



W.T. MOORE ELECTED COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN

Radcliff Found Shot To Death In Store

Granville W. Radcliff, 56, was found shot to death in his service station and store at Ranger Tuesday morning. A coroner's jury ruled he died from accidental gunshot wounds.

Radcliff apparently was cleaning the weapon he was killed with. There was a cleaning kit on the floor and an old newspaper in his lap.

The victim was a native of Virginia and had lived in Cherokee County for several years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes Radcliff; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Styles of Knoxville; two sons, Bill and Brent, both of Knoxville; four brothers, Ray, Forrest, Glenn and Elmer of Asheville and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. in the Townson Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. C. A. Smith officiating. Burial, with masonic rites, will be in the Rogers Chapel Cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT DON W. RAMSEY administers the oath of office to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Monday morning in the courtroom. Pictured are: (l to r) Ramsey Jack Simonds, Luther Dockery, Carlyle Matheson, W.T. Moore, Ray Sims and Andrew Barton. Ramsey then swore in the other county officials and drove to Franklin, where Judge T.D. Bryson administered the oath to him

County Patronage Pie Sliced, Democrats Get All The Pieces

Cherokee County's new six-member Board of Commissioners was sworn in Monday morning and held its first meeting minutes later. The Democratic majority, provided by a special legislative act which gives two votes to the chairman, wasted no time in asserting its power as it dispensed patronage jobs to the party faithful.

It was a foregone conclusion that a Democrat would be elected chairman because of the procedure set up by the special act passed by the last General Assembly and the three Republicans made no effort to contest this.

W.T. Moore, the only holdover from the last Board, was nominated for the office of chairman by Ray Sims. Carlyle Matheson then made a motion that Moore be elected unanimously. Matheson's motion was accepted. Matheson had attempted to nominate

Moore but Sims got the floor first.

Sims was elected vice-chairman on a motion by Andrew Barton that was seconded by Matheson in another gesture of bi-partisanship by the Republicans.

The Republicans made no effort to oppose the election of L.L. Mason as the new county attorney. Mason was nominated by Barton and his election was unanimous.

When other offices came up for consideration, the minority made an effort to elect persons of their choice.

The Democrats nominated Mack Gibson to serve as janitor, painter and plumber for the Courthouse and County Jail and the Republicans nominated Ben Beavers. A three-three tie resulted and Moore, as chairman, cast an extra vote to elect Gibson.

Under the new law, the chairman casts an extra vote

in case of a tie. The chairman seemed confused when the tie resulted and one of the Commissioners reminded him he was to cast an extra vote. Moore said this is "the craziest law."

Mrs. Cleve Almond was elected Commodities Warehouse Supervisor over Walter Ellis with Moore again casting an extra vote. The Republicans pleaded with the majority to elect Ellis and Republican Jack Simonds remarked, "It looks like you fellows would let us have some of these jobs."

Simonds said, "if it's going to go like this for the next four years, there's no point in us (Himself, Matheson and Luther Dockery) even sitting here." He went on to express the hope that politics could be laid aside and the entire body could work together for the good of the county.

Clarence Hendrix was named county accountant and tax collector by a 3-2 vote. Matheson was nominated by the Republicans and he abstained in the voting.

Mrs. Jennie Lee Sneed and Mrs. Barbara Stalcup were employed as assistants in the tax office.

L.D. Schuyler was re-elected to serve as the county electrical inspector.

The Commissioners decided to put off naming tax listers until next Monday when a special meeting will be held.

December 24 and 26 were designated as Christmas holidays during which the Court house will be closed. It will also be closed January 2 since New Year Day falls on Sunday. The regular January meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 3.



J. L. Hall, Former Court Clerk, Dies

J.L. Hall, 73, a longtime Murphy businessman and political leader, died late last Wednesday evening (November 30) in a Murphy hospital following an extended illness.

Hall served as chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Education from 1941 to 1942. He was elected Clerk of Superior Court in 1942 and held the office until 1954 when he was the Democratic candidate for sheriff. He was defeated by Sheriff Claude Anderson who was then running for his first term.

Prior to becoming court clerk, Hall operated service stations in Murphy and Andrews. He was a 48-year Master Mason and a veteran of World War I.

He was appointed Notary Public by Gov. Luther Hodges in 1955 and Justice of the Peace by then Judge Dan K. Moore in 1956.

He was a native of Cherokee County and the son of the late Irvin and Vina Burnette Hall. Surviving are the widow,

Mrs. Oma Tate Hall; two sons Dr. Jerry Hall of Raleigh and J.L. Hall, Jr. of Ft. Smith, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Marcille Palmer of Akron, Ohio and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Murphy; three brothers, Clifford of Cleveland Ohio, Herbert of Akron and J.B. of Murphy; a sister, Mrs. Edna Fulmer of Chattanooga; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of which he was a member. The Rev. William J. Thompson and the Rev. Alfred Smith officiated. Burial was in Rogers Chapel Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites conducted by Cherokee Lodge No. 146.

Pallbearers were Walter Coleman, Lawton McDonald, James Mabry, Bill Waggoner Hoyt Boring and George Postell.

Ivive Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

\$352,000 Sought To Improve County Roads

Details have been completed by the Commissioner staff of the 14th Highway Division of the State Highway Commission to improve 11.5 miles of rural roads in Cherokee County, at an estimated cost of \$352,400.

The announcement, made

Jaycees Sponsor

Toys For Tots

The Murphy Jaycees are again this year sponsoring the familiar "Toys for Tots" drive in order to collect new and usable toys for underprivileged children in this area.

Many toys are expected to be collected and distributed to little girls and boys who otherwise might be left out at Christmas time.

Jaycee Chairman Lonnie Britt announced today that the club will again sponsor Toys for Tots this year and has hopes to brighten Christmas for even more children than last year.

Special "Toys for Tots" boxes will be placed in various Murphy businesses and industries for your convenience. Or you may call any Jaycee and they will be happy to pick up the toys.

"Remember, that there are many children in this area that could be made happy at Christmas with the toys or donations you contribute", Jaycee Britt stated.

CD Films To Be

Shown Next Week

Two Civil Defense Training Films will be shown on Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Andrews City Hall and on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building. The public is invited to see these films and rescue squad members, policemen, members of the volunteer fire departments, city and county officials, and Civil Defense members should attend.

In both of these films the efforts of government, military and voluntary, relief agencies to warn and evacuate those in danger, to carry out emergency actions in the midst of natural disasters, and to conduct recovery operations afterwards will be shown.

One of these films, "Though The Earth Be Moved" tells the dramatic story of the Good Friday, earthquake of 1964 which struck Alaska with a force equal to 10 million atomic bombs of the size that leveled Hiroshima. It took 115 lives, cost more than half a billion in damages, left whole cities helpless and thousands homeless in the wake of a shock and fire and seismic sea wave.

The other film, "A Hurricane Called Betsy" shows the most devastating, unpredictable hurricane of the decade. It swept out of the Caribbean on a 3,000 mile trip, leaving a trail of destruction through the Bahamas, Miami, the Florida Keys, along the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

Police Will Cite U-Turns

Police Commissioner Wally Williams has directed Murphy policemen to issue citations to motorists who made U-turns in the business district and those who park on the wrong side of the street.

This is the second in a series of orders issued by the Commissioner since he assumed his duties last week. In the first order, Williams directed the police force to enforce a ban on center street parking and to cite motorists who park in no-parking zones.

He pointed out that a citation will cost the motorist more than an ordinary parking ticket and urged all residents to cooperate with the policemen in creating a more orderly traffic situation in Murphy. It is especially important that regulations be observed this month due to the heavy volume of traffic created by Christmas shoppers.

The following roads are to be paved: SR 1316, Oak Park Rd.; SR 1350, Carter Rd.; SR 1585, Glen Stalcup Rd.; SR 1558, Chringallie Rd.; SR 1158, Liberty Rd.; SR 1576, Crisp R.; SR 1340, Owl Creek Rd.

The following are to be improved at intervals: SR 1135, Joe Golden Rd.; SR 1110, Marver Top Rd.; SR 1303, Panther Top Rd.; SR 1525, Harve King Rd.

Three Win On Tie Breaker

The tie breaker determined the winners in this week's Scout Football Contest.

Nancy Sanders, Box 293, Murphy, is our first place winner with 10 correct predictions and the closest guess on the tie breaker. She missed by only one point by saying Dallas would beat St. Louis 30-17, while the actual score was 31-17. She wins \$10 and ten points in the standings for our grand prize.

Roger Stiles, Hickory St., Murphy, won second place by coming within four points in the tie breaker. He said Dallas would win, 31-13.

Jackie Wayman, Rt. 4, Murphy, is the third place winner with a 28-20 call in favor of St. Louis.

Wayman is a former first place winner and now has 14 points which ties him with Joe Morrow for second place in the standings for the grand prize weekend in Atlanta to see the Falcons play the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Sandra Mintz leads the point standings with 20 points. The contest in this week's paper is the final one.

Houk Kills Self In Law Office

FRANKLIN-- Former Superior Court Judge Guy L. Houk, 69, was found shot to death in his law office last Friday afternoon. It was ruled suicide by Coroner E.W. Fisher.

Houk resigned his judgeship in September, citing ill health as the reason. He had been appointed by Gov. Dan K. Moore when Judge George Patton resigned in 1965.

Houk was defeated in bid for reelection in the May Democratic Primary.

District Court Opens Tuesday

The new court system authorized by the 1965 General Assembly came into effect Monday in the seven counties of the 30th Judicial District and under the new system, District Court will be held in Cherokee County each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and in Clay County on Wednesday.

Justices of the Peace will no longer officiate and magistrate courts will fulfill the function of JPs. L.L. Love and Hugh Brittain will serve as magistrates in Cherokee County. Fees will be uniform in all counties.

This district is one of six in the state that adopted the new system. The counties of the district are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain Jackson and Haywood.

All cases remaining on Recorder's Court dockets will be heard in the District Court. Cherokee County Court Clerk Don Ramsey attended a school for clerks coming under the new system on November 22 and 23 which was sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Group For Retarded Children Organizes

Forty-five persons attended a meeting at the Murphy Power Board Building Monday night to organize the Cherokee County Association for Retarded Children.

The group heard Harry Ramsey and Dr. Stanley Nale of the Developmental Evaluation Center at Western Carolina College. They gave an outline of the methods of organizing a local chapter and the responsibilities of such an association.

Jack Earley was elected temporary chairman and he appointed Mrs. L.L. Love, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. James Bryson and Mrs. Jack Earley as a nominating committee to select officers for the association.

The association will meet again on Monday, January 2.

Crawford Fined \$750, Sentence Suspended

BRYSON CITY--Jack D. Crawford, 41, of Murphy received a two-year suspended sentence and was fined \$750 in U.S. District Court last week for embezzlement of funds from the Murphy Post Office. He was put on probation for three years by Judge Wilson Warlick.

Crawford's attorney, De Vere Lentz, Jr. of Asheville, withdrew a plea of innocent after the first government witness was called.

Christmas Stamp On Sale Here

Every envelope bearing the 1966 Christmas postage stamp will be a masterpiece, Postmaster Joe Ray said today. The special holiday stamp is a replica of a painting by Hans Memling, Flemish master of the Renaissance Era, now hanging in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

The stamp, which is now on sale at the Murphy post office was designed from the central portion of Memling's oil, "Madonna and Child with Angels" which was painted on wood about 1480.

Postmaster Ray noted that use of the stamp for the sending of greeting cards assures first-class handling. That means the cards will be forwarded if the addressee has moved or will be returned if there is a return address.

This is the fifth in a series of holiday stamps and the Postal Service expects it to be another best seller. The initial print order was for one billion, two hundred million stamps.

The Postmaster estimated that 30,000 of the stamps will be sold locally.

The stamp design was unanimously recommended to Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien by the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee which passes on all stamps.

Tomato Project Shows Big Profit

The project potential of trellis tomatoes in this area was demonstrated by project conducted at the John C. Campbell Folk School this year. The Folk School netted \$5,276.51 per acre on 1.25 acres of tomatoes raised.

The figures released by the school show 87,508 pounds of tomatoes sold for \$5,711.44 and the costs totalled \$434.93.

A total of 2,533 man hours were involved and the school indicated about four full-time workers are needed per acre.

The Folk School expressed its thanks to Four Square Community Action, Inc. for assistance in the project. Four Square paid the wages of youths employed by Neighborhood Youth Corps and the College Work Study Program and provided a horticultural specialist.

Cherokee and Clay youths working in the program were Becky Ledford, Lucy Rozier, Lynn Smith, Carol Jean Smith, Judy Flemming, Gwendolyn Henderson, JoAnn Henson, Bernice Bussey, Shirley Anderson, Calvin Lee Laney, Spencer Blount, James Austin and Allen McDonald.

Ray said Crawford approached him while he was investigating the shortage and showed him some money order stubs, saying "I guess this is what you want."

He urged Crawford to bring the money back and cooperate with the postal inspectors. Ray said Crawford's affairs were in order when he left the post office on November 26, 1965.

On cross-examination by Lentz, Ray said he personally paid out of his own pocket a \$31.45 shortage for stamped envelopes bought by Murphy Public Schools and not entered in the cash book.



Know Your Police

BLAIN STALCUP has been a member of the Murphy Police Department since January 1956. He was promoted to Chief of Police in February, 1964 to succeed the retiring Neil Sneed.

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