



\$500,000 Allocated For County Road Improvement

Slow Cr. Road, U. S. 76 Be Blacktopped, Re-Rt.

\$500,000 has been allocated by the State Highway Commission for improvements of roads in Cherokee and Clay Counties. L. Dale Thrash, 10th Division Highway Commissioner announced this week.

Mr. Thrash allocated \$100,000 for the blacktopping of the Slow Creek Road, and "enough money from the \$100,000 fund which Gov. Scott gave the 10th Division from the extra state funds to pave seven tenths mile of the northeast end of the Pleasant Valley Road and five tenths mile of the southwest end of the Mission Dam."

Mr. Thrash expressed the opinion that Hanging Dog and other roads will be given consideration in the near future.

Mr. Thrash further announced that \$400,000 has been allocated to the rerouting of U. S. 76, West from Hayesville, with surveying party to commence work in two or three weeks.

The planned rerouting will save about seven miles from Hayesville to Murphy and will eliminate many stretches of road infested with sharp right angle curves between Hayesville and Brasstown.

Plans are also made to build a highway from the Peachtree section across to Andrews.

Mr. Thrash said completion of the Murphy to Andrews road project last year place the Cherokee County road system in the best condition of any county in the 10th Division.

Spring is sprung



Spring is sprung, the grass is riz—or at least Murphy thought spring had sprung, until the cold snap hit yesterday. Anyhow, the flowers think it's spring, and the calendar says it's spring, and as far as Meredith Greene (Mrs. Irvin), above, is concerned, the lovely Japanese magnolia blooming in Mrs. Dixie Palmer's garden, is beautiful and makes her feel like spring. Scout Photo.

County Risks Losing Red Cross Services

Cherokee County stands a risk of losing its home service office and the use of Red Cross collected blood if donations to the 1953 Red Cross fund drive do not increase here, Irvin Greene, chairman of the drive said today.

Mr. Greene pointed out that Red Cross blood used here in less than a year would have cost county users about \$3,000 if charge had been made for it.

He said that although the blood is given free, money is used to process, type and collect the blood.

If donations to Red Cross do not increase, Mr. Greene said, in the future all blood collected here through the Red Cross Bloodmobile may be used for defense purposes only (by servicemen in Korea), instead of having a part of the blood available for civilian use.

Mr. Greene also said that Cherokee County runs the risk of losing its Home Service office, the only local contact with servicemen overseas.

The Cherokee County Red Cross goal is \$25,000, with about \$700 col-

lected in Murphy and Andrews reporting about \$500.

Mr. Greene further pointed out Red Cross work in disasters and Water Safety.

Persons who have not been contacted by Red Cross workers are asked to mail their donations in to Mr. Greene.

New Gulf Station Opens In Andrews

The new Andrews Gulf Service Station in Andrews was opened for business Thursday, Mar. 19.

The modern station is owned and operated by Bruce Payne and L. E. (Chunk) Love. Those assisting with service are Wayne (Blue) Curtis and Dickie Waldroup.

ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of the Asheville Presbytery will preach at the Andrews Presbyterian Church Sunday at the 11 a. m. service. The Rev. John C. Neville will be at the Robbinsville church for the Sunday morning service.

Guy Roberts Named New Deputy Sheriff

Guy Roberts, 23-year-old ex-GI, Monday took over duties as deputy sheriff replacing Buren Grant, Sheriff M. G. Crawford said today. Grant resigned to accept employment in Hickory, N. C., the sheriff said.

The new deputy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odessa Roberts of Unaka. He spent two years in the Army—stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.

Roberts attended public schools at Unaka and Hiwassee Dam.

Sheriff Crawford expressed appreciation to the civilians and law officers who assisted in the arrest of Noah Dockery after the alleged shooting of Frank Crawford, former sheriff.

Those who gave help were Cherokee County citizens who helped from a searching posse, 15 North Carolina highway patrolmen headed by Capt. C. A. Speed; some 15 Georgia highway patrolmen commanded by Sgt. Nunnally; Murphy town officers; Sheriff J. H. Thomas of Macon County; Sheriff J. D. Jenkins, Swain County; Sheriff J. B. Crisp, Graham County; Fred Campbell, Haywood County; Sheriff Milliton, Jackson County; Sheriff Ben Frazer, Macon County; Sheriff Oton Smith of Catawba County, and Sheriff Virgil Kelly of Blainsville, Ga.

Also patrolmen of the Tennessee Highway Department.

Grand Jury Will Hear Case Against Dockery Here Mon.

Mrs. Bob Cheney Is New PTA Head

Mrs. Bob Cheney, president of the Murphy PTA Association at the meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the primary auditorium.

Other officers elected were Mrs. S. C. Burgess, vice-president; Robert Weaver, secretary; Hugh Hensley, treasurer.

Mrs. James Goodwin gave the devotional and a group of Easter songs was sung by the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, with Mrs. Duke Whitley at the piano.

H. A. Mattox, chairman of the school board, announced that appropriation for schools is to be made in the legislature, and the P. T. A. went on record to send messages to the legislature to support the State Board of Education, and to try to secure funds for new school buildings.

Supt. H. Bueck announced the Grass Roots Opera to be presented in the school auditorium here April 3, at 8 p. m.

Mrs. H. Bueck, program chairman, introduced Mrs. W. A. Hoover, chairman of the magazine committee, who presented a skit, "On the Air" by Mrs. J. C. Johnson of Asheville. Taking part in the play were Mrs. Charles Worthen, Mrs. Robert Weaver, with Mrs. Hoover as announcer.

A new Cherokee County Grand Jury will be handed a first degree murder charge against Noah Dockery when Superior Court opens here Monday, March 30, Solicitor Thad Bryson said here today.

Dockery is charged with the March 3 shotgun death of Sheriff Frank Crawford at Hanging Dog. Crawford died in the driveway leading to Dockery's home.

The defendant became the object of a widespread search. He later rendered to officers.

Bryson said the defense will try to win a motion to draw a jury from another county if the Grand Jury returns a true bill against Dockery.

The solicitor estimated the case will be ready for hearing about Wednesday. He said earlier he will ask the court to appoint a lawyer for Dockery. Dockery had told Mr. Bryson he was unable to pay for legal representation.

Jurors drawn for the first week of court are:

Lawrence Winfrey, Andrews; Willard Graham, Unaka; Glenn W. Crisp, Murphy, Rt. 2; Tom Palmer, Murphy; Howard S. Morris, Murphy, Rt. 2; J. W. Stewart, Andrews A. L. Gillespie, Murphy; H. A. Barton, Murphy; Loyd Hardin, Andrews; and J. W. O'Dell, Murphy.

Also Guy Suit, Suit; Fred Ledford, Murphy, Rt. 2; Ernest Griggs, Marble, Rt. 1; Bass Mundy, Culbertson; Claude Jones, Murphy, Rt. 2; A. W. Chambers, Unaka; Olen Taylor, Murphy; Wesley Keenum, Suit; Bass Mosteller, Andrews, and Gaines Luther, Andrews.

Also J. F. Killian, Murphy, Rt. 3; Gerald S. Almond, Andrews, A. M. Howell, Murphy; Dock Gibson, Andrews; Clarence Jones, Turtle-

town, Tenn.; C. A. Kilpatrick, Banner; Ward C. Derberry, Andrews; Fred Holbrooks, Tutletown, Tenn.; Rt. 1; and Cal Stiles, Murphy, Rt. 1; John Bryant, Culbertson, Rt. 2; Fred Bartron, Marble; Grady Fullum, Andrews; Ernest Transfiam, Marble; Willard Bates, Murphy; Clarence West, Andrews, V. Y. Hogan, Brasstown; Dale Palmer, Marble, Rt. 1; Frank Luckey, Hiwassee Dam; and Dewey Kephaft, Murphy, Rt. 3; also Ted Trull, Marble; James A. Watkins, Andrews; Ira C. Owenby, Culbertson; James C. Howse, Murphy; Bob Kirkland, Suit; Emory Shields, Murphy; Ernest Graham, Letitia; and Vance L. Wilson, Murphy.

Job Opportunities For Marble Girls

Many job opportunities are opened to girls between the ages of 18 to 25 years, Jack Burris, head of the local Employment Office said today.

Girls between these ages, measuring five feet six inches to five feet nine inches having above 7th grade education, and living in or around Marble, N. C., are asked to contact Mr. Burris at the State Employment Office, A & P Building in Murphy as soon as possible.

Tractor Maintenance School Is Planned In Murphy Soon

Two Tractor Maintenance Schools

are scheduled for Cherokee County on Friday, March 27.

J. C. Ferguson, Agricultural Engineering Extension Specialist, will conduct these schools—one at 9:30 A. M. at the Vocational Agricultural Shop in Andrews and the other at 1:30 P. M. at Smithmont Farm Service, Peachtree.

Mr. Ferguson will be prepared to cover operator care and daily maintenance of the farm tractor.

He will have sectioned air cleaners, oil filters, ignition assemblies, engine charts, etc., for discussion.

Lincoln Day Dinner

Cherokee County Republicans who attended the Lincoln Day Dinner at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville Saturday night were:

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, C. E. Hyde, Doyle Burch, John C. O'Dell, Buel Adams, Cliff Radford, and Jos Myers.

Service Planned

An early morning Easter Service will be held in front of Petrie Hospital Sunday, Ap. 5, with 16 denominations participating. Further details of the Sunrise Service will be announced in next week's Scout. Everyone is invited to this service.

Child's Crippled Condition Is Improved By Local Clinic

Eight year old Martha Crowder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crowder, Suit, is one of many crippled children in Cherokee County receiving care through the North Carolina Crippled Children's service.

At the age of four years, Martha Jane had an acute illness followed by a marked left leg limp and slight atrophy of the left calf and thigh.

Fortunately, through the local Health Department, Martha Jane's parents learned of the services provided by the Cherokee County Crippled Children's Society in cooperation with the North Carolina State Crippled Children's service.

They visited the Orthopedic clinic in Bryson City where she was seen by Dr. S. S. Atkins. Her treatment consisted of a short period in the Asheville Orthopedic hospital, for observation and followed by muscle re-education.

Martha Jane was seen periodically in the Bryson City clinic for the next four years.

In November of 1952 she visited the Orthopedic clinic in Andrews. At that time Dr. Atkins recommended surgical lengthening of the left heel cord, which was done early in December of 1952.

For two months she wore a plaster cast which was removed and a brace fitted.

Today Martha Jane's crippled condition is greatly improved and with the help of her brace she attends Hiwassee Dam school regularly.

The generosity of the citizens of Cherokee county has made possible a bright future for Martha Jane. Their continued support will mail to W. D. Whitaker, Cherokee County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Andrews, during the 1953 campaign which opened last Thursday, March 18, and continues through Easter Sunday, April 5.



Dr. S. S. Atkins of the Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville, assisted by physical therapist, Miss Jeanne Hicks, also of the Orthopedic Hospital gives Martha Jane Crowder's leg a going over at the Crippled Children's Clinic held in Andrews last Saturday. Miss Willie Lovingood of the Cherokee County Health Dept., and Martha Jane's father, Lloyd Crowder of Suit, look on in interest. Cherokee County children, like Martha Jane, will benefit from the sale of Easter Seals, which is being conducted now under the chairmanship of W. D. Whitaker of Andrews. About \$292.49 has been collected on the goal of \$1,000. Mr. Whitaker said, with about one fifth of the envelopes returned. (Scout Photo)

help bring new life and hope to many children with crippling problems similar to hers.

Easter Seal contributions can be

Presbyterian Choir Plans Easter Cantata Sunday

"The First Easter", a cantata of the Easter story, will be sung by the choir of the Murphy Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 29, at 11 a. m., under the direction of Frederic C. Schley assisting Mrs. Bob White, choir director.

Mrs. R. H. Foard is organist and Mrs. Harvey Wilson Jr., reader.

The cantata was composed by Haldor Lillemas with story by Virginia Frances Joy.

The public is invited to attend. Singers include: sopranos, Miss Susie Miller, Mrs. W. A. Singleton, Mrs. Gene Denning, Miss Judy Sneed, Mrs. Lewis Hodges, Mrs. Bruce Gordon and Mrs. Frank Brown.

Altis, Mrs. Jean White, Mrs. Bob Rector, Miss Carolyn Alexander, Mrs. Marine Chastain; tenor Gene Denning; Bass Bob Rector and Rev. Frank Brown.

Special License Available For Sucker Shooting

A special license to shoot red horse suckers in Valley River between Murphy and Andrews, can be obtained by Cherokee County Residents from Wildlife Protector Arnold Dalrymple, it was announced today by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

This season will be open from May 15, until June 15, with no shooting permitted on Sundays, Mr. Dalrymple said.

Licenses will be 50 cents each and can be obtained only from Mr. Dalrymple.

Murphy NCEA Heads To Attend Meet

Officers of the Murphy unit of the North Carolina Association, will attend the 69th annual convention at delegates this week.

The officers are: C. D. Puett, retiring president; Walter Puett, incoming president; John A. Thompson, incoming vice-president; Mrs. R. S. Bault, treasurer, and Jack Barnett, secretary of the Department of Business Education of the North Carolina Education Association.

Services Held For Jake Jordan

Funeral services for Jake Jordan, 61, a World War 1 veteran who died of a heart attack Tuesday, March 17, at 1:30 a. m., were held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the First Baptists church with the Rev. J. Alton Morris officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Cemetery with graveside rites by the Joe Miller Elkins Post, No. 96 American Legion of Murphy, assisted by the Eller-Rogers Post of Robbinsville.

pallbearers were, John Posey, Ross Lovingsood, Arden Davis, Hal Bryson, Glenn Hembree, Parks Cook, Tom Palmer and Jim Green.

Townson Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.



LOCK STOCK AND BOXERS, Rev. and Mrs. John C. Corbitt, son, Nathan 2 1/2, and daughter, Abanda 18 months, have moved to their home in Andrews, where Mr. Corbitt is new pastor of the Baptist Church. Pictured above in front of their home, the Andrews home, the Corbitts are shown with "Hi-Mark", a family pet. Mr. Corbitt was formerly pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church. He was warmly welcomed to Andrews at a reception in the church last Saturday.