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## Teachers Hear State Superintendent

Dr. Craig Phillips, center, North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the featured speaker Tuesday night at a dinner held at the Hayesville High School cafeteria and attended by 250 teachers, school and county officials from the western counties. Above, left to right, are John Jordan, Cherokee County superintendent; Scott

Beal, who heads the schools in Clay County; Dr. Phillips, his assistant Max Abbott; Kenneth Barker, the Macon County superintendent. The NCAE units of Clay and Cherokee sponsored the affair and Dr. Phillips told the teachers of his educational program now under consideration by the Legislature. (Avett Photo)

## 5 Dropped At Andrews

# County School Budget Rises

The Cherokee County Board of Education was busy with problems of finance and personnel in its meeting Monday night, during which a new budget was approved and the principal and four teachers at Andrews High were dropped.

Superintendent John Jordan explained to board members that the budget which will be presented to the county commissioners as the county's part of the school spending will be \$188,587 for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

The state of North Carolina pays the salaries of regular

classroom teachers, Jordan said, and this payroll in Cherokee County amounts to about \$1.5 million a year. The county, however, pays a share of the salary of the vocational teachers, he said, and with all teachers getting a raise in pay, this is the main reason for the increase in the county budget, which was about \$157,000 last year.

The county school board is also asking the county commissioners to provide for rebuilding the burned elementary school at Andrews and Monday night officially passed a resolution asking for the money. The commissioners have already set the legal wheels in motion and a bond vote in the amount of \$300,000 for the Andrews school project will probably be held sometime early in the Summer.

The teachers' contracts for the coming school year were renewed by the board and there were the usual number of retirements, turnovers and transfers within the system. The only news was action taken at Andrews High.

There the entire board voted unanimously not to rehire Principal Mack Jones, Football Coach Frank Maennle, Roy Berry or Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sursavage for the coming year. Members of the board said the action was taken in response to complaints by parents and school patrons at Andrews, which have been directed to all members of the school board.

The little elementary school at Unaka got approval for another year as the school board agreed to let it continue, if the state Board of Education will again let Unaka have a third teacher. The school has an enrollment of only about 60 pupils and

according to the teacher-pupil formula gets only two teachers. However, the state board for several years has made a special ruling in the case and allotted three teachers for Unaka. Jordan said a survey conducted at Unaka several months ago showed most parents against closing the school.

In other business, the county school board:

- Voted a resolution of appreciation for the county commissioners' levying the one percent sales tax.

- Voted to approve Pilot Life Insurance Co. as the official school insurance firm for another year.

- Accepted the low bid of Leonard Stiles at \$19.50 a ton for coal, subject to approval by state officials. Jordan said coal purchased through the state school office costs over \$21 a ton and the county schools burn more than 1,000 tons a year.

- Heard Ray Hogsed and Mayor Pro-Tem (Brownie) Parker of Andrews on the need for a new lighting system at the Andrews ballfield, which is also used for high school football games. The board took no action on the request that it share with Andrews in putting up the lights, but did indicate that the problem will be considered again before the football season starts.

## Golf Tourney Sunday

Registration is now open for the Scotch foursome tournament for men and women golfers to be played at the Cherokee County Golf Course.

A large number of golfers is expected and the Tournament Committee requests that registration at the clubhouse, either in person or by telephone, be accomplished early so all arrangements can be made.

Registration deadline is 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the drawing for partners will be held about 1:15 Sunday afternoon and the first foursome will tee off at 1:30. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the 18-hole event.

A registration fee of \$2.50 will be charged each player to cover costs of trophies and other expenses.



John Carringer

## Carringer Joins Mid-South

Harold Shook, owner of Mid-South Contracting Company, announces that John Carringer has resigned from Townson Lumber Company and Townson Funeral Home after 21 years service to accept a better position with his company.

Mid-South was awarded the master contract for buried cable for the state of South Carolina by United Telephone Company and John will be serving as supervisor over this contract.

John is a native of Murphy, received his education here, at Miami, Fla., and Western Carolina College. He is a member of the Murphy Town Council, Four Square Executive Board, American Legion Post 96, Family Planning Board of North Carolina, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Oasis Temple Shriner, Charlotte, N.C., Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, member of United Methodist Church.

He is married to the former Doris (Doty) Bryson of Sylva, and has one daughter, Jackie Marquita (Markie) Carringer, a senior at Murphy High School.

# Sales Tax To Begin In June

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners held the prescribed public hearing and then made the local one percent sales tax official at the Courthouse here Tuesday night.

After a short discussion of the tax with the 15 persons attending the hearing, the three commissioners formally signed the resolution which will put the extra penny on each dollar purchase into effect in Cherokee on June 1.

The commissioners had originally called for an election on the sales tax question, but reversed their decision about two weeks ago and announced that they would impose the tax without a vote. The sales tax law, recently passed by the Legislature, enables commissioners to impose the tax without a vote, calling only for a public hearing.

Chairman Jack Simonds and the other two commissioners, Jack Lovingood and W.T. Moore, would not be pinned down to a promise of lowering property taxes, but indicated that property taxes will probably be lowered some in view of the revenue expected from the sales tax.

"If we get a chance to lower property taxes, we'll do so," Simonds said. He said the property tax rate this year was \$1.55 per hundred dollars of valuation but if the sales tax had been in effect, the tax rate could have been cut to \$1.12.

County Attorney Lonnie Hoover explained that the tax will be collected by the North Carolina Department of Revenue along with the state's present three percent sales tax and then the money will be returned to the county. It will be divided by the county, Murphy and Andrews on a formula which gives the county the lion's share of the estimated \$190,000 a year.

Hoover noted that three other mountain counties have recently imposed the tax without calling an election on the matter.



## New Crop Of Golfers

Some of the 9th grade girls in a physical education class at Hayesville High are shown on the driving range at Chatuge Shores, learning about golf. PE classes at Hayesville are including golf this Spring, as are some classes from

neighboring Towns County High at Hiawassee, Ga. Golf course officials say the students apparently are enthusiastic about the game and some of them are returning to the course to play on their own time. (Avett Photo)

# Clay Golf Course Ready To Add Pool

The Chatuge Shores Family Recreation Center is now accepting applications for users permits for its new recreation building, swimming pool, tennis courts and children's play area.

The recreation building will be a two-story Swiss Chalet style with showers, locker rooms and dressing rooms on the first floor, and with a snack bar, pro shop, office and general assembly room on the second floor.

The proposed swimming pool will be full Olympic in size with a 1,225 square feet, deep water area for diving, a kiddies' wading pool, two tennis courts and an enclosed children's play area. Contracts or construction will be let in early July with recreation building and tennis courts being ready for use by late fall and the swimming pool for the 1972 season.

The Clay County Rural Development Authority is the owner of this project and offers to the using public the following types of users agreements: a family users agreement for use

of the recreation building, swimming tennis and children's play area for an annual fee of \$50 per family. Families desiring to play golf only may do so for an annual users fee of \$120, and also have use of the recreation building and tennis courts, but not the swimming pool. For an annual users fee of \$150 a family may use all facilities, including golf, swimming, tennis, recreation building and children's play area.

Applications for usage can be picked up at Chatuge Shores Golf Course, the FHA Office in Hayesville or Wachovia Bank & Trust Co, Hayesville. Users agreement for the recreation building and swimming pool must be paid in advance. To assure construction of these facilities the Center will have to have \$6,500 on deposit by June 15.

"When completed, Chatuge Shores will be the most modern and most complete family recreation facility in Western North Carolina and North Georgia," says Tom Day, head

of the Authority. "We welcome your participation and patronage in this venture, either as a user or by paying daily fees."

Chatuge Shores Golf Course is in excellent condition this spring, Day said, with all roughs cleared, fairways rolled and firm and the greens in a well-kept condition. Three rain shelters were built during the winter months and benches constructed at all tees.

"Chatuge Shores has been the most widely accepted project ever undertaken in Clay County - and one that has already brought thousands of hours of pleasure to young and old alike," Day said.

## SOFTBALL MEETING

All managers and coaches of softball teams in Murphy will meet on Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Power Board Building.

## Cloggers To Dance In Jamboree

Murphy's crack clog teams, the Carolina Sweethearts, will be dancing this weekend in competition at the Hubert Hayes Mountain Youth Jamboree in Asheville.

The elementary and junior teams are both defending champions from last year and will dance before the judges in the finals on Saturday night.

The senior team will compete in the elimination rounds on Friday night, and, if successful, will then advance to the finals on Saturday night.

Mrs. Barbara Stalcup, who trains the Sweethearts, said the event in Asheville City Auditorium this weekend will be filmed in color for viewing later on a Charlotte educational television channel.



## Chevy Truck, Ford Wall

Murphy Ford Dealer Doyle Burch stands in the wreckage after a car-carrier truck from the Chevrolet agency across the street rolled down a ramp and crashed through the wall

of the Burch Motors garage section. No one was in the truck at the time of the accident Tuesday afternoon and no one in the Burch garage was injured. (Avett Photo)

## Mrs. Sneed Retires

Mrs. Beryl R. Sneed, customer relations representative for Murphy Power Board, has retired after 23 years of service. She had been with the Power Board since 1947.

As customer relations representative, Mrs. Sneed handled all advertising and publicity for the Power Board. She also had the added responsibility of bookkeeper.

Another part of her service to customers involved the preparation of lighting recommendations and kitchen, laundry and bathroom planning to help the customer make his home electric service as efficient as possible.

She gave programs on lighting and cooking to high school home economics departments and garden clubs. In addition to this, Mrs. Sneed initiated a program to acquaint builders and electricians with the various uses of electricity in buildings and its proper installation for maximum efficiency.

"We hate to lose Mrs. Sneed, an able, experienced employee," John H. Bayless, manager of the Power Board said. "However, we wish her happiness in her well-earned retirement," he added.

## Boy Scout

## Camporee Set

Boy Scout units from Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties will gather in the hunters' camp area at Fires Creek for a camporee this weekend.

The activities begin with a big campfire on Friday night and end with breaking camp at noon on Sunday, after the Scouts attend church services at the Catholic church in Hayesville.

Patrols will be judged on their camp layout and appearance and will also compete on Saturday morning in compass and pacing and tree identification events. Saturday afternoon they will witness demonstrations on survival, rescue and wildlife conservation.



Mrs. Beryl Sneed



## Senior Prom

Murphy High Seniors and their dates danced last Friday night at the Rock Gym, decorated in a South Seas theme for the annual Senior Prom. The students cleaned up the gym as best they could last week and finally called in the town fire truck to

hose down the floor before they installed the colorful decorations, including a real live fountain, which showed up above as the blurred water droplets in the foreground. (Bill Dyer Photo)