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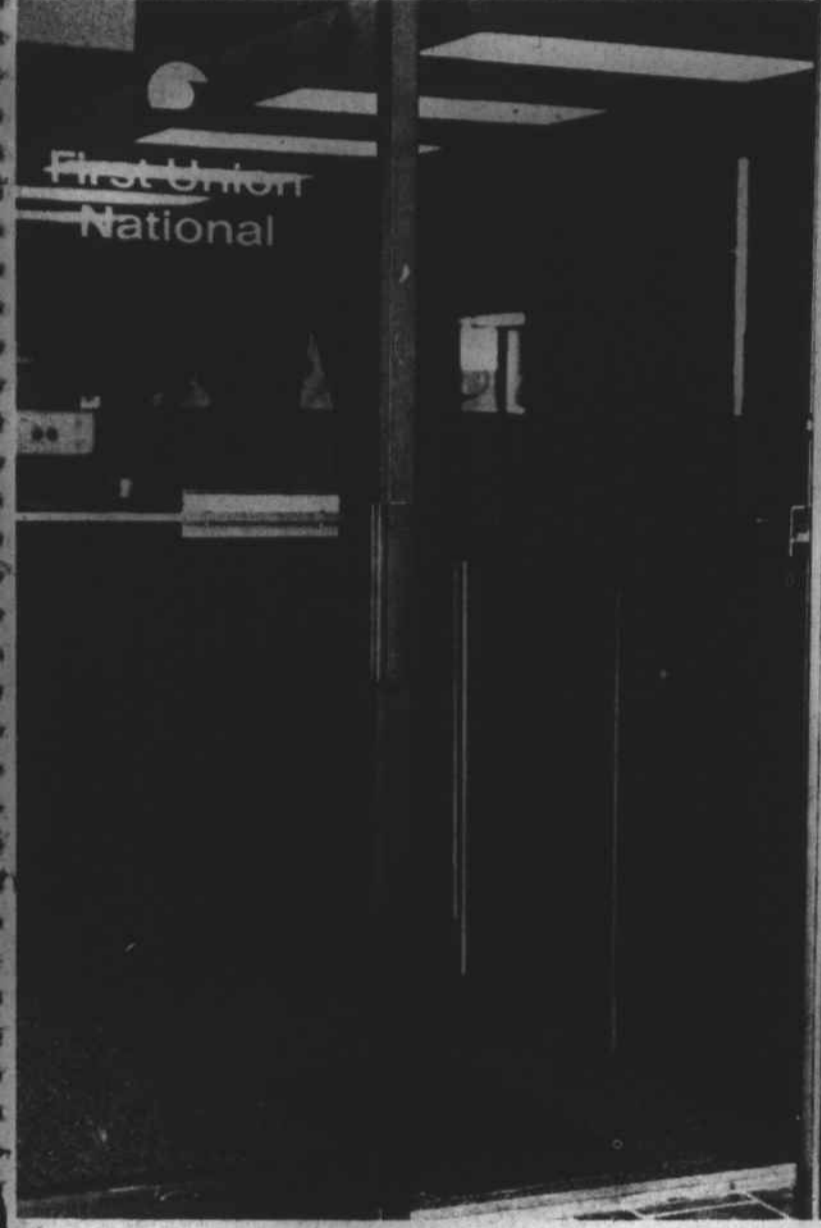
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TAME THE KITTENS!!!



### Bank Ready For Business

Henry Simmons, who heads the office of First Union National Bank in Murphy, is shown at the new bank office entrance.



The bright new office of First Union will have Open House this afternoon (Wednesday) from 3 until 6 o'clock (Staff Photo)

### First Union Sets Open House

First Union National Bank's shiny new office in Murphy will hold Open House today (Wednesday) from 3 until 6 p.m.  
The new office on Peachtree Street will be closed usually on Wednesday afternoons, according to City Executive Henry Simmons, but today will be open for visitors to come in and "walk behind the teller line, look into the vault, go anywhere they want."  
The bank opened in Murphy in March of last year, Simmons explained, as part of the Bank of Franklin. It became First Union when the Bank of Franklin merged with the larger First Union National in September of last year.  
First Union had more than 140 offices in North Carolina, scattered in towns and cities from Murphy to Elizabeth City.

In Murphy, the bank had been housed in a trailer on Tennessee Street. Construction on the new bank on Peachtree, on the site formerly occupied by Gillespie's Market and the Pet Shop, began last April. The contractor was Smith & Jones and the building cost in excess of \$100,000.  
The bank has an exterior of brick, with lots of plate glass, and features a front wall of fieldstone. Inside it is paneled and has wall-to-wall carpeting. There are executive offices, a teller line, a bookkeeping area and an employees lounge.  
Simmons says it will be a full service bank, offering a drive-in window, a night depository, and safety deposit boxes inside the vault. It will be open five days a week, he said, the same hours as the office had in the trailer on Tennessee Street.

### Clay Slate Posted

The election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 3 in Clay County will find incumbent Sheriff Hartsell Moore Republican facing challenger Jack Parker, Democrat in the sheriff's race.  
Other candidates running for Clay County offices are—Democrats—Clerk of Superior Court, Clarence Martin; Register of Deeds, Mrs. Carolyn Parker; Clay County Board of Commissioners, Neal Jarrett, Keith Miller, and Ronnie Smith.  
The above group will be opposed by Republicans—Clerk of Superior Court, incumbent Ralph Allison; Register of Deeds incumbent, Mrs. Ruby Ledford; County Board of Commissioners, Howard Wimpey, Wayne West and Max Payne.  
In the district race for N.C. State Senator, Dr. Carl Killian, a native of Clay County, is opposing Herman (Bull) West, native of Cherokee. For House of Representative Erwin Patton, Democrat of Franklin is opposing Republican incumbent W.P. Bradley of Hayesville.  
Judge Robert Leatherwood and Judge Felix Alley, both Democrats, are unopposed as District Court Judges. Marcellus Buchanan Democrat incumbent district Court Solicitor is also unopposed.



### Smokey Visits Schools

Smoky the Bear paid a visit to the Tusquitee Ranger District this week. While he was here, he and his helper, Jack Thompson visited several of the schools in Cherokee and Clay Counties. Smoky said to tell all the boys and girls he didn't have time to visit all schools this time and that he'll try to see them on his next trip. He wants all the boys and girls to remember to be careful with fire and especially not to play with matches.

### Political Pot Boils

The political pot boiled with a full head of steam this week in Cherokee County, most of the controversy cooking in the Board of Elections office.  
The lone Republican member of the three-man elections board, Robert Hartness, resigned Tuesday, charging "irregular proceedings" in the elections office.  
He was replaced with another Republican named by the state Board of Elections in Raleigh, Virgil Hogsed, who was officially sworn in Tuesday afternoon by Cherokee Clerk of Court Don Ramsey.  
Hogsed, who has worked for Sheriff Claude Anderson as a part-time deputy sheriff, joins the two Democrats on the board - Fred McDonald and Dean Pullium. Pullium is also a new member, now serving as chairman, having been named to replace Chairman Glenn Stalcup, who resigned earlier this month due to health reasons.  
"I cannot tolerate the conditions existing in the county office of the Board of Elections", Hartness said in his resignation. He said last Saturday Pullium denied him access to the inner office area, where Hartness said he saw Mary Faye Brumby, a former Democratic legislator from this county, marking ballots.  
Pullium's position was that she was voting, marking her absentee ballots, and that all the ballots Hartness saw were hers. He said that was the reason Hartness was not allowed to come behind the counter.  
Alex Brock, executive secretary of the state board of elections, contacted by telephone, confirmed that Hartness as a member of the elections board had the right to come into the office but added that "if a voter is in the process of voting, nobody, regardless of party affiliation, has the legal status to confer with him (the voter)."  
Pullium also has inquired of Brock's office about counterfeit sample ballots which have been printed and are being circulated in the county on the non-partisan Board of Education race. Printed on colored paper, the fake sample ballot is a copy of the real thing but with the three Democratic candidates' names omitted and X's marked before the three names of Republican candidates.  
"This is a violation of the law," Brock said, but added



### Car Enters Store

Mrs. Ruth Cheney of Murphy was the driver of this car which plunged through the front window of Walt Coleman's store Monday morning. She was unhurt in the accident but two men inside the store were injured by flying glass. Murphy Police officers charged her with reckless driving, saying the accident occurred as she was leaving a parking space. Damage to the storefront was estimated at about \$4,000. (Staff Photo)

### 4-Square Has Stormy Meeting

By EMILY KINGSBERRY  
Staff Writer

Confusion was the keynote of the monthly board meeting of Four-Square Community Action, Inc. Monday night at the Marble School, attended by 24 board members (there being a dispute about the seating of the 25th) and some 75 interested citizens—whose impatience and indignation mounted as the meeting muddled through.  
After more than two hours of maximum squabbling and minimum action—highlighted by one member's on-the-spot resignation—the board apparently decided to request the regional OEO office in Atlanta to investigate both the executive director, Mrs. Marietta Suhart of Andrews, and the program director Huddleston of Bryson City; and on the basis of this investigation to decide at the next monthly meeting whether to dismiss either or both of them.  
At this point, an irate citizen—who refused to give his name for publication but who, we think, should step forward and take a bow—summed up

the general feeling of the audience:  
"If things go a month from tonight the way they have at this meeting, I think the citizens of this four-county area should get together and fire the whole board!"  
There was hearty applause.  
Board President Charles Parker, Brasstown, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation, then requested members to answer either "Present" or "Absent" to the roll call by Secretary Helen Ghormley, Robbinsville.  
After a routine reading of the minutes by the secretary, Father Glockner attempted to report on the October 10th meeting of the executive committee, at which a motion had been passed to issue a "Statement of Concern" regarding President Parker's personal request to Mrs. Suhart to resign. Glockner asked to read this statement, copies of which had been sent to board members.  
Parker, however, stated that he "would not accept" the executive committee meeting, which he did not attend because he "was not notified in time as required by the by-laws." This precipitated a lengthy argument, with much searching of the by-laws by

various board members—during which it became apparent to this writer that the confusion arose from the 3-day notice required for "special board meetings" but not for meetings of the executive committee, comprised of officers and committee chairmen.  
As chairman of the board meeting, however, President Parker held to his own ruling on the matter, and proceeded to "new business". He presented his own letter of October 9 requesting Mrs. Suhart's resignation—copies of which had been sent to board members plus his own "Statement of Concern" or "petition" which had not been sent. Declaring no confidence "in the project administration of our agency," this brief document was signed by some board and staff members.  
Immediately one of the signers, Paul D. Parker of Andrews, moved that the board dismiss Mrs. Suhart. The motion was seconded by Wayne Carringer of Robbinsville.  
Protests and calls for discussion, with demands of "Why?" and "On what charges?" followed at once from Miss Ghormley, Mrs. Hyams, Vice President John Carringer, Mr. Thomas, Mr.

Penland and others.  
Mrs. Carver backed President Charles Parker in saying the charges were "no confidence."  
From the floor, Anne Howell, of the N.C. Department of Local Affairs, said that in such cases documented charges were required by state law.  
The discussion degenerated into a "free for all" during which charges were hurled against program Director W. Dale Huddleston—who was not present at the meeting—and questions raised as to the trip recently made by Charles Parker and Wayne Carringer to Atlanta on the bus chartered for a special trip for police trainees in the New Careers Program under Ed Bryson's direction.  
Finally, under pressure, President Parker admitted that he had asked the regional OEO director, Roy Bachelor, to investigate Mrs. Suhart—and handed a letter, purportedly setting forth his charges, to John Carringer, who read aloud to the board.  
"This letter is very vague," commented Carringer. "You refer to personal conversations, but you do not reveal what was said. There is no clear statement here as to why you or anyone should not have confidence in Mrs. Suhart."  
Mrs. Suhart said she would welcome an investigation and urged the board to request one formally.  
President Parker called for a standing vote on the motion to dismiss Mrs. Suhart. Nine voted for dismissal, eleven against, and three abstained.  
Stating that he felt that everyone, including Mrs. Suhart, was entitled to know "what was wrong", John Carringer moved for an investigation by regional OEO of the Four-Square operation. Penland seconded the motion.  
As the ensuing "discussion" got underway, Aulis stood up and declared, "I'm ashamed of this board - and I am resigning as of right now!" He stalked from the auditorium, slamming the door.  
The chairman then called upon Payne to repeat his motion regarding Huddleston.  
"Which way do you want it - investigation or dismissal?" Payne asked, "I'll make it either way you prefer."  
Mrs. Carver moved for investigation for insubordination, and Mrs. Huddleston seconded. The motion

### Halloween Pranksters Are Warned

Police Chief Pete Stalcup this week warned would-be Halloween pranksters that Murphy will be a relatively quiet and orderly town on Saturday night.  
"Halloween is for the children," he said firmly, "They will be protected and can trick-or-treat all they want. But the big boys and adults who misbehave will be treated like hoodlums."  
The chief said in the past Murphy has been marked by Halloween pranksters dragging junk cars into town and littering the streets with tins and eggs. The town's garbage ordinance will be strictly enforced, he said, carrying a penalty of \$50 or 30 days in jail.



### Levi's Gets Safety Award

Levi Strauss & Co. in Murphy has won a certificate for operating more than a million man-hours without a disabling injury that resulted in lost time. Displaying the award in the center of the photo are the local plant personnel director, Frank Atchison,

Eastern Division personnel manager Howard Mullens and local plant manager Horace Cannon. Standing behind them are local Levi employees, left to right, Elizabeth Carter, Doris Earwood, Merle Kephart, Jerry Johnston, Lucy Davis, Shirley Gibson and Jewell Kent.

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