



### Scenic Beauty?

District Ranger Harold Fisher of the U.S. Forest Service sadly looked over the floating mess Tuesday afternoon at Lover's Leap, just below the joining of the Valley and Hiwassee rivers. The heavy rains have brought the rivers almost to flood

stage and the garbage along the banks has collected in a huge raft of debris here, containing driftwood, bottles, the ever-present plastic jugs and assorted trash. (Gray Photo)

## Mountain Fair Starts Friday

The 21st annual Georgia Mountain Fair begins on Friday at Hiwassee, Ga., to run for 10 big days.

More than 110,000 visitors were recorded last year, jamming area motels and campgrounds, and members of the Towns County Lions Club, which sponsors the event, say the total this year will go even higher.

Special activities and entertainment are planned for

each of the 10 days, beginning with a performance on Friday night under the big tent by country music stars Jack Greene, Jeannie Seely, the Osborne Bros. and Kenny Price.

One of the most popular and interesting features of the Mountain Fair is Pioneer Village complete with: an Old General Store, a farm museum, a replica of an old mountain home, a quilting party, spinning

and weaving, soap and hominy making. Reminiscent of the ways of making livelihood in the by gone era of the mountains are such things as: the blacksmith shop, pottery making, wood carving, the had splitting of red oak wood to make shingles, grinding of corn meal - and - even the moonshine still in actual operation.

The Georgia Mountain Fair is most unusual in that it has no

commercial exhibits. But the fairgrounds are replete with attractively commercial exhibits by the Mountain people, community clubs, churches, state and federal agencies: Arts, needlework, crafts, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, native gemstones. There's room full of antiques; another filled with hundreds of varieties of beautiful dahlias from Todd's Farm at Suches, Georgia.

## Clay OK's Budget

The Clay County commissioners, meeting Monday, adopted a \$1.25 million budget for the current fiscal year, to be financed by the same tax rate as last year, \$1.50 per hundred of valuation.

County budgets, by state law, are supposed to be held open in a tentative version for taxpayer inspection for some time before final adoption, which has a deadline of July 28.

The Clay commissioners, however, had some difficulty in working out their budget and Chairman Howard Wimpey said the budget and tax rate were adopted Monday as being effective immediately.

The Clay budget includes \$19,000 toward construction of a new county jail and \$54,220 for county debt service, to go toward paying off the county bond load.

The largest items in the budget are welfare, which runs \$336,000 and the school fund, \$719,070. General fund expenditures are set at \$86,155.

The Cherokee County commissioners, to meet the deadline, held a brief special meeting last week and approved their budget of \$1.35 million, as presented in tentative form previously. It calls for a tax rate of \$1.50, a nickel lower than last year.

Chairman Jack Simonds and Commissioner W.T. Moore voted for the budget, Commissioner Jack Lovingood voting against it in protest of the \$14,000 additional required for two new sheriff's deputies, authorized by the Legislature.

In approving the budget, the Cherokee commissioners cut out funds earmarked for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department in with several other Western North Carolina counties in a large radio system. Commissioner Moore abstained on that vote.

In their meeting Monday,

the commissioners of both counties discussed the boundary line dispute recently revived by the State of Georgia but took no official action on it.

The Cherokee commissioners met with Ed Hyde, the attorney who is handling the legal work on the \$300,000 bond election to finance construction of a new elementary school at Andrews. They agreed to make application to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh to call the election for sometime early in October.

Irked by the critical tone of a Grand Jury report last week calling for extensive repairs on the Courthouse, Chairman Simonds commented "If we put on enough additional taxes to finance all these repairs, they'd run us out of office."

The commissioners actually had already been considering some of the repairs the Grand Jury urged and received one bid Monday on correcting the overload situation in the Courthouse electrical wiring set-up. Other bids are expected.

Cherokee Sheriff Blain Stalcup met with the commissioners at their request to discuss the time people arrested for public drunkenness are being kept at the jail. The county pays \$3 a day to the Sheriff's Department for each prisoner and the commissioners were of the opinion that some public drunkenness prisoners were being kept longer than the six-hour limit ordered by a Superior Court judge.

Sheriff Stalcup said he understood the judge to have said public drunks should be kept overnight. The jail day changes at 6 in the morning, he said, and a two-day charge is often seen when a man is arrested during the night and released the following morning.

"I don't keep any of them any longer than I'm supposed to," the sheriff said. "If the jail report shows a man was kept longer, it was for another reason."

Commissioners asked about one case in the jail report which indicated a man was kept for eight days on a public drunk charge. The sheriff explained that this person was kept an additional time while papers were being prepared to admit him to Broughton hospital at Morganton.

## Taylor Slated To Visit

Lt. Governor H. Pat Taylor will visit Cherokee County on Wednesday, August 11. He will be the guest at a Democratic reception to be held at 7:30 that evening at the Murphy Power Board Building.

Taylor is generally considered a leading contender for Governor in the 1972 primary.

All Democrats are invited to meet the Lt. Governor, according to Gary Kilpatrick, local Party chairman. The Cherokee Democratic Women will provide refreshments, he said.

Earlier in the day the Lt. Governor will greet Clay County party faithful at a gathering at the Moss Memorial Library in Hayesville. That meeting is scheduled for four P.M.

Taylor, elected Lt. Governor in 1968, had previously served six terms as a Representative in the General Assembly. In 1965 he was elected Speaker of the House.

Taylor practices law in his native Wadesboro. He is married to the former Elizabeth Lockhart and they have three children.



### Tourist Treated

Murphy Rotarians Jack Isaacs, left, and Frank Atchison explained to Curtis Cochran right, of Frost, Texas Monday that he was not in trouble. The Rotary Club wanted to have a tourist family as guests at the Monday luncheon and enlisted the aid of Murphy police in stopping Cochran,

who said later he was "scared to death...afraid I'd run a stoplight somewhere." Cochran, who is superintendent of schools in Frost, his wife and their two children ate with the Rotarians and enjoyed the goodwill gesture, as did club members. (Staff Photo)

## Rain Hurting Crops

Heavy rainfall over the past two weeks is hurting farm crops as well as home garden plots.

The Hydraulic Data section of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which keeps official weather records in Murphy, recorded a whopping 4.6 inches of rain between 8 o'clock last Saturday morning and 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Of that total, a TVA official said two inches of the rain fell on Murphy in about an hour Sunday afternoon. Normal rainfall for the entire month of August is about 4 1/2 inches, he said. The TVA check on rainfall showed 6 1/2 inches received here in July, most of it in the latter part of the month, compared to a normal figure of 5 and 3/4 inches.

Cherokee Extension Chairman Jack Earley said the excess moisture is affecting the trellis tomato crop as well as other crops. At the Murphy Tomato Packing House, prices this week were holding at \$4 for a 20-pound case of No. 1 tomatoes, despite the fact that the tomatoes contain more than the usual amount of water and therefore will spoil faster than normal.

"Watery or not, the demand for Western North Carolina tomatoes is still holding," said Manager Edmund Thomas. "They're still in short supply compared to the demand."

Thomas and Earley are both concerned that tomato plants of area growers will wilt when the rainy spell ends, exposing all the fruit to the sun and causing blistering. Thomas said the blistered tomatoes will all have to be culled out as they will not sell.

Earley added that wet conditions will keep farmers from spraying their tomatoes

and various plant diseases will therefore hit tomato fields harder than usual.

The heavy rain is causing corn to sour in the shuck Earley said, and many garden crops - squash, cucumbers, okra, potatoes, etc. - are rotting.

## Schools Start On August 26

Schools in both Clay and Cherokee counties will open their doors for the first full day on Thursday, Aug. 26.

Superintendents Scott Beal and John Jordan, of Clay and Cherokee respectively, announced opening schedules this week. About 1,200 pupils are expected in Clay schools this year; in Cherokee, the total enrollment will be about 3,700.

In Clay, registration day has been set for Tuesday, Aug. 24. All children will report to their school on that day to register and receive textbooks. Schoolbuses will run: but on a half-day schedule, returning the children home before lunch. There will be no school on Wednesday and the first full day will be Thursday, Aug. 26.

Registration and issuing of textbooks in Cherokee will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, with buses running on a half-day schedule and no lunches served in the cafeterias. The following day will be the first full day.

New students who have moved into the Hayesville area and will be attending school there are to be pre-registered at the Hayesville school on Aug. 12-13.

New students entering Murphy High in grades 7-12 can pre-register at the school on Aug. 9, 10 or 11, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The holiday calendar for school systems in both counties has also been set for the 1971-72 year and students can mark Sept. 6 as the first holiday. All schools will be closed that Monday for Labor Day.

## Miss Cherokee County Beauty Pageant

### Saturday Night - 8:30 - Murphy High Gym



Peggy Martin, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin of Route 2, Murphy, sponsored by Rimco.



Gail Postell, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Postell of Route 2, Murphy, sponsored by Levi's.



Sue Picklesimer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Picklesimer of Route 4, Murphy, sponsored by Clifton.



Susan Barrett, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett of Murphy, sponsored by First Union.



Breeze Thompson, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Thompson of Andrews, sponsored by Wachovia, Andrews.



Phyllis Hughes, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Murphy, sponsored by Wachovia, Murphy.



Rita Jordan, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gar Jordan of Topton, sponsored by Flowers, Ltd.



Virginia Loving, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Loving of Route 3, Murphy, sponsored by American Thread.



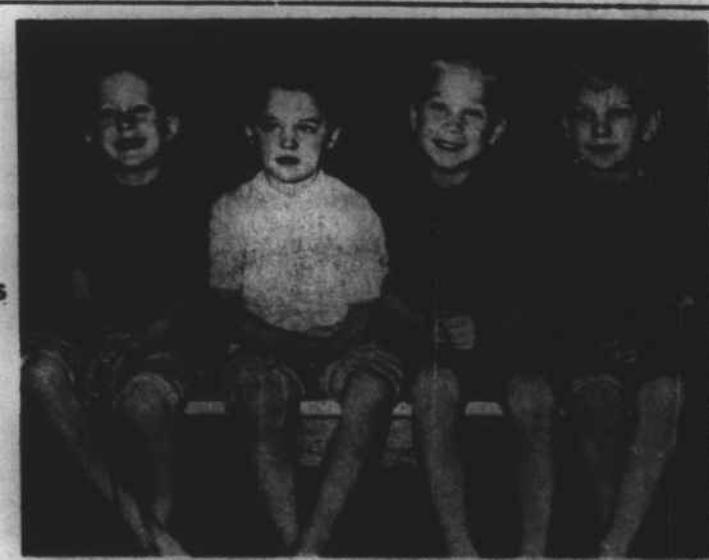
Wanda Wilson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Wilson of Route 1, Murphy, sponsored by Townson Funeral Home.



Angie Curtis, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curtis of Route 1, Murphy, sponsored by Peachtree Products.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: JEFFREY DONALD HUGHES -Mr. & Mrs. James Don Hughes STEVE DOUGLAS LANEY -Mr. & Mrs. Scott Laney FREDRICK JAMES SPRUNG -Mr. & Mrs. James R. Sprung MARK ALAN CARLSON -Mr. & Mrs. W. Douglas Carlson



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