

Andrews-Murphy Airport Development Advances

Specifications for the development of the Andrews-Murphy Airport were advanced last week at a meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee with William E. Cox, consulting engineer with John Talbert and Associates, of Charlotte.

In advocating a paved runway length of 4500 feet, Cox stated that this length should adequately take care of any air carrier or executive-type aircraft, turbo or pure jet, that would use the airport in the foreseeable future.

Along with a slight re-alignment of the present 4700 foot strip in order to utilize a better approach from the East, Cox also proposed a paved apron in front of the hangar, a paved aircraft parking area, and two stub taxiways leading from these to the runway.

Equipment for night operation would include medium intensity lighting of the runway, a lighted 50-foot tower, wind cone and segmented circle.

The Talbert firm is at present making an engineering study of development costs. Cox anticipates no major construction problems, asserting that he knew of no other mountain airport in the state that could be modernized at a cost less than Andrews-Murphy.

It was pointed out at the meeting that airports are not for the Sunday afternoon pilots but are for the community. Those communities who realize this and have up-to-date airports are the communities that are moving ahead, making solid progress in economic development.

Airports stimulate new industry and more than one town and county has landed a fat industrial payroll because of its airport facilities. Industry, and other livewire businesses today use airplanes to accomplish in one

day what used to take a week of traveling on the ground. Airplanes are a vital ingredient in the recipe for industrial development.

Local businessmen find that they too, through charter service, can save a lot of time and money on important business trips. A quick hop to a big-city air terminal to catch an airliner can be the difference between success or failure.

Attendance Poor At Cancer Clinic

Attendance has been poor at the Tri-County Cancer clinic for the past few months. Only five appointments have been made for the March 10 clinic.

The clinic is held the 2nd Thursday of each month and is absolutely free.

Dr. W. A. Hoover, Director of the Clinic, stated that in five years of operation, the clinics, at least 10 lives have been saved by detecting cancer in the early stages.

Appointments can be made by calling the Cherokee County Health Department.

"Everyone should be checked at least once a year," Dr. Hoover said.

\$500,000 Contract Let Westco Telephone Co. To Expand; Rebuild

Westco Telephone Company announced this week that a contract totaling more than a half million dollars has been let to R & G Construction Company of Charlotte, to expand and rebuild telephone facilities in Cherokee County.

L. J. Phillips, Manager of the Murphy Exchange told the Scout that plans call for 215 miles of buried cable and 10 miles of aerial cable to be installed.

The expansion, scheduled to start April 4, will extend telephone service in several areas of Cherokee County that are not receiving service at the



No Injuries In Crash; Seat Belts Get Credit

Gordon Jones of Murphy, (left in top photo) surveyed the damage to his overturned 1964 Chevrolet he had just crawled out of and gave credit to seat belts for saving his life.

The accident occurred around 8:30 p.m. Friday, 4 1/2 miles west of Murphy on U.S. 64.

Jones said that he was traveling east toward Murphy when the right rear tire blew out causing the car to swerve off the shoulder of the road.

He stated that while trying to guide the vehicle to a stop with out applying the brakes the car struck a culvert and began turning end over end.

"I believe the seat belts really saved my life or at least kept me from being seriously injured," Jones said, because when the car came to rest on its top, I was safely being held upside down by the belt.

State Trooper Don Reavis investigated the accident. No charges were filed against Jones.



The life saving seat belts are shown in this close photo of Jones' overturned automobile.

O'Dell Is Chairman New Officers Elected At GOP County Convention

Virgil O'Dell was elected Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee Chairman at the party's convention Saturday February 26.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to the outgoing chairman, J. Doyle Burch, for his devoted services during the past 10 years in this office. All precincts were well represented with an estimated 300 Republicans in attendance.

It is the consensus of the Republican Party that it would be of the best interest of schools of Cherokee County to elect the school boards of the county by a vote of the people. The convention went on record as favoring the election of the school boards by a direct vote of the people of the county. The party hopes the next representative of our county in the General Assembly will use his best efforts to pass a law to that effect.

The convention was adjourned to reconvene April 2, 1966 at 2 p.m. at the Cherokee County Courthouse for the purpose of nominating county candidates for the November, 1966 election.

Other officers elected were:

Mrs. Edward Mills, Secretary; H. E. Dickey, Treasurer; Dr. W. A. Hoover, Finance Committee Chairman; Doyle Burch, Herman West, and Mrs. Emogene Ledford, Finance Committee members.

The following were named associate chairmen: Mrs. Boyce Stiles, Lloyd Wilcox, Joe Myers, Hoyt Arp, Bob Mason,



Virgil O'Dell

R. L. Dockery, Mrs. John Wishon, Herbert Wilson, Mrs. Mary Jo Dockery, Mitchell Stiles, Vinson Hall, Leonard Stiles.

The Republican Party of the Town of Murphy announced this week that the GOP town convention will be held March 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Cherokee County Courthouse.

Candidates seeking the office of Mayor and six councilmen for the Town of Murphy will be nominated at this meeting. Officers will also be elected at the convention for the Town of Murphy Republican Party Organization.

Rep. Roy A. Taylor Will Seek 5th Term

Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain announced Monday that he will seek the Democratic nomination in the May 28 primary for reelection to a fifth term in Congress.

Taylor, 56, has served the mountainous 11th District in Congress since 1960.

Since that date, the district has increased from 10 to 16 counties. Most recent addition are Mitchell and Rutherford.

Taylor has forwarded his filing fee to the State Board of Elections in Raleigh.

A former state legislator and attorney for Buncombe County, Taylor served four terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives beginning with his election on the GI ticket in 1946.

For 10 years prior to his election to Congress, he was attorney for this county.

During his four terms in Congress, Taylor has already gained more seniority than any representative from Western North Carolina since the late Zeb Weaver.

He is a member of the House Interior Committee and ranking Democrat on the National Parks subcommittee. He is also a member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee.

Taylor has sponsored numerous bills to authorize the construction of federal scenic roads in WNC, including a 180-mile extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

He was a front-runner in the struggle for a new Veterans Administration hospital at Oteen, now under construction. He has also worked for new federal roads, buildings, and post offices throughout the area.

Taylor has authored legislation to help carry out the "Cradle of Forestry" project in Pisgah National Forest. A graduate of Candler High School, Asheville-Biltmore College and Maryville College



REP. ROY TAYLOR

in Tennessee, Taylor studied law under the late Claude Love of Asheville, a former assistant state Attorney General.

Taylor was admitted to the bar in 1936, and in 1943 he entered the Navy where he served as commanding officer on an LST in the Pacific.

He is a former district governor of Lions clubs; a past president of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce; a deacon and former Sunday School superintendent of Black Mountain First Baptist Church.

Taylor is also a former trustee of Asheville-Biltmore College.

He is married to the former Evelyn Reeves of Leicester. They have two children, Alan and Toni.

Jaycees Extend Educator Search

The deadline for submitting Educator Evaluation forms to the Murphy Jaycees has been extended to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 8.

James Helton, Outstanding Young Educator Project Chairman, said the extension is being granted because county schools were closed eight days due to bad weather and all teachers could not be reached on time.

"Our search is part of a nationwide Jaycee program," Helton said, "to spotlight the achievements and dedication of professional educators, both male and female, between the ages of 21 and 35."

Helton stated that educators of the first through twelfth grade levels will be considered. Teachers eligible have been contacted by the Murphy Jaycee Outstanding Young Educator Committee and this extension should give ample time for them to submit the forms.

Nominations will be judged locally by a panel of civic leaders. The Cherokee County winner will be honored at a special awards banquet and presented with a one-hundred dollar cash award.

Local winners from throughout the state will be eligible for a state competition, which will determine delegates to a national Outstanding Young Educator Program, according to Helton.

24 In Viet Nam Getting Paper

Twenty-four servicemen from Cherokee and Clay Counties are now receiving free six months subscriptions to the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress.

If you have a son or husband now serving in this foreign country and would like for them to get the hometown news, call the Scout Office at 837-5122, give your name and the name and address of the serviceman to receive the subscription. That's all there is to it. The Scout will be on its way.

24 Attend Area Lighting School

Twenty-four persons were in attendance at the lighting school conducted by the Tri-State Electric Co-op, the Blue Ridge Electric Co-op, and the Murphy Power Board, Thursday night.

The group met at O'Dell's Cafeteria for supper and then adjourned to the Murphy Power Board Building for the school conducted by C. H. Paterson, TVA Lighting Specialist.

With the help of different types of louveres and reflectors, the instructors illustrated and explained how the maximum light from different sources could be used for the most effectiveness as used in the home as well as business establishments.

Those in attendance were Robert Stiles, representing Tri-State Co-op, Ed Swartz, Blue Ridge Electric Co-op, Mrs. Beryl Fulton, Murphy Power Board, Miss Winnie Bowman, TVA Home Economist, W. C. Traylor, TVA Domestic Representative, W. C. Whisenand, District Director of Power Marketing, H. L. Hackett, Georgia Electrical Inspector, O. E. Stiles, Tennessee Electrical Inspector, L. D. Schuyler, N. C. Electrical Inspector, W. S. Kilpatrick, Tri-State Board member.

Electrical contractors present were: Blairsville Electric Co., Blairsville, Ga., Midnight Electric Co., Andrews, N. C., Rogers Electric Co., and Hughes Electric Co., Murphy, N. C.

Operation Medicare Most Satisfying Berhman Says

Mayes Behrman, Director of Operation Medicare Alert stated that the response to this alert has been most satisfying. This operation has three full-time and ten half time house-to-house visitors, employed to explain, full, the benefits of Medicare and accept enrollments.

Behrman says that daily reports from these workers indicate that most persons 65 years of age or over who are receiving Social Security benefits, have already enrolled for both the free hospital insurance and also for the \$3.00 per month medical coverage. That is, when these persons received their enrollment card from the Social Security Administration, they signed "yes" and returned the card promptly.

Behrman stated further that March 31 is the deadline for any person 65 or over to sign up. All persons, 65 or over, now receiving monthly social security checks, will be covered by this hospital insurance, automatically. They do not have to sign up for that. However, such persons do have to sign up for the medical insurance or they will not be covered for any of their doctors' bills.

Persons, 65 or over, who are not receiving monthly social security checks will not have any automatic cover-

Houk Enters Judgeship Race

FRANKLIN - Resident Superior Court Judge of the seven western North Carolina counties, Guy M. Houk, has formally announced his candidacy as one of the two Judges of the new 30th Judicial District Court on the Democratic Party ticket.

Houk was appointed Resident Superior Court Judge by Governor Dan K. Moore, February 10, 1965.

Houk is a graduate of the University of Virginia and did post-graduate at Emory University, University of North Carolina and North Carolina State College. He started teaching school in Macon County in 1921 and became principal of Franklin High School in 1926. He opened his law office in 1935 and became Macon County Superintendent in 1939, a position he held for twelve years.

In 1941 Houk became Mayor of Franklin, returning to a full-time law practice in 1951. Houk served in the special sessions of Legislature in 1955-56 and a regular session in 1957.

A member of The Methodist Church of Franklin, he is married to the former Miss Lynn Johnston of Franklin. They have one son, Fred Johnston Houk, 39, who is Personnel Director of the Dole Pineapple Company of Chicago.

Forsyth Named To Dirksen State Amendment Group

W. Frank Forsyth, Representative of the 33rd Senatorial District has been appointed to a North Carolina committee to support a congressional effort to upset the "one man, one vote" ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court has been appointed by Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.).

The 11-member group includes the chairmen of the State Democratic and Republican parties legislators and spokesmen for agricultural interests.

Dirksen is sponsor of a measure to amend the federal Constitution to permit states to base representation in one house of their legislatures on factors other than population. As chairman of the "Committee for Government of the People," he has appointed committees in all 50 states.

Named to the Tar Heel group were: Democratic Chairman Mel Broughton Jr. of Raleigh, Republican Chairman James Gardner of Rocky Mount, Sens.

Frank Forsyth of Cherokee, Robert Moegan of Harnett and Hector McLean of Robeson, Rep. Thorne Gregory of Halifax, State Farm Bureau President, B. C. Mangum of Rountree, State Grange Master Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, State Board of Education member J. A. Pritchett of Windsor, attorney Hathaway Cross of Raleigh and R. N. Barber Jr., Waynesville fruit packer.

The Dirksen bill calls for a constitutional amendment which, if adopted by Congress, would have to be ratified by three fourths of the states.

The 1965 North Carolina General Assembly passed a resolution, sponsored by Gregory, taking a different approach to the amendment procedure. The resolution petitioned for a constitutional convention.

Twenty-seven other state legislatures passed the resolution but the movement fell short of the required total of 32.

Fire Destroys 5,000 Hens

MURPHY - Fire fanned by a strong wind consumed a 400-foot henhouse near here Friday afternoon, causing a loss estimated at \$23,000.

Lost in the blaze in the Peachtree section were 5,000 laying hens owned by W. T. Brown Hatching Egg Service, along with \$3,000 worth of mechanical feeding and watering equipment and the building itself, 400x40 feet in size and valued at \$12,000.

Cause of the fire was not known, Mrs. William Gulley, wife of the owner of the building, noticed the flames, but the place is seven miles from Murphy, and by the time the volunteer fire department could be assembled, the fire was out of control.

Schools Will Be Open Sat.

MURPHY - Murphy City Schools and Cherokee County Schools will be open Saturday March 5, beginning a series of 12 make-up days lost to bad weather and heating problems. Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

The schools will also operate the two days that had previously been set aside for Easter Holidays.

County schools only have 8 days to make up while city schools have 12. Both systems lost 8 days to bad weather but the city schools lost an additional 4 days because of a furnace breakdown.

The Murphy City Schools will operate for 4 more Saturdays and add 5 days to the school year to make up the remaining 9 days. If this schedule holds, city schools will turn out June 3 instead of May 27.

Plans for making up 5 additional days in the county schools are incomplete and will be announced later.



MURPHY VOLUNTEER FIREMAN John Fleming is surrounded by smoke as he attempts to bring under control a fire which destroyed 5,000 hens and caused an estimated \$20,000 damage.



MISS MARCH
Miss Betty O'Dell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil O'Dell, Murphy

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