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Winners In Clay

Pictured are individual flight winners of the first annual Chatuge Shores Invitational Golf Tournament. Kneeling, left to right, Gordon Baker of Atlanta, Tod Phillips of Hayesville, and Dan Paris of Hiawasse, Ga. Standing are Neil Battle of Buford, Ga., the overall tournament winner, Larry Cloer of Cullowhee, Gene Carter of Hayesville, and Frank Weldon Berrong of Hayesville, who won a dozen balls for the best tee shot. (Photo by Larry Ford)

Clay, Cherokee Host Golf Tournaments

The Labor Day weekend in both Clay and Cherokee counties was marked by golf tournaments at the two new courses.

In Clay County, the new Chatuge Shores 18-hole course held its first tournament. There were 134 players in the qualifying rounds on Sunday and about 500 people at the course, including spectators.

The 27-hole competition began in earnest on Monday, with 49 players vying for prizes in seven flights.

The winner in the A Flight and overall winner was Neil Battle of Buford, Ga., with 121

for 27 holes. He won a gift certificate worth \$60 at the pro shop of the Clay course.

Glenn Matheson of Andrews was second in that flight, winning a \$20 gift certificate and Guy Taylor of Brevard won \$10 for third place.

Larry Cloer of Franklin won the B Flight and a \$40 gift certificate. Jim Lambert of Murphy and Perry Gribble of Hayesville tied for second in that flight and will have a playoff next Saturday.

Winning \$20 gift certificates for first places in Flights One through Five were, respectively, Dan Paris of

Hiawasse, Ga., Bill Stalcup of Atlanta, Gene Carter of Hayesville, Gordon Baker of Atlanta and Tod Phillips of Hayesville.

Frank Weldon Berrong of Hayesville won a dozen Titleist balls for putting a tee shot closest to the pin on the par three 16th hole.

At the Cherokee County Golf Course on Monday, colorful golf umbrellas dotted the fairways as members held another Scotch foursome event.

The Cherokee golfers played 18 holes, Bill Christy and Anne Wells winning with the low score of 92. Second place went to Everett English and Maudie B. Alexander with a 103 and third was Dr. Bill Gossett and Ruth Sprung, at 104.

A pot-luck picnic at the clubhouse was held after the tournament and Bud Alexander, chairman of the tournament Committee, presented trophies to the winners of the recent Men's Tournament. The top trophy went to the new club champion, Lonnie Hoover.



Trophy Time

Bud Alexander, left, chairman of the Tournament Committee for the Cherokee County Golf Course is shown with Lonnie Hoover, above, new club champion, and below with the winners of the Scotch foursome event, Bill Christy and Anne Wells. (Staff Photo).

Thrif-Tee Opens In Andrews

Thrif-Tee Discount opens its newest store this week in Andrews, located on Main Street next to Burch Drug.

The first Thrif-Tee Discount opened in Canton in 1963 and since then has moved twice in Canton, expanding its facilities and line of goods.

There are now 21 stores in four states, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.



Action Expected On Auto Dealers

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners in their meeting Tuesday indicated that some action may be taken at the regular October meeting on the car dealer situation.

The major car dealers of the county have been filing a large inventory figure with the state revenue offices and a much smaller one with the county tax office, a fact which came to light last February in a commissioners' meeting.

So far no action has been taken on the matter and The Scout has published several editorials critical of the commissioners, the latest in last week's issue. That editorial was the focal point Tuesday afternoon of a discussion, which grew heated at times, between Scout Editor Wally Avett and the county commissioners.

Commissioner Emogene Matheson of Andrews presented a copy of last week's paper to County Attorney L.L. Mason and at her request he read the editorial aloud to the commissioners.

"I'm pretty tired of dirty insinuations when there's no guilt concerned," Miss Matheson said, adding that the tax information on the dealers from Raleigh was "privileged" and was not intended to be used "to smear people with."

She further charged that in Scout coverage of the commissioners' meetings "facts are distorted." Avett maintained that the meetings are reported accurately and that The Scout plans to continue publishing what goes on in open, public meetings.

When it was all over, the commissioners agreed that Chairman W.T. Moore will entertain a motion as to what to do about the dealers at the next meeting. Tax Supervisor Andrew Barton, who is also a commissioner, noted that two or three of the dealers have adjusted their tax listings since the matter became public.

Commissioner Ray Sims said he agreed with the Scout editorial in that "they've had plenty of time." He said he hoped dealers who have not adjusted their tax listings with the county will do so before the October meeting.

County Accountant Barbara Stalcup brought in the bills of the Medicaid program for commissioners to see after the lunch hour and there was much noisy discussion as they were examined. The Medicaid program, which began in January, provides free medical benefits

and drugs for the poor.

The commissioners were shocked to see the size of the bills, which Mrs. Stalcup says are growing each month. The county pays a fraction of the cost of the program, most of the money coming from federal funds. The county's budget called for \$32,000 in local money this fiscal year, she said, but the county's part for July and August alone has already reached \$9,000.

"If it lasts until Christmas, it'll be a wonder to me," Mrs. Stalcup said of the local allocation for Medicaid. Some of the commissioners said when the budgeted \$32,000 runs out they won't appropriate any more funds.

"This is incredible," Mason said, and he apparently voiced the sentiments of the commissioners as they pored over the bills. Poor people of Cherokee County are going to doctors and dentists in this state, Tennessee and Georgia and Medicaid pays the bills. One dentist's bill just for August was more than \$2,800 with eight indigent patients having work done which cost \$250 each or more.

Another dentist billed Medicaid for \$3,418 for the month and an out-of-Cherokee County hospital put in a bill for \$3,844. One drug store's bill to Medicaid was \$1,619 for the month for free drugs to the poor, another's ran over \$1,800 and a third drugstore billed for \$2,400. One patient went to an out-of-town doctor several times during the month and ran up a bill of \$652 for Medicaid.

Mrs. Stalcup said the 1970-71 budget allowed \$1,500 for transportation of the poor needing medical care. However, she said, since the fiscal year began July 1 over \$1,000 of this has been spent as "they call for an ambulance to carry them to the hospital and they call for an ambulance to carry them home."

In other action, the commissioners voted to release the county's tax and welfare liens on a piece of property in the Shoal Creek section for \$1,000. Known as the John Quincy Allen property, it consists of 21 acres.

The lien settlement was made to Noah Stiles, of Charlotte, and will enable him to purchase the property from the Allen heirs. At more than \$47 an acre, it represented an increase since March when the commissioners released a piece of land for \$30 an acre.

Firefighters Return After Duty In West

A total of 20 men from the Tusquitee Ranger District, with headquarters at Murphy, have returned home after nearly two weeks of fighting forest fires in Washington and Idaho.

The local men were dispatched on three separate occasions.

Those from the Murphy area were:

Jack Thompson, James Crisp, Bailey Coleman, Arvil Stiles, Marshall Allen, Larry Bishop, L.C. Loudermilk, Tyrone Burnette, Tom White, Edwin H. Manchester, Glen Beaver, Earnest Sudderth,

Howard Kilpatrick, Wayne Roberson, Ralph Freeman, Low Reid, Clifford, Stringer, Jefford Jackson, Harvey Stiles and Hoyt Dockery.

They were part of 50 crews from the Southeast called out to help combat the fires.

Forests in the West have been suffering a long dry spell, they report, and all recent fires

were started by dry lightning storms.

The local smoke-eaters said the fires they were on burned over 110,000 acres and did damages estimated in excess of \$5 million. They said more than 8,000 men were working at the height of the fires, aided by 12 aerial bombers and 40 helicopters.

Water Systems To Be Dedicated

James T. Johnson, state director of the Farmers Home Administration in North Carolina, and Ronald Ingle, state coordinator for the Economic Development Administration in North Carolina, will be the speakers Saturday afternoon at the dedication of the Marble Community Water System and the Texana Community Non-Profit Water System.

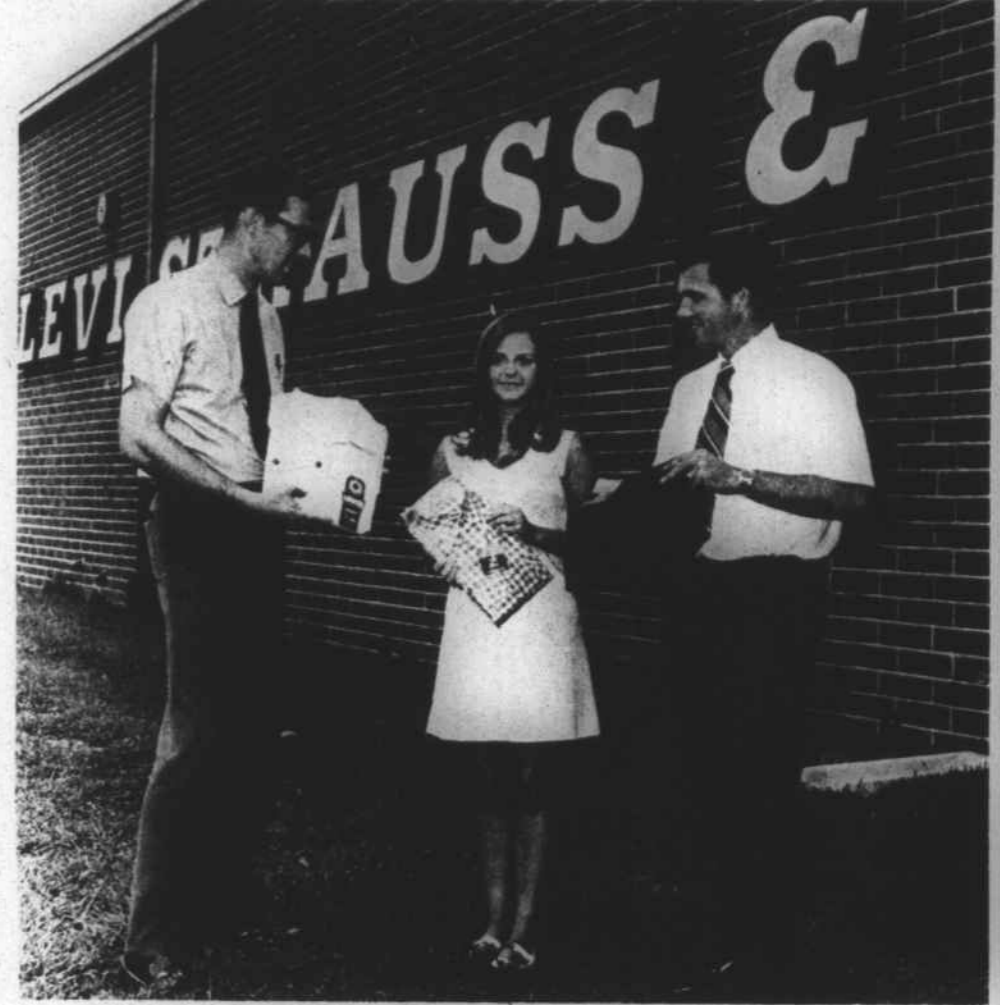
The Marble dedication will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Marble Community Building. The Texana dedication will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Texana Community Building.

The public is invited to attend these dedications.

The Marble Community Water System was made a loan of \$100,500 by the Farmers Home Administration and a grant of \$100,500 by the Economic Development Administration to construct their water system which will serve 135 families and it is expected that additional families will be served in the future.

The Texana Community built its system with a loan of \$20,800 by the Farmers Home Administration and a grant of \$45,200 by the Economic Development Administration. It serves 46 families and it is expected that additional families will be served in the future.

Wells & West of Murphy was the contractor on both jobs.



Gifts From Levi's

Dave Gribble, left, and Frank Atchison of the Murphy Levi's plant are shown presenting a selection of sportswear to the new Miss Cherokee County 1970, Linda McRae. Gribble

and Atchison are also both members of the Murphy Jaycees, who sponsored the beauty contest in July as part of their annual Water Festival. (Staff photo)

Trainable Class Funded

Cherokee County has been approved for state money to operate a class for trainable retarded children and that class will begin next Monday.

That was the word Tuesday from John Jordan, Cherokee County School Superin-

tendent. The class will be held at Murphy Elementary, he said, and Mrs. Bill Hughes will be the teacher.

The message from Raleigh that the funds have been approved for the Cherokee County class is the result of about three years of effort by Jordan, members of the local association for mentally retarded and Bill Hughes, who is head of the elementary school for the regular term and head of the Camp Butler session in summer for retarded.

Hughes said this is the first time a class of this type has been established in any school system west of Hendersonville. He urges all parents with trainable retarded children to get in contact with him.

The letter from the state Department of Public Instruction stated that \$6,750 has been approved for one year for the class, which will take students from all across the county.

Jordan said this is for an average daily attendance of 10 students but the letter from Raleigh indicated that if attendance increases the state money will be increased, funds permitting.

The state funds are provided at a rate of \$75 per child per month, the \$750 monthly payment to go for teacher's salary, an aide and materials.

Trainable children are classified as those with an I.Q. of between 30 and 50, capable

of learning simple tasks. Hughes said the program is still in the experimental stages but added that these children should be able to learn colors, a little arithmetic, social studies and arts and crafts.

Highway 64 To Be Closed

US-64, under construction between Hayesville and Franklin, will be closed on Friday afternoon and will probably stay closed until September of next year.

The State Highway Commission made the announcement Wednesday, saying that the contractor for the job, Asheville Construction Co., has done all the off-the-road work it can and now must begin work on the roadway itself.

A highway spokesman in Bryson City said the stretch across the mountains will probably be closed until the road is completed, which is set for Sept. 1, 1971. He said provisions will be made for families living along the road so they will be able to get in and out.

Detour signs will go up Friday afternoon and the suggested route will be US-19 to the Almond section of Swain County and thence to Franklin by NC-28.

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