

Youth Speaks Out

By Hal McSwain

Is it little wonder that tourists traveling through the tri-counties area get such a bad impression of our area? In the midst of the most beautiful country anywhere we have stuck our stores, homes and litter. What have we done to destroy the beauty so freely given us?

Little has been done to improve the conditions of the roads entering our towns. The litter is getting deeper, the weeds are growing higher, the abandoned buildings are becoming broken-windowed eyesores and we citizens are turning away from one civic responsibility that, upon improvement, could benefit not only the appearance of our towns but also the rapid of economic growth in the area.

Picture a prospective buyer of a large piece of property who plans to build a large factory. He has narrowed his

proposed building sites to two areas, one in the tri-counties and the other in another part of the state. Both places meet the requirements of his industry: ample water, cheap power, and easy access to his market. His main concern now is his personnel. He wants the most productive conditions possible so he hires the best personnel available.

But if the personnel aren't happy where they work, if the families don't adjust to the new community, the workers will naturally move away to a better environment. The way an executive often judges a prospective site is by looking at housing conditions, schools, businesses, and the condition and appearance of the downtown area. Most communities in our area fall short in one or more of these areas.

Jackets Find Opponents Tough - Andrews, Hiwassee Dam Are Victors

The Hayesville Yellow Jackets visited the Wildcats at Andrews on January 28. Senior Forward Ronnie Martin bombed the nets for 26 points, but his performance was all for naught as Andrews administered a 73-42 thrashing to the Jackets.

Martin was the only threat for Hayesville, while the Wildcats enjoyed balanced scoring from their starters. Martin collected 6 of the Jackets' 8 first quarter points, and the Wildcats led 18-8. Andrews took that margin and stretched it to 40-14 at the end of the first half.

Hayesville struggled again in the third period as the Wildcats averaged a 25 point lead most of the time during that quarter. The 'Cats led 57-25 at the end of the third.

Martin put on even more of a one-man-show in the final period, while popping the nets for 14 points. Dave Beal tossed in three points in the fourth; otherwise, Martin scored all of the Jackets' total in that quarter.

Martin also hauled in 23 rebounds during the course of the game.

Ron MacDowell was second in scoring for the Jackets with 4. It was that kind of night.

Scoring: Martin 26; MacDowell 4; Barry Lunsford 3; Beal 3; Ray Noland 3; Cary Bracken 2; Ed Mayfield 1; Dennis Myers; Daryle McClure; Dave Bracken; Rex Ledford.

Picture Daryle McClure and color him blue. Just the previous Friday against Swain, he set this season's single game scoring mark, only to have Ronnie Martin erase it with four points to spare.

McClure's record was 22 points. Too bad, Daryle. You'll just have to be content with that new Chevrolet.

HAYESVILLE AT HIWASSEE January 31

The Hiwassee Dam Eagles used last-minute foul shots to take a 48-46 victory in the girls' game.

They won the game despite a 30-point production by Junior Forward, Lois Coffey, the most by any Jacket this year, male or female.

These teams had met once before, on January 7, and the Eagles won by one point. Hayesville was ready to trim the Eagles' tailfeathers, but fell behind by the end of the first quarter. The Jackets trailed the Eagles 16-10 at that point.

In the second period, Betty and Lois Coffey began to pull the Jackets closer to Hiwassee Dam. Lois Coffey tossed in a foul shot to cut the Eagles' lead to one point, 16-17, with around 2 minutes left in the half. Then Clara Nelson got two foul shots to shove the Jackets ahead by one, 18-17.

The quarter ended with Hayesville holding a 22-19 lead.

Lois Coffey kept up the pace in the third period, ramming in 10 points. However, Lois's great drives were set up by Betty Coffey's skillful ball-handling while working the ball downcourt. Hayesville led at the end of the third, 34-30.

The Jackets maintained their lead far into the final period. With one minute left, Hayesville led by 46-44, but the Eagles tied it up with a shot by Helen Bryant. Only a few seconds remained when Hiwassee Dam poked up the winning foul shots.

Other Jackets who played well were Susan White and Connie Lunsford.

Scoring: L. Coffey 30; B. Coffey 7; Nelson 7; Angie Kitchens 2; Lunsford; White; Mary Rogers; Janice Coker.

The Yellow Jackets' boys team snapped back from their poor showing at Andrews and battled the Eagles into an overtime period before Hiwassee Dam won 66-65.

Hiwassee Dam owns one of the top teams in the Non-Football Division of the SMC but it made no difference to the Jackets, who played one of their best games this year. Had there not been certain infractions that were mysteriously overlooked with only seconds left to play, I think the Jackets would have won.

The complacent Eagles were shocked by the Jackets from the start and didn't recover until Hayesville had gained a 17-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. Ron MacDowell's long set shots formed the foundation for the Jackets' first period attack.

Dennis Myers came up with a "hot-hand" in the second stanza. Myers tossed in eight points to help Hayesville to a 32-25 lead at half-time.

The Yellow Jackets continued their solid play into the second half, and at one point in the third quarter led by 10 points. Hayesville lead 45-43 at the end of the third and the score was knotted 62-all when the game went into overtime.

In overtime, Myers tied the game at 64-all and then Ron MacDowell sank a free throw to give the Jackets a one point edge. The Eagles went ahead for the final time with a

half-minute left and used perfect blocking and tackling to prevent Hayesville from bringing the ball up-court.

Myers topped all players with 19 points while MacDowell was second with 16.

Scoring: Myers 19; MacDowell 16; Martin 12; McClure 11; Lunsford 7.

The Yellow Jacket boys stand 1-13 overall and are 1-8 in the Smokey Mountain Conference.

The girls loss dropped their record to 8-6 in all games but the SMC mark remains the same at 5-2.

The girls' future in the Conference will hinge on their meeting with Robbinsville on Feb. 4 and the Feb. 11 game with Franklin.

Clay Senior Citizen To Hold Crafts Sale

The Senior Citizens of Clay County will hold an all-day craft sale on Friday February 7, at the Hayesville library. The hours of the sale are from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Members are being requested to bring their own lunch, but drinks will be furnished. They may also bring craft work to be finished.

The types of crafts to be sold include the following: etched aluminum trays, wood and canvas-type paintings, decorated stationery, canisters, stuffed toys, paperweights, and ceramics.

Proceeds will go to the craftsmen selling the objects.

The Hayesville Canasta Club is planning to hold a dinner at the Milton Inn in Blairsville on February 13. The group will meet at the Hayesville library

Area Men

LARRY RAY MEASE
SP/4 Larry Ray Mease, a 1967 graduate of Hayesville High School, entered the service January 8, 1968, and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Polk, La.

SP/4 Mease arrived in South Vietnam in June 1968, and was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion 508th Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, which was then just south of the DMZ near Hue. For the past three months his unit has been deployed in the defense of Saigon.

Mease is married to the former Eunavee Carringer of Brasstown.



Gospel Singers

There will be a singing at the Old Shooting Creek Baptist Church this Saturday night, February 8, at 7:30 p.m.

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MRS. ALFRED LARSON
ROBBINSVILLE—Mrs. Alfred Larson, 58, of Robbinsville died Thursday, January 30 in a Cherokee County hospital after a long illness.

She was a native of McKeesport, Pa., and a retired school teacher. She was a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Havertown, Pa. She and her husband moved to Robbinsville last June and was associated with the Thunderbird Lodge.

Surviving is the husband, Alfred R. Larson.

The body was sent to Philadelphia, Pa., for services under the direction of Spencer Videon Funeral Home. Burial was in McCoyville, Pa.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

MRS. MYRTLE ROBINSON
Mrs. Myrtle Robinson, 76, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Murphy, died Tuesday, January 28, in Orlando.

Mrs. Robinson, a native of Cherokee County, had made her home in recent years with a daughter, Mrs. Mary Roberts in Florida.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Roberts are another daughter Mrs. Barbara David of Merritt Island, Fla.; a son, Harry Robinson of Medina, Ohio; a brother, S. J. Franklin of Norfolk, Va.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside rites were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, in Sunset Cemetery, by the Rev. C. A. Smith.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. WINNIE JOHNSON
ROBBINSVILLE—Services for Mrs. Winnie Mehaffey Johnson, 62, who died Monday, January 27, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

The Rev. Loy Kennedy officiated. Burial was in Old

Mother Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of the Graham County Rescue Squad.

Mrs. Johnson was a lifelong resident of Robbinsville.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Alice Cales of Ponca City, Okla. and Mrs. Naomi Blackwell of Toledo, Ohio; two nieces, Mrs. Jerri Bair and Mrs. Joan Kahler, both of Toledo; and a nephew, Arlin Cales of Ponca City.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. ADER ROGERS
CULBERSON - Mrs. Ader Rogers, 80, of Culberson, died Monday, Feb. 3 in a Blairsville, Ga., hospital after a long illness.

She was a native of Union County, Ga. and a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving are the husband, Otto Rogers; a daughter, Mrs. Abby Faye Thomas of Culberson; three sons, Lester of Dalton, Ga., Woodrow of Fostoria, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Lattie Townsend of Culberson; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 Wednesday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The Rev. John Wade officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews and grandsons.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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back before a knee injury ended his NFL playing career during the 1965 season.

He returned to Presbyterian as offensive backfield coach in 1966.

Last season, Waters was offensive receiving coach at Stanford University. He coached end Gene Washington, who set four all time Pacific-8 Conference receiving records and was a second round pick of the 49-er's in the recent pro draft.

Stanford's 6-3-1 record this season was its best ever since the 1951 Rose Bowl Team, and the Indians ended the season ranked in the nations top ten in total offense.

Waters is a native of Sylvania, Georgia, where he graduated from Screven County High School in 1956. In high school, he earned 11 athletic letters and was voted the outstanding athlete.

At Presbyterian, he lettered in football for three years and in track for one year. He was elected captain of the football team his Junior year and was voted outstanding athlete his Senior year.

Waters served as student body president his Senior year at Presbyterian. He graduated with an over all B average and was a member of Phi Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity and an ROTC Cadet Corp executive officer.

He received the Master of Education Degree from Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia in 1966. Waters maintained a 3.5 grade point average during graduate work.

Bob Waters and his wife, Sherine, have three children—Jeff, age 5; Kim, age 3; and Mica, age two months.

In announcing the appointment of Waters at a press conference Col. Williams said that Western Carolina is seeking to enhance the quality of its total athletic program.

Senior Citizens Hold Meetings

The Murphy Senior Citizens met Wednesday afternoon, January 29 in the Murphy Power Board Building.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Lois Barnett, coordinator presided. Minutes were read by Mrs. Addie Lewis and Mrs. V. L. Wilson lead the group in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Frank Dickey, Mrs. Bertha Kephart and Mrs. Lola Dockery gave a demonstration on making tating.

The Martins Creek and Bellview Senior Citizens met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Cordell, Tuesday afternoon, January 28.

Mrs. Georgia Waldroup, presided and Mrs. Tobe Stalcup read the minutes for approval. Mrs. Lois Barnett, coordinator, gave the devotional.

A display of hand made articles made by the members of afghan, pictures made of beans and corn and a picture painted by a 80 year old senior citizen, trays and wooden plaques.

During the social hour the hostess served refreshments to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stalcup, Mrs. Georgia Waldroup and Mrs. Lois Barnett, coordinator.

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