



A Cool Drink For A Hot Day

Summertime is almost here, and the hot, long days of July and August that have been forgotten during the coldness of winter are slowly returning to our memories. This photograph of Larry Palmer, the son of Mrs. Wayne Palmer of East Point, Ga., will also probably bring back memories to the old timers who

remember when the town water fountain was the center of attraction during those hot summers. Most of the fountains that once were a landmark have all but disappeared from the town in this area. Scout managing editor Bill Gray made this photograph of his nephew on Brasstown Bald.

Minister Plans To Walk 'Trail Of Tears'

The Rev. William W. (Billy) Richardson, United Methodist minister, plans to resume his "evangelism" this summer leaving July 4 from Murphy, N. C. on a 1,000 mile trek to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. (Old Cherokee Capital, Cherokee's arrived here in March 1839).

"I am very much interested in the Trail of Tears and I noticed a good article about same in the March Issue of D.A.R. Magazine." "I am a Methodist Minister and during my summer vacation I am doing a different type of witness. It is my desire to start from Murphy Fort Butler, the place where most of the Indians left from when they went on this Overland Route in 1838."

Restoration of Fort Butler and a Museum is a project of the D.A.R. and the Cherokee County Historical Society. Reasons for Preacher Billy's Walk! 1. Sort of a Penance March. He is a white man and they caused this terrible "Trail of Tears" in the first place. He is sorry. . . and one way of trying to express this sorrow and shame. 2. Billy hopes to visit and walk this trail with Indians. . . a way of sharing what God has done for him. . . a personal witness and preaching to groups along the

Trail. 3. He hopes to have offering along the way. . . where he preaches, and this money will go to the United Methodist Conference Treasurer in Lincoln, Neb. to help pay two or more Indians tuition to college. Billy will receive no money his Crawford and Whitney Churches pay his salary while away. Last year he went 800 miles by horseback on the Pony Express Trail and arrived in Sacramento on Nov. 4, 1968. He is a member of a rousal called Space Age Circuit Riders Association, Inc. - Brother Bill hopes to expand his SACRA Mission for the next ten years and follow the Great Trails of America.

In Feb. 1966, "Brother Billy" was one of 12 Methodist ministers who rode horseback to Baltimore, Md., from various points to observe Methodist's bicentennial, emulating early circuit riders. The Iowa clergyman started from Omaha, Neb., made the 1,200 mile ride 67 days, using five horses.

Billy Richardson says, "I am working with the Sioux Indians in Nebraska in our area and I hope to walk with some of the

Cherokee Indians on this Walk. It is sort of a Penance march too and I hope to be able to help a few Indian students to do some college work. So I feel this is a real helpful thing I am trying to do and I want to get all the information I can before I start my Walk.

Rev. Richardson, 49, is 6 ft, 5 inch minister, weight 218 pounds. He has a wife and four children. Pastor Richardson likes to point out that another Billy Richardson rode out of St. Joseph, Mo. April 3, 1860, as the first Pony Express rider to deliver the mail.

The Lord willing and if He keeps blessing these rides, Preacher Bill would like to ride the Natchez Trace Trail, the Santa Fe and finally the Cumberland or National Road and be in Philadelphia on July 4, 1967, the 200th birthday of America.

The local Civic Clubs in Murphy, Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, the D.A.R. and Cherokee County Historical Society plan to give Preacher Billy a rousing send-off tying in with their Fourth of July Water Festival and celebration.



THE REV. BILLY RICHARDSON

Strike Is Over At Magnavox

Local 5-339 of the Woodworkers International Union (AFL-CIO) voted unanimously Saturday morning to return to work at Magnavox Corp. The employees returned to work Tuesday morning after the 15 day strike.

The terms of the new three-year contract include an improvement in arbitration, more seniority rights, a clause to make overtime voluntary and an extra holiday per year. The contract will be reopened at the end of two years for wages. Wage increases in the new contract are ten cents now and five cents after the end of six months. Total increases will be 24 cents an hour over the two-year period.

Roy Roper of Andrews, president of the local union, and Jack Sams, of the international union, signed the contract with Magnavox officials.

The woodworkers union is affiliated with the Asheville Central Labor Union.

Woman's Body Found At Dam

The body of a 44-year-old Murphy woman was found on the spillway of Nottely Dam at approximately 12:30 Monday. She has been identified as Mrs. Juanita Harper, a native of Georgia.

The body was found approximately 50 feet below the gate of the dam by three school boys.

Sheriff Harlan Duncan of Union County, Ga., said the woman was killed when she apparently fell from the top of the dam.

An autopsy was performed on the body, but the report had not been received by Sheriff Duncan at press time.

Safety Awards Presented

Commissioner Frank Crane of the North Carolina Department of Labor presented a total of 15 safety awards to industries in Cherokee and Clay Counties. The safety awards were based on the outstanding records during the past year.

Industries receiving the awards in Cherokee County were: 1. American Thread Co., Cherokee Plant, Marble; 2. Berkshire International Corp., Andrews; 3. Brumby Textile Mills, Inc., 4. Cherokee Scout, Murphy; 5. Clifton Division of Litton Industries, Murphy; 6. Cook Dress Mfg. Co., Murphy; 7. Franklin Press, Inc., Franklin; 8. Levi Strauss & Co., Murphy; 9. Magnavox Co., of Tennessee, Andrews; 10. Murphy Textile Mills, Murphy; 11. Owenby Mfg. Co., Inc., Andrews; 12. W. D. Townson Lumber Co., Inc., Murphy.

Clay County industries receiving the award were: American Components, Inc., Hayesville; Hayesville Mfg. Co., Inc., Hayesville; Lidseen of North Carolina, Inc.

Brown Is Elected President

Mrs. Addilee B. Brown, principal of Ranger School for the last three years has been elected president of the Western District of the Division of Principals of the NCEA.

The Western District consists of 14 Western Counties and 185 Principals. Mrs. Brown came up through the ranks. First, as District Secretary, then Vice President, and on to the Presidency.

There are 10 District Presidents and Mrs. Brown is the only Woman in the State as a District President. By nature of this position, as President, she is an official member of the Board of Directors and a representative of all Principals. She has just returned from a District Principals' meeting held in Raleigh last week. She has also been Membership Chairman of the County Unit



ADDILEE B. BROWN for the past 14 years. Mrs. Brown was principal of White Church for 11 years prior to becoming Principal of Ranger.

West Introduces Bill To Change Election Of County School Board

A bill to change the method of electing the County Board of Education members has been introduced to the N. C. General Assembly by Senator Herman H. West of Murphy. Major changes in electing the members include having a county-wide, non-partisan election of seven board members.

Introduction of the bill, came as a result of a public hearing held March 21 in which Cherokee Countians voted to consolidate the three county school administrative units and to change the manner of electing the board members.

Sponsoring the bill along with West is Senator Bruce Briggs from Buncombe County. Briggs' name is on the bill, only as a formality, West said, so that the bill could be introduced in the event he was absent.

"The bill is through the Senate and is now in the House Education Committee," West said in a telephone conversation with the Scout Tuesday. "If something doesn't happen," the senator commented, "it should be out of the House this week."

Passage of the bill will not terminate the offices of the present county school board

members, West said. The bill specifies that "all members . . . who are now serving on the Board shall continue to serve their terms of office until . . . their successors are elected and qualified."

West also increased the number of board members from six to seven, with each member, including the chairman, having only one

vote. Each member will be elected to six-year terms, with three members to be elected in 1970, two in 1972 and two every two years thereafter.

According to the bill, any number of candidates may file for office throughout the county, and the election is to be county-wide. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the

"duly elected members of the Board."

Through this bill the candidates will be voted on at large, and not by districts.

The chairman of the board will be chosen by the board members after each election, and he shall be given one vote.

West said that he felt that this was the most effective way of electing the County School Board members.

Bank Of Franklin Plans Merger With First Union

Boards of directors of First Union National Bank and the Bank of Franklin have approved a plan to merge the two institutions, Frank B. Duncan, president of the Bank of Franklin and H. W. Cabe, executive vice president, and C. C. Cameron, president and chairman of First Union National, announced jointly.

The merger is subject of the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency and the stockholders of both banks.

With an office in Franklin and one in Murphy, the Bank of Franklin lists assets of \$10.6 million. First Union National with total resources in excess of \$935 million, operates 122 offices in 59 North Carolina communities.

"We are enthusiastic about the potential for increased service that will be offered through our joining with FUNB," Duncan said following the announcement. "This is a progressive statewide institution which has pioneered

in offering to North Carolinians many new services, including charge plan banking, and we are happy to become part of the First Union National system."

The merger, which will be FUNB's farthest penetration into western North Carolina, was termed by Cameron "another progressive step in offering to all people in North Carolina quality and complete banking services."

"Our knowledge of the fine individuals associated with the Bank of Franklin and our acquaintance with this community cause us to believe that by working together we will have unprecedented opportunities to serve the people in this area of the state," he said. "We look forward to this association with keen anticipation."

"This merger will in no way effect the present management and personnel of the present Bank of Franklin as all present employees will either be retained in their present position or receive a promotion, said Mr. Duncan.

Thompson Resigns As MHS Head For Tri-County Tech Position

John A. Thompson, principal of Murphy High School for the past four years, has resigned from the school system to take a position at Tri-County Technical Institute at Peachtree.

Thompson has been selected to be coordinator of the Learning Laboratory at the Institute, President Holland McSwain announced this week.

Thompson has been with the school system in Cherokee County for the past 19 years. He taught for 15 years and has been principal since 1965.

"I certainly leave Murphy with mixed emotions," Thompson said. "The school officials and people of this community have been very kind and cooperative in my 19 years as a teacher and principal. The progress of Murphy High School will continue to be of great interest to me in the future."

Thompson's resignation will be effective June 20, and he will assume his duties at Tri-County on July 1.

His major responsibility as coordinator will be to develop and promote the Learning Lab, throughout the Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties, McSwain said. "This is a very vital part of the overall program of Tri-County Technical Institute," the president stated.

This program is designed for persons who are interested in completing their high school work and also for any other persons who wish refresher courses in different subject in which the person might be interested.

Materials in the Learning Lab are also available for persons who wish to improve their reading and writing skills. More information in detail will be made available for persons who wish to improve their reading and writing skills.



JOHN A. THOMPSON

Magoo's Spring Thang

Magoo's Spring Thang will be held Saturday night at the First Methodist Church in Murphy.

Students from the Freshman class through the Senior class will hold a get together from 8 p.m. til 11:30 p.m.

Republican Meeting Set

K. W. Radford, Republican county chairman has announced that the Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee will meet at the courthouse in Murphy, Friday night, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Hicks Wins Another Race

Cline Hicks of Murphy placed first in the 80-90 class marathon race held at Fort Loudon Lake.

Hicks and David Hilton of Murphy just recently placed first and second in the overall marathon at Columbus, Ga.

Hicks, racing in the Dogwood Arts Festival 50 Mile Marathon for pleasure boats, outran another Cherokee County resident to take first place honors. Hubert Picklesimer of Murphy placed second to Hicks in the marathon.

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