

## 4,700 Return To Classrooms In Cherokee



MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. COLLINS . . . WED AT 74

### Old Sweethearts Wed After 54 Yrs.

John L. Collins and Mrs. Cora Fox Bryant, childhood sweethearts who had not seen each other for the past 54 years, were married here Aug. 14.

Both are 74. They are living at Mrs. Collins' home on Culberson Route 2, about nine miles from Murphy.

The couple were married at the home of Rev. Tom Truett in Culberson. Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Sterlin Akin of Murphy, Mrs. Harley Shields of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stiles of Sylva.

Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Akin and Mrs. Stiles are nieces of Mrs. Collins. The bride wore a two-piece brown suit trimmed in white lace with white accessories.

Mr. Collins was born and reared in Cherokee County. Mrs. Collins was born in the home where the couple are now living and has resided there all her life except for about a year.

They were childhood sweethearts for five or six years before Mr. Collins left Murphy at around the age of 20. He went to Detroit, Mich to barber.

Recently he wrote two or three letters to a cousin at Friendship but the letters were returned unopened. Not knowing his cousin had passed away, Mr. Collins decided to write his childhood sweetheart for information.

This posed a problem as he did not know whom she had married or if she was still living in the same community. He enclosed the letter to "Cora Fox" in a letter to the Postmaster at Ranger.

The Ranger Postmaster located Mrs. Collins, then Mrs. Bryant, and the couple began to correspond. In his first letter, Mr. Collins told her he was no longer married.

She wrote back that she had been a widow for 11 years. An old

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### FOOTBALL LIGHTS FUND REACHES \$3,000 MARK; DRIVE CONTINUES

Contributions and pledges had reached about \$3,000 earlier this week in the campaign to raise funds for lighting the high school football field here.

John Gill, chairman of the lights committee, said \$1,551 has already been deposited and a similar amount has been pledged.

The chairman asked that all who have pledged to send or bring their checks in as quickly as possible. Checks should be made payable to "Murphy High School Football Field Lights" and mailed to Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

Between \$4,000 and \$4,500 is needed for the project.

A list of the latest contributors was released as follows: Walter Puett, W. E. Hampton Co., Columbia Marble Co., Murphy Motor Court, Murphy Laundry, Arbor Aul, Mrs. W. M. Mauney, Jim Gibbs, Radford Chain Saw Co., J. H. Duncan, Coble Dairy Co.

Also: Joy Motel, Sossamon Furniture Co., Dr. R. S. Parker, Robert Few, Cherokee Scout, Citizens Bank and Trust Co., W. F. Forsythe, Andrew May, Hackney Carolina Co, Bob White, Burley Dewese, Davis Esso Station, Walter Coleman, Hilton Business Equipment Co., Cloe Moore, C. E. Hyde.

Also Hemmerick Corp., J. Robert Penland, Murphy Rotary Club, D. H. Moody, McKeever & Edwards, Slacks Auto Parts, Bergan Moore, Arnold Beerkens, Wayne's Feed Store, Coward's, Randall Radcliff, Duke Whitley, Clyde Patton, W. P. Odom and J. B. Shields.

### Douglas Ray Lax New License Examiner For Area

Douglas Ray Lax of High Point, license examiner of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, has been transferred from the Asheville Office to the Andrews Station. Lax succeeds Q. T. Watts who has been transferred to the Asheville Station.

After completing courses for Drivers Education at the Safety Driving School at the Institute of Government Building at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, he has worked at the Asheville office prior to his assignment to this area.

His schedule for the three counties are: Monday and Tuesday, Murphy; Wednesday, Hayesville; Thursday, Andrews; and Friday, Robbinsville.

### Rev. Zeb McMorris To Preach At Maggie's Chapel

The Rev. Zeb McMorris will preach at the Maggie's Chapel Church Saturday and Sunday night of this week.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



AIRMAN OWENBY

### Murphy Airman Gets Outstanding Award

Airman First Class Jerry D. Owenby of Murphy was recently selected as "Outstanding Airman" of the 6922D Radio Group, Mobile.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnette Owenby of Murphy. Airman Owenby is now stationed in Japan with the U. S. Air Force.

A graduate of Murphy High School, he received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. He completed his technical school at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio.

For his achievements as Outstanding Airman, he received a scroll and an engraved watch.

### Clerk Position Open At Post Office In Andrews

The fifth U. S. Civil Service Regional office, Atlanta, announces an open competitive examination for career or temporary appointment to the position of substitute clerk in the Andrews Post Office.

Applications will be accepted from persons who reside within the delivery of the Post Office or who are bona fide patrons of the office. Applications must be received or post marked on or before September 11, 1957.

The beginning basic rate of pay is \$1.82 per hour. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. This age limit does not apply to persons entitled to veterans' preference.

Necessary forms and further information may be obtained from the Postmaster at the post office, or from the Fifth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Peachtree-Baker Building, 275 Peachtree Street, N. E. Atlanta 3, Georgia.

### Historical Society To Meet Thursday

Cherokee County Historical Society will meet Thursday night at 8 at Murphy Library, Miss Elizabeth Gray, president, announced.



ADDRESSES GROUP — Miss Ruth Hay, professor of Public Health Nursing, University of N. C., (standing), was guest speaker of area district public health nurses here last week.

### Public Health Nursing Important Job In Western North Carolina

The importance of their work in Western North Carolina was pointed up to nurses of District 23 of the State Nurses Association here last week.

Speaking before the group at County Health Department was Miss Ruth Hay, professor of Public Health Nursing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Miss Hay told nurses their jobs here are as important as those jobs in Chapel Hill, Charlotte or other metropolitan areas.

The speaker stressed three major trends of the nursing profession, including basic nursing education, public health nursing practices and the public health program. She cited statistics of the various nursing schools in the nation, those college connected and the accredited collegiate schools available to prepare nurses for top work in their profession.

Miss Hay told of the great concern in early public health service programs in the control of communicable diseases but said this is a minor thing in today's programs.

"By controlling diseases, improving care to mothers and babies, people are living longer," she said. She added that the public health service as yet cannot prevent cancer or heart diseases but stated that there is some light of hope that someday this, too, may be controlled.

Miss Hay asserted that the heart of the public health service is in family service. Then she listed 3 great segments of the nursing profession.

These are: nursing care in hospitals of many patients, the private duty nurse and the public health nurse.

She told nurses that "we need to think of how we can give the best

### Half-Day Schedule To Be Observed First Three Days

Approximately 4,700 pupils started the 1957-58 school year Wednesday in Cherokee County.

All schools in the county, including those at Murphy and Andrews, will operate this week on a half-day schedule, turning out at noon each day.

County Education Supt. Lloyd Hendrix estimated that approximately 1,800 pupils would fill the classrooms in the seven county schools. These include Hiwassee Dam, Unaka, White Church, Peachtree, Martins Creek, Ranger and Wolf Creek.

In Murphy, the expected enrollment was given at about 1,650 by Supt. Holland McSwain. Murphy High, Murphy Elementary and Texana schools make up the local unit.

Andrews Supt. J. E. Ruffy was expecting an enrollment of approximately 1,250 at Andrews High, Andrews Elementary No. 1, Andrews Elementary No. 2 and Marble Elementary No. 3. He said a full faculty has been employed for the coming year.

Although no cafeteria is in the new Murphy High School building, plans are to serve hot lunches there this year. Mr. McSwain said a plan has been worked out to provide the students with hot lunches by preparing the food at the regular lunch room, then transport it to the new building.

The food will be placed in steam containers at the new school to await serving. This program will start Monday. For the present, students will take their lunch back to their classrooms after being served.

The superintendent said it is hoped that a lunchroom can be added to the new school when funds are available.

High school students will be served for 25 cents per meal. Elementary pupils pay 20 cents. Each get a well-balanced meal, including milk and a dessert.

Working out the plan to serve meals at the high school were Mr. McSwain, Mrs. Boyd Davis, lunch supervisor; Walter Puett, principal of Murphy High, and County Sanitarian, Dave Moody.

### Three Enlistments For Missile Units Announced Here

Three enlistments for guided missile units in the Regular Army were announced this week by M-Sgt. Uliiss Pace, local Army Recruiter.

They were: Roy Edward Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cole of Murphy Route 1, Ben Herbert Ashe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ashe of Murphy Route 2, and Jerry Roger Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sanders of Murphy.

The new recruits enlisted under the Army's Buddy Assignment Plan and will be together during their basic training. They will be assigned to guided missile units upon completion of basic.

Sgt. Pace is on duty at County Courthouse each Wednesday.

### Hampton Reunion To Be Held Sunday

The annual Hampton Reunion will be held Sunday at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Smith.

All members and friends of the family are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.

### Bolling Springs Homecoming Sunday

The Bolling Spring homecoming will be held Sunday.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and a special invitation is extended to all singing groups. Lunch will be served.

## Fair To Feature Square Dance Contest, Exhibits

Something new has been added to Cherokee County Fair.

This year, for the first time, a square dance exhibition and contest will be held. This special event is backed by the Cherokee County Fair Association.

The fair will be held here Sept. 10-14.

Two divisions consisting of Junior (children) and Senior (adults) dance teams are eligible to enter. Wayne Holland, who is in charge of the events, says that all square dance teams are invited to participate.

There will be two cash prizes given to the best performers in each division. First prize will be \$50 and second prize \$10.

Exhibition dancing will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 p. m. Friday night will be the big night — when the contest will be held and the winning team presented prizes.

Calvin Smart's string band will furnish the music for the dances. All other musicians and performers are invited to take part. Prizes will be awarded only to the dance teams.

Plans are to build a platform directly in front of the grandstand. Any team who would like to enter the contest is asked to register with Mr. Holland or Mr. Smart so free passes may be secured for those participating.



NEW SWIMMING POOL OPEN — Photo at left shows Murphy's new swimming pool being put to good use on hot days of late summer. At right, two pretty bathers soak up sunshine on the diving



board. Miss Gwenda Palmer, 17, (left) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer of Asheville, sits with her cousin, Miss Linda Palmer. Linda, 15, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Palmer of Murphy.