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Hey Don, Sign Mine!!

Don Maynard, star pass-catcher for the New York Jets professional football team, was almost covered up Saturday afternoon at Murphy High School gym by young autograph-hunters. About 100

people, mostly Mite and Midget football players, turned out for Maynard's appearance here. He talked briefly and showed a 25-minute film on the Jets' World Championship, 1968 season.

Radio Purchase Plan OK'd

The Murphy Town Council (Democrat) on Monday night cleared the way for Cherokee Sheriff Blain Stalcup (Democrat) to get the radio system turned down by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (Republican).

The commissioners, after initially approving the county's participating in the new seven-county radio system, recently rescinded all action on equipment was to be financed

two-thirds with federal money and Cherokee's share is estimated at \$1,000 a year for the next five to eight years.

Sheriff Stalcup, who appeared at the Town Council meeting, said "It'll be no trouble to raise the money. Several people have pledged to pay \$100 a year and at least a dozen Republicans have offered me money."

Under the terms of the Radio program, all equipment has to be purchased through some branch of government so the Cherokee sheriff cannot simply put up the money and get the radios on his own. The Town Council voted to allow the radios to be purchased by Sheriff Stalcup, with money raised through private donations, in the name of the Town of Murphy. The base station and the mobile rigs for deputies' cars will then be assigned by the town to the county Sheriff's Department.

The Town Council members emphasized that the town will be putting no money of its own into the radios for the Sheriff's Department, although it will probably end up owning the radios.

In other action, council members, Mayor Cloe Moore and Town Clerk Charlie Johnson discussed the traffic light situation at Murphy Elementary School. The light was recently damaged by a passing truck and had to be removed.

Johnson said he talked about several possibilities with a signal light salesman and also with a State Highway Commission engineer. These

included flashing "School Zone" lights which would not actually stop traffic, mid-block light which would be activated by school children pressing a button when they needed to make the light change to red so they could cross the street and a standard automatic light at the intersection of Valley River and Hilltop Street.

Johnson said the SHC engineer favored a light at the Hilltop-Valley River intersection in front of the A&P store and council members seemed also in favor of this, adding that the town, if necessary, should pay for the addition of "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals to be installed in conjunction with the light. It was felt that the light at that intersection would help in getting schoolbus traffic onto Valley River in an orderly fashion.

The council voted to advertise and sell surplus town property, a large lot located in the Ft. Butler section and about 14 acres of land on the Andrews Highway at Regal.

Burke Moore was named to the town Planning Board to replace the late F.O. Christopher.

The Council took no action but discussed at great length the landfill problem. The current landfill, operated jointly by the Town of Murphy and Cherokee County at Texana is located on top of a high ridge and there is insufficient topsoil to cover the garbage. The Forest Service, which owns the land, has complained about the situation, Johnson said, saying the site is not suitable for a landfill.

Election Board Eyes Suit

The Cherokee County Board of Elections met Tuesday night to discuss starting a lawsuit against the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

At issue is the salary of Mrs. Nada Pullium, the election board's executive secretary. She says she has been working three days a week in the election office since the first day of May but the county commissioners will pay her for only two and a half days each week and she has been refusing her checks.

Mrs. Pullium's husband Dean, a Democrat, is chairman of the three-man elections board. Other members are Fred McDonald, Democrat, and Virgil Hogsd, Republican.

Attorney Leonard LLOYD of Robbinsville met with the Cherokee elections board and at that board's request has done some legal research on the matter. He said the county commissioners have no authority to set the days which the elections secretary works and the commissioners' only authority concerning her pay is to approve or disapprove the budget submitted each year by the elections board, which includes her salary.

Mrs. Pullium said with agreement by the board of commissioners at that time, she began work as executive secretary to the elections board back in June of 1968, working full days on Tuesday, and Thursday and Saturday until noon for three full days' pay. All other Courthouse offices close at noon, she said, and it was felt the elections office should close at that hour too.

Last April, the commissioners (two Republicans, one Democrat) decided to cut Mrs. Pullium's pay to two and a half days' worth since they said that was the time she was working. In turn, the elections board then

held a meeting, advertised their intentions to change the schedule and in May began holding the election office open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, three full days a week.

The commissioners, peeved because they had not been consulted on the change in schedule, kept Mrs. Pullium's pay at two and a half days' worth and since May, she has refused her checks. She and her

husband have appealed to the commissioners since then several times to pay her for the three full days she now works but the situation has remained unchanged.

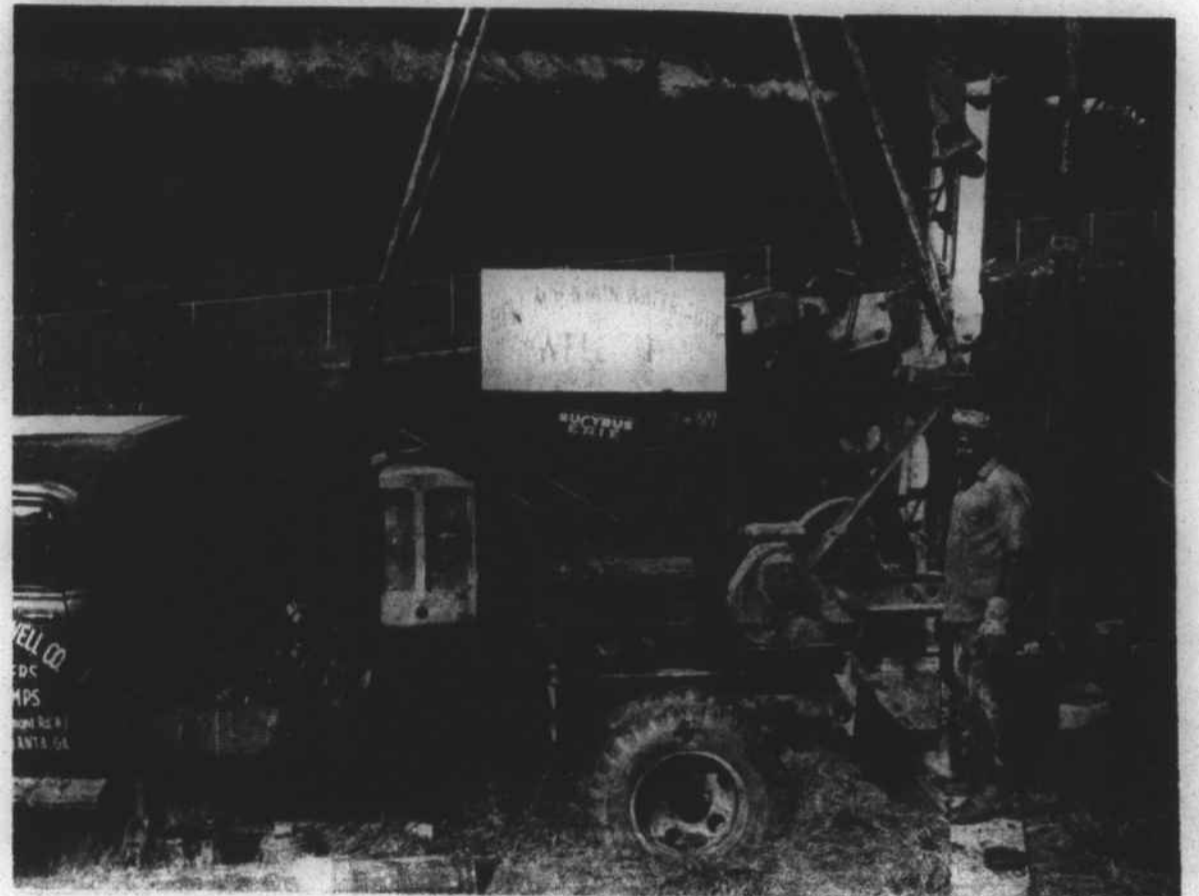
Lloyd, who served as county attorney to the Graham County commissioners, advised against a lawsuit "if this thing can be settled." A suit by the elections board against the commissioners will mean

spending taxpayers' money on both sides, he said, "and they tell me these lawyers can be expensive."

Since Mrs. Pullium is paid at the rate of \$15 per day, he pointed out that the difference between two and a half and three days' pay is only \$7.50 a week. Attorney Lloyd added that if the matter can be settled without going to court, he will not charge anything for his

efforts in behalf of the elections board.

He advised the elections board to present a formal, written notice to the board of commissioners asking for the full three days' pay for Mrs. Pullium before the decision to sue is made. After some discussion, all three members of the elections board agreed and Lloyd said he would prepare the paper for them.



Bell Mountain Well

The Bell Mountain Water Authority this week announced that an Atlanta well-drilling firm has begun drilling the first well for the planned water system. To be financed through the Farmers Home Administration, the water system will eventually serve about 500 families in Clay and Towns

Counties with a total of five wells, the first one being drilled near Hiawassee, Ga. The system is expected to be in full operation sometime next year. Original signers are now being contacted to sign a new users agreement to satisfy legal requirements of the system.

Oldest Clay Man Is Dead At 100

The oldest man in Clay County, 100-year-old Lawrence Richardson Moore, died last Saturday morning in Towns County Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Sunday in Moss Memorial Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers and the Rev. Harry Hawk and the Rev. Rondel Ledford officiated.

Mr. Moore was born in 1870 in a log cabin in the Tusquitee section, son of the late Confederate veteran Capt. "Irish Bill" Moore and Hattie Gash Moore.

He lived in Clay County all his life, working as a farmer, merchant and blacksmith. He had a lifetime interest in mining for gold and also collected Indian relics.

He is survived by a son, Frank Moore of Hayesville; three daughters, Mrs. Hubble



L. R. Moore

Smith, Mrs. Edna Phillips, and Mrs. Lucy Hayatt, all of Hayesville; a brother, Bill Moore, and a sister, Mrs. Nannie Smith, both of Hayesville; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great - great - grandchildren. Townson Funeral Home, Hayesville, was in charge of arrangements.

Directors Elected By EMC

Three men were elected to the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation at a lively meeting last Saturday of the members of the organization, held at Young Harris College.

Members had to register before they could vote and 1,654 were registered. More than 1,400 of them cast ballots in the election.

Truman McNabb was elected to represent Cherokee County, Max Waldroup was chosen to represent Clay County and Warren Souther was picked to represent Union County, Ga.

Souther replaces Ed Lance on the board; McNabb and Waldroup have been directors for some time, men were elected for three-year terms. The nine members of the board of directors serve staggered terms, three members' terms expiring each year.



Constitution Week

Mrs. Louise Bayless, regent of the Archibald D. Murphey chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and Cloe Moore, mayor of Murphy, are shown examining a parchment reproduction of the

Constitution. Mayor Moore has proclaimed the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in Murphy and the DAR urges schools, churches and other organizations to hold appropriate ceremonies.

Shot Slate For Horses

North Carolina in instituting a vaccination program for the control of Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE), a highly fatal disease of horses, ponies, mules and asses (equine species). The vaccination program officially begun September 9, and is expected to be completed statewide within 30 days.

Clinics will be established within Cherokee County and Dr. A.J. Headrick will be responsible for vaccinating all horses, mules, ponies, colts, etc. The vaccine will be furnished and administered at no cost to the owners. The owners will be responsible for getting their animals to one of the scheduled clinics as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT 20: Murphy - Fair Grounds, 9:00 a.m.; Hangingdog - Gene Fair's Store, 11:00 a.m.; Grape Creek - Jack Carter's Saw Mill, 1:30; Unaka - Unaka School, 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: Peachtree - Franklin Smith Farm, 9:00; Martin's Creek - Martin's Creek School, 1:30.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: Marble - Marble Elementary School, 9:00 a.m.; Granny Squirrel Trading Post, 10:00 a.m.; Andrews - Jeff Brooks Farm, 11:00 a.m.; Fair View - Pinkney Orr Farm, 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: Culberson - Clark Byers Store, 9:00 a.m.; Ranger - Ranger Elementary School, 10:00 a.m.; Wolf Creek - Charlie McGill's Store, 11:00 a.m.; Hiwassee Dam - Frank Crowe Farm, 1:00 p.m.

The vaccination program is voluntary but all equine species are quarantined to the premises on which they are located effective Sept. 9. They may be moved only to a clinic to be vaccinated and once vaccinated the owner will be given a certificate for his animal and will be free to move the animal within the state.

This is a timely vaccination and state farm officials ask the cooperation of everyone in order to get as many animals vaccinated as possible.

Local Boy Unwittingly Is Marijuana Hauler

Oklahoma law officers apparently failed to search a stolen car last month - and the Murphy youth who brought it back unwittingly hauled marijuana across several states last week.

Red Schuyler, advertising manager for The Scout, discovered the illegal weed last Saturday in the car his son had just drive back from Oklahoma, paid to go get the car by an insurance company.

The story began when a 1967 Chevrolet Impala was stolen from the YMCA in Greenville, S.C. The elder Schuyler is a native of South Carolina and has many ties there; his son Chris, who graduated this year from Murphy High, worked the past Summer at Greenville and an insurance adjuster there hired Chris to fly to Oklahoma and

drive the car back to South Carolina when word was received that the auto had been recovered.

When the Murphy youth arrived at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, he found the car impounded by law officers there, its battery dead. Officers told him that the two young men arrested for the theft of the car appeared to be on dope of some kind and the only reason they were caught was that the stolen Impala had developed a dead battery and would not start.

A new battery was installed and Chris Schuyler left Oklahoma on Thursday. His orders from the Insurance Company were to leave everything in the car intact and deliver it exactly as it was when he drove it out of Bartlesville. A cardboard box, labeled as

containing golf tees, sat on the dashboard for the entire trip.

Chris spent Thursday night in Memphis, Tenn. and pulled into his parents' home in Murphy late Friday.

On Saturday afternoon, Red Schuyler out of fatherly curiosity looked over the car his son had brought in, scheduled to be returned to Greenville, S.C. on Sunday. A golfer occasionally, Red opened the box to examine the tees.

Inside there were no tees but there were four or five "homemade cigarettes," Red said. "They were rolled out of plain writing paper and the ends were twisted shut."

Mrs. Schuyler had witnessed a demonstration by law officers on marijuana at the recent Hiawasse Mountain Fair so Red took a cigarette inside and set it afire for her. She said it definitely was marijuana, which was the same opinion offered by a Cherokee County deputy sheriff who was quickly summoned.

The deputy and Red then searched the car and found a large quantity of weeds in the trunk, enough to fill a 10-pound paper sack.

By now, the Schuylers were having unpleasant visions of what might have happened if their son had been stopped somewhere on his journey for a minor traffic offense and the car searched. "He wasn't going to drive a foot farther in that car until the stuff was removed," Red said.

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department has the cigarettes and weed now and has sent off samples of it for analysis. Chris Schuyler drove the car to Greenville last Sunday, where he dutifully reported that it was in the same shape as when he got it, except it had a new battery and the marijuana had been removed.

Packing House Closes

The Murphy Tomato Packing Shed closed down for the season last Friday, which "is about normal for this time of year."

"We worked in Murphy until there just weren't any more tomatoes to run," said Way Abel of Canton, owner of the packing shed here. "This is about normal. Canton is at a higher elevation and we'll probably be closing down here at Canton next week."

Abel said volume of tomatoes received this year at the local packing shed was considerably lower than last year. This was due to the smaller number of growers this year, he added, which was probably influenced by the low prices on the national tomato market last year.

"We still want to help the growers all we can," Abel told the Scout Tuesday. "If the growers in Cherokee and Clay can get enough tomatoes together, we'll send one of our trucks. Or if they want to sell to the peddlers, we'll send some of those out there to buy tomatoes right out of the field."

The shed here began buying tomatoes from growers in late July. Heavy rainfall here hurt the quality of the tomatoes and some growers suffered, Abel said, but he added that this area still has "great potential" for production of trellis tomatoes.

Demo Boosters

Meet Tonight

The Cherokee County Democratic Boosters Club will hold a special business meeting on Thursday night, Sept. 16, at the Murphy Power Building, to begin an effort to elect the Murphy Power Board members to the Board of Directors and to elect the