seminars



CULLOWHEE, N. C. --Nine Western Carolina University students who are chief officers of the Middle South Model United Nations will spend a week in New York this fall attending special UN seminars. Among the nine is Miss Carol McRae, member of the model UN executive cabinet and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McRae of Murphy.

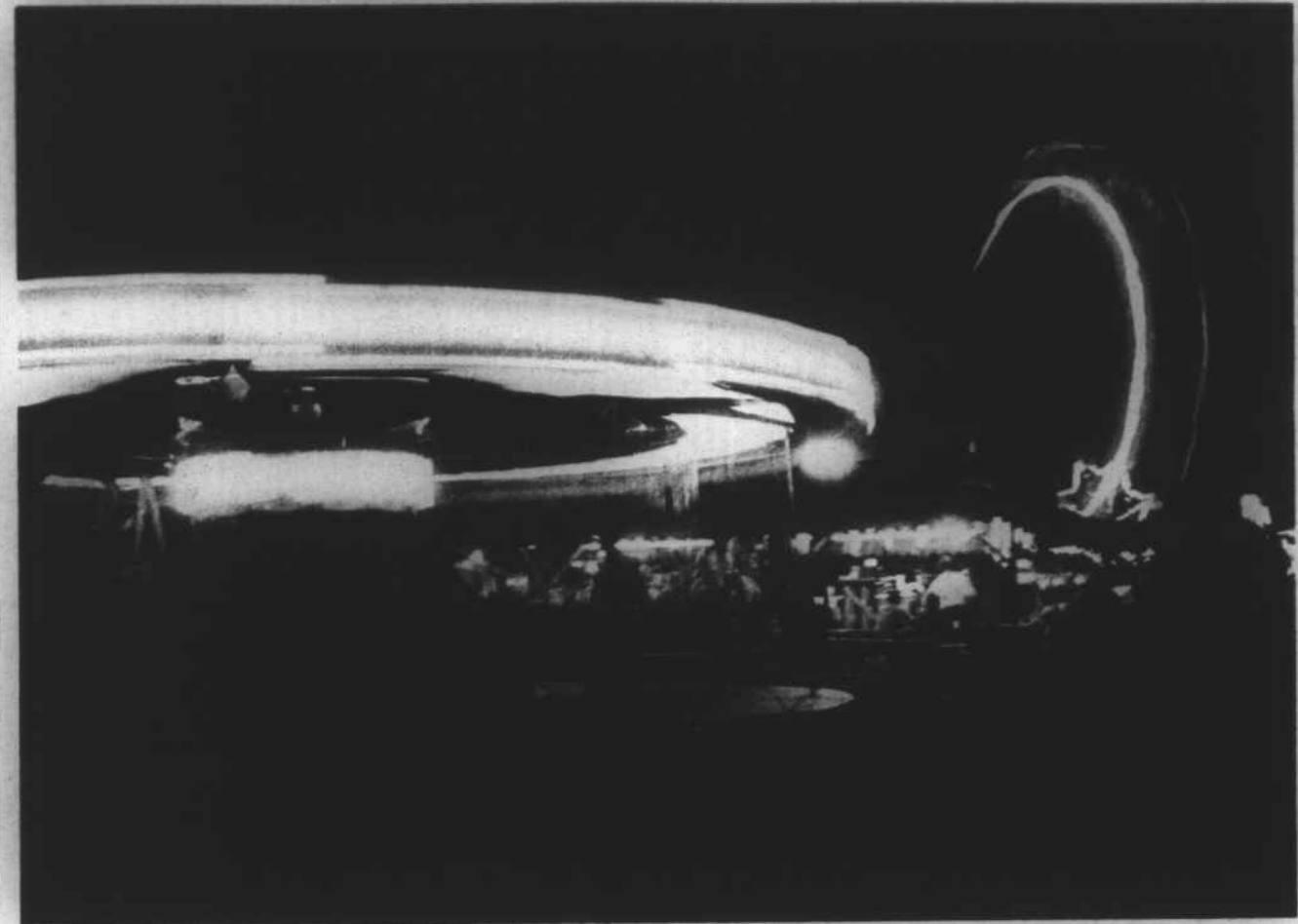
The students, accompanied by a faculty team, will be preparing for the General Assembly of the Model United Nations here March 26-30, 1969.

Leading the delegation to New York will be Max Hopper of Earl, N. C. secretary-general of the 1969 Model United Nations. Seminars in international organization, international relations and international politics have been arranged for the WCU students by the United Nations Association of the U. S. A. A prominent UN official will speak to the student group during the visit.

South Model UN is made up of colleges and universities throughout the East and South, and is one of the oldest and largest of such student organizations in the country.

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First downs	17 4
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Passing yardage	10 53
Passes	1-3-0 5-20-0
Punts	6-22-2 8-42-7
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Yards penalized	70 75
Murphy	0 0 13 13-26
Robbinsville	0 0 0 0-6

Hayesville Swain	
First downs	15 8
Rushing yardage	170 98
Passing yardage	75 112
Passes	13-6 18-7
Punts	7-36-9 4-38-3
Fumbles lost	3 2
Yards penalized	5 35
Hayesville	0 0 7 0-7
Swain	0 6 0 0-6



Come To The Fair!
The blur of lights from two old-time favorite rides of the fair, the merry-go-round and ferris wheel, form the setting for this time exposure made at the Cherokee County Fair now in progress. The Fair, which began Monday, will continue at the Murphy softball field until Saturday night. The judging of several events plus a horse show will begin Thursday, and the displays will continue to be shown through Saturday.

Commissioners Grant Deputy Salary Increase

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners approved an increase in the salary of the county deputies at their monthly meeting held Tuesday. Fifty dollars per month has been added to their salary raising the total which includes travel from \$335 to \$385 each month. For the past three meetings the issue of the deputies salary

has been debated before the Commissioners. At the first meeting, held at the first of June, the Commissioners refused an increase in salary for the deputies.

The reason for the refusal given by Chairman Moore was that several departments had asked for raises, and he felt that the county could not afford to raise salaries for each of these departments.

Sheriff Claude Anderson again asked for a raise for his deputies after the County budget had been passed, but a state statute preventing shifting funds within the budget prevented this move. Moore did direct Commission secretary and County Attorney L. L. Mason Jr. to check over the budget to see if there were any funds available that could be used.

At the meeting Tuesday Moore announced that the auditors had found an inactive account and recommended that part of the money which was shifted to the general fund, be used to supplement the deputies salary. Jack Simonds made the motion for the increase, which was seconded by Ray Sims after a lengthy discussion between Sims and Commissioner Andrew Barton. The vote was unanimous for the increase.

Other business carried out by the commissioners included executing a contract to he N. C. Department of Conservation and Development to receive a total of \$15,000 for the Murphy-Andrews Airport.

The airport will receive \$10,000 for construction while \$5,000 will go toward the FY 1969 lighting project. The four members present voted unanimously for the funds. Carlye Matheson and Luther Dockery were not present. Road improvement requests made and forwarded to the State Highway Commissions included additions to the Malby homestead project, Phase II and repairs to the Unaka Cemetery Road.

The Board agreed on the final budget that was approved by a CPA firm. This firm recommended that the evaluation rate on property be increased from 45 percent to 60 percent beginning in the 1969-70 fiscal year. This would allow, according to the firm, to decrease the tax rate for everyone in the county. Commissioners Moore, Sims and Barton voted for the increase with Simonds abstaining. The firm approved the tax rate of \$1.82 per \$100 valuation set earlier by the Commissioners.

Forsyth Defends Daley

(Editor's note: W. Frank Forsyth, President of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and former State Representative from this district was a N. C. delegate-at-large at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last week. This is his comment about the events as he witnessed.)

I am personally, immensely proud of Mayor Richard Daley and the Chicago police. With the whole world watching they effectively demonstrated that Chicago will not permit itself to be underrun and intimidated by hands of professional youth bent not

on dissent but on out and out treason.

I saw these people, who the gullible Walter Cronkite of CBS News and others describe as children; far from being children. They are a mob of bold, vicious, hard-eyed revolutionaries, intent on destroying this country from within and the way of life that we know.

Their appearance is violent, their language is obscene, and the verbal abuse of law enforcement people unbearable.

I offer my humble congratulations to Mayor Daley and the Chicago police.

Richard Bagley Receives Army Commission In Finance



Richard H. Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Bagley of Route 4, Murphy has been approved for appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the Finance Corps, United States Army. Bagley's two-year tour of active duty will start on or about January 4 when he begins a Finance School of approximately eight weeks at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Richard, a 1962 graduate of Hiwassee Dam High School, attended Western Carolina University during his freshman year before transferring to Georgia State College in Atlanta in 1963. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in Accounting in 1966 from Georgia State and then began work on a graduate degree. In May of this year, he received his Master of Business Administration Degree from Georgia State, also with a concentration in Accounting. Richard is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, Beta Alpha Psi, and Beta Gamma Sigma fraternities.

Until his tour of active duty begins, Richard will continue his employment with the Accounting Department of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Atlanta where he is currently Supervisor of the Accounts Control Group.

New Courses Available At Tri-County

Tri-County Technical Institute has available an evening course in Carpentry and Cabinetmaking. If enough people are interested in taking the course, classes will be scheduled to begin on September 12, 1968. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. classes will be held four hours each evening Monday through Thursday.

Cost will be \$25. per quarter for tuition plus the cost of textbooks.

Eligible veterans can receive one half of their VA education benefits by participating in this vocational training program.

Availability of students will determine whether or not the course is taught. Those who are interested should contact Tri-County Technical Institute by writing P. O. Box 40, Murphy, North Carolina, or by telephoning 837-3810 to request application forms, or preferably by visiting the Institute office on the Murphy-Hayesville Highway.

Savings Bond Sales At Record High

January-July U. S. Savings Bonds & Freedom Share sales of \$38,351,399 were the best peacetime sales for the period in the history of the Bonds Program. This amounted to an increase of 5 per cent over 1967 January-July sales and represented 55.7 per cent of the state's 1968 sales goal of \$68,800,000.

Combined sales of U.S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares for July were \$5,852,759 up 5.2 per cent over July a year ago.

Sales in Cherokee County for the month of July amounted to \$27,410. Combined January-July sales amounted to \$193,775, which is 57.5 per cent of the County's dollar quota for 1968 of \$337,120, according to Bland W. Worley, State Volunteer Chairman.

Gardner To Visit Area September 25

Jim Gardner, Republican gubernatorial candidate will make a swing through the western counties Wednesday, September 25.

Gardner will arrive at the Murphy-Andrews airport around 10 a.m. and then travel via motorcade to Murphy. He will climax his visit to the town merchants with a meeting at the courthouse.

From here he will travel to Andrews, Robbinsville, Bryson City and Cherokee.

Murphy & Hayesville Win First Games

The Murphy Bulldogs and the Hayesville Yellow Jackets came out as victors in their first game of the season Friday night. These were important conference wins for both teams, which were played away from the home fields.

Harold Kephart led the Bulldogs to a 26 to 6 win over the Black Knights of Robbinsville by scoring two touchdowns. The Black Knights grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a seven yard pass from Bob Manuel to Gary Waldrup. The aerial climaxed a 47-yard march. The extra point try failed.

Murphy took to the field after halftime determined to win. They took the kickoff and immediately drove to a touchdown, which was carried over by Mike Kephart from the three yard line. The extra point failed.

Three minutes later Harold Kephart scored from the five after Murphy recovered a Robbinsville fumble. Doug Stevens kicked the point after

touchdown, making the score 13 to 6 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Early in the fourth quarter Harold Kephart again scored, this time from the seven yard line to climax an 80 yard drive. The PAT failed.

Later in the quarter Harold Kephart returned a Robbinsville punt 45 yards to the Black Knights' 20 and a few plays later Jeff Jackson Stevens ran the extra point for the final count.

Robbinsville end Gilliam Jackson was the top defensive player for the home team, while the Kephart boys from Murphy led both offensive teams.

Hayesville defeated Swain High 7 to 6 at Bryson City Friday night in a close game. The Maroon Devils scored first in the second quarter as Quarterback Danny Muse passed to Larry Beck for 40 yards and a touchdown. Bill Crow attempted the extra point, but his kick was blocked

by Yellow Jacket, Phillip Payne.

Hayesville, who went into the dressing room at half time down six points, came back in the third quarter and tied the score on a 16 yard pass play from Quarterback Jimmy Nelson to Arnold Munkus. Nelson carried the ball over for the extra point, which turned out to be the deciding point.

Swain made a final bid in the fourth quarter when Ronnie Ledford broke through the line for a 60 yard run, to the Yellow Jacket 20. Swain then lost the ball on downs.

Both teams suffered from bad luck throughout the game. Swain Quarterback Muse was injured early in the game, and had to go half speed throughout the remainder of the night. Hayesville lost two chances to score as they fumbled the ball on Swain's 3 yard line at one time and on their 10 another time. Jimmy Nelson was the Yellow Jacket's leading rusher, with 109 yards. David Ledford

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