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Clay County Golf Course Opens Saturday

The new golf course in Clay County, officially known as Chatuge Shores, will open the full 18 holes for play on Saturday.

The course, like the recently-opened Cherokee County golf course, was constructed with a \$250,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration.

"We'll just start playing on Saturday," says Tom Day, chairman of the Clay County Rural Renewal Authority which built the course with the FHA loan. "The formal dedication will be held sometime this fall, after the leaves turn and the autumn colors come out."

Located two miles south of Hayesville on Lake Chatuge, the new course is rolling but not as steep as the Cherokee County course. The fairways and the large greens are in good condition, Day says, considering the lack of rain and the fact that this is a new golf course.

The new Clay course is a scenic one, almost every hole offering vistas of the surrounding mountains or Lake Chatuge. In addition to the lake, Day pointed out that the new course boasts two water hazards which golfers may get a closer look at. "They're really not that bad - if you don't get buck fever," he says, "but they'll be there, waiting to swallow all the old balls you have."

Day said the course is counting on substantial support from Georgia. About 425 signed up to be users of the course, he said, with more than 100 of them from Towns County, Georgia.

At present the Chatuge Shores course employs five people. A manager for the course is expected to be announced soon. The clubhouse temporarily will be a house trailer and six electric golf carts have been purchased for rental by players.

Wells & West of Murphy has the general contractor on the course, with much of the work sub-contracted to Sam Hunter and Sons of Cashiers. Day said the course was originally scheduled to have been finished by the first of this year but a six-month extension was granted on the job.

The course, he says, has been planned and talked about by community leaders for about nine years. It is located on about 160 acres, made up of three farms - the Don Waldroup farm, the Hoke McClure farm and the Baylor-Roach estate.

In addition to Day, other members of the Clay County Rural Renewal Authority are Doc Stanley, vice-chairman; Wallace Crawford, secretary-treasurer; W.G. Mingus and Carroll McClure.



Water Hazard

Tom Day the Hayesville banker who heads the Clay County Rural Renewal Authority, stands on the tee of one of the holes of the new Chatuge Shores Golf Course and points at the green in the distance.

The pond is expected to claim a number of golf balls as the new course opens the full 18 holes for play on Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Workman Hurt On Road Job

A workman on the US-64 four-laning project west of Murphy was seriously injured in an accident on the job Thursday afternoon.

William Mickey Hughes, 23, of Route 3, Murphy, was taken to Providence Hospital in Murphy Thursday about 2:30 p.m. and then transferred to a hospital in Gainesville and from there was taken to Emory University Medical Center, where he remains in the intensive care unit.

Witnesses said Hughes fell from the seat of a piece of heavy equipment he was driving and the wheel of the machine ran over the lower part of his body, and his left thigh pinning him to the ground.

Golf Course Committees Re-Organized

The Cherokee County Golf Course Committees were re-organized in a meeting in Murphy Monday.

To improve the efficiency of the committees, a member of the Rural Renewal Authority which constructed the course was named to chair each one.

Joe El-Khoury, who is chairman of the county Rural Renewal Authority, was named as chairman of the golf course rules and membership committee. Other members are Doug Carlson, Bud and Maudie B. Alexander, Evadene Lamb, Doris Fowler, Lonnie Hoover, Maude Duncan, Hobart McKeever, Dr. Bill Gossett, Dr. F.E. Blalock, and Mr. and Mrs. John Goodrich.

Bud Brown, a member of the Rural Renewal Authority, was named to head the golf course public relations committee. Members include Jack Owens, Paul Ridenhour, Max Blakemore, Louise Bayless, Dan Lamb, Maxine Gossett, Tommy Gentry and David Gribble.

H.E. Dickey was named to chair the building, grounds and recreation committee. Members are Arthur Jones, Glen Matherson, Wanda Edwards, Virginia Hyde, Dot Mason and Jay Gernert.

Merle Davis is the chairman of the maintenance committee and members are Everett English, Will Johnson, Claude Jones, Quay Ketner, Ben Palmer, Jack Earley, Dan Hawk, Howard West, Harold Wells, and Earl Johnson.

Bill Carter will chair the finance committee. Members are J.H. Duncan, Bill Christy, Bob Heston, Herman Edwards, Howard West, Margaret Hartman and Ed Hyde.

Cannery Meeting Set Monday Night

A public meeting will be held at 8:30 Monday night at the folk school at Brasstown concerning the community canning center to be located there.

Doorprizes will be featured at the meeting and plans will be discussed for the canning center, which will serve both Clay and Cherokee counties.

The folk school has been selected by Ball Corporation, Muncie, Ind., to receive a grant of equipment for a community canning center. Newly developed equipment and timesaving procedures are to be introduced here for the first time and if the innovations live up to expectations the new canneries will be introduced in other parts of the U.S. and in several foreign countries during 1971.

The community canning center concept is much like a laundromat operated on a non-profit basis. Patrons bring their own produce and glass jars and use modern equipment and machines to process their food. A small fee is charged for the use of the facilities.

Equipment in the new cannery will make it possible to can a bushel of tomatoes or apples in less than an hour and a half. In addition to making canning easy and pleasant, the community center program makes previous experience in home canning unnecessary.

Ball Corporation, although now a greatly diversified manufacturing company, remains best known to the public through its line of home canning jars and supplies. A Blue Book of Home Canning published by the company has long been regarded as a popular source of recipes and instructions in food preservation processes.

Co-ordinating Ball's involvements in these projects will be Fred Reeve, Director of Food Preservation Programs of the company's Consumer Products Division.

The building to house the equipment will cost about \$8,000. This money will have to be raised locally. An existing non-profitable farm produce cooperative will handle the business of building and fund raising. The steering committee for the cooperative is the Rev. B.Z. Smith, Mayes Behrman, Bergan Moore, Virginia Anderson, John Ramsay, and Bass U.Hyatt, Jr. Janice Carringer is secretary-treasurer for the committee. Lonnie Hoover will handle legal matters.

Over 300 names were signed to a petition requesting the cannery.

Contributions for the cannery should be sent to: Mrs. Janice Carringer, Rt. 4, Murphy, N.C. 28906.

School Board Field Narrows To Six Men

Three men have withdrawn from the school board race, leaving six to battle for three seats in a non-partisan election.

The non-partisan election process was set up in a bill introduced by Senator Herman (Bull) West and passed by the last Legislature. Nine men filed in late March to run for three seats.

Three, all Andrews residents, have withdrawn.

Lee Nichols said he withdrew because there were nine men running and four of them were Andrews residents and he felt that was too many from one place. "It had nothing to do with politics," he said.

Joe Morrow said he discovered that although the school board election is supposed to be non-partisan, politics have not been eliminated and he then withdrew for "personal" reasons.

John Boring said the matter was nobody's business but his own. "I have withdrawn, period. That's all I'm going to say."

Those still in the running for the November election on a special countywide ballot are Dr. Charles VanGorder of Andrews, The Rev. Robert Barker of Peachtree, Charles Akins of Route 4, Murphy, Johnny Wilson of Peachtree and J. Doyle Burch and Dr. W. A. Hoover, both of Murphy.



W. O. Williams

Williams Announces For Board

William Owen Williams announced this week as a candidate for the Board of County Commissioners from District 3, subject to nomination by the Democratic county convention on June 20.

"The people of Cherokee County know my police record," Williams said. "If elected, I'll do what I'm supposed to do." He has worked as a police officer in Murphy, in Detroit, Mich. and was chief of police at Blairsville, Ga.

A disabled veteran of World War II, Williams is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and a member of Murphy American Legion Post 96. He graduated from high school in Knox County, Tenn., coming to Cherokee County in 1935.

Williams is married to the former Kate Truett of Culberson and they have a daughter, Phyllis Jane, a student at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. They are members of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Graduation Ceremonies Scheduled

Graduation exercises are scheduled for Seniors in Cherokee County on Friday and next Monday nights, with all other school students to begin their summer vacation on Tuesday.

Monday will be the last day of school in the county, according to Superintendent John Jordan, teachers to work through Wednesday.

At Hiwassee Dam, 42 Seniors will graduate in exercises on Friday night. The honor students will speak.

At Andrews, 66 Seniors will graduate on Monday night in a commencement at the First Baptist Church. The speakers will be the Senior honor students.

Here at Murphy, 109 Seniors will receive diplomas Monday night at the school gym, honor students to speak.

The Murphy graduating class will have a baccalaureate service on Sunday morning at the school gym, with the Rev. Woodrow Flynn of First Baptist Church as the speaker.

Forrister Depends On Kidney Machine, Waiting For Transplant Operation

By Wally Avett
Staff Writer

Danny Forrister has no kidneys at all. He is 23, very weak and very pale.

He is also very patient, living on a kidney machine - and the hope that a transplant operation can be arranged soon to return him to an active, more normal life.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Forrister of Culberson, he came home to Cherokee County last week. He is now staying at the home of his brother, Charles Forrister, principal of Murphy High School, and he will remain there until he is called to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville for the transplant.

A miracle machine, an artificial kidney, is at the center of Danny Forrister's existence these days. It keeps him alive and with it he can wait indefinitely for the transplant.

Forrister graduated from Hiwassee Dam High School in 1965. He then entered Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, working part-time at Tennessee Copper Company as a laborer on a construction gang. His kidney trouble was discovered in an armed services physical examination in January of 1968.

He later went to the medical center at Duke University for testing and complete kidney failure was diagnosed. Doctors at Duke considered transplanting a kidney into his body from a live donor, a member of Forrister's family, but no one was approved and

Fishing Contest Underway

The Murphy Jaycees 7th Annual Fishing contest is now under way, to continue through the Fourth of July.

The contest is being held in conjunction with the Jaycees Water Festival and prizes will be awarded at the Water Festival boat races on Hiwassee Lake on the afternoon of July 5.

Miss Cherokee County will present the prizes, to be donated by Hicks Gulf Service, Fowlers 66 Station, Murphy Hardware, W.A. Singleton, Western Auto Store, and Hughes Supply.

Prizes will be given for the biggest largemouth bass, the biggest smallmouth, the biggest white bass, bream, pike and a prize will be given for the largest non-game fish entered. A special trophy will be awarded to the person catching the largest game fish during the contest.

The fish must be caught in Hiwassee Lake during the contest period and must be weighed in at official weight stations, which are Hillbilly Marine, Shook's Boat Dock, Jones 66 Station, Campbell's Store and the Western Auto Store in Murphy.

In July of last summer he was transferred to Vanderbilt in Nashville.

At Nashville, doctors completely removed Forrister's kidneys and he began the three-times-a-week treatment of his blood by the machine. It functions as a kidney, washing the waste matter from the blood and cycling the blood back into his body in a six-hour process.

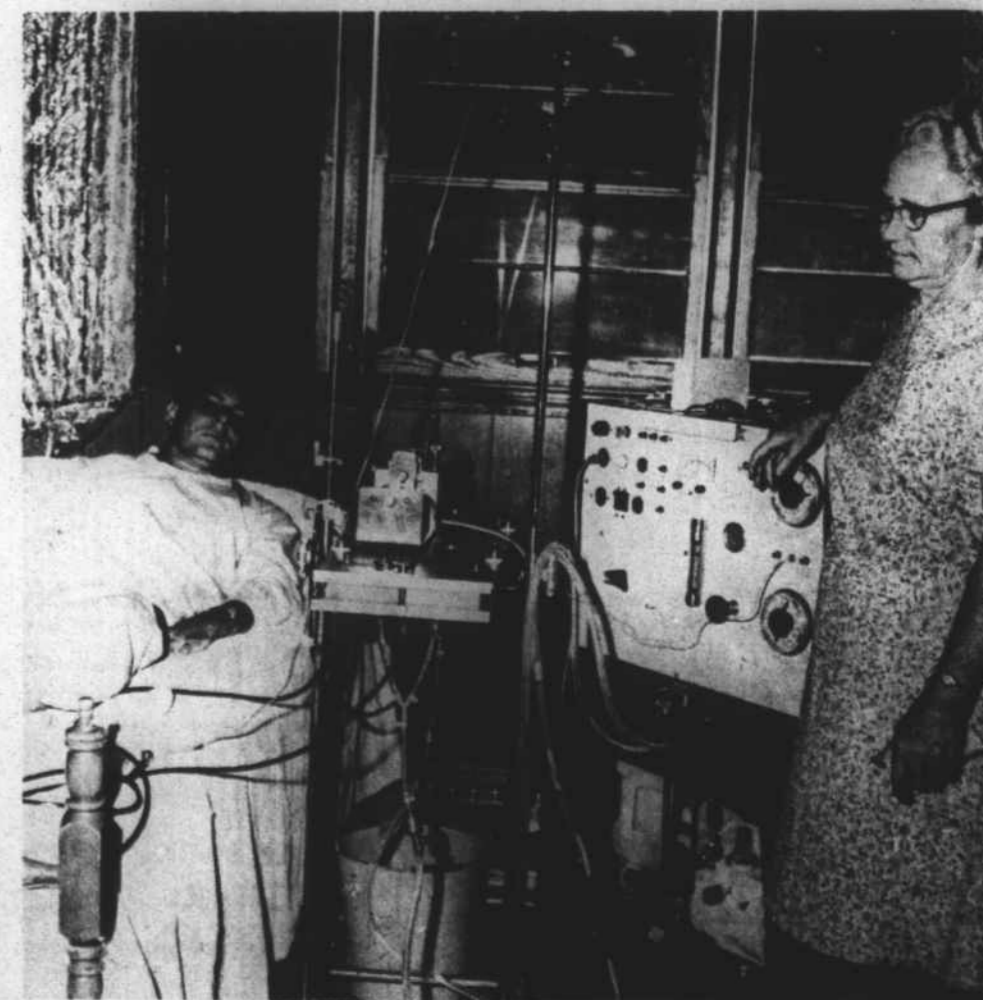
The Forristers explain that doctors at Vanderbilt specialize in transplanting kidneys from a

Democratic Meetings Set

Gary P. Kilpatrick, chairman of Democratic Party of Cherokee County, has called for precinct meetings to be held at the regular voting place in each of the 17 precincts in the county on Saturday, June 6, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of electing precinct committee members and officers.

The registered Democrats attending said meetings will also elect delegates and alternates to the Democratic County Convention to be held on Saturday, June 20, at 1 p.m.

He urges all Democrats to get registered in order to be eligible to vote in the precinct meetings and also be eligible to serve as either delegates or alternates to the county convention.



Miracle Machine

Danny Forrister and his mother, Mrs. C.C. Forrister of Culberson, are shown during the treatment of his blood by the artificial kidney machine. The "brains" of the machine, the monitor, is at right; the actual cleansing

process is done in the plastic material held between two thick metal plates at the center of the photo, the waste material being carried away in the clear plastic water lines. (Staff Photo)

controlled by drugs and Forrister hopes to return to WCU, where he has completed three years of schooling, majoring in social studies.

The kidney machine is furnished for his use by the state Vocational Rehabilitation program and Forrister has now become a recipient of the county Social Services (formerly Welfare) Department, many medical bills taken care of by Medicaid.

But there are many other expenses outside the Medicaid program. The kidney machine, which he and his mother have learned to operate so well in the past 10 months, uses various chemicals and supplies at a rapid rate. There is heparin, for example, which has to be mixed into the blood-cleaning process to keep Danny's blood from clotting while it is cycled through the machine.

And there is a water-treatment unit which had to be purchased, to prepare the water for use in the machine. And Danny's blood, washed through the machine three times a week, has to be replenished often with transfusions.

His expenses, beyond Medicaid, run about \$300 a month and Murphy businessman Peyton Ivie and others have established a Danny Forrister Kidney Fund at Wachovia Bank in Murphy. Contributions may be mailed to the bank.

Hiwassee Dam Honor Students



Six honor graduates will head Hiwassee Dam's graduating class on Friday. Pictured from left to right, Patricia Self, Bennie Lou Patten, Martha Shields, Bobby Kilpatrick, Shirley Anderson, and Karen Helton.

Miss Shields and Kilpatrick serve as co-valedictorians. They have also tied for the Senior English award, having tied at 99th percentile on the English section of the Stanford Achievement Battery.