

COMMISSIONERS FIRE GRAVES FROM CLERK'S JOB

County Records First Year Without Fatalities Since Records Were Begun In 1945

For the first time since records were begun in 1945, Cherokee County has completed an entire calendar year without a single traffic fatality.

The Highway Patrol has released figures showing that since records have been kept, there have been 93 traffic deaths in the county and that in prior years, there have been from one to eight deaths reported annually. The average is 4.65 per year.

There were 79 accidents investigated by the Patrol in the county over the past six months. All but four were caused by the driver's carelessness. Three were blamed on weather conditions and one was caused by road conditions.

The other causes were driving on the wrong side of the road, 21; failure to yield right of way and other dangerous violations, nine each; reckless driving, speeding and unsafe equipment, seven each; drunk driving and improper passing, five each; following too close, three; and stop-sign violations two.

The Patrol made 265 arrests in the county over the past six months for dangerous moving violations. They were: speeding, 118; unsafe equipment, 45; other dangerous violations, such as running improper turn and failure to give signal, 26; drunk driving, 24; stop-sign violation, 18; driving on wrong side of the road, 14; reckless driving, eight; following too close, five; and failure to yield the right of way, three.

The arrests listed are only the moving violations, and do not include charges such as no insurance, improper registration, inspection violations, no driver's license and public drunkenness.



THE UPPER BIWASSEE WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION elected new officers and trustees at their annual meeting last Friday at Young Harris College. Left to right: Fred O. Scroggs, president; and Wilson, Lobb, James, and Steve Harris, trustees. Also present were Moore, a law county Kenneth Hubbs, James, Fred, and E. J. and other Board members and Executive Board members.

Area Tomato Schools Set

Tomato producers training schools have been set up for Murphy, Hayesville and Robbinsville. These schools are to be conducted from January 23 to March 3. The school is under the Management Development Training Act and will be conducted by the Asheville Buncombe Technical Institute.

Present and potential producers from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties in North Carolina and Union, Towns and Fannin counties in Georgia are eligible for the school.

Rose Dies In Plane Crash

Charles L. (Bud) Rose, 59, formerly of Murphy, was one of two persons killed in the crash of a Cessna 170 near Lawrenceville, Ga., Monday evening. The other victim was the plane's pilot, Luke Wayne Scott, 48, of Atlanta.

The crash occurred near Interstate 85 and authorities said Scott may have been attempting to land on the highway.

Rose, a native of Murphy, had been employed by General Motors in Chamblee, Ga. for some time.

Mrs. Early Heads Children's Group

The Cherokee County Association for Retarded Children elected officers at a meeting held Monday night at the Murphy Lower Board Building.

Mrs. Jack Early was elected president. Other officers are Mrs. Roy Weber, vice president; Mrs. Harris Moore secretary and Mrs. L. L. Love treasurer.

George Clayton, president of the Jackson County Association, addressed the group. The Association's next meeting will be on February 6.

Police Charge Littering

A Copperhill, Tenn., man was arrested by Patrolman M.C. Brickey and Lawrence Beal last Thursday and charged with littering.

The policeman said they observed William Donald Wolfe, 23, throwing beer cans out of a car on Hiwassee St.



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Jones Elected UHWDA President; Landrum Raps Federal Critics

Hubby Jones of Blakesville was elected president of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association at the group's annual meeting at the Lane Hotel in Asheville, Monday.

Jones, formerly vice president, was succeeded in that post by H. J. Hines of Murphy. The Association traditionally rotates the offices of president and vice president between Georgia and North Carolina.

L. L. Swartz of Union County retains his post as secretary-treasurer.

The recapitulation of the nominating committee were followed and trustees were elected.

Landrum, who had to roll back and forth to the Federal office in the past, criticized the Federal government for its slowness to accept its benefits.

Return to the critics, Landrum said "Some I know, some I resent" in a speech that was full of indignation. He said that with a little more help, he would be living in an era like 1960 instead of the sixties.

The Congressman praised UHWDA for its efforts to improve the five in a year and said it is "almost a miracle that you have accomplished so much in just five years."

Cherokee, Clay Leader Fred O. Scroggs Dies

Fred O. Scroggs, 75, who was well known for his activities in both Cherokee and Clay Counties, died Sunday afternoon in a Murphy hospital after a long illness.

Scroggs was instrumental in locating the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown in 1925 and he was a benefactor of the school.

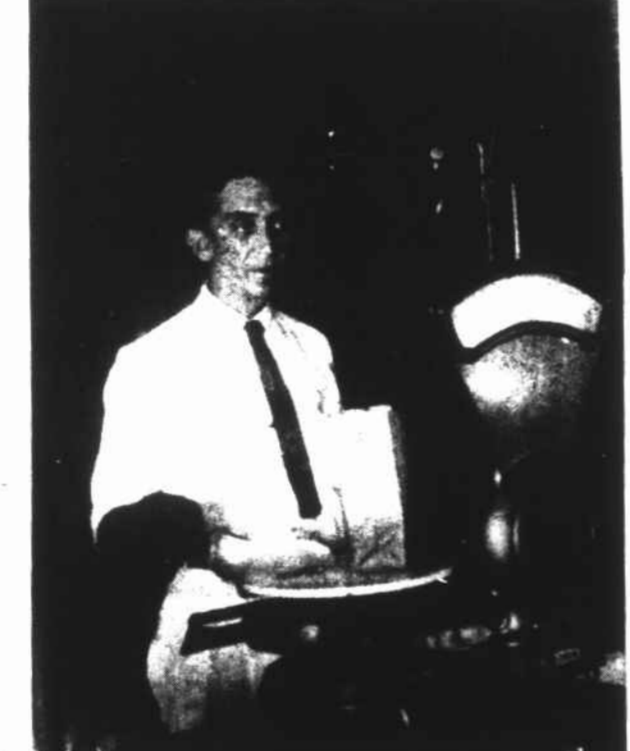
He and his father, known as "Uncle Luce", said that they wanted a school which would help the country and "not make just preachers and teachers" in 1925. They helped organize meetings which led to the location of the Folk School at Brasstown.

Many people have expressed the view that he "more than anyone else" was responsible for the founding of the school. He was "of tremendous help" to the two founders of the school, Olive Dame Campbell and Margaret Butler Bidstrup.

Scroggs was an ardent rock hound and he played a major role in the founding of the Tri State Rockhounds.

He was a charter member of the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society, a former craftsman and historian. He was recognized for his work in opening Indian mounds for the Smithsonian Institute.

He was a retired merchant, farmer, school teacher and political leader. A graduate



Commission On Women To Meet In Cullowhee Monday

CULLOWHEE—The North Carolina Commission on the Education and Employment of Women will hold one of a series of three public hearings in Cullowhee on Monday.

The other two hearings are scheduled January 7 in Goldsboro and January 11 in Raleigh.

The series is planned to receive testimony from throughout the state on the principal areas of investigation undertaken by the commission since its establishment by the 1966 General Assembly.

Findings of the commission will be submitted with recommendations to the 1967 General Assembly.

Among areas being investigated by the commission are equal pay, equal employment opportunities and equal working conditions for women, kindergartens for five-year olds, licensed day care centers, taxes on heads of households, vocational counseling, job counseling, job upgrading and political participation by women.

State Sen. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines, commission chairman, said representatives of a number of state agencies will appear during the hearings to offer testimony. In addition, he urged that interested groups in areas where the hearings are scheduled plan to send representatives. All three sessions will be open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend, Sen. Gilmore said.

Mrs. Frank H. Brown Jr. of Cullowhee, a member of the commission, will be in charge of arrangements for the Cullowhee hearings. Groups in

Graves Blames "Politics"; Deputies Receive Raise

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to relieve J. L. "Bud" Graves of his duties as clerk to the commissioners. He was replaced by County Attorney L. J. Mason, Jr.

The vote was 4-1 with Chairman W. T. Moore casting two votes. Balloting followed straight party lines with Democrats Moore, Ray Smith and Archie Barton voting for L. J. Mason, Jr.

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

LICENSE 1967 PLATES

1234D DEALER MOTORCYCLE	1234E GENERAL PASSENGER	1234F COMMERCIAL	1234G TRUCK	1234H CONTRACT CARRIER	1234I MOTORCYCLE
201-N NATIONAL GUARD	J-1 GENERAL PASSENGER	A-1234 PRIVATE PASSENGER	1234-C GENERAL PASSENGER	1601 HEAVY TRUCK	1234-B GENERAL PASSENGER
1234-A GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-R GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-S GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-L GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-N GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-M GENERAL PASSENGER
1234-K GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-J GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-H GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-F GENERAL PASSENGER	W4A9Z GENERAL PASSENGER	1234-M GENERAL PASSENGER
1234-E GENERAL PASSENGER	PA-1234 PERMANENT	SENATE 101 PERMANENT	HOUSE 101 PERMANENT	P-40582 PERMANENT	

Tags for OR '67—The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will issue license plates in 25 classifications for 1967. The tags went on sale this week. The deadline for displaying the new plates will be Midnight, February 15. The 1967 plates are green on white and bear reflectorized paint. As part of Governor Dan Moore's highway safety program, motorists are urged to buy their tags early and avoid the last minute rush.