

Funeral Homes To Discontinue Ambulance Service

Commissioners OK New Deputy; Harry Bishop Named Tax Collector

The Cherokee County Board Hendrix as county accountant of Commissioners voted Monday to authorize Sheriff Claude Anderson to hire a part-time deputy to work the

lower end of the county. They set the deputy's salary at \$100 per month. He stained. will be hired on a trail basis until June 30.

Jack Simonds said the need for more law enforcement in that section of the county was great.

He pointed out that since constable fees were elimnated under the new Disrict Court plan, there was virtually no law enforcement n the area. Chariman W.T. Moore said

"I've heard a lot of complaints from down there" and proposed the trial, part-time plan. Moore, Simonds, Luther

Dockery and Carlyle Matheon voted for the proposal. Ray Sims and Andrew Baron abstained.

Anderson named Virgil Hosed of the Wolf Creek section or the new position.

The Commissioners accept ed the resignation of Clarence



Church Venture Starts Sunday velopment Club, Both Boy

up to the SHC to determine and tax collector. when the work is done. They named Harry Bishop The SHC will also be asked

their help on the problem of

fathers that desert their fam-

Sims called the Board's

attention to the need for roof

repairs at Hiwassee Dam and

Ranger Schools. School Sup-

erintendent Lloyd Hendrix was

questioned about the matter.

Hendrix was directed to in-

The Commissioners have

They also accepted the con-

tract with John Talbert and

services during the expansion

Superior Court session which

of the Andrews airport.

ilies.

to replace Hendrix. to check on repairs needed Moore, Sims, Barton and on Pack Mountain Road. Matheson voted for Bishop. The Commissioners rec-Simonds and Dockery abeived a letter from the County Welfare Board requesting

Sims noted that roads on which repairs had been requested last month were not taken care of. He suggested that theBoard call this to the

attention of the State Highway Commission. Several requests were received for work on church and cemetery roads. They include Friendship, Shoal Creek, Bear

vestigate the need for repairs Paw, Bell Hill, Bellview and at both schools and to receive Ledford. bids on the work. The commissioners agreed designated Easter Monday, recommend to the SHC March 27, as a holiday. The

spending up to \$500 for repairs requested on the bridge and courthouse will be closed. road leading to the Vengance Creek Cemetery. The normal policy is to Associates, Inc. for engineer

to

allot up to \$500 for the use of any one church and cemetery road. Work on these roads is belopens March 28.

ieved delayed due to the bad weather and the heavy work load of the highway crews at this time of the year. The commissioners pointed

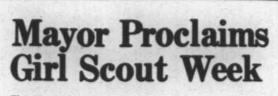
out that they simply recommend the repairs and it

Town Clean-Up Scheduled

An all out effort to "cleanup" Murphy has been planned by local civic clubs for the week of March 20-25.

Clubs participating are Rotary, Civitan, Lions, Business and Professional Women, American Legion Auxiliary, Rescue Squad and Rescue Squad Auxiliary, Jay-

25 Year Club cees, American Legion, Cherokee Rose Garden Club, Murphy Garden Club, the Ch-FRANKLIN--Olen Lee amber of Commerce, Texanna Stratton of Andrews, com-Willing Worker's Circle, and pleted 25 years of service Texanna Community Dewith



The Honorable Cloe Moore today proclaimed March 12 to 18 as Girl Scout Week.

The proclamation pays tribute to Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. on its 25th anniversary, and highlights the organization's new triennium theme: "Values To Hold--World To Explore." It reads in part:

'Within this theme Girl Scouts have a twofold purpose: to strive to apply the verities of character, conduct, patriotism and service in an age in which these verities can so easily be lost; and to more vigorously explore the worlds about them -- the worlds of home, community, nation and other lands -- thereby bringing further understanding to their own lives and the lives of others."

Mayor Moore calls upon all citizens of Murphy to give Girl Scouting "their continued interest, cooperation, and support so that increasing numbers of girls ages seven through " may benefit and, in their turn, bring greater benefit to the lives their lives touch.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was founded by Juliette Gorcon Low in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912. From 12 girls in the original troop, the organization has grown in membership to more than three million girls and two-third million adults.

The Girl Scout Week proclamation was signed by the Mayor in the presence of Carolyn Graves local Public Relations Representative for the Girl Scouts.

Man Killed In **Truck Wreck**

ROBBINSVILLE -- A Gra-A jury list was drawn for the ham county man was killed in a truck accident on N.C. 28 about 23 miles east of Fontana Dam near Johnson's Gap on Sunday.

Hurshel Henry Holder, 48, Rt. 2, Robbinsville, was pronounced dead on arrival at a Bryson City hospital. Highway Patrolman W.R. Boyles said the half-ton truck driven by Holder ran off the road and plunged down an embankment onto a rock bed. Holder was taken to the hospital by the Stecoah Resche Squad.

Bank Wiring Catches Fire

The Murphy Volunteer Firemen were called to fight Stratton Joins a fire in the wiring at Citizen's Bank and Trust Company last Friday morning.

The blaze was in almost the same spot as one which broke out last October 24. It was believed that the fire was caused by over-Nantahala Power and heating of ballast in the flou-

rescent fixtures.

mess left by the fire.



Dockery Named Store Manager

Benny Dockery, 28, of Murphy, has been named manager of the local Thriftee Discount Store.

He succeeds Bobby Phillips who has been assigned as manager of the Thrif-tee store in Hendersonville. Phillips has served as manager here since the Murphy store opened in March, 1966.

Dockery, a native of Ch

Clay, Graham Solve Problem; Meeting In Murphy Set For Friday

Ivie and Townson Funeral Homes have announced that taey will cease ambulance service in this area effective March 31.

Peyton Ivie and J.C.Townson appeared before the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to inform them of their decision Monday.

Clay Lions Back UHWDA, Scouts

Ed Swartz, secretary-treasurer of the Upper Hiawassee Watershed Development Assocation: Dave Bruce, cha mian of UHWDA'S tourisni and recreation work grou, and Marvis Cunningham, Tributary Area Development representative for TVA, addressed the Clay County Lions Club last Thursday at the Hinton Rural Life

trio explained UH WDA's place-mat project to the club and a ked support for it.

The multi-color place mat showing major points of tourist interest in the fivecounty UHWDA area, is expected to be put on sale prior to the start of this year' tourist season.

Explaining UHWDA's function, Swartz said "development is a slow process and we are just now beginning to crawl" in the five-county area, 'but we have begun". He urged the Lions Club members to support UHWDA by purchasing indivdual memberships and encouraging bus-

"It was a very hard decision to make", Ivie said, but he and Townson both pointed out that it was impossible for the

been a loosing proposition but the new wage requirements funeral homes to continue offering the service. Both men blamed the new minimum wage law for the

Bruce told the Lions, "we

have as much to offer the

tourist as any other area in

the mountains. In many

ways, we have more. But we

must let the tourist know what

we have and this place-mat

"Too many people are pa-

ssing through our area on their

Bruce noted. "Our place-mat

will encourage them to stay with us a while."

The club members indicated

Dan Angel of Murphy also

He presented a charter for

the Lions to continue sponsor-

ing Boy Scout activities in

Clay County. Angel said he met with 22

boys earlier in the day who

are interested in scouting and

he hoped sufficient adult lea-

dership could be found to keep

the scout program going in

LionPresident Phillip Ho-

well urged the members to

their willingness to support

the place-mat project.

addressed the club.

way to somewhere else,"

will let them know."

made it impossible to sustain additional losses. Ivie and Townson indicated decision. "That's it, there's their willingness to work toward a satisfactory solution no question about it," Townfor the three counties they

It was pointed out that am-

bulance service has always

son told The Scout.

serve, Cherokee, Clay and Graham. Both also said they would be willing to give their ambulances to responsible groups taking over the service.

Ivie said he would give the ambulances to a responsible operator "as a matter of my responsibility to the public."

The Cherokee Commissioners have scheduled a special meeting at the Courthouse for 7 p.m. Friday to seek a solution to the problem.

Hospital officials and rescue squad officers have been invited to attend.

It is believed an arrangement with the Andrews Rescue Squad will be made. At press time, there was no indication of how the service in Murphy would be handled.

Ivie met later in the day with the Clay County Board of Commissioners and a solution was reached for ambulance service there.

Howard Wimpey, Tom Wimpey and Ed Ledford agreed to form the Clay Ambulance Service. They will

be assisted by the Clay Commissioners. A meeting was held Mon-

day night in Graham County to determine steps to be made there.

Townson said plans are being made for the county and the Rescue Squad to work together on a new service.

He said Townson Funeral Home would loan an ambulance to the Graham group until they get the vehicle they de-

work for a successful bloodmobile visit in Hayesville today (Thursday). inesses to join, too.

Target"2" Officially

the county.

Center.

The FirstMethodistChurch of Murphy will join with the ther Methodist Churches in ur area in the Venture in Paith, March 12-15.

The Rev. L. Donald Ellis. dinister of Membership, West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N.C., vill be the Guest Minister. Services will be at ll a.m. unday and 7:30 p.m. nightly Morning services will be held Monday-Wednesday, 7:30-B:00 a.m.

Rev. Ellis was born in ampa, Fla., and lived most of his early life in Georgia. le is a graduate of Western Carolina College and the Canller School of Theology, Emory University. He is an ex-Army Sergeant Major and has erved churches in Lawrenceville, Ga.; Webster, Canton and Old Fort, N.C.

Cherokee County citizens will remember him as Peronnel Manager and Assistant Plant Superintendent of Van Raalte Company, Inc.

He is married to the forner Clara Taylor, of Pe- of chtree and they have five actively participate in this children. program.

Light Company last week to Scouts and Girl Scouts will help with the drive.

The town has been divided into five sections, with a chairman appointed for each. street to contact residents and act as supervisor. On Wednesday, March 22, the anti-litter campaign will reach its peak when the town siren will blow at 1 p.m. to summon all volunteer workers to meet and begin a special clean-up march. Town trucks

and privately owned vehicles will be on hand to haul litter to garbage dumps.

Arrangements have been made with Bill Hughes, elementary school principal, to let all school children out for one hour that afternoon to clean litter from the school and fair grounds. A litterbug poster contest is being conducted at the school as a forerunner to

the campaign. The civic clubs behind the drive urge each citizen to look about at the clutter, litter and junk in Murphy and as a matter civic pride to plan to

become the 48th member of the Company's 25 Year Club. A native of Cherokee Co-

Olen Stratton

unty, Stratton was employed by Nantahala March 1, 1942 as an apprentice Power House Operator. After a short apprenticeship at the Company's Mission Plant, he was promoted to Power House Operator at the Thorpe Plant until August 30, 1942 when he was transferred to the Nantahala Plant.

On June 1, 1949 he was promoted to Shift Foreman at the Nantahala Plant, his current position.

PO Accepting Applications

All first and second class post offices in North Carolina are now accepting applications for substitute clerks and substitute carriers.

The starting salary is \$2.64 per hour. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

erokee County is married to the former Miss Judy Fisher The bank was plunged into darkness and the lobby was of Murphy.

filled with smoke. Business They have three children, was suspended to clean the Benny Jr., 6; Michael, 5; and April, 2.

The State Association was

organized in 1937 and through

its history has been dedicated

to seeking improvements in

North Carolina Public Educ-

ation. From its offices in

Chapel Hill the Association

members and school commit-

teemen at the local evel. Pro-

fessor Guy B. Phillips of

Greensboro, the principal or-

ganizer of the Association, cu-

rrently serves as its Con-

works with school board

District 18 School Boards To Meet

retary.

The annual meeting of the Hugh S. Beal is District Sec-District Eighteen School Boards Association will be held at Swain County High School, Bryson City on March 16, with registration beginning at 4:15 p.m. The theme for this year's gathering of school board members discommitteemen and trict school administrators is "The Challenge of Change in 1967"

School units included in the district are Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties, and Andrews and Murphy City Units.

Following registration, the afternoon program will consist of discussion groups on "The Legislative Program", "Community col-leges", and "The New Math" Prominent lay and professional educators from the discrict will lead these discussions.

Dr. Fred Bentley, Presibe the principal speaker for the evening session. His address will follow a banquet to be held in the Swain County High School Cafeteria at 6:15 p.m.

area conferences These of the North Carolina State Boards Association annually attract over 4,000 school Board members, committeemen, educators, and other interested persons. An at-tendance of about 200 is anticipated for the District Eighteen meeting.

James 1. Price of the Clay County School Board 1s curcently serving as District resident and Superintendent Launched In County

The most ambitious Agriculture Extension Program, "Target 2" ever undertaken by Cherokee County has been officially launched after a year of planning. Cherokee County has taken "the big step forward" in unveiling a five-year plan for progress in thefields of agriculture and home economics.

Through Target 2, the program that has been launched through county-by-county study which involved some study 7,600 key leaders across the state, one goal of the new long range opportunities program is to increase the growth of the North Carolina agriculture economy at the rate of sixper cent for the next five years this will be a gross value of \$2 billion by 1971.

The county-by-county . tudy included the executive committee: Joe Maxwell, president; Mrs. Virginia Townson, secretary; W.I. Brown, chairman agriculture committe; S.J. Gernert, chairman youth committee; John gill chairman family living committee and many other Cherokee County citizens and the staff of North Carolina State University's School of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The local program is part of an overall state wide program of the Agricultural Extension Service at N.C. State University which was launched by Governor Dan Moore and University officials. We are fortunate in N.C. to be already moving toward a greater utilization of our agriculture resources -skilled people, good land and increasing knowledge. The first of these five year programs-1.6 in '66 was successful even though its goals were not realized fully. Local goals during the fiveear period include increasing farm income, increasing Demonstration Clubs Home from 10 to 15 thus reaching a large percent of families with nome-making information and increasing the number of 4-H Clubs from tine to nineteen by 1971. this plan will include grain on grass operation ...

more involvement in 4-H and Community Development.

Jack E. Earley, Cherokee County Extension Chairman has announced that the new program is already being im- to become efficient in feeding plemented and the Extension Staff with the assistance of the and cow-calf operators to be-Extension Advisory Board, come efficient in forage prodwill be measuring progress at intervals throughout the year gement practices. and evaluating total progress toward the five-year goals at the end of each of the five

years until 1967. He added that the county and

flexibility to allow for adjustments and shifts of emphasis during the course of the fiveyear development effort. Cheokee County's goals under Target 2 are:

A. Increased Livestock Production- (Beef & Swine) \$152,850.

B. Increased Poultry Production \$357,800

C. Increased Soybean Production \$25,320

D. Increased Cucumber Production \$64,000 E. Increased green pepper (Fresh & Processing) \$37,800 F. Increased Forest Pro-

duction \$117,638 G. Increased Trellised Tomato Production \$71,000 H. Ornamental Production

\$15,500 Home Demonstration L

Clubs from 10 to 15 J. 4-H Clubs from 9 to

34 K. Reach a larger per-cent of families with homemaking information.

L. Increase number of people involved in 4-H and Community Development work. One of the potential opportunities to increase income in Cherokee County is through beef cattle production, feedlot and cow-calf operations. It was noted by the Advisory Cominittee that the developmen of the beef enterprise is restricted by the distance to a good market for feeder calves and the lack of knowledge of the income possibilities of producing stocker cattle or of conducting feed-lot or

Objectives are for beef cattle producers to organize a local cooperative feeder calf and or

yearling sale; present and potential feed-lot operators and management practices; uction, feeding and mana-

Cherokee County, with the southern latitude providing

long days at cool temperatures has a favorable situation for intensive crops such as small state programs have built-in fruits and ornamentals such as Christmas trees and nursery crops.

The production of horticulture crops, primarily trellised tomatoes and bell peppers, offers a good opportunity to increase farm income. Objectives call for potential producers to acquire a favorable attitude toward tomato and pepper production as a full or part-time income. With the tomato school progressing, 25 new producers are to become skillful in producing tomatoes the first year and seven each year for the next four years. Twenty new producers are expected to produce peppers by 1971.

There are 21% of the married women in Cherokee County in the labor force and this takes time from family living and very much energy is put in outside employment. The new five-year plan of work has programs planned to better serve this group.

Of the 3,000 youth in Cherokee County between the ages of 9---19 only seven percent are participating in 4-H Club work. Under the new fiveyear plan, older teenager's will have the opportunity to participate in clubs organized for them

In Community Resource Development, the new plan will inform the public . : community citizens of the strength in group action and will stren-gthen the Community Dev aptraining lesder:

order others tune

JAY HAWKINS (center) receives a certificate for completion of the toniato growers course hich ended last week at the John C. Campbell Folk School. John Ramsay, instructor, makes the resentation while another instructor, Bert Smith, looks on. There were 45 graduates in the ourse conducted by Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute with funds from the ' appower raining and Development Act.

retary.

which was reorganized last chamber membership plaques for 1966.

When dues for 1967 are

Jaycees for advance work th Plains-Murphy Wagon 100 Irain.

on the Fourth of July weekend.

The wagon train activities will be tied in with the Jaycees' water Festival.

sultant. Dr. Raleigh E. Gingman of Chapel Hill is the Association's Executive Sec-**Plaques** Ordered For CC Members

Members of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce

paid, the members will also receive an additional plaque

At a meeting Monday night, the chamber voted to donate up to \$200 to the Murphy Jaycees will do on the Tell-

with 1967 inscribed on it.

dent of Mars Hill College will year, will soon receive

The Wagon train will make its across-the-mountains trip