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## 17-Year Locusts Swarming Across Cherokee County

You can hear it on the new Cherokee County Golf Course and you can hear it on Martins Creek and at Bellview - the sound of millions of cicadas, commonly called the 17-year locust.

It's a high, piercing sound, reminding the listener of the weird electronic sound effects used in horror movies. And

according to Cherokee County Extension Chairman Jack Earley, reports of the sound and the insects which make it show that the lower section of the county is covered with cicadas.

The actual name of the insect is the Periodical Cicada, Earley says, and it will not do much damage by feeding above

ground. The damage will be done to young trees by the female, who wrecks the bark on smaller limbs as she deposits her eggs with a saw-like organ at the end of her abdomen.

The female cicada punctures and tears the bark, Earley says, to make a pocket for her eggs. She prefers apple tree, oaks and hickory trees. Apple growers, especially those with young orchards, should check for damage to their trees.

After the eggs have been in the bark-pockets for about six weeks, they hatch into immature insects called nymphs. These will fall to the ground and burrow to feed on roots and live underground for 17 years, hence the name. Earley said actually the life cycle takes only 13 to 14 years in some Southern states.

The nymph then emerges from the ground, comes out of its shell and develops into the winged cicada. They emerge at the same time and will live as adults just long enough to mate and lay eggs, about five weeks.

Reports from North Georgia show that the cicada has been seen in large

numbers in some counties, where the last invasion was noted in 1953. However the Clay County Extension office so far has not had any reports of the insects in the county.

Spraying will control the pests and Earley suggests Demeton (Systox) or Carbaryl (Sevin). Demeton will also control mite and aphids, he says, but is extremely toxic to humans and therefore should be handled only by trained operators. The recommended rate is 26% EC at 1 qt. per 100 gallons of water before the cicada eggs are laid.

Sevin is also very effective, Earley noted, and is widely recommended for cicada control. He warned that it can thin fruit if used up to four weeks after blossom and should be used with special care on Red Delicious apple trees.

Sevin is cheaper and safer than Demeton, he added, and would be the best material for home gardeners to use. The rate he recommends is 2 pounds 50% WP per 100 gallons of water, which can be reduced to 2 tablespoons per gallon. A second application should be made in five to seven days.

### Girl Hurt In Wreck

One person was slightly injured in a one-car wreck Friday afternoon in the Oak Park section near Mt. Carmel Church.

Alma Ruth Martin, a Senior at Hiwassee Dam High School, suffered head injuries. She was treated at a Copperhill, Tenn. hospital.

State Trooper Patt Miller, the investigating officer, said the 1965 Chevrolet was being driven by Miss Martin's brother, Enoch Clyde Martin, of Unaka, when it skidded off Rural Paved Road 1314 and struck a tree.

Trooper Miller quoted Martin as saying he went to the shoulder to avoid a State Highway Commission dump truck which was meeting him on the wrong side of the road. The Martin car skidded across the road to the left and then returned to the right side of the roadway, going down a bank and hitting a tree.

Damages to the Martin car were estimated at \$800. No charges were filed in the accident.

### Loyal Dog Dies On Church Steps

Ebony, faithful to the end, trailed his young mistress to church here last week and then died on the church steps, victim of a hit-and-run driver.

The loyal dog scratched at the church door while the service at the Free Methodist Church was in progress on Wednesday night of last week. His owner, Miss Barbie Rogers, came to the door and seeing nothing wrong, commanded him to be quiet.

When the service was finished, church members found the dog lying dead just outside the door. He had apparently died of injuries suffered when struck by an automobile as he followed Miss Rogers to church.

The dog, an 18-month-old "part collie and English shepherd", regularly followed the girl and her friends as they walked to church, rode in a car with her sometimes, met her when she returned each day from classes at Murphy High School and "loved potato chips, hamburgers and anything else we ate."

"I don't want another dog," she says. "It just wouldn't be him."

Neighbors said the dog was hit by a green station wagon which did not stop.

### Coming-Out Party

A periodical cicada, known as the 17-year locust, rests with wings folded in the center of the picture. The red-eyed insect looks much like a jarfly; at left is the cracked shell it emerged

from after spending 17 years living underground. The cicadas can be heard now and seen across the lower section of Cherokee County. (Staff Photo)

## Asheville Television Channel To Be Viewed Here In June

Beginning in June, the Murphy area will be served by Channel 13, Asheville's television station.

"We have ordered the necessary equipment and we should be on the air in Murphy by the end of the first week in June," Mort Cohn, WLOS-TV general manager, said this week.

Cohn added that Congressman Roy Taylor of Black Mountain had been "a great deal of help...we are most appreciative." A good television signal here depends on a good signal being received in Marble, he explained, for sending on to Murphy.

An application for a translator to serve Marble had been on file with the Federal Communications Commission for some time, Cohn said, but only recently approved, after intervention in the matter by Congressman Taylor's office. The Murphy translator was installed several months ago, he

said, but the signal was not strong enough for satisfactory TV reception here. At that time the nearest translator for re-broadcasting the signal to Murphy was the one serving Andrews and Robbinsville.

"The extra equipment we had to order was for Marble," Cohn stated. "Our engineers say it should be delivered in a week and a half and it will take about another week to install it. We should be on the air in Murphy and Marble at the same time, about the end of the first week of June."

The Asheville station is an ABC affiliate, which will round out TV viewing in Murphy, served by two Chattanooga stations, one CBS and the other NBC. The Asheville Channel 13 will be received here on Channel 5, Cohn said.



Fred Sneed

### Sneed Seeks Seat From District 3

Fred M. Sneed of Route 4, Murphy, announced his candidacy this week for county commissioner from District 3, subject to nomination by the county Democratic Convention.

Sneed is a member of the Ranger Masonic Lodge 426, Ranger Methodist Church and a Veterans of Foreign Wars post, having served in the Army in World War II in the China, Burma, India Theater. He is presently employed as a construction worker.

He is married to the former Lorena Ledford of Ranger and they have three children and two grandchildren.

### Softball Scoreboard

Thur May 14  
 Men - Ranger 1, Peachtree 9, Peachtree Community O, Martins Creek, 8.  
 Girls - Brumby - 13, Martins Creek, 12.

Fri May 15  
 Men WCVP 5, Rimco 2, Texanna 9, Wachovia 11.  
 Girls - ATC 7, - forfeit Levi-O

Mon May 18  
 Peachtree Community- 5, Ranger, 4, Martin's Creek 11, Rimco 1.  
 Girls - Martin's Creek 15 Andrews 1

Tues May 19  
 Boys - WCVP 1  
 Girls - American Thread 10 Brumby 5  
 Boys - Texanna 12 Peachtree - 11

### SCHEDULE

Thur May 21  
 New Rimco vs Ranger  
 Girls C.P.P.C. vs Levi  
 Men - Peachtree vs Martin's Creek

Fri May 22  
 Men - Texanna vs WCVP  
 Girls Levi vs Brumby  
 Men Wachovia vs Martins Creek

Mon May 15  
 Men - Wachovia vs Ranger  
 Girls - Andrews vs ATCO  
 Men - Rimco vs Peachtree Community

Tues May 26  
 Men Peachtree vs WCVP  
 Girls C.P.P.C. vs Martin's Creek  
 Men Texanna vs Martin's Creek



Terelle Puett



Minnie Rae Moore

### Top Seniors

Terelle Puett, left, has been named the Valedictorian of the 1970 Murphy High School graduating class and Minnie Rae Moore has been chosen Salutatorian. In addition to their top scholastic averages, both girls have been very active in school affairs and have posted several years of perfect attendance. Miss Puett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puett, Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rae Moore. They will both speak at the June 1 graduation exercises at the school gym, in which 109 Seniors are to receive diplomas.

### Commissioner Phillips

### Explains Road Plans

The Appalachia Corridor plans, including the Murphy bypass and new road to Andrews, were explained at the Tomotla Thursday night by State Highway Commissioner Ted Phillips.

"The state highway department favors building the Murphy bypass and the road to Andrews," Phillips said. "And I think they'll be built eventually, even if the Appalachian program should die and they would have to be built entirely with state money."

He said the planned bypass and new Andrews highway will have to wait until the federal budget for next year is adopted, to see how much federal Appalachian monies are available.

The Bryson City bypass will be built first, he said, and it has been given preference because of the bumper-to-bumper tourist traffic experienced there in summer. Right-of-way is being purchased now for that project, he said.

Phillips noted that federal Appalachian monies which could have gone for projects in

this area "were all applied to US-64 during the Moore Administration," which is why more work is being done in the Franklin-Hayesville section. He did not elaborate on this but said it was an instance in which politics intruded in the road program.

The "corridor" name was given certain routes, he said, by the Appalachian planners, the approved roads to be corridors which would connect to major cities. In the US-19-129 corridor he said the Nantahala Gorge, because of the difficult terrain, will be the last section to be improved.

"There have been two estimates made there," he said, "from two surveys. According to them it will cost \$39 million, whether the road is built along the river or on the ridge."

Phillips, of Robbinsville, was the featured speaker for the meeting of the Tomotla Community Club. He was appointed to the commissioner's post, serving Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain, last fall after Boyd Crisp of Robbinsville died in a plane crash.

### Festival Set For Hiwassee

The Spring Music Festival will be held this weekend at Hiwassee, Ga., featuring country music Friday and Saturday and a big gospel sing Sunday afternoon.

The event is sponsored by the Georgia Mountain Fair, Inc., and the Towns County Lions Club.

Fiddlers, guitar and banjo pickers, over 100 from several states, will gather in the 3,000-seat tent on the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds with Fiddlin' Howard Cunningham as master of ceremonies. The Hiwassee Cloggers will be featured at each show.

The country music shows will be held on Friday night at 8 o'clock and twice on Saturday, at 10 a.m. and at 8 p.m.

The gospel sing will be held Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock; featured groups will be the Thrasher Brothers, Wendy Bagwell and the Sunliters and the Le Fevers.

The Georgia Mountain Fair Campground on Lake Chatuge will be open during the weekend for tent and trailer campers.



### Tomotla Check

Jack Owens, left, Scout publisher and chairman of the Murphy Hospital Authority, accepts a check from Ed Manchester, president of the Tomotla Community Club, for the MHA

fund-raising drive. The Tomotla club's check for \$300 and money raised in a door-to-door canvass Sunday boosted to the drive to more than \$21,000. (Staff Photo).

## Sunday Pushes Campaign Over The \$21,000 Mark

The Murphy Hospital Authority's house-to-house fund-raising campaign Sunday afternoon pushed the total collected over the \$21,000 mark.

MHA treasurer Bill Christy said \$945 has been turned in so far from the Sunday effort but noted that volunteer workers in Murphy and the surrounding communities have until Friday

to turn in money collected.

Before the Sunday canvass Christy said the hospital authority's bank account showed about \$20,000. This includes the money raised in the campaign since it opened late in December plus the \$5,695 contributed by local businessmen last summer for a hospital survey which was never made.

The total Tuesday night Christy said, stands at \$21,071. The goal of the drive is \$40,000, which is the estimated cost for renovator of Providence Hospital.

Some work at the hospital has already been done and paid for out of the money collected Christy said, with more to begin soon. So far five patient rooms on the ground floor have been repainted and re-floored as well as the emergency room, the cns room and the employees' dining room.

Plans call for work to begin shortly on another bathroom for the second floor and new roofing, an emergency generator is also to be purchased.

The renovation work has been approved by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. In a letter to the Sisters of Providence, the Catholic order which runs the hospital, C.W. Sanders, Jr. of the state agency said the type of carpet suggested for the halls needs further investigation before approval, but all other parts of the renovation project are approved by the commission.

"We share your enthusiasm for the refurbishing of the patient room which is presently underway," his letter reads. "We look forward to seeing these rooms on our next visit."



### Poppy Day

Poppy Day will be observed in Murphy on Saturday, with members of the American Legion Post 96 Auxiliary selling the paper flowers, made by veterans, to finance rehabilitation and child welfare programs for veterans and

their families. Mrs. Doris Rogers, left, president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Poppy Day chairman, are shown selling the first poppy to Mayor Cloe Moore. (Staff Photo)



The Thrasher Brothers...headlining Hiwassee show