



## George Worley Named Local Westco Manager



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George Worley assumed his duties as District Manager of Westco Telephone Company's Murphy office Monday. He replaces Gary McKelvey.

## Tractor Driver Hurt In Wreck

Dewey Jones, 68, of Rt. 2, Culberson received severe head injuries last Wednesday when the tractor he was driving was hit by a car on US 64 about 12 miles west of Murphy. The scene of the accident was near the junction with Sunny Point Road. Jones was traveling east when a car driven by Mrs. Margaret A. Rodgers, 67, of Maryville, Tenn. pulled out to pass the tractor and hit it, witness told Highway Patrolman Pat Miller.

Jones was thrown free of the tractor and landed about 18 feet from where the tractor stopped. He was taken to Copper Basin Hospital and was transferred later to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Rodgers and the passengers in her car, her husband, J. H. Rogers, 68, and Mrs. Johnny Green, 70, of Alcoa, Tenn. were taken to Providence Hospital where they were treated and held for observation.

Miller said Mrs. Rodgers was charged with failing to slow sufficiently to avoid an accident.

ern Carolina Telephone Co. He will work out of the Weaverville office.

The Murphy office serves Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

Worley worked for Westco for 12 years until February. Since then he has been self employed as a telephone central office contractor.

He is a native of Hayesville and a graduate of Hayesville High School and Young Harris College.

Worley is married to the former Miss Shirley Palmer of Hayesville. They have four children - Andy, Brenda, Teresa and Mike.

The Worleys are members of the Murphy First Baptist Church.

## Phone Repairs Being Made

Westco Telephone Manager George Worley said today servicemen are calling at the homes of all subscribers of the Murphy exchange.

Each service man has a letter of authorization. Worley described the work as preventive maintenance. He said there will be no charges for the work.

## School Holidays Are Announced

The Andrews, Murphy and Cherokee County Schools will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Christmas vacation will begin at the close of classes on Tuesday, December 19. Sessions will resume on Tuesday, January 2.

## Corn Stolen

An estimated 150 to 175 bushels of corn owned by Brown's Best Feeds were stolen from a boxcar at Ranger Siding on Tuesday, November 7.

W. T. Brown, Jr. estimated the value of the corn at \$250. Sheriff Claude Anderson is investigating the theft.



DEATH SCENE-The car in which John King of Andrews was killed last Thursday is shown in the field at the right. The truck involved in the wreck had been turned up, but the asphalt spilled from the vehicle covers the highway in the foreground. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

## Andrews Man Killed In Car-Truck Wreck On 19

John Akin King, 60, of Andrews died following a car-truck collision Thursday afternoon about three miles west of Andrews on US 19-129.

King was riding in a car driven by his brother-in-law, William Henry Taylor, 69, of Murphy.

Taylor was seriously injured in the wreck. He was reported improving at District Memorial Hospital.

Highway Patrolman E. N. Hooper said the Taylor vehicle, traveling east, struck a truck driven by Clint Burrell, 28, of Copperhill, Tenn. Burrell was not hurt.

The truck, loaded with asphalt, was owned by Higdon Asphalt Co. of Andrews.

The truck overturned, spilling asphalt on the road. The Taylor car went down a steep bank and landed in a field.

King was the eighth traffic fatality in Cherokee County this year. His death was the seventh to occur within a half mile of the accident scene.

Four persons were killed within 30 feet of the scene on April 14, ending 473 days without a traffic death in the county.

On May 19, two persons died in a head-on collision

about a half mile to the east.

Funeral services for King were held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Andrews First Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Ben Bullard officiated. Burial was in the Valleytown Cemetery.

Palbearers were Burke and

James Wood, Lee Nichols, Charles Freel, Harold Jones and Olin Stratton.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Dixie Taylor of Murphy; a brother, Vernon King of Columbia, S. C.; two nieces and two nephews.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Grover Mauney Is First In Contest

Grover C. Mauney, Rt. 1, Murphy, took first place in this week's Football Contest. He picked 18 winners and came closest on the tie breaker even though he picked the wrong team to win. The second and third place winners also had 18 right and had the wrong team on the tie breaker.

Penn State upset North Carolina State, 13-8, in our tie breaker. Mauney missed by five points with a 16-10 prediction in favor of NC State.

Hoyt Brown, Rt. 2, Murphy, won second place with a 17-14 forecast on the tie breaker. Brown said the Wolfpack would win. He missed the overall score by 10 points. James Nelson, Rt. 3, Hayesville, won third place with a 27-24 prediction on the tie breaker. He was off by 30 points.

Usually a contestant must have picked the winning team on the tie breaker but these were the only contestants with as few as six wrong and we had to base the outcome of the contest on total points since all three picked the wrong team. Don Gentry held on to his lead in the race for the grand prize - two tickets and \$25 in expense money to see the Atlanta Falcons tangle with the Chicago Bears on December 17.

Here are the point standings for the grand prize:

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 Shedy	5
Walter Enslay	5
Grover C. Mauney	5
Sandra Mintz	3
Boyd Pullum	3
Don Gregory	3
Hoyt Brown	3
Terry Sanders	2 1/2
E. R. Voyles	2 1/2
Abby Mathis	2
Herbie Gibson	2
Mildred Burch	2
Dale Lunsford	2
James Nelson	2
Fran Crawford	2/3
Graham Bayless	2/3
Richard B. Caldwell	2/3

## Paper Early Next Week!

The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress will be published one day early next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The paper will go to press Tuesday afternoon and will be delivered to local subscribers on Wednesday.

## Wildcats Whip Rosman, 27-7

The Andrews Wildcats defeated Rosman, 27-7, in the opening round of the Class A football playoffs at Andrews Friday night.

Ronnie Bradley scored two touchdowns and kicked three extra points for the Wildcats.

Van Brown and Leslie McKinney scored the other touchdowns.

The Wildcats will face the winner of the Tryon-Bakersville game on Thanksgiving weekend. Coach Hugh Hamilton told The Scout the exact date and site have not been determined.

## John Carringer Appointed To Fill Board Vacancy

The Murphy Town Board appointed John Carringer to serve the remainder of Wally Williams' term on the Board Monday night.

The seat had been vacant since June when Williams resigned to move to Charlotte. W.A. Singleton made the

motion to appoint Carringer. It was voted unanimously.

Town Clerk C.E. Johnson informed the Board that new sources of revenue must be found by the beginning of the next fiscal year. He cited growing expenditures for the town while the tax rate has re-

mained the same.

Johnson said the town has been using surplus funds to cover the rising costs but he expects the surpluses to be depleted soon.

The Board voted to authorize Town Attorney Herman Edwards to make a trip to Atlanta to confer with Federal officials on the proposed new housing project for Murphy. Edwards was asked to determine why the program is being delayed.

Three street light requests were presented. The board agreed to survey the need for the new lights before acting.

The Board voted to approve four requests for refund of overpaid taxes.

Mrs. Don Witherspoon, Mrs. Francis Bourne, Mrs. Herman Edwards and H.A. Mattox were reappointed to the library board. The Board accepted the recommendation of Miss Josephine Heighway on the appointments.

A salary increase for the Town Clerk was approved.

## Planning Board Defers Action On Petition; Owner Opposes Change

The Murphy Planning Board agreed Monday night to defer action on a request to change the zoning of the Hilton St. area from residential two to residential one.

A total of 28 residents of the area signed a petition requesting the change so that "when the present apartments and apartment houses cease to operate as such, no apartments, apartment houses or housing projects be permitted in the.....area."

A change in the zoning classification would bar future construction of apartments there.

Ben Palmer, a property owner in the area, appeared before the board to oppose the request. He desires to maintain the residential two classification.

"I'm just defending my own property. I wish to go on record as challenging this action," Palmer said.

He emphasized that he was appearing as a property owner and was not speaking on behalf of the Murphy Housing Authority, of which he is a member.

The petition was a revision of one presented to the Town Board and the Housing Authority in September in which the signers said they wished "to protest and resist" the possible construction of a public housing project in the neighborhood. The earlier petition did not request a zoning change.

The board approved a motion by Ed Manchester to study the request and determine how many of the signers are property owners and what percentage of property owners desire a change.

Cyrus White reported to the Town Board on the Planning Board's action.

## Andrews-Murphy Road To Be Resurfaced

Resurfacing of 11.17 miles of US 19-129 between Murphy and Andrews is included in a list of projects that the State Highway Commission will let on December 12.

Division Engineer A.J. Hughes said the highway between the two towns will be resurfaced except for portions where the planned Appalachian Development Highway will follow exactly the same route as the present road.

A total of 39.13 miles of work is scheduled for Cherokee and Clay Counties in the December 12 letting. The SHC said 19 sections of secondary road

Other Cherokee County work includes grading, draining, basing and paving 0.4 mile of Disart Road and 1.6 miles of Old Ranger Road.

ber of projects, dollar volume and mileage involved. It will completely eclipse last year's total record letting of \$112,500,000 by raising our total letting for 1967 to around \$140 million."

Hunt said "we're proud of this record, but prouder still of what setting it will mean to the people of this State in terms of improved and new highways."

The sealed bids will be opened on two separate days, November 28 and December 12, to allow the contracting industry a better opportunity to prepare bids on the large number of projects.

## Editorial:

## A Common Goal

Lying west of the Balsam mountains in North Carolina is an area which has great potential but is suffering greatly from underdevelopment. This area includes the counties of Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Cherokee and Clay.

Jackson and Cherokee counties, at opposite ends of the area have made some steps forward toward beginning to realize their possibilities, particular in the field of industrial development. Macon at one time seemed to be a bellweather in the field of economic development but for the last few years has lagged behind.

Two great obstacles stand in the way of this "land beyond the Balsams" moving forward as it should.

First, the mountain ranges which bisect and almost dissect our area make it harder to travel and communicate between the areas. To attend a meeting in Piedmont North Carolina in a town 35 miles away is a matter of thirty or thirty-five minutes driving time. For a man in Franklin to attend a meeting in Hayesville or Bryson City it is a matter of an hour or hour and half driving time each way. It makes a difference, and it is harder to get people here together. In time, we can overcome these geographic obstacles by the building of better roads and perhaps some day a form of air travel will be the practical way of going from one of these communities to another. Admittedly the cost of road construction is high and it makes the job harder to accomplish, still in time, we can overcome these physical barriers.

The second barrier between these communities which stands in the way of their development is human made. It is the mountains of suspicion and jealousy which stand between them.

Due to the geographic and economic barriers which confront us it is more essential that we put our shoulder to the task and push together. Since our physical problems are greater we should do all in our power to work together to overcome them. We should unite to see that highways are planned and built to open up the entire area; that each county in this area has adequate hospital facilities; that we meet the challenge of developing some airports now that are located to first serve the area--we can develop others later; that we plan and develop so as to have the cheapest sources of power available for all the area; that we meet the problems of public health in a unified and organized way from an area standpoint.

Better communication and interchange of ideas is one of the vital factors necessary to bring this about.

In the last two months, a new force has moved into five-sixths of the counties of the area.

Community Newspapers, Inc. with papers in five of the six counties, can serve as a unifying force. It can help in the problems of communication and serve as the media to help unite the great human resources of this area to work for common goals--goals which if we achieve them will help us all.

This is the goal of Community Newspapers, Inc. in Southwestern North Carolina, or "The Land Beyond the Balsams"



Sue Morrow

## Sue Morrow Named Journal Editor

Mrs. Sue Morrow was named Editor and General Manager of The Andrews Journal this week by Publisher Jack T. Owens. She assumed her duties Monday.

Mrs. Morrow is a native of Buncombe County. She graduated from Waynesville High School and attended Western Carolina College.

She is a former employee of the Cherokee Scout in Murphy, Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and the Andrews City Schools. Her husband, Joseph C. Morrow, teaches vocational agriculture at Andrews High School.



E.N. ALLEN of Rt. 1, Marble (left) receives a 12 gauge Winchester shotgun from Floyd Gibson of Gibson's IGA Foodliner in Andrews. The shotgun was the grand prize awarded in a drawing celebrating Gibson's 12th anniversary in the grocery business in Andrews. Allen had two entries in the drawing. He said he registered about six weeks before the drawing. (Photo by Weaver Carringer)