

## Lifelong Resident Is Killed By Falling Tree

Readle A. Hamby, a lifelong resident of Cherokee County, was killed by a falling tree near his home about 12.30 p.m. Monday afternoon.

The 62 year old retired construction worker was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital.

It was reported that Hamby was cutting pulp on his property when he was crushed by the tree. Hamby lived on Route 2, Murphy.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Robbinsville, and an Iron Worker by trade.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bonnie Lee Hamby; five daughters, Misses Betty Jean, Kay, and Lucille Hamby all of the home, Mrs. Juanita Shelton of Bassett, Va. and Mrs. Regina Stiles of Murphy; seven sons, Leonard and Danny of the home, Kenneth of Murphy, William B. of Cartersville, Ga.;

Carol of Emerson, Ga., Wayne of Woodstock, Ga., and Alec Hamby of Collinsville, Va. Four sisters, Miss Oma Hamby of Fla. Mrs. Edith Blackwell and Mrs. Naomi Johnson of Benton, Tenn., and Mrs. Lellie Eller of Liberty N. C.; one brother, Namon Hamby of Fanner, Tenn., 21 grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday (today) in the Oak Grove Baptist Church of which he was a member.

The Rev. Fred Satterfield officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Masonic rites will be conducted at the graveside.

The body was taken to the home at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday by the Townson Funeral Home where it remained until placed in the church for the services.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Mr. Jay Gernert, left, manager of Peachtree Products, is shown with the representatives of the Cherokee County Community Development contest. The winners are, in order of award, J.D. Decker,

Tomotla; Jack Palmer, Marble; Mrs. Eloise Jackson, Texanna; Mrs. Margaret Miller and Nina Miller, Happy Top; and Jackie Pope, who represents the Tomotla youth program. (Photo by Bill Gray)

## Lower Unemployment Insurance Tax To Save Employers Money

A lower unemployment insurance tax schedule will be in effect in 1969 and the reduced rates will save an estimated \$6 million for covered North Carolina employers.

The tax scale, which is determined by the amount of money in the State's unemployment insurance fund, will drop taxes for some employers to as low as .2 percent of their taxable payrolls.

Harley Hendricks, Manager of the State Employment office here, said the Employment Security Commission announced the new tax rate Friday, saying that employment among workers covered by unemployment insurance had been low enough to enable North Carolina to maintain a fairly high unemployment insurance fund.

The program is financed by excise taxes paid by employers on most industrial payrolls. Benefits paid to jobless workers under the program come from a trust fund maintained by taxes on the first \$3000 paid to covered workers. A special "experience rating" feature of the North Carolina law allows companies and firms with good history of employment to qualify for reduced taxes.

The 1969 tax rates will range from .2 to 2.7 percent for employers who have a balance in their unemployment insurance accounts, and from

2.9 to 4.7 percent for employers who have deficit reserves.

Hendricks said the Commission estimates the average tax rate will be 1.1 percent in 1969, lowest in North Carolina since 1955.

"Industrial payrolls have been increasing every year," he said, "and unemployment has been declining with fewer unemployment insurance benefits being paid, the State reserve fund has become great enough to permit lower taxes for most employers."

## Smith Is New Westco Manager

Harry Smith, Jr. has been named District Manager of the Murphy district for Westco Telephone Company according to Mr. James Armstrong, Eastern Regional Manager of the company in Weaverville.

Smith is filling the vacancy created by George Worley, who resigned from this post, October 15th.

Mr. Smith is a native of Milledgeville, Georgia where he attended public schools.

He comes to Westco Telephone Company with nine years of independent telephone experience. He started his career as a lineman, and later served as an Installer-Repairman. Teletype Date

## Tomotla First In Community Contest

Tomotla Community has been awarded first place honors in the 1968 Cherokee County Community Development contest. The \$100 top prize was presented at the awards night banquet Saturday, October 26, at O'Dell's Cafeteria. The Tomotla Club also took the \$25 prize for having the best youth program, in Cherokee County.

Second prize money of \$75 went to Marble Community and the third place award of \$65 was presented to Texana. Honorable mention and \$25 was presented to Happy Top and Unaka Communities.

Mr. John Wood, Farmers Home Administration, was guest speaker of the evening and Mr. S. J. Gernert, manager of Peachtree Products presented the awards in behalf of the following local sponsors: For the Murphy area: Brown's Feed Store, Dickey Oil Company, Peachtree

Products, Hackney Wholesale Company, Brumby Textile Mills Inc., Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Graves Chrysler-Plymouth, Kerns Bread, Wells and West, Herman West, Trudy's, Rimco Company, Western Auto, Mauney Drug Company, Easley Mfg. Company, Civitan Club,

Lions Club, Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and E. C. Moore Company.

For the Andrews area: Nichol's Dept. Store, Ennis Hardware, Jake Buchanan, Mrs. L. L. Ezzell, Andrews Auto Parts, Mosteller Radio & TV Shop, Mrs. Eva Wood, W. C. Gray, Clarence West, Walt Waldroup, L. B. Womock, Sam Hartman, Western Auto, Allen's Furniture Store, Neal Matheson, Owen Luther Grocery, and Freel Furniture Store.

The Tomotla Community Development Club will represent Cherokee County in the area competition to be judged early in November.

## Football Results Close

Louise Christy of Murphy won first place in this week's Scout football contest. The tie breaker was used again to determine the winners since six contestants missed five games. Christy's tie breaker score was Murphy 18, Swain 14—a difference of only two points.

Second place went to Lynn James of Route 3, Murphy, who had three points difference in the tie breaker. Thirteen points on the tie breaker won third place for Mrs. Walter Ennsley of Andrews. She picked Murphy 14, Swain 7.

Other missing five games were Walter Cole, E. C. James and Euclid Voyles. Two weeks ago Frank Sudderth of Murphy won first place by missing the tie

breaker by only seven points. Sudderth was one of seven who missed eight games. Second was Billy Brooks of Hayesville, who picked Tenn. 17, Ala. 10 for an eight point difference. Third went to B. T. Sanders of Murphy, who missed the tie breaker by 15 points.

### POINT STANDINGS

Frank Sudderth	9
Kenny Mathism	5
Louise Christy	5
Gary Kilpatrick	4
Jerry Sanders	3 1/3
James Taylor	3 1/3
Walter Ennsley	3 1/3
Nancy Sanders	3
Billy Brooks	3
Lynn James	3
Mrs. Neil Sneed	2
Larry Shope	2
B.T. Sanders	2
Mrs. Walter Ennsley	2

## Gifts To Vietnam Should Be Mailed Soon P.O. Says

The Postmaster issued suggested mailing deadlines for assuring delivery before Christmas Day.

Domestic gift parcels should be mailed before December 2 if they're destined for distant states, and not later than December 14 if destined for local areas.

Greeting cards for distant states should be mailed not later than December 11 and those for local delivery not later than December 16.

Christmas gifts to servicemen stationed in foreign countries should be sent according to these deadlines:

Surface Transportation (Large Parcels) - November 9  
Space Available (Small Parcels) - November 23  
Parcel Air Lift - November 30

Airmail - December 11  
Cards and letter mail will receive approximately the same service as during non peak periods.

Nearly 27 million pounds of mail were processed by the United States Post Office during the holiday mail rush

last year for delivery to members of the armed forces in Vietnam.

This year, that number is expected to increase.

Last year all Christmas mail posted before suggested deadlines was delivered prior to the holiday. To be absolutely sure of on-time delivery, these deadlines should be met, Postmaster Joe Ray said.

"Mail early and get better service by avoiding the last minute rush," Postmaster Joe Ray advised today.

## Reception Set For Minister

A reception will be held in the Social Hall of the Murphy First Baptist Church Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come and meet the Rev. Woodrow Flynn and his wife, who has just been appointed to the pastorate of the Church.

## Garbage Survey Complete: Ordinance To Be Proposed

The Murphy Planning Board and Citizens Advisory Committee completed a survey last week of the garbage collection and pick-up in the town to use in formulating a proposed garbage and refuse ordinance.

The survey data was compiled and reviewed at the Planning Board Meeting, which was held Wednesday, October 23. According to a report by Dr. Kenneth Keenum, Planning Board Chairman, the survey was "made to acquaint

planning board members with present garbage storage and handling prior to the formulating of a Garbage and Refuse Ordinance which will be recommended to the Town Board." Keenum went on to say that the ordinance would be "for the improvement of Murphy's garbage and litter problems."

Over 650 homes and businesses in the city limits were included in the survey. The data showed that of the 650 all but 88 had either

regulation containers or 50 gallon oil drums. Two-thirds of the containers were in good condition, with the remainder in fair or poor condition.

Distances from the containers to the truck varied from 0-20 feet, which included 402 containers, to ten containers which ranged from 100 to 250 feet.

Littering of streets, walks, park lands, and roads were discussed and means of correcting these conditions are to be included in the proposed ordinance.

## Murphy Sneaks By Swain 20-14 Bulldogs Win Conference Crown

By Sam Elliot

The Murphy Bulldogs, coached by Terry Postell, came from behind twice to down the Swain Maroon Devils, 20-14 at Bryson City Friday night.

This hard fought victory was Murphy's eighth in a row and gave the Bulldogs the Smoky Mountain Conference championship title for 1968. The title received by the Bulldogs Friday night has not been bestowed on previous versions of the Black and Gold since 1961.

The Bulldogs's record is 8-0 overall and 6-0 in the Conference. This major victory left the Maroon Devils with a 6-2 mark overall and

Murphy's hard hitting defense cleared the way for Harold Kephart when he returned a punt 69 yards. Doug Stevens' kick for the extra point failed. Kephart's touchdown gave Murphy a 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

Swain went 80 yards in the second quarter for a touchdown. Ronnie Bradley ran over from the five. Bill Crowe kicked the extra point and the score stood 7-6 at the half time.

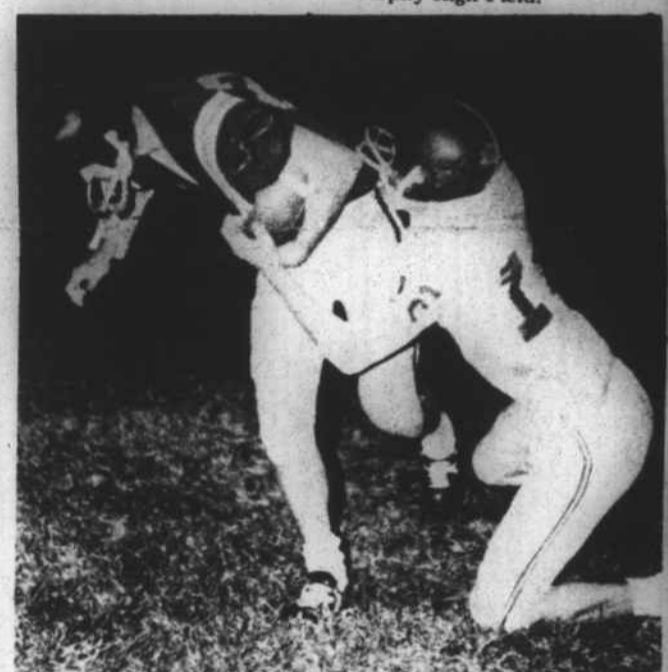
In the 3rd period, Murphy's powerful offense drove 55 yards for a tally. Doug Stevens, the quarterback, finding an open spot rushed over from the two yard-line. Stevens ran the point and put the Bulldogs ahead 13-7.

However, Swain came back with a 40-yard touchdown pass from Danny Muse to Ed Dillard for a touchdown. Crowe added the extra point with a kick.

The crowd was tense as the seconds went by. Then in the latter portion of the 4th period Murphy drove closer to the

goal line. Finally, with 1:35 to play, Stevens thrust a 10-yard pass to Mike Kephart for the touchdown which gave the Bulldogs the victory. Stevens run the final point.

Friday night the Bulldogs play host to the unwinning Wildcats from Andrews. Game time is 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy High Field.



Murphy Halfback, Mike Kephart, is brought down by Swain's Kenny Oates after a 28 yard jaunt around left end during the second quarter of last week's game. (Photo by Jimmy Simonds)

## Correction

The students injured in last week's story of the school bus-truck accident were from North Carolina and not Tennessee, as was reported to the Scout. Part of the students are from Culberson Route 2, and the rest from Wolf Creek Community. All of them attend Hiwassee Dam High School.

## Voters Mark 13 Ballots Tuesday

Cherokee County voters will take 13 ballots with them into the ballot booth Tuesday to decide between 64 candidates and two state Constitution changes. This will be the largest slate of candidates seen in several years by Cherokee voters.

The large number of ballots is attributed to individual ballots for six local township constable races and two school board contests.

The ballot for state officers contains 28 offices, ranging from the governor's race 18 various judgeships. Lt. Gov. Bob Scott is facing Jim Gardner, a republican congressman for the top state position, while H. Pat Taylor, Jr. (D) is running against Don H. Garren, Republican. John P. East is challenging "Mr. Democrat" Thad Eure for Secretary of State. In other state races Henry L. Bridges (D) is opposed by Ted C. Conrad for State Auditor, Clyde R. Green (R) is facing incumbent Edwin Gill for State Treasurer, Joe L. Morgan (R) is against Craig Phillips for the post of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and state Attorney General has Robert Morgan (D) vs. Warren H. Collidge.

Jim Graham is running for re-election against Claude L. Green (R), Frank Crane (D) is challenged by Ron Ingle for Commissioner of Labor and

Everett Peterson is facing incumbent Edwin Lanier (D) for Commissioner of Insurance.

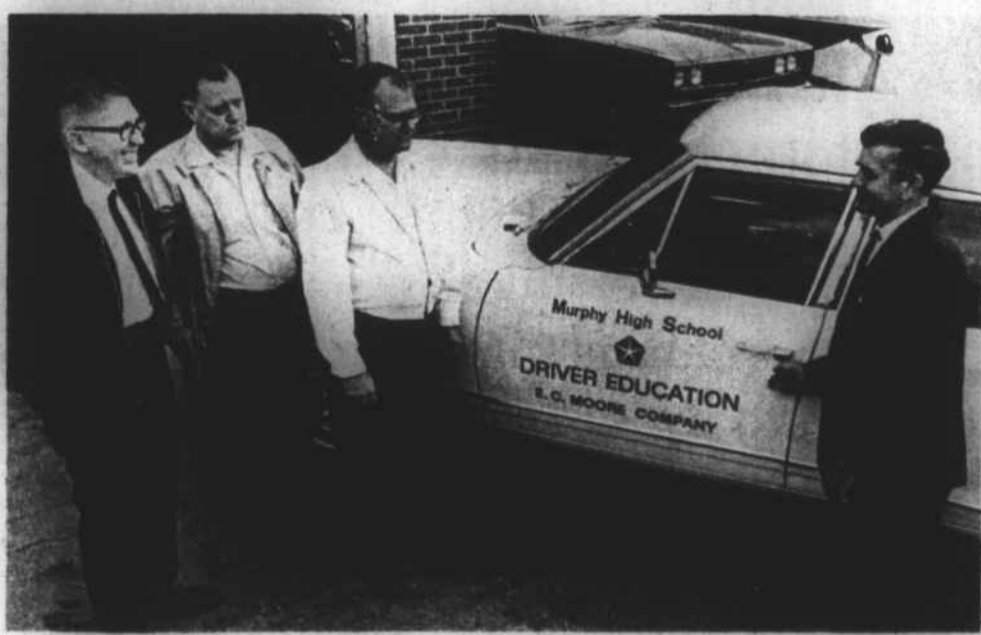
The remaining eighteen offices are judgeships, with the

Democrats running unopposed in all but two instances.

Humphrey-Muskie, Nixon-Agnew and Wallace-Griffin are the names

listed on the Presidential ballot. S. Marvin Griffin was given as Wallace's running

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## High School Receives Driver's Ed. Car

John Jordan, right, unlocks the door to the 1969 Dodge Coronet presented to Murphy High School for use in their drivers education program. The new car was given to the school for use during the coming school by E. C. Moore Company of Murphy.

Shown making the presentation are James Evans, far left, Cloe and Ray Moore. This is the fourth year that E. C. Moore Co. has donated cars for drivers education use.

Photo by Bill Gray

**NOVEMBER**

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**THANKSGIVING**

Sally Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erwin Jennifer Woody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woody, Judy Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens and Teresa Worley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Worley.

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