



Commissioners Say Taxes Will Not Increase If Bond Issue Is Approved

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners do not anticipate a tax increase if the bond issue for the Cherokee County Airport is approved on August 27. The Commissioners took this stand in a statement released by the Chairman, Dr. W.A. Hoover. The Commissioners restated their belief that the airport here "offers the best potential for development of any airport in southwestern North Carolina."

Shields Resigns H.S. Faculty

Randal Shields has resigned as a teacher at Murphy High School to accept a position as Corpmen assistant supervisor at Oconaluftee Job Corp Center in Cherokee. He had taught at the high school for seven years. After graduating from Murphy High School in 1963, Shields entered Western Carolina College. He served in the military in 1964 and was sent to Korea. He received his bachelor of science degree in education in 1969.

Tri-County Center

OK'd For GI Bill

The Tri-County Industrial Education Center has been approved by the Veterans Administration for veterans to receive educational benefits under the new GI Bill while enrolled there. The approval is retroactive to June 1. Director Holland McSwain said further information can be obtained by calling the Center at 837-3810 or writing to Box 40, Murphy, N.C. He said veterans can also contact the local veterans office for more details.

The Center is presently accepting applications for daytime classes which will begin September 6. The courses offered are: complete secretarial, cosmetology, carpentry and cabinetmaking, block and brick masonry, basic mathematics, blueprint reading, drafting, reading improvement and human relations. These classes will meet five or six hours daily, five days a week. Applications are being taken at the Center at Peachtree from 9 to 4, Monday through Friday.

Clog Team Comes Home Second With Girls As Boys

The Carolina Sweethearts of Murphy brought home the runner-up trophy for clog teams from the 39th annual Mountain Folk Festival at Asheville last weekend and they did it with two girls dancing as boys. Two boys from the local team could not participate and their places were filled by Mary McKeon and Suzanne Ivie. They danced as boys throughout the competition on Friday and Saturday night without being discovered. At the end of Saturday's dancing, the audience was told, "these boys are girls."

They will compete tonight in the Square Dance Festival at Highlands.

Murphy Merchants Going All Out This Week To Give Local Shoppers "Values Galore"

Quality merchandise, at prices that will amaze you are being offered by the Murphy merchants this week in a special tribute to local shoppers. The merchants are alert to your needs and are determined to give you "Values Galore" for every dollar you spend with them this week. You will be amazed at the values offered on the "Values Galore" page in this week's edition of The Cherokee Scout. You will find a big welcome this week at the merchants displaying the "Value Galore" posters. Be on the look out for big bargains at the following merchants: Graves Chrysler-Plymouth, Davis Jewelers, Mauney Drug, Lois & Nancy Sportswear & Dress Outlet, Murphy Tire & Appliance, Lens's, Murphy Supply, Murphy Florist, Cherokee Shopping Center, Western Auto, Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Graves Furniture, O'Dell's Cafeteria & Restaurant, Collins Crain, Moore Jewelers, Trudy's, Candlers, and Ivie Furniture.

a progressive step for county betterment and a healthier industrial climate." Competent airport engineers have estimated costs of the acquisition and development at \$344,500. The county has applied to the Federal Aviation Agency for a 50% grant and to the Appalachia Regional Commission for a 30% grant. If these grants are approved, Cherokee County would have to pay only 20% of the cost. As reported in last week's paper, The Scout has learned that these requests have received a favorable reaction at the state level. However, the bonds must be approved by the voters before the grants would be made.

The Commissioners, in their statement, said they felt \$150,000 in bonds should be authorized although they do not believe it will be necessary to sell the full amount. They said they would sell only the portion of bonds necessary to pay the county's share.

"Should we receive grants from the Federal Aviation Agency and Appalachia totaling \$275,000 it will only require approximately \$75,000 of maturing \$75,000 of bonds will be sold and the remainder cancelled," the statement said.

Ex Murphy Girl Shot In Texas

Yvonne Johnson, a native and former resident of Murphy, was accidentally shot to death by her brother at her home in Big Springs, Tex., on August 3. The 13-year-old Yvonne was leaving the bathroom of her home as her brother, Jimmy, Jr., age nine, was playing with a 22 caliber rifle outside the room. The gun discharged, sending a slug into her right breast. Yvonne was dead when an ambulance arrived.

After the accident, Jimmy ran and hid in a vacant lot. He and his mother were taken to a hospital where they were treated for shock. A justice of the peace ruled the shooting was accidental. Yvonne was born in Murphy on June 25, 1953. The family left here in 1956.

Survivors in this area include the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jim Swanson of Murphy; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Addie Johnson of Mineral Bluff, Ga.; and several aunts and uncles, including Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bailey of Mineral Bluff, Ga. who went to Texas for the funeral.

Suspect Nabbed At Police Station

Cheif of Police Blaine Stalcup arrested a suspect in a Sunday morning break-in when the man walked past the police station Monday morning. Jimmy Ashe, 19, of Hanging Dog was charged with breaking and entering.

The police had been seeking Ashe since Patrolman Carl O'Hara fired three shots at a man he caught breaking into the rear of the Henn Theatre early Sunday morning. O'Hara confiscated a car at the scene that reportedly belonged to Ashe after the suspect fled on foot. Theatre owner P.J. Henn said nothing was taken at the theatre.



A U.S. AIR FORCE EXHIBIT, featuring the T-38 Talon jet trainer, will be displayed at the Cherokee County Fair which opens September 5. Flown primarily by the Air Training Command, the Talor is used for training in supersonic techniques, multijet handling, aerobatics, night and instrument flying and cross-country navigation. Its speed is approximately 800 miles per hour. The static display model is from the Orientation Group, USAF, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Murphy All-Stars Lead Andrews; Ranger Ties Hiwassee Dam For Second, Play-off Set Friday

The Murphy All-Stars took a one game lead in their two-out-of-three series with the Andrews All-Stars when they walloped Andrews, 21-8, last Saturday night at Murphy.

The second game in the series was scheduled for Tuesday night but was rained out. It will be played at Andrews tonight at 8 p.m. The winner of this series will represent Cherokee County in the Four-Square All-Star Tournament.

In official league play, Ranger pulled into a tie for second place with Hiwassee Dam and a play-off will be necessary to determine which team will play in the tournament which starts next Monday. The play-off will be held Friday night and following mat game, the champion Independents will play the Murphy-All Stars in an exhibition game.

Ranger gained the tie for second by defeating Murphy High School, 17-2, in their final game while Hiwassee Dam bowed to Peachtree, 14-10 in their finale.

The winner of the Ranger-Hiwassee Dam game will meet the number two team in the Clay County Softball Association Monday night at 7:30 at Andrews and the number two teams from Andrews and Bryson City will play in the nightcap.

Tuesday night there will be four games. The Bryson City champions will play the Robbinsville runner-up, the Robbinsville champions will play the winner of the Monday night game between the Murphy and

Four From Murphy Unhurt At Atlanta

Four Murphy residents escaped injury when the car in which they were riding rammed the rear end of another car Sunday afternoon as they were leaving the Dixie 400 at Atlanta.

The car was driven by David Hendrix and the other occupants were Edwin Hendrix, L.D. Schuyler and Chris Schuyler.

Clay County second place

teams, the Andrews champions will play the winner of the Monday night game between the Andrews and Bryson City second place teams, and the Independents will meet the Clay County champions.

Last Saturday a women's all-star team was selected. This team will play the women's division champs, ABC, and plans to schedule games with out of town all-star teams.

Mrs. Don Ramsey of First Baptist will manage the women's all-stars and Mrs. Max Blakemore of Peachtree

will serve as co-manager. The players selected are: Susie Jackson and Anna Ruth Payne, pitchers; Sally Ledford and Linda Stalcup, catchers; Mary Ann Thompson and Carmelita Smith, first basemen; Loretta Owens and Rachel Taylor, second basemen; Judy Woody and Pat Stalcup, third basemen; Mildred Dockery and Rhen Hughes shortstops; Phyllis Hughes and Linda Nelson, center fielders; Betty Gillenwater and Cathy Paterson, short fielders; Faye King and Betty Kate Lovingsod, right fielders; Joyce Bates and Betty Carroll, left fielders.

Murphy Schools Open August 24; Faculty To Meet August 22

Superintendent John Jordan has announced the Murphy schools will open on Wednesday, August 24.

He said students will report for a half day to pay fees, receive textbooks and get class assignments. Classes will begin Thursday, August 25, with the lunchrooms in operation.

Teachers will report for work on Monday, August 22, at 9 a.m. There will be a general faculty meeting in the elementary school lunchroom.

The faculty list for the 1966-67 school term includes the following:

Murphy Elementary School: William N. Hughes, principal; Mrs. Christine Ingle, Mrs. Dair Shields, Miss Eunice Shields, Mrs. Lena Thompson, Miss Sara Long, Miss Clara McCombs, Mrs. Martha Hatcher, Mrs. Annie Brandon, Mrs. Bertha Chambers, Mrs. Beulah Sales, Mrs. Willie Lou Shields, Mrs. Mattie Lou Penland, Mrs. Annie Lou Rogers, Miss Emily Sword,

Mansfield Cleared On Murder Charge

A Cherokee County jury returned a verdict of not guilty last week in the case of Edward Mansfield of Topton who was charged with the fatal shooting of Stanley Clark of Robbinsville on June 23.

Mansfield had entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of second degree murder or manslaughter, as the evidence may indicate, in Cherokee Superior Court. Clark was shot in front of the Topton Drive-In, which is owned and operated by Mansfield.

Testimony indicated Clark caused a disturbance at the drive-in and was asked to leave by Mansfield's wife. When he refused, Mansfield came to the scene and told him to leave. Clark, according to testimony, was charging toward Mansfield when he was shot. He died shortly after arrival at the emergency room of the Andrews District Memorial Hospital.

Free Train Ride Next Week For County Residents

Cherokee County Days will be celebrated at Bear Creek Junction next Wednesday and Thursday.

Bonafide residents of Cherokee County may obtain free family passes to take the scenic train ride from Bear Creek Junction to the rim of the Nantahala Gorge near Topton for either of these days. The junction is located four miles from Topton on U.S. 129.

Cherokee County residents are invited to come and spend the day. They can eat in the snack bar or the Bear Creek Junction Diner or bring a picnic lunch. Passes can be obtained at branch offices of Citizens Bank and Trust Co., The Cherokee Scout office in Murphy or at the depot at Bear Creek Junction.

How To Fail Without Trying

By Dave Bruce Human nature dictates that when someone is asked to support something, they say, either verbally or silently, "what's in it for me?"

The voters in Cherokee County will be asking that same question between now and August 27, when they will decide on the \$150,000 bond issue for the Cherokee County Airport. I don't own a plane and I don't fly one but I believe there is something in it for me and for everyone else who lives in Cherokee County. That something is a boost to the economy of our area and everybody who lives here and pays taxes here benefits from that.

The present airport is not adequate for the economic development of this area. It does not meet the needs of those who would like to use it. It is a roadblock in the way of further industrial expansion.

In the past several days, I have had the opportunity to examine letters from firms that are presently operating here and two points stick out like a sore thumb. First, I can assure you that most of them would never have located here in the first place if air facilities were not available.

Secondly, while they did set up shop here, they are not satisfied with the present airport and are anxious to see it improved so that they can use heavier aircraft, consistent with the needs of their operations. I am not at liberty to name names, but I can also tell you that a large firm that now has a plant in southwestern North Carolina has said flatly that it will build another plant in this area if the airport is improved to suit its needs.

Industry today is turning more and more to the air. With plants scattered around the country, it must depend on

planes to rush supplies to its widely dispersed branches and to speed company officials to each place of operation.

The head of a nationwide firm would think nothing of flying into Cherokee County in a few hours but he would surely frown on the idea of flying into Atlanta or Asheville then, spend more time driving to Cherokee County than he did in the air.

We've said it so often before, but I must say it again. Industrial expansion means more jobs, it means keeping our young people at home, it means more dollars to spend by more people, ad infinitum.

Further industrial expansion in the area hinges on the approval of the airport bond issue by you on August 27. It has been established that small airports are economically unfeasible on a private enterprise basis. That is why Cherokee County must take over the operation of the

Carolina, Georgia Patrols & Sheriffs' Departments Crack Down On Drag Racers

The Highway Patrols of North Carolina and Georgia and the Sheriff's Departments of Cherokee County and Fannin County, Georgia combined Saturday night to halt drag racing on N.C. 60 in the Culberson area.

Four persons have been arrested on charges of pre-arranged racing on the highways and nine have been charged with aiding and abetting racing. They were released under \$1,000 bond each and the cases are to be heard in Cherokee County Recorder's Court next Monday.

The law officers confiscated 13 cars at the scene and four of these, which were observed being used for racing have been impounded and will be sold at sheriff's auction if the defendants are found guilty. The other nine cars have been released to their owners.

Saturday night's raid had been planned for several days

after the North Carolina Patrol had received complaints from residents of the area. Patrolmen from throughout the western area were on hand to assist in the operation.

Officers began arriving on the scene shortly after 9 p.m. Saturday night and hid at several places in the area. Roads were covered that lead out of the area.

The cooperation of the Georgia officers was necessary because Culberson is situated on the state line. The actual racing took place in North Carolina.

The officers had to wait over two and a half hours for the racing to begin. It began shortly after midnight.

A spokesman for the Highway Patrol told The Scout that a large number of spectators were lined up on both sides of the road for the ra-

ces which were begun with a starter's flag.

William Samuel Davis, 22, and Thomas Edwin Nichols, 19, of Mineral Bluff, Ga. and Bobby Garland, 23, and Larry Cruse, 19, of Atlanta were charged with pre-arranged racing.

Davis, Nichols and Garland were arrested at the scene. Cruse fled from officers and was arrested when he came to the county jail Sunday to claim a car that had been impounded.

Those charged with aiding and abetting racing are: Ray Andrew Nichols, 26, Culberson; Howard Garland, 19, Rt. 4, Murphy; Alvin Erith Harper, Jr., 29 and Johnny Luke Litt, 18, both of Rt. 1 Culberson; Kenneth Joe Gladson, 21, Thomas Howard Allison, 28, Randall Denton, Jr., 18, Fledia Louise Gregory, 23 and Joseph T. Hawkins, 21, all of Rt. 2, Culberson.

On The Beatles

BY BAGLEY

Indeed I am On the Beatles. I am on TO them, and so are millions of others. I have been sick at my stomach many times in my life, and especially here lately, what with all the mass slayings: Speck and the eight Student nurses, Whitman at the University of Texas, and all those people he slaughtered and wounded, the beheading of our servicemen in Viet Nam, the riots and lawlessness all over our nation, and the Ku Klux Klan.

But never in all my life have I been so sickened as I am about the latest Beatle claim that they are "more popular than Jesus."

Oh, I know you have already heard about this ridiculous, repulsive statement. It has been covered by all the news media in this country. However, this newspaper also wants to be on record, in unmistakable terms, with its own disapproval of such a claim. One of the cornerstone principles upon which this nation was founded was that of Freedom of Religion. In essence: the right to worship God as we see fit, or, conversely, not to worship Him at all. Or, to go a step further--we have the right, or freedom, to disbelieve in Him.

But for this bunch of slovenly, mop-headed greaseballs, or anyone else, to make such sacrilegious remarks as these about Jesus Christ is more than I can bear. It insults every shred of decency I can lay claim to. It should insult every human on earth who believes in a Supreme Being whether he is Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist, or what have you.

I have personally detested this group from the beginning because I felt that they added nothing to the cultural progress of our young people. Rather, I considered them to be detrimental to it.

However, my spirit of tolerance, which, incidentally, has come in for an agonizing reappraisal, more or less compelled me not to condemn them. When I learned that they were all atheists I actually felt sorry for them as I do for all who believe there is no God. And for those who believe God is dead.

I am one who KNOWS GOD IS ALIVE. The manager of this group of nuts is now busy trying to persuade everybody that John Lennon, the spokesman for the group claiming to be "more popular than Jesus," did not mean it THAT way.

The Associated Press and United Press International both say, "Lennon, when questioned Wednesday in London about the magazine story, had 'No Comment.'" If he, didn't mean it THAT way, then I wonder which way it was meant. And when questioned about it, it seems to me,

he then should have clarified the statement for us. I wonder why he didn't. He said, instead, "No comment." Why, indeed, there was no comment simply because none was needed. His statement was very clear. It needed no amplification, no clarification.

Now we read and hear that many radio stations across these United States have banned the playing of all Beatle records on their stations. We say, "More Power To Them!" I have even read of Beatle Bonfires being planned in many places. The fuel, of course, for these fires is to be Beatle records, pictures, books, wigs, etc. I am in this newspaper is in complete accord with the spirit and intent of these fires. And when they are held I think they should be set in every city's dump. However, there is a question in my mind whether we should grant these creeps the dignity of allowing the ashes of their rubbish to mingle with our good clean garbage.

In case you haven't heard, the owners and managers of our two local radio stations had this to say about the Beatle matter: "W.K.R.K.-- Paul V. Ridenhour: 'I feel that anyone who makes such sacrilegious statements should not be given continuous publicity and exposure on our radio station. And, definitely, should not be presented as 'Stars and Heroes' to our young people. After this story was confirmed by United Press International, of which we are a subscriber, we immediately stated on the air that our future policy would be to disassociate ourselves with this group entirely.'"

W.C.V.P.--Max Blakemore: "We have discontinued playing Beatle records on our radio station and have no further comment on the matter." I wonder if there aren't many youngsters in our area who feel just as my own twelve year old daughter, Sharon, did when she heard the story.

Her face got fiery red as she stormed into her room and began plucking the Beatles' pictures from her bedroom walls. In about two more minutes she walked into the kitchen with a big sack full of beatle trash and said, "I'm not waiting for any big bonfire. I'll have one of my own," whereupon she trotted out to the incinerator and promptly cremated the Beatles.

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