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### Silent Night



#### Know Your Police

WAYNE WILSON has been a member of the Murphy police force since 1964. His primary duty is policing the parking meters. Wilson came to Cherokee County from Buncombe County in 1960. He is married to the former Ethel Joann Davis of Asheville.



MURPHY POWER BOARD AND RADIO STATION WKRK are offering \$100 in prize money in their Christmas light contest. Judging will be completed in the week ahead. Pictured above is a former winning display at the home of Richard Howell.

### Development Commission Hears Reports On Regional Projects

The Southwestern Economic Development Commission heard a number of excellent reports from commission members at its November-December meeting in Andrews.

Bobby S. Burch, Clay County, made the following four point report on the progress of the Clay County Moss Memorial Library now under construction in Hayesville.

1. All funds are in hand or in good pledges to complete the projects.
2. The building is 45% to 50% complete. The brick work

#### School Receives Car From Moore

The Murphy Board of Education's driver education department will receive a new 1967 Dodge Coronet from E. C. Moore Company.

These cars are among the more than 4,000 fully-equipped automobiles supplied by Dodge dealers at no cost to more than 2,000 high schools throughout the country.

Byron Nichols, General Manager, Dodge Division, called the dealer's participation in the safety program "one of the best investments ever made in highway safety."

"As more and more of our young people reach driving age, the all-out cooperation of the automobile industry and its dealers is needed to supply the growing need for Driver Education vehicles. We and our dealers believe that an improved and expanded program of driver education for high school students will greatly reduce their high accident rates. All evidence available indicates that a young driver will acquire better driving attitudes, better driving habits, and better driving skills if he learns to drive in new cars with a specially-qualified teacher in his high school," Nichols said.

The new Dodges will be special models fully-equipped with all standard safety features.

#### Draft Board Closed Until January 3

The local draft board has good news for those who are around draft age-it will be closed until next year! The office will reopen on January 3.

CHRISTMAS  
By Linda Sue Allen

Almost two thousand years ago on this morn Christ our Lord and Savior was born; It was a quiet and peaceful Night

The Star in the East was shining bright; Everyone was happy; no one was sad  
There was peace on earth as we've never had.  
This year many families will feel all alone,  
One member of the family won't be at home.  
Why can't the world be peaceful and calm?  
Why can't our men be home instead of Viet Nam?

is finished, flagstone floors laid and the roof completed.

3. Completion of interior work is all that remains to be done plus landscaping and parking area. Remaining available funds will be used for these purposes.

4. "This is a project that all Clay County citizens are proud of and the library is one which any county would be glad to have", he concluded.

J. H. Duncan, Cherokee County, reported for the Highway Committee on the regional meeting held in Waynesville on November 17.

Mrs. Norma Pierson, Macon County, was elected permanent chairman of the commission's highway committee.

Mack Ray, Murphy, Executive Director of the Rural Renewal Program of three western most counties, advised the commission that plans for the Cherokee County Housing Project at Marble are materializing. A satisfactory water supply has been developed

#### Ranger School Burglarized

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of \$300 worth of items from the lunchroom of Ranger School Monday night.

Four large bread pans, 240 pounds of frying chicken, three 10 pound boxes of hot dogs, 120 pounds of government commodity butter, 65 pounds of ground beef, 30 pounds of fish sticks and a 35 cup coffee percolator were reported stolen.

Deputy Glenn Holloway arrested three youths last Thursday and charged them with larceny in connection with the theft of a car motor stolen at Topton around November 20.

Those charged are Tommy Holloway, 17, of Topton; Gary Nelson, 16, of Topton and Dickey Tatham, 15, of Andrews. The three were released after posting \$1,000 bond each.

#### Library Closed For Holidays

The Murphy Carnegie Public Library will be closed Saturday through next Wednesday for the Christmas holiday. It will reopen on December 29 and close again on December 31 for the New Year's holiday.

from two deep wells on the project site. Nineteen houses will be constructed in the \$9,000 to \$14,000 price range. FHA financing can be arranged over a 30-year period. The housing project is considered a necessity for a new industrial plant now under construction in Marble.

"Sales will not be restricted to plant employees," Ray stated.

Ned J. Tucker, Executive Director of the Commission, advised the group that two applications for funds under section 203 of the Appalachian Bill on Soil Conservation and Erosion Control were prepared and filed during the month. These proposals are on the same two previously approved water shed projects on which a continuation is being requested. One is in Graham County consisting of 39,000 acres of the Tallulah Creek Watershed and flood plain area and the other is in Macon County consisting of the entire upper Little Tennessee River drainage area of 246,648 acres of the county and the river flood plain around the town of Franklin.

Tucker also told the commission that the Appalachian survey report of the 29 Appalachian counties in North Carolina by the firm of Hammer, Greene and Silver, associates will be published January 15, 1967.

The Andrews meeting of the commission, previously cancelled on November 28th due to hazardous driving conditions, was designated by the commission as the November-December meeting. No further meetings are scheduled for this calendar year.

#### Meter Time Limit To Be Enforced

Police Commissioner Wally Williams has announced that with new off-street parking facilities being made available, the two-hour time limit on parking meters will be enforced.

The Commissioner pointed out that even if money is in the meter, a car is subject to citation if it is left in a space over two hours.

In the past, this limit was not enforced because of the lack of off-street parking. Many employees of downtown business places have been parking their cars in the streets all day to add to the shortage of parking spaces. Now that space is being made available for these cars, the police will enforce the limit.

#### Cancer Clinic Closed Friday

The Jackson-Swain Cancer clinic at Sylva is observing Friday as a holiday.

### Woman Charged With Assaulting Hiwassee Dam Faculty Member

Mrs. Helen Hancock, Rt. 1 Copperhill, faces two charges growing out of an incident at Hiwassee Dam School Monday in which she reportedly assaulted faculty member Ray Sims. The incident occurred after Mrs. Hancock's daughter came home last week and told her of an alleged petition which stated that she (the daughter) was improperly dressed.

Warrants charging Mrs. Hancock with assault with a

pocket book and profanity were served on her Monday night by Sheriff Claude Anderson when she attended a PTA meeting.

Mrs. Hancock told the Scout Tuesday that her daughter, Gwen, came home last Thursday and "cried till she was sick" because "they said her clothes were improper." Gwen told her mother that when she got on the bus that afternoon, some of the other

students mentioned to her a petition was being circulated saying she was improperly dressed and that Sims had the petition. Gwen got off the bus and went into the school to talk with Sims about the matter. Realizing the bus would probably leave without her, Gwen told Sims "wait here, I'll go home and get Mother and Daddy."

Mrs. Hancock returned to the school Monday to talk to Sims and says he suggested they go to the council room and she told him "I refuse to go to the council room. My bed is with you."

After a brief conversation, she says she asked Sims if it were true that his mother, Mrs. Lela Sims, had said Gwen "should be thrown out of school" for the way she dressed. (Mrs. Sims is a substitute teacher at the school.) She said he replied "so what if she did" and at this point Mrs. Hancock said she grabbed Sims' tie and held it while she beat him with her free hand and her pocketbook. She said the teacher did not strike back.

Mrs. Hancock said that after the incident, she requested Principal Harest King to transfer her daughter from Sims' class and the request was granted. She then drove to Murphy to report the incident at the Courthouse and offered to pay a fine. She had not been charged at this time.

King and Sims would say only "no comment" when they were questioned by Scout reporters about the incident. A hearing is to be held for Mrs. Hancock this morning (Thursday) at 10 at the County Jail.

### F.A.A. Makes \$150,501 Grant For Airport

Rep. Roy A. Taylor has announced that he was advised by a representative of the Federal Aviation Agency that a grant has been approved to construct and improve the Andrews Airport. The grant is for \$150,501.

Taylor said this grant is subject to the approval of a grant to cover 30% of the total cost by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

"I checked with the Appalachian Regional Commission and was told that the Andrews Airport application is pending now before the Commission

and looks good and would likely be approved", Taylor said. Approval of the grant by the Appalachian Regional Commission will mean that Cherokee County will have to pay only 20% of the project.

### Singing On Square Friday

The Murphy Jaycees will sponsor a "Singing On The Square" Friday night beginning at 7:30.

Chairman Tommy Palmer said local church choirs and civic clubs have been invited to participate.

The public is invited to attend this program of Christmas singing.

### Scout Office To Close Two Days

The Scout office will be closed Friday and Monday in observance of Christmas.

### Western Carolina Trustees Consider University Status

Cullowhee- Ultimate establishment of a university program at Western Carolina College is being studied and considered by the institution's board of trustees.

A faculty committee, after nearly a year's study, recommended last April that

### Girl Scout Fund Drive Succeeds

Mrs. Bud Brown, Director of the Murphy Girl Scout Fund Drive, announced this week that the drive was successful in raising \$1,130.

Mrs. Brown, the girl scouts in this area, and Pisgah Council wish to thank all persons who donated time and/or money to this drive. Those persons who took an active part in the drive include Mrs. James Hughes, Chairman of General solicitations; Mrs. John Carringer, Mrs. Merle Davis, Mrs. Wayne Holland, Mrs. Fred Keener, Mrs. Joe Phillips, Mrs. Wilma Pope, Mrs. A.G. Quinn, Mrs. Dick Richards, Mrs. W.A. Singleton, Mrs. Boyce Stiles, and Mrs. Wally Williams. Special gifts chairman-Herman Edwards, John Carringer, Pete McKeon, Jim Sprung, and Robert White, Mrs. Max Blakemore handled the publicity and John Gill served as treasurer.

This \$1,130.00 will be used with funds from other areas to provide materials and training for adults working with troops, equipment for troops' use such as films, film strips, records, books and charts, office and field services, and wider opportunities for the girls. Some of the wider opportunities include a senior conference, roundaree, and a junior camp weekend at resident camp. The funds will also be used to extend membership opportunities to girls all over the council area which includes 16 counties.

The total budget for the Pisgah council for 1967 is \$84,204. And the council serves more than 4,500 girls. Murphy has over 130 girls involved in scouting.

the trustees should begin considering steps to elevate the college to the status of "an autonomous, regional university."

A statement issued Saturday by Dr. Paul A. Reid, WCC president, announcing these developments, however, did not preclude other possibilities, including consideration of branch status within the consolidated university system. He emphasized the need for further study.

Dr. Reid's statement made clear that unless the governor and General Assembly bring up the question, Western Carolina doesn't intend to seek any change in its status in the 1967 Legislature.

Rather, he said, the college "welcomes the decision of the governor and the Board of Higher Education to conduct a full scale study of the state system of higher education, and to make this the basis for future planning."

Reid said that "only after the needs of all areas of the state are examined, only after the state has begun to measure the demand, and, certainly, only after it has begun to appraise the cost, can an intelligent and constructive and united program be formulated."

### Former Residents Listed In Book

Two former Cherokee County women have been selected to appear in the annual biographical compilation "Outstanding Young Women of America". They are Mrs. Lavon Thompson Kuykendall of Rt. 1, Acworth, Ga. and Mrs. Joyce Ann Porter Black of Charlotte.

The book is an annual compilation of 6,000 outstanding young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in civic and professional activities.

supported declarations by Gov. Dan Moore last spring at a meeting in Raleigh in which the governor said "major changes in our state system should be considered only in the broader context of a statewide plan for higher education. Lacking such a plan in the past, we now should take the relatively short time required to permit the completion of a ten-year plan."

Dr. Reid's statement, issued in response to inquiries from newsmen, was approved by the college board of trustees before it was released.

The president pointed out that in 1965 the trustees, following a long-established policy of careful study, authorized the appointment of a faculty committee to review the entire college program and make recommendations for improvements.

The committee was composed of eight senior faculty members. It recommended, among other things a complete reorganization of the academic administrative structure to cope with the increased size of the college. Dr. Reid said Saturday that such a reorganization would be needed whether any change is made in the senior college status of the institution.

Enrollment at the college has increased from about 600 in 1950 to more than 3,600 in 1966. The proposed structural changes include separating the college program into five divisions, or schools, headed by deans.

Funds to begin implementing this reorganization was requested in the college's 1967-69 "B" budget submitted to the Advisory Budget Commission last September.

The faculty committee also recommended that the trustees should consider a change from senior college to university status, specifically suggesting consideration of "autonomous, regional university status."