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Pete Stalcup Named Acting Chief Of Police

Ambulance Service Unresolved; County Subsidy Seems Certain

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting in the courtroom Friday night to determine possible steps to take to assure county residents of ambulance service after March 31. Both Ivie and Townson Funeral Homes have announced they are stopping service as of that date.

Peyton Ivie, J.C. Townson representatives of Providence Hospital and Andrews District Memorial Hospital, and the Andrews and Cherokee County Rescue Squads attended the meeting.

Everyone agreed that a serious problem must be solved but no one had a solution which was acceptable to other interests present at the meeting.

The hospital officials indicated they would not be able to take over the service.

The Rescue Squads do not feel they can assume responsibility although they indicated

a willingness to work with whoever might take over the ambulances.

The commissioners questioned Ivie and Townson about the possibility of the funeral homes continuing the service with a subsidy from the county.

Both funeral directors restated the position they took at the regular commissioners meeting last week when they said it was financially impossible for them to continue offering the service. They explained that the new wage and hour law has increased their labor costs to a level they can not maintain.

The commissioners expressed their willingness to consider a subsidy but said they must have more definite cost figures before they can make a final decision.

Chairman W.T. Moore asked those present to prepare an estimate of the costs involved and to meet again with the commissioners

this week.

It seems certain that a county subsidy will be made regardless of who assumes responsibility for ambulance service. The towns of Andrews and Murphy will probably be asked to join in payment of a subsidy.

Two Arrested In Breakin

Chief of Police Pete Stalcup, Assistant Chief Dale Earwood and Patrolman Lawrence Beal arrested two men they found in a house in Bealtown Tuesday night.

Jimmy Brown, 20, of Murphy, and James Clark, 20, of Asheville, were jailed and charged with breaking and entering.

The house is furnished and owned by Frank Hensley. It is located on Hiwassee St. No one is living in it at the present time.

Stalcup said he received a call informing him that a light was on in an upstairs room.

The policemen surrounded the house. They found the back door open and a window on the front had been forced.

They found Brown and Clark hiding beside a bed.

Marble Area Power To Be Off Sunday

Nantahala Power & Light Co. has announced that power will be off in the Marble area Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

All customers below Andrews Airport to the Regal, Slow Creek and Fairview Road below Jack Herbert will be affected.

The cut-off is being made to do necessary maintenance work.

Lady Bird Receives Warm WNC Welcome

By Dave Bruce

CULLOWHEE-----An unseasonably warm sun beat down on the campus of Western Carolina College and a standing-room-only crowd gave an enthusiastic welcome to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson as she dedicated the Hunter Library Wing in a ceremony in the Reid Gymnasium Tuesday afternoon.

The First Lady, dressed in dark green, came to WCC after inspecting a school in a remote section of Canada Township in the southern part of Jackson County.

She went to Canada to observe the National Teacher Corps in action and visit with the 100 students at the school.

Mrs. Johnson was accompanied by Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare John W. Gardner, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, Rep. and Mrs. Roy A. Taylor and Mrs. Billy Graham.

Mrs. Graham offered the invocation in the ceremony at WCC. In her prayer, the wife of Rev. Billy Graham asked God to bless President Johnson for his "concern for the

poor" and Mrs. Johnson for the "enthusiasm" she displays in support of her husband.

Secretary Gardner said attending college dedications is nothing unusual for him, "but I'm never bored with it." He said there is "nothing I care about more deeply" than education.

Gardner warned his audience "there are other suter tyrants than kings and dictators." These include ignorance, poverty and racial discrimination.

"No other President has worked harder for the dignity of the individual" than President Johnson, Gardner said.

Mrs. Moore introduced Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson spoke of the "wonderful morning I had seeing the Teacher Corps in action and viewing your beautiful western North Carolina mountains."

She expressed pleasure at being invited to take part in a library dedication and said "today's librarian seeks to get young people hooked on books."

The First Lady said she was happy to learn that 65% of the teachers in the schools of western North Carolina are grad-

uates of WCC.

Mrs. Johnson received a standing ovation when she finished her brief talk. She then unveiled a plaque for the new library facility and presented it to Jonathon H. Woody, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Johnson and her party left the campus and went to Asheville where she boarded a plane Tuesday night for Nashville, Tenn.

She participated in ceremonies honoring the 200th birthday anniversary of President Andrew Jackson in the Tennessee capital Wednesday.

In a surprise move, President Johnson flew to Nashville Wednesday to rejoin his wife and address the Tennessee legislature.

The visit to Western North Carolina emphasized the deep concern with which the Johnsons view education and further stressed their commitment to the National Teacher Corps.

While the President has been asking for more money for the Teacher Corps, he has been meeting with resistance in Congress.

Several people from Cherokee and Clay Counties were in the audience at Cullowhee on Tuesday.

Murphy Clean-Up Week Proclaimed By Mayor

Mayor Cloe Moore has officially proclaimed March 20 to March 25 as "Clean-Up Week" in Murphy and has named Wednesday, March 22, as "Extra Effort Clean-Up Day."

The drive is being sponsored by the civic organizations in the community.

The mayor says he hopes all citizens will join with the effort of the clubs to make Murphy a more beautiful place in which to live. He pointed out that the litter and junk that clutter Murphy are a blight on the town and that some of the worst offenders are people who throw trash on the streets and yards from their cars.

On "Extra Effort Day", the town siren will blow at 1 p.m. and all volunteer workers will meet at designated points to begin a clean-up march. Town trucks will be on hand to haul litter to garbage dumps and it is hoped that citizens with vehicles suitable for hauling will offer their services to the drive.

Along with Murphy and Texanna Civic clubs, the Murphy Elementary School and both Boy and Girl Scouts are cooperating in the litter bug campaign.

Taylor Finds Little To Be Proud Of In Schools

Republican Representative Charles Taylor of Brevard, speaking to a young Republican sponsored meeting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, stated that the Republican Party and its membership in the Legislature is working toward a substantial strengthening of our public education system.

Taylor pointed out that Governor Moore has stated this is the largest budget ever. Each budget since 1933 has been a record budget but education has still been going backward, Taylor said.

The Governor has stated that the proposed budget is excellent and well-rounded. He has been quoted as saying that he "thinks the people of North Carolina are proud of our public school system and what we have been able to do for it."

Taylor stated, "I can find little to be proud of in a budget which offers almost no relief to teachers whose salaries have dropped to the 42nd position in the nation. I can find little to be proud of in a budget which offers little to an educational system advancement for a State which ranks 44 in per pupil expenditures. I can find little to be proud of in a system which refuses to provide its teachers with a sufficient tenure program and which submits its

teachers to the indignity and frustration of having to re-apply for their jobs each year, and I can find little to be proud of in a system which allows and supports the appointments of unqualified school boards that exert political pressure and control over teachers. Indeed, when we examine our public school system in regard to the many low positions it holds, and when we look at a budget which fails to move our state forward in public education, we can find little to be proud of."

Taylor went on to say that the Governor is like a man attempting to save a drowning child twenty feet from shore. He throws him a 15-foot rope and then brags about how much he is doing for the child.

As Legislators, Taylor said, we should be specific in our support for education. The Republican Party has introduced legislation calling for an immediate 15 per cent increase in teachers salaries and a ten per cent increase next year. A bill calling for a permanent tenure system and protective measures for teachers against political abuses.

Unless we can move North Carolina substantially forward in education, none of us will have reason to be proud of what we have been able to do for education, Taylor concluded.

Educator To Be Named At Banquet

Cherokee County's outstanding educator will be named at a banquet sponsored by the Murphy Jaycees next Tuesday night at 7 at the Tarheel Restaurant.

Lyle Carringer, chairman for the project, said today that all nominations for the honor had been evaluated and a winner has been selected by a panel of judges.

The OYE Program is designed to spotlight outstanding achievement in the teaching profession among education between 21 and 35 years of age. Both male and female teachers of the first through twelfth grades are eligible.

Winner of the local honor will receive a \$100. scholarship to help cover expenses of a summercourse. In addition, Jaycees will present a certificate commemorating the event.

Center Plans Art Class

An art class is planned at the Tri-county Industrial Education Center at Peachtree.

Persons over 18 years of age who are interested in taking the course should come to the Center at 7 p.m. Friday to register.

Board Adopts Zoning Ordinance, White Named Administrator

William C. (Pete) Stalcup was named Acting Chief of Police Monday night when the Town Board voted to reeve his brother, Blain Stalcup of the position.

In a related move, Dale Earwood was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief, replacing Pete Stalcup.

Blain Stalcup accepted the Board's offer to remain on the force as a patrolman.

The change in positions was recommended to the Board by Police Commissioner Wally Williams.

Williams presented a three-month review of the police department. His 10-point program for the police went into effect on December 1, 1966. All policemen were then placed on three-month trial basis. Pete Stalcup was named to the acting chief's position

on the same three-month trial plan.

"As a whole, the police department is better" than before the plan went into effect, Williams said. He praised Blain Stalcup but felt he was not displaying enough leadership in the department.

Williams said the biggest complaint that is made about the department now is that often there is no one in the police station to answer the phone. He pointed out that this is often due to the fact that only one man is on duty and he is out on patrol.

Since taking over as Police Commissioner, Williams said he found the force has averaged 48 parking tickets issued per day and there have been 90 arrests made since December 1.

Williams recommended that

the Board hire an additional patrolman.

Mayor Cloe Moore commended Williams for his report and for the improvement of the department's efficiency.

The Board unanimously adopted the zoning ordinance Monday night. They had held special meetings during the past month to consider changes requested in it before the final adoption.

Cyrus White was named zoning administrator.

The latest edition of the Southern Standard Building Code was adopted. This code governs conditions of housing.

Jack Owens requested the Board to erect a stop sign at the corner of Church and Central Streets. The board agreed to do this and designated Church St. at the stop street at the intersection.

Jack Thompson sought the Board's assistance in financing the project for new lights and poles at the Murphy Recreation Center. His request will be considered.

A committee was appointed to seek a solution to the problem of dust being emitted from Margaret Studios. Doyle Burch asked the Board for help in this problem. He stated that since the Henry House burned down last May, dust blown from the studio settles on cars parked at his place of business and the cars must be washed daily.

Burch also asked for a stop light at the corner of Tennessee and McClelland Streets. He was told the Board had no authority to install the light. This is the responsibility of the State Highway Department.

The former Odum lot on Central St. will be opened for free parking on a temporary basis. After the lot is blacktopped, the Board will determine what parking fees to establish for the lot.

The alley between Candler's and Home Credit was designated a one-way street south off Valley River Avenue. It was pointed out that traffic going north in the alley had to come out onto the sidewalk without being able to see.

Senior Citizen Program Underway

A program to provide recreational and other services for senior citizens in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties has begun in the four-county area according to an announcement by Alvin Penland, President of Four-Square Community Action, Inc.

"Service to Senior Citizens", as the project is called, was approved by the Governor's Council on Aging in Raleigh. Four-Square Community Action, Inc. will provide the services for the "Senior Citizens."

Activities will be organized in public, civic, private and church buildings where they are available. These activities will include sports and games suitable for elderly persons, along with music, dramatics, and arts and crafts. They are designed to provide senior citizens an opportunity to participate in activities which will enrich their lives and improve their physical and mental conditions.

The total budget for the pro-

ject will be \$41,112 for the first year. \$29,862 of this money is provided by the Older Americans Act of 1965, while the remaining \$11,250 is considered local matching funds in the form of donated facilities. Plans are for the program to cover at least a three-year period and, hopefully, much longer than that.

Jack Frauson, Executive Director at Four-Square Community Action, Inc., has announced that five Senior Citizens coordinators have been hired and have had a week's workshop in working with Senior Citizens. The Coordinators are as follows: Hayesville, Mrs. Geneva White; Murphy, Mrs. Lois Barnett; Andrews, Tomotia, and Peachtree, Mrs. Lucy Llaughter; Swain County, Mrs. Fannie Freeman; and Robbinsville, Mack Huffman.

Information concerning the Senior Citizen program in your community can be obtained by contacting the Senior Citizen Coordinator in your community.

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LADY BIRD JOHNSON smiles as she is escorted to her seat on the speaker's platform (left photo) in the Reid Gymnasium



at Western Carolina College Tuesday. Mrs. Johnson unveils a plaque dedicating the Hunter Library Wing (center photo) as



Mrs. Billy Graham looks on. The First Lady is pictured with Welfare John W. Gardner (right photo) after the unveiling.

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