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Murphy Recreation Association Formed

Some interested residents of the Murphy area have recently formed a non-profit corporation, the Murphy Recreation Association (to be known as M.R.A.) in order to consolidate present sports and fund raising activities while at the same time expanding present recreational programs.

An open meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening (tonight), at the Power Board to elect officers and adopt by-laws. All interested citizens in the greater Murphy area are urged to attend.

The association plans to administer, fund and expand the following present recreational programs:

Murphy Adult Softball League will operate as in the past except that it will now have a paid manager.

Adult Basketball will be continued with the possible addition of indoor volleyball.

Included in the association's budget will be several fair-ground improvements such as

outdoor volley-ball courts and horseshoe pits.

A tennis program is under consideration to include both instruction and tournaments, with the possible construction of a practice wall.

The M.R.A., with Legion Post 96, will jointly sponsor an American Legion Baseball team. Five practice games for the month of April have already been scheduled with Hiwassee and Blairsville. The Murphy team will be one of thirteen teams in Area 4. The top four teams together with Murphy will enter the area playoffs in Hickory, N. C.

All boys who have not reached their 19th birthday by August 1 are invited to meet with coach Adam Sutton at the Rock Gym at 7:00 p.m. Friday. The team will wear Cincinnati type uniforms of gray with maroon trim. Boys from both Clay and Cherokee counties are eligible. Any adult who wishes to help with the team is also invited to attend.



TWO MURPHY MEN SUFFERED SERIOUS BURNS Sunday night when their car burned and exploded following a wreck on US 64 two miles west of Murphy. Lloyd Burton (Jim) Twigg, 34, was driving the car and Ralph Berrong was a passenger. Both were taken to an Asheville hospital and Berrong was returned to Murphy Monday. Patrolman Pait Miller said Twigg was attempting to make a left turn off the highway and was struck by a car travelling behind him driven by Jack Douglas Pope, 16, of Murphy. Pope was treated and released. A passenger in his car, Joanne Hedrick, 16, of Rt. 4, Murphy, was taken to a Chattanooga hospital with head injuries and a broken jaw. Miller said no charges were placed pending further investigation. (Photo by Jim Morgan).

TWO MEN HELD FOR INVESTIGATION IN CLAY BANK ROBBERY

By Sue Morrow and Dave Bruce

Two Dalton, Ga. men are being held for investigation in connection with the robbery of Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Hayesville Tuesday afternoon shortly before closing time at 1 p. m. They had not been charged with the robbery at press time.

Union County, Ga. Sheriff Harlan Duncan said Herman Houston Hackney, 29, and Neal Southerland, 22, have been charged with possession of a stolen car in connection with the vehicle that reportedly was used for the getaway from the bank.

Hackney was arrested by Duncan just before dark Tuesday night when he was tracked to a creek by bloodhounds.

Southerland was arrested in Fannin County by Sheriff Roy Kirby about 12:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Duncan said he began chasing the stolen vehicle shortly after the robbery occurred but lost it in traffic. He again chased it around 3 p. m. Tuesday and it was wrecked and burned in the Owl Town Community about five miles south of Blairsville. The men fled on foot.

Another car, owned by Hackney was found five miles west of Blairsville off the Mul-

key Gap Road.

All of the \$16,712.21 taken in the robbery is believed to have been recovered, Duncan said. It was found in a refrigerator at an abandoned hunting cabin. It was identified by Clay County Sheriff E. H. Moore as that which was taken from the bank.

Six female employees of the bank and three customers were in the building when the stick-up occurred.

Mrs. Cecelia Massey, a teller, said the two men wore raincoats and gloves. One was armed with a pistol and the other carried a sawed-off shotgun.

"Play it cool, fill 'er up," one of the men announced as he tossed a bag at another teller, Mrs. Jo Anne Arrendale.

Bank employees Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Dale Phillips, Mrs. Audrey Anderson, Miss Shirley Byers and Mrs. Doris Marshall and the customers Guy Wheeler, Junior Jones and J. D. Hunter were ordered to stand against a wall while Mrs. Arrendale filled the bag with money from three drawers.

Other drawers were locked because the tellers who handle them were out to lunch.

Mrs. Arrendale said she told the men she did not have a key to those drawers and they

accepted her explanation. They inquired about the vault and were told it was locked.

The robbers herded the employees and the customers into the office of Vice-President Tom Day and told them to put their hands on the table. Mrs. Marshall was ordered to jerk the phone out of the wall. "We'll see you," the robbers were quoted as saying when they left.

Another employee, Mrs. Frances Garrett, returned to the bank while the hold-up was in progress. She reported she had \$300 that a customer had given her on the street. The robbers did not find the money which she had in her coat pocket.

"Don't try anything funny, you won't get hurt," she was told as she entered the bank.

Another teller, Mrs. Christine Prater, got the license number of the getaway car. She had returned from lunch and was warned not to go in the bank. She remained in her car.

Mrs. Garrett's husband noted the make and model of the car. It was reported to be a 1964 blue Ford with Georgia license plates.

The Clay County Sheriff's Department, the State Highway Patrol, the State Bureau of Investigation are investigating the robbery.

Four Square Launches New Careers Program

Four-Square Community Action of Andrews, through Manpower Development, has received approval of a "New Careers" program from the U.S. Department of Labor. They approved a \$183,330 program for the four county area.

The program is known as the "Scheuer Amendment" which provides a new career for unemployed or underemployed enrollees.

New Careers does not provide a permanent subsidy for a position. New Careers presumes future expansion of human services by local government. It gives only seed money to help the user agency begin to expand its positions and services. There must be newly-created position, or budgeting for an increased number of authorized but previously unfilled positions.

All enrollees or careerist

will work forty hours a week will receive \$1.60 per hour and for approximately 46 weeks.

At the present time, Four Square has commitments from the following user agencies:

Clay County local government which will use four police aides, one school attendance aide, and one sanitation aide.

Murphy City local government which will employ five police aides and one sanitation aide.

U.S. Forest Service which will employ ten aides, five from Cherokee County and five from Graham County.

Murphy General Hospital which will employ seven nurses aides.

Andrews City government which will employ five police aides and one sanitation aide.

Graham County which will employ four police aides and

one school attendance aide.

Swain County which will employ one police aide and one sanitation aide.

Four Square will pay all wages for the first year. User agencies will pay one-half of the wages the second year and during the third year the agencies will pay all of the wages.

There will also be two sanitation aides in each of Jackson, Macon and Haywood Counties. User agency for these aides is the State of Franklin Council at Cullowhee.

All enrollees will receive 20 hours vocational training and 20 hours on job training. This training will be offered by Tri-County Tech at Peachtree and Southwestern Technical Institute at Sylva.

The staff for the "New Careers" program consists of the following: Director, Randall Shields, Culberson; Deputy Director, Edward Bryson, Marble; Bookkeeper, Eula Mae Allen, Murphy; Secretary, Carol M. Collins, Andrews; and Counselor, John Beavers, Andrews.

Hospital Not For Sale

Providence Hospital is not for sale, the Hospital Administrator told The Scout Wednesday.

Speculation developed in the past week when a for sale sign was noticed on a corner in front of the hospital.

The Administrator said the sign concerns a 50 by 100 foot strip of property in front of the hospital that is owned by a Marietta, Ga. man. The property is not connected with the hospital property in any way, she added.

Mayor Proclaims Red Cross Drive Support

Again in 1968, the American Red Cross will provide Comfort and Support from those Americans who can help to those Americans who need help; to communities struck by disaster; to servicemen in hundreds of posts abroad and at home; and, above all, the members of our Armed forces in Vietnam.

The Red Cross is a splendid American tradition--and never was it more needed. It is a proven way for us, who enjoy so many of freedom's blessings, to render timely aid to those fellow citizens who today, bear so much of freedom's burdens. We should respond with particular generosity to Red Cross appeal in 1968.

Jim Gardner Rally Friday

Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner is scheduled to arrive at Andrews Airport Friday afternoon at 3:30 for an appearance at a Tri-County Republican Rally at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy Friday night at 7:30. Republicans from Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties will participate in the rally.



Jim Gardner

Gardner will travel to Murphy in a motorcade after his arrival at the airport.

State Senator Bruce Briggs of Asheville and State Representative Charles Taylor of Brevard will appear on the program with Gardner.

Gardner, presently representing the Fourth District in Congress, will face Jack Stickley of Charlotte in the May Primary.

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Carter Named To Authority

William J. Carter of Andrews has been appointed to the Rural Renewal Authority by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

He replaces J. Wiley Davis whose term has expired. Other members of the RRA include Joe El-Khoury of Andrews and John Gill, Meris Davis, and Hadley Dismore.

The new site is about 200 yards from the former voting

Nurses Aide Class Begins

Tri-County Technical Institute will begin a class for Nurses Aides at Andrews District Memorial Hospital, Monday at 9:00 a. m.

Applications for the class will be received at the hospital through Friday.

Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Altland at District Memorial Hospital in Andrews between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

Precinct Moved

The Topton voting precinct has been moved to Hob Holloway's Store, according to Homer Davidson, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections.

The new site is about 200 yards from the former voting

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit Murphy Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Murphy Power Board Building Monday from 1 to 5:30 p. m.

Mrs. Edgar Harshaw, chairman of the local blood program, said this would be the last bloodmobile visit in Murphy until July.

"Please make every effort to donate Monday," she urged. Mrs. Harshaw pointed out

that three emergency calls for blood were answered in the Murphy area in the past month and two of these calls were at night.

"Five of our Murphy residents answered a call of this type willingly and were only too glad to help their fellow man," she added.

A number of donors have received their gallon cards, she said. These card holders and their families are protected with blood needs for life.

Mrs. Harshaw expressed a desire for a large turnout Monday since March is Red Cross month.

In addition to the blood program, she said, the Red Cross has handled 20,000 emergency messages concerning servicemen in Vietnam in the past year and 180,000 servicemen have received various Red Cross services during that time.

Open School Meeting Set

Jerome H. Melton, Associate Director, Governor's Study Commission on the Public School System of North Carolina, will hold an open hearing at Murphy Elementary School Auditorium, tonight (Thursday) at 7:45 p. m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to raise some of the questions which the Governor's Commission is tackling and give any interested citizen an opportunity to speak on the matter.

All persons in the region interested in voicing their opinions, or listening to the issues are invited to attend.

Grain Deadline Is Friday

Cherokee and Clay County-ASCS Offices announce that March 15th, is the final date that farmers can file to participate in the 1968 feed grain program.

As of Wednesday, 340 farmers have signed up in Cherokee County and 150 farmers have signed up in Clay County. This year diverted acres can be granted through April. Payment rates are about the

Western Union Resumes Service

Western Union service to Murphy was resumed last Thursday at the new telegraph office in the Trailways Bus Station on Church St. The former office in the Townson Building was destroyed by fire on February 25.

Marilyn and J. B. Hall, Jr. are the new operators of the service here.

The telephone number is 897-3179.

The office will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 until 12 noon and from 1 until 5:30 except on Wednesday when it will close at 12 noon.

Service can be obtained after hours and on weekends by calling Western Union in

Scout Press Leaves Chicago

The Scout's new three-unit Goss Community Web Offset Press is to be shipped from Chicago this week, according to a Goss Co. spokesman. It is expected to arrive in Murphy three or four days after shipment.

Installation of the modern, high-speed press will take from a week to ten days. The remodeling of the newspaper's front office was completed this week.

Both the purchase of the new press and the office remodeling are key parts of a major expansion program announced by Publisher Jack Owens last month.

'Dogs Honored At Banquet

Roger Stiles, Hoyt Robertson and Bob Dickey were honored for outstanding performance at the football banquet held by the Murphy Quarterback Club at O'Dell's last Thursday night.

Stiles was recognized as the outstanding Bulldog back, Robertson as the best lineman and Dickey as the most improved player.

Team members elect the outstanding lineman and back. The coaches vote on the most improved player.

The Murphy coaches were presented luggage gifts by the Quarterback Club.

Tom Brown, athletic director and head coach at Maiden, N. C. High School, was the guest speaker.

The banquet was attended by the players and their dates, the cheerleaders and their dates, and the club members

Town Board Schedules Zoning Change Hearing

Zoning, parking, the police department and the fire department occupied the attention of the Murphy Town Board at its monthly meeting Monday night.

A public hearing was scheduled for March 25 on the possibility of changing the zoning of the site of the King Cattle Sale Barn in Bealtown.

The owner of the property, Lewis King, had requested that the barn property be changed from its present Residential Two status to one in which the barn would conform.

The Murphy Planning Board recommended to the Town Board that a new zoning district, Livestock Sales Barn District, be added to the zoning ordinance. It would stipulate that should the site cease to be used for cattle sales, the property would revert to Residential Two zoning.

Cyrus White, secretary of the Planning Board, presented the recommendations.

A public hearing is required before any change can be made in the zoning ordinance.

White also reported to the Board on the Town's Workable Program. The Board adopted the report for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The Board also voted to request TVA to conduct a Town Life Survey. The survey would provide recommendations for improving the appearance of the downtown area.

Smith and Jones, Inc. was found to be the low bidder on two projects correcting storm sewer problems. Their bid was \$5,548.

The Board passed an ordinance establishing a 24 hour time limit for parking on the two parking lots operated by the Town. Vehicles left for longer periods will be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

The Sheriff's Department was authorized to serve warrants to persons living outside the Town on parking tickets which have not been paid. The officer serving the warrant would collect the arrest fee.

Mayor Cloe Moore asked the street committee to investigate the possibility of placing more parking meters on the Tennessee-Birmingham Sta. corner of the square.

Police Commissioner Kenneth Godfrey requested that

be changed and that the former three man police commission be put in charge of the department. The Board agreed and voted to appoint Godfrey, John Carringer and Francis Bourne, Jr. to serve on the commission.

Fire Chief Bob White proposed that the Board adopt a plan for the purchase of firemen's uniforms. Under the plan, each individual will pay one-third of the cost, one-

third would come from fire department funds, and one-third would be paid by the Town. The Board accepted W. T. Brown's motion to approve the plan.

The Board voted, on a motion by W. A. Singleton, to install a system which would ring 10 phones at once when the fire alarm sounds. The 10 firemen receiving the call would each in turn, call another member of the department. It was pointed out that at times the fire siren can not be heard in all parts of the town.

Robert Akin and Bill Hughes were appointed to the Murphy Planning Board.

Town Gives Dinner Tonight

The firemen of Murphy and Andrews, The Cherokee County Rescue Squad and the Murphy Policemen will be honored with a dinner given by the Town of Murphy tonight (Thursday) at 7 p. m. at O'Dell's.

Mayor Cloe Moore said interested businessmen are invited to attend. They should make reservations with Town Clerk C. E. Johnson no later than noon Thursday.

D. Keith Philippe, Supervisor of Firemanship Training with the Department of Community Colleges, will be the guest speaker.

Lays Observe 43rd Anniversary

Lay's 5 & 10 Stores begin observance of their 43rd anniversary today, (Thursday), with an anniversary sale.

The Murphy store opened in 1924 and has since undergone two expansions.

Operations were begun here by the late W. M. Lay and his wife, Oma, in a 2,000 square foot store. The present location on Peachtree St. was opened in 1953 with 7,000 square feet of selling space and 2,900 square feet of stock room in 1965.

The Murphy store is now managed by Troy S. Fleming. The company has 25 stores in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. Headquarters are in Cleveland, Tenn.

D. B. Lay, past president, is now chairman of the board. J. T. Lay is the manager.



Mel Broughton

Broughton To Visit Murphy

J. Melville Broughton, Jr., Democratic candidate for governor, will be in Murphy on Monday.

He will be at the Cherokee Cafe from 7:30 a. m. until 8:30 a. m. The general public is cordially invited to have breakfast, or a cup of coffee, with Broughton.

Robert M. White will be in charge of the Broughton visit and the breakfast. White says Broughton wants to meet as many people as he can.

On Broughton's last visit to Murphy, as Chairman of the State Highway Committee, he attended the Yearbook