

George Washington's Birthday Sale To Offer Values, \$175 Cash Prizes

If George Washington were still alive, he'd be 236 years old next Wednesday but that isn't the most important thing to remember about Washington's Birthday.

What you'll want to remember is that Murphy merchants will be celebrating the birthday of our first President with a big Washington's Birthday Sale and to make it even more exciting for the customers, the Chamber of Commerce will be giving away \$175 in cash Tuesday and Wednesday.

You are invited to register for the two drawings at any of the local merchants who are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The drawing for a grand prize of \$100 will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday on the square.

The Washington's Birthday sale is one of several that the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will sponsor this year.

President Max Blakemore appointed committee chairmen for the year at a recent meeting of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Those appointed are: Traffic and Highway Committee, Dave Townsend, chairman, and Merle Davis, vice-chairman; Tourist Committee, A.G. Quinn and Ben Palmer, co-chairmen; Merchants Committee, Tommy Gentry; Finance and Membership Committee, Bud Alexander; Public Relations and Advertising Committee, P.J. Henn; Industrial Relations Committee, Ed Schulte; Agriculture Committee, Wayne Holland; Housing and medical facilities.

McSwain presented information on the long-sought Murphy-Tellico Plains road. The need for this road will be emphasized again this year with the 10th anniversary wagon train between the two towns on the Fourth of July weekend.

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Editor Invited To Join CAD Movement

Dave Bruce, Managing Editor of the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress, has been invited to join the recently-formed Congress For Appalachian Development.

The invitation to participate in the organization was extended to Bruce by President Harry M. Caudill of Whitesburg, Ky.

Caudill is an attorney and author who received widespread recognition for his best-selling book "Night Comes To The Cumberlands."

"We want you to join our Congress for Appalachian Development because people of your interest and background are indispensable to the success of this movement," Caudill told Bruce.

He asked Bruce to "contribute your experience and advice."

The Congress was formed last fall at Charleston, W. Va. and Caudill was recently elected president at a meeting in Abingdon, Va.

Caudill has offered a plan to build what he calls "a new Switzerland" in Appalachia.

He has proposed a rebuilding of the face of the Cumberland Plateau from Chattanooga to Huntington, W. Va. with a string of mountaintop cities.

Caudill said "most of the area is in a state of servile bondage to absentee industrial and financial interests" and he has called for a "lawful and just acquisition by the Appalachian people" of the area's resources to be held in public ownership and used for the general welfare of the people.

"There is no doubt this rich region has to be rescued from absenteeism if it is to have anything but a poor future," Caudill said.

Bruce has endorsed Caudill's plan and accepted



NORTH CAROLINA JAYCEE PRESIDENT IRVIN ALDRIDGE (l) presents the Charter for the Dare County Jaycees to President Clifton P. Wright (r) while Merritt Hooper, president of the Elizabeth City Jaycees and Jack Owens, president of the Murphy Jaycees, look on. Charter Night was the climax of a long effort by the Murphy club to complete the Murphy-to-Manteo extension, the longest Jaycee extension in North Carolina and believed to be the longest in the United States.

Murphy Jaycees Complete Mountain-To-Sea Extension

Almost a year's effort by the Murphy Jaycees came to a successful climax last Saturday night when the local club's extension resulted in the chartering of the Dare County Jaycees in Manteo.

Twelve Murphy Jaycees and six of their wives left here last Friday morning for the trip across North Carolina to the small coastal town 600 miles away.

The Piedmont and coastal areas of the state had been battered by a heavy snow storm the day before, but the Murphy group determined to push on toward fulfilling the "Mountain To The Sea" extension.

The 18 Murphy residents travelled in four cars. The local distributors for Esso, Pure, Phillips 66, and Sinclair provided the gasoline for the vehicles.

They had lunch with a group

of Asheville Jaycees enroute. The local group arrived in Manteo late Friday night and spent Saturday touring points of historical interest in the area, including the famed Kill Devil Hills site where the Wright Brothers began the air era in American history and the Last Colony, the settlement of Sir Walter Raleigh Saturday night, about 110 persons gathered at the John Yancey Motor Lodge for the Charter Night Banquet.

Irvin Aldridge, President of the North Carolina Jaycees presented the charter for the Dare County Club to President Clifton P. Wright.

Joe Roberson, National Jaycee Director from Plymouth, installed the officers of the new club.

The officers are, in addition to Wright, Phillip H. Quidley and Budgie Sadler, vice-presidents; Henry Bar-

bour, secretary; Charles Griffin, treasurer; and Lindell Ward, Stanford Sawyer and James Eskridge, directors.

Quidley recognized special guests present for the event and Roberson presented the president's pin.

Jack Owens, president of the Murphy Club, and Merritt Hooper, president of the Elizabeth City Jaycees, made remarks on behalf of the extending club, the co-extending clubs and their communities.

The main address at the meeting was made by Cabell Ramsey, immediate past president of the North Carolina Jaycees.

There are 29 members in the new Dare County organization. Members reside in Manteo, Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Wanchese.

On the return trip, the group was welcomed to Plymouth by Roberson and members of the Plymouth Jaycees who served coffee to the Murphy group.

The caravan stopped in Raleigh briefly for a visit to the state capitol building.

Those making the trip from Murphy included President, Jack Owens, Vice-President, Curtis Hewlett, immediate past director Tommy Gentry, state director James Helton and Mrs. Helton, director Don Decker, Lonnie Britt, Larry McNabb, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Carringer, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Carringer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frauson, Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Manchester.

Phillips Resigns As Westco Manager

L.J. (Jay) Phillips resigned Wednesday as district manager of Westco Telephone Co. Phillips said he is leaving to accept "a better opportunity" as a consulting engineer with J.B. McCrary Engineering Corp. in Atlanta. He will assume his new duties Monday.

Phillips has worked in the Murphy office since November, 1962. He came here prior to the change from Southern Bell to Westco which took place on January, 1963.

The company was in a constant period of expansion during his stay here. Phillips pointed out that when he came, there were 822 phones in



the Murphy exchange. Today, the district office which serves Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties has over 5,000 phones.

He noted that when he began his stay here, there was just one maintenance man in Murphy. Today, Westco has 13 employees in the district and there are 15 contract employees working here.

"I don't know of a better plant in the United States," Phillips said as he discussed the improvements that have taken place here.

"Westco is striving to give better service to this area," he said. The company, he observed, has not been able to expand its service fast enough due to the tremendous growth of the area.

Phillips has served a total of 26 years in the telephone industry. He was with Southern Bell and Continental Telephone Co. before joining West-

co. Westco is now controlled by Continental which is the third largest telephone company in the world.

"I enjoyed my work while in Murphy and appreciate the fine cooperation of the people in this area," Phillips concluded.

Westco has not yet named a replacement for Phillips.

Topton Native Killed In War

Lt. Miles Henry Nelson, a native of Topton, was killed Saturday in Vietnam.

He was the son of Mrs. Laura Postell Nelson of Andrews and the late Jack Nelson.

Other survivors: the widow, Mrs. Claudine Nelson and two children, Terry and JoAnne of Atlanta; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Rogers of Robbinville and Mrs. Faith Carpenter of Topton; two brothers, Sidney V. of the U.S. Army, Portland, Md. and Kenneth Nelson of the U.S. Army, Vietnam; and the maternal grandfather, Tom Postell of Topton.

The body will be returned to Topton for services and burial.

Free Vaccine Available Here

Free measles vaccine is available each Tuesday at the Public Health Office in Murphy while the present supply lasts.

Any pre-school child or any child in the elementary grades who has not had "red measles" nor the measles vaccine is urged to get the vaccine. It is an effective and safe immunization.

Measles can be a severe disease and is of particular concern because of frequent complications including broncho-pneumonia, middle ear infection and encephalitis. The encephalitis which follows measles approximately once per 1,000 cases results in permanent brain damage and subsequent mental retardation.

An average of one measles death occurs in every 10,000 cases.

Governor Asks State Tax Cut

RALEIGH-- Gov. Dan K. Moore proposed a \$23.3 million tax cut for the next biennium Monday night.

The Governor asked the General Assembly to increase the state income tax exemptions in order to assist low-income families, families with children in school and college, military personnel in Vietnam and older citizens.

"We can give tax relief without reducing any vital service," Moore told the lawmakers.

He proposed that the dependency exemption on state income tax be raised from \$300 to \$600 per year.

An additional \$600 exemption would be allowed for each dependent enrolled in full-time study in any institution of higher learning.

Persons 65 and older would be allowed an additional \$1,000 exemption.

All service pay for enlisted personnel and \$500 per month for commissioned officers would be exempt while the individual was serving in a combat zone.

Friday To Be Coffee Day

"Coffee Day", a part of the local Heart Fund Drive, will be held on Friday according to Jack Thompson, "Coffee Day" chairman.

Proceeds from all coffee sold on that day in the Cherokee, O'Dell's, Tar Heel and Bizzy Burger, restaurants will be donated to the Heart Fund.

The "Heart-Days-for-Business" Drive, headed by Tommy Palmer, began on Monday and will continue throughout the week.

This drive is a canvass of local commercial and professional offices which gives businessmen an opportunity to contribute to the annual Heart Fund collection.

Thread Co. Buys Weaverville Tract

American Thread Co. has purchased a tract of land near Weaverville for possible use as the site of a proposed technology center.

The announcement was made last Thursday by E.B. Shaw, president of the company, through the industry and Business Department of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

The center, if it is constructed, would be the fourth American Thread facility in western North Carolina.

The company has plans in operation near Rosman and Sevier and is presently constructing a new plant at Marble.

No Opposition To Zoning, Minor Changes Requested

About sixty persons attended a hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance for the Town of Murphy Monday night at the Power Board Building.

No opposition to the ordinance was voiced, but several property owners requested changes which they felt would be consistent with the uses of their property.

Dr. Richard Yearwood of Asheville, representing the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, expressed "concern about the Highway-Business corridors" along Hiwassee St. in the Bealtown section and along US 64 East.

These Highway-Business designations had been made by the Town Board and were not in the original proposal.

Several Bealtown residents had indicated they would prefer Hiwassee St. zoned Highway-Business instead of the original residential classification.

The Board indicated some time ago that there was no reason for preventing business development along

US 64 East although it is considered highly unlikely that any development will take place there due to the topographical features of the area.

Jack Owens, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee, told the hearing the zoning ordinance "will be fair to each and every one of us."

Herman Edwards served as moderator for the hearing and after recognizing special guests, he called for statements from those present.

Spokesmen for Hiwassee Land Co. and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad requested an adjustment in the zones proposed around the land company's lumber yard and the railroad's Y-track.

The present proposal calls for a portion of that property to be in a Residential-Two area and the spokesmen requested that the boundary between R-2 and Industrial Heavy Commercial be designated at Cherokee St.

O.R. Bragg, speaking for the railroad, said the present

proposal "prevents future development" in the area.

While the ordinance will not affect present operations, it is believed a new rail siding, for instance, could not be built in a R-2 area. Bragg pointed out that Hiwassee Land Co. might wish to expand their operation in the future and add another track there.

S.C. Patton and Cliff Radford asked that a portion of the Hilltop area in east Murphy be changed from Residential One to R-2.

Patton expressed possible interest in using some of his property to develop a mobile home park and this could not be done in a R-1 area.

Patton and Radford also said they understood some of the area was being considered as a possible site for a new housing project and the R-1 designation would ban the multi-family units a project entails.

J.E. Hughes, owner of the building recently vacated by Clifton Precision at Hiwassee and Church Sts., asked that his property be designated Industrial Heavy Commercial instead of the proposed Highway-Business.

Hughes said the HB designation would prevent him from leasing the building to another industrial concern.

Bunch Nugent, speaking for the U.S. Forest Service, noted that the Forest Service property in Bealtown is now considered R-2 and he questioned whether this would prevent future expansion of the agency here.

Lewis King, owner of the cattle barn in Bealtown, agreed with the overall R-2 designation for the area where the barn is located but asked that the land the barn is on be considered General Business.

L.L. Mason, Jr. told the hearing he favors reserving East Hill St. (US 19-129 East) for residential development. He specifically referred to the area from Valley River Avenue east to the top of the hill, a distance of two blocks.

Several other persons asked for clarifications on various aspects of the ordinance.

The Town Board will review the comments and requests made at Monday's hearing before enacting the ordinance.

At the regular monthly meeting, following the hearing, the Board agreed to run a one-and-one-half inch water line to serve a mobile home owned by Marvin Curtis. The mobile home is on Deweese St.

Police Commissioner Wally Williams told the Board some driving practices which he ordered stopped apparently are not covered by state law or town ordinance at the present time.

The Board, at Williams request, directed Attorney Herman Edwards to determine if laws exist and if there are omissions, Edwards is to draft ordinances for the Board to consider at its next meeting.

Williams also proposed that citations with a minimum of \$5 be issued for illegal parking. The citations would replace the present tickets and would have to be disposed of before a magistrate. This would add a minimum of \$15 costs to the citation.

It was determined that there is an ordinance which forbids parking in one meter space for over two hours even if money is put in the meter. Williams said he will direct the police to arrest violators immediately.

The Board unanimously accepted the proposal by Kenneth Godfrey that the Town buy a membership in the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association.

Godfrey told the Board that UHWDA is active in promoting Murphy and said the plan that which will be marketed this spring will be effective in publicizing the scenic attractions in the Murphy area.

She said she feels any person who has no children of their own but "has love to give should open up their home" to a child available for adoption.

Over 1,800 Sign School, Commissioner Petitions

Over 1,800 signatures have been gathered on petitions seeking popular election of school board members in Cherokee County and Murphy and a change to an odd number of county commissioners which would eliminate the present double-vote given to the chairman.

The petitions, which were initiated by the Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee, were forwarded to Sen. Mary Faye Brumby and Rep. Wiley A. McGlamery last week by registered mail.

Three seats, Chairman W.T. Moore casts an extra vote to break ties.

Sen. Brumby told The Scout Tuesday, "I don't know yet what action will be taken" on the petitions.

Regarding the school board petition, she said "before I make my decision I would want to consult with the school people in Murphy."

She said both petitions will be considered and a decision will be made on her part "after very careful consideration."

On Gov. Moore's tax-cut proposal, Sen. Brumby indicated she wished to study the measure further before making a stand.

She said that while everyone certainly would like a tax-cut the issue of an adequate raise in pay for school teachers would have to be resolved, too.

Moore's tax-cut "may have to be revised after a complete going over," she said.

Sen. Brumby is believed to be the first woman to serve as chairman of a senate committee in North Carolina. She was recently appointed to head the Library Committee by Lt. Gov. Bob Scott.

Other assignments for the Murphy legislator include the vice-chairmanship of the Committee on Retirement and Employment Security and a seat on the Wildlife and Public Roads Committee.

Over one thousand signatures were on the petitions requesting that school board members be elected instead of appointed.

The petition states that under the present set-up, board members are selected "from one political party... with total disregard for qualifications or ability to serve."

The request for changing the membership of the County Board of Commissioners contains over 800 signatures.

This petition asks that the law be changed to "prevent the inequality that exists and eliminate the double vote by the chairman."

Under the present local law in effect, the Democrats are able to control the commissioners because, although each party holds

Area Brothers Meet For First Time In California

Two natural brothers who were adopted by different Cherokee County families met for the first time in the ages of 36 and 30 recently in Los Angeles.

They are Elmer G. Blair, 36, the adopted son of Mrs. Fred Blair and the late Mr. Blair of Murphy, and Bill Ledford, 30, the adopted son of Mrs. Herman Ledford and the late Rev. Herman Ledford of Cherokee County.

Elmer had been living in Fremont, Calif., near San Francisco, since his discharge from the Navy. He attended school at Fontana Dam through the ninth grade while his father was working on the construction of the dam.

The Blairs then left this area until Mrs. Blair returned recently.

Bill is living in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Blair said she gave her

son Bill's address, which she secured from his mother. Elmer then corresponded with Bill and they talked by telephone.

The happy meeting was planned and Elmer made the 400 mile trip to Bill's home.

Mrs. Blair said she and her late husband adopted Elmer when he was about two years old. They later had two sons of their own.

"I have always considered Elmer my oldest son," she said. "There was no difference to me between him and my real sons. I'm proud of Elmer, he turned out to be a fine citizen and never gave me any trouble."

She said she feels any person who has no children of their own but "has love to give should open up their home" to a child available for adoption.

Water Festival Plans Announced

Jaycee President Jack Owens announced plans today for the fourth annual Jaycee Lake Hiwassee Water Festival to be held on July 1-4. Overall chairman for the four-day event will be Immediate Past President, Tommy Gentry.

President Owens stated that this year's Festival will be bigger and better than ever. The Murphy Jaycees plan to co-ordinate their four-day Festival with the 10th anniversary Tellico to Murphy Wagon Train.

This year's Water Festival will include a Miss Lake Hiwassee Beauty Show, a boat race on Lake Hiwassee, two square dances, a fishing contest, a fireworks display and a board contest.

Beard contest chairman, James Helton, stated that the contest gets under way on the 15th of February, 1967 and runs until the judging on July 4th at the Murphy Fairgrounds.

Rules for entry are simple - you must be clean shaven and sign an official entry blank after the 15th of February. Entry blanks can be secured at most businesses in the Tri-State area.

Girl Slashes Self In Jail

A 18-year-old Andrews girl who was being held in the Cherokee County Jail for transportation to the mental facility at Morganton slashed herself with a razor.

Over 100 stitches were required to close the wounds.

Sheriff Claude Anderson said the girl was taken to Morganton on Monday.