

Hayesville Man Drowns in River

Harvey A. Martin, a 75-year-old retired farmer, was found drowned in the Hiwassee river Friday afternoon. Martin was found by members of the Clay County Rescue Squad about 1:00 p.m. approximately one mile down river from where he lived.

The Rescue Squad was called to search for Martin after his wife notified Clay County Sheriff Hartsell Moore around noon that he was missing. The Martins, who live on the Fires Creek section of Clay County, live only several hundred feet from the river's banks.

The drowning was ruled accidental by Dr. L. R. Staton, who is the Clay County coroner.

Mr. Martin, a retired farmer, had lived in Clay County all of his life.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Letta Mae Jones Martin; a daughter, Mrs. Bob Hodges of Hayesville; four sons, Alden and Richard, both of Gastonia, Melvin of Charlotte and Walter Lee Martin of Canton, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Martin Hill Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Odie Rogers officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gary Verlon, Clarence and Floyd Martin, Forest and Kenneth Rogers.

Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



What's It All About?

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Premier Showing Of Film On Automotive N. C. To Be At Folk School Club Meeting

The premier showing of "The Many Moods of North Carolina", a film depicting the scenic beauty and way of life from the mountains to the Outer Banks, will be shown at the Folk School Tuesday, March 25, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The film, which was made by Edgar and Pat Cheatham, has several scenes made in and around Cherokee County. In speaking of his film, Cheatham commented, "in producing our 90-minute film lecture, 'The Many Moods of North Carolina' our interest has been in the human element; native handicrafts, visual and performing arts, historic significance, and scenic beauty. Much emphasis is put on work being done at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Penland Crafts Center, and by individual craftsmen who are members of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild."

Included are sequences of the state's three outdoor dramas, "Horn in the West," "Unto These Hills," and "The Lost Colony" as well as scenes from the North Carolina School of the Arts, Flat Rock Playhouse, and Brevard Music Center.

North Carolina's Outer Banks, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and the area comprising what is now the Cape Lookout National Seashore are included. "We visit Old Salem, the Tryon Palace, Biltmore Estate, Oconalufee Indian Village at Cherokee, Vance Birthplace State Historic Site at Weaverville, Fort Macon, Jigtown, Gaddy's Wildlife Refuge, Wilmington and the Battleship U.S.S. North Carolina, and the North Carolina State Art Museum, with its gallery for the blind. WE ride Tweetsie e Railroad, the Bear Creek Scenic Railroad, and go skiing at

Beech Mountain," he said.

A special sequence features a visit to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott in Cherokee County during tomato harvest season. Mike Angell is included, along with the Elliotts, as well as especially beautiful scenic views from the farm.

"In making the film, Cheatham said, "perhaps our most gratifying experience has been the opportunity to meet so many individuals who have contributed, perhaps more than they themselves realize, to making this such a vital, fascinating, culturally alive state. This is evidenced nowhere more vividly than at John C. Campbell Folk School.

Community Folk Dancing

A special group of ten men students from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire will join the community for folk dancing at the John C. Campbell Folk School Saturday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Young people, in particular, are encouraged to attend.

If you are between the ages of 14-19 and interested in automobiles, come to the Murphy Power Board Building, March 24, at 3:30 p.m. and join the Automotive Club. Mr. Gene Crooke is the Automotive Lender.

The following programs are on the agenda: Care and Safety of an automobile, highway safety, car inspection-safety checking, what makes a car go and stop, and what does it cost to own and operate a car.

Beginners Typing Class To Begin

Tri-County Technical Institute will offer a typing class for beginners at Tri-County Tech. starting March 26 at 6:30 p.m. provided there is enough interest.

If you are interested in learning to type and would like to enroll in this class, please call 837-3810 as soon as possible.

There will be no tuition charge for the course.

County's Tourist Trade Has Doubled In Past Ten Years

Cherokee County has experienced a phenomenal growth in tourist trade in the past ten years that is surpassed by only four other counties in North Carolina.

According to a report of North Carolina's travel and tourist industry prepared for the N.C. travel and promotion Division, the total amount of money spent in the county by out-of-state tourists has increased 215 per cent from 1958 to 1968. This 'travel income', as the report refers to tourist dollars spent in the area, represents an increase from less than \$1 million spent in 1958 to more than \$2.7 million spent last year.

State Travel Director Bill F. Hensley summarized the 44-page report by stating that annual spending by travelers in the Tar Heel State increased from \$360 million to \$696 million over a ten year period, but that the number of travel-related firms in the State rose only 34 per cent during the same period. Although Cherokee County was one of the state's leaders in amount of total money percentage increase, the increase in people employed in the tourist industry was lower than most of the other counties.

The number employed in Cherokee County increased from 283 in 1958 to 337 in 1968, which was only a 19 per cent change.

The comparisons, Hensley said, are based on special compilations in the 1968 North Carolina Travel Survey, which shows the industry's growth both on the State level and by individual counties.

He pointed out that only five counties increased their number of travel firms by 100 percent or more during the decade and that five other counties actually had fewer persons employed in 1968.

In terms of total travel expenditures, including the amount spent by North Carolinians traveling within their own state, 31 counties had an increase of 100 per cent or more during the period. Graham had the greatest growth percentage (548 per cent), followed by Swain with 237 percent, Camden with 218 percent, Cherokee with 215

estimated that a total of 18 million out-of-state parties contributed to the \$446 million spent in 1968. These parties brought 36 million person who visited North Carolina for business and pleasure or passed through en route to other states.

Out-of-state tourists traveled five billion passenger miles on N.C. highways, railways and airways. Out-of-state passenger traffic accounts for about one-fifth of the intercity traffic that moves beyond the local trade area by private and public transportation.

Clay County experienced a 21 per cent growth in the ten-year period in out-of-state money spent in the county and a 16 percent increase in total tourist expenditures. Over \$209,000 was spent in Clay last year in the tourist industry.

Copies of the survey report, compiled by Dr. Lewis C. Copeland of the University of Tennessee, may be obtained by writing the Travel and Promotion Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

Former Sen. Brumby Answers Commissioner's Bill Attack

In an interview with The Cherokee Scout, former Senator Mary Faye Brumby said that she was stunned to read in a Letter to the Editor of Thursday, March 13th, in which James A. Jones, Andrews, N. C., refers to "the framed-up Brumby double vote Chairman bill."

Mrs. Brumby has sought to find James A. Jones, but so far has been unsuccessful.

Mrs. Brumby further stated that she saw a brochure as early as October, 1968, in which her opponent Herman "Bull" West accused her of disenfranchising the Cherokee County voters by this Commission's Bill.

She stated that she paid little attention to this accusation, as she had kept her constituents constantly informed by newspaper and radio of all bills which she introduced or co-sponsored while in the Legislature.

Near the close of the campaign, these West "scurrilous brochures" were handed out on the streets and mailed from various post

offices within the seven county district. At that time Mrs. Brumby took a large ad in The Cherokee Scout and made it clear that she did not introduce this bill and stated that the 1965 Journal and Session Laws would verify her statement. Mrs. Brumby has copies of these books. She said she had nothing to do with the authorship or introduction of it. In fact, it was originally brought to her and she declined to introduce it, because she did not believe any county commissioner should ever be put in a position of having two votes in case of a tie. She pointed out however, if the Republicans had gotten the chairmanship which they missed by only a few votes in 1966 that she believes they would have thought it an excellent bill.

She stated that West thought she had finished campaigning just before election and made false charges against her. She said, also, that he and she were invited on numerous occasions to meet in

public forum and that she accepted every invitation to speak and answer all questions from the floor. However, she said Herman West never appeared a single time. Each time Charles Taylor, Republican candidate from the 48th House District, gave an excuse for West which Mrs. Brumby found to be untrue upon her return home.

Mrs. Brumby stated that she took the West brochure and answered truthfully ever accusation, distortion, and falsehood which it contained, and presumed that would clear the matter up. She further stated that if certain Republicans had allowed the matter to drop after the election, she would have said no more. But since they have persisted in harassing her for over four months, she said she will not stand for any more falsehoods.

Mrs. Brumby said that she gave four years of her life at great personal sacrifice to herself, her family and business to try to help build up Southwestern North Carolina, and she defies anyone to show where she ever asked or accepted any political favor for her services.

She said she lives on Mooreland Heights in Murphy, N. C. Her telephone number is 837-2380 and she would welcome a chance to discuss this matter or anything else concerning her political career in a public forum with Senator West, so that everyone may, once and for all, know the facts.

Mrs. Brumby concluded by saying that never before had she had her honesty and integrity attacked, and never again will she allow such an attack without seeking recourse of the Court.

Masons To Meet Saturday

The Asheville Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry will hold a special communication at the Andrews Masonic Lodge Hall Saturday, March 22, at 12:00 noon.

This is a special occasion since the Scottish Rite Degrees have never been conferred away from the Masonic Temple in Asheville. The degrees 4th through the 14th will be conferred in full form by the Degree Teams from the Asheville Bodies in the half of Andrews Lodge No. 529, A. F. and A. M.

All Blue Lodge Masons in this area who are interested in receiving the Scottish Rite Degree at this meeting are requested to contact Mr. W. D. Whitaker or Mr. John Boring before 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 1969.

Baptist Revival To Feature Outstanding Song Director

March 23 will mark the beginning of revival services at the First Baptist Church that will continue throughout the entire week. The pastor Rev. Woodrow Flynn, will be doing the preaching and James Carraway will be in charge of the singing.

Each evening, Mr. Carraway will present a 25 minute pre-service concert of sacred and gospel music entitled "Lagniappe". This concert is

presented with the hope that a prayerful and worshipful atmosphere may be felt as people enter God's House.

Much preparation is being made for these services through visitation, and an effort to contact every resident member of the church in the days preceding the revival. Carraway will be in Murphy through March 30. The religious concert will begin at 7:00 each evening while the regular service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Milestones In The History Of Cherokee County

BY MRS. LOUISE A. BAYLESS

(Editor's Note: This is the sixth of a series of articles on the history of Cherokee County as written by Mrs. Louise A. Bayless of Murphy.)

1930- A sign was erected by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to counteract the effect of the Stock Market Crash; "Carry on. Business is good. Keep it So. YOU CAN'T STOP U.S." Business men will tell you that business is better than it was one year ago, and it should be. There are four more payrolls in the county than there were one year ago. A very important road has been taken over by the state and is officers. Plans were made to sell stock in the seventh series which is open during January. Former President Don Witherspoon, having tendered his resignation, Vice-president, W. Mercer Fain was elected President. W. W. Hyde was made vice president and Bryan W. Sipe was reelected secretary-treasurer. Messrs. Paul C. Hyatt, J. V. Barnett and J. H. Phaup were elected members of the Loan Committee and the officers

and loan committee and R. F. Williamson were constituted the Board of Directors of the Association. The Association has been a potent factor in the development of Murphy and it is expected to be even more useful as time goes on.

Mr. J. G. Stikeleather stopped over in Murphy enroute to Atlanta and Miami, Fla. He was accompanied by Roscoe Marvel of Asheville, president of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, and Kelley E. Bennett of Bryson City. In Atlanta his party was expected to be joined by Major John H. Cohen, president and editor and Harlee Branch, and city editor of the Journal. The five were to proceed to Tampa, Fla. to select a route for the Appalachian Scenic Highway from Atlanta to the Florida City. (End result was the Blue Ridge Parkway)

N.C. University Alumni met and organized a county association on January 7th the Cherokee County Association was formed with Fred O. Christopher as president, Ralph Moody as vice president and J. H. Axley as secretary and treasurer. Chase Tatham of Andrews, N. W. Abernathy of

Marble and Don Witherspoon of Murphy were elected members of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the organization will be held each year during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W.V.N. Powelson, of New York, president of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, which company has the development rights of three dam sites on Hiwassee River, this county, spent several days in Murphy last week on business. An advertising campaign is now being conducted in leading industrial magazines seeking to attract sufficient industries to this section so that development of these power sites can begin. One site was the Axley Bluffs.

Good prices are being paid for timber of all kinds. The canner is secured for another year and the farmers learned last year that cash crops can be raised on their farms. They are showing their appreciation by rapidly signing up the required acreage for the canner. The Creamery on Brasstown is buying all the cream it can get, and could use twice as much. Automobile salesmen are wearing a contented grin on

their faces. And those grins will be justified, as factories will be worked overtime to fill their orders for new cars during the next ninety days. The general health is good, the doctors say painfully so, and we have only one more winter month to go.

Ole Man Murphy says "And if there is any effect in our District from that Stock Market crash we should be ashamed of it, for we were not affected by it. Not twenty-five men in Western North Carolina lost money in that crash. We were not, we ARE not dependent upon Wall Street for sustenance. The South is leading the nation in industry, in agriculture, in Power Development. The South is not peopled with speculators. North Carolina is admittedly the leader of the Southern States in development. We are in no Bay Way". (Why talk about a Depression).

Any supposed effect in our district should not be discussed, but should be a thing to be ashamed of, for it is the product of hysteria. Business is never made better by saying it is bad.

The Rev. E. J. Harbison, former pastor of the Methodist

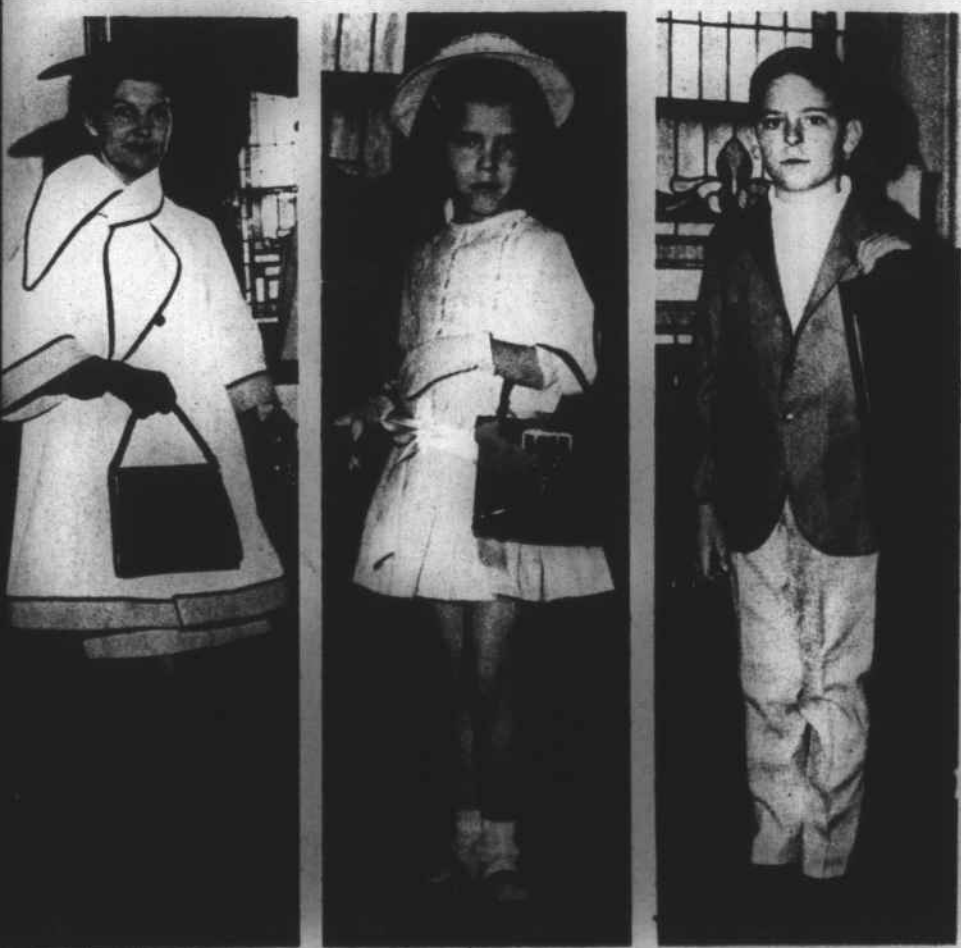
Church, spent several days in the county this week. Mr. Harbison was present at the Lion's Club and made a short talk. He also visited several farms in the county where some of his registered Guernsey stock is thriving, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress of the dairy industry in this county. He was instrumental in placing quite a number of these Guernsey cows and bulls in the county during his pastorate here and his work and knowledge of cattle breeding has helped the farmers of this area to a wonderful degree.

The building projects of the power development of the Aluminum Company of America are getting underway at Nantahala River, and already a number of stores and trading stations are going up near the scene of action. Maloof and Co. moved their stock of goods from Murphy this week to a building erected just over the gap from Topton, and it is understood that others are seeking building space close by. As work goes on no doubt a small city will grow up near the dam operation, as it is

expected that some 2000 men will be working double shifts by the latter part of this coming summer. It will not be so many moons until this section will feel its pulse pulsating a week bit more rapidly. Here's hoping, and it can't come too soon, that the three power developments on the Hiwassee River (TVA) in Cherokee County get under way before our grandchildren become Patriarchs. (The end result was the Tennessee Valley Authority, TVA Dams).

The Murphy Lion's Club is one of the liveliest civic organizations in this section. As a result of the activities of the Lions, several factories have been established here, included those which may be mentioned the Murphy Steam Laundry, The Cannery, and the Knitting Mill.

The Dairy industry and the good roads movement have been given encouragement. The live at Home Program is only one of a number being planned to bring about a closer relationship with the farmer, the businessman and the professional man of this section.



Fashion Show Models

Three of the models and fashions that will be exhibited at "Fantastique!", a fashion show sponsored by the women of the United Methodist Church, are shown above. Mrs. Kenneth Godfrey, Miss Lori Ann Shook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shook and Jimmy Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Farmer will be modeling some of the

women's and children's clothing that will be shown.

The fashion show starts at 7:45 p.m. March 21 at the Frank L. Mauney Fellowship room of the United Methodist Educational Building in Murphy. Ten of Murphy's merchants will have clothing modeled in the show. (Scout photos by Bill Gray)