

## Stores To Stay Open Until 9 On Fridays

Businesses present at a Chamber of Commerce meeting last Friday voted to remain open until 9 p.m., every Friday beginning this week.

Those present and voting for the plan were Lois & Nancy's Dress Shop, Cato's, The Childrens Shop, Collins-Crain, Darnell's, Lay's 5 & 10, Cherokee Shopping Center, Trudy's, Davis Jewelers, Graves Furniture, Moore Jewelers, Jabaley's, and Lena's.

Several other businesses not present at the meeting are believed certain to join in the Friday night openings.

The proposal originally included the Friday night opening and closing all day Wednesday.

The group decided to leave Wednesday hours as they presently are and determine a permanent plan for that day at a later meeting.

The feeling of the merchants is that the Friday night shopping hours are needed to give industrial workers more shopping time.

The Scout proposed that Murphy merchants remain open on Friday nights in an editorial published last November 10.

## Churches Plan Easter Services

Churches throughout the area have special services planned during the Easter weekend.

An inter-denominational service will be conducted at noon Friday at the Murphy First Methodist Church. Rev. Thornton Hawkins will be the speaker. Members of all faiths are invited to attend this service.

Jehovah's Witnesses will hold a special Easter Service Saturday night at 7 at the Kingdom Hall in Peachtree. On Sunday, April 2, a special Bible lecture, "Mankind's Millennium Under God's Kingdom" will be presented at 10 a.m.

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at the Valleytown Cemetery. Rev. Paul Miller, pastor of St. Andrews Lutheran Church, will be the devotional speaker.

The Choir of the Murphy First Baptist Church will present an Easter Cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Saviour" by John W. Peterson, at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

Another program, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," will be presented by the Youth and Junior Choirs Sunday evening at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church. Jerry Howard will be the narrator. The pianists will be Miss Janet Hamilton and Mrs. R.D. Bruce. Mrs. Don Ramsey and Mrs. Martin Douglas will be the directors.

## Litter Poster Winners Named

Winning posters in the Elementary School Litterbug poster contest are now being displayed in business houses in Murphy.

The contest was held preliminary to "Clean-Up Week", being conducted during the week as a joint effort of Murphy and Texanna Civic Clubs.

The grand prize for the best poster went to Randy Dockery of Miss Emily Sword's fifth grade.

Other winners were: First grade, first prize, Donna Ramsey; and second prize, Susan Ridenhour; Second grade, first prize, Sherry Moore and second prize, Greg Mickey; Third grade, first prize, Peggy Sanders; Fourth grade, first prize, Penny Anderson and second prize, Janice Wells.

Fifth grade, first prize, Randy Dockery and second prize, Catherine Hawkins; Sixth grade, first prize, Ann Braswell and second prize, Roger Dockery; Seventh grade first prize, Pam Anderson and second prize, Karen Watson; eighth grade, first prize, Tommy Alexander and second prize, Terry Pusit and Mike Reece; Special Education first prize, Wanda Robertson and Ray Smith.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Jimmy Hilton, Mrs. Ed Harshaw, and Mrs. Bud Brown.



MISS CAROLYN GRAVES displays the certificate and check presented to her as the Outstanding Young Educator in Cherokee County. President Jack Owens (left) of the Murphy Jaycees made the presentation Tuesday night. Dr. Cecil Cosper (center) of Western Carolina College addressed the banquet honoring Miss Graves.

## Carolyn Graves Named Outstanding Educator

Miss Carolyn Graves was named the Outstanding Young Educator in Cherokee County at a banquet presented by the Murphy Jaycees Tuesday night at the Tarheel Restaurant.

She received a \$100 scholarship to help cover the expenses of a summer course and a certificate commemorating the event.

Miss Graves is a graduate of Murphy High School and Western Carolina College and is presently teaching at Murphy High. She will participate in the statewide Jaycee Outstanding Young Educator contest which will be held in April at Salisbury. The state winner will compete in the national contest at Baltimore in June.

Dr. Cecil Cosper, Professor in the Department of Education at WCC, addressed the banquet.

He called the OYE program "very exciting" and said its purpose is the recognition of all the educators in the area.

Teachers, he said, "make us the best educated nation in the world."

"Sound and effective education is the most urgent need of society," Cosper said. "We are in a struggle for our very own existence" and "in this struggle, the teacher is the key person."

Cosper told the audience "We live in a time of change and the pace is rapid and radical...choices just are not easy anymore"

He warned that "election of a leader must not be a popularity contest." The teacher, Cosper said, "must not be a people-pleaser, but should be a future-fashioneer."

Miss Graves was announced as the winner of the local OYE contest at the close of Cosper's address.

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## Bemis Band Mill Destroyed By Fire

ROBBINSVILLE - The 40-year-old band mill of Bemis Hardwood Lumber Company was destroyed by fire Saturday morning.

The blaze, which began between 9 and 10 a.m., did slight damage to adjoining buildings, including the machine shop, boiler house and fuel storage vault.

Damages were estimated between \$300,000 and \$400,000 by Bemis president, John B. Veach, Jr.

Firemen from Andrews, Bryson City, Murphy and Robbinsville and the Robbinsville Rescue Squad joined Bemis employees in the fire battling. They brought the blaze under control late Saturday afternoon. Bemis employees kept watch at the scene over the weekend.

Veach praised the efforts of all the groups that responded to the blaze. He said their efforts held down the damage.

The Andrews pumper, which was the second on the scene, was credited by Veach with saving the machine shop.

The famous antique Shay locomotives used at Bear Creek Junction and for regular operations on the Graham County Railroad were housed in a nearby building. They were taken to safety by Ted Cape. He moved them with a log loader.

Cape, a Bemis employee, also took a loaded chip car to safety. It was destined for Champion Papers, Inc. at Canton.

No injuries were reported in the fire.

Consideration is being given to putting up a temporary band mill at Robbinsville, according to John Veach, Sr., a member of the Bemis board of directors.

Otherwise, he said, logging crews from Robbinsville will be sent to other locations until the mill is rebuilt. Bemis is associated with an operation in Alcoa, Tenn., and has a plant in West Union, S.C.

"It is hoped at the present time no employee will miss a single day of work and that they feel that they are fortunate in having other plants in this area in which to continue working," the elder Veach noted.

No figures were available on the number of employees who will be affected by the fire.

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## TVA Plans Rate Increase; Cost Expected To Be Small For Local Power Customers

Higher interest, fuel, and labor costs necessitate an increase in TVA electric rates, the Tennessee Valley Authority announced last Wednesday. An additional \$25 to \$30 million a year in net power revenue is needed by TVA to offset increases in power system costs which have taken place in recent years.

This will require changes in all retail rates charged by electric systems distributing TVA power to ultimate consumers.

In a meeting concluded Wednesday at Bowling Green, Kentucky, the TVA Board and the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association agreed to develop rate changes that will meet this purpose. TVPPA represents municipal and cooperative systems distributing TVA power.

"The TVPPA rate committee and the TVA staff will work together on these rate changes," TVA Chairman A. Urey Wagner said. "We hope to have this work completed in time for the change to be effective July 1."

"Whatever changes are adopted, the rates of TVA and the distributors will continue to be near the same general low levels which now exist," he said. "The average residential rate among 11 homes served by TVA power distributors will still be less than half the present national average."

"Effects of the proposed changes on consumers' electric bills will be announced later specific rates are agreed upon," Wagner said. "Agreements reached between the distribution system and TVA will be reflected in revision contractual arrangements."

"For the past 15 years TVA has been able to offset steadily rising cost trends with various improvements in efficiency and economy, without increasing its wholesale power rate," he said. "However, a thorough review of all cost factors now makes it clear that greater revenues must be obtained to assure reliable power supplies for the

region's needs and financial soundness for the TVA System.

"One major factor in the need now for greater power revenue is the recent trend of increasing prices on coal, which is the largest single TVA power expense item at about \$100 million a year," Wagner said. "Another is the rising interest rates of recent years, affecting both interest expense on TVA bonds and notes and the return which TVA pays to the U. S. Treasury."

John Marlin, Manager of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation at Young Harris, said that the rate increase just announced by TVA had been anticipated for quite some time, and consequently came as no surprise.

Fuel costs to TVA and the costs of material, labor, taxes, etc., to both TVA and the Cooperative, have continually increased over the past twenty five years, so that it has been possible to postpone this increase only by increasing sales and efficiency. "However we will not be in a position to assess the effect of this rate increase upon our Cooperative until the details are worked out and made known to us," he said.

Marlin went on to say there is no doubt that Blue Ridge Mountain E. M. C., will have to make some increase in their rates to offset the increased cost of their power supply.

"But," he said, "it is not expected that the increase will be significant in the individual consumers' bill."

Buster Bayless, manager of Murphy Power Board, said it is "evident that if there is an increase, and there probably will be, we will have to pass a portion of it along to our customers. I believe, however, that the increase will be so small that it will be insignificant." He said he doubted that the increase would amount to more than a few cents a month for any one customer.

The revenue increase of \$25 to \$30 million would equal 7 to 9 percent of TVA's electric revenues of \$341 million in 1966. However, Wagner said this does not necessarily indicate the level of rate increases for the individual consumer because varying costs and other factors will be taken into account in developing new rates.

TVA is required, under the TVA Act, to charge electric rates sufficient to cover all of its power program costs including power system operating costs, payments in lieu of taxes to states and counties, debt service on bonds and notes, payments to the U. S. Treasury (currently more than \$60 million a year) and to provide an adequate margin.

TVA sells power to 159 municipal, cooperative, and private distribution systems and to about 40 industrial and Government installations with large power requirements.

The last significant increase in the region's power rates was made in 1952, and that change affected only industrial power rates. Wagner pointed out. It was designed to reflect the added costs of power from steam-electric generating plants, as the region's power demands outgrew the supply available from dams. Retail rates to local consumers in the TVA area have shown a steady downward trend through the years. This will be the first time residential rates have had to be increased.

"Since 1952 we have been able to absorb rising costs with system improvements such as larger and more efficient generating units, seasonal interchange arrangements with neighboring utilities, extra-high-voltage transmission, and reduction in coal costs, transportation, and handling," he said. "However, still further increases in cost now require this action to secure increased revenues and assure the continued financial stability of the TVA power system."

## Homesite Applications Now Being Accepted For Maltby And Hayesville

Applications are now being accepted for homes under construction at the Maltby Homesites in Cherokee County and the Hayesville Homesites in Clay County, according to Mack B. Ray, Rural Renewal Program leader for Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

The applications are available at the Farmers Home Administration offices in Murphy and Hayesville. Members of the Rural Renewal authorities in the two counties will render assistance in filling out the applications.

Rural Renewal members will review each application to determine eligibility.

The homes will be sold to low and medium income families and will be financed over a 30-year period by FHA at five percent interest. A reasonable down payment will be required.

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## Four Square Receives Grant

A grant of \$16,341 to Four Square Community Action Inc. has been announced by Rep. Roy A. Taylor. The grant was made by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The grant includes \$6,727 for administrative purposes, \$1,757 for horticulture and \$8,857 for the Outreach Program.

## ESC Seeks To Relieve Medical Job Shortages

Hospitals, doctors, nursing homes, welfare offices and local health officials across the state are being asked to furnish the Employment Security Commission information on job shortages to try to relieve a growing and critical need for trained medical service and health personnel in North Carolina.

Meeting with State officials in Raleigh, health authorities recently reported that the bulk of North Carolina's major facilities are understaffed and serious shortages exist among qualified health service workers.

Manager Charles Erwin of the State Employment Office here reports that approximately 800 leading medical facilities, including at least 510 major hospitals, nursing and rest homes, and all county health and welfare agencies are being contacted on what jobs are going unfilled.

Erwin said nearly 800 physicians and dentists in private practice will also be contacted by the State agency. The survey is being taken in cooperation with the Department of Community Colleges which needs this type of information to plan training programs.

Results of the survey will also be used by the Employment Security Commission to initiate federal-state training projects and to aid employers in recruitment and training programs.

In the survey 47 different medical occupations will be studied and the participating agencies will be asked about their current job shortages as well as anticipated needs by 1970 and 1973.

A severe shortage exists today among nurses, nurse aides, laboratory workers, dental assistants, and medical technicians of all kinds. Most major hospitals and various medical associations promote and conduct job training. Also, a number of projects have been started with federal funds to offer health service training in Community Colleges and technical institutes.

But the need for medical workers has overrun the supply of qualified personnel, said Erwin.

## Unknown Photo At Jail

Sheriff Claude Anderson has a picture of an unidentified woman found dead in McMinn County, Tenn. recently.

Tennessee authorities have made the picture available to Anderson to determine if anyone in Cherokee County can identify the victim.

Several thousand persons viewed the body at Athens for several days before it was buried on Sunday. No one was able to identify it.

The woman's body, partially burned, was found in a trunk. She was four feet, nine inches tall and weighed 96 pounds.

Anyone wishing to examine the picture may see it at the county jail.

## Softball Group Seeks Funds For New Lighting

The Murphy Softball Association has started a drive for funds to install a new lighting system at the local softball field.

All clubs, local industries and the town and county have been solicited for support in the project.

Individuals wishing to donate to the fund are invited to send checks payable to the Murphy Softball Association to either Jack Thompson or Homer Rick.

## Zoning Act Explained

The Zoning Ordinance recently enacted by the Town of Murphy is explained in detail on the inside pages of this week's Scout.

A full page map shows the classification assigned to each area in the town.

The restrictions this classification contains is explained in the information presented on the page beside the map.

## Raxter Promoted To Foreman

James Chadwick, Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of Columbia Marble Company at Marble, announces the promotion of W. E. Raxter to the position of General Foreman in charge of production at the plant, quarry and crusher.

Raxter has been employed by Columbia Marble Company for several years.



THE NOEL EDWARDS FAMILY of Marble is preparing to go to Mexico as missionaries. Edwards, pictured with his wife and two children, Patricia and Mark, is the former manager of Home Builders Supply in Andrews. They are working through the Maranatha Baptist Mission, Inc. in Natchez, Miss. After completing school at Guadalajara, Mexico, the Edwards will be working in back-country villages. Prior to their departure, they will be available for speaking engagements at local churches.