



Mental Health Center

Student volunteers from Western Carolina University at Cullowhee are shown above, one mowing and another scraping paint at a second story window, hard at work on an old house at Marble which is destined to become a mental health center this summer. The house was provided rent-free by

the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, which owns it, for use by the "We Care" mental health group of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. The center will be a satellite of the WCU mental Health Complex and will be staffed by a fulltime social worker. (Staff Photo)

Judges, Registrars Named

The newly-appointed Cherokee County Board of Elections met Monday and picked judges and registrars for the 17 precincts. The three men on the board of elections were sworn in on the first Monday of this month. They are Democrats Fred McDonald and Glenn Stalcup and Republican Robert Hartness. Stalcup, who was elected chairman at the first meeting of the board of elections, and the other two members picked the judges and registrars from list of recommendations made by the county Democratic and Republican party organizations. The registrars are in charge of the books, listing voters in each precinct, although most of their work has been eliminated by the county's installing a system whereby voters from any precinct can be registered at an office in the

courthouse, presently open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The judges, one Democrat and one Republican for each precinct actually conduct the elections in the precincts. They are charged with seeing that the elections are honest, carried out according to law. Those named will serve for the next two years. They will be in charge of the primary voting, which will be on May 2, and the general election this year, which will be Nov. 3. The appointees, listed by alphabetical order of precincts they serve in are: Andrews, North Ward - Registrar, Paul Barker; Judge, Jake Brown (D) and Mrs. Ray H. Adams, (R) all of Andrews. Andrews South Ward - Registrar, Hermann K. Brauer; Judges, Aline Burch (D) and Sarah Hyde (R), all of Andrews. Brasstown - Registrar,

Evelyn Stalcup of Route 2, Murphy; Judges, Clarence Hemphill (D) and Wayne Carringer (R), both of Route 1, Brasstown. Burnt Meetinghouse - Registrar Paul Lance; Judges Sidney Morris (D) and Lowell Ballew (R), all of Route 2, Murphy. Culberson - Registrar, Charlene Gregory, Route 2, Culberson; Judges, Ira Barber (D) Route 2, Culberson and Ray Nichols (R) Culberson. Grape Creek - Registrar, Mrs. Fred McDonald, Route 3, Murphy; Judges, Everett Martin (D) of Route 3, Clifford Rose (R) Route 5, Murphy. Hanging Dog - Registrar, Neil Marcus; Judges, Lloyd Loving (D) and Quinton Lovinwood (R), all of Route 3, Murphy. Hot House - Registrar, T. L. Newman; Judges, Ralph McGill (D) and Harold Payne (R), all of Route 2, Culberson. Marble - Registrar, Ronald Guffey, Route 1, Marble; Judges, Rose Mary Crooke (D) and Posey Crisp (R), both of Marble. Murphy North Ward - Registrar, Dean Pullium; Judges, Lyle Martin (D) and Howard West (R), all of Murphy. Murphy South Ward - Registrar, Frank Calhoun; Judges, Bill Hughes (D) and Richard Howell (R), all of Murphy. Ogretta - Registrar, Fred Martin; Judges, Lyda Mae Bell Johnson (D) and Hattie Taylor (R), all of Route 5, Murphy. Peachtree - Registrar, Tommy E. English; Judges, Sonny Raxter (D) and Clarence Wilson (R), all of Route 1, Murphy. Shoal Creek - Registrar, Jess W. Hamby; Judges, Fadie Chapman (D) and Casteel Floyd (R), all of Route 4, Murphy. Topton - Registrar, Dough Conley; Judges, Gar Postell (D) and Annie Stover (R), all of Route 1, Andrews. Unaka - Registrar, Mrs. John K. Mason; Judges, Marion McMillan (D) and Roy Rose (R), all of Unaka. Walker Schoolhouse - Registrar, Richard Kilpatrick, Route 4, Murphy; Judges, Charles Aiken (D) and Newton Gibson (R), both of Route 2, Culberson.

Graves Killed In Vietnam War

William Ralph Graves, Jr., 23, was killed in combat action in Vietnam on Sunday afternoon about 5:30.

The news was brought to his family early Wednesday morning by an Army captain who traveled here from Ft. Benning, Ga., to tell them personally. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the present time.

Young Graves was a popular, husky athlete at Murphy High School, playing football and basketball. He graduated in 1964 and went on to play football at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. He was in the ROTC program and graduated from Wake Forest in 1968, entering the Army as a second lieutenant.



Bill Graves

According to his family he went to Vietnam on Nov. 17 of last year. At the time of his death, he was a first lieutenant, stationed with the First Air Cavalry about 80 miles north of Saigon, near the Cambodian border.

During his first year in the Army, Graves went to various Pathfinder and Ranger schools at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Polk, La.

Bank To Buy Church; Each To Build Anew

The First Baptist Church of Murphy has voted to sell its downtown building and property to Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., and build a new church in West Murphy.

"We intend to tear the old church down and build a new modern bank building on the property," Rex Kephart, vice-president of the Wachovia office here, said Tuesday. "Work should start soon after the church activities are moved out of the building on Peachtree Street."

The new church building will be located on property the Baptist congregation purchased several years ago located between US-64 and Hiwassee River, adjoining both Hiwassee and Gilbert Streets.

The pastor, the Rev. Woodrow Flynn, says Robert T. Daniels of Brevard has been hired as architect and the new structure will be of contemporary design, one-story, designed to serve more

than 500 members. The pastor added that the tentative schedule is for plans to be completed by June 30 of this year and bids to be opened by August 1. Construction, which is expected to take less than a year, will start soon thereafter.

Alvin Buchanan was elected to serve as chairman of the plans committee for the new church, J. Doyle Burch is heading the finance committee and the construction committee is headed by Arden Davis and Richard Howell.

First Baptist Church constructed its first building about 1845, on the northeast corner of McClelland and Hickory Streets. It was a one-room frame building seating approximately 200. On July 31, 1927 the first service was held in the church's present building on Peachtree Street. The memorial stained glass windows in it will be used in the new structure.



Congressional Candidate

GOP 11th District Congressional candidate Luke Atkinson of Asheville made his first campaign visit to Cherokee County Saturday to meet with party leaders and supporters. Among those who attended a luncheon with the candidate were (L - R) Leonard "Pee Wee" Ramsey,

Republican County Chairman; Mr. Atkinson; Mrs. John Dickey, President of the county Republican Women's Club; and State Rep. William P. Bradley of Hayesville who represents the four-county district of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon in the State Legislature, a candidate for re-election.



Blain Stalcup

Stalcup Announces For Sheriff

Blain Stalcup, a well-known Murphy policeman, announces that he is a candidate for sheriff of Cherokee County, subject to nomination by the Democratic Convention.

Stalcup has been a police officer for the Town of Murphy for the past 14 years. He is a veteran of the Korean War and a member of Murphy American Legion Post No. 96. He is a lifelong Democrat. He is married to the former Bobbie Jean Reece of Murphy and they have a nine-month-old daughter. The Stalcup's live on Third Street in Murphy.

School Board, Anyone?

Cherokee County is to elect three people to the county board of education this year - but so far there are no candidates and the deadline is noon Friday.

The board of education ballot will be a separate one and it will be a non-partisan affair. Candidates, however, must register with the Cherokee County Board of Elections by high noon on Friday.

The terms of Noah Hembree of Peachtree, chairman of the board, and Dr. Charles Van Gorder of Andrews are expiring. According to a special bill pushed through the last Legislature by State Senator Herman (Bull) West, there will be three elected to the board in the voting this year, increasing it from six to seven members.

The terms of office will be for six years, the board of education members serving staggered terms. Two more seats would be up for grabs in the 1972 election. The three members to be selected this year will be running on a countywide basis and the winners will be the top three vote-getters, no matter how many run for the board.



Don Ramsey

Don Ramsey To Seek Re-election

Don Ramsey, Cherokee County Clerk of Court for the past eight years, announces that he will seek re-election, subject to nomination by the Republican Party convention.

"Since coming under the new court system, our office has been commended by the administration office of the North Carolina courts system for high standards, accuracy in record-keeping and exceptional efficiency and economy," Ramsey said. "This is a record we're proud of and plan to continue," he added.

Ramsey is a graduate of Murphy High School and attended Western Carolina College (now University) after service with the U.S. Marines in the Pacific theater during World War II. He is a member of American Legion Post No. 96.

He is also a Civitan, was honored as Civitan of the Year in 1969, a member of the Martins Creek Grange, a Mason and a past president of the Murphy PTA.

A lifelong Republican, Ramsey has served in the past as a precinct chairman and is presently secretary of the Cherokee County Republican Party.

He is married to the former Jane Ricks of Murphy and they have four sons. The Ramseys live on Mauney Street and attend First Baptist Church.

Political Pot Simmers In Clay

The Clay County political pot began to simmer this week when the first of a slate of Democratic candidates filed for election in the May primary and the November election.

Carolyn Parker filed for the office of Register of Deeds and James Byers for sheriff, subject to the Democrat primary.

Republicans Ruby Ledford and Hartsell Moore, both incumbents, had previously filed for these posts. Republican incumbent Ralph Allison had previously filed for the office of Clerk of Superior Court.

Republicans Howard Wimpey and Max Payne have both filed for county commissioner, as has Democrat Clifford Patterson.

As of Tuesday, there had been eight people filed with the Board of Election for three vacant seats on the County Board of Education.

This is the first such election Clay County has taken part in since the passage of a law placing the selection of the county boards of education in the hands of the voters in a non-partisan election.

Those who have filed for this office are: Neal Cabe, Ernal Cheeks, Haig Davenport, Harve Lance, Harrison Martin, Edgar Moore, Jerald "Todd" Phillips and Ed Rogers. Formerly, members of the Board of Education were recommended by the County Chairman of the Democrat Party and approved by the General Assembly.

Two members of the five-member Board, James Price and W. T. "Jack" Groves

will continue on the Board for the remaining two years for which they were originally appointed.



Maurice E. West

West Tosses Hat In Ring

Maurice E. West, of Marble, announced Monday that he is a candidate for county commissioner for the Andrews District, subject to the forthcoming Republican convention.

West, a land clearing contractor, was educated in Andrews Schools and Georgia Tech and is a member of the First Methodist Church of Andrews.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Bell of Andrews and they have four children, Maurice, Jr., Michael, Margaret and Martha.



Vincent Love

Andrews Man Seeks Post Of Sheriff

Vincent G. "Beans" Love announced this week that he is a candidate for the office of sheriff, subject to the nomination by the Cherokee County Democratic Convention.

A life-long Democrat, Love is a World War II veteran having served honorably in both the European and Pacific conflicts. He is a Baptist and, since 1954, a Mason and a Shriner.

While always retaining Cherokee County as home, Love's contracting work has taken him to nine of the Appalachian states. He now owns the Granny Squirrel Trading Post, east of Andrews, which is operated by his wife, the former Nancy Gail of Andrews.

Letter To Murphy

The Murphy Garden Club is again sponsoring a spring clean-up campaign in Murphy.

In 1968 the children of the Murphy Elementary School received an award presented by the Governor of North Carolina for doing an outstanding job in cleaning up an entire community.

We are proud of Murphy. There are many reasons why it is, we think, the best place in the world to live and rear a family. -When we drive along the highway and look behind some of the store buildings, however, we are ashamed of the litter and accumulation of rubbish.

We would like to see Murphy really cleaned up. And if you, too, would like to see the town clean, please join in the efforts now being made to clean Murphy.

The week of April 6 through April 9 has been officially declared Spring Clean-Up Week.

Call the town office in the Power Board Building if you have pruned trees. For tree trimmings check with the town for a truck on which you may load tree trimmings or other rubbish during the days of the intensified clean-up.

All rubbish should be in some type of container or bundle.

The streets of the town have been blocked off into sections, and trucks will be sent into all areas on Thursday, April 9 to pick up litter and rubbish.

Garden Club members are seeking to make the residents of Murphy more aware of the litter problem by news stories, posters, radio publicity and a poster contest in the Murphy Elementary School.

The Murphy Garden Club members challenge the citizens of Murphy to get up, get out and clean up.

Sheriff Recovers Stolen Clothing

Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson recovered a large amount of used clothing last week, believed to have been stolen in a break-in at the Jaycees clothing closet at the Southern Railway depot.

The clothing was found on Dickey Road. The clothes closet was entered on the weekend of March 8 and several hundred pounds of clothing, which the Jaycees distribute to the needy, was stolen. The investigating is continuing.



Soldier's Medals

U. S. Marine Lance Corporal Raymond F. Trantham was posthumously awarded the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal and the Gallantry Cross with Palm in ceremonies conducted on Wednesday of last week

at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Trantham of Murphy. Maj. T. W. Hancock of Chattanooga made the presentation. Trantham, a 1967 graduate of Murphy High School, was killed in action on May 19, 1968.