



## Next Week . . . Maybe

Legal red tape has held up TV translator in Murphy for several months now. It has to be 'red tape' because the Murphy Power Board already has the power lines constructed to the top of Fain Mountain and the Murphy Jaycees kept their end of the bargain and constructed a building to house the delicate translator equipment.

In a letter from Washington to Carter M. Parham, General Manager of Television Station WDEF-TV (Channel 12) Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was advised by his attorneys that the attorney handling the Murphy translator case for the Federal Communications Commission would only say it should receive action "soon".

"The delays and frustrations in connection with this application are most incredulous," the letter said, "but we hope to have news for you NEXT WEEK."

## Mrs. Brumby Enters 33rd Senatorial District Race

Representative Mary Faye Brumby of Cherokee County has announced that she will seek nomination for state senate for the 33rd Senatorial District subject to the May Democratic Primary.

The new Senatorial District comprises Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Jackson and Transylvania Counties under the 1966 re-districting bill.

Mrs. Brumby served in the House during the 1965 Regular Session. She has also served two Extra Sessions.

She was a member of nine Committees including the Education Committee, Finance Committee, Conservation and Development Committee, Water Resources and Control Committee, and Health Committee.

She supported and voted for increased appropriations for schools, teachers, state highway employees, and other state employees. She worked constantly to impress her colleagues and all others with the unspoiled beauty and great potential of Western North Carolina.

She used T.V., radio, newspapers and speeches to tell the dire need for new highways and secondary roads through the mountains.

Mrs. Brumby appeared before the Historic Sites Commission and was successful in getting Fort Butler declared an historic site. Following this, she introduced a bill in the House and secured a \$6,000 grant for archaeological research and planning preliminary to the restoration of Fort Butler. At the close of the General Assembly, Mrs. Brumby was named by a Raleigh Newspaper as one of the five outstanding freshman legislators.

Mrs. Brumby headed the 300 Million Dollar Road Bond Drive in Cherokee County which passed by one of the greatest percentages in the state.

Mrs. Brumby is a member of the Presbyterian Church. She has served in her church, the Girl Scouts, and Garden Clubs on a local and district-wide basis. She has also served in the P.T.A. and Business and Professional Women's Club. She served on the Planning Board in Murphy in 1963-64.

She holds an Associate Arts Degree from Young Harris College and a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Western Carolina College at Cullowhee.

Mrs. Brumby was featured in the Asheville Citizen in August 1964 as Woman of the Week.

## WNC Youth Corps Receive \$116,500

WASHINGTON--Grants totaling \$116,500 have been approved by the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity to help three Western North Carolina groups conduct Neighborhood Youth Corps projects, 11th District Representative Roy A. Taylor announced Saturday.

The grants were distributed as follows: Macon County Board of Education, Franklin, N. C., \$33,500, which will provide work experience for 175 enrollees.

Four Square Community Action, Inc., Bryson City, N.C., \$56,500 for 176 enrollees. Four-Square covers Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain Counties.

Polk County United Community Action, Columbus, N. C., \$26,500 for 68 enrollees.

Congressman Taylor said he had received information that funds will be approved within a few days to help Mountain Projects, Inc., covering Haywood and Jackson Counties finance a similar NYC project.

Governor Dan K. Moore appointed Mrs. Brumby, representing the House, September 30, 1965 to the State Council of Mental Retardation. She serves on the Council Committee of Education and Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Brumby owns and operates Murphy Textile Mill and is Vice-President of Brumby Textile Mills, Inc. re-districting bill.



Mary Faye Brumby

She is married to Edward H. Brumby, operator and President of Brumby Textile Mills, Inc. They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Eric Townsend of Asheville, North Carolina, and Mrs. Richard Forrest of West Hartford, Conn., and one son, Edward Brumby, Jr. They also have seven grandchildren.

## James C. Howse Candidate For Clerk Of Court



James C. Howse

James C. Howse announced this week he will seek the Democratic nomination as Clerk of the Superior Court, a post he held from December 1958 to December 1962.

Howse, 53, 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 Makela Worthen of Murphy.

In 1958 Howse served as South Ward Precinct Chairman of the Murphy Democratic Party. He is now owner and operator of the Cherokee Restaurant.

He has long been associated with the Boy Scouts, serving as chairman of the 1958 Boy Scout Drive. Being active in community affairs, he is a member of the Murphy Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Howse have three children, two girls and a son.

## Grange To Meet

The Pamona Grange will meet at the Ranger School House at 7 p.m. Saturday for their regular meeting. All members are urged to attend and bring a covered dish for a pot luck supper.



Photo by La Rue Cook of Scout Studio

## Valley River Jumps Banks Near Marble

VALLEY RIVER rolled out of its banks Sunday morning and pushed three feet of water across U. S. 19, blocking traffic between Andrews and Murphy. Traffic from Andrews had to be rerouted at Marble through the Peachtree community.

## Flood Waters Inconvenience Andrews, Murphy Travelers

Flood waters caused by a combination of torrential rains, melting snow, and frozen ground surged through Cherokee County, Sunday,

halting traffic between Andrews and Murphy.

More than three feet of water lay across U.S. 19, five miles east of Murphy by mid-

morning Sunday. Traffic traveling west from Andrews had to be rerouted at Marble, through Peachtree then west to Murphy.

A slide two miles east of Murphy on U. S. 64 to Hayesville threatened to seal off Murphy from the east but highway crews quickly pushed away the mud and rocks and traffic was maintained.

The wet week-end began Thursday when a moderate rain hit most of the county. By 8:00 a.m. Friday, the T.V.A. Hydraulic Data Division of Murphy recorded .80 inches of rain.

Sunday was the worst, with rain driven by gusting winds. A total of 2.63 inches fell in the Murphy area.

Swelling Valley River pushed flood waters to the back doors of many homes along US 19 but there were no reports of evacuation. Several rural roads between Andrews and Murphy were completely submerged and impassable.

With the flood gates at Mission Dam in Clay County wide open, Hiwassee River threatened many homes along U. S. 64 between Murphy and Hayesville.

Both rivers receded Sunday night and traffic was maintained on US 19 Monday.

Total rainfall for the Murphy area from Thursday through 8:00 a.m. Wednesday amounted to almost four inches.

Forecast for the week-end calls for cloudy skies, light rain and moderate temperatures.

## Highway Hearing Set For Today

RALEIGH--The State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, Thursday (today), February 17, at 11:00 a.m.

The hearing is on the proposed improvements to US 64 from the Tennessee State line east to a point west of Murphy, a distance of about eighteen miles, which is a portion of the Appalachian Development Highway System.

In charge of the hearing will be Highway Commissioner W. Curtis Russ of Waynesville, Assistant Chief Engineer R.W. McGowan and Public Relations Officer Keith Hundley of Raleigh.

A map is posted in the Cherokee County Courthouse showing the location of the project.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and all interested citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard.

## Murphy Schools To Resume Friday No Heat Has Been The Trouble

Murphy Schools will resume classes Friday, after being closed down for four days because of no heat at the Elementary School.

The fire box and grate on the furnace at Murphy Elementary School burned through over the week-end and parts had to be ordered from Atlanta.

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## Truancy Warrant Brings Gunfire; Deputy Wounded

Enforcement of school attendance laws, which sent one woman to jail here two weeks ago, brought gunfire, wounding a Cherokee County deputy when he tried to serve another truancy warrant in the same rural section, Friday.

Deputy Robert Hartness was wounded in the head by shotgun pellets, and 19-year-old Robert Thomas Halkum lodged in Cherokee County jail on three charges, assault with a deadly weapon, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and resisting arrest.

The events began Friday morning when Hartness came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Halkum in the Tomotla Community. He had a truancy warrant sworn out by Mrs. Ruby Bryson, County Attendance Officer. The pupil in question was Halkum's 13-year-old son, Dale.

Robert Halkum, according to the deputy, pointed a shotgun at him and threatened to kill him. Hartness turned his back to the shotgun and went for help. He returned to the Halkum home about 2:30 p.m. with Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson, Graham County Sheriff G. E. Brewer, Deputy Glenn Holloway and eight State Highway Patrolmen from District 6.

They surrounded the house, called for Halkum to come out, and when he refused, tossed a tear gas grenade toward the dwelling. It fell short.

State Trooper Don Reavis stated that a second grenade exploded near a window, a shotgun blast came from the house, wounding Deputy Hartness and the officers surrounding the house opened fire.



Roy C. Sims

## Sims Seeks Nomination For Sheriff

Ray C. Sims announced this week that he will seek the Democratic Nomination for Sheriff of Cherokee County in the May Democratic Convention.

Sims was born in Jackson County, but has been a resident of Cherokee County for the past 26 years. He is 33 years of age and a graduate of the Murphy Schools, Mars Hill College, and the University of Tennessee. He is also a graduate of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy (Jecclin, Korea, 1954), and the Army Combat Leaders School in Korea. He has had a year of Criminology Study at the University of Tennessee.

He was an active Boy Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster for a number of years. As an active member of the First Baptist Church for the past 24 years, he has taught Sunday School and served as an R. A., Counselor. He has served two years in the U. S. Army-- spending sixteen months in Korea.

He has been employed by the Murphy Schools and is presently employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education as a teacher at Hiwassee Dam High School. He is a member of the National Education Association.

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## Shot From A Window

CHEROKEE COUNTY DEPUTY ROBERT HARTNESS suffered facial injuries from a shotgun blast fired from this window of the Halkum residence. The photo was taken from where Hartness was standing beside a tree taking cover as officers surrounded the house. The distance from the tree to the house is about 30 feet.

"Screams 'I've been shot', came from the house, and a silence fell over the scene," Reavis said.

Halkum came out of the house and officers discovered that he had not been shot, but that a fragment from the exploding grenade near the window had cut his hand.

According to Sheriff Anderson, Halkum was seen at the window with a shotgun and fired the weapon, wounding Hartness.

Hartness was released from the hospital after treatment. He was struck with several pellets, but not seriously injured.

Robert Halkum was sentenced Tuesday to four months in the State Prison on the assault with a deadly weapon charges at a hearing before Justice of the Peace, Hugh M. Brittain. On the assault

with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and the resisting charges, he was bound over to the March 28 term of Cherokee County Superior Court under \$5,000 bond.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Halkum were also charged on three counts, truancy of their child, aiding and abetting in assault with a deadly weapon, and resisting arrest. They have been bound over to the Superior Court under \$2,000 bond each.

Dale Halkum has been placed in the charge of juvenile authorities.

State Troopers involved in Friday's stake-out at the Halkum home were Sgt. J. L. Wilson, Cpl. W. L. McDonald and Troopers Don Reavis, P. J. Miller, L. A. Turner, J. M. Shuler, W. G. Leming, and Z. V. Hawes.

## Cherokee County Man Breaks Story On Julian Bond Case

By: Barbara R. Sampson

Cherokee County's Ed Spivia recently fulfilled every newsmen's dream when he broke a "big story" - the Julian Bond controversy in Atlanta.

Spivia's Julian Bond news-break has been carried by such papers as the Atlanta Constitution, Augusta Herald, Rome News Tribune, and the Macon Telegraph. The American Broadcasting Company carried a special report about Spivia's involvement in the case, and United Press International made it available worldwide.

The extensive coverage of the young newsmen's feat in the Georgia Capitol makes complete repetition needless. To summarize briefly, Julian Bond, Negro representative elected from a North Atlanta district, allegedly denounced United States policy in Viet Nam and advocated that American youth avoid the draft.

Spivia, sent to get the story, interviewed Bond, who is a pacifist. The newsmen taped the interview and subsequently used the two tapes on a WGST newscast. The lid blew off.

Spivia was summoned to bring the tapes and appear before a session of special committee of the Georgia House of Representatives, which was reviewing petitions against seating Julian Bond in the House. The tapes were introduced over the objections of Bond's counsel.

After a four-hour session, the committee recommended that Bond not be seated. House Members voted 184-12 to accept the committee recommendation. It was stated that the action was taken, not because of his race, as contended, but because of Bond's unpatriotic comments as established by the tapes. This contention was justified on the grounds that seven other Negro representatives had been duly seated. On Jan. 29, a three-judge federal court upheld the House action and dismissed Bond's case.

His former teachers at Hiwassee Dam express pleasure but no surprise at Spivia's success. Grady Anderson, Social Studies Department, commented that "Eddie was a fireball of energy and enthusiasm, always talking about radio at every opportunity."



Ed Spivia

Ed Spivia, son of Mrs. Burton Graves of Rt. 4, Murphy, was born and reared in this area, graduating from Hiwassee Dam High School in 1959. Soon after graduation, he and Judy Swanson, a classmate, were married. Mr. and Mrs. Spivia now have two young sons.

Spivia attended Young Harris Junior College for a time, leaving there to begin his career at Station WLSE, Copperhill. There he served a sound apprenticeship, working in all capacities demanded by the needs of a small station operating with a minimum but versatile staff. From Copperhill he went to WKRK in Murphy, then to WMSJ, Sylva. He left WMSJ to take the position he now holds as radio newsmen at WGST, Atlanta.

As a star basketball player during his school, Spivia is recalled by his coach, Lyle Carringer, as a "real hustler, who would naturally make good at any job he set his mind to do."