



## Matheson Resigns; Mrs. Adams Named Tax Collector

Mrs. Clara Mae Adams has been appointed County Accountant and Tax Collector by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners. She succeeds Carlyle P. Matheson whose resignation the commissioners accepted as of June 30.



Clara Mae Adams

Matheson told the Scout his resignation was "due in part to a minor heart condition" he suffers from and the lengthy illness of his wife. While he felt for some time that he needed a rest, he pointed out that he stayed on the job until the new county budget was ready and much of the work on the airport bond issue had been completed.

He said it had been a privilege to work with the county commissioners and that the public had been very cooperative during his term of service.

Matheson is "undecided" at this time on his planned race for county commissioner. He is one of the republican nominees for the office in the Andrews district. He said if his health permits, he may actively seek the office.

The commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed bond issue for

improvements at the Cherokee County Airport on Tuesday. No one appeared to make any objections to the bond issue and the hearing was closed.

The State Highway Department was requested by the commissioners to improve 1.1 mile of road 1540 in Murphy township and four miles comprising parts of roads 1373 and 1656 in Murphy Township.

The commissioners voted to place on the map .8 mile of road known as the Taylor Cemetery Road in Notla Township.

## Lost Anything?

Several items have been turned over to the Scout that were lost during the 3rd Annual Murphy Jaycee Water Festival.

The items turned in are: a ladies raincoat, a scarf, a tablecloth, a man's western type jacket and a set of General Motors keys.

If they're yours, come and get 'em.

## Edwin Barlow Cut Severely In Fall

Edwin Barlow of Andrews is recuperating at his home from severe cuts suffered when he fell in a shower and was cut by a glass door Saturday night.

Barlow slipped in the shower, fell against the door and back into the shower with the door falling on top of him. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barlow, pulled him from the shower and took him to Andrews District Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Between 100 and 150 stitches were required to close the wounds on his left shoulder, back and left hip. Sixty stitches were needed in the left hip alone.

Barlow is a summer employee of Radio Station WKRK. He is a rising junior at Pfeiffer College where he is majoring in music.



CAROL McRAE, MISS HIWASSEE LAKE for 1966, is crowned by her predecessor, Jane Tipton, at the Beauty Pageant last Friday night. Second runner-up Carla Beth Stiles and first runner-up Maria Douglas watch.

## Carol McRae Reigns At Water Festival

Carol McRae reigned over the Murphy Jaycees' Third Annual Water Festival held over the Fourth of July weekend.

The 12-year-old Miss McRae was crowned Miss Hiwassee Lake at the Beauty Pageant held Friday night at the Old Rock Gym. She won a trophy and \$75 for her selection over the 14 other girls entered in the contest.

Following her coronation last year's winner, Jane Tipton, Carol reigned over the events held during the remainder of the Water Festival. Maria Douglas was selected first runner-up and was awarded a trophy and \$50. The second runner-up was Carla Beth Stiles who won a trophy and \$25.

The Beauty Pageant was sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Jaycees.

The fishing contest held in conjunction with the Water Festival closed Saturday and prizes were awarded Sunday following the boat races.

First place was awarded to Harry Hughes who caught a six pound three ounce large mouth bass.

The second place winner was W.J. Flemmons who caught a three pound eight ounce pike and third place went to Tommy Ramsey with a one and a half pound white bass.

The District 14 NCA

## Stills Destroyed In Matheson Cove

William Matheson of Matheson Cove was charged with operating unlicensed stills following a raid that netted two 400-gallon moonshine stills and 24 gallons of moonshine liquor last Friday.

The raid was conducted by Clay County Sheriff Neal Kitchens, Deputy Dee Barnard and Kolen Flack of the Treasury Department's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit.

Flack said the stills are known as "ground hogs" because they are situated partially underground. The 24 gallons of liquor found was destroyed.

Matheson was to appear before U.S. Commissioner Henry Truett in Bryson City to answer the charges.

## Vaught Attends Institute At WG

CARRCLTON, Ga.--Paul J. Vaught Jr., a teacher at White Church School in Cherokee County is participating in an institute for elementary teacher in history at West Georgia College.

The institute, authorized by the U.S. Office of Education under the National Defense Education Act, is being conducted by the Division of Social Sciences at West Georgia College. The six-week program will conclude July 28.

Dr. John M. Martin, chairman of the Division of Social Sciences and Institute director, said the general objective of the institute is to "broaden and deepen the training of elementary teacher through intensive study of selected aspects of the United States and Latin America."



STEVE DOCKERY of Murphy rounds the buoy during the boat race Sunday at Hiwassee Lake Camp ground.

Swim races were held Sunday afternoon at the Hiwassee Lake Campground with drivers from several states being featured.

In the five lap boat races, Steve Dockery came in first in the 40-50 class, Walt Hagler finished second in the 40-50 class and Bill Treanor was second in the 1-30 class. Happy Godfrey won the 30-40 class with Charlie Sweatman in second. Allen Stensen won the 50-60 class with Charlie Sweatman coming in second. Allen Stensen took another first place in the 80-90 class, finishing ahead of William Collins. Roy Chumney won the U1 class with Robert Griffith grabbing second and John Cox was the sole winner in the U4 class.

Mrs. Kate Dyer of Dalton, Ga. won the color TV given away by the Jaycees following the boat races.

Bill Hughes of Murphy won a camper given away by the Cherokee County Rescue Squad at the end of the fireworks display Monday night which wrapped up the Water Festival.

## Nantahala P&L Tax Payments Increase

FRANKLIN - Nantahala Power and Light Company has mailed out checks totaling \$241,348.22 for payment of the company's 1966 property taxes in six counties and seven towns in the company's service area.

Nantahala Vice President and Treasurer Claude H. Bolton pointed out that the company's property taxes for the current year showed an increase of \$4,343.32 over 1965.

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## Sgt Bud Ensley Dies Of Heart Attack; Was Vacationing In WNC

Funeral services for Highway Patrol Sgt. Robert Harold (Bud) Ensley were held at the First Baptist Church in

Murphy Tuesday morning. The 40-year-old chauffeur for Gov. Dan K. Moore died of a heart attack early Sunday morning in an Asheville hospital.

He was vacationing at the Governor's Western Residence on Patton Mountain when he was stricken. The vacation coincided with Gov. Moore's trip to Los Angeles to attend the National Governors' Conference. Ensley had planned to move on to Sylva and Murphy for visits this week.

Ensley had served as Moore's chauffeur since the Governor took office in January, 1965. Prior to that he had been with the Highway Patrol in Cherokee and Clay counties.

His first assignment with the patrol was to Hayesville in 1951. Following nine years of service in Clay County, he was transferred to Murphy.

Ensley was active in church and community affairs here. He was a member of the Murphy First Baptist Church where he served on the board of deacons, worked with the junior department of the Sunday School and was former chairman of the church property committee.

He was formerly vice president of the Nantahala District of the Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council and associate advisor of the Explorer post of the Murphy Boy Scouts. He also was a former member of the Murphy Lions Club.

Gov. Moore telephoned the trooper's wife, Mrs. Suzie E. Ensley, to express his condolences when notified of the death Sunday in California.

Ensley was a native of Jack-



Sgt. Bud Ensley

son County, attended elementary school in Dillsboro and graduated from Sylva High School. He volunteered for service with the U.S. Army upon graduation from High School and was inducted with Dan Moore who also volunteered. He served in the European Theater of Operations and went into combat in France with the 12th Armored Division.

Following the war, Ensley worked with a construction firm in Virginia and in 1947 joined the Sylva police department where he served as chief in 1949. He then worked with Allison's, Inc., a Sylva automotive agency, until he joined the Highway Patrol.

In addition to the widow, he is survived by two daughters, Gay and Kathy, and a son, Ricky, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Mamie Ensley of Dillsboro; a sister, Mrs. Glenn Bowman of Colburn, Va.; and two brothers, June of Sylva and Ray of Marietta, Ga.

Following the services in Murphy Tuesday morning, graveside services were held in the afternoon in Fairview Gardens near Sylva. The Rev. William J. Thompson, the Rev. Lamar Brooks and Rev. Billy Fox officiated.

Special memorial services were held in Westwood Community Methodist Church in Los Angeles at the same hour as the funeral service in Murphy. Governor and Mrs. Moore and other members of the governor's party at the Governor's Conference attended the special services.

The governor's office in Raleigh was closed during the hour of the services.

Pallbearers were State Highway Patrolmen Capt. T.A. Sandlin, Troop F. Commander Sgt. L.J. Lance and troopers E.N. Hooper, W.S. Leming, C.H. Long and W.D. Arledge. Honorary pallbearers were State Highway Department officials, members of the Highway Patrol and Explorer Scouts from Murphy.

A delegation from Raleigh represented Gov. Moore. Ivie Funeral Home of Murphy was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## Letter To Editor

Dear Editor: I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my commanding officer, and the officers and men of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol to thank the people of Clay and Cherokee Counties for their kindness and help in the death of Sgt. Robert H. Ensley.

Sgt. Ensley was stationed here for a number of years and considered Murphy his home. We will forever be grateful for the many things that were done to help Mrs. Ensley and the family.

Sincerely Donald W. Reavis, Trooper State Highway Patrol Murphy, N.C.

## Swim Classes

Beginner swimming lessons will start Monday morning at the Murphy Lions Club swimming pool. The lessons will run from 10:00 to 12:00 daily.

There will be a two dollar registration fee and daily admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

## Hearings On Cherokee, Clay Highways Set

The State Highway Commission will hold public hearings on the proposed routes of Appalachian Development Highways in Murphy and Hayesville July 21.

The hearing at the Cherokee County courthouse will begin at 10 a.m. It will concern the location of the highway from a point one mile west of Murphy to Topton. Present plans include a bypass to the south of Murphy. From the east end of the bypass, the new highway would generally follow the route of U.S. 19-129 to Topton.

A hearing was held earlier

on the proposed location of the new highway from the Tennessee line to the point just west of Murphy.

A map is posted in the courthouse showing the approximate location of the proposed highway.

At 2 p.m. July 21, a hearing will be held at the Clay County courthouse on the location of the highway from the Georgia line in Clay County to near Mt. Hope Church west of Franklin in Macon County. The road would generally follow N.C. 69 from the state line to a point south of Hayesville and then follow U.S. 64 to SR 1146 in Macon County.

A map of this project's proposed location is posted in the Clay and Macon County Courthouses.

Highway Commissioner Curtis Russ told the Scout that all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at these hearings and that unless there is opposition contracts will be let shortly thereafter to start the construction.

Russ said when contracts for these roads are let, work will be able to begin on all proposed Appalachian highways in south western North Carolina except for the stretch through the Nantahala Gorge.

## SHC Approves Work At Hanging Dog

Work to be done in Cherokee County was included in contracts approved by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh last week.

The Commission approved a \$9,200 contract for two tenths of a mile of grading, draining, paving and erosion control on Hanging Dog Creek Road.

Funds for this will come from last year's road bond issue. Surfacing work totaling \$6,000 was also approved for Cherokee County.

## Stalcup Fires For High Score

Murphy Chief of Police Blaine Stalcup made the highest score recorded during the two days he attended the firearms school at Cherokee, June 21 and 22. Stalcup scored 89.6 out of a possible 100 points.

The three-day school was sponsored by the National Park Service and the Cherokee Indians Police Department. It was conducted under the supervision of Joseph L. Zimmerman, special agent with the FBI in Charlotte.

About 60 police officers from six western North Carolina counties, members of the Cherokee Indians Police Department and rangers with the National Park Service received instruction in the firing of the .38 caliber pistol. The school was held at the new firing range at the Ranger's station.

The targets used were outlines of the human body. Points were awarded on the basis of what such a shot would have done to a human. Charts indicated which shots would likely kill a person and which would be disabling.

## Battle For Lead In Softball Play Comes Friday

The log-jam on top of the Murphy Softball Association will be broken Friday night. Previously undefeated Hiwassee Dam and the Independents meet. Hiwassee Dam and Ranger are undefeated in three games and the Independents have won four straight.

In the women's division, ABC remains on top with four victories in four tries and Clifton Precision is a half-game behind with a 4-1 record.

## Pay Raise Set For Private Nurses

Madge R. Branson, secretary of district 23, North Carolina State Nursing Association, has announced private duty nurses in the district will receive a \$2 per shift pay increase effective July 25.

The present pay scale is \$16 per eight hour shift for private duty nurses and it will be increased to \$18.



MURPHY CHIEF OF POLICE Blaine Stalcup displays the target he fired at during the Firearms School at Cherokee. Stalcup fired for a score of 89.6 out of a possible 100 with a .38 caliber pistol.

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## Revival To Start At Shiloh Baptist

A revival will start Monday at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Hayesville. Billy Fox from Gaffney, S.C. will be the evangelist.