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## Cherokee County Fair To Open Monday

The Annual Cherokee County Fair will open its gates Monday, September 2 at the Old Rock Gym with a full week of activity. The Murphy Lions Club, sponsors of the event, say this year's Fair is bigger and better than ever. They have scheduled exhibits,

judging contests and a horse show. Exhibits, which have always been a highlight of the Fair, will open at 6 p.m. Tuesday for the public. Featured in the exhibits will be art and crafts from Tri-County Tech, military exhibits, and those built by FFA, 4-H members and different youth clubs. All of

the entries must be made and exhibited in their respective departments not later than 12 noon Tuesday. Rules and regulations for the exhibits may be picked up at the County Agent's Office.

The industries of the area will display their products. These will include apparel products, lace, electric motors, veneers, woodenware products, TV and radio cabinets.

Georgia Amusement Company will again bring its exciting midway to the Fair with new rides and fun for the entire family. School day will be Thursday, September 5th, when all school children will be admitted free and their rides will be at a reduced rate.

The Lions Club is offering prize money in the FFA and 4-H Club fat steer and fat hog show, which will be supervised by the County Agent's office.

The judging of the dairy and beef cattle will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, and the sheep and swine will be judged at 2 p.m. on Thursday. At 8 p.m. Thursday the horse show will begin which will include a showing and judging.



Graham Harley Hendricks

and the father of two children. He and his family have moved to the Peachtree Community.

Penland stated that "I regret that Charles Erwin had to leave the Murphy area through promotion, but I feel confident that Mr. Hendricks will lead the office in giving service to the employment needs of this area."

The Lions Club announce that there will be plenty of free parking to the fair ground for all of those that come. Boy Scouts of the local troop and Lions Club members will handle the parking to assure easy entry and exit to the grounds.



## First Day Of School

The first full day of school began Wednesday morning for the city and county schools throughout the county. Murphy High School students are shown above

after leaving their buses and heading for a full day of classes. (Photo by Bill Gray)

## Hendricks New Manager Of Employment Security Office

Graham Harley Hendricks has been appointed manager of the Murphy Employment Security Commission office, Philip Penland, Area Supervisor announced recently.

Hendricks came to Murphy from the Bryson City office. Prior to that he had been with the Sylva Mobile Unit for one year and was Veteran Employment Representative and Interviewer for four years at Gastonia, N. C.

He is a graduate of Homestead Florida High School and has a B.S. in Business Administration Degree from the University of Florida.

The Employment Security Commission Office tests Selection of Applicants for jobs; recruitment service on all types of jobs; manpower management assistant; information about training programs and furnishes reliable labor information to industry. Hendricks is 34, married

## Adult Education Classes To Begin At Tri-County

Tri-County technical Institute has just received an allotment of funds for Adult Basic Education classes for the fiscal year 1968-1969. Most of the allotment is for instructors' salaries.

Adult Basic Education is designed to enable anyone who has not graduated from high school to work toward, and eventually get his high school equivalency diploma. Anyone may enroll regardless of how far they have gone in school.

The classes will be taught in any school, community building, or private home in any community in Cherokee, Clay, or Graham counties.

Any person interested in enrolling in Adult Basic Education classes please contact Tri-County Technical Institute. Also, anyone interested in teaching ABE classes, which normally meet two nights a week for three hours each night, please contact Tri-County Tech. by calling Murphy 837-3810.

## Democrats To Hear Eure

The Honorable Thad Eure, North Carolina Secretary of State will be the principal speaker at a Democratic fund raising dinner to be held Saturday night, August 31, 1968 at 7:00 o'clock at the Murphy Elementary School Cafeteria. Tickets are now on sale throughout the county at \$5.00 each.

Mr. Eure is a former mayor, county attorney, and legislator. He has served as Secretary of State since 1936, was elected president of the National Association of Secretaries of State in 1942, and became the Dean in 1961. In 1950, he was



keynote speaker at the Democratic State Convention, and became permanent Chairman in 1962.

## County Patrolmen Have New Weapon

Cherokee County Highway Patrolmen now have in operation a new device to determine the speed of vehicles that makes most all other methods obsolete. The device—a small, innocent looking box that sits on the front seat of the patrol car—is called Vascar.

Vascar enables a patrolman to check the speed of vehicles on the highway that have been impossible to check in the past, according to one county patrolman. The inventor said that there was at least 23 different ways that Vascar could be used, although it is really limited only to the imagination of the operator.

The most common ways that Vascar would be used are checking the speed of cars meeting the patrolman, following the patrolman, cars that the patrolman are following and in cases where the patrol car is sitting on the side of the road.

Vascar is a very simple machine. It does not incorporate any type of radar or require any complex presetting computations. It works on a very simple principal that almost everyone learned in eighth grade math: the speed of a vehicle is equal to the distance traveled multiplied by the time it takes to cover the distance. The distance covered by a vehicle is fed into the machine by the patrol car's odometer, and the time is recorded by a timing device inside the machine. When both of these measurements, which are controlled by the operator, are recorded by the machine the speed is automatically given.

North Carolina and Indiana are the only two states that have installed these machines in their patrol cars. The first ones appeared in North Carolina last October and have been used by patrolmen in the eastern part of the state for

some time. They have been slowly spread out in patrol cars throughout the state, and eventually all patrol cars will have this device.

At present only one patrolman in the county has been certified on the machine. Tuesday afternoon this patrolman, who preferred not to be identified gave me a demonstration on how Vascar is used.

It is surprisingly simple to operate, since there are only two switches to operate. Another factor which has been significant in testing the accuracy of Vascar in courts in this state is that there is no reaction time involved on the part of the operator. This, along with the fact that the distance and time are recorded for at least a tenth of a mile makes Vascar extremely accurate in clocking speed.

Vascar give patrolmen a distinct advantage over other types of speed checking

devices. It can be used at night, it is always ready to be used and, in many cases, a patrolman can check speeds without being seen by another driver. The patrolman put it plainly by saying that by the time you see a patrol car, even when meeting him on an open highway, it is too late.

## Long Distance Calls Set July Record

The Westco Telephone Company released figures yesterday which show that "long distance calls" set a record high in Sylva. Tourists calling home and vice versa has reached record proportions, according to Mrs. Jane Bowman, chief operator.

Last week over 54,200 long distance calls were placed throughout the Sylva "toll center", she said. The high calling rate represents a 15 percent increase over the same period last year. The long distance volume of calls last week was 41 percent over the slow winter month of January this year, she concluded.

Mrs. Bowman suggest that due to the high volume of calling in the morning and evening, some delays are encountered in getting calls through the local switchboard and into the direct distance dialing network. Local citizens are urged to avoid the 9:00 p.m. congested time period leaving the facilities available for tourist who wish to call home.



## Runaway Truck

Three cars were damaged Monday when a truck owned by Higdon Construction Company rolled down the hill in front of the Murphy Post Office. The truck was parked, and evidently

either came out of gear or the emergency brake failed. All of the cars damaged were parked. No one was injured in the incident. (Photo by Jim Morgan)



## Power Board Cookout

Mrs. Neil Sneed, Customer Relations Representative of the Murphy Power Board acted as hostess for the Power Board to the Murphy Garden Club on Thursday evening, August 23, for a cook-out at the Murphy Garden Club Picnic Park.

A variety of meats were prepared on an out door electric grill by Mrs. Sneed and Miss Winnie Bowman, TVA Home Economist of the Eastern Division of TVA. They were assisted by Mr. W. C. Whisnant, Supervisor of Demonstration and Development, TVA, and Mr. W. C. Traylor, Sales Promotion and Power Use Advisor, also of TVA. Garden Club members furnished other dishes to compliment the meats. Miss Jerry Ruth Smith furnished music throughout the evening.

The picnic area was lighted by decorative, out door lighting appropriate to lighting patios, gardens and yards. A totally new concept in outdoor living was demonstrated.

Mrs. Edgar Harshaw presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Ruth Forsyth. Husbands of the Garden Club members were invited and other guests were, Mrs. Virginia Anderson, Home Advisor for FHA, Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties, and her daughter, Jennifer, from

Hayesville. Mrs. Louise Bayless, Mrs. A. B. Owen, Mr. W. C. Traylor, Mr. W. C. Whisnant, and Miss Winnie Bowman, Tennessee Valley Authority, out of the Knoxville office, Mrs. O. E. Matlock, sister of Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby. Approximately 50 people attended.

## Texana Loses In State Softball Tournament

The Far West District Representative in the State Slow Pitch Softball Tournament who was "Texana" dropped its first two games at Eden, North Carolina and was thus eliminated from championship contention.

The Murphy team met a powerful Higgins Cycle Team from Greensboro in the first game and took a 19 to 5 loss. In the second game, Texana again went down, this time to Siler City by 12 to 5 count.

In both games they showed the effects of the pressure of playing in their first state tournament and made numerous mistakes giving each of their opponents one big inning. Higgins Cycle had a ten run first inning and Siler City a seven run third. Texana didn't score until the sixth inning of each game and generally lacked the attack shown in the district tournament.

The state tournament was eventually won by Howards Furniture of Denver. North Carolina. Howards has been a long time challenger for state honors and was runner-up four times. They defeated Corriher Mills of Landis in the final.

Howards then joined Huffman Oil of Burlington in the regionals playing against the top teams from West Virginia and South Carolina at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

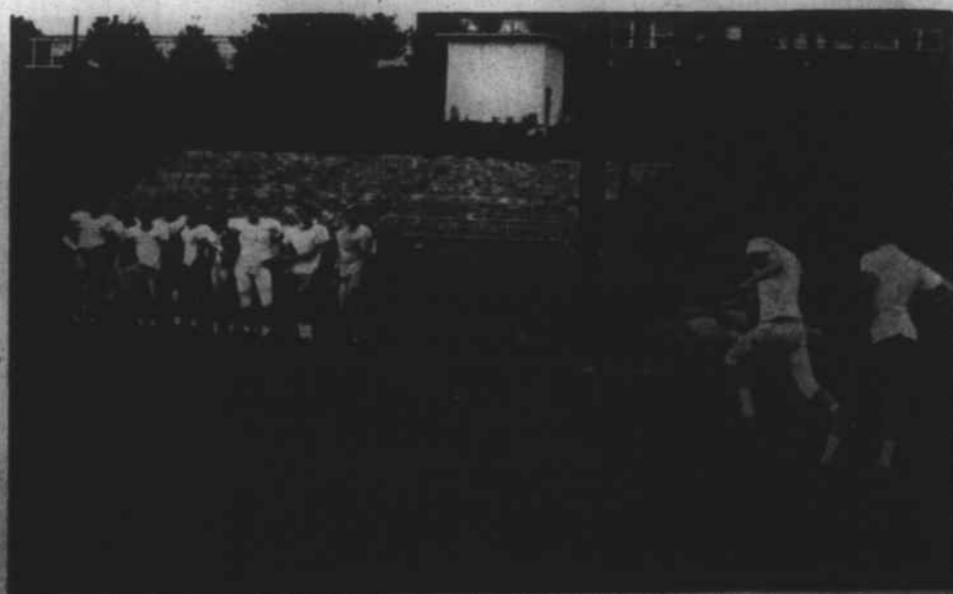
## Civitan Club

The members of the Murphy Civitan Club invite everyone attending the Cherokee County Fair to stop by their refreshment center located behind the Rock Gym for a snack and some good food.

You not only get refreshments but at the same time you will be helping the civitans to raise funds with which to continue to be "Builders of Good Citizenship". Proceeds from this stand and other projects enabled the Murphy Civitans to start the Murphy School activities bus fund with a one thousand dollar donation this year.

The fair will be held in Murphy from Monday, September 2 until Saturday, September 7.

## Bulldogs Meet Robbinsville In Opener Friday Night



The Murphy Bulldogs will meet the Black Knights of Robbinsville at the Robbinsville High football field Friday night. This is the opening game for both teams.

The Murphy team will be out for a repeat performance of last year's battle, when they outscored the Black Knights by a score of 39 to 0 on Murphy's field.

Next week the Bulldogs will meet Blount County at the Murphy High School football field. Game time will be 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9.

## Republicans Meet Aug. 5th

The Cherokee County Republican Club will meet Thursday, September 5th, at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Murphy.

## Court House To Be Closed

The Court House in Murphy will be closed Monday, September 2nd, for Labor Day. The County Commissioners will meet the following Tuesday, September 3rd.