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Funeral Homes To End Ambulance Service

Forest Service Workers Presented Safety Awards

The Tusquitee Ranger District's Annual Presentation of Safety Awards was held Saturday night.

The presentation was combined with a family covered dish supper for Tusquitee District personnel and their families.

After the supper, District Ranger Bunch A. Nugent congratulated the men on their safety accomplishment and presented the awards.

Awards for years without lost-time accidents were presented to the following employees: Marshall Allen, Glen Beaver, Hal Bryson, Tyrone Burnette, Charlie Clonts, Henry Chambers, Bailey Coleman, James Crisp, Johnny Davis, Frank Dockery, Hoyt Dockery, Chester Greene, Marvin Hall, Wade Hogsed, Gene Kephart, Howard Kil-

patrick, Gay Ledford, L.C. Loudermilk, Eddie Manchester, Janice McCombs, Roy McDonald, Lee McLelland, District Ranger Bunch A. Nugent, Wayne Roberson, Ralph Rogers, Bud Scroggs, Harvey Stiles, Earnie Sudderth, Howard Taylor, Jack Thompson John Waddell and Tom White.

Nugent's award was for 32 years of continuous service without a lost-time accident of any kind.

The awards totalled approximately 164 man years or 341,120 man hours of continuous safe service.

Harvey Stiles received an award and certificate for submitting an improvement suggestion resulting in substantial savings to the Forest Service and the taxpayers.



THE HOME OF ELBERT GREEN in the Gold Branch Community was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The fire began in the front of the house where the cloud of black smoke is rising. When this picture was taken, the flames were just beginning to shoot through the roof at the rear. A child's tractor lies abandoned in the left foreground. (Photo by Weaver Carringer)

Say They Can't Comply With New Regulations

Ivie and Townson Funeral Homes have announced they definitely will discontinue ambulance service in Cherokee County at the end of the year.

The December 31 date was given to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Monday by Peyton Ivie and Dave Townson.

The two funeral homes originally announced a cutoff last

March 31, but continued to render the service when no acceptable alternative was worked out.

Townson said the funeral homes can not comply with new regulations that become effective January 10.

The new rules were adopted by the N. C. State Board of Health in Raleigh on October 12. There are 31 re-

quirements specified in the new regulations including extra equipment and personnel.

"It's an impossibility" for us to continue, Ivie said. Chairman W. T. Moore said he did not see how the Commissioners can authorize county money to take over the service at the present time.

However, Moore and the other members of the Board expressed opinions that service must somehow continue and the county must work out a solution to the problem.

The possibility of the funeral homes working with the county was discussed and Ivie said any ambulance service "absolutely must be an organization separate from the funeral home."

Townson stated last March that the new minimum wage law made the service a financial burden that could not be endured. He pointed out Monday that the minimum wage rises again early next year and that this, along with the new state regulations, could not be accepted.

When Townson Funeral Home discontinued ambulance service in Graham County earlier this year, the county put one man on a salary basis to operate the service there.

There were indications Monday that the Cherokee County Commissioners will consider the same plan, although two operators would be needed, one for Andrews and one for Murphy.

Ivie appeared before the Clay County Commissioners later Monday to discuss the same problem.

He said no final solution has been made in Clay and he did not give a definite cutoff date for service in the county.

Commissioners Up Fees For Register Of Deeds; Consider Food Stamps

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to raise some fees in the Register of Deeds office and decided to study the possibility of substituting the Food Stamp Program for the current Surplus commodity Program.

The Commissioners accepted the recommendations of Register of Deeds Ed Graves and voted to increase the fees effective Tuesday.

Recording deeds, deeds of trust, and road right-of-way were increased from \$2.15 to \$2.50.

Chattel mortgage and contract fees were increased from \$1.15 to \$3.

Death and birth certificates were increased from 70 cents to \$1.

The cost of a delayed birth certificate was increased from \$1.40 to \$2.

Marriage certificates were increased from \$1.40 to \$1.50.

Carlyle Matheson made a motion to accept the increases and the changes were voted unanimously after a second by Ray Sims.

Welfare Director V. O. Ayers presented information to compare the merits of the Food Stamp Program and the Surplus Commodity Program.

Estimates prepared by Ayers indicated it would cost the county about \$1,000 a year more to operate the stamp program than it costs to operate the Surplus Commodity Program. His figures were based on the number of

persons presently certified for commodities in the county.

Under the stamp program, eligible persons would purchase stamps and receive a certain number of bonus, or free stamps each month. These could be used to purchase food at any store in the county and the merchant would redeem the stamps at the bank for cash.

Ayers said his presentation was only a display of the possible costs of the program and he was not recommending one over the other.

The Commissioners decided to study the stamp program further.

Sims made a motion to set the pay of members of the jury commission at \$25 per day of service. It was voted unanimously after a second by Matheson.

Sims also recommended that gravel be requested for the Violet Baptist Church cemetery road.

Two Students Killed In Nantahala Wreck

Two students at Tennessee Temple College in Chattanooga were killed and four companions injured early Saturday when their car plunged into the Nantahala River in Macon County.

Charles C. Steen, 19, and Robert Dexter Howard, 18, both of Springfield, Mass., were reported killed.

The injured were brought to District Memorial Hospital in Andrews.

Jerry Benson Day, 19, of Nantahala; Jeffrey Paul Heath, 19, of Elyria, Ohio; and Marshall Wayne O' Bryan, 17, of Hammond, Ind. were reported in fair condition. DeWayne Robert Glascock, 18, of Indianapolis, was treated and released.

The youths were enroute to Day's home when the wreck occurred.

Day told Highway Patrolman Philip L. Gravelly that Steen was driving and he noticed Steen nodding and saw that he wasn't slowing down as he approached a sharp curve at a bridge over the Nantahala. Day yelled at Steen to watch for the curve and the driver slammed on the brakes, putting the car into a skid on

wet pavement.

The car jumped the bridge and landed on its top in about four feet of water. Steen and Howard were trapped in the front seat.

The survivors were discovered by Leonard Williams of Robbinsville. Williams had been the first person on the scene of a wreck near Franklin at 11 p.m. Friday where Rita Ann Taylor, 19, of Franklin, was killed. He had stayed there to assist Patrolman Gravelly and then left about 1 a. m. Saturday and discovered the Nantahala wreck 20 miles further west.

Wildcats Play Rosman Friday

The Andrews Wildcats face Rosman at Andrews Friday night in the opening round of the Class A football playoffs.

The Wildcats closed out their regular season with a 29-2 victory at Cherokee Friday night.

Mites End Year With Victory

The Murphy Mites concluded their season with a 19-6 victory over Hayesville last week.

Larry Hughes ran the opening kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown and the Murphy team never trailed.

The Mites finished second in their division. Robbinsville beat Andrews to clinch first place.

The Lions Club will honor the Mites and Midgets with a dinner at the Milton Inn Tuesday night at 7.

Walter Ensley Takes First; Don Gentry Ups Point Lead

Walter Ensley took first place in this week's football Contest and Don Gentry added to his lead in the point standings by taking second place. Mildred Burch finished third.

All three had six misses and the tie breaker was used. Auburn beat Alabama, 26-21, in our tiebreaker for the week.

Ensley missed by six points. His prediction was 24-17. The Rt. 1, Andrews resident wins five dollars and five points. Gentry missed by 16 points with a 19-12 prediction. He previously won first place and tied for second and now has a total of 10 1/2 points in the competition for the grand prize.

Mildred Burch missed the tie breaker by 19 points with a prediction of 18-10.

The point standings for the grand prize are:

Don Gentry	10 1/2
E.C. James	5 1/2
Karen Watson	5
Larry Shope	5
James H. Kilpatrick	5
Patsy Hyde	5
Herbert Sheidy	5
Walter Ensley	5
Sandra Mintz	3
Boyd Pullium	3
Don Gregory	3
Terry Sanders	2 1/2
E. R. Voyles	2 1/2
Abby Mathis	2
Herbie Gibson	2
Mildred Burch	2
Dale Lunsford	2
Fran Crawford	2/3
Graham Bayless	2/3
Richard B. Caldwell	2/3

Jack Stickley Seeks GOP Nod For Governor

Charlotte businessman John L. (Jack) Stickley officially announced he is seeking the Republican nomination for governor last Thursday.

His announcement, at a news conference in Charlotte, made him the first entry in the 1968 gubernatorial race.

Stickley expressed hope that he will not be opposed by Congressman James Gardner

of Rocky Mount who has frequently been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor.

The State Republican party "doesn't have the expendable leadership or the money" for a primary contest, Stickley said.

If a primary develops, however, "it will be healthy for the party," he added.

Gardner said in Washington, "there very well may be a primary contest.

Stickley said he planned to begin an active campaign immediately.

Tech Trustees Are Appointed

Eight trustees were named this week for Tri-County Technical Institute at Peachtree.

Four each were appointed by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and the Cherokee County Board of Education.

The Commissioners voted Monday morning to appoint W. Frank Forsyth, H. A. Martox, W. T. Moore, and Dr. W. A. Hoover. They will serve terms of eight, six, four, and two years respectively.

Monday night, the Board of Education named Noah Hembree, Boyd Crisp of Graham County, Tom Day of Clay County, and Carlyle Matheson. Their terms will also be for eight, six, four, and two years respectively.

Levi Registered In Soviet Union

Levi Strauss & Co. has received notification that its Levi's trademark has been registered in the Soviet Union, Horace S. Cannon, manager of the company's garment manufacturing plant in Murphy, said today.

Levi's trademarks are now registered in 55 countries, Cannon said, and despite the registrations, there is a continuing problem of foreign garment manufacturers copying the styles and duplicating the company's labels and identifying marks.

Tennessee Man Drowns In Lake

Floyd Adams, 46, of Benton, Tenn., drowned in Lake Hiwassee early last Thursday morning.

The body was recovered from about 35 feet of water at Floyd's Boat Dock by the Cherokee County Rescue Squad at 11:20 a.m.

Adams was on a fishing trip with his employer, Dr. L. M. Gross, also of Benton.

Gross said the men were spending the night in a boat under the shed at the dock when Adams complained about not being able to sleep and decided to do some fishing around midnight Wednesday.

When he awoke at 8 a.m. Thursday, Gross said Adams had not returned to the boat and when he began searching for him, he found Adams' fishing rod and line on the dock. When he did not find him, Gross notified the Rescue Squad.

Coroner J. C. Townsend ruled death was due to accidental drowning.

Adams is survived by his wife, Eula Mae, and two sons, David of the home and Joe of Atlanta.

Bulldogs Begin Playoff Saturday

The Murphy Bulldogs, Class AA champs of the Smoky Mountain Conference, will begin playoff competition Saturday night against T. C. Roberson at Asheville Memorial Stadium.

T. C. Roberson is the co-champ and representative of the Parkway Conference.

The Rams lost to Tryon, 7-6, and tied with Edneyville.

Drive-in Schedule Changes Announced

The Valley Drive-in Theater at Andrews has closed for the season.

The Murphy 64 Drive-in, however, will remain open. P. J. Henn announced that the Murphy 64 will be open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights through November and will operate Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in December.

Editorial

Salute To School Officials, Businessman On DECA Week

National DECA Week is being observed this week in more than 3,000 cities where Distributive Education is taught in the public school system.

In our town, as elsewhere, the local Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, or DECA, is closely associated with the instructional program. This student-directed activity is an effective part of the learning and training process in developing future leaders for marketing and distribution.

Through research projects and recognition events, the activities of the local DECA Chapter bring into sharp focus the various instructional parts of the DE program taught in Murphy High School.

Many of our business leaders are involved in the activities of DECA. First, as employer, these business firms provide laboratory environment in which the student tests, observes, applies concepts and skills learned in the DE class in school. Second, through supervised training, the student gains experience in the occupation which frequently is the first step toward his career goal. Third, DE students learn right from the start the basics of business in our free enterprise system. This in itself is highly commendable because nowhere in our educational system is free enterprise demonstrated so adequately as in the Distributive Education curriculum.

This approach to education not only develops competent personnel for merchandising, marketing, and management, but also prepares our youth for better citizenship. We congratulate and salute both school administrators and businessmen on the observance of National DECA Week.



SOBER OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE? - Highway Patrolman Pat Miller (left) plays the role of a drunk driving suspect and Highway Patrolman Don Reavis administers a breathalyzer test. The new machine, purchased by the Highway Patrol for use in Cherokee and Clay Counties, was received at the jail in Murphy last week. The breathalyzer test is offered to persons arrested on driving under the influence charges. If the suspect registers 10 or more percent or more alcohol in his system, he is considered to be under the influence. The evidence is admissible in court. The test is voluntary, but a suspect's refusal to take it may be admitted as evidence. Miller and Reavis took a required 68 hour course to learn how to operate the machine. They are the only authorized operators in the two counties. Clay County had agreed to contribute \$300 toward the purchase of the machine, but Cherokee County did not agree to pay the remainder of the cost and the Highway Patrol then made the purchase. The breathalyzer cost about \$900. (Photo by Dave Bruce)



SP4 Dennis R. Hamby, son of Miss and Mrs. Glenn Hamby of Rt. 4, Murphy, has been awarded The Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in support of combat forces" in Vietnam. He participated in over 25 aerial missions over hostile territory in support of counterinsurgency operations while serving with the First Air Cavalry Division between April and September. He is a 1966 graduate of Hixson High School.