



Hospital Survey To Be Conducted In Murphy

Grant Made For Smoky Mountain Cultural Arts

A grant of \$296,017 from the Office of Education was announced Saturday by Senator B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C. to finance the first year operation of the Smoky Mountain Cultural Arts Development Association for eight Western North Carolina counties. It is issued to the Jackson County Board of Education under whose guidance the plans for SMCADA have been developed.

Financed under Title 111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, these funds will initiate and develop curricula in music

and art in the public schools. Participating units are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties and city schools of Murphy and Andrews.

A total of \$999,379, almost \$1 million, is involved in the three year period presently planned.

"We're pleased that this project has been approved," said R. Paul Buchanan, Superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools. "Many people have worked long and faithfully to develop these plans. We feel that we are well prepared to carry them out.

Special credit should go to Dr. Edgar vom Leh, project director; Mrs. Dorothy Parris, art specialist; and Arnold C. Penland, Jr., music specialist.

"This will serve a need in the schools of our western counties, for we haven't been financially able to emphasize cultural programs," said Buchanan.

"This is the first government grant, as far as we know, for such a large area and for curriculum development in the arts," said Aaron Hyatt, Director of Institutional Research and Development at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. He was one of the originators of the idea and has served as a consulting advisor during the planning period.

"We will now be able to open the door to a truly full life for our children," said Hyatt. "We can break new ground in planning music and art curricula for our schools. We hope eventually to be able to offer as much or even more to our children than is available in many large city systems."

"We feel that under ESEA Title 111 the Federal government has issued a tremendous challenge to the schools," said Dr. vom Leh. "We earnestly hope that with the guidance and help of our regional university, ten school districts may band together in producing new and exemplary programs in music and art for the children of the region."

Planning started December 1, 1966. The application was submitted July 1, 1967. Dr. vom Leh, project director, is on leave from Western Carolina University. Mrs. Albertine Thompson is ESEA Director for Jackson County.

The central SMCADA office in Sylva is headed by the project director and by research-supervisors, in music, in art, and in drama-dance. A regional specialist in music and one in art will direct the program in the schools through county consultants who will work directly with teachers and in classrooms. In service workshops and seminars are planned to assist teachers. At least two county consultants will be employed in each county initially with a total of 27 to be employed by September, 1968.

The managing Board of Directors consists of the 10 school superintendents from the eight counties, the project director, The Advisory Board chairman and a practicing professional artist to be named each year. The Advisory Board consists of four members from each county and four members-at-large.

Since submitting the grant application in July, the Cultural Project has conducted several short-term programs. They assisted in Head Start teacher training program at Western Carolina University and conducted pilot programs in Jackson County summer Head Start classes. During the fall they conducted an in-service seminary for the 8 counties with lectures and demonstrations by nationally renowned arts educators.

This project for the eight county area with 74 public schools and 30,000 students is one of the largest of its kind in the country and has attracted the attention of leaders in education. Several national authorities have served as consultants and will be brought here in the future for seminary sessions.

Other experts in various phases of the arts, including retired residents and expert craftsmen will be utilized in the operation of SMCADA.



Tommy Gentry

Chamber Changes Name; Elects Gentry President

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce acquired a new president and a new name at the group's annual banquet Saturday night in the Clifton Precision cafeteria.

Tommy Gentry was elected president of the group. The name was changed to the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce.

Gentry succeeds Max Blakemore as president. Jack Owens was re-elected vice president.

Mrs. Miriam Moore was elected secretary, succeeding Gentry in that position. Jimmy Howse was elected treasurer.

Mrs. Moore, Howse, Don Hughes, H.W. (Bud) Alexander and Horace Cannon were elected to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Other members of the board are Gentry, Owens, H. E. Dickey, Alden Coward, Merle Davis, Ed Schulte and John Gill.

Outgoing president Blakemore reviewed the Chamber's work during his term. He challenged the new officers and directors to work hard for the upbuilding of Murphy and Cherokee County.

Gentry said the Chamber "must find answers to many important problems facing our community."

He cited "our desperate need for a new hospital and more doctors" and pledged that the Chamber "will support and work with the Murphy Hospital Authority to secure these things."

Gentry listed other urgent items on the Chamber program as "continuing efforts in the area of tourism and recreation, more housing, better roads, and working closely with industry to help meet their expanding needs."

About 90 members and guests attended the banquet. The meal was prepared by the Peachtree Community Club.

Fund Drive Underway; Contract Expected To Be Signed This Week

A drive is underway to raise funds to finance a hospital survey in Murphy and a contract for the survey is expected to be signed before the end of this week, according to Ed Schulte, chairman of the Murphy Hospital Authority.

The survey, which will determine the approximate medical needs of the present and the future in the Murphy area, will take from three to four months to complete. It will be done by Jack Norman Hospital Consultant Associates of Greenville, S. C.

Norman spoke at a public meeting at the Murphy Power Board Building last Friday

afternoon and the effort to raise funds got started shortly after the meeting.

Schulte presided at the meeting and described the week as "a black week for medicine in Murphy."

He cited the decision of Dr. Paul Hill to end his practice in Murphy on March 1 to move to Charlotte.

Schulte said the Hospital Authority had "come to the point where we don't know what to do."

It is felt that the survey will help clarify the questions of what is needed here, how new hospital facilities in Murphy can be financed, and whether Federal funds under

the Hill-Burton program can be secured here. Several opinions on the possibility of getting Hill-Burton money were expressed during the meeting.

"You've got to do an analysis, an inventory of what you've got, and determine your shortcomings," Norman told the group as he explained the purposes of the survey his firm will conduct.

"You recognized that you need something and are approaching things as they must be approached," he added.

He warned that the survey will not be a final answer to all of the medical problems and said "hospitals today are obsolete before complete."

On the matter of Hill-Burton funds, Schulte said correspondence he has received leads him to believe "the door has been closed" on Murphy receiving the money.

Dr. Walter Mauney said it was his judgment that "the door has been closed and if we get the money, we'll have to get it ourselves."

Mauney said "we need a hospital and I'm sure it will take a survey to determine" the needs in the area.

Dr. Hill joined Mauney in expressing doubt about getting Hill-Burton funds for Murphy.

"I'm moving mainly because we do not have the facilities to get new doctors," Hill said, adding that he can't carry on a clinical practice in Murphy and a hospital practice in Andrews.

The question of Hill-Burton money being available to Murphy arises because of the expansion of District Memorial Hospital in Andrews. Some persons feel that money would not be given to two hospitals in the same county.

Local fund raising drives and foundation grants are considered as possible means of helping finance new medical facilities here.

Schulte has said at the meeting he felt "optimistic" about raising the money needed for the survey and had planned a meeting of the Hospital Authority this week to start the drive. He said, however, efforts began shortly after the meeting.

Norman indicated the survey will cost approximately \$5,000.

Patrol Corporal Assigned To County



Corporal Chapman

Corporal Walker K. Chapman, an 11 year veteran of the State Highway Patrol, has been assigned to duty in Cherokee County.

While he is now officially stationed at Murphy, he is expected to be working out of the Bryson City office un-

til about the middle of February.

He was stationed at Aden in Pitt County prior to this assignment. Previous stations were at Greenville and Bethel, both also in Pitt County.

Chapman has been an instructor in the Basic Patrol School for five years and also served as an instructor with the Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Academy sponsored by the Department of Community Colleges.

He is a native of Newport in Carteret County and a graduate of Newport High School.

His military service included a tour of duty as an Army serial observer during the Korean conflict.

Chapman is married to the former Miss Josephine Roberts of Newport.

Mrs. Chapman is still in Aden but expects to join her husband here in the near future.

Deputy Recovers 2 Stolen Cars

Deputy Sheriff Glenn Holloway reported recovering two stolen cars in Cherokee County last week.

On Friday, Holloway jailed two Richmond, Va., youths, aged 15 and 13, who were driving a car stolen in the Virginia city.

He acted on a tip and stopped the car in Murphy. He said the 15-year-old youth had a stolen driver's license in his possession.

Holloway also reported chasing a car that he observed speeding near the west limits of Andrews on Saturday morning.

He said the vehicle reached speeds up to 120 miles per hour between the airport and Marble, where the driver lost control of it in front of the school.

The driver fled on foot. Holloway said he radioed a

description of the car to Asheville and was advised that it had been stolen in Gastonia on Friday.

He found \$60 worth of groceries in the trunk of the car.

Sylva ABC Sales Total \$263,589

Sales totaling \$263,589 for the first quarter of operation of the Sylva Liquor Control Store was shown in a Certified Public Accountant's audit. Quarterly CPA audit is required by law.

The store opened in October and the audit report is for the period ending December 31.

The total includes \$43,727-48 for NC Sales and Beverage taxes, and a five cent per bottle tax for rehabilitation. (Federal taxes on alcoholic beverages are collected at the distilleries.)

Net profits for the three-month period, according to the audit, total \$35,986.12. However, due to the store beginning with no inventory, the profits are applied to the inventory (becoming assets on the ledger sheet) until the inventory as of the close of the quarter totaled \$63,342.99.

October sales, not including five cents per bottle for rehabilitation, totaled \$87,067-40; in November, \$75,835-20; and December, \$96,811-40.

Gardner Campaign Workers Named

Leonard Ramsey and Casteel J. Floyd have been named chairman of the James Gardner for Governor campaign in Cherokee County.

The appointments were announced by Orville Coward of Sylva and Mrs. Eugene P. Foster of Asheville, co-chairman of the 11th District Committee for Gardner.

Ruel White had been named earlier to head the Gardner campaign in Clay County.

Bank Reports Record Deposits And Earnings

Proof that 1967 was a prosperous year for Western North Carolina came last month when the Consolidated Bank of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. released figures for the calendar year.

President W. Frank Forsyth reporting to the bank's stockholders, announced that the bank set an all-time high in total resources, deposits and net earnings.

The meeting was held Friday, Jan. 19, in the bank's main office at Andrews. Forsyth reported that net earnings were \$4.75 per share and after charge-off income tax accrued, and dividends paid the stockholders retained \$2.80 per share as compared with \$1.85 per share in 1966.

Forsyth reported that during 1967 the bank made 11,616 loans for a total of \$16,750,711.44.

Total assets for the bank amounted to \$26,599,432.79. Capital accounts were increased \$264,764.75 and permanent surplus was increased out of capital accounts from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

Charles Gagle of Sylva was elected as a new member of the board of directors of the bank. He replaces Dan

Allison who died last year. All other directors were re-elected. They include Percy B. Ferebee, Forsyth, W.D. Whitaker, Thomas C. Day, James B. Ferebee, II, Lee B. Nichols, Jr., E. Rae Moore, Peyton G. Ivis, J. Smith Howell Patton Phillips, W. A. McGlamery, Robert V. Weaver, W. D. Townson, Boyd Sossamon, W. Paul Holt, Jr., Jennings A. Bryson, John T. Gill Ted Jordan and Ted Phillips. The directors also re-elected all officers.

County Red Cross Meets

The Cherokee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Murphy Power Board Building, according to chairman Dave Moody.

Neil Hadley, regional director, will attend the meeting. Moody said officers will be elected and work for the coming year will be planned.



VALENTINE

Lina Hughes daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes and Mark Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Decker

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