



Cherokee, Clay Towns To Get Over \$23,000 In Powell Funds

RALEIGH--State Street Aid allocations totaling more than \$9-million will go to qualifying towns and cities in North Carolina this year under provisions of the Powell Bill, State Highway Commission Chairman J.M. Hunt, Jr. announced today.



FRED M. DAVIS of Marble recently joined the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. He will serve in the Hickory area. Davis, who is a former manager of the Scout Studio, is married to the former Joyce Hembree of Murphy.

Hunt said that 420 North Carolina towns and cities will receive proportional cash allocations amounting to \$9,322,714.20. Checks will be mailed from Raleigh the latter part of September in order that they will reach the municipalities by October 1.

Murphy will receive \$11,680.96, Andrews is to get \$9,041.79 and Hayesville's share is \$2,606.94.

The funds equal to the amount produced by one-half cent of the regular six-cents per gallon motor fuel tax levied by the State are returned annually to participating municipalities in proportional shares based on the relative non-state street mileage and the relative populations of each of the municipalities.

Towns and cities qualify for participation under the Powell Bill by submitting to the Highway Commission each year data concerning ad valorem taxes, other sources of revenue, budget ordinances and municipal elections. There are some legally incorporated towns and cities which do not participate since they do not perform municipal functions necessary to qualify under the law.

Hunt noted that the \$9,322,714.20 returned to the 420 municipalities this year is nearly twice the amount returned to 386 participating towns and cities at the beginning of the program in 1951.

During the 16 years the Powell Bill has been in effect, a total of \$108,299,284.64 has been returned to the municipalities for use on local streets.

Funds Assured For Scenic Road

WASHINGTON - Funds to keep construction moving on the Robbinsville-Tellico Plains Road were assured according to 11th District Congressman Roy A. Taylor. Construction is well under way on both ends of the 47 mile scenic highway. Expenditures and commitments to date total about \$5,150,000.

Construction money has been derived from a special part of the annual Federal Aid Highway Act called "Public Lands Highways." Historically, the annual national allocation for these roads has been about \$7 million.

However, the House Wednesday raised the allocation to \$14 million for Fiscal Year 1968 and to \$16 million for Fiscal Year 1969. The Robbinsville-Tellico Plains Road was listed in an accompanying committee report among roads on which the money should be spent.

"This means that work on the road can continue without any threat of interruption," Congressman Taylor said.

The Congressman appeared last May before the Senate Public Works Committee in support of larger appropriations. Senators on the committee include B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina, who also worked for the increase.

The committee report stated that the authorization had been enlarged "to meet the increasing need for recreational and scenic highways on federal lands."

The report gave the Robbinsville-Tellico Plains Road as an example of a project which would justify the investment. The road will contribute \$33,880,000 annually to the local economy when the highway is completed. Such returns compare favorably to the estimated total cost of completion of the project of \$12,600,000.

Trantham To Organize Local Radio Amateurs

Joey L. Trantham of Rt. 1 Marble has been selected to set up an organization of area amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communications in time of disasters, it was announced today by Communications Manager F.E. Handy of the American Radio Relay League, U.S. and Canadian association of radio amateurs. Trantham's assignment which carries the title of Emergency Coordinator of the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, is to band together members of the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. In addition to use of fixed radio station equipment working from commercial power, amateur stations use self powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment as needed and can often deploy portable and mobile units to accommodate a particular emergency requirement. Trantham as ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will call local meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions. His duties also include liaison planning with relief and public welfare agencies, as suggested in working understandings the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Corps has with the Red Cross, Civil Defense and other agencies. Liaison will be established also with local protective services, such as fire and police departments.

In announcing the appointment, Handy pointed out that radio amateurs have traditionally had the responsibility of being in constant readiness to offer assistance in time of need with ham-acquired skill, emergency-powered transmitters and a wealth of community spirit. "When sleet storms disrupt telephone and telegraph service, or floods isolate whole communities," the League's Communications Manager said, "it is amateur radio that comes to the rescue with operators and self-powered equipment, often as the sole agency able to transmit messages calling on the outside world for aid for the stricken community."

Knighen Heads White Cane Drive

Gordon E. Knighen of Beavertown is the Western North Carolina director of the 1966 White Cane Drive which will be conducted September 11 to 30 by District 31-A Lions Clubs. Knighen has announced that the statewide goal is \$142,000. District 31-A goal is \$15,270 or an average of \$10 per member. All funds derived will benefit aid to the blind, visually handicapped and prevention of blindness programs on a statewide basis. Knighen will direct project Chairmen of 39 clubs with 1,527 members in 12 WNC Counties in soliciting memberships in the N. C. Association for the Blind and selling White Cane lapel pins in communities.

A key member, he was voted Beavertown's Lion of the Year in 1964 and 1966 and is immediate past chairman of Zone Five, which includes Asheville, Beavertown, Biltmore, Black Mountain, Fairview, Haw Creek, and Valley Springs. Drive director is a charter member of the Beavertown Lions Club, organized in March, 1959, has maintained perfect attendance seven years, and has served as director six years.



Potentate H. Ed Austin of Charlotte N.C. will lead over 300 members of the uniform units of Oasis Shrine Temple in a series of parade-visitations to Murphy, Andrews and Bryson City Saturday.

Shriners Parade In Murphy And Andrews

Uniformed units of Oasis Temple of the Shrine will parade in Murphy Saturday morning beginning at 10:30.

James Helton, chairman of the Murphy phase of the Shrine excursion through western North Carolina, said the parade will begin at the Power Board Building and proceed to the square where it will turn left on Hiwassee St. to Church St. where the march will continue one block to Willow St. and turn right to Tennessee St. The parade will continue up Tennessee St. to the square where a left turn will be made and the group will proceed on Valley River Ave. to the A&P parking lot.

Bands, trick vehicles, clowns and a large group of uniformed Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will be participating in the parade. Following the Murphy parade, the Shriners will march in Andrews at noon and at 3:30 in Bryson City. They have a unit jamboree scheduled at 4:45 in Cherokee and the Indians will present a stick ball game at 5:15.

Helton said the Shriners want to bring their "fun with a purpose" to Murphy so the people can become more familiar with the work of the Shrine which supports 19 hospitals for underprivileged crippled children and three institutes for severely burned children. One of the Shriners major activities to support this work

is the Shrine Bowl Football game each fall in Charlotte featuring all-star high school squads from the Carolinas.

Potentate Austin, the Oasis Divan, Major G. Cliff Wingate of Charlotte and the uniformed units will lead the caravan of Oasis Nobles in Saturday's visit.

Oasis Shrine Temple is one of 169 Shrine Temples located throughout North America. The Shrine movement started in New York shortly after the Civil War and has grown along with its Masonic background to become one of the largest fraternal systems in the world. Each of the more than 850,000 Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in North America is also a Master Mason and a York and or Scottish Rite Mason.

Oasis Temple was chartered by the Imperial Shrine of North America in 1985 and at one time was the only Shrine Temple in the Carolinas. Since that date there have been three sister Temples chartered, Sudan in New Bern, N.C. and two South Carolina Temples, Hejaz in Greenville and Omar in Charleston. Oasis Temple presently has a jurisdictional area covering the western part of North Carolina and the current membership numbers 8667 Nobles.



Captain and Drum Major, Charlie Robinson of Greensboro, leading the Oriental Band, stationed in Greensboro.

4 Die In Crash Of Plane On Cherokee-Graham Line

Four members of a Michigan family died in the crash of a single-engine plane Sunday at Tatham Gap, about five miles north of Andrews on the Graham-Cherokee county line.

The wreckage was spotted by a Civil Air Patrol air se-

arch party from the Asheville night. The flight plan filed when the plane left Augusta Sunday listed the pilot as Clair E. Courtade, 50, of Buckley, Mich. His wife and two teenage children were also aboard the plane.

The CAP ground parties identified the wreckage as that of a plane enroute from Augusta, Ga. to Knoxville which was reported missing Sunday

The passengers were identified as Mrs. Roberta Courtade, 41, Douglas Courtade, 17, and Constance Courtade, 13. The family was visiting another daughter, Mrs. Carrie Murphy in Augusta.

Courtade's body was to be sent to Knoxville for an autopsy and the other bodies were to be sent to Buckley, Mich. for burial.

Wreckage was scattered over a wide area and two bodies had been thrown from the plane on impact. A spokesman for the CAP said the plane had flown into the side of the mountain while traveling at cruising speed, nearly 23 miles off the direct course between Augusta and Knoxville.

Thunderstorms or marginal weather was reported in the area Sunday around the time of the crash.

Eastern Air Rescue officials at Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia said the red and white Mooney Mark II was rented from a firm in Traverse City, Mich. and was supposed to be returned there by Sunday.

The Knoxville stop was scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday and was believed to be for gas. When the plane failed to appear there, a search was initiated over the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia.

Group IV CAP Headquarters at Meyer Airport in Hendersonville was base of operations for the search under coordinator Lt. Col. Foy Reese of Asheville. The advance base of operations at the Andrews-Murphy Airport was under the direction of deputy mission co-ordinator Capt. Joseph Meserve of the Asheville squadron.

Group headquarters reported a total of 11 planes made 38 flights and recorded 31 hours and 53 minutes in the air searching for the ill-fated plane.

Adult Classes Start Monday

Adult classes to be offered by Tri-County Industrial Education Center will begin Monday night. The subjects to be taught will be public school math, history, English, social studies and reading and writing. They will be held in the same schools in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties in which they were held last year. These are planned for adults who were unable to complete high school, and for any other adults who desire to further their public school education.

The classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on two nights each week for a period of ten weeks. On the same nights and the same hours, classes will be held in typing, bookkeeping, and shorthand. These classes will meet in the high school buildings in the three counties.

Classes will be held in the following schools: Peachtree Martins Creek, Ranger, Hiwassee Dam, Unaka, White Church, Murphy Elementary, Murphy High, Andrews, Marble, Hayesville, Shooting Creek, Robbinsville, Mountain View and Stecoah.

NYC Project Starts In Four Counties

A Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) project for the 1966-67 school year was started in all the high schools of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties this week. The announcement was

Harvey To Speak At GOP Meeting

Winfield Scott Harvey, Republican candidate for Congress in the 11th District, will be the featured speaker at a county-wide Republican meeting at the Cherokee County Courthouse Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

All Republican candidates for county offices will be present at the meeting.

County Chairman Virgil O' Dell and 11th District Chairman Bill Bradley urge all Republicans to attend this meeting.

Cherokee, Clay Get Forestry Dividend

Forest Supervisor Peter J. Hanlon has announced that Cherokee and Clay are among 25 North Carolina counties that will share a "dividend" of \$239,137.80 as their share of National Forest receipts for the past fiscal year. Cherokee County's share is \$16,440.92 and Clay County will get \$12,066.99.

Hanlon said federal law provides that 25 percent of National Forest receipts be returned to counties in which National Forest land is located. The money is used for schools and roads.

National Forest receipts in North Carolina mounted to \$1,124,443 and the amount each county receives is based upon this figure. The "dividend" for North Carolina counties this year is \$39,480.85 greater than last year.

While most National Forest revenue is derived from timber cut by private operators under competitive bid, Hanlon pointed out that other forest resources such as wildlife, recreation, water, and forage are also managed and utilized.

made by Four-Square Community Action, Inc., official anti-poverty agency for the four counties, and sponsor of NYC.

NYC is conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor through community action agencies and schools. It is designed to provide part-time employment for needy students between the ages of 16 and 21 to enable them to earn money needed to continue their education. The program also exposes students to the world of work and teaches them the responsibilities of an employee to his employer. NYC is conducted on a completely non-discriminatory basis.

This year's project involves 100 students, distributed among the high schools on the basis of school membership. They will work nine hours per week as teacher aides, library aides, maintenance assistants, cafeteria aides, and recreation assistants. Their wages are to be based on \$1.25 per hour.

Mrs. Jayne Ramsey, Project Director, and Four-Square officials pointed out that the value of NYC showed up in a similar project conducted last year. Economically deprived students, by earning money, were able to purchase clothes, class rings, and other things they could not have otherwise purchased, making them feel more a part of the school group. Their attendance improved and their grades were better. Some who would have dropped out stayed in school because of NYC. Undoubtedly, all of them will be better and more successful employees when they graduate and begin their careers.

Tom Day, Four-Square president, said that, at the beginning, this year's project will be an extension of the successful summer program just completed. However, he said his organization is expecting to begin a new program within two months which will continue through the school year and on through next summer.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this worthwhile program this year," Day said, "and we wish to thank the schools, the students, the Department of Labor and others for their fine support and assistance."

Mayor Proclaims Shriners' Day

WHEREAS, the Shriners will parade in the business district of the Town of Murphy on Saturday, September 10, commencing at 10:30 o'clock, A.M.;

WHEREAS, the parade of a large group of uniformed Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will feature bands, trick vehicles, and clowns for the purpose of bringing the hospital program of the Oasis Temple to its members and the public;

WHEREAS, the Shriners now support 19 hospitals for underprivileged crippled children and three institutes for severely burned children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cloe Moore, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 10, 1966, to be Shriners' Day in the Town of Murphy and do hereby urge the public to be present and show an interest in this beneficial program.

Mallonee To Be Here Wednesday

Tom L. Mallonee, Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, will make a scheduled visit to Cherokee and Clay counties next Wednesday. He will be at the Town Hall in Andrews from 9 to 9:30 a.m. City Hall in Murphy from 11 a.m. until noon and at the Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville from 3 to 4 p.m.

Any persons who have plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters are invited to discuss them with Mallonee during his visit to this area.



PEACHTREE 4-H CLUB won first place for their display booth (left photo) at the Cherokee County Fair. Second place was awarded to the Cane Creek 4-H Club (center photo)



and third place went to the Bellview 4-H Club (right photo). Today is school day at the Fair with free admission to all children attending school in Cherokee County. Judging of

sheep and swine will be held at two o'clock today and the horse show will be held tomorrow night at eight o'clock.