



Governor Recommends Tax Cut For North Carolinians

RALEIGH--Gov. Dan K. Moore announced last Friday that he will recommend "a general and broad tax reduction" to the 1967 General Assembly.

The Governor's remarks were contained in a statement in which he revealed that the Advisory Budget Commission had completed work on what he termed "a forward looking and constructive budget" to be presented to the new General Assembly.

Moore did not give the exact form of tax reduction he will propose, saying it would be contained in his message to the General Assembly.

"In view of our strong tax revenue estimates, I intend to recommend to the 1967 General Assembly that our taxpayers be permitted to share in the substantial credit balance by way of a general and broad tax reduction", the

Governor said.

"The average taxpayer is already heavily burdened and deserves more consideration than he has received. We are all aware that the federal government is considering a new tax increase next year," he noted.

Moore said his new budget will be "forward looking and constructive" and no new "taxes will be necessary."

A recent prediction from State Treasurer Edwin Gill stated that North Carolina will begin the next biennium with a credit balance of \$150 million in the general fund.

Moore's attitude toward tax reductions is a complete turnaround from his bitter opposition two years ago when the house passed a bill increasing state income tax exemptions. Administration forces bottled the bill up when it moved to the Senate and final action was never taken.



A LARGE QUANTITY OF FUEL OIL WAS SPILLED when this truck, owned by Elmer Kilgore and driven by David White overturned on a dirt road near Brasstown last Wednesday afternoon. The Murphy volunteer firemen were called to the scene as a precautionary measure.

Four Square Programs Called More Successful Than Expected

"Programs more successful than we had expected--sometimes even beyond our wildest dreams." This is the way the activities of Four-Square Community Action, Inc., were described at the organization's annual meeting in Andrews last week. Tom Day of Hayesville presided.

Bob Goforth, Four-Square Executive Director, in his annual report, told some fifty members of the Board of Directors of the organization that all programs undertaken this

year had produced more results than anyone had anticipated. Four-Square is the official Economic Opportunity Agency for Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties. Goforth cited as an example the Physical and Mental Fitness program which has affected more than 4500 persons, not including spectators at sports events. He said the total estimated spectator count goes over 150,000. These figures are at least four times larger than the highest anticipated partici-

Other activities conducted since Four-Square's beginning in December 1965 were described. Included in these were: a project connected with Medicare, Neighborhood Youth Corps, a project concerning the production and marketing of trellis tomatoes and Head Start.

Goforth pointed out that many individuals have received assistance in employment, health, housing and education problems. Four-Square staff members have worked closely with local industry, schools and others in achieving their accomplishments.

Goforth praised many agencies, local governments, organizations and individuals for the parts they have played in programs conducted during 1965.

"By bringing all these resources together in the struggle to build a better community, we have accomplished true community action," he said.

Other business on the agenda was the naming of a number of new Directors from each of the four counties. Fourteen new members were elected from Graham County, twenty-one from Cherokee sixteen from Clay and thirteen from Swain.

Seventeen persons were re-elected to serve on the Executive Committee. They are: Tom Day, Alvin Penland, Rev. G.W. Dalton, L.B. Nichols, Jr. Robert D. Bruce, Frank Suddeth, J.W. O'Dell, James Huffman, Mrs. Patsy Ingram, W. B. Wiggins, Jesse Crow, Mrs. Blaine Carver, Tom C. Omwell, Rev. John Bowles, Mrs. Mary Powell, Bob Bredlove and Leroy English.

There were seven new members elected to the Executive Committee. They are: Everett Herbert, Harold McCray, Odell Shook, Mrs. Edgar Wood, John Jordan, Everett Brock and Jack Blevins.

UHWDA Annual Meeting Set

YOUNG HARRIS, GA.--The annual meeting of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association will be held at the Fine Arts Center on the Young Harris College Campus on December 30 at 7 p.m.

Rep. Phil Landrum (D-Ga.) will be the main speaker at the meeting. The general public is urged to attend.

Lamb To Head New American Thread Plant At Marble

The American Thread Company has appointed Dan Lamb to manage its newest plant, the Cherokee Plant, in Marble, North Carolina according to an announcement made this week by C.S. Johnson, General Manager of the firm's Southern Plants.

Lamb joined American Thread in 1963 as Assistant Manager of the company's Clover, South Carolina Plant. He brought with him years of textile experience gained in management positions at Textiles, Inc., Mexia Textile Mills, Goodyear Rubber Company, and Dixie Mercantile Company. After spending a year and a half at Clover, Lamb moved on as Assistant Manager of American Thread's Sevier Finishing Plant in Rosman, North Carolina.

Lamb, who is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and his wife, the former Evadne Turner, have recently moved into a home in the Peachtree Community near Murphy.

Second in charge at the Cherokee Plant will be Amos McGuire, an American Thread employee since 1964. According to Lamb, McGuire has displayed such skill in the position of General Foreman at

the firm's Tallapoosa, Georgia Plant that he was the logical selection for the Assistant Manager's job at Cherokee. Prior to joining American Thread, McGuire had been Assistant Overseer at Crown Mill. He attended Georgia Tech. He, his wife, Kathryn, and their two children, Gregory, age 8, and Steven, age 5 have recently moved to Murphy.

Appointed to the post of Industrial Relations Manager of the Cherokee Plant is W.D. Brackett, Jr. who joined American Thread in January, 1966. Prior to that, he served five years with the North Carolina Employment Security Commission. Four of those years were spent in the Murphy office. During those four years at Murphy, Brackett was active in the Lions Club and the Jaycees. As a Jaycee, he was chairman of the first Hiwassee Lake Festival. Since joining American Thread, Brackett has worked at both the Sevier and Swain Plants.

A graduate of Lehigh University, Brackett and his wife, who is the former Charlene Davidson, a native of Murphy, and their year old son, Scott, have already settled in Marble.



Dan Lamb



Amos McGuire

Williams Warns Parking Laws Will Be Enforced

Police Commissioner Wally Williams begins his new duties designed to "put the police department on a more business-like basis" today (Thursday). He will be responsible for putting into effect the new 10-point plan adopted by the Town Board at its November meeting.

Williams said he is directing the police force to enforce all parking regulations. This includes the ban on center-street parking which has never been seriously enforced.

The commissioner said all vehicles except those that are loading or unloading will be cited for illegal parking in the center of the street.

Williams also noted that motorists ignore the yellow marks on the curbs which designate areas as no-parking zones. He said persons parking along the yellow marks will be subject to citation. One area where the yellow marks have been ignored is on Central St. beside the Courthouse.

The commissioner stated that all no-parking signs should be observed also.



W. D. Brackett, Jr.

3 New Winners In Contest

Mrs. Walter Ensley leads a parade of three new winners in The Scout's Football Contest this week.

Mrs. Ensley, of Rt. 1, Andrews, takes first place money of \$10 and gets 10 points in the standings for the grand prize by selecting the winners in 17 of the 19 games listed.

The second place winner this week is Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Murphy. He wins six dollars and six points by making 16 correct calls.

Third place goes to Jack Thompson of Murphy who made 16 winning selections too, but wasn't close enough on the tie breaker.

Retarded Children Group To Organize

An organizational meeting to explore the possibility of forming a local association for retarded children will be held Monday evening at 7:30 at the Murphy Power Board Building.

All persons in the area interested in the problems of retarded children and especially those who have retarded children are urged to attend the meeting.

Harry Ramsey of the Developmental Evaluation Center at Western Carolina College is expected to be present.

Center Accepting New Registration

The Tri-County Industrial Education Center is now accepting registration for classes in Carpentry and Cabinetmaking Block and Brick Masonry and Secretarial. Those wishing to enroll should register no later than Friday.

The Center has completed its second Supervisory Development Training Workshop and a total of 15 persons are now qualified as instructors. Qualifying instructors will be used in planning the school's Supervisory Development Training Program.

Those receiving certificates during this workshop were: Cecil Mashburn, Murphy High School; Alvin Russell, Andrews High School; Clifford A. Huls and Lester Stalneck, Berkshire International; David Gribble, Levi Strauss; Graham Denton, Fontana Mills; Walter Denton, Mountain View High School; Arthur C. Murray Lidseen of North Carolina and Charles E. Battle, Tri County Industrial Education Center.

Two of the qualified instructors from the school's first SDT Workshop, S.J. Gernert and Hoyt Crane have taught two classes with a total of 34 persons completing requirements for certificates.

Large Crowd Sees Parade

Several hundred persons lined the streets of Murphy to witness the Christmas Parade Friday night and officially open the holiday season.

The parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees, got underway on time and the only hitch was a change in the route. The original plans called for the line of march to proceed to Church St. and make a right turn but last minute changes called for a right turn into Tennessee St. at the Square.

Tycors took first place honors for floats in the Commercial division with a float showing a church and Christmas carolers. Second place was awarded to Hilton Business Equipment and third place went to Clifton Precision.

Cherokee County 4-Hers won first place in the non-commercial division and second place went to the Tomotla Community Club while Girl Scout Troop 214 won third place with a float constructed by the Murphy Civilians.

Santa Claus came to town in a sleigh situated on the Murphy Jaycee float.

At a drawing held after the parade, Doris Byers of Brasstown won \$100 in the last of three drawings sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. A total of \$175 was awarded in the drawings held over the past three weeks.



"Life" Reports Heroic Acts Of Murphy Sailor

The heroic role of a Murphy sailor during the disastrous fire aboard the U.S.S. Oriskany off the coast of Vietnam is described in the November 25 issue of "Life" magazine.

The Scout reported Mate Third Class Jerry Robinson was safe in the Philippines a

Sports Page Now

Regular Feature

Publisher Jack Owens has announced that effective this week The Scout-Progress will have a sports page as a regular feature of the paper.

"We believe it is important to provide total coverage of the sports events occurring in Cherokee and Clay Counties and we feel that devoting an entire page to sports will enable us to fulfill our desire to do this", Owens said.

Managing Editor--Dave Bruce, noting that the Scout-Progress began devoting a full page to editorial comment just a month ago, said "this (the sports page) is another step forward in our continuing effort to provide the broadest coverage of events in Cherokee and Clay Counties and to provide our readers with the finest newspaper possible."

few days after the tragedy that took 43 lives. Information made available to us at that time did not indicate the important role Robinson played in rescuing trapped men during the fire

The "Life" story by Don Moser goes into details on the role Robinson and another enlisted man played and it tells of them being trapped for a period and Robinson's companion saying "I think we're going to die down here" Robinson replied "I'm going to fight it out till the last minute."

"Life" says that during this time, Robinson "thinks about Murphy, North Carolina, his little home town back in the Smoky Mountains" and hunting season and his journey on the Tellico Plains to Murphy Wagon Train.

Robinson is now stationed at San Francisco where the Oriskany is in dock for repairs. He expects to be home sometime this month for a 30-day leave.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robinson of Murphy and is engaged to Miss Judy Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Patterson, Rt. 3, Hayesville.

Only 20 Mailing Days Left Until Christmas

Postmaster Joe Ray reminded Cherokee County residents today that there are only 20 mailing days before Christmas.

"While that may seem like a long time to most people, it is frighteningly short to those of us in the Postal Service," he said. "Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has predicted that well over eight billion pieces of mail must be delivered between now and Christmas Eve, a new record. "We are asking everyone to start thinking about their Christmas shopping and mailing now. If all the holiday mail were to hit the postal system at one time, it is obvious that we'd have difficulty delivering every piece on time."

Mailing early and spreading the mail flow out along the entire pre-Christmas season is the key to better mail service at this time of the year.

Last year the public cooperation was "tremendous" according to Ray. Virtually every piece of holiday mail was delivered before Christmas Day. This year with increased volume because of the continuing strength of the economy we are hoping to see that fine cooperative spirit again.

Postmaster Ray offered these mailing tips.

"Use ZIP Codes on all mail. "If there are some ZIP Codes that you still need for your mailing list come to the Post Office and look them up in our ZIP Code directory or give us a call. ZIP Codes are more important than ever this year."

"Prepare your gift list right away. The earlier you do your shopping, the better chance you have to get exactly

what you want while the stores are still full of merchandise. That way, you can mail earlier too.

"Be sure to have enough boxes, tape, string and wrapping paper on hand.

United States Postal Savings certificates totaling approximately \$50,000 which are on deposit at the Murphy Post Office are now earning little or no interest for all local depositors, Postmaster Joe Ray revealed today.

Nationwide, the Post Office Department is holding more than \$147 million in the now obsolete program which was discontinued by Congress on March 28, 1966.

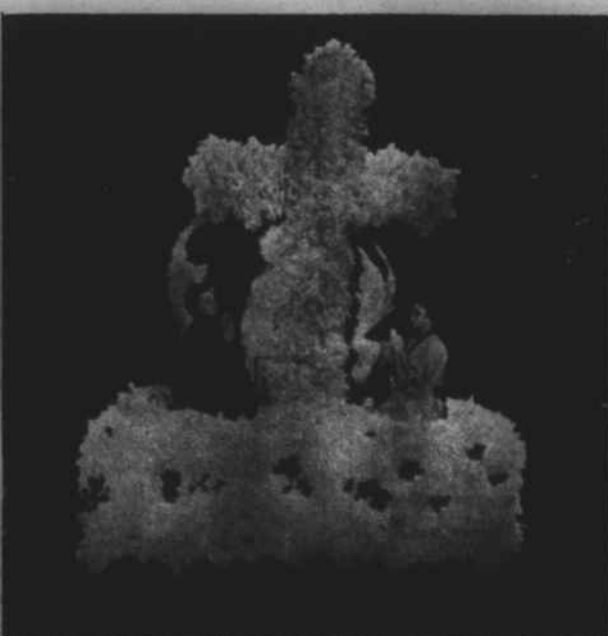
As of April 27, 1966, Postal Savings were discontinued, and no deposits were accepted by the Post Office Department. Certificates whose anniversary dates have been reached since last April 26 have earned their final interest payment.

Those whose anniversary dates fall between now and next April 26 will receive interest until their next anniversary dates, but they can be cashed at any time and a proportionate amount of interest will be paid. After April 26, 1967, no interest will be earned by any Postal Savings accounts, Ray said.

Ray suggests that all Postal Savings depositors close out their accounts as soon as convenient so they can put their funds to more productive use. He also reminded depositors that U.S. Savings Bonds paying a current rate of 4.15% interest, if held to maturity, are an excellent investment for both safety and income.



SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN in last Friday's Christmas Parade. He was riding the Jaycee Float (left photo). The Ch-



Cherokee County 4-H Club took top honors in the non-commercial division with their float (center photo). First place in the



commercial division went to the Tycors Float (right photo.)

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