

J.C. Howse Seeks Re-election

Cherokee County Clerk of the Superior Court James C. Howse announced Wednesday, Feb. 14, he will seek the Democratic nomination and re-election as Clerk of the Superior Court, a post he has held since December 1958.

Howse, 49, a native of Humboldt, Tenn., was educated at the Humboldt High School. He is a member of the First Methodist Church, Murphy, and is married to the former Mrs. Gertrude Mahala Worden of Murphy.

In 1958 Howse served as chairman of the Murphy Democratic Party. Prior to his election as clerk, he was associated with the Smoky Mountain Gas Co.

Long associated with the Boy Scouts, Howse served as the chairman of the 1958 Boy Scout Fund Drive. He is presently serving as chairman of Boy Scout Troop 412.

Mr. and Mrs. Howse have three children - two girls at the home and a son serving with the U. S. Air Force at Orlando, Fla.



JAMES C. HOWSE

Murphy Man Confesses To Break-in

A Thirty-one year old Murphy man walked into Sheriff Claude Anderson's office last Thursday around 9 a.m. and admitted breaking into Murphy Hardware Co. Dec. 1, 1961.

Emory Albert Duckworth, 31, of Murphy has been charged with breaking and entering with larceny of a value of \$165 in connection with the break-in at the Murphy Hardware Co. in early December. The warrant filed in the Cherokee County Clerk of Superior Court's office was signed by SBI Agent M. G. Crawford.

Duckworth signed an affidavit admitting he broke into the hardware store. He waived preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Dick Richards Saturday. The case was bound over to the April 2 term of Superior Court. Bond was set at \$3,000.

On Dec. 1, the Murphy Hardware Co. was forcibly entered through the rear door of the store. One 30/30 cc rifle, one 410 single barrel shotgun, and one .12 gauge shotgun, and one .22 rifle were reported missing.

Lincoln Day Dinner In Clay County

Hayesville - Approximately 150 Clay County Republicans gathered at the Rural Life Center on Monday night Feb. 12 at 7:00 p.m. for a dinner meeting and program of entertainment and good fellowship.

Mr. Cline McClure served as Master of Ceremonies and did a superb job of keeping the meeting both interesting and lively.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Jimmy Rogers. The entire group joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner". Miss Judy Phillips presented a comical recitation which everyone enjoyed. Local talent composed of the following people, Claude Garrison, Jim Ledford, Glenn Prater, Edgar Moore, Wayne Phillips and A. P. Moore rendered some fine string music and other entertainment during the evening.

Col. Wayne G. West former Representative made a talk commemorating the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

New residents of the county and guest were recognized and made welcome to our group.

Rev. Earl pronounced the benediction. Our thanks and deep appreciation go to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fraley, host and hostess for the group for helping us to have such a wonderful evening, for many people were heard to comment about the atmosphere of this meeting being so different to the usual political gathering.

Band Members Attend WCC Band Clinic

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Who Knows: Who is or was Joe Brown? Banker? Lawyer? Indian Chief? Why is there a Joe Brown Highway in Murphy? If you know, write in and tell me.

ODDS AND ENDS DEPT: The U. S. dollar is the soundest money in the world. And the dollar you keep in U. S. Bonds is even better. It grows. Support the Murphy Band by purchasing all your baked goods this week at their bake sale on Saturday. This is a worthwhile project.

Firm Selected For Sewage Survey

The Murphy Town Council selected the engineering firm of W. K. Dickson to make the preliminary study of existing sewage facilities in Murphy and to assist in filing for a temporary permit to continue the flow of raw sewage into Hiwassee and Valley Rivers by the town. The action was taken at the regular meeting of the Town Council at the Power Board Building Monday Feb. 12.

In other business, the council voted to make available to the Cherokee County Rescue Squad the sum of \$250 for emergency use by the squad.

The council instructed Town Clerk C. E. Johnson to check with Bunch Nugent of the U. S. Forest Service for recommendations on trimming the maple trees along the main streets of Murphy. The council further instructed Mr. Johnson to follow Mr. Nugent's recommendations.

Readers are invited to express their opinions in "Letters to the Editor" at any time. Letters should be no longer than 200 words typewritten or in legible handwriting. They must conform to standards of good taste and legal acceptance.

All letters must bear names and addresses of writers. When it is requested that the name be withheld, the editors may at their discretion either publish the letter in that fashion, or decline to publish it. Under no circumstances will names be revealed without express approval of the writers.

Republicans Reschedule Convention

Continued adjournment of the Cherokee County Republican Convention to Saturday, Feb. 17, has been announced by Cherokee County GOP Chairman Dal Reese. The meeting originally set for last Saturday night will be held in the courthouse at 2 p.m.

Mr. Reese said the reason for the postponement was that many people were unable to attend last Saturday because of the outbreak of flu and other sickness in the county.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a county chairman and to select delegates to the district and state GOP conventions.

Lions Club To Sponsor Meeting

Hayesville - The Clay County Lions Club is sponsoring a meeting in the library of Hayesville High School Monday night, at 8:30 Feb. 19th, that should attract the interest of every adult citizen of the county. The speaker will be Tom Ivester, Superintendent of Alcohol Rehabilitation, North Carolina Prison Department, Raleigh.

Among other things, Mr. Ivester will say that alcoholism is a disease as incurable as diabetes but a disease subject to arrest with proper therapy; but that treatment must consist of more than a thirty-day road sentence. His speech will not be directed to the alcoholics, but to those in the community who have an interest in social concerns and would like to be of service to the one group of citizens in Clay County who need help desperately.

The several churches in the county are co-operating in publicizing this meeting and will help in providing leadership for sponsoring a program of service that might be initiated.

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If You're Going To Andrews Follow My Lights

(Editor's Note: The page printed below was taken from a current issue of "The Upper Room". At the meeting of the Andrews WSCS last Wednesday, Mrs. Lucy Laughner, Scout Staff Correspondent in Andrews, was asked to have this information printed. Because of The Scout's new offset press equipment, the actual page is printed below. Copies of this page have been sent from California, Tennessee, and several other states to friends and relatives in Andrews.

The Bible in Daily Life

Friday, January 26
Read Matthew 4:1-11

All those words which were written long ago are meant to teach us today. (Romans 15:4. PHILLIPS.)

SOME friends and I were traveling through the Great Smoky Mountains from Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to Andrews, North Carolina. The night was dark, our driver was tired, and the road was entirely unfamiliar to us. As we turned sharp curve after sharp curve, we could not help being anxious.

We came upon a truck that the driver had parked while refreshing himself at a mountain spring. We stopped also and drank of the spring water. As we talked with the friendly driver, he sensed our uneasiness.

"If you're going to Andrews," he said, "follow my lights. I'll drive slow and lead the way."

What a great difference it made to us to see the faithful lights showing us in advance where we were to go and what we were to do!

The Bible—rich with the teachings of the prophets, letters of Christian advice, stories from life experiences, and the sublime words of Jesus—is a light for the road of life. If we read it faithfully and follow its teachings, it is a never-failing guide, leading us in the right way.

PRAYER: Dear Father, we thank Thee for Thy Word, an endless source of inspiration, guidance, comfort, and spiritual growth. May we ever avail ourselves of its resources. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God's Word is a light unto our path.
Helen Redheffer (Missouri)

32 World-wide Bible Reading—Luke 17:11-19

Hayesville Class Sponsors Quartet Singing

"Buy your ticket now and save money." The Senior Class of Hayesville High School are sponsoring the Blue Ridge Quartet which will be at the School Feb. 22 at 8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children. Gate tickets will be \$1.25 for adults and 50¢ for children. The Seniors are busy selling tickets now and anyone who wants them in advance can call or see a member of this class.

School People Talk Of Improvements

Over 200 teachers and school administrators attended a four county educational meeting here Tuesday Feb. 6. Dr. Amos Abrams, publisher of the NCEA magazine, was the guest speaker. The meeting was held at the Murphy Elementary School.

The theme of the meeting was the discussion of the improvements in the various school systems resulting from the increased appropriations received this school year.

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain were represented.

D.M. Birchfield, Former Sheriff, Dies



DEVEREAUX BIRCHFIELD

Devereaux M. Birchfield, age 83, of Marble passed away at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday morning in a Murphy Hospital after a long period of declining health.

Mr. Birchfield was born in Graham County and moved to Andrews at an early age. He was the son of the late Sycamore and Iva Wright Birchfield. For many years he made his home at Tomoda until recently he moved to Marble and made his home with his daughter. His wife Rebecca Ann Bateman Birchfield preceded him in death December 26, 1957.

Mr. Birchfield has served in many offices, he had served as a police officer in Murphy for 13 years and in Andrews for 6 years, as a federal revenue officer, as superintendent of the prison camp as a State game warden and as Sheriff of Cherokee County. He was a member of the Valley River Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters; Mrs. C. C. Barton of Marble and Mrs. Gwin Anderson of St. Petersburg, Florida and one son; Sycamore Birchfield of Tomoda, two sisters; Mrs. Alfred Grindstaff and Mrs. Theodore Gibby both of Andrews, one brother; Clay Birchfield of Winter Haven, Florida, 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, (today) at 2:00 p.m. at the Marble Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Barker officiating. Burial will be in the Valleytown Cemetery. The body will lie in state for 30 minutes before the service. The body will remain at the Township Funeral Home until it is moved to the church to lie in state.

40 Unit Public Housing Project Set For Murphy

The Public Housing Administration has authorized at 40 unit low rent housing project for Murphy, C. L. Alverson, chairman of the Murphy Housing Authority

has announced. The 40 unit project is expected to cost better than \$500,000.

Murphy's application for the housing was approved by the Public Housing Administration on Feb. 1 and the program reservation of 40 units for Murphy was authorized.

The project will consist of 34 regular units and 6 units for the elderly. The regular units will contain 4 one bedroom units, 14 two bedroom units, 14 three bedroom units and 2 four bedroom units. The units set aside for the elderly will contain 2 units with no bedrooms and 4 one bedroom units. A play ground will be built in connection with the housing units.

The Murphy Town Council and the Murphy Housing Authority accepted the authorization and all necessary papers and legal work were completed at a special meeting of the Housing Authority Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Power Board Building.

\$8,000 will be awarded by the Public Housing Authority for preliminary survey work. Several sites within the town limits are under consideration.

Plans and specifications must be submitted by the Murphy unit for approval to the Public Housing Administration within 120 days of acceptance.

Upon approval by the Public Housing Administration, the project will be advertised and the project will be let on bids.

Construction is expected to start this summer.

In housing projects of this sort, rent is based on the income of the occupant and is available only to low income families.

Efforts to obtain a housing project for Murphy began in the 1959 session of the North Carolina legislature when State Senator Frank Forsyth introduced a local bill applying only to counties in the 33rd District. The bill authorized any town with a population of 500 or more to be eligible to establish a housing authority and become eligible for federal aid. Under the previous state law, no town in North Carolina could qualify for federal money to build public housing unless the town had a population of 5,000 or more.

After Senator Forsyth's bill was passed into law, the Murphy Town Council passed a resolution establishing a housing authority for Murphy.

Mayor L. L. Mason appointed as members C. L. Alverson, chairman; W. D. Townsend; Merle Davis, J. G. Green; and Frank Mauney. This authority was organized and was issued a charter for the state of North Carolina. The Murphy Housing Authority then made application to the state of North Carolina. The Murphy Housing Authority then made application to the Public Housing Administration for a public housing project for Murphy.

Upon receipt of application the Federal Public Housing Administration was of the opinion that the local statute introduced by Senator Forsyth and passed by the North Carolina legislature and unconstitutional since it was not state wide in scope but pre-empted only to a small section of the state. The Administration suggested that the matter be passed on by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The Murphy Town Council and the Murphy Housing Authority followed the suggestion of the P.H.A. The North Carolina Supreme Court ruled in effect that the law was unconstitutional.

During the last session of the legislature in 1961, Senator Forsyth introduced a similar bill except this new bill provided that any town in the state with a population of 500 or more could create a housing authority.

However, before this new bill could be introduced, Senator Forsyth had to introduce legislation to do away with the established housing authority in Murphy as there was no law on the books permitting an established housing authority to be dissolved.

After the new bill became law, the Murphy Town Council adopted a resolution creating a new housing authority for Murphy. Mayor Mason appointed C. L. Alverson, chairman; Dr. Paul Hill; Duke Whitely, Frank Mauney, and Ben Warner, Jr. to the authority.

This new housing authority made application for public housing in Murphy and this was the application approved February 1, 1962.

Murphy Calendar

- Thursday, February 15
- 1:30 p.m. Grape Creek Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Martin.
 - 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir at First Methodist Church
 - 7:00 p.m. Veterans of World War I dinner meeting at the Henry House
 - 7:30 p.m. Women's Club to meet at the Murphy Power Board Building. All members are urged to be present.
- Friday, February 16
- 7:30 p.m. Martha Chapter No. 246 will meet in the Masonic Hall at Ranger.
- Saturday, February 17
- All Day Woman's Club to hold Road Block on Square for Heart Fund.
- Sunday, February 18
- 6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Hospital
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Williams Catholic Church
 - 5:30 p.m. MYF at First Methodist Church
- Monday, February 19
- Mrs. L. B. Bryant, Exce. Secretary of the North Carolina Association for Retarded Children will speak at the P. T. A. meeting this Monday, February 19th. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting.

Citizens Group Moves To Implement Hammer Report Suggestions

The Young Adult Study Group at the John C. Campbell Folk School blew the gathering dust from the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission's Hammer Report at a special meeting Monday night, Feb. 12 at the Folk School. The group comprised of the young adults of the Brasstown community brought together civic, business, and government leaders in the Cherokee Clay county area to discuss ways and means of putting the Hammer Report recommendations to work.

"The days of the two men in the livery stable business trading among themselves and both making a profit are over," Percy B. Ferabee, chairman of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission said. "We must bring new money into the area."

Tom Day, Hayesville banker and a leader in the movement to activate the Hammer Report, served as moderator. He said, "We need to find out what Cherokee wants, what Clay wants, and what Graham wants. Then we need to make use of what we already have, the water, the beauty of the mountains."

"We need to lose some of our selfishness. Clay wants a road over Chucky Gal Mountain, Cherokee wants a

road to Tellico, Graham also wants a road over the mountains. We need to work not for just one road but for any road."

"We need projects to create home industries that will keep our young people at home," Mr. Day added.

At this point Charles Caldwell, president of the study group, presented a chart showing the population trends in the three county area in 1960.

This chart showed a population in the 1-17 age group in Cherokee at 8,677; in Clay, 2,716; and in Graham, 2,167. In the 18-20 age group Cherokee 651; Clay, 267; Graham, 210. In the 20-30 age group, Cherokee, 1,685; Clay, 721; Graham, 494. In the 30-64 age group, Cherokee, 6,135; Clay, 2,311; Graham, 1,938. In the 65-85 age group, Cherokee, 1,595; Clay, 467; Graham, 844. 85 or over in Cherokee, 97; Clay 25; and Graham, 47.

It was brought out that in Hayesville in 1961, the first grade class was smaller than the graduating class at Hayesville High School last June.

Other statistics showed that in Cherokee 20% of the working force is unemployed; in Clay, 23% and Graham, 27%.

John Hampton, professional planner for the WNC Regional Planning Commission out of

Asheville, told the group that training is the key to the whole problem. This must be done by the county governing body.

The first step is to form county planning boards, he added. Mr. Hampton told the group that technical assistance is available—once a plan is prepared and presented. He cited the examples of the Mitchell County group that recently applied for assistance to develop the mineral water springs in their county. Another project by the same group is a study to find out if it is feasible to build a gas pipeline to their area. The area has all the natural elements for making glass except gas.

A spokesman for the Folk School asked the question, "Do the people of this section want tourists? If so, why are they not willing to provide facilities to hold the tourists?"

Mr. Ferabee added that to get outside money into the area we must 1) develop the tourist and service industry; 2) sell our natural resources; 3) bring in products from other areas and increase their value by our labors.

The group was invited to attend the next meeting of the WNC Regional Planning Commission at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville, Wednesday Feb. 28.

Grange Meeting

Grange Deputy Forest B. Johnson and wife were in Greensboro Friday and Saturday of last week attending a Deputy Conference. At the conference they discussed plans for the Grange program for this year.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ranger Grange will be held Tuesday night, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ranger School.

WEATHER

	High	Low	Perc.
February 7	41	10	.00
February 8	42	26	.09
February 9	63	35	.39
February 10	54	34	.00
February 11	54	18	.00
February 12	69	26	.00
February 13	73	31	.00

Broken cloudiness Thursday with scattered showers in the afternoon. Friday, Saturday and Sunday fair.



WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Our Woman of the month for February is not one but two, as the Misses Kate and Leila Hayes are always thought of together.

They are the daughters of the late Jefferson T. and Amanda Beal Hayes and live in the home where they were born at Tomoda. This home was built by their grandfather, Capt. George W. Hayes, on a state grant in 1850. Part of the original house is still in use. They reared two children of a sister, the late Mrs. Hattie Hayes Farmer. They are Mary Farmer Ray and Kenneth Farmer both now of Asheville N. C.

Miss Kate was educated in the Andrews City schools and Miss Leila in the Murphy City Schools. Both received a degree from Western Carolina College. Their teaching careers have been spent in guiding young people in the schools of the Murphy City Unit.

The sisters are both very active in the Tomoda Methodist Church. Miss Leila is treasurer of the Church and has taught Sunday School for twenty years.

Miss Kate is secretary of the Murphy Home Demonstration Club; secretary of the Cherokee County Council and past president of the N. C. E. A.

Miss Leila helped organize Cherokee Crafters, is president of the N. C. E. A. and a member of the Murphy Garden Club.

Both are members of the Methodist Guild, Parent Teachers Association and past members of the Murphy Women's Club.

Miss Kate and Leila are known statewide for their beautiful flowers and their willingness to share them with others. Not only do they share their flowers but their time and talents are also spent in helping to make their friends and neighbors lives happier and more comfortable. They are known for their kindness to new neighbors and people less fortunate than themselves. People in the community say you could write numerous volumes on the many things they have done to benefit their fellow man.

The Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club is proud to honor the Hayes sisters as their Women of the Month for February.