



Funeral Homes To Discontinue Ambulance Service

Commissioners OK New Deputy; Harry Bishop Named Tax Collector

The Cherokee County Board 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 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 eliminated under the new District Court plan, there was virtually no law enforcement in 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 Matheson voted for the proposal. Ray Sims and Andrew Barton abstained.

Anderson named Virgil Hogs of the Wolf Creek section for the new position.

The Commissioners accepted the resignation of Clarence

Hendrix as county accountant and tax collector.

They named Harry Bishop to replace Hendrix.

Moore, Sims, Barton and Matheson voted for Bishop. Simonds and Dockery abstained.

Sims noted that roads on which repairs had been requested last month were not taken care of. He suggested that the Board 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 Paw, Bell Hill, Bellview and Ledford.

The commissioners agreed to recommend to the SHC spending up to \$500 for repairs requested on the bridge and road leading to the Vengeance Creek Cemetery.

The normal policy is to allot up to \$500 for the use of any one church and cemetery road.

Work on these roads is believed 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

is up to the SHC to determine when the work is done.

The SHC will also be asked to check on repairs needed on Pack Mountain Road.

The Commissioners received a letter from the County Welfare Board requesting their help on the problem of fathers that desert their families.

Sims called the Board's attention to the need for roof repairs at Hiwassee Dam and Ranger Schools. School Superintendent Lloyd Hendrix was questioned about the matter.

Hendrix was directed to investigate the need for repairs at both schools and to receive bids on the work.

The Commissioners have designated Easter Monday, March 27, as a holiday. The courthouse will be closed.

They also accepted the contract with John Talbert and Associates, Inc. for engineer services during the expansion of the Andrews airport.

A jury list was drawn for the Superior Court session which opens March 28.

Mayor Proclaims Girl Scout Week

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 triennial 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 17 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 Gort on 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.

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

Ivie and Townson Funeral Homes have announced that they 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.

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

Both men blamed the new minimum wage law for the decision. "That's it, there's no question about it," Town-

son told The Scout. It was pointed out that ambulance service has always been a losing proposition but the new wage requirements made it impossible to sustain additional losses.

Ivie and Townson indicated their willingness to work toward a satisfactory solution for the three counties they 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 Monday 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 desire.

Clay Lions Back UHWDA, Scouts

Ed Swartz, secretary-treasurer of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association; Dave Bruce, chairman of UHWDA's tourism and recreation work group; and Marvis Cunningham, Tributary Area Development representative for TVA, addressed the Clay County Lions Club last Thursday at the Hinton Rural Life Center.

The trio explained UHWDA's place-mat project to the club and asked support for it.

The multi-color place mat showing major points of tourist interest in the five-county UHWDA area, is expected to be put on sale prior to the start of this year's 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 individual memberships and encouraging businesses to join, too.

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 will let them know."

"Too many people are passing through our area on their way to somewhere else," Bruce noted. "Our place-mat will encourage them to stay with us a while."

The club members indicated their willingness to support the place-mat project.

Dan Angel of Murphy also addressed the club.

He presented a charter for the Lions to continue sponsoring 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 leadership could be found to keep the scout program going in the county.

Lion President Phillip Howell urged the members to work for a successful bloodmobile visit in Hayesville today (Thursday).

Man Killed In Truck Wreck

ROBBINSVILLE--A Graham 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 Rescue Squad.



Benny Dockery

Dockery Named Store Manager

Benny Dockery, 28, of Murphy, has been named manager of the local Thrift-tee Discount Store.

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

Dockery, a native of Cherokee County is married to the former Miss Judy Fisher of Murphy.

They have three children, Benny Jr., 6; Michael, 5; and April, 2.

Bank Wiring Catches Fire

The Murphy Volunteer Firemen were called to fight a fire in the wiring at Citizens' 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 overheating of ballast in the fluorescent fixtures.

The bank was plunged into darkness and the lobby was filled with smoke. Business was suspended to clean the mess left by the fire.

District 18 School Boards To Meet

The annual meeting of the 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, district committeemen and school administrators is "The Challenge of Change in 1967"

Hugh S. Beal is District Secretary.

The State Association was organized in 1937 and through its history has been dedicated to seeking improvements in North Carolina Public Education. From its offices in Chapel Hill the Association works with school board members and school committeemen at the local level. Professor Guy B. Phillips of Greensboro, the principal organizer of the Association, currently serves as its Consultant. Dr. Raleigh E. Gingman of Chapel Hill is the Association's Executive Secretary.

Plaques Ordered For CC Members

Members of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce which was reorganized last year, will soon receive chamber membership plaques for 1966.

When dues for 1967 are paid, the members will also receive an additional plaque with 1967 inscribed on it.

At a meeting Monday night, the chamber voted to donate up to \$200 to the Murphy Jaycees for advance work the Jaycees will do on the Tellico Plains-Murphy Wagon Train.

The wagon train will make its across-the-mountains trip on the Fourth of July weekend.

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

James I. Price of the Clay County School Board is currently serving as District President and Superintendent

Town Clean-Up Scheduled

An all out effort to "clean-up" 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, Jaycees, American Legion, Cherokee Rose Garden Club, Murphy Garden Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Texanna Willing Worker's Circle, and Texanna Community Development Club. Both Boy 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 of civic pride to plan to actively participate in this program.



Olen Stratton

Stratton Joins 25 Year Club

FRANKLIN--Olen Lee Stratton of Andrews, completed 25 years of service with Nantahala Power and Light Company last week to become the 48th member of the Company's 25 Year Club.

A native of Cherokee County, 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.



Rev. Ellis

Church Venture Starts Sunday

The First Methodist Church of Murphy will join with other Methodist Churches in our area in the Venture in Faith, March 12-15.

The Rev. L. Donald Ellis, Minister of Membership, West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N.C., will be the Guest Minister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. nightly Morning services will be held Monday-Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 a.m.

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

Cherokee County citizens will remember him as Personnel Manager and Assistant Plant Superintendent of Varrault Company, Inc.

He is married to the former Clara Taylor, of Peachtree and they have five children.



JAY HAWKINS (center) receives a certificate for completion of the tomato growers course which ended last week at the John C. Campbell Folk School. John Ramsey, instructor, makes the presentation while another instructor, Bert Smith, looks on. There were 46 graduates in the course conducted by Asheville-Funcheon Technical Institute with funds from the Department of Training and Development Act.