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### Tri-County Tech Receives Charter

Tri-County Technical Institute received its formal charter from the Department of Community Colleges in ceremonies held at the Institute last Thursday night. Presenting the charter to H. A. Mattox, center, chairman of the Institute's Board of Directors, is Dr.

Charles O. Holloman, right, associate director and business manager of the Department of Community Colleges.

Observing the presentation is Holland McSwain, director of the Institute. (Scout photo by Bill Gray)

## Tommy Gentry Is Re-Elected As Chamber Of Commerce President

Tommy Gentry of Murphy was unanimously re-elected as president of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's annual meeting Saturday night.

Over 80 of Murphy's businessmen, their wives and guests attended the dinner meeting that was held at O'Dell's Restaurant. Bob Sloan, editor of the Franklin Press and editor-in-chief of five other Western North Carolina newspapers, was the guest speaker.

Other officers elected were Lonnie Hoover, vice-president; Bill Travis, treasurer; and Walter Puett, secretary. Six new directors were also installed. Serving three year terms are Gene Farmer, Walter Puett, Lonnie Hoover and Pete Ruple. Two year directors are Nelson Hensley and Bill Travis, and Dwayne Rhass serving as the alternate.

The other directors serving present terms are Jimmy House, Don Hughes, Horace Cannon, Bud Alexander, Alden Coward and Tommy Gentry. Gentry's opening remarks

reflected back on the past year he has been president and he noted some of the accomplishments during this time. "The Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce has had a good year," Gentry said, "and it has been a most rewarding experience for me."

A new office manager to carry out the chamber work was the first thing mentioned by Gentry. He added that Mrs. Dockery also had been in charge of the Merchant's Credit Association, which was created through the interest and action of the 1967 Chamber directors.

Other work accomplished last year included the distribution of 20,000 tourist brochures and hundreds of industry hunting pamphlets, which were sent out under the direction of Industry Chairman Merle Davis. "Their efforts (the directors) can be seen in the formation of the Cherokee County United Fund," Gentry said. "The existence of the Fund is the result of plans laid at your directors meeting on May 6, 1968, and through the dedicated work of chamber

director Horace Cannon," he told the group.

Gentry emphasized that the chamber has worked closely with the town and county governments in trying to improve the community. Some recommendations made by the chamber included that 1) patching sidewalks in the downtown area, 2) more police protection to be provided during late night hours, 3) city streets be cleaned more often, 4) more parking space be provided in the downtown area, 5) parking meters be worked more closely, 7) speeding in town be stopped, and 8) dumping of trash on rural roads be stopped.

The chamber also worked closely with the Murphy Jaycees, according to Gentry, to help promote the Water Festival and the Christmas parade.

Bob Sloan spoke on what a chamber of commerce is, what it can do for the community and what you can do for the chamber. "A chamber of commerce is the vehicle that enables people to work together to mould divergent interests into a team, to build a better community and to develop better citizenship in the community and in so doing improve the economic and social stability of the community and business," Sloan said.

He brought to attention that the communities that are moving forward in Western

North Carolina have strong chambers of commerce, reminding the audience that growth without organization is highly improbable. Sloan also commented on the factors that make for a successful commerce, such as being well organized and financially strong, setting specific goals toward helping the community grow and involving as many people as possible in the work of the chamber. He also warned that Murphy should not fail to attract the tourist as well as the industrial dollar.

Sloan emphasized that the chamber should develop a broad base in all areas of community development. "You might go into the area of recreational and cultural development," he advised. "If Murphy had a better sports program, musical and theatrical entertainment and an arts program, more people would come to Murphy," he added.

The improvement of the market in which local businessmen compete for customers is a common objective of business leaders, Sloan continued. "Work together to make the market bigger for everybody and then get in there and fight to show that you have a better product or better service than anybody else. But don't for Heavens sake keep the market small because you are afraid your competitor will get some extra business if the market grows. This is one of the worst sins of



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small town businessmen." He closed by saying that the community has contributed to the success of which the chamber has enjoyed.

### Roy Taylor's Assistant To Visit Area

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor will be making scheduled visits to Cherokee and Clay Counties Friday, February 7.

Mallonee will be at the Town Hall in Andrews from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.; at the City Hall in Murphy from 11:00 to 12:00, and at the Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville from 3:00 to 4:00.

### ARC Meeting To Be Monday

All parents of retarded children and all other interested people are urged to meet with the Cherokee County Association for Retarded Children on Monday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building. Mr. Carey Fendley, executive director of the North Carolina Association for Retarded Children is expected to attend the meeting. He will discuss ways the local association could help meet the needs of the children in our area.

### Dicky Chevrolet's Sold To Georgia Man

The Dickey Chevrolet Co., Inc., one of Murphy's oldest business establishments, has been bought by a former General Motors employee from Georgia.

Bill McDaniels, a native of Cuthbert, Ga. and a former resident of Atlanta, completed the transaction of the 48 year-old business with founder and former owner Hadley Dickey on January 24.

McDaniel, who is married and has four children, said that he was familiar with this area as he had traveled through here during the past 16 years that he worked with G.M. in Atlanta. He was working in the claims department before moving to Murphy.

After spending World War II in the Marines, McDaniels obtained a degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. He also holds a law degree, which he obtained in 1960.

McDaniels is married to the former Lee West of the his hometown, and has three boys and one girl. They are Bill Jr., 24, who will be working with the company in Murphy; Christine, 20, a sophomore at



BILL MCDANIELS  
Norman College; Bruce 14 and Brian, 8.

A history buff, McDaniels' hobbies include researching Civil War history and his family history. He is an active Mason and has a Shrine affiliation with the Yrurab Temple in Atlanta.

Dickey opened the Dickey Motor Company in 1921 on Tennessee Street, and has stayed at the same location. The new name is Bill Daniels Chevrolet, Inc.

## Babe Ruth 16-18 Is Organized In Area-Murphy Is Not Included

By Red Schuyler  
High School coaches from the Smoky Mountain Conference and other interested persons from Western North Carolina met Sunday at Sneed's Restaurant in Bryson City in an organizational meeting for the purpose of trying to establish and initiate high school baseball in W.N.C. under the Babe Ruth League rules and regulations. All of the towns represented in the meeting, except for Murphy, agreed to participate in the little league program. Andrews is included in the program.

Representatives were present from Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Cherokee counties. Others in attendance were Dave Bristol, Cincinnati Reds manager, Marvin P. Lorenze, general manager of the Asheville Tourist Baseball Club, and Bill Sewell from Christ School in Asheville who is also Southern Regional Babe Ruth Commissioner.

Modaal Walsh from Robbinsville, president of the Smoky Mountain Conference, presided.

Baseball on the high school level has been dropped for a number of years in the Smoky Mountain Conference. Bill Sewell was asked to explain the

operation of the Babe Ruth League. (An explanation in detail can be found elsewhere in this paper). After Sewell's talk an open discussion was held on the feasibility of re-activating high school baseball under the Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Teams from Franklin, Sylva-Webster, Cherokee, Robbinsville, Andrews, and Cullowhee indicated that they were ready to field a team and a schedule has been drawn up with play to get underway April 11, 1969. When asked about Murphy High School's intentions in regards to baseball for Murphy's 16,17, and 18 year old boys, the answer given was that Murphy was invited to be a member but as of now, officials had indicated that they were not interested in this type program.

Dave Bristol was called on to express his views on the subject at hand. As most of you know, Bristol was a part-time teacher and also basketball coach and assistant football coach during baseball's off season at Murphy High School. A few years later, Bristol was named Manager of the Macon Peaches and later moved up to the San Diego Padres. At both places he fielded pennant winning teams. Both these teams were Cincinnati Red farm clubs.

After serving his managerial apprenticeship in these leagues, the "Reds" organization called on him to be the third base coach for the "Reds" in 1967. After the All-Star break during midseason Bristol was made manager of the "Reds". At the end of the season Bristol was signed to a three year contract to manage the "Reds".

This is the success story of one WNC athlete who had a dream and managed to realize it. But it did not come easy for Bristol. Again most of you sports fans will recall that when he was in high school there was no active school baseball program and in order to make his plans materialize he was forced to seek his baseball play elsewhere. In order to do this, Bristol made quite a few trips to Canton, N. C. in order to play baseball as a teenager.

This created quite a hardship on young "Dave", but here was a young man that knew what he wanted and would not let anything stand in his way in pursuit of his dream. I am not trying to imply that every young athlete in W.N.C. will reach the heights that Dave has, but I believe that any young man who has the determination and who is willing to work at it can

achieve almost anything that he makes up his mind to do.

I truly believe that with the right supervision and leadership and a little push here and there that we could have had more athletes playing big time sports other than Dave Bristol. The potential is here. These boys of ours are tough but they need someone to back them up and provide the right leadership in the way of in giving them the little bit of encouragement they need, possible a little financial help. Thus far, the "Reds" under Bristol's leadership have not yet won the world championship in baseball, but don't count him out yet. It could very well be this year that the "Reds" win the National League Pennant and then have a crack at the world championship. At the time Bristol was made manager of the "Reds" he had the distinction of being the youngest man ever to manage a major league baseball team.

Another topic Bristol discussed was that during his travels in the baseball world a lot of players and fans had asked him what had become of the North Carolina boys that used to be in the major league. At one time, North Carolina had more boys playing major league baseball than any other State in the nation. At the present time, our state does not have many boys in professional baseball. His reply was that the boys in NC and especially WNC do not have the opportunity to play baseball like they once did. He mentioned the fact that Baseball fans recommend young ball players and good prospects. The scouts come out to take a look at him and not being on a baseball team, it makes it hard to get a true evaluation of the player.

Bristol still calls Andrews and W.N.C. home and stated that he was very alarmed and concerned about young boys in W.N.C. not getting the opportunity to play baseball. Before closing, Bristol stated that he would like very much to see the Babe Ruth program initiated. Bristol left Cherokee County Monday to join other dignitaries on a good will tour of cities prior to the opening of Spring training in Florida.

This writer was informed later that Bristol would be back in this area for a visit before moving on to Florida and that if time permitted he would be glad to hold a clinic dealing mostly with the fundamentals of baseball. The clinic would be open to all boys in the 16 to 18 year old bracket and also potential

coaches interested in the Babe Ruth league.

He said there would be no charge for his services provided a suitable location could be obtained. This would also depend on number of boys and coaches interested in attending.

If the interested parents, baseball fans and boys don't take advantage of this golden opportunity, then baseball, as far as the high school level is concerned should be forgotten about and the subject never be brought up again. Can you imagine a baseball clinic under the supervision of major league manager. How fortunate can you be?

After Bristol, Mr. Marvin Lorenz, General Manager of the Asheville Tourists, told the audience of plans of the Tourist for Baseball fans in this area for the coming season. The Asheville Tourist won the pennant in their league last year and plan to repeat again this year.

Before the meeting adjourned, Tille Baker, and avid W.N.C. sports fan from Franklin was unanimously elected Babe Ruth Commissioner from this area. Other interested persons present other than those already mentioned were Chuck McConnell of Murphy, John Manuel of Robbinsville, Cotton Bagwell and son of Asheville, Chris Schuyler of Murphy and many others that we failed to get their names.

According to information received there is still time for Murphy to be represented if the wheels are started turning in the direction in time. All interested persons are asked to send a card or a letter (no phone calls please) to this newspaper expressing your views regarding a baseball program of this nature. If enough people show interest in this program, an organizational meeting will be called.

For a detail summary of the Babe Ruth Baseball program please turn to page 2.

### County Bond Sales Are High

Cash sales of Bonds and Freedom Shares in Cherokee County for November were \$22,150.00. January-November sales totaled \$294,068.00. This represents 87.2% of Cherokee County's goal of \$337,120.00, according to W. L. Christy, Cherokee County Chairman.

### Tri-County Red Cross Chapter Elects Officers

Gene Farmer of Murphy has been elected chairman of the newly organized Red Cross chapter that serves Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties. The election of Farmer and that of other officers was held at a recent Board of Directors meeting.

Other officers elected includes Vice-Chairman Dave Moody of Murphy, Quentin Moore of Hayesville, the Rev. T. V. Wells of Andrews and Richard C. Blevins, Jr., of Robbinsville.

Charles Delaney of Andrews was elected treasurer and his assistants are Charles W. Barrett of Murphy, Mrs. Eva Ledford of Hayesville and Mrs. Ann Carver of Robbinsville. The secretary is Mrs. Frances Carver of Robbinsville.

Lloyd Cash is directing a committee to select a name for the new chapter and he says that any suggestions will be appreciated.

The next meeting will be February 27 in the County Health Building in Andrews.

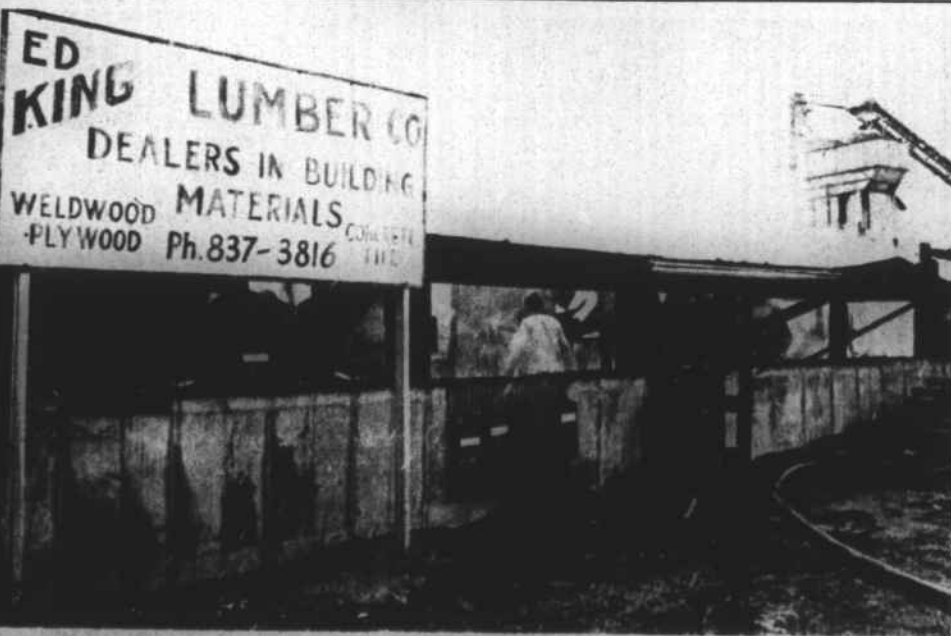
### Bennie Scott Is Nominated Candidate For West Point

Roy A. Taylor, Representative from the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina has advised William Benjamin Scott of his nomination for a Principal appointment to the United States Military Academy, at West Point. Scott will undergo physical and mental tests in competition with other nominees before final appointments are made.

Scott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Scott, is currently a senior at Murphy High School, where he has been active in athletics and in student organizations.



BENNIE SCOTT



### All That Is Left . . .

The Ed King Building and Lumber Supply company building burned to the ground early Monday morning. The company is located in factory town just outside of Murphy.

Members of the Murphy Volunteer Fire Department rushed to the fire around 5:30 only to find the building

completely engulfed in flames. The firefighters braved freezing temperatures and falling snow in an attempt to save the office, but they were only partially successful as most of the contents were burned. (Scout photo by Bill Gray)

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OF LADIES  
AND CHILDREN'S  
READY  
TO WEAR

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Tanya McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McConnell, Jonathan Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dickey.

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