



MURPHY MAYOR L. L. MASON is shown at left above delivering the oath of office to the new Cherokee County Commissioners W. T. Moore, Lester N. Cole, and Dr. W. A. Hoover. (Scout Photo)

\$500,000 Sewage Plant, Improved Water System Available For \$165,000



EDITORIAL

Bye, Bye

Bye, Bye Cherokee County Cancer Clinic. It's been good to know you. You were an asset to our area, but we didn't keep you going.

This could easily be the opening remarks of a future editorial or news article in this newspaper.

The citizens of Cherokee County are not taking advantage of Cancer Detection Clinic now in operation at the Health Center.

The Cancer Detection Center is designed to detect cancer early so that treatment can result in the patient being able to lead a normal and active life.

The Cancer Clinic is free of charge. Andrews and Murphy doctors devote one day a month of their time to running the clinic.

At first when the clinic opened its doors, patients flooded the clinic with applications for appointments. The clinic set for the second Thursday in December (Thursday, Dec. 13), has only one application for an appointment.

With this sort of participation by the public, this county will soon lose this free service. According to Dr. W. A. Hoover, clinic chairman, "If the people are not going to take more interest, the clinic will soon be discontinued."

If you have any questions about the clinic, contact the health office, Dr. Hoover, or Mrs. Betty Jenkins, Rt. 2, Culberson. These folks will be glad to answer any question you might have.

The three southwestern North Carolina counties of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham are eligible for 75% grants from the federal government for public works projects.

Two Murphy civic clubs have been given a complete explanation of the program and how it can be applied to the town's situation. The Civitan and Lions Clubs, after hearing the presentation, have gone on record endorsing the application of the public works program in Murphy.

The program can be used to help Murphy construct a sewage disposal plant. This plant is required under state law to be built for Murphy by 1965 under the state's stream pollution abatement program.

"The question facing the people in Murphy today is whether to go ahead and try for the 75% grant from the federal government or wait until 1965 and pay the entire cost of the sewage disposal plant," Charlie Johnson, the Murphy town clerk said.

It was the feeling of the two civic groups that Murphy should make every effort to receive the federal grants. The Town Board has already taken steps toward making the application. The town attorneys are preparing the forms now.

One of the requirements is that the project be started by July 1, 1963.

Murphy Mayor L. L. Mason told the Lions Club last Tuesday that the town has realized for some time that sewer lines need work and that no revenue is set up to maintain the town's sewer system. The present system, he added, was built by a bond issue.

"When the 50% public works program became available, the town board had in mind to present a bond issue to the voters to furnish the town with its half of the necessary funds."

"Then in September, the accelerated public works program was passed by Congress and signed by the President to spend \$900 million in public works construction, excluding school buildings. The town board voted to present a bond issue to build a sewage plant, repair and replace some sewer lines, and to improve water systems."

"Application was made when we thought we could get a 50% grant. Engineers were hired and a study has been made."

"Now under the new program, the federal government will pay the engineering cost."

The engineering firm of W. K. Dickson has recommended that the sewage disposal plant be built 1,000 yards below the quarry on Hiwassee River. The site would be out of the way, with a mountain between it and the town.

The sewage treatment plant would cost \$410,000. With a 75% grant from the federal government, the cost to the people of Murphy would be \$102,500. This would include the cost of land and right of ways for the sewer lines. The site of the proposed plant is on forest service land.

The engineering firm further recommended that the town float bonds for \$125,000. "If the money is not needed, then it does not have to be spent," Mr. Dickson said.

Concerning the improvements to the Murphy water system, Mr. Dickson said, "Your water system has grown. Pressure is not good in the high places."

"We have recommended that dead ends be connected to increase pressure. Then an eight inch pipe will replace the six inch pipe in use now in Bealton. And that the new eight inch pipe run under the river from the storage tank."

He added, "That a storage tank be built over - looking the town. A water system is like blood system in your body. Water follows the course of least resistance. When you cut yourself, the blood rushes out. The same with water when a line breaks or the water is in use - it rushes out. Under this proposed plan, the system will be improved along the Joe Brown and the Andrews highways."

"It will take \$40,000 to meet the town's share of the water improvement cost," Dickson added.

"Therefore a total bond issue of \$165,000 for the Town of Murphy would give this area over \$500,000 worth of construction work and most of it would use local labor."

County Officials Sworn Into Office

Cherokee County's newly elected officers took office Monday, Dec. 3, at swearing-in ceremonies in the courtroom at the courthouse.

Fred Christopher, county prosecuting attorney, presided at the meeting. The Rev. W. J. Thompson delivered the invocation.

L. L. Mason, Murphy mayor, administered the oath of office to a host of Republicans and one lone Democrat. Each oath contained three parts, allegiance to the U. S. constitution, the N. C. constitution, and the discharge of the duties of the elected office.

Those receiving the oath of office were the three commissioners, Dr. W. A. Hoover, Lester N. Cole, and W. T. Moore, the lone Democrat to be installed, Don Ramsey was sworn in as Clerk of the Superior Court, J. E. Graves again took the oath as Register of Deeds, C. E. Hyde was sworn in by Mr. Mason as the Judge of Recorder's Court, Sheriff Claude Anderson took the oath as Sheriff for the third time, J. C. Townson was sworn in for his second term as Coroner.

Justices of the Peace for Murphy township taking the oath of office Monday were Virgil O'Dell, M. S. Richards, J. W. O'Dell, and Lloyd Ramsey. W. J. Martin was not present.

Valleystown Justice of the Peace Vincent Adams was sworn in while the remaining J. P.s were not present, Richard Flowers, Ernest Whitaker, and Harold Gee.

Justice of the Peace Jack Watkins from Hothouse was present at the ceremony, Garland Cornwell, Beaverdam, and Arvil Williams, Shoal Creek, were not present.

County constables taking the oath of office Monday were James Conley, Valleystown; Virgil Hogsed, Hothouse; Marlon Adams, Shoal Creek; Jess Wingate, Notla; and Jesse Horton, Beaverdam. Will Rogers from Murphy was not present.

Immediately following the ceremonies in the courtroom, the new county commissioners held their first official meeting.

Dr. W. A. Hoover of district two was elected unanimously as chairman.

A \$10,000 bond was approved for Register of Deeds J. E. Graves, Miss Alice Kephart was approved as assistant.

A \$15,000 bond for Clerk of Court Don Ramsey was approved.

Sheriff Claude Anderson was placed under a \$5,000 bond while a \$2,000 bond was taken on Coroner J. C. Townson.

Fred Christopher advised the board that those county officers required to post bond should place the bonds with the board and be duly inducted.

The board appointed Carlyle P. Matheson of Andrews as tax collector and county accountant. His salary was fixed at \$300.00 per month, the same salary paid W. P. Walker when he was county accountant.

At this point, Dr. W. A. Hoover said, "I'm in favor of making all appointments temporary and let's see how they pan out." The board concurred.

Attorney Christopher advised that all county jobs appointees hold their jobs at the will of the board of county commissioners.

Mrs. Loretta Voyles Walker was appointed the assistant to the county accountant with a salary of \$200.00 per month.

The bond for the county accountant and tax collector caused some discussion. A motion was made to increase

the amount of the bond from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The bond for being tax collector will be increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The \$5,000 bond on the county accountant's job will remain at \$5,000.

Fred O. Christopher was appointed county attorney with a salary of \$100.00 per month and a 20% commission for collecting delinquent tax turned over to county commissioners.

Christopher was also appointed county attorney with a salary of \$225.00 per month.

C. E. Hyde, Judge of the Recorders Court, will receive a salary of \$275.00 per month.

The board appointed John W. Donley tax super N. Cole read Mr. Donley's letter of application. According to Dr. Hoover, Mr. Donley's application was the only one received.

The letter as addressed to the board read: "To newly Elected Board of County Commissioners for Cherokee County: I shall appreciate very much if you gentlemen will consider me for the position of County Tax Supervisor. I promise to do the job to the very best of my ability. Respectfully, J. W. Donley.

Commissioner Cole moved that the tax supervisor's salary be increased to \$400.00 per month, and not travel expenses. In the past, the salary was \$300.00 per month plus travel expenses.

On the first vote, W. T. Moore voted against the raise in salary saying "That's an increase of \$1,200 per year." He further objected that it was not fair to raise one salary and not the others.

Following a discussion when Register of Deeds Ed Graves said that the travel expense pay for the tax supervisor was hard to keep up with, the board voted unanimously to the raise of \$400.00 per month with no travel expense allowance.

Outgoing Clerk of Court James C. Howse passed on to the board the recommendation of Judge James C. Farley to draw women jurors at the next term of Superior Court, to draw Negro men and women jurors, and to install a rest room for women in the jury room.

The board in other business appointed Wesley Totherow of Marble as courthouse janitor with a salary of \$160.00 per month.

Tax listers are to be named at a special called meeting of the board of commissioners on Monday, Dec. 17. At this time the listers will be given instructions and the oath of office by Tax Supervisor Donley.

L. D. Schuyler was appointed county electrical inspector with salary of \$60.00 per visit to the county schools. The electrical inspector is required to visit the schools twice a year.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. was named county depository.

The board further agreed to pay to the estate of R. S. Parker \$40.00 per month for office space in the new Parker Building for the Cherokee County ASCS office.

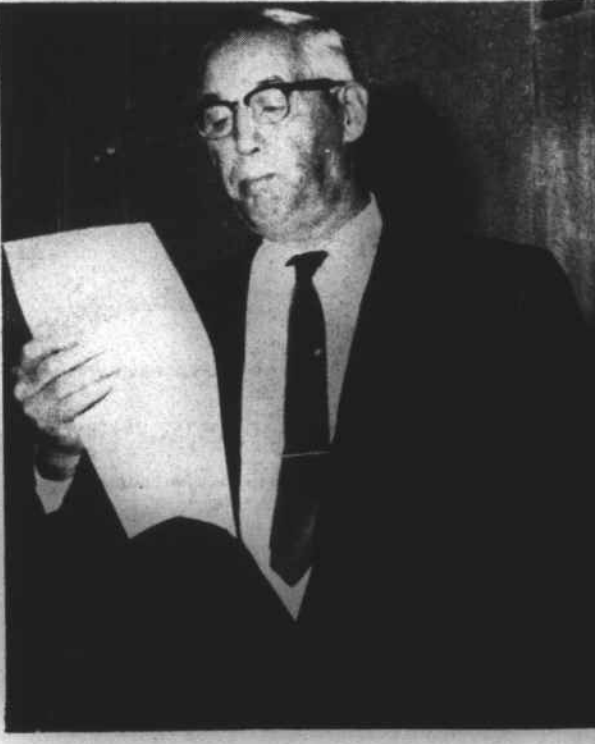
It was ordered by the board that all persons having in their hands tax for collection shall surrender them to the tax collector's office except however any tax suits already started by an attorney may be continued to final judgement by the attorney.

On motion by W. T. Moore, and seconded by L. N. Cole, it was ordered that all appointments are made at will of the board.

The commissioners salaries per meeting were set as follows: L. N. Cole, \$22.90; W. T. Moore, \$22.50; and Dr. W. A. Hoover, chairman, \$35.00.



CLAUDE ANDERSON, Sheriff



J. E. GRAVES, Register of Deeds



C. E. HYDE, Judge of Recorder's Court



DON RAMSEY, Clerk of Court



J. C. TOWNSON, Coroner

Visitor Goes On Deer Hunt; Misses Ill-Fated N.Y. Flight

The urge to hunt deer in the mountains of western North Carolina delayed a New York geologist from returning home as planned last week.

The visitor to Murphy had reservations on the ill-fated Eastern Airlines flight from Charlotte to New York last Friday, Nov. 30. The DC-7 crashed while landing in heavy fog at New York's Idlewild Airport. Twenty-five of the 52 persons died in the crash.

Dr. Yvor Smither of 1160 Fifth Street, New York City, was staying at the Consuech Motel in Murphy when he decided to stay over in Murphy and go deer hunting. Dr. Smither is consulting geologist for Universal Materials Corp. of

Murphy. He has been here 3 days.

Dr. Smither's brother, not knowing of the change in plans was waiting at the New York airport. He witnessed the flaming crash.

The phone lines were hot all Friday night to the motel, according to Ben Palmer, motel owner, as anxious relatives started to check of Dr. Smither's whereabouts.

Dr. Smither's wife called from New York and his mother from California.

The deer-hunting Dr. Smither returned home by airliner from Asheville on Saturday.

Christmas Float Winners

The winners for the best floats in the 1962 Murphy Christmas Parade last Friday were as follows: Cherokee Rose Garden Club, first place; Murphy Pop Club, second; and Murphy Lions Club, third.

Letters To Santa Claus

Hey, kids! Start sending your letters to Santa Claus now so we can put them in the paper before Christmas. Last year a lot of you wrote to Santa via this newspaper and we understand he really got the message.

Hepatitis Hits Five Girls Here

Hepatitis has shown its unwelcome favor to five girls in one school room of the Murphy Elementary school, the grade taught by Miss Ella Faye Byers.

All of the girls afflicted with the disease, which is an infection of the liver, caused by one of two viruses, are Girl Scouts. One theory is that the young folk caught the liver ailment in a recent Scout outing; but it has been pointed out that no fifth-graders, also on the camp, have been attacked by the complaint.

Cure of the illness calls for three to six weeks of rest with good dietary support. It is transmitted by the mouth; and girls and boys are being advised to see to hand-washing all the more.

The laid-up lassies include twins, Mildred and Marilyn Coleman, Mary Alice Shields, Susan Tutherford, and Donna Wilkins.

3 Defendants Get Suspended Sentences

Two of three defendants in a \$645,000 liquor conspiracy case were given suspended terms and fines after pleading guilty in U. S. District Court at Bryson City.

They were Wesley J. Perry, 47, of Forest Park, Ga., given three years suspended sentence for three on payment of \$2,500, and Dewey Sheriff, 53, of Atlanta, given two years suspended for three on payment of \$1,000.

The sentences were given by Judge Warlick on recommendation of Senior Asst. U. S. Attorney James O. Israel who noted that the third defendant, L. M. Shields of Murphy, was hospitalized because of a stroke and his absence would have hindered full prosecution if the other two had not pleaded guilty.

Last Chance To Collect Cash Bonuses

Saturday, Dec. 15, is the last day of the "Laundry Spectacular" promotion, according to John H. Bayless, Manager, Murphy Power Board.

During this promotion, local consumers of the Murphy Power Board have been paid cash bonuses with the purchase of electric water heaters, washers, dryers, and water systems.

Mr. Bayless said, "We hope that any of our consumers who have planned to purchase electric laundry equipment will buy them this week to take advantage of our cash bonus offer."

"This has been a successful program, and a popular one with our consumers, Mr. Bayless said, "Many of our homes now have modern laundry equipment."

Additional copies of the free laundry planning booklet are still available at the system office, Bayless added.