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School Boards Agree On Long Range Plans; 1969 Is Merger Target Date

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plans will be presented to the Division of School Planning in Raleigh. The five proposed projects are: (1) The construction of six to eight classrooms in the Murphy area immediately. (2) The construction of six to eight classrooms at the Andrews High School site immediately. (3) The construction of six new classrooms in the Martins Creek area immediately. (4) Planning of an appropriate central administrative facility for the merger of the three school units. (5) Consolidation of the three school units.

Christmas Parade Set For Saturday

Floats, bands, clowns, marching units, and homecoming queens will be included in Murphy's 1967 Christmas parade. Dr. Kenneth Keenum, parade marshal, says the first unit of the parade will step off at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

As of Monday, seven groups had announced their entry in the competition for trophies. Clifton Precision Products, Levi Strauss, and WKRR Radio Station are entered in the commercial float competition. Tomota Community Club, Cherokee County 4-H Club Council, Peachtree Community Club, and Tri-County Technical Institute have entered the non-commercial competition. First and second place trophies in each division will be awarded by a panel of judges. The Murphy Jaycees and Jaycettes are also building a float. "Peace on Earth" is the theme of the parade.

Carringer Sworn In As Town Board Member

John Carringer was sworn in as a member of the Murphy Town Board Monday night. Mayor Cloe Moore administered the oath at the start of the December meeting. Carringer was appointed last month to fill the unexpired term of Wally Williams.

The Board voted to accept a motion by W.A. Singleton to run a water and sewer line to the Bealtown Mission of the First Baptist Church. Edward Bryson of Four Square Community Action explained the New Careers Program to the Board and it was agreed to sign a contract with Four Square to provide five police trainees under the program. The program is operated under a \$200,000 grant to train 50 unemployed and underemployed persons in the four county area served by Four Square.

Freedom? Thanks, But No Thanks!

Ross Butler Lovingood, of Rt. 5, Murphy turned down probation and asked to be sent to prison after being convicted last week on moonshine charges in U.S. District Court in Bryson City. Lovingood was charged with possessing distillery equipment, mash and non-taxpaid whisky. Acting as his own lawyer, he plead not guilty but was convicted. Judge Wilson Warlick suspended an 18 month prison sentence and put Lovingood on probation for three years. Lovingood indicated he felt such restrictions on his freedom were as bad as no freedom and asked to be sent to prison. The Judge obliged with a 12 month active sentence.

Police Give One-Day Stolen Car Service!

The Murphy Police Department recovered two stolen cars last week, each one day after being stolen in a Tennessee city. Police Chief Pete Stalcup said a 1965 Plymouth was found abandoned Wednesday behind Fowler's Service Station. He reported the car was stolen Tuesday in Maryville, Tenn. No arrests were made. On Friday, a 1967 Plymouth stolen Thursday in Nashville was recovered parked beside the police car in front of the police station. Stalcup said the police acted on a tip from waitresses at The Cherokee Restaurant who reported a suspicious couple in the restaurant. He said a Wisconsin man was taken to Asheville and charged with the federal offense of transporting a stolen vehicle across a state line. The man signed a confession, according to Stalcup. His female companion was not charged.

Ranger Man Charged With Dotson Murder

Henry A. Dotson, 44, of Rt. 2, Culberson was fatally shot in the neck Saturday night at Taylor's Ferry Road in the Ranger section. Leonard Clonts, 38, of the Ranger section was charged with murder in connection with the shooting and is being held in the Cherokee County Jail. No bond had been set at press time.

when officers arrived on the scene. Dotson was a native of Cherokee County, an iron worker with the Tennessee Valley Authority and a member of Fairview Baptist Church Tellico Plains, Tenn. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Oma Styles Dotson; one son, David of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Brenda Osborne of Bradenton, Fla.; the father, Charlie Dotson of Tellico Plains; one sister, Mrs. Edna Moses of Tellico Plains; two brothers, Clifford of Pontiac, Mich. and Earl of Akron, Ohio.

Sheriff Claude Anderson said Clonts telephoned Deputy Herbert Graham and said there had been an accident. Clonts was waiting at a nearby home when Graham arrived. The sheriff has a .38 caliber pistol which was allegedly used in the shooting. Anderson said the weapon had been fired five times. Dotson's body was found beside his car. He had a 306 rifle in his possession. Anderson said one shell from the rifle was found on top of Dotson's car. Clonts' car was parked several feet behind Dotson's car.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Friendship Baptist Church. The Rev. Edward G. Altland, the Rev. Leonard Walker and the Rev. Ben Gates officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Jess Ledford, Ralph Ledford, G.B. Orton, Hoyt Walker, Harvey Stiles and Elmer Collins. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

3 In Contention For Grand Prize

Three persons remain in contention for the grand prize in our Football Contest which will be awarded next week. The grand prize is two tickets to the Atlanta-Chicago pro game on December 17 with \$25 in expense money. E.C. James and Don Gentry are tied for the lead with 10 1/2 points each. Grover C. Mauney has eight points and still has a mathematical chance to move into the lead should he finish either first or second in this week's contest. In the event that the tie between James and Gentry is not broken this week, The Scout will conduct a drawing to determine the winner.

Mary Shope of Rt. 3, Murphy won first place this week with 17 out of 20 correct predictions and a 17-14 score in favor of Navy in their upset of Army. The actual score of the game was 19-14. Another Rt. 3, Murphy resident, Robert L. Killian, was next closest on the tie breaker and won second place. Graham Bayless of Murphy won third place.

Folk School Plans Boarding Program

The John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown, N.C. 28902 or telephone Murphy 837-2775. The program is designed for persons interested in working and studying together in a rural setting and will continue through April 19. John Ramsay, Director of the School, said there is no entrance requirement beyond a serious desire to learn and grow. Most students will be over 18 years of age, but persons 16 and 18 may apply. There are no educational requirements. The cost of room and board will be \$90 a month, but all students will pay this through work assignments, Ramsay said. Tuition for the three month course will be \$100 a month and a \$10 fee for miscellaneous expenses will also be required. Scholarship aid will be available for students who cannot meet the expenses. Ramsay said the program is divided into four categories. Persons interested in applying for the program may write to John C. Campbell

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County To Provide Ambulance Service

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to establish the Cherokee County Ambulance Service to replace the services previously provided by Ivie and Townsum Funeral Homes. The Funeral homes had served notice earlier that they will discontinue their ambulance service on December 31. The Commissioners voted to hire DeWitt Sharp of Andrews and Arthur Kammerlohr of Murphy to operate the services in the two towns. The fees established are \$15 per ambulance call within the towns of Murphy and Andrews and for calls outside of the city limits, \$15 per ambulance call plus 50 cents for each mile, one way, beyond the city limits. Each funeral home is donating an ambulance to the county for the new service. The ambulances will be equipped with two-way radios for communications with the Andrews and Cherokee County Rescue Squads. The rescue squads and the funeral homes are expected to provide backup service in the event of emergencies requiring more than one ambulance. The Commissioners will publish the telephone numbers assigned to the ambulance service prior to the beginning of operation on January 1.

W.T. Moore was elected to another term as chairman of the County Commissioners, Democrats Moore, Ray Sims and Andrew Barton voted for the chairman. Republicans Carlyle Matheson, Jack Simonds and Luther Dockery voted for Matheson. The 3-3 tie was resolved by invoking the provisions of the local law in which each Commissioner casts the total number of votes that were cast in the commissioner race in his district in the 1966 election. Sims was reelected vice-chairman of the Board. The vote was 4-0, Moore, Sims, Barton and Matheson voted for Sims. Simonds and Dockery abstained. The Commissioners accepted all but one recommendation from County Accountant Harry Bishop on the appointment of tax listers. Those named were: Noda Township-- Charles Aikin and H.H. Davidson, Shoal Creek Township--Cliff Stiles and Walter Anderson, Hot House Township--John Hampton and Mrs. Charles McGill.

Valleytown Township--Pitt Almond and Mabel M. Rayburn, Beaverdam Township--Allen Chambers and Fred Martin. Murphy Township-- Mrs. Harvey McRae and John Lunsford. Bishop's list included Mrs. Doris McGill for Hot House township, Jack Simonds nominated Hampton to replace her. Hampton was named 3-2. Simonds, Dockery and Matheson voted for him, Barton and Sims voted for Mrs. McGill, and Moore abstained. The Board indicated it had no opposition to the plan of the proposed Farmer-Turtletown Utility District to solicit customers in the western part of the county. The State Highway Commission will be requested to re-grade and straighten portions of the Upper Beaverdam Road. Sims' motion to rehire all county employees was approved unanimously. Sims' motion to accept a proposed contract for work training with Four Square Community Action failed for lack of a second to the motion. The Board accepted the resignation of L.B. Nichols of Andrews from the Nantahala Regional Library Board and named Vincent Crisp to replace him. The Commissioners voted to close the Courthouse December 25 and 26 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

County Seeks Payment Of \$349,093 Back Taxes

Chairman W.T. Moore told the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Monday an all-out effort will be made to collect delinquent county taxes. He said persons owing back taxes have 60 days in which to make payment. At that time, the wages of those owing taxes will be garnisheed. State law provides that 10%

of a person's wages in any pay period may be garnisheed until the amount due is paid in full. County Accountant Harry Bishop said \$349,093 is due the county in back taxes through 1966. He said about two-thirds of the amount owed is on automobiles.

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Publisher, Editor-In-Chief For WNC Papers Are Named

Jack T. Owens of Murphy and Bob S. Sloan of Franklin have been named publisher and editor-in-chief respectively of five western North Carolina newspapers. Owens will serve as publisher and general manager of The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress, Murphy; The Smoky Mountain Times, Bryson City; The Andrews Journal, Andrews; The Graham Star, Robbinsville; and The Franklin Press, Franklin. Sloan will serve as editor of The Franklin Press and editor-in-chief of the other newspapers. Mrs. Stella Sawyer of Robbinsville has been named managing editor of the Graham Star and Mrs. Sue Morrow

of Andrews was recently named editor of the Andrews Journal. Dave Bruce of Murphy will continue to serve Cherokee Scout and The Clay County Progress and recently assumed the post of managing editor with The Andrews Journal. Community Newspapers, Inc. publishes The Andrews Journal and The Smoky Mountain Times. The Franklin Press, Inc. publishes The Franklin Press and The Graham Star. The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress is published by Scout Publishing Co., Inc. Owens is president of Scout Publishing Co., Inc. and The Franklin Press, Inc. He is secretary-treasurer of Community Newspapers, Inc.

G.W.F. (Dutch) Cavender, Assistant Administrator for Rural Development in the Farmers Home Administration in Washington, will be the main speaker tonight (Thursday) at the annual meeting of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association at the Charles R. Clegg Fine Arts Center at Young Harris College. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The annual report will be presented and new officers for the coming year will be elected. Special entertainment will be presented by a dance team from the John C. Campbell Folk School and Mrs. Raymond Scott, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Hill, pianist. The works of local craftsmen will be on display in the lobby of the building before and after the meeting.



THE MUSIC PROGRAM in the Murphy City schools is recognized in the current issue of "Benchmark," a magazine related to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The magazine reports that "it is noteworthy... that until the advent of total integration these (music) classes were composed predominantly of girls. The Negro boys and girls, with their love and aptitude for music, have been a real addition to the high school music department and chorus." The above photo, taken by Weaver Carringer, was used with the magazine story.

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