

## Dangerous School Bus Routes To Be Corrected

Cherokee County will receive a pro rata share of the \$500,000 allocation today by Governor Moore from a special fund for the ten counties of the Fourteenth Division of the State Highway Commission.

The entire half million dollars allocated this division

will be spent correcting dangerous places on school bus roads, it was announced by W. Curtis Russ, Commissioner, following the announcement of Governor Moore.

Each Division in the state received the same sum from the special fund.

The Commissioner said a

program started some weeks ago would enable work to begin at once on the projects. The Commissioner requested the School Superintendent of each county, together with a member of the Highway Patrol, County State Highway Commission Foreman, and in some cases school bus drivers, to survey the county and select what they felt were the most critical areas needing to be made safer. This was done, and the report was submitted to Governor Moore who praised the division-wide project recommended.

The Commissioner said he felt

## Clay Man Charged With Shooting Wife

A nineteen-year-old Hayesville man was charged with the fatal shooting of his young wife last weekend, according to Clay County Sheriff Hartsell Moore.

Roy Lee Byers of Route 2 is being held in the Clay County jail without bond in connection with the Saturday afternoon shooting. A preliminary hearing is tentatively set for November 12.

Sheriff Moore said that Byer's nineteen-year-old wife, the former Peggy Jean McAllister also of Hayesville, was shot in the head with a .22 cal. bullet from a rifle Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at the Byer's home on old US 64.

Cornorner Dr. L. R. Staton said that Mrs. Byers died soon after being taken to the Towns County Hospital in Hiwassee, Ga. Staton's report is incomplete.

The investigation is continuing, Sheriff Moore told the Scout at press time.

Surviving are the husband, Roy Byers; a son, Roy Lee Byers, Jr.; the parents, Randall McAllister of Hayesville and Mrs. Eula Mae Moss McAllister of Hayesville; five sisters, Miss Luchretia, Miss Sharon, Miss Darlene, Miss Jackie and Miss Lahoma McAllister, all of Hayesville; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hooper of Cocoa, Fla.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Old Shooting Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. Burlin Thomas and the Rev. Neal Moss officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sherril and Donald Hooper, David Waldrup, Bennie Lenoir, and Danny Seagle.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

the improving of school bus routes would be a tribute to Governor Moore because of his interest in Highway safety and education. "This program outlined, and the areas of correction determined by professionals in the field, will in my opinion, not only be the means of preventing accidents, but enable buses to cover their routes more efficiently. It certainly combines education and highway safety into one package."

A.J. Hughes, Division Engineer, went over each recommendation of the special study group, and personally checked on each place to be corrected, making a cost estimate.

"I know of no better way to wisely spend this \$500,000 allocated this division by Governor Moore than on these danger spots, which our school buses must travel five days a week during the school term," Hughes said.

During the past 3½ years that Governor Moore's Highway Commission has been in office, plans have consistently been made for the school officials and public to notify the Commissioner of any danger spots along school bus routes. The cooperation from all sources has been wonderful, Hughes said.

"The Commissioner has given school bus routes top priority in every county in this 10-county division. He has not had the money to pave them, but he has insisted they be maintained to top standards with funds available," Hughes explained.

## Hosts District Meeting

The Distributive Education Class of Murphy will host the District Leadership Conference at Murphy High School on October 29, 1968. Eighteen schools in Western North Carolina will have representatives participating in this conference. District I officers will be elected at this meeting.

These schools are Charles D. Owen, Clyde A. Erwin, Enka, Lee H. Edwards, South French Broad, A.C. Reynolds, Andrews, Robbinsville, Swain, Sylva-Webster, Tuscola, Pisgah, East Henderson, West

Henderson, Hendersonville, Marshall, Brevard and Murphy.

For the first time, the Murphy Distributive Education Club will host a "Show-Me-Tour". This tour will take students to various community plants, such as American Thread and Clifton-Precision. The students will see the plants in full operation.

After the students are served dinner in the high school lunchroom, they will return to the general session to elect officers and announce contests winners.

## Roy Taylor Speaks To Jaycees

Eleventh District Congressman Roy A. Taylor finished up a tour of the far-western counties of his district with a talk to the Murphy Jaycees Tuesday night, about his duties as a Congressman and what he felt about the important issues of this area.

Taylor opened his talk by explaining that he had been unable to visit with the people of this area as much as he would like because of his duties in Congress, which had been in session for 21 months. He did say, though, that he had kept in touch with the people in his area by mailing questionnaires, answering numerous letters from his constituents and sending his District Assistant, Tom Mallonee, to visit each county every six weeks.

"I have voted the way the majority of people down here wanted me to vote," the Congressman told the small gathering, "except for one thing." He then went on to explain that he voted for an increase in Social Security payments even though 53 percent of the people here were against it. His reasons were the increased cost of living, which are steadily rising.

Taylor talked at length on the importance of roads in the area, and the improvements that had been made since he had been in office. He reiterated the fact that the State Highway Commission controlled the building of roads in the state, except for scenic roads. As Chairman of the National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of the House Interior Committee, Taylor said that he was in the best position to obtain scenic and recreational roads for this area.



Some of the legislation Congressman Taylor said he introduced included bills to provide loans for college students, reverse the prayer ban of the Supreme Court, make burying the American flag illegal, abolish the electoral college, develop scenic roads and establish the cradle of forestry.

"My voting record indicates I am conservative," he told the group, "but I will vote how I see fit in Congress." Taylor considered himself liberal in promoting program of conservation and recreation and also is promoting educational and manpower

## PTA Meeting Held Monday

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Mr. Bill Hughes, principal of the elementary school, reported that the school is now accredited except for the absence of closed closets in the classrooms of one building. Proceeds from the PTA Halloween carnival being held October 31 at the old rock gym will go toward completing the closets.

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Mrs. Brenda Hendrix's room won the prize for having the most parents and children present for the meeting.

## Gasoline Burns Ranger Youth

Donald Price, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Price of Route 64 West, sustained severe burns on his arms and right side Monday afternoon, October 14.

Donald, an eighth grader at Ranger Elementary School, was burning trash with gasoline when the accident occurred. He was rushed to Providence Hospital by Ambulance, where he was admitted for treatment.

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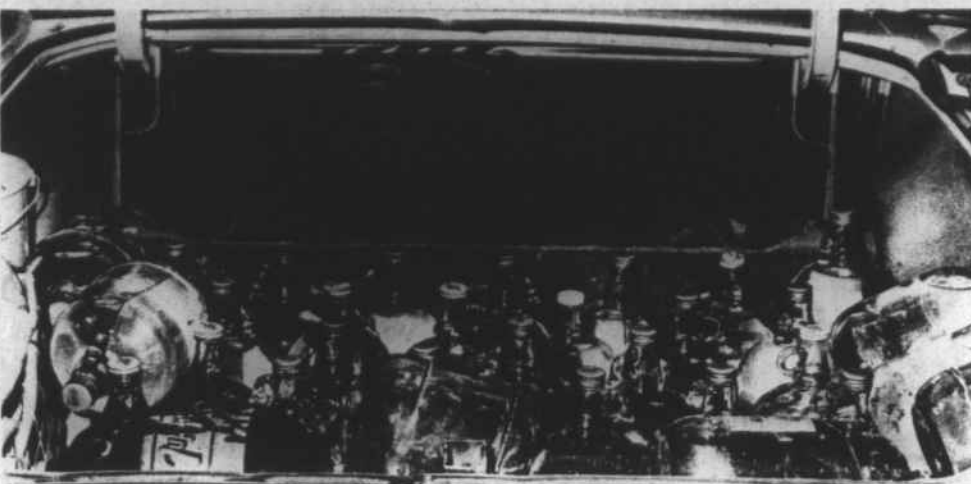
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## Still, Moonshine Found

A 70 gallon copper still, over 500 gallons of mash and over 50 gallons of moonshine was found Monday afternoon by Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson and his deputies. Acting on a tip the men located the still Monday afternoon in the Hanging Dog area of the county. No one was found at the still site.

Deputy Sheriff Glenn Holloway, above, is shown standing beside the still, which was described as one of the largest and best made of any found in this area. Four 55 gallon and six 60 gallon barrels of mash were found at the site. The value of the equipment and liquor at the site was estimated to be worth \$2,000.

Holloway said that no arrests had been made, since the federal investigators had not arrived. (Photo by Jim Morgan)



## Lee Shields, Murphy Businessman, Dies

Lee M. Shields, 80, a native and lifetime resident of Cherokee County died in his home early Tuesday evening.

He was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, a Mason, a retired merchant and past chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic Party. He served one term as a County Commissioner and one term as a Town Councilman.

Surviving are three daughters, Eunice Shields of the home, Mrs. Edith S. Lambert of Vista, Calif. and Mrs. Paul Lambert of Charlevoix, Mich.; three sons, John L. and James E. of Atlanta and David of Murphy;

two brothers, E. L. and W. L. of Murphy, one sister, Mrs. R. W. Brown of Marietta, Ga.; and 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Shady Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. G. B. Rhodes officiating.

Interment will be in the church cemetery. Nephews will serve as acting pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Shady Grove Baptist Church building fund. The remains will be at the Ivie Funeral Home until 30 minutes prior to the services.



Lee Shields

## Residents Pay Different Rates

Cherokee County residents living in various parts of the county pay different rates for their electricity, according to a recent survey of the county's three electrical suppliers. The three rates now in effect help to substantiate the claims made by TVA in a report several weeks ago that their rates are the lowest in the country.

The rates of the three suppliers, which are Nantahala Power & Light Company, Blue Ridge EMC and Murphy Electric Power Board are all below the national average of \$18.32 for home use of 1,000 kilowatt-hours. Nantahala P & L charges \$14.88, Blue Ridge EMC \$11.82, and Murphy Power Board \$9.11 for the same amount of power.

Nantahala P & L is a private cooperative owned by Alcoa Aluminum Co., and services the northern section of the Cherokee County, especially Andrews, Blue Ridge EMC, whose offices are located in Young Harris, Ga. is a rural electric co-operative while the Murphy Power Board is municipally owned, and non-profit.

The Murphy Power Board services Murphy while Blue Ridge EMC serves the rest of Cherokee County and Clay County.

In order to understand the value of the local rates it is necessary to compare them to

national figures, which were compiled by the Federal Power Commission in a report titled, "Typical Electrical Bills," which is the average national residential bill in 1967.

A new edition of the Federal Power Commission report "Typical Electric Bills" shows a national average bill in 1967 of \$18.32 for home use of 1,000 kilowatt-hours, the typical monthly use in the TVA area. That compares with bills now ranging from \$7.68 to \$10.50 for the same amount of electricity for customers of TVA power distributors, depending on which of the several TVA retail rate levels the local distribution system uses.

All but 8 of the 160 local electric systems distributing TVA power now charge less than \$10 for 1,000 kwh. Outside the Tennessee Valley region the FPC report shows fewer than 50 communities with rates that low, among more than 5,800 communities nationwide included in the survey.

Elsewhere in the Nation the lowest rate for 1,000 kwh home use at the time of the FPC survey was \$7.35 in Longview and Kelso, Washington. Three other communities, all in Washington and Oregon, had rates below \$8. Sixteen distributors of TVA power charge less than \$8

for that amount of electricity. The bill for 1,000 kwh is \$7.68 in Hopkinsville, Ky.; Alcorn County and Columbus, Miss.

The comparable bill is \$7.85 in Albertville and Decatur, Ala.; Bowling Green, Ky.; Aberdeen, Miss.; and Cookeville, Lewisburg, Murfreesboro, Shelbyville, and Springfield, Tenn.

Among privately-owned power companies the lowest bill nationally for 1,000 kwh use is \$8.65 from the Franklin (Tenn.) Power and Light Co., a distributor for TVA power. Most TVA power distributors are municipal systems or rural electric cooperatives.

The rate pattern is similar for commercial and industrial power use. For example, the FPC report shows a national average monthly bill among 338 larger cities of \$3,417 for an industrial customer using 200,000 kwh with a demand of 1,000 kilowatts.

The bills given here for TVA power distributors are based on present rate schedules that went into effect last year in the first general rate increase since TVA power operations began. The 1967 FPC report was compiled from rate information collected earlier, and the typical bills it shows for communities served with TVA power are based on the former rate schedules.

## \$26,086.09 SET AS UNITED FUND GOAL

A total of \$26,085.09 has been set by the Cherokee County United Fund directors as the goal for this year, it was announced last week. The drive, which was formed for the first time in Cherokee County early this fall, officially began Tuesday.

Speaking for the Board of Directors, Tommy Gentry and Joe El Khouri said that while the total amount involved might seem high, it could be reached if every person gives his or her fair share.

The idea of the United Fund is to raise money and then distribute it to various charities on a fair and impartial basis. This plan eliminates overlapping of the work force and wasting of time and manpower when many fund-raising drives operate separately.

Charities, including those on the local, state and national level, submit a request and a budget to the United Fund Board of Directors to be included in the drive. Local non-profit organizations that serve to improve the community are also included. The budgets submitted by these various organizations form the guidelines for the total Fund goal.

Twenty of the 33 organizations that make up the drive are local, with the remaining 13 consisting of state and national charities.

Those participating are the Red Cross, Cherokee County 4-H Clubs, Murphy Midget-Mite Football, Murphy Kiddie Park, Cherokee County Rescue Squad, Murphy Lions Club White Cane and Christmas Baskets, Cherokee County Community Development Council, Murphy High School

Band, Salvation Army, Murphy Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Murphy Lions Club Recreation Program.

Andrews Lions Club White Cane, Andrews Rescue Squad, Andrews Cub Scouts, Boy and Girl Scouts, Andrews Little League Baseball, Andrews Christmas Cheer Fund, Andrews Swimming Pool, Andrews Midgets-Mite Football, and the Andrews Youth Summer Recreation Program.

An effort will be made to give every resident of Cherokee County and every person working here in the county an opportunity to give his or her "fair share". A "fair share" is the amount equal to one hour's pay every month for twelve months.

Most employees working for private industry will be urged to pledge and use the payroll deduction plan offered by his employer. Drive Chairman Horace Cannon indicated that all of the industries had already signed up as being 100 percent behind the United Fund Campaigns.

The County has been

divided into three areas in order to facilitate the drive. Drive chairmen for the Murphy area are Tommy Gentry, Horace Cannon, Merle Davis, Gene Farmer, Lonnie Hoover, Doug Carlson, Hans Beekens, Bob Waldrup, Dennis Donahue and others.

The Marble area is headed by Giles Bryson and Bill Brackett.

Heading up the Fund Campaign in Andrews area are: Retail Committee - Joe El Khouri, Lee Nichols, Calvin Rice, James Harris, Arnold Golem, Alen Straton, and Mrs. Burch. Professional Committee - Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder, Bill Whitaker, and Dr. Blalock. Service Station and Motel Committee - Ernest Reed, Father David Glockner, and Frank Ledford. School Committee - Vincent Crisp, Mrs. Ruby Barnett, Roy Gilbert. State Highway Committee - Clyde Amos. Industrial Committee - Herb Sheidy, Ted Susac, Joseph Kuhn and Houston Ledford.

President of the County Campaign is Hobart McKeever.

## Lucy Goodwin Receives 'Good Citizen' DAR Award

Lucy Ann Goodwin, a member of the Senior Class of the Murphy High School was voted the "Good Citizen" by girls of the Senior class and members of the High School faculty.

The Good Citizen contest is sponsored by the Archibald D. Murphey Chapter of DAR and is one of the most important activities of the National organization.

The qualifications for the Good Citizen award are: Honor Roll grades, Leadership, Dependability, Service and Patriotism.

Lucy Ann is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Goodwin of Mooreland Heights, Murphy. She has one brother, James, a sophomore at Young Harris College, where he is majoring in English and Journalism.

Some of Lucy Ann's awards include the Presidents award for physical fitness, Scholastic awards in English, Spanish, World History, Geometry and Biology and perfect school attendance for two years.

Other activities include serving as a Candy Striper at



Lucy Goodwin

Providence Hospital, class officer, President of Spanish Club, Student Council Representative, Chairman of Hostess for College Day, Pep club and class reporter.

She received the English medal and the 2nd place winner's medal in the annual Recitation contest.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this contest on the approval list of National contests and activities for 1968-1969.

## Fluid Ounces Win 1st Place

The Fluid Ounces, a combo that originated on the campus of Western Carolina University, won first place in a talent show October 5 at Hiwassee, Georgia.

The show, which was sponsored by Mark 4 Records of Atlanta, had eight local groups participating. Winning

first place entitles the Fluid Ounces to a recording contract and possibly a TV appearance.

Band members are Guy Owens, lead singer and drummer of Cullowhee, N.C.; Skip Almond, bass guitar from Andrews, and Merle McRae, pianist and organist from Murphy.

## Murphy Native Promoted

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Major Christine H. Berry, nursing service supervisor at Walter Reed General Hospital, was promoted recently to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

Born in Murphy, she received her R.N. degree in 1944 from Greenville General Hospital, Greenville, S.C.

Entering military service in 1951, she was assigned as neuropsychiatric nurse to the Walter Reed General Hospital. From 1953 to 1956 she completed a tour as neuropsychiatric nurse to the 2nd General Hospital, Lanstuhl, Germany.

Following a tour as head nurse with Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., she was assigned to Korea for two years.

From 1962 to 1967 Colonel Berry was supervisor of Womack Army Hospital, Ft. Bragg, N. C. She then completed a tour as medical surgical supervisor of the 91st Evacuation Hospital, Vietnam. For her outstanding work there, she was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Colonel Berry arrived at the Walter Reed Hospital in April 1968, and became nursing service supervisor.

Colonel Berry is the daughter of Mrs. W. E. Howell, 114 Valley River Ave., Murphy.

## 800 Calves Moved At First Sale

Cherokee County Extension Agent Jack Early reports that the feeder calf sale held at the mile barn in Murphy September 30 was a definite success. Over 800 calves sold for over \$88,000 at this sale, which was the first sale sponsored since ever held west of Canton, N. C.

The prices for the calves ranged from \$29.43 per 100 pounds for the good and choice steers to \$22.10 for nonconforming calves.