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Putting In The Rain

Managing smiles despite the shower, these golfers posed on the practice green Sunday afternoon as the Cherokee County Golf Course was opened for play. Left to right are pro Jack Williams; Bill Carter,

vice-chairman of the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority; Congressman Roy Taylor; Joe El-Khouri, chairman of the authority. (Staff Photo)

Golf Course Dedicated, 9 Holes Open

Congressman Roy Taylor made the dedication speech Sunday afternoon as the Cherokee County Golf Course was officially opened for play. A crowd of about 150 gathered for the festivities and then dashed for the barn, converted to a clubhouse, as the rain which had been threatening came pouring down.

Taylor described the new golf course as an economic asset.

"Industrial executives considering a new plant location site pay some attention to the recreational opportunities in each community," he said. "The golf course will aid you in

securing additional industrial development.

"It will aid you in encouraging retired people to come to the Murphy area to live and in attracting tourists," he said. "Many people who have had little time to play want a golf course nearby when they take a vacation or retire."

"You are blessed with water-oriented recreational opportunities and the golf course will add a new dimension to the recreation possibilities here."

The course was constructed by the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority with a \$250,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration.

Joe El-Khouri of Andrews, chairman of the rural development authority, served as master of ceremonies at the dedication.

El-Khouri introduced members of the authority to the crowd and kept up a running chatter throughout the event. Robert D. Bruce, county supervisor of the FHA, and Talmadge Wiggins of the Soil Conservation Service, each briefly took the podium to introduce officials from their respective agencies who worked on the project.

A good-natured rivalry was aired to the delight of the crowd at one point in the proceedings as El-Khouri introduced Tom Day of Hayesville, chairman of the Clay County Rural Development Authority which is constructing a golf course near Hayesville.

"We'll be opening a full 18 holes for play by the first of June," Day said quickly into the microphone. The local course Sunday opened for play only the first nine holes.

"You've got a beautiful course at Hayesville," El-Khouri blurted out and snatched the mike back as the crowd roared with laughter. "Thanks for coming today."

He added that the Cherokee course would open a full 18 holes for play by July 1.

Refreshments were served in the pro shop, formerly a milking barn, after the ceremonies but the steady rain kept all but a few hardy foursomes off the fairways. Congressman Taylor and other officials did not play the planned opening round.

The course is now open seven days a week for play, El-Khouri says. It will be open on weekdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p. m. and on the weekends from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The pro is Jack Williams, a Bryson City schoolteacher, who was pro for the club there when it was in operation. El-Khouri said Williams will be available here at the course for lessons on the weekends until the Bryson City school term is over the first week in June, at which time he will begin fulltime work.

Those who have paid users fees can play at no extra charge; those who have not joined the organization must pay greens fees. There are 10 Harley-Davidson golf carts available for rental.

Only 253 Vote In Primary

Cherokee County had an extremely light turnout of voters for the primary Saturday, the only statewide race being two Democratic judges running for the state Court of Appeals.

A new loose-leaf registration is under way in this county and at present there are between 6,000 and 7,000 voters on the books. Only 253 voted in the whole county Saturday.

Superior Court Judge Harry Martin of Asheville got 198 votes in Cherokee and Judge R.A. (Fred) Hedrick of Statesville got 55.

"The voting was heaviest in Murphy and Andrews," said Glenn Stalcup, chairman of the county Board of Elections. "In most of the precincts only 10 or 15 voted and at Hanging Dog only four people voted in the primary."

Across the state the result was a reverse of the local tally as Hedrick, blind since childhood, soundly beat Martin to retain his seat on the Court of Appeals.

Train Derails Near Tunnel

Six cars of a westbound Southern Railway freight train derailed Wednesday morning five miles east of Andrews near the Rhodo tunnel.

The engine came into Andrews and trainmen reported no injuries in the mishap. Further details were not available as The Scout went to press.

With a commanding superiority over their Republican foes in numbers of registered voters, the Murphy Democrats ran away with the town election here Tuesday.

Mayor Cloe Moore was re-elected without opposition for another four-year term and the six Democratic Town Board candidates were elected easily over four Republican challengers, also for four-year terms. Five of them were incumbents; the sixth man, Joe Fowler, was named by the town convention to replace Jerry Hatchett, who declined to run again for personal reasons.

The Republicans, weak in Murphy compared to their strength in the county, fielded only four candidates for the six-member Town Board and offered no one for mayor.

Moore led the Democratic ticket, polling 573 votes.

Fowler got 546 votes and the incumbents were as follows: Francis Bourne, Jr., 545; Kenneth Godfrey, 572; W.T. (Bud) Brown, 565; W.A. (Dub) Singleton, 539; John Carringer, 542.

The top Republican candidate was Harry Lovingood with 196 votes. Lowen Dockery polled 175 votes, Albert Graves got 165 and Hayes Dockery, Jr. got 171.

Republicans Tommy Gentry and Ralph Rayfield each got a write-in vote for mayor.

There were 491 straight Democratic tickets voted, 120 straight Republican ballots and all sorts of split ballots to reach the totals listed above.

A new loose-leaf registration was held in Murphy on the Saturdays in April and according to Glenn Stalcup, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, there are now about 950 registered voters inside the town limits.



Milton Mashburn

Mashburn Announces For Sheriff

Andrews Chief of Police Milton Mashburn announces his candidacy for sheriff, subject to nomination by the Cherokee County Democratic Convention.

"I believe the candidates should be the choice of the people and since only a small minority attends the precinct meetings to elect the delegates, I urge all Democrats who want to have a choice in selecting their candidates to attend their ward or precinct meetings on June 6 at 1:00 p. m." Mashburn said.

Chief Mashburn has been with the police department in Andrews for 13 years and during that time has attended a number of special law enforcement courses.

Before becoming a policeman, he was a heavy equipment mechanic in the construction trade. He is a veteran of World War II, having served 28 months overseas, seeing action in both the European and Pacific theaters.

Mashburn is a lifelong Democrat, having served as precinct worker, precinct chairman and chairman of the county Board of Elections.

He is married to the former Aubrey E. Hall. They are active members of Valleytown Baptist Church.

Democrats Sweep Town Election



Mayor Cloe Moore



Joe Fowler



John Carringer



W.A. Singleton



Francis Bourne, Jr.



W.T. Brown



Kenneth Godfrey

Clay Voters Pick 3 For School Board

Clay County voters picked three men for the county Board of Education in a non-partisan election held along with the state primary last Saturday.

Gerald (Todd) Phillips of Hayesville, Edgar Moore of Hayesville and Haig Davenport of Shooting Creek were the three top men in a field of seven, winning seats on the Board of Education.

In the statewide primary between Democratic Judge Fred Hedrick of Statesville and Harry Martin of Asheville for a seat on the Court of Appeals Clay voters favored Martin, 448-206. In voting across the state, however, Hedrick won.

Phillips polled 996 votes Saturday to lead the field, Moore had 879 and Davenport got 849.

Scott Beal, Clay County School Superintendent, explains that Clay is in the middle of making some adjustments in its school board in keeping with laws passed by recent Legislature.

The Legislature, he said, had named members to the board of education in Clay County for years. Now members will be elected and they will be elected for four-year terms, which will begin the December following their election. And the Legislature also passed a law calling for five-member board of education.

Clay County now has three men on its board of education, Beal said, and this will become a proper five-man board in December, when the two top vote-getters from Saturday's election, Phillips and Moore, take office for four-year terms.

One of the present members, appointed by the Legislature to a six-year term in 1965, will have his term expire in April of next year, at which time Davenport will go on the board keeping it at five members.

Library Budget To Be Increased

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Monday voted to raise their support of the Nantahala Regional Library about \$4,000 a year - if the commissioners of Clay and Graham counties will agree to raise their support by the same ratio.

A patient Martha Palmer, head of the three-county library system, met with the commissioners Monday morning and asked that Cherokee County increase its financial support of the library. The county currently gives the library \$8,167 each year, she said, which works out to 50 cents per person.

Mrs. Palmer requested that the money from the county be increased to 75 cents per capita, which would be \$12,251 for the coming fiscal year. There was a delay while County Attorney L.L. Mason and others searched old records for the wording of the 1940 vote which authorized

spending of tax funds for the library.

It was thought that the library vote of 30 years ago would have placed a limit on how much could be given from tax monies for library services but no such limit was found.

Mrs. Palmer returned to the meeting in the afternoon and told commissioners that the Graham County commissioners had agreed to raise their support to the 75 cents per capita rate and the Clay board "would go along with whatever Cherokee did."

The Cherokee commissioners finally voted to raise the library's budget to \$12,251, the 75 cents per capita figure, providing Clay and Graham counties kept their end of the bargain and voted to do the same.

Mrs. Palmer explained that the increase would also mean a marked increase in federal grants and matching funds given the library.

The commissioners Monday also voted for Chairman W.T. Moore to represent this county as an incorporator of Rainbow Power, Inc., the citizens group which proposes to buy Nantahala Power.

No tax money will be involved, Moore said, as the group plans to buy Nantahala by selling bonds. When the bonds are paid off, he

explained, each county will end up owning the Nantahala lines within its borders.

TVA has agreed to supplement the electric power produced by Nantahala dams, he said, guaranteeing a constant supply of power. Rainbow will be a non-profit organization, he said, and should be able to cut considerably the power rates currently charged by Nantahala.

In other business, the commissioners - Sat as a board of tax review and adjusted downward several pieces of property after hearing complaints by owners that their appraised value was too high.

Voted to join the Southwestern Regional Housing Authority, a non-profit organization to provide low-rent housing for low-income rural people, and named Mason as the Cherokee representative on the board of directors.

Looked at a bill from Walter Coleman, presented by School Superintendent John Jordan, just received for labor and purchases dating back to 1960. Advised Jordan that since part of the bill was already 10 years old he should be in no hurry but could add it to his school budget for next year.

Softball Scoreboard

Thursday - Mens League:
 Rimco 14 - Peachtree C.C. 4
 Wachovia Bank 18 - Ranger 3
 Ladies League - Martins Creek 17 - Clifton 9
 Friday - Mens League:
 Martins Creek 12 - Texana 6
 WCVP 8 - Peachtree 7
 Monday - Mens League:
 Peachtree 15 - Rimco 2
 Wachovia Bank 17 - Peachtree CC 7
 Ladies League - American Thread 31 - Clifton 2
 Tuesday - Mens League:
 Texana 17 - Ranger 2
 WCVP 10 - Martins Creek 4
 Ladies League - Martins Creek 15 - Levi 2 Ladies League - Martins Creek 15 - Levi 2

Schedule
 Thursday Night
 Men: Wachovia Bank vs Rimco
 Ladies: Brumby Textiles vs Clifton
 Men: Martins Creek vs Peachtree
 Friday Night vs Men
 Peachtree CC vs Texana
 Men Ranger vs WCVP
 Monday night - Mens League - Ranger vs Martins Creek
 Ladies League - American Thread vs Martins Creek
 Men - Texana vs Rimco
 Tuesday Night - Mens League - Peachtree CC vs WCVP
 Mens League - Wachovia Bank vs Peachtree.

County Republican Convention Saturday

The Cherokee County Republican Convention, recessed since it met to elect officers in February, will re-convene at the Courthouse here on Saturday night.

The purpose of the Saturday session beginning at 7:30 p. m., will be to select the party's candidates for county offices for the November general election. Ed Hyde, selected as convention chairman at the February session, will preside.

The most spirited struggle Saturday night will probably be for the nomination for sheriff. Cherokee Sheriff Claude Anderson has held the post for the past 16 years but has made no announcement as to whether he wants to run again.

Three other Republicans, however, have announced that they are working for the nomination. These are Charles White, who was Anderson's chief deputy from 1954 to 1959, Ralph Rayfield and Herbert Graham. Rayfield has served as Murphy Township constable and as a part-time deputy and Graham has also worked as a part-time deputy sheriff.

Incumbent Register of Deeds J.E. Graves, a Republican office holder, has not announced his intentions and would be opposed in the convention, if he seeks re-nomination, by Jack Lovingood, who announced in March that he will be seeking the nomination.

Don Ramsey, another county GOP officeholder, is not opposed within the party for his post as clerk of court.

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners this year will be reduced from six members to three, to be elected from districts in the county. Four Republicans have announced for the three party nominations - incumbent commissioner Jack Simonds of Wolf Creek, former commissioner Gay Hawkins of

Route 4, Murphy, former state legislator Virgil Odell of Murphy and Maurice West of Marble, son of State Senator Herman (Bull) West.

The other two Republicans on the present county commissioners' board, Luther Dockery and Emogene Matheson, have not announced whether they want to run again or not.



Texana Tower

Wells & West workmen last week installed a 10,500 gallon water tank at Texana as part of a community water system under construction there, financed by the Farmers Home Administration. The tank stands 87 feet high and workmen are shown assembling it on the tower, welding the pieces together as they are lifted into place by a crane. The Texana system, and a similar one at Marble, are expected to be in use by July. (Staff Photo)

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SPRING FLOWERS

FRESHEST PRODUCE

Cats SUPERMARKET

Shop

Lynn Lochaby - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. F. Lochaby. Sherry Garland - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Garland. Helen Wells - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wells. Diana Rose - Daughter of Mrs. Glenda Faye Rose. Barbara Carringer - Daughter of Mrs. Opal Carringer