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**Chamber Honors Townson; Is Ready For Membership Drive This Weekend** 

The Murphy Chamber of ommerce honored past-Commerce president Dave Townson with a testimonial dinner at the Milton Inn in Blairsville Tuesday night and is now moving toward the membership drive which will climax Murphy Chamber of Commerce Week. Over fifty people turned out for the dinner honoring "Uncle Dave".

Larry Black presided at the dinner and traced the career of Townson since he came to Murphy to stay in 1919. Black said "a community is like a ship, everyone should be pre-pared to take the helm" and he pointed out that "Uncle Dave" has always been ready to take the helm.

Townson, who left home at the age of 16, was a railroad man in his younger years. After he settled here, he was a charter member of the original Murphy Chamber of Commerce in 1928. He brought

the first purebred cattle herd to Western North Carolina. In addition to his presidency of the local Chamber, he has served in the same capacity with the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association and the Western North Carolina Highway Development Council.

In recent years, he has been involved in the industry-seeking projects of the area. Townson is credited with bringing Levi Strauss to Mur-phy and his work was a major factor in locating the Rimco plant here.

Among the speakers that paid tribute to "Uncle Dave" were Merle Davis, John Gill, Doyle Burch, Dr. B. W. Whit-field, J. H. Duncan and Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby. Duncan recalled an incident

in 1939 that illustrated Town-

son's unceasing efforts to promote Murphy. He said that he was serving in the General Assembly at the time and that during a session, a page boy told him a Mr. Townson from Murphy was waiting in the lobby to see him. Duncan said he went outside and greeted "Uncle Dave" and asked what he could do for him. Townson told Duncan he wanted him to get the state capitol moved to Murphy. He

was serious, too. Telegrams were read from several cities across the nation. Most of them were from industrialists that Townson has met through his efforts to bring more industry here. At the conclusion of the testimonial dinner, Larry Black presented a plaque to "Uncle Dave" on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The plaque is in recognition of his many services for the better-

ship drive moves into high "Building A wall To Support Murphy" will be the theme of the drive. A wall will, indeed, be built.

Bricks are on hand and each brick contains the name of a business place in Murphy. As each establishment signs up, the brick bearing its name will be put in place for the wall which will be built on the

square Saturday morning. The size of the wall will be an indicator of the success of the membership drive. The Chamber has outlined

10 major projects that it will work on. The group plans to promote five Murphy retail sales yearly, publish a new tourist promotion brochure, and sponsor an annual Employer-Employee Week and a Know-Our-Industries Week.

Traffic problems in downtown Murphy are on the list of projects to be worked on. The Chamber plans to en-courage development of offstreet parking facilities in the downtown area and cooperate with the town in helping to plan for present and future traffic.

Members are expected to none help groups whose function is the continuing development of the community and assist in their applications for loans or grants from Federal, State and other sources. The Chamber has pledged to work for to more housing, recreation, and community facilities and to cooperate with farm agencies and organizations to increase

farm income in the area. The Chamber has expressed an interest in working with other local groups on some projects. It hopes to co-sponsor a fire safety program with the Cherokee County Rescue Squad and expects to work

with the Murphy Jaycees on an annual Christmas Parade. **Rescue Squad Finds Drowning Victim's Body In Lake** 

The Cherokee County Rescue Squad recovered the body of Richard Johnson from Hiwassee Lake, Friday night after a three-hour search. The 24-year-old Johnson had gone swimming with two companions and apparently experienced trouble. He was a resident of West Jefferson and was in Murphy working on an installation with the telephone company. His two friends are also telephone em-



Murphy, North Carolina

DAVE TOWNSON (L) accepts a plaque presented to him by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce at the testimonial dinner held in his honor, Tuesday night. Larry Black is making the presen-

# Independents Win Two To Take League Lead

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The Independents climbed game played to date.

into first place in the Murphy Tomotla broke into the win Softball Association with two column with a victory over victories in the past week. The First Baptist Tuesday night. two wins boosted their record Tomotla is now tied with Murto 3-0 and give them a halfphy High School with a 1-2 game lead over Ranger and record. These teams are in Hiwassee Dam. Those teams fifth place, two games behind have each won two and lost the Independents.

The Jaycees and Forest On Friday night, the Inde-Service are three games off pendents thwarted a last innthe pace with 0-1 marks each ing uprising to come out on and Rimco and First Baptist, top, 17-16, in a see-saw bateach winless in two games, tle with Forest Service. Monare three and a half games day night they ran their string out. three straight by routing Undefeated ABC heads the Murphy High School, 22-5.

women's division with three Peachtree is also undefeatwins. Clifton Precision is a ed with a win in their only game out with a 2-1 mark while Peachtree trails by a game and a half with one win and one loss. Government and Texanna each have one win and two defeats and are two and a half games be-As election time rolls hind ABC. First Baptist is around, as usual, the county winless in two games in the sheriff catches the devil. I women's competition and is think it is high time that the three games off the pace.

record is set straight without regard to politics and personalities. There are several places in the Town of Murphy where whisky can be bought. It seems like the general public thinks that it is the sheriff's job to catch them. There are six men on the police force of

Murphy to do this job. The police, as I see it, have full authority to enforce all the laws within the city limits.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

Four-Square Community Action, Inc. plans to organize Little League and Pony League baseball competition for

Little League

Baseball

boys ages nine through fifteen. A meeting to organize this activity will beheld Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Murphy ball field. A spokesman for Four-Square said sponsors are needed for the proposed leagues.

# **Andrews Zoning**

**Hearing Monday** 

The Andrews Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing next Monday on a proposed zoning ordinance for the town.

the planning board recommended the adoption of the ordinance at a joint meeting of the aldermen with Mayor Percy B. Ferebee, Glenn R. Wall of TVA and Harren L. Armstrong of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Asheville. Commission in

**Russ Says Hearing** On Murphy-Topton Road Coming Soon Division highway commissoner W. Curtis Russ said a hearing will be held early in July on the 25 mile section of the Appalachian' development highway from the Tennessee 1 ine to the point west of Murphy.

10 Pages This Week

SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA

# Chamber, SWNC Development Group Meet; Airport, Med **Center Dominate Discussion**

the past year, 5,000 executive

type aircraft have used the

airport and about 100 of these

Dr. Carl Lyles

Bryson City to Townsend

son City last Wednesday, a

statement from Governor Dan

K. Moore was read in which

the Governor strongly urged

Congressman Roy A. Taylor

attended the meeting and added

proposal. Taylor said his vote

for the Wilderness Act in Con-

interpreted as an indication

Governor Frank Clement of

About the only opposition

of opposition to the road.

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should not be

that the road be built

At a public hearing in Bry-

Two much discussed projects for Cherokee County possible to cut the county's and the surrounding area domshare to about \$75,000 in bonds. He said if this is done, inated the joint meeting of the the only cost to the county Murphy Chamber of Comwould be for the purchase of merce and the Southwestern the land. The county plans North Carolina Economic Deto buy the 77-acre site from velopment Commission in Edgar A. Wood, Jr. Murphy, Monday night. One project received an encouraging reception but the other faces a long hard road to comindicated the extensive use of the airport at this time. In pletion.

Dr. Carl Lyles of Washington, D. C. was the featured speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting which took place before the Economic Development Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting. Proposed improvements at the Cherokee County Airport were discussed at length at the Commission's meeting.

Robert Heaton of Andrews presented the proposals for improving the Cherokee County Airport on behalf of the Cherokee County Commissioners, the Cherokee County Development Association and the Andrews Development Corporation. The project carries a \$318,000 price tag and the county commissioners had proposed issuing up to \$150,000 in bonds to cover the local share of the costs. Heaton told the group that

if grants under the Appala-

### Moore, Taylor Back New Smoky Highway

Tenn.

his

Leading public officials from North Carolina and Tennessee have strongly enforsed the proposal to build a new highway across the Great Smoky Mountains from

Witnesses To Hold Assembly At Dalton

Dalton, Georgia High School has been named as a site for gress the summer circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses, according to an announcement by Ernest Watson, Presiding Tennessee expressed his support for the road at a Tennessee Minister of the Murphy Congregation.

hearing held earlier in Mr. Watson told local wit-Gatlinburg. Members of Tennnesses at the mid-week Kingessee's Congressional deledom Hall service meeting, gation also came out for the its for the w arra

chia Act are made, it will be were in the four-ton bracket. Dr. Lyles reviewed alternatives available in seeking help on medical projects upder the Appalachia Act and sought to answer questions relative to the proposal to build a regional medical cen-ter here. Officials from North Georgia were at the meeting to explore the possibility of counties from Georgia and North Carolina working to-Figures supplied by Wood gether on a medical center. The information Dr. Lyles gave the group indicated it will be a slow moving project at

best. He said the legislation provides "a golden opportunity for communities who want to get together" but it is a "slow but very deliberate program." He pointed out that there are no funds available now to conduct a survey of the area's medical needs and that if such a survey were to be made, it would have to be done at local expense. However, he did say there is the possibility that funds for such a survey would be made available by the Federal government in 1967. Dr. Lyles indicated to the

group that it would be best if local citizens would concentrate on expanding existing medical facilities instead of planning on a regional center. There was some discussion in the group on how to solve the problem of attracting qualified personnel to staff a medical center.

Graham County came up with a definite proposal for a hospital there which it presented to the Commission at the meeting. Carroll Almond of the Graham County Plan-ning Board outlined the proposal.

Almond said the \$200,000 facility is needed because there is no place in the county to treat emergencies, render obstetric care of handle intensive care cases. He pointed out that county residents must go to either Cherokeeor Swain County for treatment. The Commission approved

the proposal on the condition that Graham County submit it in writing to the North Caro-lina Medical Care Commission in Raleigh. Bob Sloan of Franklin asked the Commission to endorse the National Park Service 10-year master plan to develop the Smokies. Two hearings on this subject were held recently in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Bryson City. The Commission passed a resolution supporting the plan which includes the building of a new transmountain road from Bryson City to Townsend, Tennessee. The road proposal has been heartily endorsed by nearly all interests except a group of conservationists whose violent opposition has been based on the contention that the new road would spoil the wilderness areas in the Smokies. Jack Lyday of Bryson City noted at the meeting here that in spite of the conservationists professed love for the wilderness without roads, he didn't see any hiking from Gatlinburg to Bryson City to attend the hearings. "They all came over the mountains in cars" he said.



Chairman W. D. Whitaker of

accepted it with typical humility and received a standing ovation from those present. The Chamber's member-

# **Murphy Leads Littering** League; Should Be Last

#### By: Dave Bruce

Newspaper editors are al-ways quick to point out when their cities or towns are ahead of other places in some particular field. Ifind it necessary but, regrettable, to report that Murphy is making a deter-mined bid to stay in first

place in the Litterbug League. There is the nasty habit ering by keeping the things to be disposed in the car until many people have of tossing they get to a place where the junk can be put in a proper rethings out car windows. There are laws on the book against ceptacle. this activity and a few arrests might call a screeching halt to this practice. their parking lots as parking lots and not a branch locat-

Then there is the litterbug who does his dirty work on private parking lots. Last week I happened to drive by a local industry and was shocked at the abundance of trash that had been left there, apparently by employees eat-ing lunch in their cars.

In addition to the dozens of paper cups and sandwich wrappers, there were many paper bags. The thought struck me that it would be pretty simple to put the cups day night to plan a clean-up and wrappers in the bag and campaign in Murphy. The deposit the whole thing in a group discussed means of ac-waste basket. Or is this ask- hievement after considering ing too much?

It. seems so elementary but pair

Murphy doesn't 'have the lities as the clean-up gets un-blocks and blocks of row derway. The group decided to houses prevalent in larger meet with the Town Board to cities nor does it have the enlist the Board's cooperation acres and acres of look-alike in the work.

ployees. ment of this area. Townson Coroner J. C. Townson issued a verdict of death by drowning. The body was returned to West Jefferson for, burial.

houses that exist in may su-

burban areas. Thehomeshere,

with their varied designs, are

a strong point in giving our

town the look of a pretty place

but the litterbugs seem deter-

mined to making Murphy a floating garbage dump.

prevent the ugly scars of litt-

I hope the workers at local

plants will start thinking of

ion of the city dump.

it.

Each individual can help

department makes nine out of ten cases for liquor that are made in the city limits. How many arrests does anyone know that the city has made for liquor in the past six months?

The sheriff, on the other hand, has only two paid deputies to enforce the law in the whole county. The sheriff and his two deputies make more arrests than does the whole police force put together.

Do the police enforce speeding laws in town? How many speeding cases have been made in the town by town police? Who enforces it? I guess the State Patrol does a little, but too, their job is in the county and not in the city.

I believe the records will show that the sheriff's department and the State Patrol have made more cases, probably with the exception of public drunkenness, inside the city limits of Murphy than the Murphy Police Department. Where do you think the criti-cism should go, especially with the enforcement of liquor laws?

The county sheriff is a sob-er, decent, honest man. Let us give criticism where it is due

Sincerely, Mrs. R. F. Dockery Murphy, N. C.

## **Trio From Murphy** Attends Legion Meet In Raleigh

Homer Ricks, John Davidson and Tom Fuller attended the state convention of the American Legion in Raleigh last week. About 500 people from across the state attended the meeti

**Ricks is Commander of Post** 96 of Murphy. He and Fuller attended the convention as delegates from the local post. Davidson attended in his capacity as the local service

officer for veterans. The convention elected new officers for the state organi-sation and transacted routine melnass.

The Murphy-Topton section will include bypasses at Murphy and Andrews.

Russ said there is a possibility that a hearing on the Berea, Ky.- Ronald Albert 10-mile stretch through the Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nantahala Gorge will be held at the same time. The commissioner also said Berea College seniors to be

a hearing will be held before August 1 on the 36-mile section of development highway from the Georgia line in Clay County to near Franklin.

#### **Rev. Pearce Goes** To Atlanta Seminar

The Rev. Arthur J. Pearce, Minister of the First Methodist Church of Andrews is in Atlanta, Ga., participating in the Seminar in Preaching sponsored by the Candler School of Theology of Emory University and the Department of Education of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Atlanta.

The ten-day "examination of the Biblical and theological content of preaching to modern man" will run until July 1. Forty ministers are attending the seminar of study, practice in sermon delivery with the use of video tape closed circuit television facilities, and discussion sessions.

#### **Eddie Palmer**

**On Dean's List** 

Wayne E. "Eddie" Palmer has made the dean's list at Young Harris College for the 1965-66 school year. He re-cently completed his freshman year at the school.

ven the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, and author Jesse Stuart the honorary de-Eddie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne O. Palmer, Rt. 3, Murphy, plans to enter North Carolina State University this fall. He is presently em<sup>+</sup> ployed by Clifton Precision Products

end meeting of ministers has been set for Friday through Sunday. An estimated 900 persons are expected to attend. Some 35 will be from the Murphy area.

The conference, three of which are held annually by Jehovah's Witnesses, will have the serious business of the Christian ministry as the theme with emphasis on house-to-house missionary activity, the minister pointed out. The assembly theme will be "Make Disciples of People of All the Nations" based on Matthew 28:19.20.

Junior Life-Saving **Course To Begin** 

A junior life-saving course sponsored by the Murphy Lions Club will begin Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Murphy Swimming Pool. The classes will run two hours daily for two weeks.

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 15 can participate in the program. There will be a \$2 registration fee and those taking the course must pay admission to the pool each day.

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offered at both hearings came from a well organized group of conservationists who want all road improvements within the confined to existing park roads. They suggested that instead of the trans-mountain road being built, the Blue Ridge Parkway should be ex-

> near Cherokee to Bryson City. Texanna Entered In Readside Contest

tended from its present end

Texanna is the only Cherokee County community entered in the Roadside Improvement Contest conducted by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

Cleaning-up the roadsides, moving junk cars, planting flowers and other work at improving the appearance of the community is involved in the contest.

There are indications that an all-out effort is being made by the communities entered in this year's contest to improve roadside beautification. Judging is to be completed

in each county by September 1 and the area judging will take place by September 15.

Chairman Jennings Bryan of Sylva presided over the meeting here. Out of town guests included John Hampton of Raleigh, who is Governor Moore's liason man to the Commission and Dr. C. D. Killian of Western Carolina College.

THE MURPHY LIBRARY'S outside a THE MURPHY LIBRARY'S outside appearance was improved with the installati-all-glass door recently and the placing of white block lettering on the front wall.

RA 8

Murphy has the makings of being a beautiful town. The job to be done is so easy that there is no excuse for not doing I'd like to see Murphy finish dead last in the Litterbug

League. ........ Mrs. Edward Reynolds called a meeting at her home Mon-day night to plan a clean-up

the needs to start such a cam since the littering practice is All local civic clubs had re-so widespread most people presentatives at the meetings. apparently are unaware of the The clubs and individuals will ugliness it creates. assume certain responsibi-

Yet, in reality, the sheriff's

**Ronald Conley Is** Berea Graduate

in Mathematics.

Albert Conley of Route 1, An-

drews, H.C. was one of 212

awarded a degree at the end

of second semester. Ron's

degree is Bachelor of Arts

drews High School in Andrews

in 1962. At Berea, Ron was a

member of the Varsity Track

team, soccer teams and the B.

Club and Mathematics Club.

Ron has worked for three

years at the men's gym and

one year in the department of

audio visual aids at Berea

as part of his labor assign-

ment. He hopes to attend App-

alachian State Teachers Col-

lege for graduate study during

the following year. The speaker at the Comm-

encement exercises, held at

Indian Fort Theater, was Dr.

William Robert Parks, pre-

sident of Iowa State Univer-

sity. Dr. Parks, a native of Tennessee and 1937 graduate

of Berea College , received his B.A. degree here, his M.A.

degree at the University of

Kentucky, and his doctorate in

political science at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin. The subject of his address was "The

Educated Mind and the Social

Following the confering of

54 Bachelor of Science degrees and 158 Bachelor of

graduates, Dr. Parks was gi-

gree of Doctor of Letters. Maureen Faulkner, Associate

Professor of English and Kri-

stjan Kogerma, Associate Professor of German, won the

Seabury awards for excellence in teaching.

Arts degrees on the 1966

Contract".

Ron graduated from An-