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Westco Addition

Bricklayers are shown raising the walls on an expansion at Westco Telephone's Murphy building. The expansion will cost well over \$100,000.

designed to serve an additional 700 phone customers the company expects to have within two years. (Staff Photo)

Telephone Building Expanding To Handle New Customers

Westco Telephone Company is spending well over \$100,000 to expand its facilities in Murphy.

Construction is under way on an addition to the Murphy building which will add 1,600 square feet of floor space. Work

is by Hudson Construction Co. of Charlotte and the contract is for \$32,300, according to a spokesman at Westco headquarters in Weaverville.

The addition will house dial switching equipment to cost \$82,300, he added, to serve an additional 700 telephone customers in the Murphy exchange.

Court Term Set

A two-week term of the Superior Court begins in Murphy at the Cherokee County Courthouse on Monday, Judge Thad Bryson of Bryson City to preside.

Solicitor Marcellus Buchanan will prosecute for the state and topping the list of cases scheduled for trial is the murder charge against Fannie Moore Ramsey.

Mrs. Ramsey is charged with the pistol slaying of Mrs. Pauline Roberts on Dec. 24. Both were residents of a trailer park on Pleasant Valley Road, where the shooting occurred.

The local exchange now has 2,415 customers, he said, and company officials expect to be using the new equipment at full capacity within two years.

The new equipment is expected to be in service by November.

House Burns

A vacant house at Martin's Creek burned early Monday morning and Cherokee County officers are investigating.

Sheriff Claude Anderson and Deputy Sheriff Duke Radford said the frame house was owned by Junior Woody and apparently was not occupied, although it did contain some furniture.

The origin of the blaze which destroyed the one-story house is not known.

Pastor Speaks Of Travels

The Rev. Woodrow Flynn, pastor of Murphy First Baptist Church, Tuesday night spoke to local Civitans on his recent tour of the Far East, Australia and New Zealand.

The Civitans in their meeting also discussed plans for enlarging their booth at the fairgrounds. Burke Moore is chairman of the project and is lining up club work crews for the job this week.

Club members were told that North Carolina District West governor-elect O.B. Oakley of Charlotte will take an official trip to the Murphy club at its August 4 meeting.



Cannery Rising

Volunteer laborers at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown lifted a pre-fabricated roof truss this week as work continues at a rapid pace on the new community cannery. The

self-service cannery, for which Ball Service Corp. equipment is already arriving, is expected to be ready for use this season. (Staff Photo)

Golf Course Offers Free Play In Effort To Lure New Users

Users of the Cherokee County Golf Course Tuesday night decided on a bold make-or-break maneuver to lift the course out of a financial crisis.

To bring in badly-needed new members, the Rural Renewal Authority which built the course agreed to let paid-up users of the course bring guests to play for free from now until September 1.

First Tournament Slated August 2

The first tournament of the new Cherokee County Golf Course is set for Sunday, Aug. 2.

It will be a Scotch foursome event, starting at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The entry fee will be \$1 per person and participants can sign up at the pro shop of the course on Harshaw Road.

Each foursome will be made up of two men and two women, names chosen in a random drawing. All four players will hit a tee shot at each hole and then each team, composed of a man and a woman, will decide which of its two balls it wants to play.

The man and woman on a team will then take alternate turns hitting the ball until it is putted into the cup.

Prizes will be gift certificates redeemable at the pro shop and spectators will be welcome for the tournament.

And in addition to playing free, guests of users can have a free lesson or two. The course pro, Milt Carlson, will offer free golf clinics for women on Wednesday mornings at 10 and for men at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons.

The feeling expressed by those at the meeting was that there are a lot of potential golfers in this county who "could be hooked" but are not willing to pay greens fees to try an unfamiliar game.

"We're putting our members on their honor to bring in only prospective members to play for free—not their brother-in-law visiting from Florida who is already a golfer but will never join," said Joe El-Khouri chairman of the authority.

The course users, about 35 attending the meeting at the Murphy Power Board Building, also voted that the

prospective members playing as guests be brought to the clubhouse before they begin their free rounds and be introduced to the pro.



Dr. Edwin Garrison

New Dentist In Town

A new dentist began practice last week in Murphy, working in association with Dr. Jerry Cabe.

He is Edwin Bud Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Garrison of Rt. 3, Hayesville.

Dr. Garrison graduated in June from the School of Dentistry of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He attended grammar school in Hayesville and graduated in 1963 from Hayesville High School, where he was president of the student body, president of the Beta Club and an honor student. He attended Western Carolina University, where he was a charter member of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, before going to Chapel Hill.

Construction Bids Soar For Projects

The Murphy Housing Authority opened bids for two new projects Tuesday afternoon and found the total price almost \$100,000 higher than the sum allotted several years ago.

Ben Palmer, executive director of the local housing authority, said the federal Housing and Urban Development headquarters in Atlanta several years ago had approved \$600,000 as the total price for the two projects.

C.L. (Bud) Alverson, head of the local authority, architect Henry Whitehead of Decatur, Ga. and members of the Murphy Housing Authority opened the bids Tuesday afternoon in the Murphy Power Board Building.

The two projects are 10 units for the elderly on Hiwassee Street and 30 units of low-income housing near the Rimco Plant. Also included is the addition of a 24 by 40 foot community building to the authority's offices, which will serve as a small day care center.

The total of the three low bids, for general construction, electrical and plumbing, was \$699,069. Smith & Jones, Inc. of Murphy was low bidder on the general contract at

El-Khouri began the meeting with the statement "We're in financial trouble at the golf course—we need a way to raise some more money." He then quickly sketched the situation, saying 419 people had originally signed up to be users of the course but now only 115 have paid their fees of \$10 a month.

The course at present is \$1,500 in the red, he said, and must have at least 200 members to survive. He added that repayment of the \$250,000 borrowed from the Farmers Home administration to build the course is not pressing now since the first payment on the loan is not due until 1972.

At the suggestion of Ed Hyde, users agreed that the list of the original 419 signers should be posted in the clubhouse and those who have not paid their fees would be the primary targets of the recruiting drive.

It was also agreed that the goal of the drive would be for each paid-up user to bring in another user. El-Khouri said if the membership can exceed 200, the course can operate comfortably.



Loyd Davis

Davis Joins Bank

Henry S. Simmons, city executive of First Union National Bank, Murphy, has announced the appointment of Loyd Davis to the staff of First Union.

Boyd was born and reared in Cherokee County and comes to First Union National Bank from Davis Esso where he was a partner. He is a graduate of Murphy High School and received an Associate of Arts Degree from Mars Hill College.

He is a veteran of World War II, having served 40 months in the U.S. Army. He is a member of the Lions Club and American Legion.

He and his wife Lona, daughter Teresa and son Tim reside at 1200 Valley River Avenue and are members of the First Baptist Church.



Planned New First Baptist Church

This is an artist's rendition of the planned new First Baptist Church in Murphy, by the architect, Robert L. Daniels of Brevard. The new church building hopefully will be put up for bids in September, according to the pastor, the Rev. Woodrow Flynn, and will be let to a contractor in

October. The target is occupancy in the building in West Murphy by the first of October of next year. Wachovia Bank has purchased the present church building and will erect a new bank building on the site.