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Boards Talk Of Garbage Problems



Chamber Month

Mayor Clow Moore, seated, and the Cherokee County commissioners have declared May as Chamber of Commerce month in Cherokee County. Gene Farmer, Chamber president, is shown looking on as the mayor signs the proclamation. Farmer has written a definition of the Chamber which is reprinted on this page, as is the Chamber slogan: "Cherokee County...on the move." (Carringer Photo)

President Explains

Chamber Of Commerce

By Gene Farmer
President
Chamber of Commerce

...A Chamber of Commerce is people working together, to make their community a better place in which to live and make a living.
...The people who make up a Chamber of Commerce are bankers, lawyers, manufacturers, doctors, advertisers, clergymen, teachers, retailers, wholesalers, salesmen, business and professional men and women who share a common interest and pride in their home town.
...It is people working together, meeting together as a group or as committees, analyzing problems, proposing solutions, initiating discussions, examining related facts, acting in accordance with the expressed will of the majority, making mistakes sometimes, but constantly striving to improve business and build a better community.
...It is people working to make their community a better place in which to live and make a living in order that it might be a safer, clearer, more beautiful place; a place where businessmen, farmers, industrialist, and educator acknowledge a mutual dependency, a place where the industrialist finds a promising site, the tourist a vacation dreamland, the visitor a sure and friendly answer to his questions, and the neighbors find a neighbor.
...A Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary association of business and professional men and women - civic minded citizens engaged in collective efforts to promote the welfare of their community.
...There is no more profitable investment available to any businessman, industrialist or professional man than his annual financial investment in th local Chamber of Commerce.

Ruling Boards Stay In Office

Town elections were held in Hayesville and Andrews on Tuesday, with very light turnouts by voters as the ruling boards were returned to office.
At Hayesville, the incumbent mayor and council were returned in a partisan election, only 41 of the town's 224 registered voters casting ballots.
Mayors C.A. Carroll returned to office along with Councilmen Harold Moore, Paul Vaught, Jr. and Bob Cunningham. Cunningham got 41 votes, Vaught and Carroll got 40 apiece and Moore polled 39 votes.
At Andrews, the Democratic slate had no opposition and the only change was Ty Burnette as mayor in place of the late Percy Ferebee.
Of a total town registration of 585 voters, 109 participated in the Tuesday election.
Burnette got 101 votes. The council members, who had survived a challenge by other Democrats in a primary back in April, and their tallies were: W. Leo Hurst, 102; Paul (Brownie) Parker, 100; John Raxter, 99; Roy Hogsed, 98.



Mr. and Mrs. James West and Son

Cherokee County...On The Move

By Wally Avett
Staff Writer
The problem of garbage removal for residents of the county took up much of the Cherokee County commissioners' meeting on Monday and practically all of the Clay commissioners' meeting.

In Murphy, early in the commissioners meeting Charles Cornwell of Peachtree showed up to discuss conflicts over garbage pickup routes. Cornwell is running a truck on a private pickup route in this end of the county as is Charles Anderson and there is also a pickup service at Andrews.

The Cherokee commissioners gave no contract to Cornwell and had given no special authority to any of the other private collection services, but did discuss the possibility of holding a meeting of collectors in the future and giving routes to the collectors on a township basis.

Then later in the meeting at Murphy, Extension Agent Jack Earley appeared to explain a proposal by a TVA sanitary engineer that Cherokee, Clay and Towns County, Ga. go into a system of placing large metal garbage containers at county crossroads and other locations.

According to the plan, Cherokee would buy a special compactor truck which would empty these containers twice a week, dumping the garbage at

landfills near the towns of Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville and Hiwassee.

This would eliminate the need for locating landfills in the various county communities, Earley said, and would place a handy metal container within just a few miles of every home in the county.

The same plan was explained Monday to the meeting of the Clay commissioners at Hayesville, and according to Chairman Howard Wimpey, was the only item of business before that board.

"It looks real good," Wimpey said after the meeting, but added that the Clay board wants to know more details of the plan before taking any action on it.

The Cherokee commissioners were also enthusiastic about the plan, especially since most of their efforts to find locations for community landfills had met solid opposition from the neighborhoods involved.

They said they wanted to hear more about the financing of the plan and the equipment and instructed Earley to file an application for a federal grant or loan on the project. His preliminary figures indicated that metal containers for the three counties would cost about \$32,000 and the special compactor truck rig would run another \$25,000.

In other action, the Cherokee board discussed the development plan for the Andrews-Murphy valley with Dr. K.G. Keenum of the Murphy Planning Board. The commissioners have approved the water-sewer plan drawn by state officials but the Murphy Town Board has referred the plan to its planning board for consideration before it approves it.

Dr. Keenum said members of the town planning board questioned Junaluska Creek's ability to provide water for the whole valley, as the state planners have shown, and suggested a joint meeting of the county and Murphy planning boards to discuss the matter.

John Jordan, Cherokee superintendent of schools, presented the school system's budget for the coming fiscal year and also the county board of education's formal resolution requesting money to rebuild the burned elementary school at Andrews, which is an official step toward the planned bond referendum, sometime this Summer.

V.O. Ayers, who heads the county Social Service Department, said the welfare budget has been approved by state officials in Raleigh except for the Aid to Dependent Children section, which state officials thought was too low at an average payment of \$30 per child per month.

The state recommended average payments of \$35, he said, and the commissioners approved an increase in the county budget of \$3,000 to provide for the increased payment.

The commissioners took no action on the Medicaid section of the county welfare budget, still hoping that the Legislature may vote some relief before it adjourns. Medicaid was budgeted at \$36,600 for the current year, Ayers explained, but spending this year will probably amount to about \$55,000. He has recommended a Medicaid budget for the county of \$73,383 for next year.



State Firefighters Get Chopper

The North Carolina Forest Service work center at Peachtree looked like a Vietnam airfield last Thursday as a helicopter, acquired by the state forest service recently from the U.S. Marines, was demonstrated to local county rangers. The chopper, still in its Vietnam warpaint and sporting a number of enemy bullet holes, can lift a seven-man fire crew into the mountains in a only a few minutes to a spot which would take a truck nearly an hour to reach. State forest officials say it will

probably be used during the fire season in this end of the state although its base has not yet been established. Left to right are Bi' Baucom, pilot for the Forest Service; Clay Ranger John Payne; David Hudson, district forester from Sylva, Marine Staff Sgt. S.R. Montana, who served on the helicopter in Vietnam and now is showing it to the Forest Service; Graham County Ranger John McKeldrey; Cherokee County Ranger Harold Coleman. (Avett Photo)

Townson Funeral Home

Names Two New Managers

Two employees of Townson Funeral Homes, Inc. have been sold interests in the business, elected to the board of directors and will function as co-managers.

Marvin Cook and Clyde Collins will operate the business in the same manner in which it has been conducted since its founding in 1919, according to Mrs. Winifred Townson Wells, who made the announcement.

The late W.D. Townson of Murphy owned and operated the business until his death in 1968. Mrs. Wells is now president of the firm and other officers of the corporation are Eric Townson of Murphy, William Townson, Jr. of Edenton and Richard Townson of Marietta, Ga.

Townson operates funeral home in Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville and Robbinsville.

Cook has been employed by Townson Funeral Homes since 1956. He is a native of Cherokee County, a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the American Legion. He is married to the former Eulala Stiles of Murphy.

Collins became associated with the funeral home in January of 1970. He is a graduate of Robbinsville High School and attended Western Carolina University. He is also also a graduate of Dallas



Marvin Cook

Institute Gulpton-Jones School of Mortuary Science. Collins is first vice president of the Murphy Civitan Club, a member of the



Clyde Collins

First Baptist Church of Robbinsville, a Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Phi Sigma Eta, national mortuary honorary fraternity.

Softball Schedule

Thurs. May 6, 6:30 Baptist Church vs Martins Creek (GIRLS) 7:45 Levi Strauss vs Providence Hospital.
9:00 Bellview vs Texana. Friday May 7 - 6:30 Ga. Boot Vs WCVV
7:45 Sunshine Potato Chips Vs Westco.
9:00 Martins Creek Vs Texana.
Monday May 10 - 6:30 Baptist Church Vs WCVV (GIRLS) 7:45 American Thread Vs Martins Creek
9:00 Bellview Vs Westco.
Tuesday May 11 - 6:30 Texan Texana Vs WCVV (GIRLS) 7:45 Providence Hos. Vs American Thread.
9:00 Ga. Boot Vs Wachovia.

Barton Dies In Wreck

A Murphy man was killed Monday afternoon in a one-car accident near Gadsden, Ala. Bobby G. Barton, 32, was declared dead on arrival at a Gadsden hospital.

He was enroute to Birmingham, where he was to report for work as a piping superintendent on a construction job. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, with membership in the Aba Temple of Mobile, Ala., a member of the First Baptist Church of Piketon, Ohio and a former member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

The funeral is set for Thursday afternoon (today) at 2 o'clock in Bellview United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jack Palmer and the Rev. Hoyt Brown officiating. Burial will follow, with full Masonic rites, in the church cemetery. Surviving are the widow,



Bobby Barton

Mrs. Wanda Morris Barton; one son, Bobby Gay Barton Jr., and one daughter, Cyndee Lynn Barton, both of the home; the mother, Mrs. Minnie W Barton of Murphy; two sisters, Mrs. Ray Smith of Murphy; and Mrs. Kenneth Christopher of Dells, Wis.; two brothers, Jimmy of Asheville, Ohio and Bill Barton of Roper, N.C.

Housing Projects Work Is Stopped

The Murphy Housing Authority suffered another setback this week as a stop-work order was received on construction of two public housing projects.

Ben Palmer, executive director of the housing authority, said this week that the members were very disappointed at the action by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials.

The housing is badly needed in Murphy, Palmer said, pointing out that the construction job on the two projects has been put up for bids three times. HUD officials turned down the bids last July and September as too high but had accepted a total bid of \$682,600 last month.

Collins and Minor was the low bidder on the general contract and was ready to begin

work Monday afternoon when the stop-work order was received, Palmer said.

He said HUD officials in Atlanta suggested that the housing authority draw up plans to build cheaper housing, saying the \$682,600 was too much to pay for the square footage in the planned 40 units of housing, 10 for the elderly on Hiwassee Street and 30 for low-income families, to be constructed on Park Avenue near the Rimco plant.

The authority has already paid for the land for both projects, Palmer said, and has paid out more than \$30,000 in architect's fees for plans drawn on the two projects.

He said Tuesday that the authority plans to call Congressman Roy Taylor's office in Washington for assistance in the matter.

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-Mrs. Buelah Smith Griffin
DONNA SUE PANTER
-Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Panter
PATRICIA DENISE BETTIS
-Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Bettis
ANDREA DAWN PIPES
-Mrs. Robert T. Hunsucker
ROBERT SHAUN HAMPTON
-Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hampton



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Cherokee Native Appeals For Help

A Cherokee County native who has run afoul of civil law in Korea wrote home for help last week.

James West, a 1959 graduate of Murphy High School, met and married a Korean girl in 1963 while in that country serving in the Air Force. Now a civilian, he is employed as a microwave engineer and the job is coming to an end and he wants to bring his wife and infant son home to North Carolina.

But there was a fire about three years ago which started somehow in his wife's beauty shop in Seoul, Korea and it burned up a number of other buildings. An elderly woman lost her life in the fire and

West's wife was held responsible.

His mother, Mrs. Hazel Green, says West could leave Korea with the child but Korean authorities refuse to issue his wife a passport until all the fire damage claims are paid. The total amounted to more than \$50,000 and they have paid as much as they could since the incident, leaving a balance of about \$19,000.

His letter reads as follows:

"Dear Americans:
...We are writing to ask for your help. I am an American working here in the Republic of Korea. My wife, our small son and myself have been trying to

return to the U.S.A. for several years. We suffered a personal tragedy a few years ago in that a fire which destroyed my wife's beauty shop also destroyed many other adjacent buildings. We cannot leave until full payment for all damages has been made. We have been paying for years but a large sum is still outstanding and my employment on a contract basis is nearing its end.

I would not normally ask for help like this. I pride myself on being able to provide for my family but under these circumstances, with many pressures brought to bear on us, my wife's health has

declined and I must do everything possible to remove this burden for her sake. Surely no man could do less for someone he loves and respects so much.

...We would be very grateful for any monetary assistance you could provide us with, no matter how small.

...As I stated earlier, I am ashamed to ask for charity so openly but under these circumstances, I have no choice.

...God bless you all. Sincerely yours, James G. West"

A James West Special Fund has been established at Wachovia Bank in Murphy and anyone desiring to contribute should direct mail to the bank.