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Murphy Crushes West Fannin

The Murphy Bulldogs continued to dominate for the fifth consecutive week as the West Fannin Yellow Jackets were crushed beneath the stout Murphy defense at West Fannin.

Murphy, led by Harold Kephart who scored three Bulldog touchdowns, flouted the Yellow Jackets scoring efforts throughout the game and prevented them from penetrating beyond the Murphy 30-yard line.

Halfback Harold Kephart opened the scoring early in the game on an eight-yard run, after Mike Kephart had intercepted a West Fannin pass attempt and ran thirty yards to set up the first Bulldog touchdown of the night. Quarterback Doug Stevens added the extra point.

The Bulldogs then kicked off, and following a West Fannin fumble recovery by Murphy's sophomore center Denny McClure, Harold

Kephart again streaked over for the second Bulldog tally. The PAT was good by Stevens, and Murphy led 14-0.

In the second quarter, Doug Stevens thrust a 38-yard pass to Benny Scott who grabbed the pass for the third Murphy marker and Stevens again added the extra point. The Bulldogs walked off the field with a 21-0 halftime lead over the Yellow Jackets.

The Bulldogs continued to control the field in the third period play. After the swift Bulldog offense gained long yardage, Quarterback Doug Stevens rushed over from the eight yard-line for the fourth Murphy touchdown. Stevens also made the extra point and Murphy, leading by a score of 28-0, proved to be determined to journey home with a victory.

During the fourth quarter the Murphy team demonstrated further resolve. Stevens fired a forty yard pass

to Wayne Holland who made an outstanding catch. This gave the Bulldogs a first down and placed them in better field position for the next Bulldog tally. The score came as Harold Kephart once again broke loose and raced 23 yards. The Bulldogs seemed to be able to score at will and Mike Kephart darted past West Fannin players and dashed 42 yards for the final Murphy score. Stevens added one of the extra points while Wayne Wells added the other by running.

The Bulldogs now have a 5-0 record. They hold the number two spot in the scoring department in Western North Carolina with 190 points in five games. Spruce Pine is number one with 198 points. The Bulldogs have an average of 38 points per game. Their opponents have scored six points with a 1.2 points per game average. It appears that the Bulldogs are unstoppable at the present time.



Mr. Woody R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, presents check in the amount of \$10,000 to Mr. Herman Edwards, chairman of the Cherokee County Airport Authority. Looking on are (left) Mr. W. T. Moore, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and (right) Mr. Bob Goforth, Regional Representative of the State Board of Conservation and Development Commission.

Airport Receives \$10,000

Mr. Woody R. Hampton of Sylva and members of the State Board of Conservation and Development Commission were in Andrews and Murphy Tuesday to present a \$10,000 check to the Chairman of the Cherokee County Airport Authority, Mr. Herman Edwards.

The check is a part of \$250,000 which was appropriated by the last legislature for helping general purpose airports owned by cities and counties. This \$10,000 was approved by the Governor's Aviation Advisory Commission, and the grant was recommended to the Conservation and Development Commission. Mr. Robert N. Flournoy is Aviation Specialist on this committee and was influential in the initial plans of the airport bond issue. Mr. Bill Dillard of Sylva is the western Representative of the Aviation Advisory Commission.

There is an additional \$5,000 approved for the lighting of the airport when construction is at that stage.

Regional Representative of

the Conservation and Development Commission, Bob Goforth of Sylva was present for the presentation of the check. Mr. W. T. Moore, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, also attended the presentation.

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Yellow Jackets Leading Rusher
Hayesville's leading rusher, Jimmy Nelson, goes around right end for 10 yards against the Franklin Panthers Friday night. Leading the blocking for Nelson is Darryl McClure, 24, and Barry Lunsford, 80.



The Top At Last!
Don Weaver, Rural Fire Chief of the Clay County Rescue Squad paints the top of the fundraising thermometer Friday when the Squad finally reached the \$3,000 goal to equip their fire truck. The Squad bought the truck in April and have been trying to obtain money to put the truck in operating condition. The truck will be used in the town as well as to supplement the town fire fighting equipment. (Photo by Bill Gray)

Study Finds Squirrels Are Not Starving

RALEIGH, N.C.—The findings of biologists of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and other scientists indicate that earlier reports of mass starvation of gray squirrels are not substantiated by laboratory examination.

In response to reports of mass starvation and mass migration of gray squirrels, a study was initiated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Of particular concern were the reports that squirrels were starving to death and arrangements were made for examination of specimens collected at random in the woods and salvageable road-kills. Biologists conducting the study reported that all of the squirrels examined to date were in good flesh and all but two had their stomachs stuffed full of food.

Of about 50 letters received by the Wildlife Commission, only one indicated that dead squirrels had been seen in the woods. Upon being contacted, however, this person said that the dead squirrels he had seen were actually road-kills. Wildlife management area personnel who made a search for dead squirrels in the woods reported they have found none.

Another interesting aspect of this study revealed that a

large number of the squirrels examined were young of the year. A random collection of 24 animals in the forest north and west of Asheville consisted of one adult and 23 juveniles. Of another 17 animals collected north and west of Morganton five were small juveniles and several of the others which were near adult size were also juveniles.

This high proportion of juveniles confirms earlier speculation of an unusually high reproduction rate last spring; this presumably as a result of the generally good mast crop last fall. The age of the young squirrels examined indicates that most of them were born in early spring. Whenever there is a heavy crop of young, it is normal for them to move into new territory in the early fall and this year the movement was somewhat more pronounced than usual.

Examination of road-kills by a representative of the Smithsonian Institution confirms Commission findings as to age and condition of the squirrels. "We can find no evidence of starvation," said Dr. V. Flyger of the University of Maryland.

Contact with officials from neighboring states revealed similar conditions in Georgia and Tennessee. In Georgia, the "migration" was confined to the northern mountain

counties, but in Tennessee, squirrels were on the move over most of the state. Virginia reported some movement and an unusually high ratio of juveniles in the population. Many road kills were reported in Tennessee and Georgia, but only the usual number for this time of year in Virginia and South Carolina.

Road-kills in North Carolina appear to be concentrated in sections of normally heavy traffic such as I-40, I-26, U.S. 19, 23 and 70, at low elevations, and in localities where food is present. On one 179-mile route, 289 dead squirrels were counted, and it was estimated that this represented a two-week accumulation. This is a very small percentage of the total population.

In most sections, field observations indicated that squirrel movement is starting to subside and this was also indicated by telephone reports from neighboring states. The report from Georgia indicated that the normal post-summer movement started "soon after September 7" and that it is now about over.

What we have apparently observed is a movement of squirrels away from areas where food is less abundant

and a concentration of animals in areas where food is more abundant. This includes city parks and residential areas, corn fields and orchards, as well as areas of abundant mast in more remote localities.

There has not been any squirrel food famine in North Carolina. The squirrel's diet consists of a wide variety of fruits and vegetable materials including even bark and buds, all of which are in abundant supply at this season of the year. But bonus foods such as corn and scratch grain put out by sympathetic citizens are always a welcome addition.

National Employ The Handicapped Week

By Graham H. Hendricks, Office Manager

Twenty-four years ago President Truman signed Public Law 176 which established the first full week in every October as a week dedicated to job equality for the handicapped.

During the two decades which have passed, all across the Nation in all manner of jobs, handicapped workers have piled up a record of great accomplishment which more than justifies the confidence

that enlightened management has placed in them. In many respects the wheelchair is keeping pace with the push-button era as automation and rapidly changing nature of today's jobs offers employers new incentives to make use of the special skills which the handicapped are learning in modern vocational rehabilitation.

The demands of today's jobs are more for qualities of the spirit rather than strength of body. Actually, the number of jobs that require the unimpaired, robust day-laborer type are disappearing so fast that the greatest lack is a job for the able-bodied person seeking any unskilled occupation.

America will be the stronger if all Americans, including the handicapped have the opportunity to share the full fruits of our burgeoning economy.

Car Wash Set For Saturday

The Junior Class of Hiwassee Dam High School will sponsor a car wash and cake sale this Saturday from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Car wash will be at the Valley River Ave. Texaco station and the cake sale will be on the square.

Band Boosters Hold Meeting

The Band Boosters met Monday night, September 30, at the old dorm building. The purpose for the meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Verla Newman, President, Marvin Thompson, Vice President, Bill Christy, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ruby Craig, Publicity Chairman.

Cherokee County Golf Course Construction Well Underway

The Cherokee County Rural Development Authority was delighted with the Progress Report made Tuesday night, September 24th at the regular monthly meeting held in Murphy, according to Mack B. Ray, Rural Renewal Program leader.

A tour of the 18-hole professional golf course, now under construction three and a half miles East of Murphy was made Tuesday by Farmers Home Administration officials from Raleigh, including W. Bryan Oliver, Chief of Community Services, Jack Conniff, Engineer, and Joe B. Cash, EO Specialist. Mack B. Ray, local Rural Renewal Program leader, accompanied the group and Sam Hunter of Hunter and Sons Construction Company of Cashiers, who is supervising the construction of the 18-hole golf course. Wells & West, Inc. local contractors, have the general contract.

According to Mr. Hunter the practice green and the driving range will be seeded shortly and will be available for use in the early Spring. This news will sound good to our local golfers who want to get started early, and to our beginning golfers who will have a chance to get in practice before the full course is in operation. It is planned now to have the first nine holes seeded during March of 1969 for use by next June. So in reality a long-time dream for the whole

area of Southwestern North Carolina and Northeastern Georgia is rapidly coming into being. The area is taking another step forward in becoming one of the fast-growing areas of Western North Carolina.

Mr. L. C. Huggins, Engineer, and Paul Boring, both representatives of Patterson and Dewar Engineers, Inc., Decatur, Georgia, project engineers, stated that with favorable weather, the entire golf course might be completed even faster than originally planned. They were favorably pleased with the overall construction to date.

Mr. Evan L. Marbut, Golf Course Architect, Decatur, Georgia, did the architectural work and plans for the golf course layout. Mr. Ed McClenden assisted Mr. Marbut.

Mr. Robert L. White, local business leader, gave a very comprehensive report of the overall project. He has very generously given of his time and talents in getting this project off to such a good start. Civic and community minded people with this cooperative spirit will certainly help this project to the end result that it will be what we have hoped for and planned for such a long, long time.

Plans are rapidly shaping up for the club house renovation. The proposed plans are very rustic and in keeping with the overall recreation complex.

The 18-hole golf course is one of several recreational components that will eventually be developed in the 379-acre tract owned by the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority, a public body, endeavoring to help in upgrading the overall economy of the whole area.

The Cherokee County Recreation Project includes the first 18-hole golf course developed in the United States through the pilot Rural Renewal Program within the Farmers Home Administration. The pilot project in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties in North Carolina is one of five pilot projects in the United States. The other four are in Arkansas, Florida, West Virginia and Iowa.

Mr. John T. Gill, former Chairman of the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority, and former vice-president of the local Citizens Bank and Trust Company, who recently accepted the Presidency of a bank in Georgia, stated that he felt "with the New Appalachian Road passing within two miles of the golf course and the influx of people to our area within the next ten years, the new professional golf course will be the equivalent of a new industry employing 200 people".

According to Ray, seven projects have been funded in the three-county area to date for a total of \$1,750,000. In

addition, several other projects have been sponsored and promoted by the Rural Development Authorities that have been funded through other agencies other than Farmers Home Administration.

The present members of the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority are: Joseph El Khouri, Vice-Chairman; Merle Davis, Secretary-Treasurer; H. E. Dickey, William Carter, and W. T. Brown, Jr.

A complete map of the golf course in on page 8.

Emergency Meeting

The Cherokee Lodge No. 146 will hold an emergency communication Friday, October 4th at 8 p.m. for the purpose of conferring the Second Degree. The Meeting will be at the Marble Springs Lodge Hall.

Bob Scott To Speak

Bob Scott, the Democratic candidate for governor will speak at the Cherokee County Courthouse in a tri-county meeting at 7 p.m. this Friday night. Scott, who is presently the Lieutenant governor, will speak on his proposals and progress for North Carolina.

The tri-county meeting includes Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the lobby of the Courthouse.

Bess Alverson Receives Award

Mrs. Bess Alverson of Hill Street, Murphy is one of the 12 Tar Heel women to receive a leadership award for her work in cooperation with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

The awards, made each year to the two highest scoring leaders from each of six districts, are sponsored by A & P.

Based on their efforts in Extension Homemakers and 4-H Club programs, the women are scored on their organizational work, project work, and participation in the clubs programs.

In addition, each woman writes a narrative describing the values she has received from her leader work.

Each leadership award winner will receive a silver tray. Awards will be presented at the fall council meeting of the state Organization of Extension Homemakers Associations held at the Newton Elks Club, Newton, Oct. 10.

Harvey Fills In For Gardner

Scott Harvey filled in for Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner last Wednesday when Gardner was scheduled to visit Murphy. Gardner, one of North Carolina's 13 Congressmen, was detained in Washington and was unable to fulfill his schedule.

Harvey made the trip and stops that were planned for Gardner and received a big turnout at the Cherokee County courthouse before he left Murphy.

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