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Memorial Plaza Dedicated

Former Editor Bill Gray has returned to the Scout Staff for the Summer, before resuming his college studies this Fall, and made this double print of the dedication last Friday of the Memorial Plaza at Murphy High. The two negatives, one of the plaque bearing the names of the three Seniors killed in accidents last year, and the other, of the

overall dedication ceremony, were made separately and then combined in one print. Friends and families of the three and the student body of the school attended the dedication. Construction of the plaza was a special project of the Senior Class, with assistance of teachers and local contractor John Smith.

Sales Tax To Begin In Cherokee June 1

If you stop by the store next Monday afternoon and get a dollar's worth of groceries, your total bill will be \$1.03.

Buy the very same items on Tuesday morning and it'll cost you \$1.04.

The rising cost of groceries is not expected to jump again next Monday night but the new county sales tax will go into effect next Tuesday morning, an extra penny on the dollar.

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, which voted to levy the tax, won't be able to lean on it quite as heavily as members had expected, according to Mrs. Luth Sprung, county accountant.

Cherokee is looking forward to getting about \$150,000 a year from the local one percent tax, he said, but the tax will be collected by the North Carolina Department of Revenue along with the state's regular three percent sales tax and then returned to the county.

Although the sales tax begins June 1 in Cherokee, Mrs. Sprung said a letter from the state revenue office in Raleigh indicates that payment will be made to the county on a quarterly basis and the first payment won't be received here until November.

She said that probably means instead of the commissioners getting the full \$150,000 back from the state during fiscal 1971-72, actually only about three-quarters of that will be received here during the fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 1971 to July 1, 1972.

The commissioners, who are now in the process of drawing up a budget for the coming fiscal year, have said in the past that the local sales tax money would keep property taxes from increasing and

might mean a cut in property taxes.

An official of the state revenue department said Monday that the extra penny on the dollar will apply only to items which are now taxed by the state at three percent. The state gets lesser taxes, two percent and one percent, on items, he said, such as boats and boat motors, cars and farm machinery. He said these will not be affected by the new local tax.

In Cherokee County, the original local sales tax was defeated in the election of November, 1969. After the first law was knocked down by the State Supreme Court back in January, the Legislature passed a new local sales tax law and under its provisions, the

Cherokee commissioners levied the tax, making the decision in late April. They had first called for a vote of the people on the matter, then decided to put the tax into effect on their own, which was allowed by the new law.

In Clay County, the voters approved the tax on the original vote and it was in effect there during 1970. After the Legislature passed the new law, the commissioners there put it back into effect in Clay and the sales tax there got back into action the first of May.

In Clay, the tax brings in between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a month, which is shared with Hayesville. Cherokee, likewise, will share the sales tax money with the two incorporated towns, Murphy and Andrews.

Thief Falls Into A&P Store

A would-be thief who broke into the A&P store here in Murphy on Saturday night got nothing at all and was lucky he didn't break a leg.

Murphy Police Chief Pete Stalcup, who is investigating the break-in, said the robber climbed to the roof of the store, wrenched the top off a ventilating shaft and slid down the shaft.

When he reached the end of the vertical shaft, Chief Stalcup said, the intruder couldn't stop and fell through the ceiling into the floor of the store. Apparently unhurt, the culprit then made his way to the store's office, ransacked it and tried, without success, to cut the hinges off the safe with a hacksaw.

Chief Stalcup said store employees could find nothing missing. The thief, with nothing to show for his troubles, had to break his way back out of the store, the officer said.



Virgil Kephart

Kephart New Tax Supervisor

Paul Nave is resigning as Cherokee County's tax supervisor and Virgil Kephart will take over the post beginning June 1.

Nave took the office early last December as the new Republican county administration was sworn in and has served since then.

A former Cherokee County Extension agent, he begins work June 1 in Rutherfordton as assistant county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration there.

Kephart worked for a number of years for the Chevrolet dealership in Murphy and recently has been operating a gas station on the Joe Brown Highway. He is a resident of the Hanging Dog section.



New Hiawassee Hospital Sets Open House Sunday

Open House will be held for the public Sunday afternoon at the new \$2 million Towns County Hospital at Hiawassee, Ga.

The sparkling new hospital facility has 42 beds for regular hospital patients and another 30 beds make up the nursing home connected to the hospital. The hospital activities are currently going on in their nursing home section as construction was being finished on the actual hospital. Therefore members of the Towns County Hospital Authority cordially invite the public to come to the Open House and tour the hospital section, which is not occupied at the present time.

Those inspecting the new hospital will see the very latest in up-to-date, modern hospital construction, all done under the strict supervision of the Georgia Department of Public Health.

The building is two-story, all-masonry construction, completely fireproof. In addition there is an electronic fire alarm system which monitors all parts of the hospital.

Nurses won't have to crank any beds to raise or lower a patient, all the beds are new, electrically controlled. And there are no wards—no room has more than two beds in it. There is an intensive care section where nurses are stationed in the room with patients round-the-clock, there is a large emergency room section, there are several operating rooms and a comprehensive maternity section.

The hospital's primary service area is Towns and Union Counties in Georgia and also Clay County in North Carolina, according to the administrator, J.S. Homes. He pointed out that the hospital serves nearly all the medical needs of Clay County and patients from Clay outnumbered those from either of the two Georgia counties during April.

Guy Puett is chairman of the hospital authority and Bob Anderson is vice chairman.

Howell Abbott serves as secretary and treasurer and other members are L.J. Nichols, Jerry Palmer, J.L. Hooper Jr., J.W. Denton, Mrs. Mattie Lou Rogers and Zell Miller.

Puett and Anderson said the hospital began in Hiawassee with the completion in February of 1962 of the 13-bed Lee M. Happ Memorial Hospital, named in memory of a serviceman killed in World War II after his family in Macon, Ga.

contributed heavily to construction of the small hospital.

A county bond issue was floated both for the first hospital, they said, and again for the expansion in 1960 doubled the capacity to 26 beds. Federal funds and money from the State of Georgia also was used in financing the construction of the early hospital, they said.

Private donations from citizens of the area have been a constant source of help for the

hospital, they added, and Anderson said the Georgia Mountain Fair over the years has contributed a total of \$17,000 to the hospital.

A fire destroyed most of the 26-bed hospital several years ago, Puett and Anderson said, and the hospital authority began the rebuilding, with local and state money and also with federal Hill-Burton funds.

Construction has been going on for about three years, they said, as hospital activities continued in the fire-damaged

old hospital and then moved into the new rest home as it was finished. Henry Whitehead of Atlanta was the architect and Continental Construction of Vidalia, Ga. was the general contractor.

Hospital patients will be moved from the rest home section into the hospital proper beginning early in June and the rest home will begin operations as a rest home about the first of July. Applications are being taken now for those who want to live at the rest home.



New Look For Parker's

James Parker, a co-owner of Parker's Drug Store, poses on the expanded sales floor of the remodelled store. Parker's has doubled its floor

space by moving into the space formerly occupied by the Cherokee Restaurant and is holding its Grand Opening this week.

GAME SLATED

...The Jackets will play Littlefield, a school located in the eastern part of the state near Lumberton, in the state semi-finals of Class A baseball at 4 p.m. Friday at Hayesville.

Parker's Drug Store Celebrating Expansion

Parker's Drug Store is holding Grand Opening this week, celebrating the fact that it has expanded and taken over its original floor space again.

The building was erected in 1918 by the late R.S. (Doc) Parker, who came to Murphy from Raleigh and started in the pharmacy business here about 1911.

James Parker, Doc's son, and pharmacist Ken Godfrey own the business now. Parker said his father originally operated the drug store in the full street-level floor of the building but it was cut in half about 1942.

One half of the ground floor has operated as a restaurant, he said, and the drug store continued operations in the other half. There were various restaurant operators, he noted, among them were George Phillips, Rat Stiles, Leon Kimsey and most recently, James Howse, who ran the popular Cherokee Restaurant there for the past eight years. Howse, however, was elected Clerk of Court last fall and Parker's Drug Store was bursting at the seams with more and more merchandise and customers along the crowded aisles. As the restaurant

equipment was moved out, workmen were beginning to tear away the partition that had separated the two businesses for almost 30 years.

The drug store business has changed considerably in the 60 years since Doc Parker came here, his son said this week. The original Parker Drug Store had a number of booths and marble-top tables, he said, which went along with the ice-cream parlor and soda fountain image a drug store had in those days.

The booths and tables are gone and the fountain occupies only one modest corner of the store. Floor space is used primarily now for merchandising a wide variety of items, he explained, rather than accommodating ice cream customers.

Jackets Sting Play-Off Foes

By Red Schuyler and Bobby Hollifield Staff Writers

The Hayesville baseball "machine" continued to roll toward a state title as the Yellow Jackets picked up two easy play-off victories during the past week.

Last Friday the Jackets crushed Pleasant Gardens 13-1, and then Tuesday afternoon the Jackets simply destroyed Wentworth 23-1, to go into the semi-final round of the State Class A play-offs.

Fireballer Jimmy Stewart for the Yellow Jackets had the visitors eating out of his hand the entire game Tuesday and most especially the first four innings. Through four innings of play the visitors were set down 1-2-3. Stewart was striking out two out of three men who came to the plate and the third man was being sent back to the bench by the superb playing of the defense.

In the fifth inning, Stewart walked the first man to come to bat and his perfect game went out the window, but he still had his no-hitter and shut-out going. In the meantime his teammates had gotten him a cushion of 15 runs, the big blow coming by Barry Lunsford with a grand slam homerun. In the Hayesville 4th inning eight players crossed home plate. The visitors managed to score their lone run in the fifth on two hits and a walk.

Stewart left 14 men standing at the plate but also helped his own cause by getting

three hits in five trips to the plate and driving in three runs. It would be hard to single out any individual star as all the team hit the ball hard and played a perfect game in the field and ran the base paths well.

However, the highlights of the game would have to be the grand slam homer of Barry Lunsford plus a triple and six runs batted in. Rex Ledford who has improved every game both behind the bat and at the plate had a homer and a triple and drove in two runs. Jimmy Tiger, outstanding first baseman, had a big day getting three hits and driving in four runs early in the game. Jackie Lunsford brother of centerfielder Barry, played his usual outstanding game. Jackie, a Freshman with three more years of eligibility had two hits and three runs batted in.

Buster Youngblood, the other half of the pitching staff, didn't have many chances to hit but walked several times but after reaching base stole three bases. Youngblood and Stewart alternate at third base when the other is pitching. It was Youngblood who was walked intentionally to load the bases in the fourth inning to set the stage for Barry Lunsford's "grand slam" homer.

Against Pleasant Gardens the home-standing Jackets pounded out 10 hits and scored in every inning but one as they sent the Indians to their first defeat of the season. Buster

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Graduation Exercises

This was a typical scene of the season as Valedictorian Kathy Fox addressed the 44 Seniors graduating at Hiwassee Dam on Friday night. Murphy High graduated 106 in ceremonies at the school gym on Sunday afternoon and Andrews graduated 55 on Tuesday night. Hayesville High

will give diplomas to 65 in graduation exercises at the school next Monday night. Cherokee schools let out for Summer on Thursday of this week. Clay schools let out on Thursday of next week. (Lonnie Britt Photo)



Jimmy Stewart...Jacket Fireballer

Youth Program Funded

The Neighborhood Youth Corps has been funded for another Summer season, according to an announcement this week by the sponsor, Four-Square Community Action Inc.

The program will receive a federal grant of \$110,000, beginning the first of June, to provide 200 jobs for young people. The jobs will last for eight weeks, in the four counties of Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain.

The youths are between the ages of 14 and 21 and come from low income families. The enrollees are paid \$1.50 per hour and work 25 hours per week, beginning June 7.