

### Unemployed People To Be Retrained

WASHINGTON - Grants totalling \$4,099 have been approved to assist the N. C. Employment Security Commission in retraining 15 unemployed persons in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties as nurses' aides.

The grants include \$2,029 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to conduct the course, and \$2,070 from the Department of Labor to provide subsistence payments to the trainees.

The announcement was issued through the office of Rep. Roy A. Taylor. The training will be carried out entirely under state auspices.

### Forsyth's Bill May Effect Nantahala

RALEIGH - An amendment by Cherokee Senator W. Frank Forsyth to the big utilities law revision bill Thursday, June 6, might have an effect on Nantahala Power and Light Co's higher rates, imposed under bond July, 1961, pending final action on a rate hike application.

The Senate adopted Forsyth's amendment without a dissenting vote.

It would prohibit a power company from leaving suspended rates in effect under bond longer than one year unless the State Utilities Commission within that time approved the new schedules.

Forsyth said some senators felt the amendment would apply to the Nantahala rates, and upon enactment of the bill, to cease charging the higher rates since no decision has been made by the utilities

commission. However, the amendment also provided that its provisions would become effective July 1 of this year. Some Senate members felt that on this ground the amendment could have no effect on the pending Nantahala case.

Nantahala imposed a rate increase averaging 33 per cent in 1961 nearly seven months after having filed an application for approval of new rates with the SUC.

Concurrent consideration by the SUC of a proposed sale of Nantahala facilities to Duke Power Company received priority with the commission, and its decision approving the sale is now being contested in the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, no decision has been made on the rate application.



**NEW PARKING METERS -** Blaine Stalcup, Murphy policeman, adjusts one of the town's new parking meters that were installed beginning Tuesday, June 11. The town will soon boast a completely new set of meters throughout the town. These meters will give accurate parking time to the Murphy shoppers and best of all --- they work. (Scout Fot)

# County Tax Rate Set 50¢ Higher At \$2.10, Pay Raises Approved

### Register of Deeds' Pay Hike Revoked By Commissioners

MURPHY - The Cherokee County commissioners, meeting in special session Wednesday, revoked their Monday's decision to raise the salary of J. E. Graves, Register of Deeds, by 20 per cent from \$4,000 to \$4,800.

The commissioners issued this statement. "Whereas at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners Monday, June 10, 1963, an order was made by the Board raising the salary of J. E. Graves, Register of Deeds by 20 per cent from \$4,000 to \$4,800 per year. The Register of Deeds to use \$600 of said funds or \$50 per month for the extra work to be done in the Register of Deeds office consisting of repairing and copying old record books and old birth and death certificates which are in bad condition, and

Whereas at a special meeting called by the chairman of the board on this the 12th day of June, 1963, it is decided that the above order should not have been passed and that the same is in error.

It is therefore, upon motion by W. T. Moore, seconded by Lester N. Cole, ordered that the above order be, and the order is hereby revoked, repealed, set aside and of no force and effect.

The Board went on record as favoring applying to the state and federal governments for aid in repairing and copying old record books, old birth and death certificates which are in bad condition."

This second special meeting was attended by W. A. Hoover, board chairman; Lester N. Cole, and W. T. Moore; J. E. Graves, Register of Deeds; Caryle P. Matheson, county accountant; J. W. Donley, tax supervisor, and F. O. Christopher, county attorney.

MURPHY - The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, North Carolina, met in special session on June 10, 1963.

Motion was made by W. T. Moore and seconded by L. N. Cole, unanimously passed, to set the tax rate for 1963-64 fiscal year at \$2.10 per \$100 valuation. This is an increase of 50¢ per \$100.00 valuation over the 1962-63 rate of \$1.60.

Motion was made by Lester N. Cole, and duly seconded by W. T. Moore to raise the fees of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Superior Court Offices 20% for all instruments, judgements, certificates, and other documents which may go through their offices. The said increase of fees is to be effective immediately.

Motion was made by Lester N. Cole and duly seconded by W. T. Moore to approve the budget of the Murphy City School Unit in the amount of \$37,000.00 for 1963-64 fiscal year. Also, a motion was made and duly seconded to give the county schools the money from the Wolf Creek School when sold. Both these motions were unanimously approved.

Motion was made by W. T. Moore and seconded by L. N. Cole to approve of the Andrews City School Unit Budget for the fiscal year of 1963 - 64. This was unanimously approved in the amount of \$28,609.20.

Also motion was made and duly seconded to approve the County School Budget in the amount of \$60,086.59 for the fiscal year 1963-64.

Upon motion by W. T. Moore which was duly seconded by L. N. Cole, the board unanimously approved the budget for the Cherokee County Health Department for the fiscal year 1963-64 in the amount of \$18,300.06.

Motion was made and duly seconded and the commissioners agreed to raise Loreta Walker's salary 20% (which would be two-hundred and forty dollars per month) effective as of today. Motion was made by L. N. Cole and seconded by W. T. Moore and unanimously approved to pay Judy Kephart \$180.00 per month for work in the tax office.

Motion was made by L. N. Cole and seconded by W. T. Moore and unanimously passed to raise the salary of Irene Mills, Deputy Clerk of Superior Court; Alice Kephart, Deputy Register of Deeds; Anna Mae Jones, Clerk County Agent's Office; and Nancy Lunsford, secretary, Home Demonstration Office, \$300.00 per year each.

Motion was made by W. T. Moore and seconded by L. N. Cole to approve prepared budget for the fiscal year 1963-64 submitted by Harold Hattchett, County Ranger Office with an increase of \$665.70, total county's part, \$3,349.50.

Motion was made by W. T. Moore and seconded by L. N. Cole to approve the budget for Nantahala Regional Library for 1963-64 in the amount of \$6,247.08.

Motion having been made and duly seconded, the commissioners unanimously agreed to charge a fee of \$2.00 for recording Federal Tax Lien and \$2.00 for discharging a Federal Tax Lien, effective as of today.

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the budget for the Welfare Department for the fiscal year 1963-64 in the amount of \$58,216.77.

Motion having been made and duly seconded, the commissioners unanimously agreed to charge a fee of \$2.00 for recording Federal Tax Lien and \$2.00 for discharging a Federal Tax Lien, effective as of today.

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the budget for the Welfare Department for the fiscal year 1963-64 in the amount of \$58,216.77.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned.

## Commissioners Say Tax Hike Mandatory

MURPHY - The three Cherokee County commissioners in a signed statement released Wednesday morning called the county tax increase "mandatory."

The commissioners voted Monday at their special meeting to raise the rate from \$1.60 per valuation to \$2.10 which is an increase of 50¢.

The entire statement as released by W. A. Hoover, chairman, W. T. Moore, and L. N. Cole is reprinted here.

"There are quite a number of reasons why the tax rate had to be increased. The largest factor involved was the retiring of \$43,000 in township bonds in November, 1962, which were not due until from 2 to 22 years. This action left the county with a deficit whereas if they had not been retired we would have ended this fiscal year with a \$35,000 surplus and would not have needed to borrow the \$40,000 six month tax anticipation notes.

## Overpayment To Health Dept. Found

MURPHY - The discovery of the overpayment of \$3,800 by Cherokee County to the District Health Department was made public Wednesday, June 12, by Caryle P. Matheson, county accountant.

According to Mr. Matheson, the county overpaid the health department \$1,100 in fiscal year 1960-61 and \$2,700 in fiscal year 1961-62.

The overpayment was discovered by the audit department, Mr. Matheson said. The county asked the health department for a rebate. At first health officials were reluctant to return the funds, Matheson added.

"It was brought to the health officials' attention that had there been a shortage, the health department would expect payment, and in this case, the county expected the overage to be refunded," the county accountant said.

The funds have been returned to the county, Matheson said.

The next biggest cause for the tax increase is that we start paying on the principal as well as paying interest on the one-half million school building bonds the county voted in May of 1962.

The third big reason for this tax increase is the fact that the state is requiring this county to revalue real property for the tax year of 1964 and the county had no funds set aside for this purpose.

The fourth principal reason is in the increase of school expenses and the increase of expenses of other projects. We hope that you the taxpayers will understand and appreciate the problem facing us during the next 18 months."

## Three Dance Classes Set At School

BRASSTOWN - Monday, June 17, at 9 a.m., the first class in the Creative Recreation Course will be held at the John C. Campbell Folk School. There will be three dance classes in the morning, followed by singing and discussion.

In the early afternoon, Raymond McLain, director of the Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky will have a class for beginning guitar players. Mr. McLain was the director of the musicians on their 10 week tour of nine Latin American countries last summer when they played for the Berea College Country Dancers, and

again this April when the same group gave a performance at the White House. Edna Ritchie of the famous singing Ritchie family will teach the dulcimer. At the same time, Murriel Martin who has inspired the Brasstown Carvers, will have a class in wood-carving.

In the late afternoon there will be classes for Recorder players. At night everyone will sing and dance together. If you are interested, contact the Folk School, telephone 837-2775. It would help to have your registration by the end of this week. All must be 14 years of age or over.



## Rev. Breedlove Is Appointed Missionary

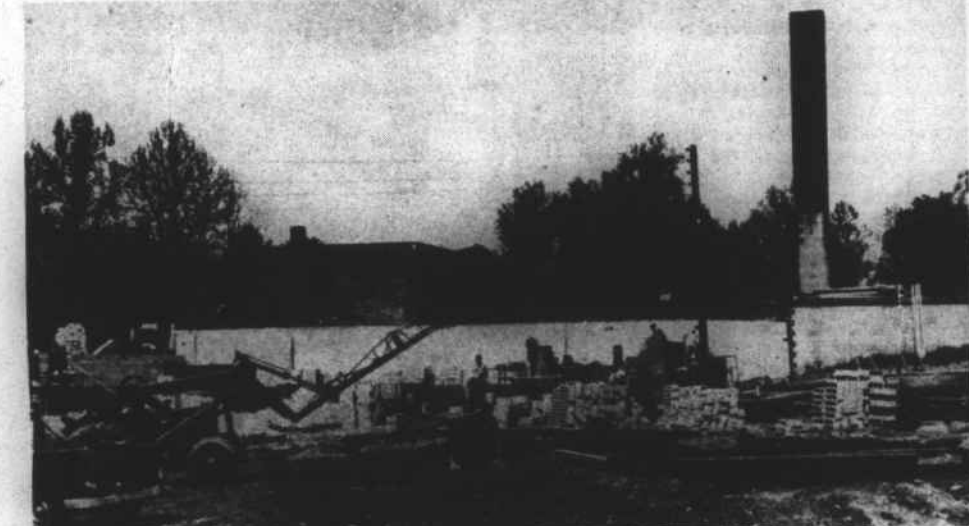
MARBLE - The Rev. Paul Breedlove, local minister, has been appointed Associational Missionary of the Tennessee River Baptist Association.

Rev. Breedlove attended the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Asheville.

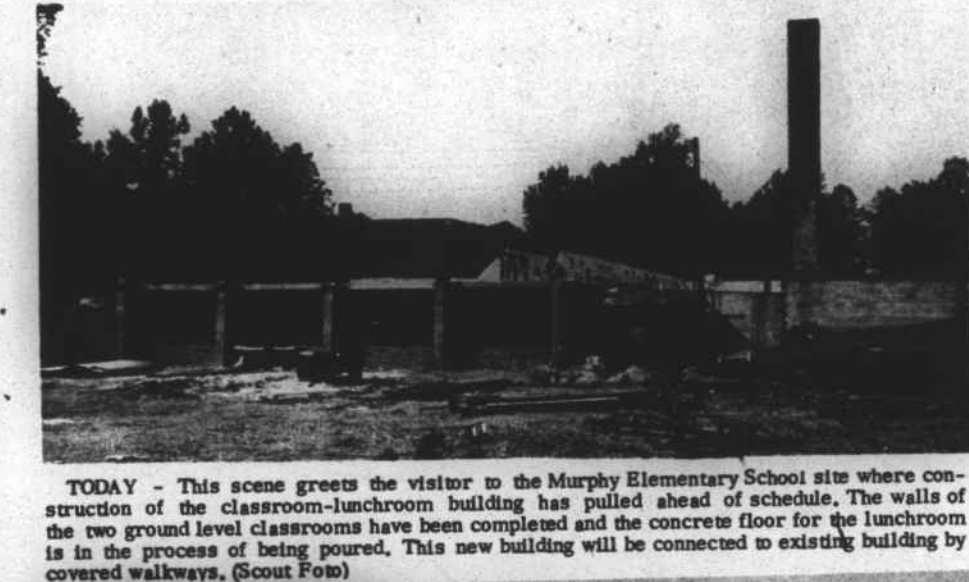
He has already moved to Bryson City to assume his duties. His family plans to join him there in the very near future.

The Scout's correspondents are required to have their news in by 12 o'clock noon on Tuesdays. Don't hold them up. Please call in early.

## School Building On Schedule



THIRTY DAYS AGO - This picture of the Murphy Elementary School was made one month ago. At that time, the floor to the classroom section of the new addition had been poured and work had started on the brick walls. (Scout Fot)



TODAY - This scene greets the visitor to the Murphy Elementary School site where construction of the classroom-lunchroom building has pulled ahead of schedule. The walls of the two ground level classrooms have been completed and the concrete floor for the lunchroom is in the process of being poured. This new building will be connected to existing building by covered walkways. (Scout Fot)



HIGH SCHOOL 30 DAYS 'AGO - School was still in session when the floor was poured for the Murphy High School's new lunchroom and home economics classrooms. This end of the building will house the kitchen and lunchroom. The classrooms will be located at the far end. (Scout Fot)



HIGH SCHOOL TODAY - The scene has changed at the Murphy High School in the last month. The walls to the new lunchroom-classroom building are going up at a rapid rate. A covered walkway will connect the new building with the main building. According to H. A. Mattox, chairman of the Murphy School Board, "The board is hopeful that the buildings will be complete in time for school opening this fall. However, this will be ahead of schedule, and depends on the weather and working conditions." (Scout Fot)

### Gentleman, 84, Renews Paper

LIBERTY - Noah Bryant, 84, will celebrate his 85th birthday on July 15, 1963.

Mr. Bryant came by the Scout office Monday, June 10, at 7:30 a.m. to renew his subscription to the newspaper.

"When the Scout was first organized, I was one of the first to take it and I've taken it ever since," Mr. Bryant said.

"He added, 'I can't do without the Scout...long.' Mr. Bryant lives alone in a little red house on the Murphy side of the Liberty Church.

He was born July 15, 1878 in the Liberty section of Cherokee County.

The Scout plans to send a photographer down to take Mr. Bryant's picture on Monday, July 15.

### Wreck Victim Tells His Side Of Story

MURPHY - A hospitalized wreck victim has answered charges brought against him following the one car wreck on N. C. 294 early Saturday, June 1.

Allen McDonald Fox, 28, suffering from serious back and internal injuries, termed the charges brought against him by State Trooper Don Reavis as "false" and labeled the story appearing in last week's Scout as "false."

At Mr. Fox's request, his side of the story is published here.

Mr. Fox claims to be a former resident of Rt. 2, Culberson, with an established residence at Rt. 2, Box 432, Miami 57, Fla., where he is employed as a nurseryman eight months out of the year. The other four months he spends in Cherokee County with his parents picking up work where he can find it.

According to Fox, on the night of the accident, he met a truck in the curve about 3 miles from the junction of NC 294 and US 64.

"I shifted into low range, left the road, to keep from meeting the truck head-on, I forgot about the ditch line along the road and didn't get any traction," Fox added.

Fox is charged with speeding, (driving too fast for the conditions), having no operator's license, improper registration, and no liability insurance.

According to Trooper Reavis, the car skidded 90-feet down the highway, another 300 feet after leaving the highway, and overturned.

In answering these charges, Fox produced a Florida driver's license issued May 13, 1963, a 1963 Florida automobile registration form carrying the 1963 Florida tag number 18-W-9889 of his 1951 Cadillac 4-door sedan.

He said, "It is impossible to speed around that curve and skid 90-feet. I cannot drive around that curve at 55 m.p.h."

"In Florida, there is no compulsory liability insurance," he added. The failure to carry motor vehicle liability insurance in Florida may place the driver in jeopardy of losing his drivers' license and automobile tag for a period of three years.

The Reciprocal Guide for Motor Vehicles issued by the State of N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles states, "North Carolina license required immediately if gainfully employed or children placed in school; 30-days if residence established without employment or without placing children in school." This applies to operating passenger cars.

### LODGE NOTICE

MURPHY - Cherokee Lodge No. 146 AF & AM will hold an Emergent Communication for the purpose of conferring a 3rd degree Saturday, June 15, 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome. J. D. Decker, WM Hugh Howard, Sec.

### 1st Methodist Plan Special Dedications

MURPHY - A special dedication service will be observed at the First Methodist Church Sunday, June 16, during the morning worship hour.

Four memorial gifts will be dedicated, the first of which will be presented by W. Frank Forsyth who will present the Murphy Power Board and many friends who gave the memorial choir lights to the memory of Harvey G. Elkins, Sr.

Miss Addie Leatherwood will present the memorial choir pews from the John Wesley Bible Class to the memory of Jerry W. Davidson, James G. Green and Thomas A. Case.

Donald Carter, Jr., will present the communion tray given by Donald Carter, Jr., and W. Summerset Carter to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carter and Mrs. T. W. Summerset and in honor of Mr. T. W. Summerset.

The piano given by the Men's Bible Class will be presented by Hugh Howard to the memory of all the deceased members of their class.

The Memorial Gifts will be received for the First Methodist Church by Mr. Bunch Nugent, chairman of the Official Board.

Flowers for the service will be given and arranged by Mrs. Jerry W. Davidson, Mrs. Harvey G. Elkins, Sr., and Mrs. James G. Green.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend this service, according to the pastor.

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