

## New Careers Hire Police Instructor

Mr. Clarence Rose of Murphy has recently been hired as Police Instructor for the New Careers Police Training Program. Joe Morrow, Extension Director of Tri-County Technical Institute, announced recently. Rose will help instruct the trainees from Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain Counties.

Rose has been in law enforcement work for the past 26 years. He began his career as a highway patrolman in Ohio. After seven years at that position, he became a plain clothes detective for the city of Poland, Ohio. After a year at this position, he took over as Chief of Police in Poland, and has held that position for the past 17 years.

He left this job because of injuries received on duty.

While holding the various positions listed above, Rose attended the F.B.I. School in Washington, D. C., and numerous other state law



Clarence Rose

enforcement schools in Ohio.

Mr. Rose is presently residing on Mooreland Heights Avenue in Murphy. He is married to the former Miss Florence Butch of Youngstown, Ohio. They are the parents of three children, one son and daughter of Poland, Ohio, and one fifteen year old son of the home.

## Rescue Squad and Rural Fire Dep't Elect Officers

The Clay County Rescue Squad and the Clay County Rural Fire Department met Monday, July 1st, for the purpose of electing officers for the 1968-69 fiscal year. The officers for the Rescue Squad include Paul "Heavy" Mease, who was re-elected as Captain of the Squad; First Lieutenant, H. C. McDowell; First Sergeant, Harold Martin; Second Sergeant, Roel Smart; Secretary, C. D. Moses, who was also re-elected.

Johnny Auberry was elected to serve as chairman of the Rescue Squad Board of Trustees, which is a three year position. Serving for two years are Don Weaver and Paul Watkins. Gerald Enloe and R. B. Coffey will serve as board members for one year.

Officers for the Clay County Rural Fire Department are Don Weaver, Fire Chief; Howard "Buck" Martin, Assistant Fire Chief, and Virgil Elliott, Secretary.

Carl D. Moses, Secretary of the Rescue Squad, reports that the \$3,000 goal for equipping the fire truck is gradually being reached. To date \$2,513.25 has been collected, leaving a sum of \$486.75 to be raised.

This week's donors include Hubert Ramsey, Virgil Elliott, Hayden W. Olds, Carl S. Moore, Robert L. Anderson, Dewey Nichols, Claude Stewart, Horace McClure, John Waldroup, Ivie Furniture, Dee Barnard, Mt. Pisgah Church, Wayne Ford, Anderson D. Bell, Sue McClure, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, W. T. Darter, Peachtree Products, and Minnie Couch.

Anyone who would like to contribute should contact either the bank in Hayesville or any member of the Rescue Squad.

## 4-Hers Attend Activity Day

Fifty-three Cherokee County 4-H Leaders, parents, members and Agriculture Extension Agents attended the 4-H District Activity Day at Sylva Webster High School.

In the presentation of their demonstrations, Cherokee County won six blue ribbons, four red ribbons and one white ribbon from demonstrations given by 4-H'ers. Those winning blue ribbons were: Steve Thompson, Entomology; Jackie Pope, Poultry Barbecue; Sandy Ledford, Fruit & Vegetable Use; Paul Thompson, Forestry; Linda Beavers, Rural Civil Defense; and Debra Keener, Girls Public Speaking.

Red Ribbon winners were Linda Pope, Sewing; Lynn Lauder milk, Dairy Foods; Angie Curtis, Girls Electric; Wanda Wilson, Girls Electric. The only white ribbon won

was by Linda Pope, Dress Revue.

The Cherokee County 4-H Cloners each received a blue ribbon in Talents, which totaled 16 blue ribbons. There were two District winners, Steve Thompson, Entomology demonstration, and Jackie Pope, Poultry barbecue. Sandy Ledford gave a demonstration in Fruit and Vegetable Use and was District Runner-Up.

The Cherokee County 4-H clubs and Agriculture Extension Staff would like to say "Thanks" to each Parent 4-H Leader and 4-H Club members for their work and time to make this 4-H Event a success.

The 4-H Leaders and parents were Mrs. A. G. Quinn, Mrs. Wilma Pope, Mrs. Dixie Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lauder milk, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beavers, Mrs. Ben Warner, Mrs. Boyce Stiles, Mrs. Bess Alverson, and Mrs. Richard Haney.

Four-H Members attending were: Rebecca Quinn, Jane Voyles, Eddie Blount, Linda Pope, Debra Keener, Debra Farmer, Janet English, Lynn Lauder milk, Nicki Lauder milk, Steve Thompson, Jackie Pope, Kirt Weber, Paul Allen Ledford, Mike Beavers, L. D. Beavers, Linda Beavers, Rex Owenby, Gerald Owenby, Lenore Cordell, Mike Mauney, Sammy Roberts, Paul Thompson, Larry Forrester, Lisa Warner, Rosanna Radford, Doris McAfee, Pam Stiles, Jane Mason Janet Roberts, Gail Curtis, Angie Curtis, Wanda Wilson, Dawn Haney, Sandy Ledford and Debbie Clayton. Others attending were Anna Mae Deweese and Sara Hedden.

Agricultural Extension Agents attending were Jack E. Earley, County Extension Chairman and Wendell Hedden, Ass't Agr. Ext. Agent.



Winners

Miss Donna Chastain of Murphy captured the 1968 Miss Lake Hiwassee Beauty Crown at the Jaycees 5th annual beauty pageant last Friday. She was crowned by

Miss Jane Whitely (L) the 1967 Queen. Miss Sarah Jane Hill of Murphy was first runner-up and Miss Pat Guffey of Andrews second runner-up.

## Miss Donna Chastain Captures 1968 Miss Lake Hiwassee Crown

Donna Chastain of Murphy was crowned Miss Lake Hiwassee Friday night in the fourth event of the Jaycee Fifth Annual Water Festival. Donna was picked number one out of a field of nine contestants. She sang the theme song from "The Sound of Music" in the talent division.

Following Miss Chastain as the First Runner-Up was Sarah Jane Hill of Murphy. The Second runner-up was Pat Guffey, of Andrews. Miss Hill sang "Wouldn't It Be Wonderful", a song from the play "My Fair Lady", while Miss Guffey's talent was in a modern dance to the theme of "Goldfinger".

The other winner at the Beauty Pageant was "Holly hock" (James) Hughes, who took first place in the mock beauty pageant put on by the Jaycees.

The other events of the Festival were just as successful as the beauty pageant, Jaycee president Curtiss Hewlett said recently. He said that the Mountain Square Dance was the most successful square dance the Festival has ever held. Between 400 and 500 people attended the dance. The Jaycees also put on a large display of fireworks on this night.

Thursday night 43 cars participated in the races at Tri-County Raceway. The Jaycees presented trophies to the winners of the three races and conducted a fireworks display. They were Jimmy Sherrill, who won the first 30 lap race. Fain Ledford, the

winner of the second race and Doug Kenimer, who won the feature race.

Earl Thrasher crossed the finish line first in the foot race, followed by 40 or 50 would-be runners.

The tennis tournament held Friday evening saw plenty of action despite a few participants. Bretney Beaver won the junior singles division and combined with Doug Stevens to take the doubles title.

Don Morris easily won the men's singles division, and he, too, was on the winning half in the doubles. Doug Singleton was Don's partner in the doubles games.

Several thousand people at-

ended the boat races Sunday afternoon. This was the only event of the entire festival where anyone was hurt or injured.

In practice trials Sunday morning, Ray Chumley of Columbus, Georgia, collided with another boat. He was thrown through his windshield and received a broken jaw, lost several teeth, and was cut on several places on his arms and legs. Chumley is the president of the Columbus Rebel's Boat Racing Club, who is a co-sponsor of the race. He was treated at a Murphy hospital and released Sunday afternoon.

The only local winners in the boat races were David Hilton, who took second place in the Class I race, which is for 50 hp motors. Hilton also ran

in the Class 2 race, which is for 85 hp motors, and finished in third place.

Hubert Picklesimer came in second in the Marathon, driving a Class 4 unlimited boat. The other winners were drivers from out of the state.

Hewlett said that this year's festival was the biggest one yet and was a tremendous success.

He contributed the success of this Festival to the strong support of local businesses and industries and active participation of area residents and vacationers.

Hewlett also expressed his gratitude to the Jaycees for their untiring efforts in supplying the manpower necessary to conduct this five day Water Festival.



And Losers

## Six Inducted

Six local men were inducted into the Army Monday at the Murphy local board No. 22. They were Roy Everett Bruce, John Lawson Arrowood, Otis Franklin, Loren Cecil Jones, William Roy Tothorow, and Joseph Lawrence Helton.

Thirty-two men were also forwarded for physical examinations.

We'll not really losers for there was a winner in this contest too. Four Murphy Jaycees participated in a mock beauty contest with the audience picking the winner. Tom Gentry, master of ceremonies, points to contestants for audience applause after each of the "Girls" had taken his turn down the ramp. Those participating were: (LtoR) "Twiggy" Hewlett, "Hollyhock" Hughes, "Dandelion" Decker and "Petunia" Penland. And the winner was "Hollyhock" Hughes.

## Taxes Increase 10¢; New Rate \$1.82 Per \$100 Value

The Cherokee County Commissioners adopted a budget and set the tax rate for the 1968-69 fiscal year Monday. This year's tax rate, based on total property values of \$25,173,393 was set at \$1.82 per \$100 of property value.

The new tax rate is a \$10 per \$100 of property value increase or 5.8 percent.

The Cherokee County Commissioners adopted a budget and set the tax rate in meetings Monday and Tuesday. This year's tax rate, based on total property values of \$25,173,393 was set at \$1.82 per \$100 of property value.

A budget of \$703,636.55 was set and unanimously approved by the County for the following year. There are several new expenditures this year that had not previously been encountered according to Harry Bishop. They include \$6,000 for equipment for the Register of Deed's office; \$7,500 for loose leaf registration mandatory by 1970; \$10,000 for an ambulance account; \$2,000 to

the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, repairs to Peachtree Elementary School auditorium, \$7,000; and \$1,000 extra to help the Cherokee County Rescue Squad.

A summary of the budget is listed below.

Other business taken up at the Monday meeting include the reappointment of W. T. (Bud) Brown of Murphy as a member of the Southwestern

Economic Development Commission for a term of three years.

The Commissioners also endorsed the County Civil Defense efforts to sponsor a Highway Safety Campaign for the next one and one-half years. This was done in cooperation with the North Carolina Highway Patrol's efforts to cut down on traffic accidents.

### 1968-'69 Cherokee County Budget

Property valuation (minus 2%)	\$25,173,393.00
General Gov't. Expense	\$254,597.66
Welfare Expense	169,067.17
School Expense	189,832.13
Debt Service	90,159.59
Total	\$703,636.55
Value of Tax receipts	\$458,177.75
Other Revenue	177,040.30
State & Fed. Aid to Welfare	68,440.50
Total	\$703,636.55

## Contractors Overbid Golf Course Project

All of the bids opened Tuesday on the 18 hole golf course in Murphy were well above the amount allocated for the project. The lowest bidder, Wells and West Construction Company of Murphy, was over \$18,000 above the \$150,000 made available by an FHA loan.

The golf course, which is to be part of a recreation complex being built under the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority will be built on a tract of land formerly known as the John Mulkey farm about four miles south of Murphy.

It would include greens, tees, fairways, cart trails, bridges, a driving range and irrigation systems.

P & S Grass Company of

Dalton, Georgia, was the second highest bidder with a net bid of \$170,744. Smith and Jones Construction Company of Atlanta was third with a net of \$219,000.

Since all of the bids were above the amount available, the Authority decided to negotiate with all three bidders on the project. The engineer will have to make deletions in the specifications to get the cost down to the \$150,000. Each of the bidders will then

estimate the dollar amount of the deletions.

John Gill, Chairman of the Authority, emphasized that the Authority wanted construction to begin as soon as possible. A completion date of one calendar year was set by one of the bidders.

Once the bids are within the reach of the funds available the FHA office in Raleigh must approve the bids and specification before a contract can be awarded.

## Town Board Increases Library Budget \$600

The Murphy Town Board voted Monday night to increase the Murphy Carnegie Library budget by \$600 and approved \$750 for the local summer recreational program.

The board also voted to sell two used trucks and the old garbage packer owned by the town.

Chief of Police Pete Stalcup reported that the high sidewalks in front of the police station were a hazard to motorist parking in that area. Stalcup said that several parking lights have been broken when motorist pull their cars against the high curb.

He suggested that a small curb be built in front of the present one so that the tires of a car will keep a vehicle from coming in contact with the sidewalk.

Town Clerk C. E. Johnson informed the board that the 200 ft. storm sewer project in front of the post office and the

500 ft. sanitary sewer project on Valley River Avenue had been completed and that payment could be made. Cost of the two projects was \$5,548.

Board members discussed the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the anticipated receipts and expenditures for the coming year. No action was taken by the board. However a special meeting is being planned later this month to work on the 1968-69 budget.

## Republican Convention Scheduled

The Cherokee County Republican Party will reconvene in Convention at the Courthouse in Murphy on Saturday afternoon, July 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Scott Harvey, candidate for the U. S. Congress in this District will address the convention. Herman H. West, candidate for State Senate and Bill Bradley of Hayesville, candidate for Representative to the North Carolina General Assembly will be present.

## Coleman Reunion

The relatives of George W. Coleman, formerly of Clay County and the son of Clay's first settlers, gathered at Thicketty Park Sunday in Canton, N. C. for their first annual reunion.

About 75 people from all over the state attended the reunion.

Officers were elected and a committee appointed to make plans for future gatherings. The officers are Ben Coleman, President, of Canton; Halmond Cook, Vice-President, Canton; Mrs. Christain Prater, Secretary-Treasurer, of Hayesville.

Committee members are Walter Coleman, Chairman, of Murphy; Bruce Barnard, Gastonia; Luen Medford, Canton; Bob Fisher, Asheville, and Robert Coleman of Hayesville.

## Swimming Course Set

A Beginner Swimming Course will be held 10 A.M. Monday, at the Murphy Lions Club Swimming Pool. There are no swimming skill or age requirements for entrance into the course. A cost of \$2.00 will be required for each student plus daily admission to the pool.

The objective of the course is to equip the individual with basic swimming skills in order to make him reasonably safe while in or about the water. All classes will be under the supervision of a qualified water safety instructor.

## Senior Citizens Meeting

Senior Citizens from four counties will meet July 17 at the Andrews Community Center. The Senior Citizens Day will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and include Cherokee, Graham, Clay, and Swain Counties.

All Senior Citizens are invited to come and bring sandwiches and any home made articles. If transportation is needed, contact your local Coordinator.

The Coordinators are Lois Barnett, Murphy; Geneva White, Hayesville; Lucy Laughter, Andrews; Ethel Welch, Bryson City; and Mack Huffman, Robbinsville.

## Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be in Murphy Monday July 15 from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Power Board Building. Every one is urged to participate.