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Tri-County Raceway Under New Management

Jack Wimpey, President of Tri-County Raceway, Inc. announced today that the 1/4 mile clay track has been placed under new management. Billy A. Smith, a Forsyth County, Ga Raceway owner has accepted the management position at Tri-County and will be in charge of the tracks operation and track promotion.

Wimpey said, "I also feel that Billy Smith, with his many years experience in the racing business will enhance Tri-County and promote bigger and better racing in Cherokee County," Wimpey stated. After being closed for a week to reclay the track and make other improvements, Tri-County will re-open Saturday night. Also scheduled for Saturday night is a wheelbarrow race and a drawing for a boys or girls bicycle. Tickets for the drawing will be given to each child under 12 years of age as they enter the gates.



CHARLES S. JOHNSON

Johns Is New Manufacturing Director

Charles S. Johnson has been appointed Director of Manufacturing at the American Thread Company effective September 1, John B. Love, President, has announced. In his new capacity Johnson will have overall responsibility for all of American Thread's manufacturing and finishing facilities as well as its general engineering, operations, industrial engineering and production planning functions. He has been serving as General Manager, Southern Plants, since May, 1965.

Johnson joined American Thread in 1939 and progressed through a series of supervisory posts becoming Assistant General Manager of its Willimantic, Connecticut plant in 1961. He was advanced to Manager of the Sevier, North Carolina Finishing plant in the Fall of 1962.

Johnson attended Wentworth Institute in Boston and the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida and served as a Captain in the United States Air Force during World War II. He is married to the former Evelyn Hawley and has two sons, Timothy and Charles, Jr. and two daughters, Debra and Candace.

He succeeds William H. Burton, Jr. who has resigned from his post with the company to accept a position with another firm.

American Thread is a leading manufacturer of cotton and synthetic thread and yarn for industrial and home use.

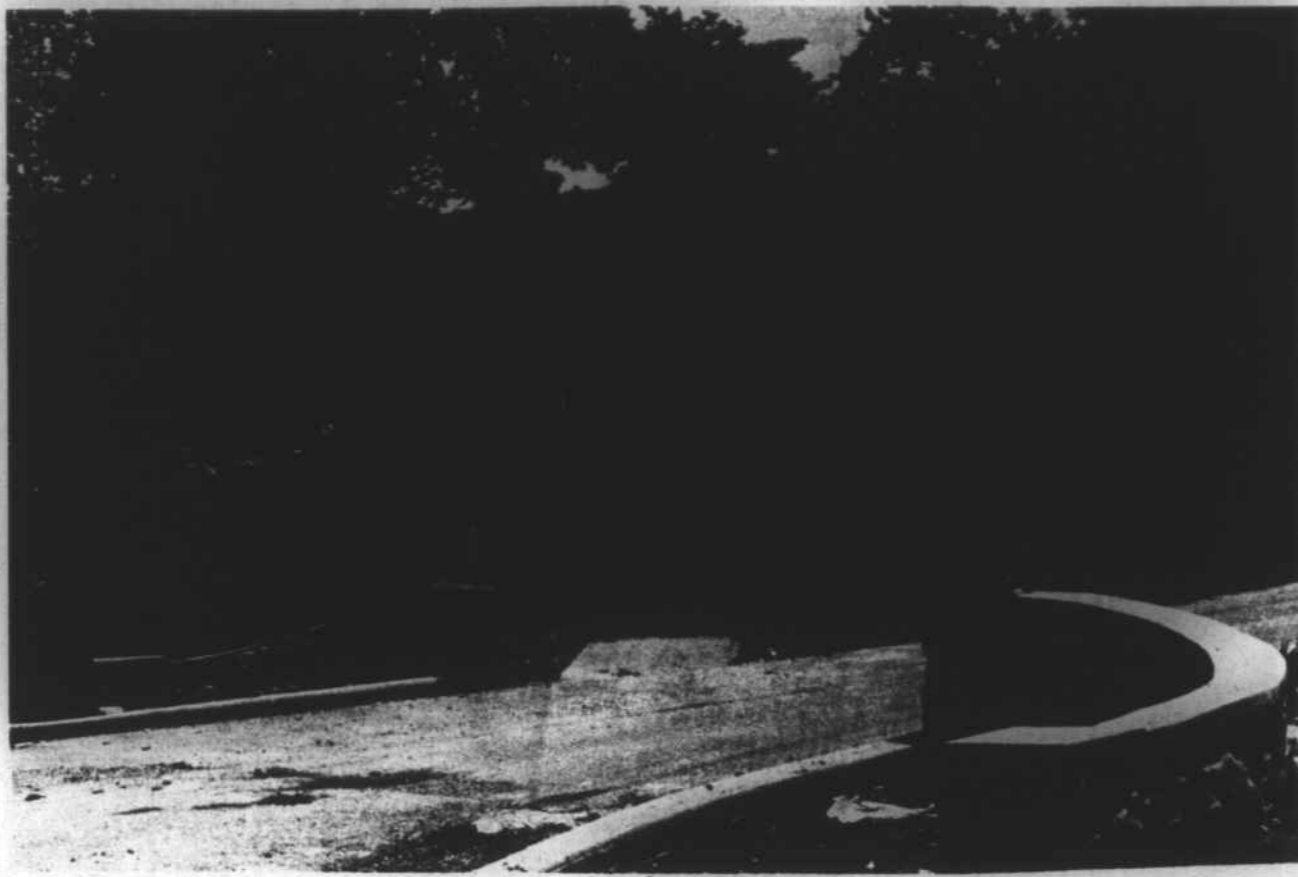
New Shoe Store To Open Friday

A new shoe store, called the "Shoe Box" is opening Friday in Murphy. Ella Jean Wells, owner of the store said that the Shoe Box will sell better shoes for ladies and children. The store will be located beside the Fabric Shop in the old Merle Norman Building. In addition to shoes the store will sell ladies handbags, ladies hose, terry scarves, umbrellas, gloves, scarfs, American Tourister Luggage and other accessory items. Ella Jean is a Nurse Anesthetist and was previously employed in Atlanta and the District Memorial Hospital in Andrews.

Tomato Market Opens In Area

The Murphy tomato market opened its doors for this year's tomato crop on Tuesday July 15. It was reported that 35 growers had tomatoes ripe enough to market on opening day. More than 90 growers are expected to begin marketing activities through the local packing shed within the next two weeks. The shed is now operated under entirely new ownership and management. Mr. Way Abel of Canton, N. C. is the new owner and has re-named the shed the Pigeon Valley Tomato Packing Company (formerly Horton Purchasing Company). Mr. Abel has insisted that the Murphy market has great potential for developing into a very strong and active complex.

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W.D. Townson Memorial Completed

The stone entrance to the Sunset Cemetery in Murphy built as a memorial to Mr. Dave Townson has been completed, although, not enough money has been donated to pay for the construction cost. Those wishing to make a donation please contact Mrs.

Rosemond Mattox, chairman of the Murphy Garden Club committee in charge. Evergreen shrubs are needed to plant in front of the wall. The Club will be happy to accept any shrubs any one wishes to donate.

Twenty-Five Driving Under The Influence Cases Heard In County District Court

The Cherokee County District Court met in regular session Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22, and 23, with the Honorable Felix E. Alley, Jr., present and presiding, and Honorable James H. Howell, Jr., present and prosecuting. A total of 85 cases were on the docket for the two day session. Driving under the influence topped the docket with 25 cases being heard.

Public drunkenness was second with a total of 20 cases and speeding was third with eight cases being heard. Five felony cases were on the docket and six civil cases. The following proceedings were heard on matters pending before the court: State vs Willard Crawford, charge, A.W.D.W., this case is continued for the State and the defendant until August 4, 1969.

State vs Joby Cathey, charge, A.W.D.W., probable cause found. Bond set in the sum of \$500.00 for appearance in Superior Court. State vs Lee Ellen Pearson, charge, A. W. D. W. No probable cause found. Case dismissed. State vs Russell Pearson, charge, A.W.D.W. Probable cause found. Bond set in the sum of \$500.00 for appearance in Superior Court.

State vs Gene E. Pickens, charge, A.W.D.W. This case is continued for the State until August 4, 1969. State vs Jack Russell Craig, Jr. Speed 80-55, Plea: Guilty, Judgment: Fine \$50.00 and cost, and surrender license. State vs Bob Hedden, charge P. D. Plea: Guilty, Judgment: Sentenced 20 days to county jail and given credit for time served.

Mack Ray Retires As Leader Of Rural Renewal Authority

Mr. Mack Ray, Rural Renewal Program Leader for Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties, for the past four years announced Tuesday that he is retiring Thursday, July 31, after 30 years service with the Farmers Home Administration.

Ray came to this area from Yancey County where he was employed as a Farmers Home Administration Supervisor. He told the Scout Wednesday that he planned to return to his home in Burnsville, Yancey County, after retiring. Many worthwhile projects have been accomplished in the four years Ray has spent with the Rural Renewal Development Authority. Some of the major projects which have been undertaken by the R. R. program are the building of a 18-hole golf course near Murphy, a 18 hole golf course in Clay County, construction of the Malby and Mulkey Homesites. Projects in Murphy, the Andrews Patten Homesites near Andrews and the remodeling of the Andrews Murphy Airport.

Also a water and sewer project for the town of Andrews fifty low rent housing facilities, and plans were made and have been approved to

consolidate the three administrative school units of Cherokee County. This proposal was recommended by the Rural Development Authority.

In Clay County the Hayesville Homesites Project was the first activated R. R. project.

The Rural Renewal Authority Project is one of five such projects in the United States which began in 1965.

Ray is to be commended for the outstanding job he has done during his years of service.

Fort Hill Homesites in Graham County is officially open and an extension of the homesite is being planned, also a nine-hole golf course is under construction.



MACK B. RAY

Sister Mary Raphael Is New Administrator

Mother Mary Loreto Donovan, S. P. Major Superior of Sisters of Providence, during her visit to Providence Hospital, announce the appointment of Sister Mary Raphael as the new administrator of the hospital.

Before coming to Murphy, Sister Mary Raphael was at St. Vincent's Hospital (600 beds) in Worcester, Massachusetts in the administrative office for eight years. At St. Luke's Hospital (230 beds) in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for five years and she was also at Providence Hospital (250 beds) for four and one half years in Holy Oak, Massachusetts as

Superior and Assistant Administrator.

Sister Mary Raphael takes over the administration from Sister Mary Francis Xavier who has led the administration for twelve years, since the beginning of the operation of Providence Hospital.

The new administrator expressed her desire to work closely with the Community to meet the urgent needs for improved medical facilities in the Murphy area.



SISTER MARY RAPHAEL

Cancer Clinic Date Changed

The Cancer Clinic will be held Friday, August 8, at 1:00 p.m. at the Murphy Health Department.

This is for Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties. Call the Murphy Health Department for appointment. The number to call is 837-2311.

Dr. Walter Mauney is the new Director.

Scottish Rite Masons Make History

In March of this year the Scottish Rite Masons of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain Counties held a meeting that made history in Masonic circles. They secured petitions from 32 men in the area to receive the degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. On March 22, 1969, degree teams from Asheville came to Andrews and conferred or communicated the degrees 4th through 14th.

The Scottish Rite bodies for Western North Carolina were organized in 1892 in Asheville and this was the first time that any of the degrees had been conferred away from the Masonic Temple in Asheville.

On April 11, 1969, twenty-five of the above 32 men completed their journey through Scottish Rite Masonry by receiving the 32nd degree in Asheville.

But these men from Western North Carolina do not believe in resting on their laurels. Spearheaded by W.D. (Bill) Whitaker, Andrews Banker, they are at it again and are determined to better their accomplishments of last spring.

On Saturday, August 9, 1969, the officers of The Asheville Lodge of Perfection which has jurisdiction over this area, will hold a kick-off dinner meeting in Murphy. All Scottish Rite Masons in the five counties are invited to attend and bring any of their Blue Lodge Brothers who may be interested in coming into the Scottish Rite. If enough Candidates can be secured at the dinner meeting, degree

teams from Asheville will come to Andrews on Saturday, August 16 and confer the 7th, 11th, and 14th degrees. On the same day they will communicate the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, and 13th degrees on these candidates. In September these men will go to Asheville to receive the remainder of the Rite.

"This upsurge in interest in the Masonic Fraternity in this area is an indication of the alertness of its Citizens," Mr. Whitaker said. "This alertness has already been shown in the great progress made in new Churches, Schools, Hospitals and Industrial Complexes. And now, becoming more and more aware of the danger from communism and the other subversive elements, these men are turning to support the organization that is leading the fight against those that would destroy our form of government."

"The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is pouring money, power and influence into an effort to stem the tide of destruction that could, unless checked, wreck our great nation. So what is more natural than that these citizens, good and strong, should seek out and support an organization that is going all out to preserve the Country and the life that we all love," Mr. Whitaker stated.

"Nothing can stop men of this character, with the determination, it is the true spirit of America, the spirit that will keep in freedom," Mr. Whitaker stated.

Town Board Adopts Budget

The Murphy Town Board met in a special session Monday night and adopted the proposed town budget.

The tax rate was lowered from 2.10 per 100.00 valuation to 1.60 per 100.00, down 50 cents per 100.00 from last year. Although the tax rate was lowered 50 cents this does not mean a decrease in taxes. The board also approved a 15 per cent increase in the valuation of property. Last year the town appraised property at the rate of 45% of total property value. This year the board voted to raise the rate to 60% of total property value.

According to Murphy Town Clerk, C. E. Johnson this means a one and one-half per cent tax increase.

Town Board Adopts Budget

State vs James E. Rich, charge D.U.I., Plea: Not guilty, Verdict: Guilty, Judgment: Fine \$100.00 and cost, and surrender license. State vs Frank Beavers, charge, P. D., Plea: Guilty, Judgment: Prayer for judgment continued on payment of the cost.

State vs Ernest Dockery, charge, P. D. Plea: Guilty, Judgment: Fine \$10.00 and the cost.

State vs Melvin Benny Abernathy, charge, D. U. I. Continued for the State until August 4, 1969.

State vs Howard Willard Johnson, charge Speed 80-55, Plea: Guilty, Judgment: Fine \$50.00 and the cost, and surrender license. Not operate a motor vehicle until duly licensed.

State vs Frances Lorene Derreberry, D.U.I.: Revoked license; No Ins.; No Reg. Def. is called and failed. Judgment ni sci fa and capias.

State vs Thurman Grady Dockery, charge D.U.I. 2nd offense. Continued for the defendant until August 4, 1969.

State vs Agnes H. Morrison charge Wrong Side. Plea: Not guilty, Verdict: Not guilty.

State vs James Kenneth Dumas, Oneonta, Ala. charge D.U.I. Called and failed. Bond forfeited. Not pros with leave.

State vs Claude Wheeler charge D.U.I.: Resist. Continued for the defendant until August 4, 1969.

State vs Dock Coleman charge, Assault. Continued for the defendant until August 4, 1969.

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Apollo 11- Moon Mission

By Mayor Cloe Moore

To start with, I will have to back up a couple of months. Otis Gullledge, Mayor of Culberson, was in Florida visiting his son Bill, who is a student at the Florida Technical Institute when Apollo VIII was launched. Florida Technical Institute is located at Melbourne, which is about 35 miles south of the Kennedy Space Center. He

drove up the Cape Canaveral Highway to Patrick Air Force base and saw the launch from this highway. The more he had to say about it the more I was interested in seeing a vehicle launched, also.

I thought and thought about the Apollo 11 Moon Mission and decided this is the one to see. I started investigating the possibility of getting permits to the bleachers in the Kennedy Space Center. I

was advised by NASA that all seats had been committed for some months, but if I were driving my private automobile they would put my name on the list to park in the Parkway Center. I could then pick up my permit and passenger badges at the NASA Guest Center in Titusville during the period of July 13 and 16. This meant that I should arrive there at least one day ahead of

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