

County's First United Fund Drive Passes Goal

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\$31,358⁰⁰

\$30,000 Passed In 3rd Month

The first United Fund drive in Cherokee County proved to be a tremendous success as the goal of \$30,000 was passed this week with over \$1,000 to spare.

According to the United Fund President Hobart McKeever, the goal was reached with donations from 675 different sources throughout the county, which includes literally thousands of individuals. Most of the \$31,358 collected is in the form of donation pledges, he said, since donations were solicited over a 12 month period.

A break-down of the donations shows that almost one-half, or \$14,235, of the total amount came from the 27 industries and corporations in the county. This amount does not include what employees of the industries contributed. Magnavox Inc. of Andrews donated \$3,500, the largest single amount given by any of the industries in the county. Six other industries gave over \$1,000 each.

Retail establishments donated \$5,671, with the remaining \$11,000 being given by individuals.

Plans for the United Fund drive began in early fall. The drive beginning officially late in October, which is the month set aside as the national United Fund month. Getting off to such a late start attributed to the lateness of the drive's completion, an official stated.

Watson, Bill Whitaker, Mrs. Lynn Brown.

H. L. McKeever, Lee Nichols, Frank Forsyth,

Tommy Gentry, Doug Carlson, Dave Moody, Mrs. G. W. Cover, Mrs. F. E. Blalock, William Carter and James R. Sprung.

Tennessee Man Dies Of Gunshot Wound

A 38 year-old man from Tennessee killed himself with a gunshot wound to the head around 4:30 Friday afternoon, Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson reported.

Glenn Pressley, a father of four who lived in Tellico Plains, Tenn., shot himself with a .22 rifle in the presence of his 12 and 14 year-old sons. Anderson said that one of the boys ran to a nearby house and called an ambulance.

According to Sheriff's Department, Pressley had traveled to Unaka to see his ex-wife. While there he reportedly told her and his mother-in-law that he was going to kill himself. He then drove "down the road" with the two boys in the car, stopped and stepped out of the car and shot himself.

One of the boys said that Pressley had to work with the gun for a few minutes before

he could get it to fire. Pressley has two other children, 16 and 18 year-old girls.

Union Vote To Be Feb. 27

Employees of American Thread will vote February 27 to determine whether or not they will join the Textile Workers Union of America, a plant official confirmed Wednesday.

The election was originally scheduled for December 12 but was postponed when unfair labor practice charges were brought against the company.

According to plant officials, the National Labor Relations Board dismissed the charges and set the new date for the election.

National FFA Week Focuses Importance Of Agriculture

Vocational agriculture students in Murphy High School will join Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation in activities to focus attention on the importance of agriculture during National FFA WEEK, February 15-22.

"FFA . . . an opportunity for youth" is this year's FFA WEEK theme. The message that these young agriculturists are trying to impart to the nation is simple. They seek to inform the public of the importance they place upon the vast opportunities in American agriculture. FFA members find excitement in their role as young partners in developing a more prosperous agriculture that will better serve a growing America and an increasingly complex world.

"Before an FFA member can conquer the battle of starvation halfway around the globe or even increase profitability of farming or

ranching, he must first conquer himself," said Mr. Roberts, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. "There is an urgent calling for FFA members to grasp the opportunities available in agriculture."

Tag And Balloon Day

Friday and Saturday have been set aside by the Heart Fund drive workers as Tag Day and Balloon Day in Murphy.

Credit Assoc. Meets Tonight

The Merchant's Credit Association will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday night at the Chamber office. All directors are asked to be present.



Bulldogs Lose To Wildcats

Andrews Wildcat Jackie Ledford, 23, shoots over the head of Murphy Bulldog Mike Hughes, 55, during Tuesday night's game at Andrews. Andrews came out ahead by one point in the exciting contest, winning by a score of 44-43. The Andrews JV team also sneaked by the Bulldogs 32 to 31. Other Bulldogs in the photograph are, far left,

Horton, Kephart, 25, and Hughes, far right. The other identifiable Wildcat is Mickey Anderson, 34. The Bulldogs were ahead at the end of the first quarter, but the Wildcats were ahead at halftime 23 to 21. The score was tied several times during the remainder of the game. (Scout photo by Hugh Carringer.)

Cherokee County 4-H Club Elects Officers For 1969

The Cherokee County 4-H Council elected officers for 1969 at their meeting Saturday, February 1 at the Power Board Building in Murphy.

President for the coming year is Steve Thompson. Other officers include Lynn Loudermilk, vice-president; Bobby Howell, secretary and Linda Pope, reporter.

The Council also passed a motion to run Steve Thompson and Linda Pope for district office. These 4-H'ers will compete with other 4-H members from 17 counties in Western North Carolina. The election of district officers will be June 18 at the Western Activity Day.

A report was also given on the newly organized Junior Leaders Club. Membership is open to all 4-H'ers who have completed at least two years of 4-H club work and who are 14 years of age or older. After the meeting was adjourned, Miss Pat Thompson, home economics extension

agent and Mike Angell, associate agricultural extension agent, presented a program on planning recreation for group meetings. The group then participated in several games.

During the recreation period, the Adult Leaders Council met. The following officers were approved for the 1969 year: Mrs. Ruth Dalrymple, president; Grady Murphy, vice president and Mrs. Maxine Early, secretary.

Army Takes 7

Seven Cherokee County men were inducted into the armed forces and seven more were forwarded for physicals this month, according to the Selective Service office in Murphy.

Inducted were Michael David Sherrill, Jerry Lee Woods, David Howard Swanson, Larry Blaine Huskins, Robert Victor Curtis, Willard Junior Beaver and Jackie Wayne Griffith.

Milestones In The History Of Cherokee County

BY MRS. LOUISE A. BAYLESS

(Editor's note: This is the fourth article in a series of six on the history of Cherokee County as written by Mrs. Louise A. Bayless of Murphy)

Mrs. Callie Hall - Brand New Stock of fall and winter Hats and Millinery Goods and Notions.

C. B. Hill-Furniture, Rugs and Coffins - Oak Beds - If you want cheap Oak Beds, we have them, but if you want Poplar, see the other fellow. Excursion Rates to the BEE HIVE STORE - N. C. Christopher-will buy chickens, eggs, cross-ties and all kinds of produce. Cherokee Lumber Company - The Sweetness of low price never equals the bitterness of Poor Quality. Western North Carolina Fair-Great Attraction at Riverside Park-4th Annual Session, Oct. 1st - Round trip Excursion Rates Via Southern Railway-Educational Exhibits & Demonstrations. A. G. Deweese - We Deal in Values-Also some Hats I want you to have. We can Trade - Anything in General

Merchandise. Southern Bell Telephone Company - Farmers Line Department Keener Monument Company - J.S. Keener, Manager - Call or write if you need a Monument.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has declared that the Carolina-Tennessee Power Co. has the superior and prior rights down the Hiwassee River and this was affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

-1915- A cordial invitation - You are respectively invited to spend the summer in Murphy, N. C. picturesque Town is situated in the Western part of WNC at the terminus of the L & N and Southern Railway System. Murphy throws open wide her doors to the summer visitors for the year 1915. In evidence of that some progressive citizens have offered fifty lots free (half acre each) to those who will build a little summer bungalow, cheap if you prefer, on pretty hill tops in full view of the town. There are no strings to this proposition, but an absolute

free gift. We want you in our midst to spend your summer vacations. Well graded. Carriage and automobile drives, macadam roads north, south and east and west from the Town. In fact, all roads lead to Murphy, like Rome; it is built on a hill and all roads lead to and from this point. So many pretty nearby scenic walks, and wild mountain views, "unpainted cliffs" and miniature waterfalls. Fishing fine, like a paradise of an Angler; bring your Kodak and fishing rod. There are only a few towns in the world that please you at first sight. Murphy is just such a one; so restful, cool and inviting during the summer months. You are especially requested by the Board of Trade to spend your vacation where nature has done so much to please and satisfy. If I didn't live here I'd move to Murphy. Signed, Secretary of the Board of Trade. (Today we may add beautiful Lake Hiwassee and Lake Chatuge and Nottley).

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progressing satisfactorily on the dam site of the Hiwassee River Power Company below Murphy. The drilling has been completed. The work will give employment to hundreds of men. There seems to be no question as to the financial backing behind this concern.

Business locals - We're Shooting at You - The Test of good Service in Furniture is in the Number of Buyers. Fain and Welborn Furniture, Coffins & Caskets.

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Fifteen young men from Cherokee and eleven from Clay County left on the early train for Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

-1917- April 6, The United States entered World War I on the side of the Allies, after President Woodrow Wilson declared war before a joint session of Congress.

Mrs. Nina L. Axley (Mrs. F. W. Hubbell) volunteered as a member of the Red Cross Group formed from Emory University in Atlanta and arrived in Texas on the Mexican border during World War I.

Local Chapter of the Red Cross organized. German and American U boats can now stay at sea a year being supplied by other U boats. Captain Bragg (Post Bragg in N. C. was named for him) who has active in the Atlantic Port with the name of the American Red Cross, which was such with the of the British. Marshal W. but the meeting of the

TVA's Arrangements To Raise Rates Are Nearing Completion

Arrangements for putting into effect the increase in TVA power rates announced as necessary last October are now nearing completion, TVA said today. TVA said last fall that this rate increase would be required because of rising operating costs, interest rates, and investments in air and water quality control at its generating plants.

Now it is beginning individual discussions with the 160 local distributors of TVA power on the retail rates each system will adopt. All changes are expected to be in effect within the next two months.

In discussions which have been under way since October, TVA and a committee representing municipal and cooperative distribution systems have reached general agreement on new wholesale rates for TVA power sold to these systems.

The wholesale rate increase is expected to provide \$27 million annually in additional revenue to TVA from these sales, which now total about \$220 million.

The effects of the increase on local electric bills will depend on the retail rates adopted by each distributor. These will continue to vary,

with each local system applying the level of retail rates required to continue a financially sound operation.

No comparison of the new and old rates paid by consumers will be possible until new contracts have been completed between TVA and individual distribution systems. However, the average rate paid by residential customers is expected to be about half the National level after the rate increase.

The rate increase will provide additional revenue of about \$1.5 million annually from direct power sales to about three dozen large industrial users. They will also pay additional amounts under revised escalation provisions that vary the customer's electric rate annually to reflect changes in TVA costs for fuel and interest.

In the past these escalation adjustments have applied mainly to industrial, commercial, and governmental power bills. They will be extended to residential bills under the new retail rates now being considered. They are computed after each fiscal year ends in June, and any changes apply to power bills beginning in August.

Lack Of Land Is Delaying 40 Unit Murphy Housing Project

A lack of suitable land is holding back Murphy's chances of obtaining a federally financed low-rent housing project, it was reported to the Murphy Town Board Monday night.

Ben Palmer, manager of the Murphy Housing Authority, told the Board that several sites suggested by the town for the 30 units remaining were found to be unsatisfactory by the Rural Housing Authority in Atlanta. The major reasons for the rejection of the sites were that the prices demanded by the land owners were unreasonably high.

The RHA did approve a site where ten units for the elderly could be built, however. The land needed for the 30 units must be within the city limits because of the restrictive costs of furnishing water and sewage, Palmer said.

In other business the Board, after talking to the Lions Club and Fair Committee, recommended that the Murphy Jaycees should not build a permanent building on the fairgrounds as they had requested. The Board did recommend, however, three different places on the fairgrounds that the Jaycees could adopt for their use.

The Jaycees need a place to store and repair used furniture and appliances that they distribute to needy families in the county.

The payment of \$250 dues to the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Committee was unanimously approved by the Board. This commission offers services to the town in community planning problems.

Cloe Moore, mayor of Murphy, is the town's representative on the Regional Planning Commission.

The only business that required lengthy discussion was the motion made by Jerry Hatchett to raise the price of lots in the Sunset Cemetery, which is owned by the town.

The Board unanimously agreed to raise the price of the four grave lots from \$75 to \$100, and for the eight grave lots the price is now \$200 instead of the previous \$150. These prices apply to residents of Murphy, while the price to anyone living outside of the

city limits is double the above amount.

Reasons given by the Board of doubling the price to non-residents is that residents pay for upkeep of the cemetery through paying town taxes, while the extra amount paid by non-residents would

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Savings Bond Sales High

Sales in Cherokee County for December amounted to \$24,995.00 bringing the County's Bond sales total for the year to \$319,063.00 which is 94.6 percent of its annual quota of \$337,120.00" said W. L. Christy, Volunteer Chairman of the U.S. Savings Bonds Program in Cherokee County.

Cumulative sales of \$64,506,618 were up 6.9 percent over 1967 and were the highest since 1945, ranking N.C. ninth in the nation in percent of annual quota achieved.

make up for this expense.

Land for an additional cemetery was discussed, and the Board members agreed to look around within the city limits for some suitable land. John Carringer was appointed by the Board to represent the town of Murphy

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in the six-county organization formed for the improvement of area law enforcement. The Board agreed to support this new organization to the fullest extent.

Several tax and water releases were released by the Board.

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