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Ratcliff And Owens Define Their Program At Local Club Meeting

Over 100 area voters attended a luncheon Tuesday at the XYZ Club to hear Curtis Ratcliff, Chairman and Cary Owen member of the County Board of Commissioners speak. Mrs. Margaret Stagle Mayor of Black Mountain was also a guest along with City Manager John Creighton, Councilwoman Ruth Brandon and Alderman Don Hoefling. Mr. Ratcliff and Mrs. Owen have been helpful to the Senior Citizens program and their visit was an opportunity for them to see one of the Centers and perhaps pick up a few votes.

After the luncheon, Mr. Ratcliff and Mrs. Owens each spoke in turn, dividing their subjects to avoid repetition. Mr. Ratcliff in a discussion of his interests and accomplishments as Chairman stressed education and social programs. Mrs. Owen spoke primarily of environmental and cultural activities. Ratcliff in a review of his tenure mentioned the funding of six new schools, an on-going recreation program, new parks, the Manpower program to reduce unemployment and child development aid. He pointed out that everything had been done without increasing property taxes. At the end of his talk Mr. Ratcliff reminded his listeners that there were 17,000 registered Republicans in the county and that he needed 24,000 votes to win.

Mrs. Owen started her talk by asking the audience to consider carefully all candidates, saying that Commissioners were "Spending a lot of your money." She then discussed the areas which interested her most, and reviewed what had been done while she was on the board. She mentioned stringent anti-litter enforcement, removal of junk cars and the establishment of new picnic areas. In the cultural sphere Mrs. Owen said she had promoted an increased funding of the Art Museum and Symphony and an Art Van which will take exhibits to schools. She had also supported the Nature Center near the Zoo and another Van which will carry live animals in special habitats to classrooms. Mrs. Owen also has a deep interest in finance and planning and mentioned with particular pride the Board's investment program which has earned 2 1/2 million during the present Board's tenure. Both candidates were knowledgeable and attractive and almost certainly acquired some new support during their visit. Irene Stephenson, Site Manager, and her staff provided, as they do unfailingly, a good lunch and an attractive ambience.

Local Artist Presenting Show At Montreat



Joe Lowrey

A retrospective show of oils by Joe Lowrey will be held for public viewing Oct. 5 - Nov. 6 in the L. Nelson Library on the Montreat-Anderson College campus.

The show touches on a diverse range of subject matter. Included are a series of self-portraits, a few paintings of World War I aircraft, and numerous landscapes of the Florida and Western North Carolina Areas.

Lowrey's interest in painting aircraft dates to childhood and took on some added fervor during World War II when he served as a fighter pilot. There are only a handful of artists in the world able to correctly paint World War I aircraft, as it is a highly specialized field requiring an exact knowledge of the aircraft, a high degree of technical skill and a first hand knowledge of aviation. The paintings in this exhibit are the result of years of research and are accurate in every detail.

Lowrey studied art at the Twentieth Century School of Art in Memphis, Tenn., and the Memphis Academy of Fine Art, and worked under Herb Kinzinger of the Bauhaus at Baylor University. He received his masters degree at the University of Florida. He was awarded the Fred B. Noble Award at Jacksonville University and received a painting grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has exhibited ex-

tensively in juried shows and has had one-man-shows at many galleries, including the Hickory Museum of Art, the Regional Gallery of Art in Boone, the New York International and Southeast Gallery of Art in Winston-Salem.

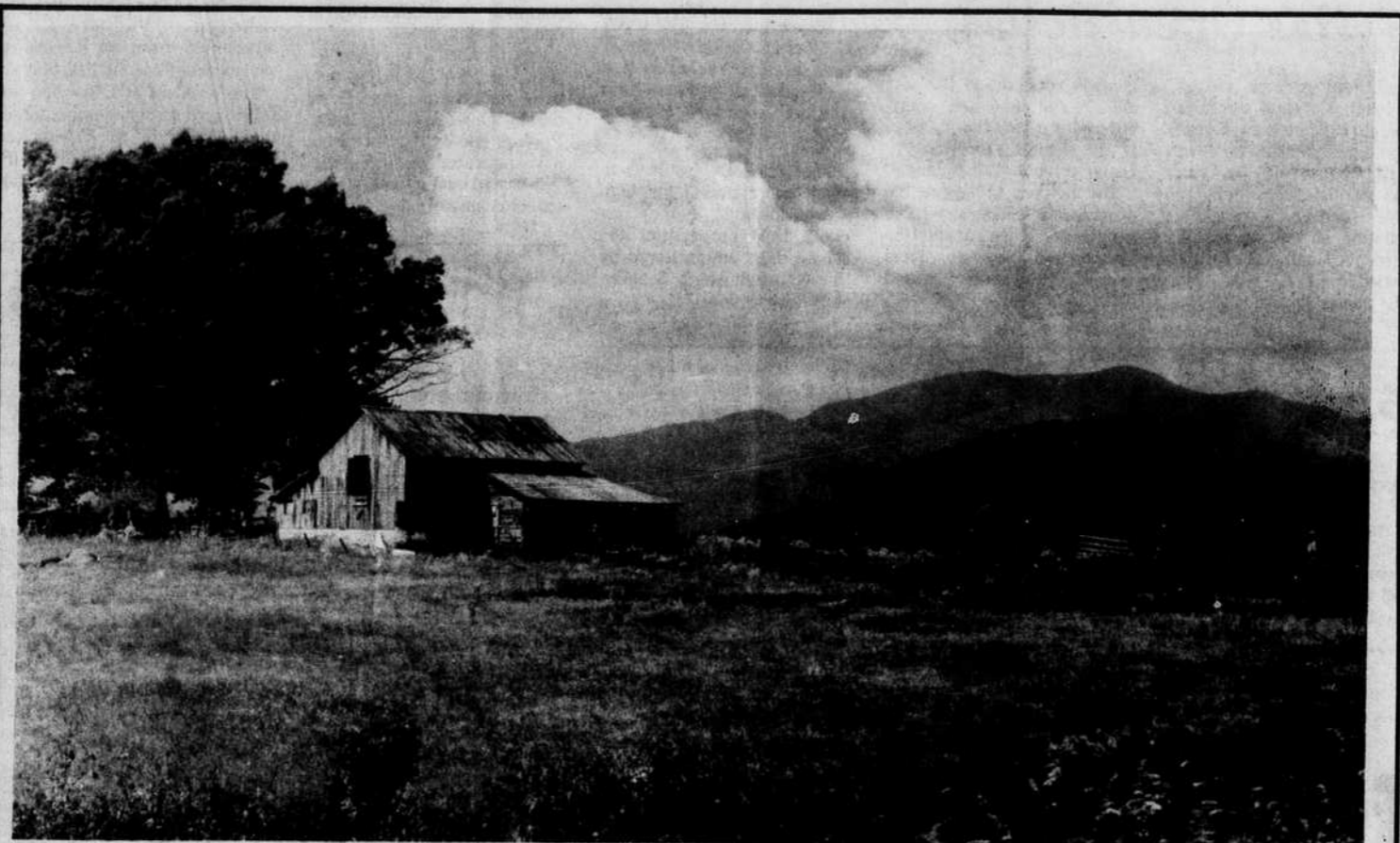
Previously professor at the Jacksonville Art Museum and at the University of Florida, Lowrey teaches art and photography at Warren Wilson College.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sat., and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday.

Defendant Appeals Larceny Conviction

An 18 month sentence was ordered for Ernest Leon Myers, Jr. of Black Mountain Friday after he was convicted of larceny by District Court Judge William M. Styles.

Myers appealed to Superior Court. At arrest he was charged with taking \$168 from W. W. Worley Enterprises (Burger Castle) on Aug. 24.



(A David Peele Photo)

The Countryside Of Home

The countryside of home,
so peaceful, so still
Untouched by the worlds night marish
plots to take away its beauty.

Untold secrets, unspent dreams of
a modern world are unknown here.
The simple life of bear necessity rules.

As man grows old, the earth in its beauty,
seems to slowly mature. But, survive?
Yes, survive, after all of man's experimental
dreams

dreams have crumbled,
The countryside of home,
Our mountains, are still so peaceful, so real.

by Susan Wheelon

Fruits Of Congressman Taylor's Labors Scattered To Benefit Many

The 94th Congress adjourned Saturday and marked the last day for our Congressman Roy Taylor who is voluntarily stepping down to retirement after sixteen years of outstanding service to his constituents since 1960.

Some retiring congressmen leave their legacies in the statute books. But Roy Taylor says the fruits of his 16 years in the House are scattered throughout the country, as parts of the national parks system.

The national parks system has doubled in size since Taylor came to Washington. The legislation creating those new parks went through the House Interior Committee's subcommittee on national parks and recreation, which Taylor has chaired for the past 10 years.

Taylor, 66, chairman of the House Interior Committee's subcommittee on national parks and recreation for the past 10 years, says the fruits of his legislative labors can be found from the Outer Banks to the west coast.

Congressman Taylor listed a few of his favorites last week: "There's Redwoods Park in California, and North Cascades in Washington. These are the Gateways Parks in New York and San Francisco."

Closer to his home, Taylor mentioned Cumberland Islands, Ga., and the Cape Lookout Seashore in North Carolina. Both preserve long, unspoiled sections of the Atlantic shoreline.

"I put my heart into the creation of those parks, and I'm leaving with the feeling that something was indeed accomplished. Fifty or 100 years from now, few people will remember anything political that happened during the 16 years I was here in Congress," he said.

"But there will be millions and millions of people enjoying those parks, rivers and seashores, enjoying them even more than they are now," he said.

Taylor's retirement will deny him the opportunity to chair the full Interior Committee.

Chairman James Halsey, D-Fla., is also retiring after this session. Taylor was next in line in seniority.

Several things contributed to his decision to leave Congress. One was an ear infection that left him partially deaf last year. At 66, he said, his impairment was a hindrance to communication.

But even more crucial to him was the increasing workload borne by members of Congress. "If I could have worked eight hours on weekdays and four on Saturdays, I'd have stayed. But it's become a job that takes 12 hours a day, every day. I just questioned whether it was good for my health," he said.

He said he was finding Congress less enjoyable. "You're under constant pressure, and there's never time to finish something properly before you go on to the next thing. Congress has more responsibility, more legislation."

Taylor finds that procedural changes, while they have made Congress more open and democratic, have also made it a harder place to work.

For Representative Taylor, his last day in the House floor was a busy one, as he secured final approval of three legislative measures dealing with recreation in Western North Carolina.

Taylor said the first bill provided for a study of a proposed Mt. Mitchell National Park in North Carolina which would take in the Black Mountain range of



North Carolina, including Mt. Mitchell State Park and the nearby federally-owned lands adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway, including the Craggy Mountains; the second would list recreation on lakes as one of the objectives of the TVA; and the third provided for a study of a proposed Daniel Boone Scenic Trail leading from Lexington, North Carolina along the general route taken by Boone into Kentucky.

Disagree or to accept the Senate amendment with an additional House amendment."

Bruce Briggs, Republican and Lamar Gudger, Democrat are candidates for Taylor's

seat in the upcoming election.

Roy and Evelyn will be coming home soon. A dinner in their honor is planned for Dec. 6. Chamber of Commerce Executive Sec. Ed Weber stated Monday. The site of the

dinner is yet to be selected, he said, as such a large crowd is expected it will be difficult to find a place large enough. He advises everyone to make reservations early.

The "approved fuel charge" reflects monthly variations in the actual cost of fuel used to generate electricity, compared to the amount CP&L is permitted to collect for fuel in its base rates.

Public Health Center - 35 Woodfin

First Swine Flu Immunization Clinic Sunday - Asheville

Dr. James Tenney of the Buncombe County Health Dept. stated Tuesday afternoon that the swine flu vaccine was expected to arrive from Raleigh early Wednesday morning at the Public Health Dept. at 35 Woodfin St. Asheville. It will then be repackaged and distributed first to physicians and nursing homes for immunization of high risk patients.

The first public clinic will be held on Sunday Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. at the public Health Center at 35 Woodfin Ave. and will continue until the supply is exhausted.

The first emphasis, Dr. Tenney stated, will be on high risk patients, those sixty or older or younger people who have chronic illnesses such as heart disease, metabolic diabetes, etc.

Youngsters in the chronic health group between the ages of 3-17 need to get two shots for full vaccine coverage. These must be spaced at least four weeks apart.

The recommended schedule for healthy youngsters has not yet arrived. Infants two and under will not be immunized

this year, he said.

The supplies are not coming in the quantities previously expected, Dr. Tenney continued and as they come in more will be released to

physicians and hospitals. More supplies are expected in Nov. and Dec.

Also the Health Dept. plans to hold public health clinics at two week intervals at the Health Center. There will be a

Central Clinic at the Health Center in Asheville instead of clinics at various townships as originally planned.

For more information call the Swine Line No. 255-5107.

Owen Band Marches On — Continues Winning Ways

In the Southeastern Band Festival held Saturday, Oct. 2, at Bristol, the Warhorse Band repeated its good showing of the previous week, and was again awarded a Division II trophy. Under the worst possible conditions with a field so muddy and slippery that many students from other bands fell and countless shoes were lost, our youngsters pulled off a really good performance and seemed practically unaware of the difficulties. The rating they received was very high for such a young band and one that was much smaller than the others in its class.

The band appreciated the

nineteen adults, from the Swannanoa Valley, who drove to Bristol to offer moral support. The directors were pleased with the behavior of the students and also would like to thank the three capable bus drivers from Owen: Hillary McDonald, Eddie Burton, and Johnny Collins. This coming Saturday, Oct. 9, our outstanding Field Conductor, Susan Connon will lead the Warhorse Band in competition at the Western Carolina University Marching Band Festival. The judging will begin at 12:00 noon and awards will be presented at 5:00 p.m. after an exhibition of the WCU Band. All parents

and friends of the Warhorse Band are invited and encouraged to attend the Festival.

TOWN BOARD MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 11
7:30 P.M. CITY HALL
YOUR PRESENCE SHOWS
YOUR INTEREST IN
HOW YOUR TOWN
IS OPERATING