



# Girls Win Smoky Mountain Basketball Tournament

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Putting In The Snow

Hobbie Whitener, banjo-playing employee of the Cherokee County Golf Course, swapped his 5-string last Thursday morning for a putter and tried his luck on the practice green. The greens happened to be white with a light layer of snow but the sun

erased it later in the day and county school pupils returned to classes on Friday. On warm days the course is drawing a number of golfers and this week embarked on a fund raising campaign (see story below). Photo by Weaver Carringer.

## Golf Course Fund Drive Begins

The fund-raising drive of the Cherokee County Golf Course began in earnest this week with a letter to users and friends appealing for donations.

Atorney Herman Edwards, who heads the Finance Committee for the course, emphasized in the letter that the Internal Revenue Service says contributions to the course are tax-deductible.

Edwards contacted the IRS and recently received a letter advising that donations for the use of the course are tax-deductible if the check is made payable to Cherokee County for the use of the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority.

"We hope to keep the membership dues low to assure that everyone who desires can play golf but the income from membership dues, cart rentals, etc. is not sufficient at this time," Edwards said.

He pointed out that the course now owes \$8,600 for money borrowed to buy carts and lockers and other expenses.

A number of improvements are planned at the course, he

said, as soon as funds for them are available. The Rural Development Authority, which built the course, is also now accepting applications, he said, for a fulltime manager for the course.

The manager will not be a golf pro, he explained, but will be in charge of maintenance of the course and carrying out the needed improvements, such as reseeding tees and bare spots on the fairways and completing the clubhouse.

"By giving some of our money, we can have a beautiful and enjoyable golf course," Edwards said.

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## TV Translator To Move

WLOS-TV Asheville received an official order from the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. last week to "alleviate the situation" concerning its translator here.

The Asheville station sends a signal into Murphy through a translator on Fan Mountain which beams out the signal on Channel 5.

Viewers in the Hanging Rock-Unaka area complained that the Channel 5 translator of the Asheville station knocked them out of receiving Channel 5 from Atlanta, Ga. and began a battle of petitions last Fall.

They circulated petitions which complained of the interference. And in Murphy, led by the Jaycees who had worked to bring in the ABC network Asheville station, people circulated petitions in favor of the station.

Bill Heffer, WLOS vice president, told The Scout Tuesday that his organization hoped to be able to keep Channel 5 in Murphy but would have to re-locate the translator.

He said the FCC order was in response to the petitions which were signed complaining about the translator.

Jaycee President Dick

Davis said arrangements are under way to put the Channel 5 translator on a high point in the vicinity of the town reservoir. This would put it across the Valley River valley from its present location, he said, and at a lower elevation.

Heffer said the lower elevation would mean that the translator signal would not be covering the wide area it is now.

The Asheville station began broadcasting to Murphy with the translator last June, using the same Fan Mountain site where the translators for both the Chattanooga stations are located.

## SHC To Remove Traffic Light

The Murphy Town Council meeting Monday night was a long, lively discussion on how to protect school children crossing Valley River Avenue each day at the elementary school.

Valley River Avenue, which is also US-19-129 is a part of the state highway system and a letter to the town from the State Highway Commission district engineer last week indicates that the traffic light at the school will be removed.

The SHC letter said the light is not located at an intersection and said motorists therefore should be able to ignore it. It further suggested that police officers be used to help children cross the busy street as is done in Sylva.

Waynesville, Canton, Hendersonville and Brevard.

Paul Ridenhour, a member of the Murphy school committee, sparked the discussion. He said he had spoken to Mayor Cloe Moore on Monday afternoon about the matter and at that time the mayor had told him he could not guarantee a police officer's presence at the crossing if the light is taken down.

Ridenhour said he wanted to know what the Council planned to do about the light and what steps would be taken to protect the children if it was removed.

Mayor Moore explained

that the town bought the light at the school and put it up in the early 1950's. He said the SHC objected because it is not located at an intersection, is used only to provide a crossing for children and has been threatening to take it down ever since.

He added that the town probably won't be able to stop the SHC this time but if enough pressure is applied, may be able to talk the state highway engineers into putting up a light at the Hilton Street intersection, which would help the children cross the street and also alleviate the traffic problem at the A&P parking lot.

What followed was a lengthy discussion of the police department's activity, or lack of it, in helping the children cross the street.

Councilman John Carringer said he could see no excuse for

an officer not being on duty in the mornings and afternoons when the children are crossing. Mayor Moore said councilmen have constantly instructed the police to man the crossing over years, but this has not always been done.

Police Chief Pete Stalcup, put on the spot by criticism of his department, said he had received no complaints at all and assumed that his men when assigned to the crossing were going there. He said there was no contact with them "once they're out of sight."

Councilman Bud Brown said that was not a legitimate excuse and added that the policemen "are running out of control if Pete doesn't know where they are."

About this time Ridenhour replied that after hearing about the failure of the police to man the crossing, he could now see why Mayor Moore could not guarantee an officer would be there.

Bill Hughes, principal of the school, told the Council that the time of heaviest use of the crossing is from 7:45 to 8:30 in the morning and from 3 until 3:30 in the afternoon.

Chief Stalcup assured the town fathers that he would assign an officer to the crossing for the specified times and make sure the assignment was carried out.

On a motion by Carringer, the Council voted to ask the

SHC to leave the light where it is and if not, to put up a light at the A&P corner. Hughes said the traffic light is vital to the safety of the children urged that it be kept up at least through the end of the school term. Council members said they thought the SHC would agree to this.

In other action, the Council voted to enter a lease-purchase agreement to purchase a used street-sweeper. The town will pay \$8,000 over a period of three years for the machine.

## Simmons Seated On Council

The Town Council in session Monday night accepted the resignation of Councilman Ken Godfrey and named Henry Simmons to take his place.

Godfrey has been on the Council for the past nine years and also has been quite active in Murphy civic affairs. He said he was resigning for personal reasons, to spend more time with his family.

The Council accepted his resignation with regret and voted unanimously for Simmons to take his seat.

Simmons, who heads the First Union National Bank office here, was administered the oath of office by Mayor Cloe Moore.

## Sought In Rape Case, Two Youths Surrender

Two youths sought by Murphy police officers on charges of rape surrendered early Sunday morning to their probation officer.

Steve Lance, 18, of Route 2, Hayesville and Barry Dockery, 19, of Route 3, Murphy, were being sought last week on charges of raping and robbing a Marble girl.

Steve Thrasher, 18, of Murphy, was arrested by town officers on Jan. 30, the day of the incident. He has been held in jail without bond since his arrest.

All three youths were on probation at the time of the incident from earlier court appearances and Dockery and Lance surrendered early Sunday morning to Edwin Hendrix, of Peachtree, their probation officer.

Murphy Police Chief Pete Stalcup reported Wednesday that all three are being held without bond in the county jail and said they would probably be given a preliminary hearing on the charges in District Court on March 23.

## Former Resident Writes Of Life In Australia

By Louise A. Bayless  
Correspondent

In May, 1968 Mrs. Don Cash, the former Nancy Sales of Murphy, received a telephone call from her husband in Spain, and during a chaotic, 10-minute transatlantic conversation made the most important decision of her life.

"Do you want to live in Australia?" He yelled. "What?" It was a bad connection to New York. She said why not, he finished his work in Spain for the American Broadcasting Company, they packed up and moved to Sydney, Australia.

Nancy Sales Cash of Murphy is the daughter of Mrs. C. N. Sales. Beulah to her friends, and the late Mr. Sales. Her mother is a teacher on the faculty of the Murphy City Schools. She has a sister, Jean, Mrs. Gordon Trull, Jr. living in Canton. Nancy was born in Haywood County later moving to Cherokee County.

She is married to Don Cash, a native of London, an

Englishman in his 40's who has an incredibly even disposition, successfully affects an old briar pipe has a two-year old Alsatian dog called Dolly and drives an M.G. sports car. He has a fine background in film production which takes in eight years with N.B.C. in New York. During this time he produced a four-hour documentary about Africa and a show for Ed Sullivan in Moscow.

He has recently completed a film entitled "Squeeze a Flower" - a comedy for world release, filmed entirely in Australia. Shortly before production plans were plotted for "Squeeze a Flower" Don Cash said "Yes" to an offer from Sydney-based N.L.T. Productions, Proprietary Limited to leave New York and take up a staff job down under as Producer and General manager of N.L.T.

Their marriage made headlines in the New York newspapers. Registers rang when Nancy Sales married Don Cash, etc. Even the Asheville Citizen noted it on the front page.

They have tastefully renovated a Victorian terrace house at 63 Moncur Street, Woolahara, and are completely absorbed in the Australian way of life.

Under her maiden name, Nancy has earned a creditable reputation in journalism, public relations, advertising, radio and television script writing and editorial magazine work.

A few weeks after she graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Andrews Journal sought her out and offered her a job as editor. She accepted the offer and endeavored to keep the readers of the Andrews Journal well informed.

Sometime later she went to New York and tried her hand with public relations work. She took a position with a large firm, Young & Rubican, handling lots of individual clients. Two years later she set off with a friend for a year's working holiday in Europe.

"We had a marvellous time," she recalled, "Such as skiing in a little village near Innsbruck. And later I decided to travel alone." Nancy stayed in London for a year. But the

cold weather bothered her so she returned to her public relations position with Y&R.

Nancy is now a writer - editor for "Women's Weekly," the biggest magazine of any kind in Australia primarily a women's magazine, though, but not like American women's magazines such as McCall's or L.H.J. Women's Weekly which has straight news, and comes out once a week.

Some excerpts from Nancy's letters to her mother tell of life in Australia.

"The reversal of the season here continues to amaze us. August is the month that precedes Spring proper, is the month of fierce winds, coming in like a lion, just like March at home. April showers come in September and the summer is extremely hot."

"It is very pretty here. The city is very clean, with beautiful views of the ocean, harbor and rivers everywhere. Most of the houses are white with red tile roofs so they are very picturesque. Sydney itself is very British. I feel almost back in London again. Cars drive on the left hand side of the road;

they have double decker buses just like London.

"None of the houses have central heating, so it's always warmer outside than in."

"We keep pace with events in the United States through Time magazine. It is our main source of information. Newspapers here are pretty bad. There's really only one that gives good international news, and that leaves more than a lot to be desired."

"In the Summer we are invited to a lot of weekend day time parties which the Australians call a barbecue which is in fact a noon-time cookout but there the resemblance to an American barbecue ends. Such as using several bales of hay for a huge table. They're so much fun that we decided to have one of our own and it was most enjoyable."

"I'm getting back into the swing of writing. The television show I wrote when I first arrived in Australia was shown recently and I was quite elated. Sometimes I do get very homesick but life is good here and Don is so happy that I can't stay homesick very long."

Don has been working terrifically hard and has completed his new television series. It is called The Rovers and is an adventure at sea on a beautiful big schooner, The Pacific Lady. It has lots of Australian wildlife and animals in it, as does every T.V. series made here because that's what sells them overseas, which is America and Europe.

The premiere of The Rovers was shown recently in Sydney. The Mars Candy Company has taken an option to show Rovers in the U.S.

"The whole country grinds to a screeching halt for about a month just after Christmas. Offices, factories, most everything closes down! It's very frustrating if you're trying to get anything done, but otherwise pleasant to think a country can still behave in such a leisurely, enjoying life way. Bought an artificial Christmas Tree, something I said I'd never do. But what else can one do in a county without Christmas trees? Placed it on the patio and pretended it's Christmas while I sunbathed. I was really envious of your annual."

## Housing Projects

## Up For Bids Again

The Murphy Housing Authority is again calling for bids on the planned public housing projects which have been delayed so far due to rising construction costs.

Ben Palmer, executive

## TVA Study Of Garbage Under Way

Tennessee Valley Authority engineers are presently making a survey in Clay and Cherokee counties studying the garbage disposal problem faced by rural residents.

TVA's Office of Tributary Area Development was requested to make the study last year by the boards of commissioners of both counties with an eye toward some sort of plan system.

One of the possible systems are doing is a container set-up whereby large metal containers would be placed at crossroads and other locations where rural population is concentrated.

Rural residents could then carry their own garbage a short distance and dispose of it in the container. It would then be served largely by a truck which in turn would carry the garbage to a landfill.

The TVA engineers will make their recommendations to the county commissioners of both counties and any plan adopted must have the approval of the N.C. Department of Health.



Mrs. Don Cash of Australia... the former Nancy Sales of Murphy.



Carter McCall

## Ex-Sheriff Hired As Inspector

Carter R. McCall, former sheriff of Transylvania County has been hired by the Farmers Home Administration in Murphy as Constructor Inspector.

McCall, a native of Transylvania, was sheriff of that county from 1962 until 1970. He is from Rosman, where he heads his own firm, which operates as a coal mining company in Tennessee.

He has also worked with several construction companies and as a logging contractor in North Carolina and adjoining states. He will assist the FHA borrowers on constructions, specification, workmanship and problems in building.

He is married to the former Elsie Owens and they have three children.