

Mrs. Bennett Wins Two Press Awards

Mrs. Lorraine M. Bennett, a reporter for The Atlanta Journal, has received two Associated Press newswriting awards.

Mrs. Bennett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin of Route 2, Murphy. She is a 1961 graduate of Murphy High School.

Mrs. Bennett won the award with five other reporters for their work on "The Two Atlantas," a 14-part series that appeared last summer in the Journal. The series was an in-depth study of Atlanta's racial problems.

The awards were given by the Georgia Associated Press Association last week in Savannah. The awards were in the public service and sweepstakes categories, and were given for outstanding performance by a reporter, quality of writing, and importance of the news.



She's A Winner

Mrs. Lona Davis smiles as she receives her VIP Six Flag certificate from Tom Gentry, president of Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce and a \$50.00 check from L. D. Schuyler, advertising manager for the Cherokee Scout. Mrs. Davis winning

ticket was drawn from over 20,000 entries submitted for the first six weeks of the contest. Mrs. Davis winnings was worth over \$350.00 in cash and prizes.



GLEN SWAIN

Swain Assigned Job In England

Glen Swain of Marietta, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Swain of Rt. 1, Murphy will leave for England June 6.

Swain is a member of the Lockheed Ga. Research Center, and will be on an extended special work study assignment in a Rolls Royce facility at Hucknell, Nottinghamshire England.

His wife, the former Retha Fleming of Peachtree will accompany him on the trip. They also plan to tour Europe. Their two children, Steve and Suzanne will stay with the Swain grandparents while their parents are abroad.

Fiddlers

The second annual Fiddlers Convention, sponsored by the Murphy Jaycees, will be held June 14, at 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy High School.

Musicians from Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina will be participating in the event.

Awards will be given to the three best bands, three best banjo players, three best guitar players and the three best fiddle players.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults, pre-school children will be admitted free.

Mrs. Lona Davis Is Winner Of First Six Flags VIP Trip

Mrs. Lona Davis of Murphy is the winner of the first Six Flags VIP Trip.

Mrs. Davis winning entry was drawn from over 20,000 registration tickets that had been entered during the first six weeks of the Six Flags VIP Contest. The drawing was held Thursday in downtown Murphy with Gene Farmer of Collins Crain and Tom Gentry

of the Cherokee Shopping Center supervising the drawing.

Mrs. Davis, her husband, Boyd and their two children, Teresa and Timothy will receive two night's lodging at the Airport Mark Inn Motel, tickets to Six Flags Over Georgia, which cover admission fee, all rides, attraction and featured shows, scrip in the amount of 2.00 per person, good for food and souvenirs while visiting Six Flags, meals, at the Airport Mark Inn Motel for each member of the immediate family, tickets to a Mini Cinema Movie Theatre, tickets to a Braves Baseball game, if playing, tickets to an Atlanta Chiefs Soccer game, if playing and a four and a half hour tour of Atlanta as conducted by the Atlanta Transit Company. The total value of the trip is over \$350.00.

Mike Kephart Signs Grant

It has been announced that Blanton's Business College has signed to a basketball grant-in-aid Mike Kephart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Kephart of Murphy.

Kephart, a renowned high school basketball player in Western North Carolina, is coming to Blanton's from Murphy High School. He is an all-round athlete, excelling not only in basketball, but also football and track.

Kephart is a 5-foot-10 guard averaging 19 points and 8 rebounds per game at Murphy. He was selected all conference basketball player in the Smoky Mt. Conference and has also received all tournament.

It was in football that Kephart was selected to all scholastic W.N.C. second term all conference squad.

Merchants participating in the contest are the Carolina Hardware, Collins Crain Department Store, Murphy Hardware, Cal's Supermarket, Lay's 5 & 10, Davis Jewelers, Graves Furniture, Nelson's Lumber & Supply, Hughes

Electric, Western Auto, Hicks Gulf Service, Lena's, Graves Chrysler-Plymouth, Cherokee Shopping Center, Rogers Electric and Moore Jewelers.

Visit these participating stores and register for the free trip and cash prizes.

County Golf Course Committees Announced

The Cherokee County Golf Course Steering Committee announced this week the designation of the following committees to serve in connection with the management of the golf course for the first year:

FINANCE: Frank Forsyth, Chairman, J. H. Duncan, Bill Christy, Robert Heaton, Herman Edwards, and Margaret Hartman.

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND RECREATION: Frank Mauney, Chairman, Arthur Jones, Glenn Matheson, Dot Mason, Virginia Hyde, Wanda Edwards and Everett English.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jack Owens, Chairman, Paul Ridenhour, Max Blakemore, Louise Bayless, Dan Lamb, Maxine Gossett, and Tommy Gentry.

MAINTENANCE: Wayne Holland, Chairman, Quay Ketner, Ben Palmer, Jack

Earley, Gyp Johnson, Claude Jones, Dan Hawk, Harold Wells and Harold Wells.

MEMBERSHIP AND RULES AND REGULATIONS: Joe El Khouri, Doug Carlson, Maudie B. Alexander, Robert McKee, Bud Alexander, Bill Gossett, Mrs. Dan Lamb, John Goodrich, Doris Fowler, Lonnie Hoover and Maude Duncan.

Members will be designated annually. For the most part, the persons designated have been people who have expressed a willingness to serve in some capacity in the development of the course.

The committees would welcome the help of anyone who would be willing to serve on any of the committees. Any person who will serve is requested to contact the chairman of the committee they would like to serve on.

Citizens Bank To Merge With Wachovia Bank & Trust Company

Directors of Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Andrews and officials of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, N. A., Winston-Salem, have approved plans to merge the two banks.

In separate meetings, the executive committee of Wachovia Bank and Trust and the directors of Citizens Bank & Trust Company agreed to submit a plan for merger to Wachovia Bank directors and shareholders, and to shareholders of Citizens Bank & Trust Company. Wachovia Bank directors will meet June 5, 1969, and shareholders will meet on July 3, 1969, and Citizens Bank & Trust Company shareholders will meet on July 3, 1969, to consider the proposal.

The merger is also subject to approval by government regulatory agencies.

"It is our sincere belief that this merger would be in the best interests of our shareholders, our staff and all the people of this area," Percy B. Ferebee, chairman of Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Andrews said. "We have known our friends at Wachovia for many years and are confident that their resources will certainly encourage economic growth in this area."

"With Wachovia's industrial and economic development programs, and its many contacts and associations throughout the U. S., we are confident that together we can do much to persuade new industries and firms to consider

our area and thereby continue to attract outstanding companies to Western North Carolina," Ferebee said.

"By combining our two organizations we will be able to bring even broader and more convenient services to all our customers, building on the solid base established by Citizens Bank & Trust Company," he said.

Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Andrews was established October 14, 1924, and has banking offices in Andrews, Cashiers, Cullowhee, Franklin, Hayesville, Murphy, Robbinsville and Sylva. It had \$27,015,000 in deposits and \$30,549,000 in resources as of April 30, 1969. W. Frank Forsyth is president, W. D. Whitaker, Senior Vice President, and W. J. Carter Vice President and Auditor.

The nearest Wachovia offices are in Asheville, approximately 92 miles from Andrews.

Civilians To Install Officers

The Murphy Civitan Club will hold its annual installation of officers banquet, Saturday night, at 7:00 p.m. at the Milton Inn in Blairsville.

The district incoming Governor Tom Austin will install the new officers.

Saturday night will also be ladies night.

Simmons New Manager At Local Bank Of Franklin

Frank Duncan, President of the Bank of Franklin, announced this week that Henry S. Simmons has been named Manager of the Murphy Branch of the bank.

Mr. Simmons joins the Bank of Franklin after seventeen years of experience in financing and public relations. He worked as field representative for General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Murphy from 1952 to 1955 where he met and married Evon Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Davidson of Murphy.

In 1955 he was transferred to Chattanooga, Tennessee where he served as credit man until 1957 when he was promoted to District Representative in Cleveland, Tennessee. In 1966 he joined Hall Chevrolet in Cleveland as time sales and finance manager, remaining with this firm until joining The Bank of Franklin.

Mr. Simmons attended Alabama Public Schools, received his B. S. degree from Troy State College in Troy,



HENRY SIMMONS

Alabama and served in the U. S. Air Force.

He and Evon have two children, a daughter Cecilia 14 and a son Mark 4. They are members of the United Methodist Church.

Under the plan of merger, the Wachovia Corporation, parent firm of Wachovia Bank and Trust, would issue 120,000 shares of stock in exchange for the 120,000 shares of stock held by shareholders of Citizens Bank and Trust.

Shareholders of the Andrews bank would receive

one share of Wachovia Corporation stock for each share of Citizens Bank and Trust Company stock they hold at the time of merger.

Wachovia Bank and Trust, founded in 1879, has capital funds exceeding 1.6 billion. It has 119 banking offices in 43 North Carolina cities.

Mike Hughes Injured In Camping Accident

Michael Hughes, 15 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ed Hughes of Murphy, was injured in a camping accident at approximately 9:00 p.m., Monday night.

Hughes and five companions were camping in the Big Cove Section of Jackson County, when a tree limb fell on his head, striking him in the head. Three of the companions left the injured youth and hiked three miles in the darkness to the nearest house on Big Cove Road, about 12 miles from Cherokee. When the boys reached the nearest house they awoke the occupants who telephoned rescue workers. Nearly four hours had passed since the accident before help was contacted.

Members of the Cherokee and Swain County rescue units answered the call for help. They felt their way in and out of the rough mountains where the terrain was so steep that the rescue workers had to use ropes to pull themselves up the slopes.

Ten and a half hours after he was injured, rescue workers were able to carry him out of



MIKE HUGHES

the rough mountainous area in a military type stretcher and to the C. J. Harris Community Hospital in Sylva.

Mrs. Hughes told the Scout Wednesday morning that Mike was in satisfactory condition and that he suffered a skull fracture, a concussion and a broken collarbone from the accident.

Green Beret Conduct Training In Nantahala National Forest

By Lt. Richard Underkofler

Nearly 450 U. S. Army "Green Berets" of the 6th Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, North Carolina are participating in a month long field training exercise in the Nantahala National Forest. They will be headquartered high in the mountains East of Andrews, with their logistical support base located at the airfield in Andrews. Training will be conducted in three phases to last throughout the month of June.

"A" detachments consisting of 12 men, will first train in mountain skills on some of the most rugged terrain of the Eastern United States. They will learn land navigation procedures for going over mountains, if possible to go around them.

Following a practical exercise problem to test their mountain traveling skills, the "Green Berets" will conduct water training operations on Lake Nantahala. Here, they will learn expedient methods of water navigation and

survival, expedient rafts, and portage techniques. They will be taught to prepare landing zones for aircraft landings, tested by an Army U-10 Aircraft actually landing on the lake.

The final phase will consist of a mock unconventional warfare situation. The "A" teams will be briefed on specific missions to perform common to guerrilla warfare, then will be deployed throughout the Nantahala area to conduct strategic patrolling and special operations type missions. Meanwhile, a counterinsurgent force will be inserted into the problem to seek out the guerrillas and defend vital targets.

A varied environment for training is common for the Special Forces soldier since he may be called upon to perform missions anywhere in the world. Most of these troops are Viet Nam veterans and have been trained in the snow of Alaska to the deserts of the South West.

The Devil As A Printing Partner

The Devil and I have had lots of trouble in our time. Somehow or other we two never could get along very well together, although we have been very closely associated, and I have found his assistance quite indispensable in the printing and newspaper publishing business.

He has been at my elbow with annoying persistency day in and day out, and sometimes it has been hard to tell which was boss of the office. Strangers coming in during busy hours would think he was running the concern and occasionally I have been in doubt on that point myself.

Saturday nights in the office of the Whisky Slide Bungstarter used to be trials to the soul of the able editor of that enterprising journal. There was always the devil to pay then, and advertisers used to think the paper ought to take its pay in quartz-crushers amalgamating pans and windmills, which were not legal tender in the camp.

By the way, I trust I have made it clear that the devil I'm speaking of is not the ordinary, orthodox, personal devil of history - the chap at whom Martin Luther pegged the inkstand, although there is a striking similarity in traits, and I have more than once essayed the Luther act with my devil.

Whisky Slide was a hurrah town in the Sour-Mash Mining District. The Bungstarter was the local paper, and I had to take it, name and all, or bend the whole weight of my intellect to the less dangerous but more precarious pursuit of horse-stealing.

Being a poor rider, and having a shotgun that would scatter so as to cover the door from the desk, I put aside conscientious scruples and consented to mold public opinion in Whisky Slide for what I could make out of the paper.

To return to the devil and the dance he led me. Talk about typographical errors! The Bungstarter committed some of the most stupendous typographical errors on record.

The editor had to hide out in the chapparral for a week at a time on account of them.

The devil's duties in the office were numerous. He built the fires, of course, and interrupted the train of editorial thought every ten seconds by coming in and demanding copy in a hard, most insistent, authoritative tone, that was calculated to incite a riot or an editorial revolt.

When he wasn't making a wild-eyed lunatic of the editor, he was sticking type or incorrecting galleys. His genius ran mostly toward making the Bungstarter impart interesting and lurid misinformation of an electric character.

Slide was buried. These two events just happened to take place in the order mentioned, and are not intended to be stated as cause and effect.

The Bungstarter had reports of the speech and the funeral sermon in the afternoon. The report of the speech was rather heavy being the work of a young man from college who was a journalist and scraped up local news. I told the foreman to have the speech livened up with the usual parenthetical notes. He sent the job to the devil, who got hold of the wrong galley, of course.

When the paper came out that funeral service was a daisy effort. It was something like this:

"We look for the last time upon the features of one who but a few short days ago was in the prime of life and health. (Cheers) A wise providence has been fit to take him away from our midst (applause), and we bow humbly in submission. He was a kind father, a faithful husband (laughter), a

public-spirited, upright citizen, and a conscientious, scrupulous man of business. (Roars of laughter).

"Take him in all, we never shall look upon his like again. (Prolonged applause)."

The above is only a sample of that sermon-report as it appeared after the devil got through monkeying around with it. The Mayor's family and friends felt hurt, and when the minister came round and fired six 44-caliber bullets through the window, I inferred from my position behind the door of the safe that he was also displeased.

When the ripple of excitement had subsided, I returned from over the divide and wrote a touching obituary of the journalist from Harvard who was really a better long-distance runner than I, but didn't start soon enough after the paper came out.

The unfortunate affair was explained as a typographical error, and the Mayor's widow squarred herself with the

deceased journalist by planting dahlias on his grave.

He was a nice young man, even before he was buried, but he didn't have the "sabe" and presence of mind requisite for success as a newspaperman in Whisky Slide. No doubt he has gone to a pleasanter place, whichever trail he took.

Another of the devil's duties was painting bulletins with shoe blacking. He was scrupulously literal in that work. One day we had a lot of guff in the paper about the doings of the Legislature and the new bills passed. The bulletin was crowded.

I had sent down more lines than the devil could letter in time, so I made marks against some of them and added an instruction to the matter-of-fact fiend: "Anything marked X can be killed." The bulletin put out read this way:

"New Live Stock bill passed.

Jonathan Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dickey, Tina McKeever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart McKeever, Robert Gee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gee.

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