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4-H's To Seek Members

4-H Club members in Cherokee County will join more than three million other youth in the 50 states and Puerto Rico in celebrating National 4-H Week, Oct. 5-11.

There are 246 4-H members in the county, organized in 10 clubs. They plan no specific event but will use the week, and the publicity attending it, to try to get more members and begin planning for a Cherokee County 4-H alumni banquet sometime in the future.

Cherokee 4-H'ers have won their share of competitions and had five winners in the district demonstration day in June in Asheville. Lynn Loudemilk won in the dairy foods contest, Carlton Van Horn was the electric winner, Lynn Loudemilk also won in entomology, Debra Keener won in public speaking and Linda Pope was tops in sewing.

Steve Thompson, another Cherokee 4-H'er, was elected vice president of the 4-H Western District.

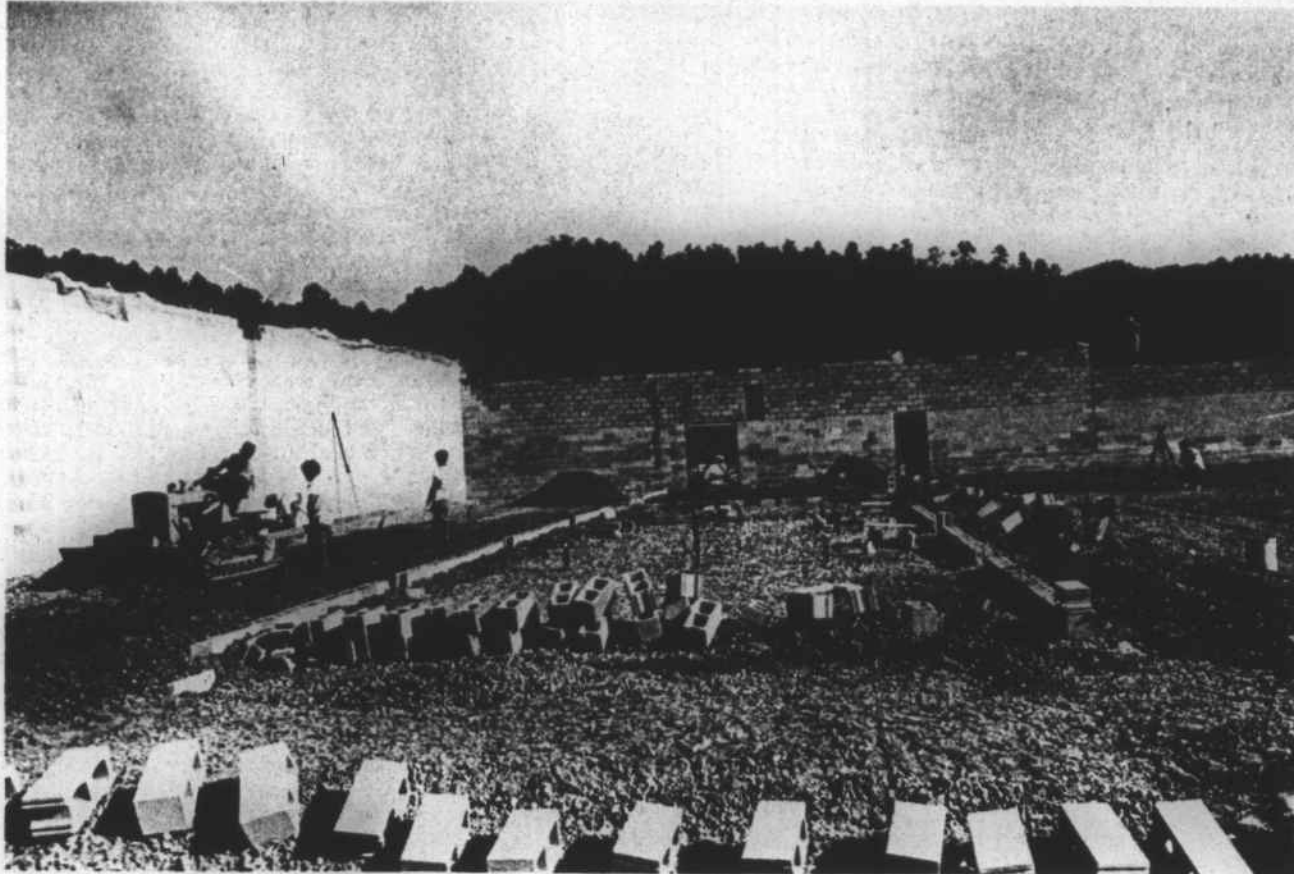
There are two adult leaders for each of the clubs, at Bellview, Hanging Dog, Hiwassee Dam, Martin's Creek, Murphy, Peachtree Senior, Peachtree Junior, Pleasant Valley, Tomolia and Cane Creek.

County leadership is provided by Jack Early, county extension agent; his assistant, Wendell Hedden; Pat Thompson, home economics agent; and two secretaries, Nancy Lunsford and Anna Mae Dewese.

The 4-H program is part of the national educational system of the Cooperative Extension Service. Tar Heel 4-H'ers receive training through programs conducted by N. C. State University and the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service through county agricultural and home economics agents.

"The theme of the special observance is '4-H: Opportunity for All,' according to Dr. T. C. Blalock, state 4-H leader at N. C. State University. "Our emphasis will be pointing out how 4-H benefits all boys and girls ages 9 to 19, of all cultural, racial and economic backgrounds and also to youth who live in town as well as in the country."

The 4-H'ers have a slogan, "To Do The Best Better" and their beliefs are presented in the Leader's Creed - "I believe in the good earth... that out of the rural homes come many of the strong, accomplishing men and women of the Nation... I shall do my best... to help build an efficient agriculture and homes of peace, beauty and honor all over America and throughout the world."



Levi Plant Construction On Schedule

By Wally Avett
Staff Writer

Work continues apace on the expansion of the Levi Strauss plant, all construction bosses confident that the new million dollar facility will be ready to move into by the first of January.

The one-story, 55,000-square-foot plant is being constructed on a knoll across the Valley River from US-19 about two miles east of Murphy. And the State Highway Commission is building a bridge across the river and a quarter-mile of asphalt highway, at no cost to

Levi Strauss, especially for the new plant.

Providing access for a sizeable new plant is not new, according to SHC District Engineer Bob Pattillo in Bryson City. "We did something similar for the Magnavox plant at Andrews and for American Thread when they built at Marble," Pattillo said.

Money, he added, comes from a state Access Fund in Raleigh, established several years ago. Total cost for the bridge and road will be about \$80,000, he said.

W. F. Jackson, boss on the bridge part of the construction job, said his gang's work is nearing completion. They have driven steel pilings into bedrock and a private company, on contract to the state, will come in to place a pre-stressed, pre-cast concrete roadway on top of the pilings to form the bridge.

H. G. Harper, the road boss, says his men have had to move a lot of dirt for the fill to support the road but will be finished soon. Paving of the roadway, he said, will have to wait for warmer weather next Spring.

Harrlee - Quattlebaum Construction Co. of Florence, S. C. is building the plant and Jerry Fields is the construction boss. His men have had good weather recently and the building is taking shape rapidly, cement block - brick facing walls well up on three sides.

Horace Cannon, Levi's plant manager here since 1965, said he plans to move machinery into the new structure on a weekend early in January, 1970, and begin production at the new site immediately. The buildup in employment and equipment will begin in February, he said.

Levi Strauss began operations in Murphy in 1963 in the Alverson Building and employs about 300. When the expansion is complete at the new plant, the payroll is expected to top 600.

The company had its beginnings in 1850 when Levi Strauss joined the California Gold Rush and began making canvas pants for the miners, whose constant working with rocks and hard outdoor life shredded conventional clothing at a rapid rate.

Today the company has annual sales of \$200 million and is one of the largest manufacturers of pants for men and boys. There is also a growing Levi's for Gals sportswear division.

The Murphy plant's production has been exclusively Levi's Sta-Prest permanent press sportswear pants. About 6 million pairs have been made here in the six years of operation.

Mrs. Brumby Named To Jury Commission

Former State Senator Mrs. Mary Fay Brumby of Murphy was named to the Cherokee County Jury Commission Tuesday in a special meeting of Cherokee County Commissioners.

She will serve a two-year term, replacing Ben Scott, who was named originally by the county commissioners when the Jury Commission started two years ago. She was appointed on an unanimous vote and her term begins Oct. 1.

The other two members of the Jury Commission will remain the same. Clerk of Superior Court Don Ramsey has re-appointed Joe Myers of Route 4, Murphy and Resident Superior Court Judge T. D. Bryson, Jr. has re-appointed Mrs. Helen VanGorder of Andrews.

Ramsey is expected to administer the oath of office to the three early next week. Each county in North Carolina has a Jury Commission composed of three members. One member is appointed by the senior regular resident superior court judge, one member by the Clerk of the Superior Court, and one member by the Board of Commissioners. The appointees serve for terms of two years.

It is the duty of the Jury Commission to prepare a list of prospective jurors to serve during the next two years from and after January 1, 1970. In preparing the list, the Jury Commission is required to use the tax list of the county and voter registration records, and

in addition, may use any other source of names deemed by it to be reliable, but is required to exercise reasonable care to avoid duplication of names.

The commission may use less than all of the names from any one source if it uses a systematic selection procedure, such as every second name, and provided the list contains approximately three times as many names as were drawn for jury duty in all courts in the county during the previous biennium.

Hungry Thief

Cherokee County Chief Deputy Sheriff Glenn Holloway is looking for a modern chicken thief - no squawking pullets or telltale feathers for this one.

The deputy reports that a home just outside Andrews was entered Monday and the chicken, ready for frying, was taken from a refrigerator. The thief also got a loaf of bread and a can of pork and beans. Nothing else in the home was disturbed.

Handicapped Workers Get Top Priority

Employment needs of handicapped workers receive top priority next week from the local office of the Employment Security Commission, manager Harley Hendricks reported today.

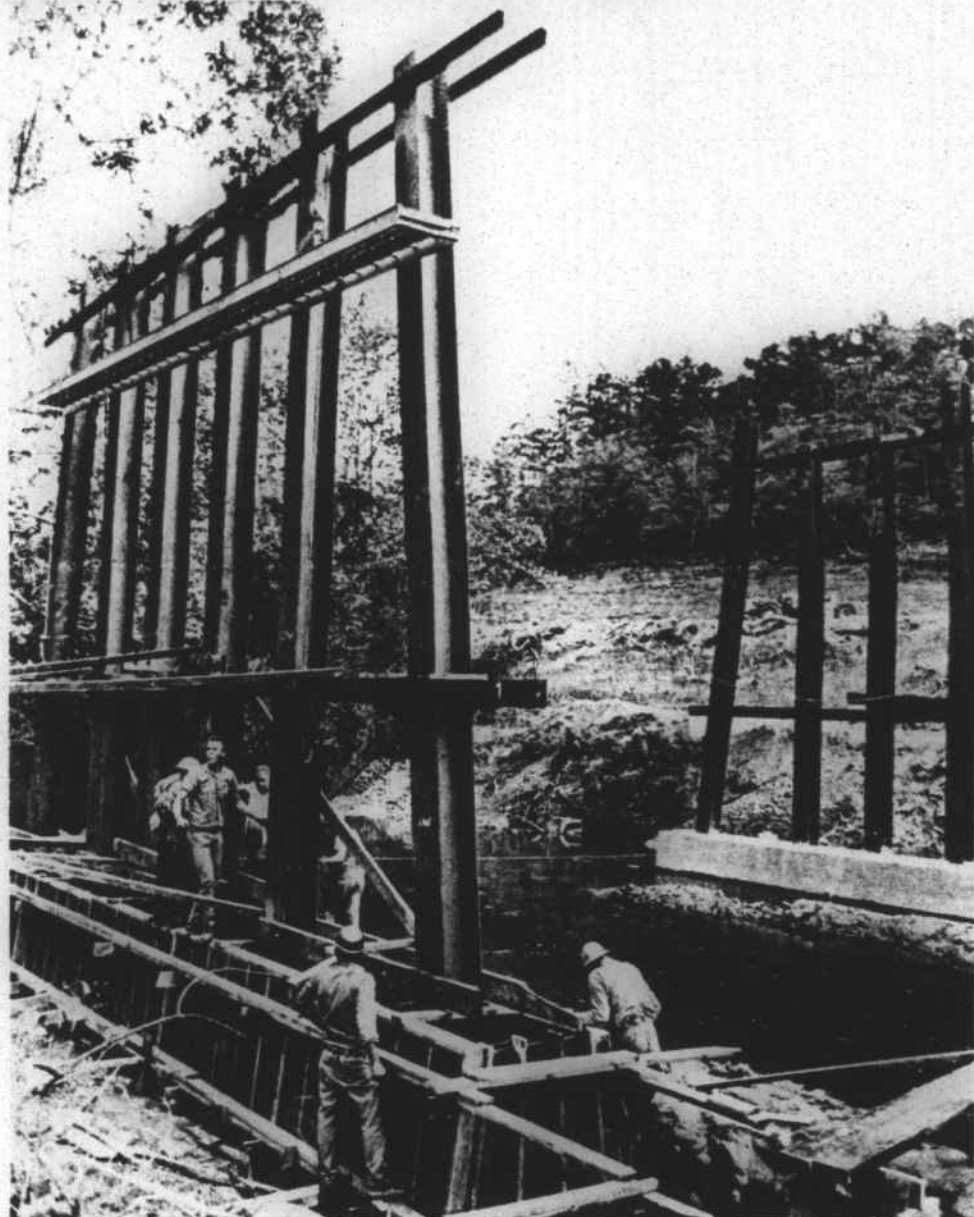
He said his office will participate in the statewide observance of national "Hire the Handicapped Week," October 6-10.

He said some employers in North Carolina make it a regular practice to include handicapped persons in their employment policies. Others, however, believe a physical or mental impairment eliminates the individual from the job market.

"This is not true," said Hendricks. "We must convince all employers that when a handicapped worker is placed in the right job, he does a good job, often out producing his able-bodied co-worker."

State employment officials report that vocational rehabilitation equips even the most severely handicapped for some types of jobs, and there are very few jobs in the state which cannot be filled by a handicapped worker.

In Cherokee County there are 35 handicapped applicants registered at the employment office. Hendricks said he hopes employers will give these applicants top consideration when filling their job openings.



Work Gangs Labor On Levi Project

With good weather, construction work on the new Levi Strauss plant east of Murphy is proceeding well, walls taking shape on three sides, top picture. Horace Cannon, local Levi's plant manager, plans to begin production at the new million-dollar plant in January. Workmen in the bottom picture labor around pilings in the Valley River to support a new bridge for access to the

plant. The bridge and access road will be supplied by the state for the new plant, costing about \$80,000. It's a common practice, according to State Highway Commission engineers. A concrete roadway will be laid on top of the steel pilings and the quarter-mile road will be readied soon, SHC foreman say, but paving will have to wait until warmer weather. (Staff Photos)

American Components To Expand

American Components, Inc., will double the size of its Hayesville plant when an expansion program, now under way, is completed.

According to Howard Mazza, company vice-president, the new addition to the building will be ready for occupancy about the first of the year. Plant floor-space will be doubled, from 12,000 to 24,000 square feet and the number of employees will be increased from the present 75 to 150.

Mazza, his wife and two small children have been living in the Qualla community. They recently purchased the R. L. Long house on Mill Street.



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Jim McCombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCombs. Eddie Fousts, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fousts. Gregory Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Barton. Steve Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn. Ritchie Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris.



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Women's National Champion To Perform Here

Miss Mary Gaffaney, holder of three national aerobatics championships, will be featured in the Andrews-Murphy Air Show at the airport Sunday, Oct. 5. Owner and operator of the Kendal Flying School at Miami, Fla., Miss Gaffaney holds two

women's championships for fancy flying and a third, won in unlimited competition. Piloting a custom-built Pitts Special biplane, she will give a 15-minute exhibition, climaxed by the German tumble, in which the plane comes tumbling toward earth, end-over-end.



Wally Avett... new managing editor

Scout Gets Editor

Wally Avett joined The Cherokee Scout this week as managing editor, according to an announcement by editor and publisher Jack Owens.

Avett, formerly with The Asheville Citizen, will be responsible for the news content of the newspaper with Owens retaining control of editorial policy.

A 1962 graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Avett has also worked as managing editor of the Statesville Record & Landmark, newspaper for KENI-TV in Anchorage, Alaska, general reporter for The Anchorage Daily Times and county reporter for the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram.

He is married to the former Geraldine Oliphant of Mooresville and they have three children. The Avetts are living on Valley River Avenue in Murphy.

Educational Innovations

Introduced At Hayesville

By Guy Padgett
Staff Writer

In a recent meeting with his faculty, Bobby Burch, principal of the Hayesville Elementary School, told teachers that "our school is no better than the community thinks it is". This writer could very well have added that the community will have no better opinion of their school than the opinion held and expressed by the faculty and student-body. In short, in order for an individual teacher to have the right kind of influence on his or her pupils, the pupil must respect the character and ability of the teacher.

The present administration of the Hayesville Elementary School, under the leadership of Burch, is putting into effect some new practices to enable the teachers to do a better job.

Most teachers are better qualified to teach one subject than some other subject in which they have little interest. With some reasoning similar to

this, they have completely departmentalized the seventh and eighth grades; with the following teachers in charge of these respective subjects:

EIGHTH GRADE: Jack Rogers, English and Literature; James R. Nelson, Social Studies and Health and Physical Education; James M. Kitchens, Science and Math.

SEVENTH GRADE: Mrs. Tommy Waldroup, Math and English, Micky Powell, Social Studies and Health & P. E.; Roy B. Lamkin, Science and Literature.

Another innovation in teaching methods is the dividing of classes according to ability. Classes are divided into three levels. If a child is especially good in math and not so good in English, he may be put in class Level One in math but dropped to Level Two or even to Level Three in English. Thus, the fast learning pupil is not held back by a slow learner and the slow learner is not rushed over subject matter without proper exposure.

