



DENNIS CURTIS (center, kneeling) was the winner in the 13th annual Declamation Contest last Wednesday at Murphy High School. Bob Jordan (right, kneeling) placed second and Dennis Coffey (left, kneeling) received honorable mention. The other contestants were (standing left to right) Sam Elliott, Larry Timpson, David Dotson, Brent Carter and Jackie Craig.

## Dennis Curtis Wins 13th MHS Declamation Contest

Dennis Curtis was the first-place winner in the 13th annual Declamation Contest at Murphy High School last Wednesday afternoon.

Curtis took the top honor with his presentation of "By The Tomb of Napoleon" by Robert G. Ingersoll.

## Gene Farmer Named Collins-Crain Manager



Gene Farmer

W.J. Ellison, Chairman of the Board of Collins-Crain Department Store, Inc., announced today the appointment of Gene Farmer as manager of the Collins-Crain Department Store in Murphy. Farmer replaces Wallace P. Williams, who recently resigned to take a position with another company.

"I feel that we are very fortunate to secure Mr. Farmer for this position," Ellison said, "and I am certain he will fit well in this progressive community."

A native of Clinton, Tenn., Farmer has 15 years of

## Siren, Light Taken From Police Car

Practitioners of the art of car stripping have struck an unlikely target. They removed the siren and red light from the Murphy Police car. Chief Pete Stalcup said the car has been disabled for several days and the items were taken from the car at the Power Board Building.



HONOR STUDENTS AT ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL have been selected to participate in the 1967 Commencement Program. All of these students had an "A" average for each of their four high school years. Pictured are (left to right) Gerald Bryson, Joy Bristol, Howard McMahan, Cathy Van Gorder, Jim Sursavage, Susan Ulm and Boyd Rogers. (Photo by Joey Trantham)

## Commissioners Consider Welfare Budget, Extra Building Costs

County Welfare Director V. O. Ayers told the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Monday that the number of welfare recipients in the county has decreased but the services offered have increased.

Ayers presented proposed figures for the 1967-68 Welfare budget at the Commissioner's regular monthly meeting.

A total of \$48,979 is recommended as the county's share for the welfare payments in the year that begins July 1. This is supplemented with Federal and State funds. The figure presented is a \$479 increase over the total for the current fiscal year.

The county's share of aid to the blind is recommended at \$5,511, an \$869 increase. Ayers said 32 persons in the county are presently receiving aid to the blind assistance.

Administrative costs are estimated to rise 19%. This figure includes the cost of a recommendation that a part-time attorney be hired for the welfare board.

Ayers said he believes the cost of hiring an attorney would be repaid by the results obtained. He pointed out that an attorney could assist the board in cases where a father deserts his family and moves out of the state. By requiring these fathers to support their dependants, welfare costs would be lowered.

The Commissioners did not approve all of the recommendations Monday. They indicated they wanted to study the proposals further.

Holland McSwain, Director of the Tri-County Industrial Education Center, told the Board that low bids on the proposed new building at the Center totaled \$53,595. This is over \$12,000 more than original estimates.

McSwain said Appalachian funds are available to cover 30% of the additional cost. He said reductions and substitutions have lowered the cost to \$52,380.

He indicated that about \$5,000 in extra funds would be needed from the county.

McSwain said some things which were planned for the building may be deferred until a later date.

Eighty percent of the original estimated cost of the project is being financed by Appalachian funds.

Highway Patrolman Patt Miller appeared before the Commissioners to urge that Cherokee and Clay Counties jointly purchase a breath-o-lyzer to test drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

He said the Clay County Commissions have agreed to contribute \$300 to the cost. This would leave Cherokee County with a share of \$600.

The breath-o-lyzer determines the percentage of alcohol in a suspect's bloodstream. A driver with a .1% alcohol in the bloodstream is considered to be intoxicated. The results of the machine are admissible as evidence in court.

At present, the nearest machine for this purpose is located in Bryson City.

Miller indicated he believes the purchase of a breath-o-lyzer here would result in increased convictions and also would protect suspects who are innocent.

Miller also urged the Commissioners to purchase a radio which would establish direct contact between the county jail and the Highway Patrol office in Asheville. The radio "would help the county as well as the patrol," he said.

Bass Dockery of Tipton Creek asked the Board to put the wagon train route on the map. He was told to secure a petition from property owners along the route so the Board could make a formal request.

Dockery said Tennessee residents are building retirement homes in the area. He said there are about 27 property owners along the route.

The portion of the road from Tellico Plains to the Tennessee-North Carolina Line has been surfaced. About 10 to 12 miles in North Carolina is unimproved.

It is believed that the state will grade the unimproved portion of the road prior to the Tellico Plains-Murphy wagon train trip which is scheduled for the July 4th weekend.

## Five Wrecks Reported In County Last Week

Highway Patrolman Don Reavis investigated five wrecks in Cherokee County last week. Three occurred Wednesday.

Father Joseph A. Gartner, 53, of Andrews, suffered several broken ribs and a cut ear Wednesday at 10:25 a.m. when his car crashed into a power pole two miles west of Andrews on US 19-129.

Reavis said Gartner was travelling east when he lost control of the car on a wet roadway. The driver was pinned in the car for several minutes until the power could be cut off. He was removed from the car by members of the Andrews Rescue Squad.

Gartner was taken to District Memorial hospital and was later transferred to Providence hospital.

No charges were filed. The car was a total loss.

At 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, a car driven by Mrs. Wilma Cross Day, 38, of Topton, struck the right-hand side of a Trailways Bus 1.5 miles east of Andrews on US 19-129.

Both vehicles were travelling west. The bus was passing the Day car when Mrs. Day attempted to turn left off the highway.

There were no injuries. Damage to the bus, driven by Andlem Snow Adams III, 29, of Asheville, was estimated at \$150 and damage to the car was believed to be \$125.

Reavis said Mrs. Day was charged with failure to see if a turn could be made in safety.

Opal Carroll, 38, of Warne suffered a whiplash injury Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 on US 64, four miles east of Murphy. She was a passenger in a car driven by Hoyt Burrell, 19, of Young Harris.

Honorable mention went to Dennis Coffey for "The Black Horse and His Rider."

The other five contestants were Sam Elliot with President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address; Larry Timpson, "Death Bed of Benedict Arnold"; Jackie Craig, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; Brent Carter, Ingersoll's "Plea for the Abolition Of Capital Punishment"; and David Dotson, "Churchill Anticipates The Battle of Britain".

The contest, directed by Joe Ray, is sponsored by the Daughters of The American Revolution and the Joe Miller Elkins Post 96 of the American Legion.

Hobart McKeever presided at the program.

The Rev. Thornton W. Hawkins, the Rev. Robert P. Crumpler and L.L. Mason, Jr. served as judges.

## Town Program Recertified

WASHINGTON -- Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced recertification of Murphy's Workable Program for Community Improvement.

HUD's recertification means that Murphy remains eligible for the several types of Federal aid which became available to it when it received its original Workable Program certificate.

Certification of a Workable Program is necessary before a community can receive Federal loans and grants for urban renewal projects and low-rent public housing, and liberal FHA mortgage insurance to assist in the private redevelopment of project areas and for rehousing displaced families.

Such recertification does not constitute approval of any specific Federal aid. The Workable Program is a showing by the community of how it intends to use its own public and private resources to eliminate and prevent slums and blight. Once its program is approved it can apply for the Federal aids to supplement local resources as needed. The community must show reasonable progress each year under its Workable Program to obtain recertification and remain eligible for these Federal aids.

## Foreign Mail Rates Increase

An increase in international surface and airmail rates went into effect Monday, May 1, Postmaster Joe Ray said.

The new international rates, he said, will not apply to mailings for members of the Armed Forces overseas. Domestic postage rates are applicable to mail addressed through APO's and FPO's.

The rate increase for both surface and airmail--averaging 13%--were first proposed on January 14 and publicly confirmed on March 1. The Department explained at that time that they were needed to help offset a deficit of about \$16 million in international mail operations.

Specific information on the new international rates can be obtained from the service window at the post office, Postmaster Ray said.

This was the first general increase in international rates since July, 1961.

## Golden Passports On Sale At Forest Service Office

The \$7 annual federal recreation permit-known as the "Golden Passport"-is now on sale at the U.S. Forest Service office District Forest Ranger Bunch Nugent said today.

The permit will admit a carload of people to about 2,500 designated federal areas throughout the nation and is good from April 1, 1967 through March 31, 1968. Nugent said the goldenpassports good at 134 Forest Service recreation spots in the 13 state Southern Region.

The yearly entrance card can be used an unlimited number of times. Also available is a \$1 permit good for a carload for one day at a particular area.

Nugent said this is the third year of the federal entrance fee program which was authorized under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. The law calls for 60 per cent of the income from the sale of permits to go to local, county and state governments for acquiring and developing public recreation areas. The other 40 per cent is used by federal agencies for buying additional recreation sites.

Permits can also be obtained at the Hiwassee Campground on Lake Hiwassee, and ground on Lake Hiwassee, Cherokee County and Jack Rabbie Campground on Lake Chatuge in Clay County.

## Democrats Win In Andrews

Mayor Percy B. Ferebee was returned to office for another term unopposed in the Andrews Town Election Tuesday. He received 163 votes.

The Democratic ticket of Brownie Paul Parker, John W. Raxter, John H. Christy and W.C. Gray was elected to the Town Board with only token opposition.

The totals were: Parker, 136; Raxter, 185; Christy, 183; and Gray, 109.

Republican Grady Garrett received 29 write-in votes for a seat on the Board.



JAMES HELTON (left) was installed as president of the Murphy Jaycees last Friday night. Irvin Aldridge (right), State Jaycee President, installed the new officers and made the main address.

## Helton Installed As New Jaycee President

Irvin Aldridge, President of the North Carolina Jaycees, told the Murphy Jaycees last Friday "you must have a sense of direction, faith, courage, and action if you're going to have a good year." He was the featured speaker at the club's fifth annual installation of officers at the Milton Inn in Blairsville.

Outgoing President Jack Owens presided at the meeting. He said the local Jaycees had 102 projects scheduled during the past year and 99% of these were completed. The club operated on a budget of \$9,250, Owens said.

Owens presented Spark Plug awards to Don Decker, Bud Penland, Lonnie Britt, James Helton, Curtis Hewlett, Billy Ray Palmer, Tommy Gentry, James Hughes and Eddie Manchester. Spoke awards were presented to Hoyt Zimmerman, Larry McNabb, and Lyle Carringer.

The Spark Plug and Spoke awards are made in recognition of exceptional service to the Jaycees.

Hewlett was cited as the key man in the local club and Owens won a plaque as the "Outstanding Murphy Jaycee".

Aldridge and his wife received a salad bowl set from Margaret Studios as a token of their visit to Cherokee County.

Bill Bowman of Chattanooga received an award for his services to the local group. Bowman piloted local members to Manteo during the Murphy-to-Manteo extension project.

In reviewing the club's work during his presidency, Owens said he was particularly happy with the Toys for Tots Campaign which provided toys to 85 underprivileged children at Christmas and the cushion sale which raised \$500

for the lighting project at the Murphy Softball Field.

Incoming President James Helton closed the meeting.

Other incoming officers are Kenneth Keenum, first vice-president; Glenn Beaver, second vice-president; Bob Gold, secretary; Don Decker, treasurer; Lonnie Britt, state director; Larry McNabb, Lyle Carringer, Tony Hembree and Gary McKelvey, directors.

All new officers were installed by Aldridge.

Special guests in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge were Mayor and Mrs. Cloe Moore of Murphy; Max Blakemore, president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Blakemore; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowman of Chattanooga; and Jack Swanger of Waynesville, Jaycee National Director for western region.

## Fire Destroys Culberson House

The home of Ranzy Cearley at Culberson was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning.

A small amount of furniture was saved.

Mrs. Cearley was the only one at home when the fire broke out. Her husband was at work at the Culberson post office.

The property was not covered by insurance.

The fire was out of control by the time the Murphy Volunteer Fire Department arrived at the scene.

## Rassle Royal Friday At Gym

The blind will be trying to beat the blind Friday night when the Murphy Jaycees present a six-man Rassle Royal at the Old Rock Gym. It begins at 8:15.

There will be six wrestlers in the ring, each blind folded, and every man will be battling for himself.

The six contestants will be Inferno, Corsica Joe, Joe Vegas, Rowdy Red Roberts, Joe Sky and Bill Sky.

Three more matches will be held. The contestants will be paired for three matches as they are eliminated from the Rassle Royal.

## Forest Office At Peachtree Sought

Rep. Wiley A. McGlamery of Hayesville and Sen. Mary Faye Brumby of Murphy have introduced a bill to appropriate funds for a Forest Service District Office in the Peachtree area.

The bill seeks \$20,000 for storage building to serve Cherokee and Clay counties.

The money would be appropriated to the Department of Conservation and Development.

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