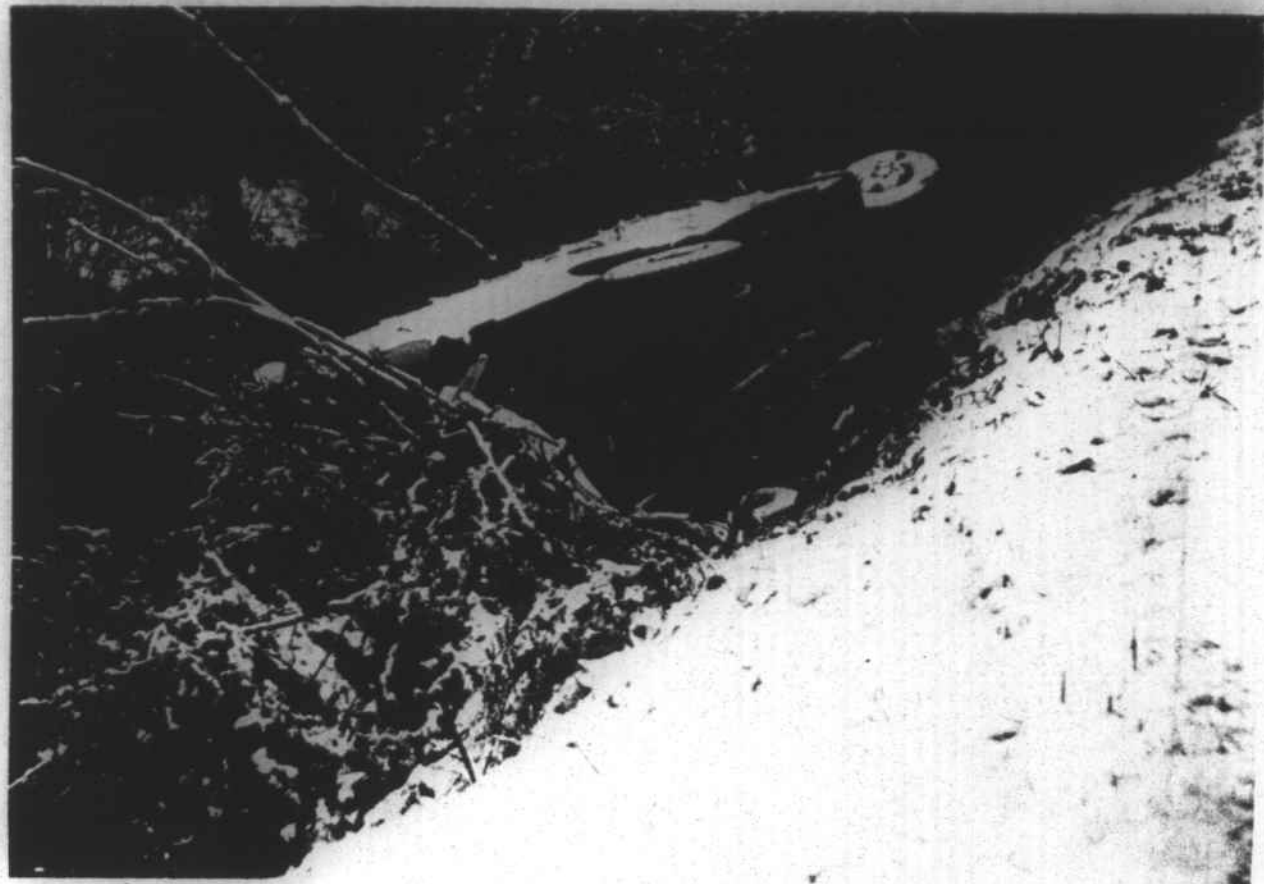


Murphy Man Kills Self

Wendell Helton, a middle-aged man who lived just west of Murphy, killed himself with a rifle shot to the head around noon last Saturday, according to Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson.

Four Are Arrested During Week

Four people were arrested during the week by the Murphy Police Department, Chief of Police Pete Stalcup said Tuesday.



Slippery Road Cause Of Accident

An Andrews High School student bus driver escaped injury when the bus he was driving slipped off a narrow gravel road in the Marble community last Thursday. The bus rolled down an embankment and would have ended up in Valley River had it not been

stopped by some trees. Fortunately, there were no passengers in the bus at the time other than the driver, who was Dale Palmer of Marble. (Scout photo by Jim Morgan)

Bank Of Franklin To Open New Branch Office In Murphy

Frank Duncan, president of The Bank of Franklin, announced this week that their new branch bank will open for business in Murphy on Friday, March 21.

Plans have been in the making for nearly a year to establish a branch in Murphy, Duncan said. The State Banking Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have approved the bank's application for the branch bank, which will open in a mobile bank trailer located on Tennessee Street, across from McDaniels Chevrolet.

"A full-service bank is planned for Murphy," Duncan said, that will serve Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. He added that The Bank of Franklin has great confidence in the future growth and economy of this tri-county section of Southwestern North Carolina and they feel that this particular section of the State is just beginning to grow. The bank plans to use their resources to help make

Southwestern North Carolina a better place to work and live, Duncan stated.

Keeping pace with the changing times, The Bank of Franklin became a par bank in 1955. "Competitively high interest rates have been paid on customers' savings accounts for

many years," Duncan said, "with liberal lending policies being extended to small businesses, farmers and home owners with particular interest being placed on the financial needs of the working man."

The Bank of Franklin is one of the oldest banking

institutions in North Carolina, being founded in 1903. "The bank's growth record is excellent," Duncan stated, "showing a rapid growth from one and one-half million dollars in resources in 1944 to resources better than ten and one-third million as of January 1, 1969."

Bloodmobile To Be In Murphy On March 19th

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Murphy on Wednesday, March 19 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board building.

Mrs. Edgar Harshaw, chairman of the Cherokee Chapter, said that this will be the last visit until July. "We urge everyone that can possibly come to please make an effort to do so," Mrs. Harshaw said.

According to Mrs. Harshaw, they have been two cases of emergency where blood was

needed during the past two weeks. "The call that went out for donors was answered," she said, "and we do appreciate the response of those who came out to help their fellow Cherokee countians in their time of need. It is a good feeling to know that you have helped to save someone's life."

Since there will not be

another visit for over three months, Mrs. Harshaw asks that everyone please put forth a very special effort to be there and to bring someone with you.

"Let us all do our best to make this trip a success," she repeated. "As you know it is a wonderful, worthwhile program."

State Of Franklin Meeting Scheduled For April 9th

The State of Franklin Health Council meeting that was originally scheduled for February 26 has been set for Wednesday, April 9.

The meeting, which will be broken down into an afternoon and an evening session, will be devoted to a discussion of environmental health problems of the State of Franklin.

Guest speakers scheduled for the evening session are Dan Cracken, Sanitarian, Clay County Health Department, John D. Faulkner, Regional Assistant

Administrator from Charlottesville, Virginia, and William A. Broadway, District Environmental Health Consultant.

The topic of the evening address and panel discussion is consumer protection and environmental health, with the address being given by Faulkner.

This meeting is part of the annual meeting of the Environmental Health Committee of the State of Franklin.

Library Board Holds Meeting

The members of the Nantahala Regional Library Board met Tuesday, March 11, 1969 at headquarters library in Murphy. The matter of approving a tentative budget for the Regional Library for 1969-70 was an important item on the agenda.

The members present were: A. Singleton, Chairman, Ernie Davis and Vincent Crisp representing Cherokee County, S. W. T. Groves and Mrs. Ed Curtis representing Clay County, and Mrs. Felix Palmer, Librarian.

Induction Takes Nine From County

Nine Cherokee County men were forwarded for induction into the armed forces Monday, according to Frankie Robertson, Executive Secretary of Local Board No. 20.

They were Donald Ray Decker, Hoyt Gene Brown, Verl Wayne Roberts, Steve Carlton Adams, Rickey Hamilton Palmer, Harold Neal Kephart, Donald Hugh Jones, Jack Dixon Postell and William Randolph Fox.

Nineteen registrants were forwarded to Knoxville for physical examination.

Murphy City Schools Mark Third Year In Elementary Education Act Project

The past week Murphy City Schools completed its third year with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Much has been accomplished. The money received by the school system from this federal act has afforded many youngsters opportunities that would have never been possible. In our local situation, federal aid has been good.

The hub around which the entire project revolves is Remedial Reading. Research proved that a large percentage of the student body was reading below grade level. If children cannot read, they will never master other areas of the curriculum. With much needed federal money and many hours of planning, a reading program was developed to meet the needs of children who encounter more than normal

difficulties in grades three - 12. Test results reveal amazing progress to date.

Basic elements composing the reading program were construction of three reading classrooms and the employment of three qualified reading teachers. Children are assigned to these instructors for 40-minute periods daily. Class size never numbers over ten pupils so individual attention may be given every case. It should be mentioned that individual instruction of this type would cost at least ten dollars per hour if given by a private teacher on a university campus.

In addition to a remedial reading program, federal funds have made possible a number of services: (1) The school now has money to buy shoes and clothing for needy children. No

child leaves Murphy City Schools in need of clothing. (2) Federal money now provides free lunches for over 150 students. (3) The school has a full time nurse on duty for the entire school day. (4) Children from families of humble means now get free dental work, eye examinations and glasses, minor corrective surgery, examinations for loss of hearing and hearing aides. (5) The school has employed a full time band director and a full time guidance counselor with funds from this project. If it had not been for this type financial aid, most of these services would not exist.

A great deal of equipment has been purchased. The school system has a complete line of modern audio-visual aids, new band instruments, office machines, and furnishings, and physical-education equipment, misunderstood in the beginning retained to the teacher aides. Salaries were greatly exaggerated by some in the community. True, teacher aides are financed by federal money, but salaries paid only constitute a very small percentage of the overall budget. Aides have proven valuable in the project. The average "take home pay" per aid is approximately \$82.11 monthly.

Murphy City Schools can now offer a comprehensive learning program never before available.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act has provided in-service training for teachers. Instructors from Western Carolina have offered extension courses designed to keep teachers abreast with the latest teaching methods and techniques.

Another valuable portion of the program has been summer school for all children living in the Murphy City School district. The school has offered summer programs for the past three years with courses in reading, art, band, creative writing, drama, physical education, foreign language, and library services. The school could not have financed this without federal assistance. One item more commonly

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Federal aide to education is here to stay—at least to some degree. In the case of small administrative units, it has proven to be a blessing. Opportunities and services never before available are now a reality. It is an investment in our community that will pay dividends many years to come. Our youngsters now have an educational program that will compare to any in the state.

Sale of U. S. Savings Bonds, Series E, in North Carolina during January amounted to \$5,692,688, an increase of 1.4 percent over sales in January of last year.

Freedom Share sales of \$333,599 were up almost 49 percent over a year ago and were the highest for any month since they went on sale in 1967.

Combined sales amounted to \$6,080,287 and were the best January sales in 22 years -- up 2.4 percent over 1968.

According to Bland W. Worley, State Volunteer Chairman, special Share-in-America promotions will be held in North Carolina during 1969 in Greensboro and Winston-Salem for the purpose of increasing sales of Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares through the Payroll Savings Plan. "Today, with the

ever-present threat of inflation, it is essential to spread the debt more widely into the hands of individuals through this safe and proven form of public financing. The Savings Bonds Program was conceived so as to accommodate those persons who want to buy and hold the securities of their Government; consequently, over 23 percent of the publicly held portion of the national debt is in the hands of individual owners. It is important that the Savings Bonds Program continue its successful performance, and we know that all North Carolinians will respond to this call to action," Mr. Worley said.

During January, sales in Cherokee County were \$35,315.00, which is 11.4 percent of the County's 1969 quota of \$310,365, according to W. L. Christy, Cherokee County Volunteer Chairman.

Taylor Questions Educators

WASHINGTON -- U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor wants to know what federal educators have been doing to help stop campus disorders.

In a letter to Robert H. Finch, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the 11th District Congressman has asked for an accounting of the department's compliance with a new law designed to help crack down on federally-assisted college students.

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"Have college authorities been instructed to give you a list of students convicted of such violations," demanded Taylor.

He also advised the HEW secretary: "I am much concerned with the threats, intimidation and outlaw activity occurring on college and university campuses. The rights of the majority of students are being abused.

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Milestones In The History Of Cherokee County

BY MRS. LOUISE A. BAYLESS

(Editor's Note: This is the seventh of a series of articles on the history of Cherokee County as written by Mrs. Louise A. Bayless of Murphy.)

1927 - 1930

A community room (Keith House) was to be dedicated. Plans have been completed for the dedication of the community room at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown, September 4th. Prominent visitors from two nations will be present. The welcome address was by the Hon. John H. Dillard, Attorney. Several prominent citizens from Denmark will participate in the dedication exercises.

Fire destroys a plant. Cherokee roller mills with damage estimated at \$8,000. An international motorcade was to arrive in the city at noon, September 5, 1927. Originating in New Orleans and mobilizing to great strength in Atlanta, the Appalachian Scenic Highway International Motorcade, sponsored by the Atlanta Journal will arrive in Murphy Monday, September 5th and be escorted to the Cherokee Park and Fair Grounds for a luncheon by citizens of Murphy. The Motorcade will add new cars to its rank in each city along the route to Quebec, and will leave Murphy at 1 o'clock and will proceed over the ASH through the beautiful Valley River

valley, Nantahala Gorge and on to Asheville, which will be the first night stop-over after leaving Atlanta. Murphy Lions Club of which W. Mercer Fain is president will be in charge of the luncheon.

The Murphy school opened the 1927-28 session. Bryan W. Sipe was superintendent.

Walter C. Witt secures agency for three Western N.C. counties to handle the Hudson-Essex for Cherokee, Clay and Graham, with headquarters at Murphy. A garage and showroom will be located in East Murphy and the building is now under construction.

Six hundred gallons of beer and two stills are destroyed. Moonshiners and bootleggers were given set-back when Sheriff Deveroux Birchfield and Deputies J. L. Rose and Avery Fullum destroyed two 40-gallon stills about ten miles below Murphy on the Hiwassee River. The officers arrived upon the scene only to find that the blockaders had gotten away. A boat was used to transport the still across the river.

1928- Murphy owns a fine hydro-electro plant and transmission lines and controls the sale of electric power in this section. T.N. Bates is located on the Notia River about two miles from Murphy and is thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect. It

develops about 500 horsepower of electrical power.

Elder E. Hedden who is appointed to as probably the first pastor of the Murphy Baptist Church. Mr. Hedden's descendants are now living in the upper Hiwassee Valley and near Hayesville. Elder James Kimsey, one of the first pastors of the Murphy Baptist Church, is the grandfather of Dr. George W. Truett, now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Some resemblance can be seen. The Rev. T.L. Sasser, present pastor, came to the church in 1922. His labors have been rewarded by the erection of the splendid new church that has doubled the membership and a greater spiritual growth.

1929- The Coca-Cola Bottling Company is a big asset and Murphy is fortunate in having its own bottling establishment in that way it can keep in the city the money that would otherwise go outside, says J.V. Brittain, manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling works here. The Company is a branch of the Asheville Coca-Cola Company.

The water supply of Murphy is unexcelled by that of any other city anywhere. The city owns its own watershed and its water supply comes from mountain springs and creeks whose waters are protected by enclosures. The water is chlorinated as an additional precaution. The supply is

sufficient for a city of \$10,000 population. The source of water is about three miles from Murphy. The water is brought to the city by gravity, having a pressure of from 80 to 90 pounds in the city mains. This gives ample fire protection with the necessity of using fire engines and pumps. (We presently have two fire engines and pumps. The city also has a complete sewage disposal system plant.)

Mr. A. J. Burns, who conducts a wholesale and retail, hay, grain feed-stuff, and heavy grocery business in this city states, "Every factor that enters into the progress is present in Murphy and the business men are big boosters so we are going to keep ahead and become a greater Murphy." The business of Mr. Burns was established in June, 1923 and has shown steady growth.

Playgrounds and parks are provided by the town. Riverside Park and playground lies on the banks of the Valley River. Cherokee Park embraces eight or ten acres of ground, also on Valley River, and is jointly owned by the city and county and used for recreational purposes such as baseball and for the annual County Fair. It has just recently been acquired.

Murphy has consolidated schools and good roads. The consolidated school flourishes where there are good roads. Schools cannot be established

where there are only poor roads. Dr. E. E. Smith says Murphy is very healthy. "The reason I chose Murphy to live in is because I believe it is one of the healthiest places in this section of the State."

Headlines in The Cherokee Scout - Welcome to New Comers - Murphy, A City of Opportunities. The town of Murphy is always glad to welcome any visitors or new comers within her walls. The latch string of cooperation than in Murphy. There are tremendous opportunities here for new business enterprises and manufacturing industries and those seeking delightful sites for home will find this an excellent location. This is true today 1968, as it was back in 1929.

STOCK MARKET CRASH

Compare our conditions now with those of one year ago, in our city and county. Both railroads will tell you that 1929 was a good year, and that the present month exceeds Jan. 1929, in both shipping, freight and express deliveries. Both banks, the Murphy Bank and the Cherokee Bank, will tell you that money on deposits is much more than one year ago, and that the total sum of money on checking accounts is greater. (They could not foresee the depression just around the corner and the bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt in 1933.) (Continued next week)



Jaycee 'Boss Of The Year'

Robert Rogers, left, owner and operator of Rogers Electric Co. in Murphy, received the "Boss Of The Year" award from Jaycee President Curtis Hewlett March 6. This is an annual award given by the Murphy Jaycees to a boss of a Jaycee who has

given the most outstanding support to the club during the previous year. Other nominees were Joe Ray, Kenneth Godfrey and J. C. Hilton. This is the first year that the Murphy Club has presented this award. (Scout photo by Jim Morgan).