



## Andrews Hospital Receives \$917,000 Grant

### Hospital Officials Group Is Organized

Another step toward a cooperative effort in health planning was taken Monday at Nantahala Village with the formation of the Southwestern North Carolina Council of Hospital Administrators.

This group contains the hospital administrators of the seven southwestern counties - the same area covered by the State of Franklin Health Council.

The following officers for the council were elected: Chairman - Robert M. Gantt, Haywood County Hospital; Vice Chairman - Robert W. Pegram, District Memorial Hospital at Andrews; and Secretary - J. M. Crawford, Angel Community Hospital in Franklin.

Mrs. Verayle Franks, Swain County Hospital was hostess for the meeting and acted as chairman for the election of officers.

The council chose Pegram and Crawford to represent them next week in a meeting with the Joint Accreditation Commission in Chicago. In addition, several doctors and hospital trustees will attend the meeting.

There is a joint effort underway by the State of Franklin Health Council and the Regional Medical Programs of Durham to provide diagnostic services for all of the hospitals in the region.

It is hoped by the council members that the Joint Commission will be interested in joining in an effort to make a study of hospitals in the area to determine what steps can be taken to fulfill needs here.

The council discussed in-service training programs for hospital personnel and other mutual problems which the hospitals in the area share.

### Jaycees Announce Anti-Poverty Plan

Jaycees throughout the Appalachian states have recently organized an anti-poverty program to help bring the "War on Poverty" closer to the private sector. Jaycees believe the "War on Poverty" can be more effective when private individuals are involved in helping their less fortunate neighbors to help themselves. If a citizen helps someone just for the sake of helping and not for a profit, his efforts are without question more effective.

The "War on Poverty" waged by the federal government has certainly had good results in our area. However, the Jaycees feel that the more private individuals are involved in this "war", the better the results and the less cost to the taxpayer.

The Murphy Jaycees realize poverty can not be eliminated overnight. So they have begun their new program by working with deserving families and individuals who through a series of hardships need assistance to get back on their feet. This assistance includes supplying food, furniture, manpower, information on employment or educational possibilities necessary for them to once again become

productive citizens and thus have a better way of life.

Area residents interested in helping on this program can do so by contributing any serviceable items they can spare such as table, chairs, beds, clothing, etc. These items will be picked up promptly by contacting Jaycees between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the following numbers: 837-3026 and 837-2233.

Anyone who desires to make monetary donations to this program should make their checks out to the Murphy Jaycees Anti-Poverty Effort and mail it to the Murphy Jaycees, P. O. Box 563, Murphy, N. C. All donations will be appreciated.

The Murphy Jaycees believe helping people to help themselves is the best work of life and that with the combined efforts of local citizens the Murphy area can someday be removed from the so-called "Poverty Belt".

### LBJ Writes To Andrews Man

Carroll Stewart of Andrews received a letter from President Lyndon B. Johnson last week in acknowledgement of a birthday card Stewart sent the President in August.

### Scout Football Contest Offers Cash & Pro Tickets

The Scout's popular Football Contest returns this week with cash prizes every week for the next twelve weeks and a grand prize of two tickets to see the Atlanta Falcons and Chicago Bears clash in a National Football League game on December 17. Twenty-five dollars in expense money goes with the tickets.

The Football Contest is fun and it's easy to play. Anyone can enter except employees of The Scout and their immediate families.

Turn to the Football Contest page and you'll notice there is a game to be played this week listed in each advertisement. Simply circle the team you think will win this game. You don't have to predict the score.

Then go to the tie-breaker. Here you will have to predict the outcome. This tie-breaker is used only if necessary to break ties in the number of correct selections among the other games.

The entry with the most correct selections will win \$5 each week. The second place winner will get \$3 and third place is worth \$2.

The number of dollars won each week also equals the number of points the winner will be credited with in the race for the big prize - the pro football tickets and expense money. The Scout will conduct a drawing on December 12 for all of the advertisers participating in the contest. This winner will also receive two tickets and expense money.

Read the rules carefully and make your selections. Remember that you can either mail your entry or bring it to The Scout office in person.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday each week. Those mailed must be post-marked no later than Friday AM.

### Residents Protest Rumor Of Housing Site Selection

A group of residents of Hilton, Hardin and McClelland Streets appeared before the Murphy Town Board Monday night to protest the rumored selection of a site for a housing project in the neighborhood.

A petition, bearing 30 signatures and addressed to the Town Board and the Murphy Housing Authority, said the signers "wish to protest and resist" the selection of the site.

Bob White, acting as spokesman for the group, said the property owners did not want the housing project in their neighborhood because the Authority "will not discriminate" in the selection of tenants.

We "want to try to protect our property," White continued. "We are wondering why it (the project) can't be put on Regal St. or in that district."

Mayor Cloe Moore told White the project could not be put on Regal St. because that area is zoned as an industrial area and the Public Housing Authority will not approve of a location in an industrial area.

Chairman Bud Alverson appeared on behalf of the Murphy Housing Authority.

"No action has been taken (on site selection) except... we have looked at property,"

Alverson said. He added that seven or eight possible sites have been examined.

He told the group "before we reach a decision, it must be agreeable to the adjoining property owners."

The Board declined to agree to a request by Bunch Nugent of the U. S. Forest Service.

Nugent told the Board the State Highway Commission had requested permission to use the rock quarry on Forest Service land near the sewage treatment plant and he desired a letter from the Board in the matter.

The Town's permission is not needed in the matter, but Nugent said he would not agree to the use without concurrence from the Board.

After discussing possible blasting damage to the sewage plant, the Board accepted a motion by Kenneth Godfrey that a letter be written to the Forest Service requesting that further blasting not be permitted "on the basis of past experience."

Joe Ray, Chairman of the Ft. Butler Historic Park and Museum, requested an appropriation from the Board to help with the expense of printing stationery for the group.

Mayor Moore said the Town would make an appropriation.

Ray also requested that the Town contact the State Highway Commission on the possibility of building a new access road to the Ft. Butler site.

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of Town Clerk Charles Johnson that Bill Mallonee be hired to work in the water department.

### Road Projects Programmed

Three rural road projects costing \$128,000 have been programmed for Cherokee County. The projects were worked up under state-wide priority regulations by A. J. Hughes, division engineer, and R. L. Partillo, district engineer.

An appropriation for the work will be sought by Commissioner W. Curtis Russ at the High Commission meeting later this month.

Acquisition of a 60-foot right of way is mandatory for such projects before putting them to contract. Three Cherokee rural roads, scheduled to be improved, were recently removed from the list, since right of way could not be acquired. These included Elliott Road (#1536); Glenn Stalcup Road (#1585) and the Joe Golden Road (#1135).

Now up for improvement are the Hiwassee Dam Road (#1314), \$33,100; Disart Road (#1513); and the Old Ranger Road (#1398) for \$85,000, including paving.

### Arrested On Whisky Charge

Lewis Dockery of the Hanging Dog section was arrested last Thursday in connection with still equipment and non-tax paid whisky found near his home.

Sheriff Claude Anderson, Deputy Robert Hartness, ATU Agent Kolen Flack and two North Carolina ABC agents participated in the arrest.

Hartness said the officers destroyed the still equipment, including two gas bottles, seven barrels and about 500 feet of plastic hose and one-half gallon of non-tax paid whisky.

Dockery was arrested at his home. He was to be arraigned before the US Commissioner at Bryson City Tuesday.

### \$110,000 In Local Money Still Needed

Federal and State grants announced last Friday by the State Medical Care Commission in Raleigh have brought total money for the planned additions to District Memorial Hospital at Andrews within \$110,000 of the amount needed. The \$110,000 must come from local sources.

Last Friday's grant of \$917,668.50 included \$817,668.50 from Federal funds and \$100,000 from State funds.

A previous Appalachian grant of \$271,668 has been approved.

The local share was originally estimated to be \$200,000 but it was increased to \$310,023.50 when it was found that the original cost estimates were low. The local share was raised proportionately.

Mayor Percy B. Ferbee told The Scout about \$200,000 in local funds have been collected. He said "we will have to have the remainder pledged to us before construction can begin."

Thirty beds will be added to the hospital under the planned program and other alterations are to be made.

The expansion was originally expected to cost \$1 million but present estimates are that it will require \$1,499,360.

The grant for District Memorial Hospital was included in \$25 million allocated for eight new medical facilities in North Carolina.

### Hopes Dimmed For Early Start On Road To Tellico

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has dimmed any hopes of the "Wagon Train Road" from Murphy to Tellico Plains, Tenn. being improved in the near future.

W. Curtis Russ, 14th Division Commissioner, expressed the Commission's views in a letter to Max M. Blakemore, President of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, last week.

He said it would probably cost between \$750,000 and \$800,000 to construct and stabilize 8.5 miles of roadway from the end of SR 1337 (Davis Creek Road) to the Tennessee line. He said the State Highway Commission determined three bridges would be needed on the route.

Tennessee has provided an all-weather road from Tellico Plains to the state line. The only missing link between Tellico Plains and Murphy is the 8.5 mile section in North Carolina.

Russ cited the lack of needed money in the Secondary Road Fund as the reason for not recommending improvement of the road.

He said the Fund "is inadequate to modernize a lot of the school bus routes and other roads which are needed and I feel certain that the County Commissioners will not be willing to have a portion of this Fund spent on a road of this nature, and we as the Highway Commission will not recommend it."

Russ also said he knew of no "other funds which are available for a road of this type."

The Commissioner told Blakemore the proposed route "is not on our Secondary Road System, and of course, we are limited to doing any work on it until it is officially added to the map and I am sure that this will not be done until we have sufficient funds in sight to make an improvement to the road."

Russ said there was one full time occupied home on the route and it is located 1.7 miles from the Tennessee line. There are also some summer homes in the area near the line.

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce, under Blakemore's leadership, has been active in promoting the improvement of the road.

### Committees Named For Fort Butler

The Fort Butler Historic Park and Museum Board of Directors met last Thursday night at the Murphy Power Board Building.

Jack Frauson of the North Carolina Recreation Commission told the group his office is trying to determine if the Fort Butler project will be eligible for a 50% grant from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

He indicated that the possibility of a grant hinges on whether the restoration of Fort Butler is considered to be a recreation program.

The directors are considering a picnic area and a nature trail for the project.

Frauson said if the project is eligible for such a grant, the application would have to be made through the Cherokee County Recreation Commission.

Chairman Joe Ray announced the appointment of nine committees to work on the project.

Those appointed are:

FINANCE COMMITTEE - John Gill, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, Cloe Moore, W. T. Brown, W. T. Moore and Carlyle Matheson.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - Dave Bruce, Chairman; Mrs. Louise Bayless, Edgar A. Harshaw, Bob Barker, and John Jordan.

LAND COMMITTEE - Cloe Moore, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, Charles E. Johnson, Francis C. Bourne, Jr., Arthur Palmer, Bunch Nugent, Cloe Moore and W. T. Brown.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Mrs. Ruth Forsyth, Chairman; Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., Mrs. Louise Bayless, Carlyle Matheson, John Jordan, Arthur Palmer, and Howard Martin.

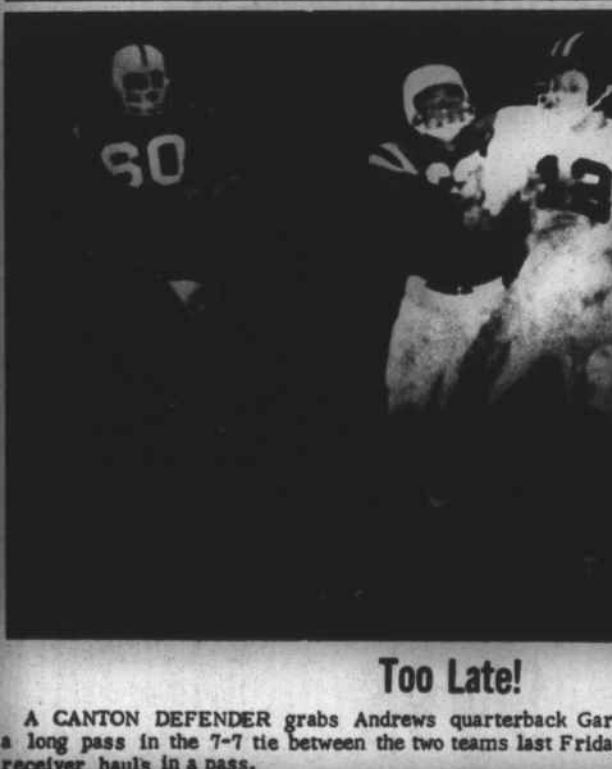
ROADS COMMITTEE - Francis C. Bourne, Jr., Chairman; Bunch Nugent, Cloe Moore, Charles E. Johnson, W. T. Moore and Herman Edwards.

ARTIFACTS COMMITTEE - Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Louise Bayless, Edgar A. Harshaw, Carlyle Matheson, Dave Bruce, Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Arthur Palmer, Howard Martin, Mrs. Ruth Forsyth, and W. T. Moore.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDS COMMITTEE - Charles E. Johnson, Chairman; John T. Gill, John Jordan, Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, Bob Barker, Herman Edwards, Howard Martin.

BROCHURE COMMITTEE - Mrs. Louise Bayless, Chairman; Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Dave Bruce, Mrs. Ruth Forsyth, Edgar A. Harshaw and Bob Barker.

DESIGN OF FORT & PARK COMMITTEE - Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, Chairman; Charles E. Johnson, Francis C. Bourne, Jr., Arthur Palmer, Bunch Nugent, Cloe Moore and W. T. Brown.



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### Editorial: Did Wagon Road Get Every Consideration?

Highway Commissioner W. Curtis Russ dropped a bomb with his letter to Max Blakemore, President of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, on the proposed all-weather road from Murphy to Tellico Plains (see above story).

Finding sufficient funds to get all the roads built that everyone wants or needs is tough and we sympathize with Russ' attitude on that point.

But it is clear to us that an all-weather road between Murphy and Tellico Plains is both needed and desired by the majority of the residents of Cherokee County.

The Scout has backed the proposed improved road because we see two important benefits to be derived from it:

1. A shortened route between Murphy and Knoxville.
2. An opportunity to increase tourist traffic by making this road part of a link to the road under construction between Tellico Plains and Robbinsville.

It is argued that \$750,000 is a great deal of money to spend on this road through a sparsely populated area. Maybe it is, but road building has never been inexpensive.

Russ made a strong point of the fact that only one permanent home is along the proposed route.

That fact is not relevant in this case since the reasons stated for desiring the road - a shorter route to Knoxville and a new tourist access route - have nothing to do with the population along the road.

The Scout hopes that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will ignore the recommendations of the State Highway Commission and will request that the proposed route be put on the map and made a part of the Secondary Road System.

If this is done, the buck will be passed back to the State Highway Commission.

Joe Hunt, chairman of the Commission, promised a Cherokee County delegation in June that the Murphy-Tellico Plains proposal would "get every consideration" from the Commission.

We doubt that it did because the merits of the case are obvious and the highway boys, according to Russ' letter, failed to see the merits.

### Westco Phone Official Resigns

Thomas H. Sawyer submitted his resignation as president of Westco Telephone Co. and Western Carolina Telephone Co. at a Board of Directors meeting in Weaverville last Friday.

No reason for the resignation was given. James Armstrong, general manager, was elected to succeed Sawyer. Armstrong will continue his duties as general manager, too.

Commercial manager C. F. Gore was promoted to vice-president of the companies.