



Murphy Town Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The Murphy Town Board held its regular January meeting Monday night.

Town Clerk, C. E. Johnson recommended that Lowell Wilson of Andrews be employed in the Town's water department.

The Board authorized Johnson to hire Wilson.

Wilson was formerly water and sewer superintendent for the Town of Andrews.

The Board directed Attorney Reuben Moore to draw an ordinance restricting parking on the two public parking lots in Murphy to 24 hours.

Signs are to be erected advising of the time limit and when the ordinance is in effect, cars exceeding the limit may be towed away at the owner's expense.

Police Commissioner Kenneth Godfrey reported that his order enforcing the two hour time limit on parking meter spaces has been effective.

Godfrey had directed the move in December, pointing out that free space was available on the public parking lots and that it was desirable that those who had been parking on the street several hours each day use the lot and make the meter spaces available for shoppers.

"It's going very well," Godfrey said. "We got a lot of people off the street and there is more parking room in the business area now."

Godfrey informed the Board that approval is expected soon for the New Careers Program sponsored by Four Square Community Action, Inc.

The Board had approved participation in the program at the December meeting.

Three men are to be given on-the-job police training in the program with Federal funds being used to pay their

salaries. They would attend classes at Tri-County Technical Institute two days a week and work on the police force three days a week.

The Board approved the selection of two men for the program if final approval is received and a third man is under consideration. The school is scheduled to start February 2.

A wage increase for 12 hourly-paid town employees was approved by the Board.

Godfrey explained a planning service offered by TVA through the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association.

TVA would, he said, send engineers to make a survey of the appearance of the town and then submit to the local planning board an architectural plan for the entire town.

The matter is to be referred to the Murphy Planning Board for further discussion.

Publisher, Editor Attend Midwinter Press Meeting

By Bob Sloan

Recently, your reporter, accompanied by Jack Owens, Secretary of Community Newspapers, Inc., attended the North Carolina Press Association Midwinter Meeting in Chapel Hill.

The convention, which began with the Awards Dinner Saturday night, was a well planned affair.

Gov. Dan Moore highlighted the Thursday evening event and presented awards to newspapers throughout the state for their excellence in various fields.

Although he arrived late, Lou Harris, one of the nations most sought after public opinion analysts, kept the attention of several hundred newsmen, (this is no easy feat) with his various predictions,

including the opinion that President Johnson, as of now, would be re-elected.

A luncheon at Chapel Hill which featured light musical entertainment, was followed by the highlight of the three day program. The gubernatorial candidates of North Carolina, all five of them, from Reginald Hawkins to Jack Stickley were brought together on the platform. Each participated in an hour long question and answer period with no holds barred for the press of North Carolina.

It was, we think, an unprecedented affair.

From it we gathered certain first general impressions which we would like to pass on to our readers:

JACK STICKLEY-A striking appearing man who is a gifted after dinner speaker, who will have difficulty conveying his thoughts to the man in the street. However, he may come over exceptionally well on TV. Throughout his talk and his replies to questions, one felt that here was a man who was wondering through a swamp and at any minute he might step in quicksand. He must have felt that way too as his replies seemed very noncommittal for a man who presents himself as a forthright businessman.

JAMES GARDNER-In his appearance, he seemed like a schoolboy among a bunch of grown men. In presence of mind, he seemed sure of himself. He seemed to be searching for what the public wanted to hear rather than what was his answer to the questions asked.

MEL BROUGHTON, JR.-Appears to be a wholesome, handsome appearing man and the greatest dealer in generalities and stock answers of any of the five candidates. His greatest admission during the talk was that tobacco might be considered a luxury item.

ROBERT SCOTT-While not quite the equal of Broughton in appearance, here was another man who will photograph well we think. In his talk and answers, it was apparent that he had inherited some of his father's bluntness and frankness. He was the only candidate who would say where he stood on the tobacco tax, openly admitting that he was opposed to placing a tax on tobacco because of politics. He forestalled another question in regard to the "one university system" philosophy by saying it wouldn't come up while he was governor.

REGINALD HAWKINS-The first Negro to run for Governor of North Carolina in the Democratic Primary. He seemed nervous and much more interested in attracting attention than in developing a program. But, conversely, his way of drawing attention was to have a program with novel ideas. As we sat and watched this man facing a semi-hostile white press, we felt that he was handling himself pretty well under considerable pressure. We felt that he might upset the general flow of liberal and conservative voting in this state until one would have difficulty determining just what the outcome might be. And we felt that this was about all this man was after.

Murphy Native Named Area Army Recruiter

SFC Doyle L. Clay, a native of Murphy, has been assigned as U. S. Army Recruiter for six southwestern North Carolina counties.

The counties are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon and Jackson.

Sgt. Clay was assigned to Statesville before coming here to replace Sgt. Joe Provence.

The new recruiter is a 22-year veteran of the military service. He completed training at the Army's Recruiting School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. and had served with the Special Forces at Ft. Bragg.

He served 10 years overseas, mostly in Europe, and has also completed two tours in the Far East. He was an R. O. T. C. Instructor at the University of Georgia for two years.

Sgt. Clay is married to the former Miss Maggie Smith

of Bryson City. They have two children, Sheila, 13, and Keith, 15. They live at Rt. 3, Murphy.

He maintains an office in the Franklin Post Office and is scheduled to be in Murphy each Friday afternoon from 12:30 until 4:30.



Sgt. Clay

Mayor Proclaims Jaycee Week

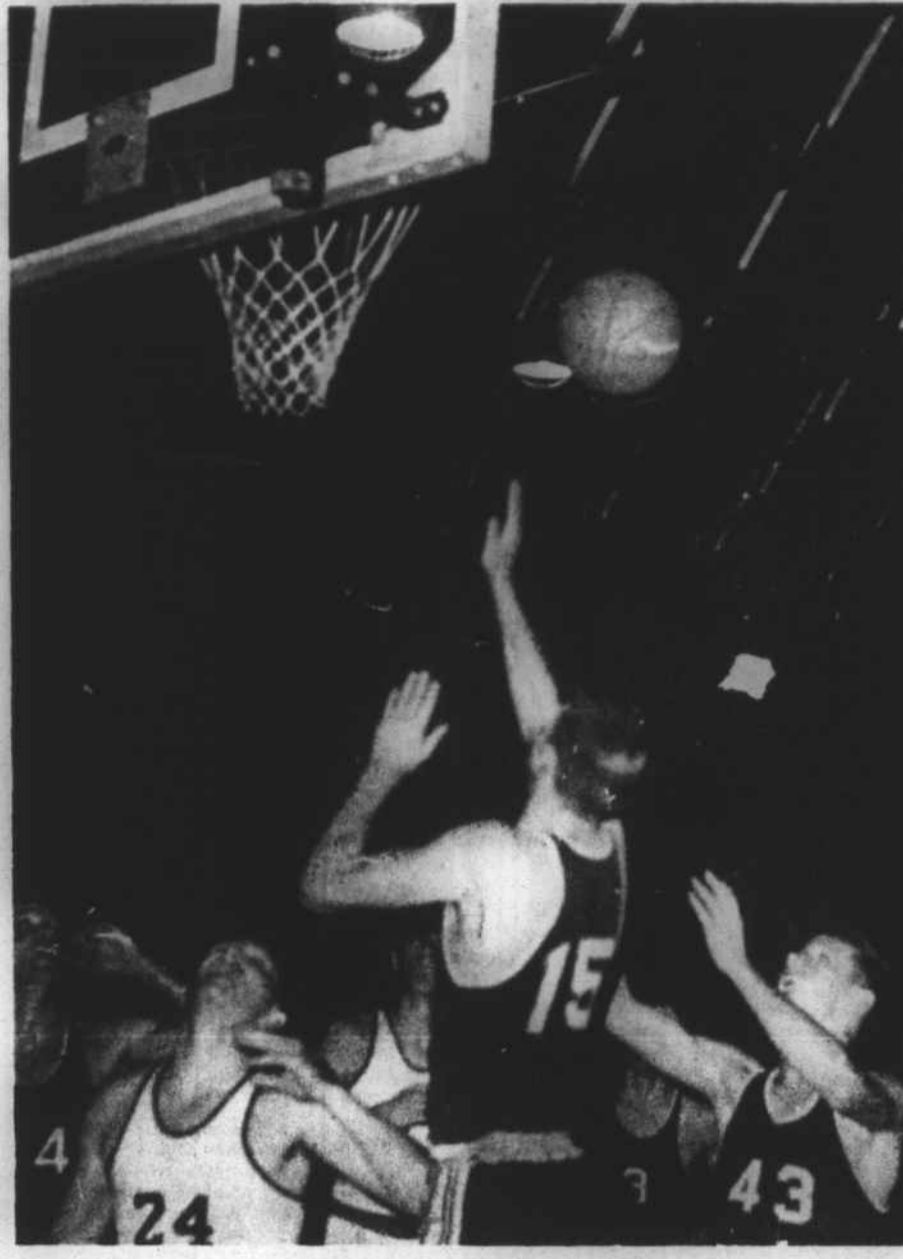
Whereas, the civic bodies and service organizations of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered to this community by the Murphy Jaycees, and

WHEREAS, The United States Jaycees and its affiliated state and local organizations have set aside the week of January 21-27, 1968, to observe the founding of the Jaycees, and

WHEREAS, this organization of young men has contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year.

THEREFORE, I, Cloc Moore, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, do hereby proclaim the week of January 21-27, 1968, as JAYCEE WEEK and urge all citizens of our community to give full consideration to the future services of the Jaycees.

DATE: January 20, 1968
SIGNED: Cloc Moore
Mayor



WAYNE HOLLAND (15) AND HAROLD KEPHARI (43) leap for a rebound in Murphy's loss to Andrews last week. The Wildcats won, 54-47. (Photo by Sue Morrow)

Bulldogs, Eagles Win; Wildcats Lose

Two of Cherokee County's three high school basketball teams picked up victories Tuesday night.

Murphy defeated Robbinville, 76-62. Hiwassee Dam rolled over Nantahala, 81-54. Andrews bowed to unbeaten Cherokee, 73-64.

Bob Dickey and Robert Stiles each had 22 points for the Murphy Bulldogs. Harold Kephari was right behind them with 21 points.

Guenther, K. Morrow and Picklesimer were the spark plugs of the Hiwassee Dam victory with 13, 12 and 11

points respectively.

Jackson and J. Taylor led the red hot Braves in their win at Andrews with 23 and 20 points respectively.

Four Wildcats hit double figures in the game. Eddie Raxter led with 17 points. Wishon, Barton and Ledford accounted for 16, 14 and 12 points respectively.

In the girls' games, Robbinville edged Murphy, 39-37, and Hiwassee Dam defeated Nantahala, 32-28.

The Cherokee Junior Varsity defeated Andrews, 65-40.

Tomato School Sign Up Continues Thru Today

The Manpower Development Training Act Trellised Tomato Training School has been approved for Cherokee and Clay Counties.

Fifteen persons from each county are to be trained in the production of trellised tomatoes.

Qualified trainees will receive a weekly training allowance of \$29 to \$59 plus mileage allowance during the six week program. The school is scheduled to start next Monday.

A representative of the Em-

ployment Security Commission will sign up students through today (Thursday) at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown.

Prospective students can go to their County Agent's office to sign up for appointments.

Clay County residents should call 389-8631.

Cherokee County residents should call 837-2210.

Jack Early, Cherokee County Agent, pointed out that trellised tomatoes are considered a high income crop in both counties.

Rev. Hicks Accepts First Baptist Call

Rev. Richard E. Hicks has accepted a call as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Murphy beginning Sunday.

The church will hold a reception for the Hicks Family Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Church Social Hall. Members of neighboring church congregations are invited to attend.

A native of Gastonia, Rev. Hicks is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Mars Hill College and Furman University. He has been serving as pastor of the Maiden, N.C. Baptist Church for the past six years.

burg, S. C.

A new sanctuary was built at Maiden under his leadership and was dedicated last spring.

He has been moderator of the Theron Rankin Association and is a member of the State Convention's General Board.

Rev. Hicks and his wife, Audrey, are the parents of three daughters and one son: Denise, Cynthia, Audrey, Marsha and Barry.

Rev. R. W. Prevost has served as interim pastor of the Murphy church since Rev. William J. Thompson resigned last year to accept the pastorate of the Village Drive Church in Fayetteville.

Bids Opened On Two Appalachian Links

Highway Commissioner W. Curtis Russ told the Scout in a telephone interview Tuesday that bids had been opened for the first two six-mile links of the Appalachian Development Highway in Cherokee County.

The bids were opened at a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh Tuesday morning.

The low bidder on the first link from the line east was Clement Brothers of Hickory. Their bid was \$2,411,367.

The low bidder on the second link was Asheville Construction Co. with a bid of \$1,530,017.

Russ expressed pleasure over the fact the close to four million dollars of work is ready to be put under contract in the county.

"We're looking forward to seeing dirt moved," he said. The bids will be reviewed

on February 2, "with the hopes of awarding the contract on that date," he added.

The Highway Commissioner had indicated in earlier interviews with this newspaper that construction will start as soon as the weather permits in the spring.

Another six mile link, which will complete the four lane highway from the state line to a point west of Murphy, is scheduled to be put under contract in March.

On some parts of the 18-mile road, two lanes will be added to the present two lanes of US 64 while in others, four new lanes will be constructed.

Construction already is underway in Polk County, Tennessee on the highway which will eventually link Cleveland, Tenn. with Asheville.

New Law Firm To Have Three Offices

The law firm of Christopher, Jenkins & Hoover announced its formation this week with offices in Murphy, Hayesville and Robbinville.

The partners in the firm are F. O. Christopher of Murphy, T. T. Jenkins of Robbinville, and a Murphy native who recently returned here, W. A. (Lonnie) Hoover, Jr.

Christopher said the firm's offices would be located in the Townsboro Building in Murphy, the Curtis Building in Hayesville and the Jenkins Building in Robbinville.

Hoover is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Hoover of Murphy.

He is a graduate of Murphy High School, Wake Forest University and Wake Forest Law School.

Hoover passed the state bar exam in August, 1966.

He served one year as law clerk with the Judge of the Middle District (Federal) Court of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Hoover has been living in Winston-Salem and was em-



Lonnie Hoover

ployed in the trust department of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. there.

He is married to the former Patricia Ann Gladson of Murphy. They have one son, Brent William, age six months.

"It's good to be back home after being away from Murphy for eight years," Hoover said.

Income Tax Return Course Offered

Tri-County Technical Institute will offer a short course for adults on preparing Federal and State Income Tax returns to be taught by Kyle Beal at Murphy High School beginning Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The classes will meet for two weeks on Tuesday and Thursday nights, three hours each for a total of 12 hours instruction.

The course is free and anyone desiring information on filing his income tax returns is urged to attend.

For additional information contact Mr. Beal in Hayesville or Tri-County Technical Institute.



The employees of the Andrews Magnavox plant were honored for their outstanding safety record at a box lunch dinner Monday in the plant cafeteria. (Photo by Sue Morrow)

Magnavox Honors Workers For Top Safety Record

The 650 employees of Magnavox Co. of Tennessee in Andrews were honored by the company Monday for their outstanding safety record.

Each shift was served a box lunch by the management of the plant. The box lunch consisted of fried chicken, potato salad, and slaw. Milk, cokes, and ice cream were also provided.

This was in recognition of the record Magnavox-Andrews employees achieved in a nationwide safety contest conducted by the National Safety Council.

The employees of Magnavox-Andrews worked from December 1967 through November 1967.

lost-time accident. All furniture and cabinet plants in the nation entered this contest and Magnavox-Andrews plant stayed in the number one spot until November.

The latest figures show that only one other plant in the nation has gone longer without a lost-time accident.

John Shoemaker, manager of industrial relations at the Andrews and Bryson City plants, stated that this is an outstanding record in a plant of this type, due to the hazards that employees come into contact with when using such tools as saws, Sanders

and cutting blades.

Interstate Automatic Merchandisers of Greenville, Tenn. provided the lunches.

All the employees agreed that this was one of the best activities that they had participated in at the plant.

such as: "It's real nice," from Mrs. Lake McHurti. "We appreciate being appreciated," said Mrs. Jane Johnson.

"I hope we can set another record next year," was Judy Cook's comment.

The company appealed to the employees to make 1968 a better year, safety-wise, than 1967.