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Tri-County Shows Rapid Growth In Four Years

During the past four years, more than 4000 citizens residing in the Tri-County area have received some type of training offered by Tri-County Technical Institute.

In the first year of operation, 1965-66, there were eight extension classes, all of them meeting two nights per week at Murphy High School. These courses included: typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, and adult basic education, with a total enrollment of approximately 170 students. Adults from Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and the Nantahala area of Macon County were enrolled in these classes.

Full-time curriculum courses began in the summer of 1966 with two training programs: masonry and carpentry. These classes met five days per week for twelve months and were held at Tri-County Technical Institute. The total enrollment was 21.

Enrollment and the number of curriculum training programs continued to increase through 1966-67; 1967-68 and the present year 1968-69. We now have six full-time training programs with a total enrollment of 79. All of the classes are meeting at Tri-County Tech, five days each week, for at least one year or longer.

During this same time from July 1, 1968 through June 1969, we have had a total of 139 classes in extension. These classes have been meeting one to two nights each week for short periods of time from 30 to 150 hours.

Meetings are held in various school and community buildings located in Hayesville, Robbinsville, Andrews, Marble, Hiwassee Dam, Martins Creek, Unaka, Peachtree, Murphy, White Church, Mountain View, Stecoah, Shooting Creek, Snowbird Community, Elf, Fontana, Ogden, and other communities. The total enrollment in these extension classes has been 1909.

According to officials at Tri-County, requests for new training and educational programs are coming into the office almost daily. These include full-time curriculum programs as well as extension courses. They said that any new full-time curriculum programs can be offered at the institute, it will be necessary to have additional ground space and buildings. The present buildings are now being used to maximum capacity. Parking space is also at a premium.

The present site, former State Prison Camp, was purchased by Cherokee County from the State of North Carolina in 1965. The original site included four buildings. Since that time three buildings have been constructed in an effort to provide training programs that the people were demanding.

The fact that all these buildings, including the three new ones, are not adequate to meet the needs is a definite indication of the unusually rapid growth in enrollment and training programs during the short period of time Tri-County Technical Institute has been in operation.

Green Beret Trooper Missing

The search continues for Staff Sergeant John P. Soychak who was reported missing during a training mission on Nantahala Lake late Sunday night.

Staff Sergeant Soychak, 27, was with "C" Company, 6th Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, N. C. which is in the area on field training maneuvers during the month of June.

The sergeant was reported missing after the boat which he and two companions occupied struck a floating log and overturned about 11:20 p.m. Sunday.

The aluminum "safety" boat owned by Dr. C. O. Van Corder was being used on a routine training mission during the small boat training phase of Field Training Exercise in the Nantahala National Forest. It was being used to accompany a number of rubber rafts across the lake when the accident occurred.

According to reports, the two companions of Soychak managed to get safely to shore but the life preserver worn by Soychak failed to function properly and he started swimming toward land. After getting to within ten feet of shore he apparently panicked and went under.

Those present immediately dived for him but were unable to find him in the dark, according to members of the "Green Beret".

Members of the Andrews, Murphy, Franklin, and Wayah Rescue Squads are assisting Army Scuba Teams in the search for Soychak's body, with divers being sent down into areas where the water is over 200 feet deep.

Soychak, a native of Pennsylvania, was making his home on base at Fort Bragg before being sent on this training maneuver. He has served a period of time in Vietnam and had returned home only a few months prior to this assignment. According to reports, he was previously with the Signal Corps, and had been with the Special Forces Group only a short time.



Three North Carolina State Forest Rangers are shown working on the Forest Ranger work center at Peachtree. The Rangers are doing their own construction work because of lack of funds. The building will consist of three offices and a workshop. A 1500 foot air-strip will be located directly behind the building.

State Forest Rangers Building Work Center

North Carolina State Forest Rangers from Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties are in the process of constructing a work center headquarters in the Peachtree section of Cherokee County.

The work center will consist of three offices, and a fully equipped workshop, where the Rangers will be able to do their own welding, grinding of tools and repairing of equipment. The center will have a 98 foot tower for communication purposes within the three county area. A 1500 foot air-strip at the center will provide landing for the North Carolina Forest Service plane which is stationed in Asheville. The offices will be used by Rangers from Cherokee and Clay Counties. Graham County will have use of the workshop.

Ranger Headquarters in the past have been located at Ranger Harold Hatchett's home in Murphy on the Andrews Highway.

Seven Rangers and their assistants from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties are constructing the building themselves because of the lack of funds. According to Cherokee County Ranger Harold Hatchett they only had \$10,000 to apply to the material and construction of the building after purchasing the property for the site from the North Carolina Highway Commission. Hatchett said he had been working for this for the past 20 years. He said the people were not as concerned as they should be about protecting their forest, "they spend pennies to protect our forest while millions are being spent to encourage tourists to come to this area and view our beautiful mountains".

Ranger Hatchett said he hoped to have a fire plow and a hauling unit by the beginning of the fire season, which begins around the first of October and lasts until the end of May. "With the additional equipment and facilities we should be better equipped to do a more efficient job than we have been able to do in the past," Hatchett said. He said that additional funds were desperately needed to carry out their planned program and that the North Carolina Forest Service needed additional personnel to fight the Southern Pine Beetle. "The Pine Beetle could deal a fatal blow to the pine timber in Western North Carolina which would cost the people millions of dollars if they are not exterminated."

Separate Accidents Injures Four Persons

Three persons were injured in a freak accident Saturday at approximately 5:30 p.m. when they fell from a truck loaded with hay.

According to witness, the truck was traveling, East from Murphy on Highway 64 when the load of hay shifted throwing the youths to the pavement.

Paul Smith, 25, is in an Atlanta hospital suffering from a broken jaw, and serious face abrasions. Steve Wells, 16, suffered a fractured thumb and bruises.

Johnny Palmer, 13, is in the Providence Hospital suffering from a fractured arm and serious face abrasions.

City Policeman Tommy Palmer, a witness of the accident, said that it was lucky that no one was killed.

In another accident reported, Clyde Wells, 31, of Rt. 4, Murphy was injured in a motorcycle-automobile collision, Monday morning at approximately 7:55 a.m.

According to policeman, Roy Almond, Kenneth James Teague of Rt. 1, Murphy was attempting a left turn at the square in Murphy in the direction of Peachtree when Reid, approaching the red light from the west, struck the automobile.

Reid was taken to the Providence in Murphy suffering facial and head injuries. He is reported in good condition.

Teague was charged with failure to yield-right-of-way.

Six Communities Compete In Program

A total of 98 organized communities in 16 counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation are participating in the 1969 Western North Carolina Community Development Program, according to an announcement by Morris L. McGough, executive vice-president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and William Parton of Drexel, area chairman of the program. Entry deadline was May 15.

Six communities in Cherokee county are among the entrants this year. These are Happy Top, Marble, Peachtree, Texanna, Tomotla and Unaka.

Commissioner Election Bill Is Put To Rest

The ghosts of a bitter partisan battle over the method of electing commissioners in Cherokee County were resurrected Tuesday - just long enough to give the controversy a decent burial.

The two bills with which Democrats and Republicans conducted warfare for weeks were resting peacefully side by side in the House Local Government Committee until Tuesday.

Such had been their fate since a truce was declared some time ago when a "compromise" measure to elect three commissioners from realigned districts was enacted by the General Assembly.

Neither of the major participants in the now-dead controversy - Democratic Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Canton and republican Sen. Herman H. (Bull) West of Murphy - were present for the last rites.

Messer and West, now friendly to the extent they can joke about partisan politics

Driving Under The Influence Heads Court Docket Again

The Cherokee County District Court met in regular session Monday, June 16, with the Honorable Robert Leatherwood, III presiding.

Of the 98 cases before the court, driving under the influence topped the list with public drunkenness second and speeding third.

Proceedings before the two day court were:

State-vs-Willard Crawford, charged with assault with deadly weapon, case continued.

State-vs-Carl Harry Hickey, charged with Breaking, entering and larceny, case continued.

State-vs-Wayne Dockery, charge, breaking, entering, and larceny, case continued.

State-vs-Delbert Wayne Hickey, charge, breaking, entering and larceny, case continued.

State-vs-Carl Dockery, charge, breaking, entering and larceny, case continued.

State-vs-J. R. Chambers, charge, driving under the influence, case continued.

State-vs-Lawrence Loran Lyles, charge Driving under the influence, and concealed weapon, case continued.

State-vs-Oscar McClure, charge Public Drunkenness, plea not guilty, sentenced 30 days to 6 months. Appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Allen Wise, charge, possession stolen goods, plea not pros with leave.

State-vs-Garland William Piercy, charge driving under the influence, plea not guilty, found guilty, fined \$100 and cost and surrender drivers license.

State-vs-Gerald Dan Whit, charge, speeding 70 in a 55 mile zone. Continued until next session.

State-vs-John Dee McDonald, charge driving under the influence and possession, continued.

State-vs-Billy Ralph Owenby, charge driving under the influence, called and failed judgement absolute on cash bond. Defendant, resident of Ga. Nol pros with leave.

State-vs-Brenda Sue Price, charge, driving under the influence, fined \$125.00 and cost.

State-vs-Howard Vincent Jones, charge, exceeding safe speed, pay cost.

State-vs-Andrew Green, charge Fail to stop for accident, Nol pros.

State-vs-Anthony William Hunter, Forest Park, Ga., charge speed excess 120; reckless driving; fail to stop. Called and failed judgement absolute on cash bond nol pros with leave.

State-vs-Ray Reagan, Pigion Forge, Tenn, charge, Driving under the influence, called and failed judgement absolute on cash bond. Nol pros with leave.

State-vs-Ronald Burt McInturf, charge driving under the influence, and revoked license, continued until next session.

State-vs-Thomas B. Smith, Tennessee, charge Speeding 79 in a 55 mile zone, continued until next session.

State-vs-Leonard Clontz, charge, threaten state witness, continued until next session.

State-vs-Mrs. Henry Dotson, charge disorderly conduct, continued until next session.

State-vs-Joseph Bryant, charge reckless driving, called and failed and judgement absolute on cash bond, nol pros with leave.

State-vs-J. V. Palmer, charge, public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days to 6 months appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Albert Walden Hatchett, charge, driving under the influence, 2nd, case continued.

State-vs-Robert Lee Berrong, charge speeding 75 in a 55 mile zone, found guilty and court cost, \$25.00 fine and surrender license.

State-vs-Kenneth James, charge public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days to 6 months and appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Paul Hedden, charge public drunkenness, fined 10.00 and cost.

State-vs-Herbert Michael Hogan, charge driving while license revoked, continued until next session.

State-vs-Tut McArthur Westmoreland, Chatsworth, Ga., charge, driving under the influence, called and failed judgement absolute on cash bond, nol pros with leave.

State-vs-Randall Barton, charge, resist arrest, sentenced 90 days suspended 9 months fined \$25.00 and court cost.

State-vs-Randall Barton, charge public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and cost.

State-vs-Dallas Wilcox, charge hit and run, continued.

State-vs-Daniel Wade O'Dell, charge fail to give audible signal, plea not guilty, pay court cost and repair own damages.

State-vs-Thomas Marshall Jacobs, charge, fail to see if movement could be made in safety, plead not guilty, found guilty, pay court cost and repair own damages.

State-vs-John Kyle Mason, Jr., charge, no insurance, no inspection, improper registration, Pay Cost for registration, and charge of no insurance, nol pros.

State-vs-Celeste Martin Rast, charge fail to decrease speed to avoid accident, continued until next session.

State-vs-Gene Allen Hatchett, charge, speeding 75 in 55 mile zone, driving under the influence, guilty, pay cost plus \$125.00 surrender license, second charge 90 days, suspended for 9 months, fined \$25.00.

State-vs-Hugh Thomas Penland, charge driving under the influence, continued until next session.

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State-vs-William Mitchell Hughes, charge, speeding 75 in 55 mile zone, called and failed and judgement absolute on cash bond, nol pros with leave.

State-vs-Wayne Ladd, charge driving under the influence, case dismissed.

State-vs-William Francis Stalcup, charge driving under the influence, continued until July 22.

State-vs-Vernon Waldroup, charge driving on wrong side of road, pay cost.

State-vs-Varnell Rufus Waldroup, Robbinsville, charge speeding 70 in 55 mile zone, driving under the influence. Fined \$125.00 and cost and surrender license, speeding heard fined \$15.00.

State-vs-Tom Nelson Craig, charge speeding 70 in 55 mile zone, guilty, \$125.00 fine and surrender application for duplicate license, driving under the influence, pay \$15.00 fine.

State-vs-Clifton Ray McCray, charge speeding 68 in 55 mile zone; license revoked, pay \$15.00, case continued.

State-vs-Willard Taylor, charge, Trespass, Prayer for judgement continued for 18 months on conditions that he pay cost and not trespass on lands of prosecuting witness.

State-vs-Ruth Painter, public drunkenness, Sentence not less than 30 days or more than 6 months to be assigned to custody of Commissioner of Correction Womens Division, and appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Homer Amos Long, Tellico Plains, Tenn, charge driving under the influence, called and failed and judgement absolute on cash bond, nol pros with leave.

James Clifford Rogers, charge, exceeding safe speed, plea not guilty, guilty verdict, fined \$50.00 and cost pay repair bill of prosecuting witness automobile.

State-vs-James Ronny Killian, charge speeding 78 in 55 mile zone. Fined \$30.00 and cost surrender license.

State-vs-Roy J. Stanley, charge driving under the influence, fined \$100.00 and cost and surrender license.

State-vs-T. C. Beavers, charge public drunkenness, plea guilty, found in contempt of court sentenced 20 days.

State-vs-Frank Palmer, charge, damage to personal property, sentenced 9 months suspended two years, pay cost and make restitution.

State-vs-James (Peg) Palmer, charge public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days to 6 mo. appealed to superior court.

State-vs-Lee Ellen Pearson, charge, public drunkenness, plea guilty, fined \$10.00 and cost.

State-vs-Hayden Johnson, charge public drunkenness, cost \$25.00 and court cost.

State-vs-Hoyt Rowland, charge public drunkenness, guilty, court cost, \$50.00 fine, 30 day to 6 months suspended for 12 months.

State-vs-Robert Estip, charge driving under the influence, continued until next session.

State-vs-John Lee Colvard, charge driving under the influence, case continued.

State-vs-Jack Dean Dockery, charge, driving under the influence, continued until next session.

State-vs-Bobby Joe Nelson, charge, speeding 73 in a 55 mile zone, called and failed and judgement absolute on cash bond, nol pros with leave.

State-vs-Walter Drury Tyree, charge speeding 73 in 55 mile zone, called and failed and judgement absolute on cash bond nol pros with leave.

State-vs-H. G. Curtis, charge, worthless check, case continued.

State-vs-Frank Palmer, charge drunk and disorderly, plea not guilty, sentenced 20 days suspended on condition that he pay fine of \$25.00 and cost.

State-vs-Willard C. Southard, charge driving on wrong side of road, called and failed.

State-vs-Elmo Boyd Riddle, charge reckless driving, fined \$25.00 and cost.

State-vs-Melvin Bruce Carver, charge speeding 90 in 55 mile zone, fined \$100.00 and cost and surrender license.

State-vs-Ray McClure, charge with public drunkenness, called and failed and judgement absolute on cash bond, capias to issue and double the bond.

State-vs-Kenneth James, charge with public drunkenness, sentenced to 30 days to 6 months. Appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Roy James Stanley, charge N.O.L.; No. Reg. No Ins.; No Insp. prayer for judgement, continued on payment of cost.

State-vs-Michael Vasques, charge N.O.L.; follow too close, he is to pay cost of repair bill for two automobiles, court cost and \$25.00.

State-vs-Jerry George Leming, charge, transporting beer, plea not guilty, verdict guilty, fined \$25.00 and cost.

State-vs-Albert McClure, charge public drunkenness, called and failed.

State-vs-Climpson Moss, charge, Driving with license revoked, fined \$200.00 and cost.

State-vs-Paul Charles Crisp, charge speeding 65 in 55 mile zone, \$10.00 fine, reckless driving, \$50.00 and cost.

State-vs-Gary Virgil McClure, charge reckless driving, fined \$25.00 and cost.

State-vs-Richard Carter, charge injury to personal property, case dismissed.

State-vs-Marilyn Anita Postell, A&A, driving under the influence, called and failed.

State-vs-Pat Jones, charge assault, plea not guilty, found not guilty.

State-vs-Ralph Roberson, Obstruct Officer, plead not guilty, verdict not guilty.

State-vs-Marie McKinney, charge, resist, plea not guilty, verdict guilty, sentenced 30 days suspended 6 months fined \$50.00 and cost and ordered to keep the peace.

State-vs-Leslie McKinney, charge, resist, plea not guilty, verdict guilty, sentenced 30 days suspended 6 months, fined \$50.00 and court cost.

State-vs-Billy McKinney, assault on female, plea not guilty verdict guilty, fined \$50.00 and cost and keep the peace.

State-vs-Oscar McClure, charge public drunkenness, plea not guilty, sentenced 30 days to 6 months and appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Vaughn Grant, public drunkenness, pay cost of court.

State-vs-Ernest Byers, charge public drunkenness, \$50.00 and cost.

State-vs-Paul Hedden, charge public drunkenness, \$10.00 and cost.

State-vs-Edgar Nichols, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and cost.

State-vs-James Palmer, charge public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days to 6 months appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Oscar McClure, charge public drunkenness, plea not guilty, sentenced 30 days to 6 months appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Oscar McClure, charge public drunkenness, plea not guilty sentenced 30 days to 6 months. Appealed to Superior Court.

State-vs-Oscar McClure, charge public drunkenness, previous sentence placed into effect.

The next session of District Court will be July 7-8.

Monitoring Course To Be Held At Sylva

A Radiological Monitoring Training Course will be offered for key personnel in the six Western Counties of Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay and Cherokee. The course is scheduled to begin Monday, June 23rd, at the Robbinsville Rescue Squad building with Mr. R. G. Robinson instructing. The comprehensive 16 hour course will be completed in four meetings from 6:30 to 10:30, Monday through Thursday.

Certificates will be issued upon completion of this program.

Members of Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, Civil Defense Personnel, Law Enforcement. Agencies and many other service personnel operate at the mercy of "luck" without trained monitors.

Mr. George Maddrey, State Civil Defense Director has given whole hearted support for this training program.

There is no cost for this training.

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The school hopes that more children will attend classes this summer, because, the day camp offers much to children who share the same problems.

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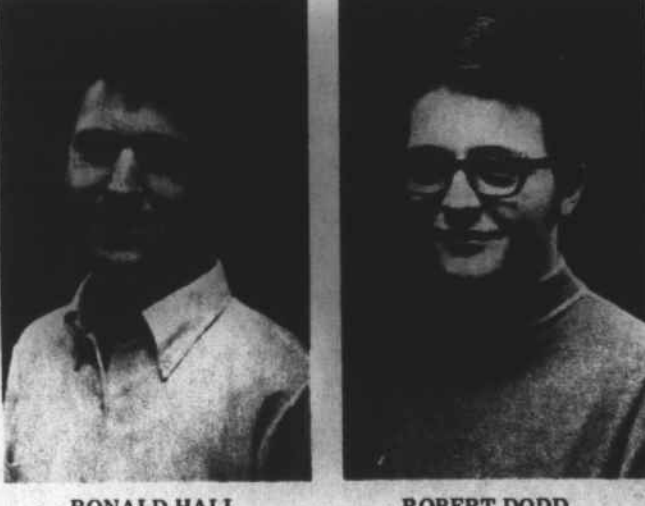
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Special Forces Group Aid In Search For Boy

The 6th Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, N. C. who are presently stationed in our area are assisting in the search for the 7-year-old boy lost in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Mr. Mike Meyers, Resource Management Officer for the park, requested the aid from the group's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Kinney who immediately dispatched an initial party of approximately 40 highly-trained "Green Berets" to aid in the search.

In addition to this and other rescue workers, two Army UH-1 helicopters and one communication van has been dispatched to the scene near Cades Cove in the park, just across the Tennessee state line, near Gatlinburg.



RONALD HALL ROBERT DODD

Two Duke Divinity Students To Minister In Campgrounds

Two Divinity Students from Duke University will be working in our area during the summer months. They will be working in two of our local campgrounds providing worship services for campers.

Ronald Hall, a senior at Duke Divinity School will be involved in a camp ministry at the Jackrabbit Mountain Campground in Hayesville. He will be holding services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at the campground. He is living in Hayesville and will have responsibilities in various local Methodist Churches.

Robert Dodd, a midlevel at Duke Divinity School, is working on a summer internship in our area also. He will be conducting a ministry at the Hanging Dog Campground, where he will be visiting various campsites and holding worship services for campers at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Robert will also be preaching in various churches in the Murphy area. His ministry will last for five weeks, when another Duke Divinity student will replace him.