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Postal Patrons Urged To Complete ZIP Lists Now

Residents in Cherokee and surrounding counties will be offered an opportunity to ZIP code their mailing lists during October, Postmaster Joe Ray announced today.

Letter carriers will deliver "no postage needed" cards to each of the residential delivery stops beginning Monday, the postmaster said. The cards will have blanks for addresses used most often, but for which individuals do not know the proper ZIP Codes.

National "ZIP Code Week" will be celebrated on October 10-15. Throughout the nation 95,000,000 of the cards will be delivered. In cities with more than one ZIP code, there will be two cards for each household; one for local addresses, the other card for out-of-town.

In rural areas and cities with one ZIP Code assigned, only an out-of-town card will be delivered since all local addresses will have the same

ZIP Code.

"This is a good time to get the ZIP Codes missing from your lists," Ray noted. "This Christmas, ZIP Code will be as important as shopping and mailing early for the efficient and on-time delivery of the record-breaking avalanche of mail expected in the pre-holiday weeks."

After filling in the street number, city and state, the cards are to be mailed back to the postmaster. Post Office personnel will add the proper ZIP Codes and return the cards to the sender.

President Johnson has proclaimed October 10-15 as ZIP Code Week to promote greater usage of ZIP Code.

Thad Bryson Replaces Houk

RALEIGH—Gov. Dan K. Moore has accepted the resignation of Guy L. Houk of Franklin as resident Superior Court Judge for the 30th judicial district and appointed Democratic nominee Thad D. Bryson of Bryson City as his successor.

The 69-year-old Houk gave reasons of health for his resignation. Moore had appointed him to succeed Judge George B. Patton of Franklin who retired in February, 1965.

Bryson, a former superior court solicitor, was nominated for the position in the May Democratic Primary and had no opposition for the post in the November general election. Houk was defeated in the primary and his term was scheduled to end December 31.

Bryson, 62, is a former mayor of Bryson City. He also served in the General Assembly. The new judge is a graduate of Bryson City High School and the University of North Carolina. He has served as president of the Bryson City Lions Club and practiced law since 1925.

Bryson is a Baptist and is married to the former Carolyn Forbell. The couple has two sons and two daughters.

Toastmaster Meet Postponed

Ed Hogben, who had been planning a meeting to organize local Toastmaster clubs on Saturday, has announced that the organizational meeting is postponed until October 22. He said the postponement was made to enable a Toastmaster group from Asheville to attend.

The October 22 meeting will be held at O'Dell's Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.

Hogben said he hopes to form three clubs in the area of Andrews, Murphy and Hayesville. He urges those interested in joining to contact him in Murphy, John Shoemaker in Andrews or Alvin Penland in Hayesville.

Bloodmobile Here Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Murphy Power Board Building this afternoon (Thursday) from 1:30 to 5:30.

Eddie Hughes Receives Eagle Scout Award

Eddie Hughes, member of Troop 402 of Murphy, received the Eagle Scout Award last Thursday evening at the Nantahala District Court of Honor held in the First Baptist Church in Murphy.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest rank a boy scout can attain in his scouting career. In order to achieve this award a boy has to pass through many steps of scouting and pass at least 21 merit badge requirements, to serve as a leader in his troop, do a conservation project, plan and carry out a service project for his community. He has to appear before a Board of Review and satisfy them as to his worthiness of being awarded this rank.

John Jordan, Nantahala District Advancement Chairman, presented the award, praising Eddie for his fine work in scouting, for his unselfish desire to help other people, and for his keen ambition to be a useful citizen in his school, church, home and community. He further praised the Scoutmaster, Tommy Gentry, and others who have worked untiringly with Eddie in helping him through these many difficult steps in his scout work. The Chairman further praised

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hughes, for their encouragement and patience and work with scouting. Hughes is Chairman of the Nantahala District of Boy Scouts.

Background music for the occasion was provided by Miss Janet Hamilton. As the music played, the awarding speech stressed the general theme of citizenship. And that each one today needs to enlarge his life as this young man has done. It was further stressed that each of us needs to look around and be thankful for his rights as a citizen in this great country and in turn be ready to assume the responsibilities that go with these rights.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were asked to come up front and stand with Eddie during the presentation and Mrs. Hughes pinned the Eagle Badge on her son. A letter from the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and a wall plaque were also presented at this time.

Several friends and relatives were present for the occasion and a reception and refreshments were served in the basement of the Church following the ceremony.

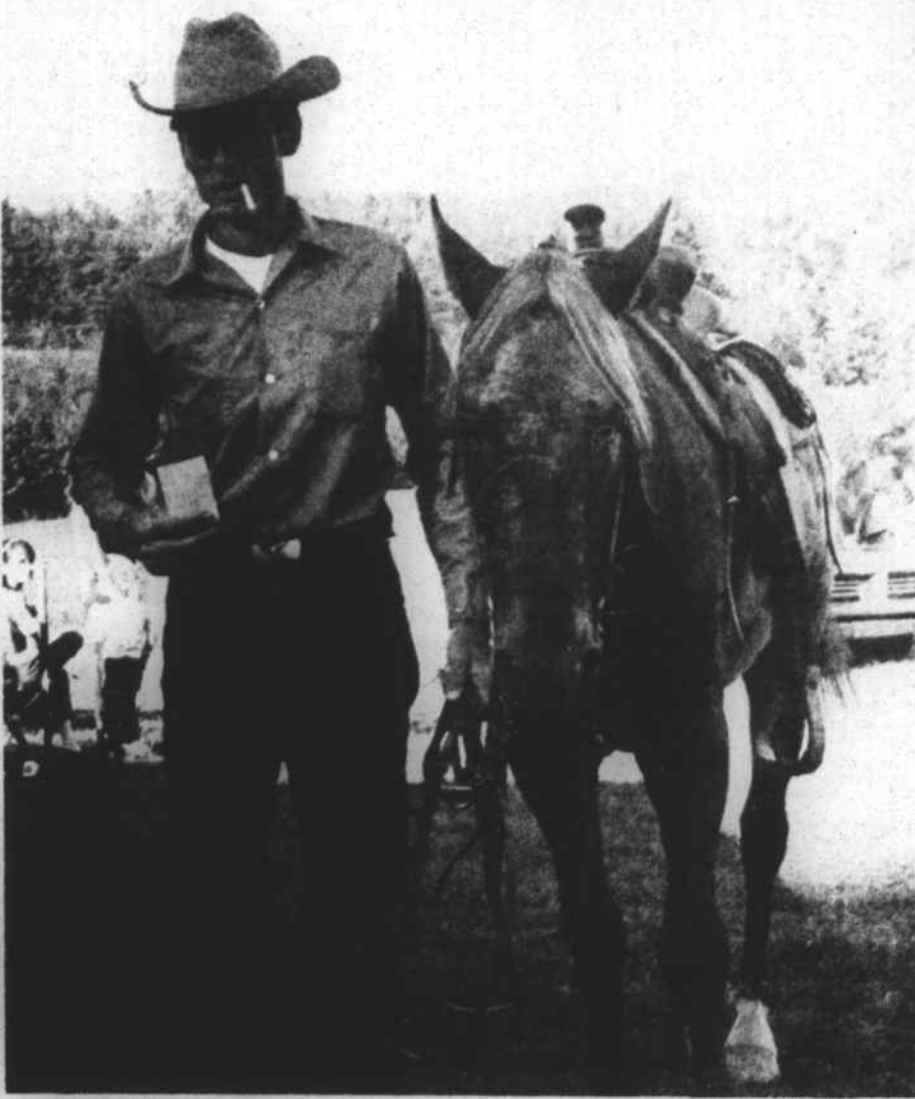


Photo By Richard Jobaley

FRANK CROWE of Murphy won three first place prizes at the Western Horse Show sponsored by the Copper Basin Riding Club last Sunday at Turtletown, Tenn. He is shown here after receiving one of his prize checks. Crowe placed first in the Pleasure Horse, Stake Race and Reining Classes. Harley Thompson of Hayesville won first place in the Racking Horse Class.

Election Laws Provide Simple Way For Those Who Must Vote Absentee

By Dave Bruce

A few weeks ago about 80% of the people of South Vietnam risked their lives to participate in an election. No one has to risk their life to vote in Cherokee County but it is doubtful that we will be able to report that 80% of the eligible residents of the county voted in the November General Election.

There have been some changes made by the General Assembly in the laws that govern elections in North Carolina and this is the first in a series during which we will explain the laws that

should be of interest to the voters.

We are now in the 45-day period before the election in which persons who wish to secure absentee ballots may apply for them. Anyone who expects to be absent from the county on election day, November 8, or who due to sickness or disability can not vote at a regular polling place can apply in writing, on a form provided, to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections. This may be done at any time prior to 6 p.m. on November 2.

The law even makes provision for someone who becomes sick or disabled after November 2. Such an individual can make an application up until 10 a.m. on November 7, the day before the election. An application of this type must contain a doctor's certification that the sickness or disability occurred after the November 2 deadline.

When an applicant is issued an absentee ballot, the ballot must be received by the chairman no later than noon on November 5. In the case of ballots issued to persons who become sick or disabled after November 2, the ballot must be received by 3 p.m. on election day.

A special section of the law is devoted to servicemen, their wives, veterans confined to government hospitals, civilian employees of the armed services and Peace Corps

workers.

These people can register by mail in addition to being eligible to apply for an absentee ballot. This provision is particularly aimed at young service members who become 21 while they are in the service.

There are penalties provided for abuse of the laws governing absentee voting. Anyone making a false statement in securing a ballot faces a fine of up to \$100 and a jail sentence of up to 60 days on conviction. Ineligible persons who try to vote as servicemen are subject to a \$200 fine and six months in jail.

The record of applications for absentee ballots and ballots actually issued is in the possession of the chairman in each county and is a public record that may be inspected at any time.

Any qualified elector may challenge any absentee application or ballot but the burden of proof rests with the challenger.

The Board of Elections meets each Monday and Friday morning at 10 a.m. during this 45-day period to consider applications for absentee ballots.

The laws provide a simple way for those who can not vote at the polls to participate.

There are safeguards against abuse of this privilege but they do not stand in the way of any eligible person who wants to exercise his rights on November 8.

Power Board Pays Consumers Over \$3,100 In Bonuses In Past Year

Murphy Electric Power Board, which is beginning a new campaign promoting the sale of electric appliances today, has released figures showing

the extensive purchase of new appliances by its customers in the past year. Power consumers in Murphy spent over \$16,000

during the campaign conducted this past spring for 96 new appliances. The totals include 67 air conditioners, two dishwashers, 11 freezers, five ranges and 11 water heaters.

The Power Board, which offers a cash bonus on original installation purchases, paid around \$2,300 to its customers during the campaign.

The number of electric units purchased in the spring was much greater than those bought during the 1965 Laundry Special Campaign. Power Board figures showed 27 dryers, 17 washers and 10 heaters were bought as original installations at that time. Bonuses paid out totaled \$800.

Some power distributors in the TVA area pay for their customer bonuses in the form of trading stamps but the local power board has a policy of rewarding its customers with cash for their investments in electric appliances.

Latest figures show Murphy Power Board serves 1,422 residential customers. The total of 150 original installation appliances during the two campaigns in the past year indicates over 10% of the homes in the area are making new installations of appliances per year.

Tie Breaker Determines Football Contest Winners

The Tie breaker was the key factor in determining the winners of The Scout's Football Contest last week. Several entries picked the winners in 17 of the 19 games listed. By using the tie breaker we were able to determine a first place winner, a second place winner and a two-way tie for third place.

Jackie Wayman is this week's first place winner who gets \$10 and 10 points in our overall standings. Wayman, of Rt. 4, Murphy, came closest to predicting the actual score of our tie breaker. Alabama beat Mississippi, 17-7 and Wayman came within three points when he said 'Bama would win 14-7.

Second place goes to Robert Lewis Killian, Rt. 3, Murphy. He wins six dollars and six points for coming within seven points on the tie breaker. Killian picked Alabama by a score of 24-7.

There was an unbreakable tie for third again this week and we are splitting the third place money and points by giving two dollars and two points to each of the contest-

ants. Karen Watson, Rt. 1, Murphy, who also tied for third last week, and Eddie Hughes, Box 100, Murphy, are the third place winners.

Both missed the tiebreaker by 10 points. Karen said Alabama would win 21-13 and Eddie predicted the margin would be 27-7.

The results of this contest showed the importance of the tie breaker since several other contestants also picked 17 winners correctly but didn't come close on the tie breaker.

The point standings will determine the winner of the grand prize—a weekend in Atlanta for two to see the Atlanta Falcons play the Pittsburgh Steelers in December.

Here are the point standings through this week:

Sandra Mintz.....	10
Jackie Wayman.....	10
Jackie Ledford.....	6
Robert Lewis Killian.....	6
Karen Watson.....	4
Mrs. Nora Ford.....	2
Eddie Hughes.....	2

Nicholls Confers At U. Of Mich.

Biological Collector J.C. Nicholls, Jr. has returned to Murphy following a week-long visit to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Nicholls flew to Ann Arbor to confer with Dr. Toshiro Kawamura, President of Hiroshima University in Japan and with Dr. George W. Nace and the staff of the Facility For Developing and Maintaining the Defined Strains of Amphibians (frogs, toads and salamanders).

Dr. Kawamura is working with frogs to try to determine ways to help humans combat radiation. He is particularly interested in this work because Hiroshima is one of two cities that have been bombed with nuclear weapons.

He wanted to confer with Nicholls because of his knowledge of amphibians in the southeastern United States. Nicholls has been engaged in this work for 24 years and is a nationally recognized authority on the subject.

Dr. Kawamura gave Nicholls a genuine pearl tie pin during their conference.

Nicholls' conference with Dr. Nace and his staff centered on the work of the Facility of which Nace is director. Nicholls is employed by the University of Michigan to collect specimens in the southeastern area.

The University of Michigan is recognized as the research center of the midwest. Over one-third of its 40,000 students are doing graduate work.

Commissioners Ask Road Improvement

The Cherokee County Commissioners have requested the State Highway Department to improve eight tenths of a mile of Rural Road 1358 in Beaverdam Township.

The action was taken at the regular October meeting Monday morning. Commissioner W.T. Moore presided in the absence of Chairman W.A. Hoover.

Saturday To Be Murphy Band Day

Saturday has been designated Band Day in Murphy and the Murphy School Band will give a concert on the square following a short march which will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Director Ed Reynolds said the march will begin at the Methodist Church and proceed to the square, then to the Courthouse and back down the Street to Burch Motors and return to the square where the concert will be held.

A bake sale on the square will follow the concert and parents of band members are urged to donate baked goods for the sale.

Members of the Band Booster Club are conducting a drive to raise funds for the band this week. This is the only Fund drive for the band during the year.

A spokesman for the club pointed out that state funds do not set aside any money for instruments, uniforms, hats, music stands, music or classroom materials and that donations are necessary if the band is to grow.

Director Ed Reynolds has expressed a desire to take the Murphy Band on a short concert tour next spring and funds will also be needed to finance this project.

Town Board To Debate Zoning

The Murphy Town Board is expected to discuss a zoning ordinance at its October meeting Monday night.

The zoning proposal was drawn up by the Murphy Planning Board and that body has urged the Town Board to adopt it.

After considering the proposal, the Town Board is expected to set a date for a public hearing to give interested persons a chance to express their views on the matter.

Art Exhibit Open At Murphy Library

A local artists' exhibit is in progress at the Murphy Carnegie Public Library. The exhibit opened Tuesday and is scheduled to run through October 15.

The paintings on display are the works of several artists from Cherokee and Clay counties.

Employ The Handicapped Week Is Observed Here

The Employment Security Commission office in Murphy will focus job placement activities this week on the needs of handicapped workers, according to manager Charles Erwin.

He said that all State Employment Offices are observing October 2-8 as "Employ The Handicapped" week. The week has been designated nationally by President Johnson and in the State by Governor Dan Moore as a time to bring special attention to employment of handicapped workers.

"The first week in October is always set aside for this purpose," said Erwin. It was first proclaimed 20 years ago by President Truman, and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped has become a year-round functioning organization to promote rehabilitation and employment of people who have suffered permanent injuries and disease.

Special observance in North Carolina is coordinated between the Governor's

Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and local mayors' committees.

The ESC manager said thousands of persons in North Carolina suffer mental and physical disabilities each year but after recovery and job rehabilitation they are still productive workers. Much of the problem of employment of the handicapped rests with those employers who believe workers with physical defects cannot hold down a job.

"This is definitely untrue," said Erwin. "We have found from past job placements that the handicapped worker can take his place in practically any job. He is absent less from work, has a better attitude toward work and is less likely to go from one job to another."

The ESC manager said some of the State's largest employers have found handicapped workers to be highly productive on the job and personnel hiring policies of more and more employers are including the handicapped.



EDDIE HUGHES received the Eagle Scout Award from Nantahala District Advancement Chairman John Jordan while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hughes, and Scoutmaster Tommy Gentry look on.

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