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## July 4 Celebration Set

### Wagon Train, Water Festival, Circus

A gala Fourth of July is in store for this area, a number of colorful events scheduled for the holiday weekend.

The Murphy Jaycees have planned another bang-up Water Festival, the annual Wagon Train will go over the mountains from Andrews to Robbinsville and there will be a circus to see, with elephants and clowns.

The Wagon Train pulls out of Andrews on Wednesday morning to cross over the mountains on the Gen. Winfield Scott road and spend Wednesday night in Robbinsville. On Thursday the train moves out to Bear Creek Scenic Railroad and will spend all of Friday and Friday night in camp there.

On Saturday, the Fourth, the train will move out bright and early for a parade through Robbinsville and then push back over the mountains for a parade through Andrews late Saturday afternoon.

On Friday night at Hayesville, the Clark and Walters Circus of Hugo, Okla., will present two performances. Then on Saturday the circus moves to Andrews for two more evening performances.

The Yellow Jacket Club is sponsoring the circus in Hayesville; the Andrews Rescue Squad is sponsoring the appearance in Andrews. Advance tickets can be purchased from members of the two organizations.

At Murphy the Fourth of July is associated with the Jaycees annual Water Festival and this year promises to be one of the best in history, according to Jaycee President Dick Davis.

The festivities start Thursday night at 7:30 with a special stock car race at the Tri-County Raceway. The race will be followed by a fireworks display at the track.

Then on Friday it's the Miss Cherokee County Beauty Pageant. Ten girls will be in competition for the title, the winner to be crowned by last year's queen, Miss Charlotte Oliver. Tommy Gentry will be master of ceremonies for the pageant, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Murphy High School gym.

On Saturday, the Jaycees' field day at the Fairgrounds begins with an arts and crafts show in the old Rock Gym. "People can come and display their wares - painting, ceramics, woodcarving," Davis says. "And people can see this craftsman's exhibit and, if they want to, buy articles." The show begins at 10 a.m.

At noon, the Jaycees will be holding swimming and diving contests at the Lions Pool, with competition for boys and girls. At 2 o'clock that afternoon, there will also be sack races, three-legged races, chasing the greased pig and climbing the greased pole.

The Dunking-the-Jaycee machine will be in action all afternoon and Army teams from Ft. Bragg will put on a sky-diving show, a hand-to-hand combat exhibition and a display of troops rappelling on ropes out of hovering helicopters.

Also a karate expert from Jackson County, Carl Smith, will put on an exhibition including the breaking of boards and a practice fight with a partner in which the

karate blows are aimed to miss by inches.

The finals of the Murphy Invitational Softball Tournament will get under way Saturday afternoon, the men's teams and women's teams going for the winner's trophy.

For supper, the Jaycees will be selling barbecued chicken, cooked at the Fairgrounds over real hickory wood by John S. Jones of Hayesville, the king of the barbecue chefs in this area.

"And we'll top off the Fourth with a huge fireworks display after dark Saturday evening," Davis says.

On Sunday, the Jaycees will be holding the second annual Elmer Taylor Memorial Race for boats in Lake Hiwassee off the Hanging Dog Campground point. About 50 boats are expected and Jaycees say it will be their biggest race ever.

The speedboats will race in heats in six classes, based on horsepower, running a mile and a half closed oval course. Then they will all race together over a three-mile oval course for a timed 30 minutes. The driver who logs the most laps in 30 minutes will be the overall marathon winner.

The Elmer Taylor Memorial Trophy will be given after the races to the driver selected in a poll of all the drivers as having displayed the highest qualities of sportsmanship during the past season.

High speeds are expected for the main event since Davis said several drivers have already telephoned local Jaycees and entered the race, piloting boats with twin 135-horse motors, capable of speeds over 100 miles per hour.



CHARLOTTE OLIVER, Miss Cherokee County of last year, will crown the winner on Friday night and then on the weekend go to Raleigh for the state pageant, which begins Monday.

## Course Opens Fully Aug. 1

The back nine holes of the new Cherokee County Golf Course will be opened for play on the first of August, not July 1 as was previously announced.

Joe El-Khouiri, chairman of the county Rural Development Authority which operates the course, said the extension will give workmen time to improve the course and especially the tees on the back nine.

He said the greens are in excellent shape for a first-year course. The architect who drew the plans for the golf course, Ed McClendon of Atlanta, inspected the course last week and was impressed with the greens, El-Khouiri said.

"They are the best greens you could expect," El-Khouiri quoted the architect as saying. "They will equal the greens on

any course that is five years old."

El-Khouiri added that the membership rolls of the new course will remain open for joining at \$10 until the full 18 holes are opened for play. After that, a \$100 initiation fee will be charged.

The original golf pro the authority had hired, Jack Williams of Bryson City, is a schoolteacher and had to go to summer school, El-Khouiri said. He has been replaced by Milton Carlson of Bryson City, a retired Air Force colonel.

He noted that half-price greens fees for guests of members have been dropped and now all non-members will be paying the full greens fee, whether they are playing with members or not.

## Clay Democrats Pick Parker For Sheriff

Clay County Democrats Saturday night selected Jack Parker to campaign as the party's nominee for the sheriff against Republican incumbent Hartsell Moore for the November election.

About 300 Democrats attended the meeting at the Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville, called by Chairman Otti Kitchens to fill the slot left open by James Byers, who originally filed for sheriff and then withdrew due to business reasons.

When Kitchens asked for nominations from the floor for a candidate for sheriff, three men were nominated, Claude Kitchens, Burton Sayles and Jack Parker. After Parker was nominated, Sayles and Kitchens both withdrew. Parker was then appointed by the County Democratic Executive Committee.

Parker, 42, is a native of Clay. He graduated from Hayesville High School and graduated from Nashville Technical College in Nashville, Tenn. He is a veteran of World War II. He attended Law Enforcement Officers Training School in Chapel Hill and served as a security guard at the Savannah River Atomic Plant in Aiken, S.C. He was the North Carolina Forest Ranger for Clay County for nine years.

Parker has worked as a pipe fitter with the B.F. Shaw Construction Co. He has operated the Lay Manufacturing Co. for the past



Jack Parker

four years and is self-employed as a farmer in the Sweetwater Township of Clay County.

He married the former Miss Louise Cleer. They have two children, Wallace, 15 and Yvonne, 10. They attend the Sweetwater United Methodist Church.

If elected, Parker says he will give good law enforcement to Clay County and plans to work very closely with youth.

Erwin Patton of Macon County, Democratic candidate for state House from the 49th District, and Dr. Carl Killian of Jackson County, 33rd District state Senate candidate, attended the meeting and

spoke briefly. Dr. Killian's son Dan was the featured speaker of the evening.

## 1 Dead, 2 Hurt In Crash

An Ohio man was killed last Thursday and his wife and son injured as their plane crashed on Snowbird Creek near Robbinsville.

Dr. Joseph Skaggs, piloting the plane headed for Orlando, Fla., was killed on impact. Two fishermen, Harold and Hugh Williams of Robbinsville, pulled the doctor's wife and son out of the wreckage before it exploded and burned.

Mrs. Skaggs, 43, of Celina, Ohio, was first taken to District Memorial Hospital at Andrews and then transferred to an Asheville hospital in "critical" condition.

The son, 12-year-old Steve Skaggs, was admitted to the Andrews hospital for a few days and then transferred to a hospital near his home in Ohio.

The fishermen said the plane was coming down, losing speed and altitude, when they first saw it. They said it hit some trees and then bounced into the creek.



### Wagons, Ho

Down on Martin's Creek Monday evening it was time to load up the wagons and hay and horses on trucks to head for Andrews and the start of the 13th annual Wagon Train. Examining

the harness in the buggy were, left to right, Nelse Brown, Allen and Bill Howell. The boys on the truck roof are Bobby Howell and Greg Mauney.

## Farner Man Is Killed In Accident At Liberty

A Farner, Tenn. man died Saturday afternoon at Liberty when the aluminum ladder he was using came in contact with a power line.

Truman Ledford, 24, was found dead about 4:30 Saturday afternoon where he had fallen from the ladder. Cherokee County Coroner J.C. Townson ruled "accidental death by electrocution."

Ledford was trimming some limbs on a pine tree when the ladder apparently fell into the live power line.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Hamby Ledford and a baby son, Anthony John Ledford, both of the home at

Farner; his mother, Mrs. Onibb Ledford of Farner; two brothers, Ulysses of Farner and David Ledford of Benton, Tenn.; four sisters, Eula Mae Akins of Belmont, Merita, Barbara and Iva Bell Ledford, all of Farner.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock

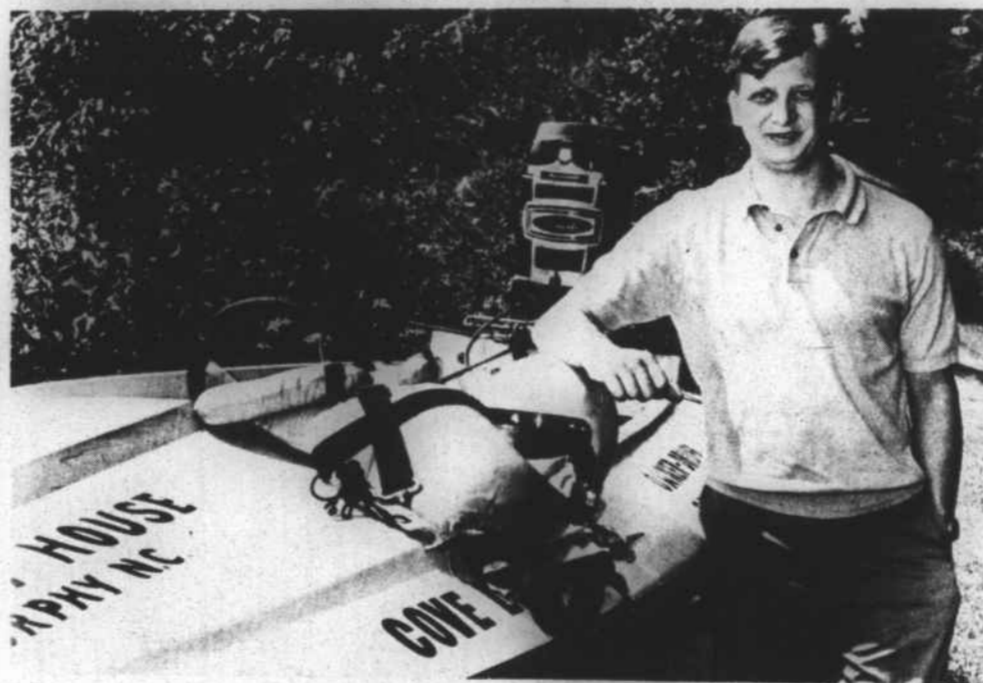
### Mental Health Group To Meet

The We Care mental health group will meet Thursday morning from 10 until noon at the mental health center in Marble.

Members are especially interested in obtaining some

old but usable furniture which can be used to furnish the center. Anyone with such furniture to donate should contact Harry (Cuz) Bagley at Suit or Mrs. Cloe Moore in Murphy.

Arrangements were by Chastain-Pack Funeral Home of Copperhill, Tenn.



### Hilton's Hustler

David Hilton of Murphy poses with his speedboat, which will be one of about 50 in competition next Sunday

afternoon as the final event of the Water Festival. (Photos by Avett).

The Scout was printed early this week so employees could have Friday off for the Fourth of July weekend. We will be closed on Friday and will reopen as usual for business Monday morning. Most leading merchants will be closed on Saturday for the holiday.

## Don't Turn On Red Light

Murphy Chief of Police Pete Stalcup this week warned drivers that they are breaking the law by turning right when the traffic lights at the square are red.

"Turning right on red was allowed with the old light and there was a sign on the light that made it legal," Chief Stalcup said. "But there is no sign allowing it on the new lights - and unless there is a sign, it's illegal."

He added that the town police officers will have to start issuing citations unless the turning on a red light is stopped. Several minor accidents have resulted from the improper turns, he said.



### Community Cannery

An artist's sketch shows the community cannery which will be completed late in the season at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown. Grading at the site is well under way and construction is to start soon. Memberships are \$1.25 for one year or \$5

for five years and can be paid to Mrs. Janice Carringer of Murphy. When completed, the cannery will operate on a self-service basis and soups, meats, jellies, fruits and vegetables may be processed there.

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Paul Anderson - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Claude Anderson. Bob Penland - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Robert Penland. Mike Townson - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Townson. Ken Beal - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Beal.

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