

Land Is Approved For Murphy Housing Project

A six-acre tract of land has been approved as the building site for 30 federally financed low-rent housing units to be built in Murphy, Ben Palmer, director of the Murphy Housing Authority, announced early this week.

Land for 10 units to be built for the elderly was approved several weeks ago, Palmer said. The tract of land to be purchased for the project belongs to the Cherokee County Development Corporation, and adjoins Rimco Manufacturing Company.

Funds for the 40 unit housing project were approved several years ago, but a suitable site for the project had not been found until now. This project will be similar to the Bealtown Housing project.

According to Palmer, surveying work will begin immediately and construction is expected to begin within 90 days. Completion date for the 40 units is set at the first of the year.

Palmer also said that

Three Chosen All-Conference

Three students from Murphy High School rated All-Conference for their basketball heroics in the Smoky Mountain Conference for the past season.

Chosen were Mike Kephart, a senior guard and high scorer for the Bulldogs, senior forward Mary Alice Shields and sophomore forward Buffy Fleming.

The announcement of the All-Conference selections was made after the final games Saturday night at Reid Gymnasium at Western Carolina University.

Orders For Strawberry Plants Must Be In Monday

The County Agents office in Murphy is now taking orders for the Tennessee Beauty Strawberry plants.

Due to the different performance of certain varieties under different climatic, soil and other conditions, the Tennessee Beauty has proven to be the best strawberry plant for this area. These plants have been grown under the supervision of

the Department of Agriculture and are certified-disease-free plants.

But due to extreme weather conditions the quantity of plants available will be on a first come basis. For this reason, we will need to order these plants no later than March 10 to get your order in NOW. If you would like to call in your order the telephone number is 837-2210.

A deputy clerk has not yet been assigned to replace Mrs.

Local Boy Scout Leaders Receive Key Awards

Key Scout Leaders in Cherokee, Graham and Swain Counties have been awarded Scouter's Key Awards according to Mr. Max Whitt, District Training Chairman for the Nantahala District. To receive this award a volunteer scouter must complete the prescribed training courses set up by the Boy Scouts of

America and have three years consecutive service for the award they are working for.

Those who have received the Den Leader's Training Award for working with the Cub Scouting program, boys ages 7 to 10 are Mrs. Betty Jean Kephart, Mrs. Kathryn Dewesse and Mr. Richard Dewesse of Pack 419, White Church, Murphy, N. C.

Men who have completed the prescribed training courses for work with Boy Scouts are Mr. Joe Collins, Mr. John Manuel, both of Troop 404, Robbinsville; Mr. Giles Bryson and Mr. Kermit Kilpatrick, both of Troop 414, Marble; Mr. Troy J. Woody, Troop 402, Murphy; Mr. Frank Suddereth, Troop 485, Texas; Mr. Paul J. Vaught, Jr. Troop 407, Hayesville; Mr. Glen Thomas, Troop 905, Bryson City.

Other volunteer scouters who attended training courses but have not had the necessary tenure of service required for the Scouter's Key Awards are: Mr. Bobby Ray Crisp, Mr. Aubrey Watkins, Troop 418, Culberson; Mrs. Betty Westmoreland, Mrs. Sue Hubbard, Mrs. Opal Graves, and Mr. Terry Newman all of Pack 405, Murphy; Mr. John Burton, Mrs. Mary Kathryn West, Mrs. Virginia Phillips and Mrs. Frankie Battle all of Pack 407, Hayesville.

Red Cross To Meet Tuesday

A meeting of the American Red Cross will be held in the Agriculture Assembly Room of the Masonic Building in Hayesville Tuesday March 11, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone interested in Red Cross activities is urged to attend.

ATCO Employees Defeat Textile Workers Union

American Thread employees voted Thursday, February 27 not to be represented by the Textile Workers Union of America. The employees showed a vote of confidence in the company by defeating the textile Workers Union by almost a 2 to 1 margin. The vote was 172 against the union while 88 voted for.

The TWUA first began organizing efforts at the American Thread plant in Marble during the month of December but withdrew from the election and charged the company with unfair labor practices. The National Labor Relations Board found the company not at fault and reset the election date for February 27.

Hospital Clears Up Misunderstanding

Dr. F. V. Taylor, administrator of Murphy General Hospital announces that the hospital will take all types of insurance cases and sickness except Medicare, and that they are in the process of getting the Medicare contract restored.

Dr. Taylor made this statement to clear a misunderstanding among local residents that the hospital would not take illnesses when insurance covered the expense.

Murphy will be in line for a day care center when the new units are completed. He said that it will take the combined work of the housing authorities involved and the town leaders before the center could be built.

Andrews Soldier Dies In Vietnam

M/Sgt. Billy J. McClure, 35, was killed in action in Vietnam Feb. 20.

The son of Mrs. Kay McClure of Andrews and the late William M. McClure, he attended Murphy High School and entered military service in 1952. He had a total of 19 years in the armed services, obtaining his basic training in Company 1, 118th Airborne Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga. He also had training in the 508th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

M/Sgt. McClure was a five-time volunteer for the Vietnam duty. He was wounded in action in Vietnam, September 27, 1965, and was in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. for four months as the result of that injury.

Surviving in addition to the mother are a son, Michael McClure of Hopkinsville, Ky.; five brothers, Bascomb and Oscar, both of Murphy, Clifford and Ray, both of Canton, Ga.; and Ralph McClure of Struthers, Ohio; six sisters, Mrs. Edwin Cook of Murphy, Mrs. Wayne Gragg of Andrews, Mrs. Clifford Tauscher of Rockwood, Tenn., Mrs. Glenn Smith of Maryville, Tenn., and Mrs. Burl Moore of Sistersville, W. Va., and Mrs. Hubert Newton of Ripley, W. Va.

Ivie's Funeral Home brought the body to Andrews, where the family received friends



M/Sgt. Billy McClure

Wednesday morning. The funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Andrews, with the Rev. Tom Wells and Rev. C. A. Smith officiating. The body was then taken to Rogers Chapel Cemetery in Murphy where he received a full military service.

Clay County Register Of Deeds Resigns

Paul Kilpatrick of Hayesville resigned last week from his position as Register of Deeds for Clay County according to Andy Padgett, chairman of the Clay County Board of Commissioners.

Padgett said that Kilpatrick's replacement is Ruby Ledford, who had been the deputy register of deeds under Kilpatrick since both took office after the 1966 county election.

Kilpatrick said that he resigned because he had work to do at home and that he was tired of not doing anything. "I have always been used to working," he said, "and I was just not used to sitting around doing nothing."

A deputy clerk has not yet been assigned to replace Mrs.

Ledford. "We are leaving this up to Mrs. Ledford," Padgett stated, "as to whether she needs an assistant and if so, as to who is selected."

A salary increase for the register of deeds was asked for by Rep. Bill Bradley from Hayesville in the form of a bill to the N. C. General Assembly. Bradley asked that the salary for the full-time position be raised from \$3,000 to \$4,200 a year.

Bradley was asked to introduce the bill, Padgett said, by the County Commissioners. "We have felt that \$3,000 was just not enough for the job," Padgett noted, "and have intended to raise it for a number of years."

James L. Carringer Is Credit Manager

James L. Carringer, has recently opened a branch office for the Federal Land Bank Association of Asheville and the Mountain Production Credit Association in Murphy.

Carringer, a native of Brasstown, is a graduate of Murphy High School and Berea College, in Berea, Ky. He was formerly district credit manager with Escambia Chemical Corporation in Albany, Ga.

The Federal Land Bank makes farm loans from five to 40 years to purchase farms, build new buildings, refinance and many other purposes. Production Credit Association make short and intermediate term loans for the purchase of livestock, equipment, make farm improvements and any other purposes that farmers may need.

Carringer will make and service cooperative farm credit loans in Clay, Cherokee, Macon, Swain, Graham, and



James Carringer

Jackson counties from his office located in Dr. Dickey's office building across from the West Motel on the Andrews Highway.

He is married to the former Miss Janice Maddox of Baxley, Ga. and has one son, James Scott. The Carringers reside at 110 Hill Street in Murphy.



Knit One , Purl Two . . .

The second and third grade students in Mrs. Annette Moore's room at the Shooting Creek Elementary School in Clay County have learned to knit in addition to their other class room work. The little

girl above has finished the scarf she is wearing and is now starting on a pair of bedroom shoes.

Other photographs are on page 3. (Scout photo by Bill Gray).

Jurors Are Drawn For Superior Court Term

A total of 110 names have been drawn as prospective jurors for the Superior Court to be held in Murphy beginning March 31. Sixty names have been drawn for the first week of court while 50 are scheduled for the second week, which begins April 7.

District Court Judge Felix E. Alley, Jr. will be at the courthouse in Murphy on Wednesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. to hear applications for excuses for jury duty. Anyone who has any reason for not being able to be a juror must be excused by Judge Alley.

Jurors for the first week from Murphy are: Mrs. W. H.

Bates, Mrs. Harold M. Hall, Luther Burgess, Mrs. Ann Phillips, Roy S. Hooper, Nellie Lunsford, Lillard Walker, Loren Davis, Shirley Mae Clark, Mrs. Robert C. Witt, Lou Graves, Edith Howard, David L. Huffstetler, Loleta Harbin, Sister Marie Ignait, Lorraine Hembree, Hazel Huskins, Ralph Stiles, Carrie L. Smith.

Otil Fred Sneed, Holland McSwain, Sarah Long, Mrs. H. C. Ware, Mrs. Henry Braswell, Richard P. Mauney, J. C. Nichols, Jr., Fannie D. Lovingood, Loy Garrett, J. T. Watson, Otis Cox, M. Dorthy Johnson and Alfred L. Sutton.

Marble residents include Mrs. Jack Palmer, Mrs. Roland Garrett, Mrs. Leona H. Deby, Mildred Bryson and Ernest Griggs.

Andrews residents: Gladys Day, Elva Hardin, Lewis O. Reed, James W. Adams, Delia Watkins, Junior Stiles, G. V. Powers, Hazel Love, Woodrow W. Morgan, Sue Nichols, Oscar Passamore, Ann Collett.

Nonna Carringer, Bradford Cantrell, Carrie Hughes, all from Brasstown.

Culberson residents are: Mrs. G. B. Hunter, Ira C. Owenby, and Christine Golden.

Jurors for the second week are, from Murphy, Laura Carter, Veldia Barrett, Howard L. Martin, Garland Dockery, Beulah Palmer, James L. Woody, Arsel Stiles, Frances Evans, Aruther Dockery, Edna Lovingood, George W. Moore, Mrs. Neil Johnson, L. T. Fox, Floyd A. Dockery, Ruth Robertson, Norris K. West, Charlie Carroll, Butler Carter, Bill English, J. M. Hartness, Richard C. Lemons, W. W. Rogers, Pearl Dockery.

From Andrews, Sarah Adams, Mrs. J. Wayne Battle,

Townson Funeral Home Plans Two New Locations

John Carringer, vice-president of Townson Funeral Home, announced today plans to open funeral homes in Andrews and Hayesville.

The J. B. Hudson house on Main Street in Andrews has been acquired and is undergoing extensive remodeling including a chapel, Carringer stated. The funeral home in Andrews is scheduled to open during the week of March 10.

"Plans are incomplete for the opening of our Hayesville branch," Carringer said, "but we do hope to open there in the near future."

Carringer also announced that Mr. Henry Hylton has been named manager of the new Andrews facility.

Mr. Hylton, a native of Franklin, has been with Townson Funeral Home for one year and resides at Rt. Marble with his wife, the former Hazel Crisp and their four children, Troy, 23, Juanita, 14, Jeannie 11, and Ramona, 10.

Prior to his employment with Townson, Mr. Hylton was with Potts Funeral Home of Franklin for three years and has been associated with funeral homes for eight years.

He is a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer serving 21 years in the U.S. Navy. During his career he spent 17 years of sea



Henry Hylton

duty, serving in every Navy theater including three cruises around the world. He also served four years of recruiting duty.

Mr. Hylton is a Master Mason and a member of the Junaluske Lodge No. 145 A.F. & A.M. He and his family are Baptist.

"The late W. D. Townson originally made these expansion plans over a year ago," Carringer said "and it was his wishes that the family carry on the expansion program in his area."

Murphy Electrical Week Is Declared By Mayor

March 2 through March 7 has been designated "Murphy Electrical Week" to commemorate the anniversary of the Murphy Power Board.

Mayor Cloe Moore signed a proclamation this week that officially sets aside this special week to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the Murphy Power Board and the arrival of TVA power here in 1939.

"We are honored," John Bayless, local power system manager said, "that public officials here have decided to proclaim this special week observance."

"The people here own the Murphy Power Board," he added, "and certainly this makes our 'Electrical Week' celebration a community-wide event."

PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Murphy has enjoyed low-cost power generated by the Tennessee Valley Authority for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the publicly-owned Murphy Power Board has distributed this low-cost power locally on a non-profit basis for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the invaluable service which electricity renders to our city in our homes, businesses, and industries; and

WHEREAS, we desire to pay tribute to the board, management, and employees of the Murphy Power Board whose efficient and capable efforts have provided us a constant and dependable supply of low-cost electricity for 15 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cloe Moore, Mayor of the City of Murphy, N.C. do hereby proclaim the week of March 3 - 7 as

MURPHY ELECTRICAL WEEK in this city and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Signed and Witnessed this
March 3, 1969

Cloe Moore
Mayor, Murphy, N. C.

Accident Injuries Driver

Robert Lee Herron, a 28 year-old man from Asheville, was seriously injured in a one-car accident just outside of Murphy early Tuesday morning.

According to Murphy Police Chief Pete Stalcup, Herron was traveling toward Murphy and lost control of the car, crossed the two left lanes and ran off the left side of the road. The accident occurred on the curve between the Townson Lumber Company and the truck stop on U.S. 64 west.

The car, a 1959 Ford was a total loss. Herron suffered a broken leg and hip, and was transferred to an Asheville hospital.

Stalcup said that Herron would be charged with driving under the influence.



Kanny Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham, Michael Pack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pack.

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