

John Jordan To Replace Retiring Lloyd Hendrix

Lloyd Hendrix announced that he will retire as Superintendent of the Cherokee County School System on July 1, of this year. Hendrix made the announcement at the monthly school board meeting Monday night.

The Board elected John Jordan, presently Superintendent of Murphy City Schools, to replace Hendrix as Superintendent of the Cherokee County School System. Jordan was elected by unanimous vote of the Board Members.

The election of Jordan as Superintendent of the entire Cherokee County School System rests on the proposed merger of the Cherokee County Schools. The county now has three Superintendents.

If the State School Board accepts the proposed merger, the Superintendent of Murphy City School and the Superintendent of Andrews City Schools will be eliminated and Jordan will serve as county wide Superintendent.

In other action taken at the monthly meeting, the Board voted to accept the proposed merger plans. The vote was unanimous. The Board also voted a resolution to require all assistant teachers, teachers aides and librarian aides to have at least a high school diploma when feasible.

Claude Bryant made a motion to adopt this resolution which received only three favorable votes from the board members present. The remainder of the members did not vote.

Superintendent of the county schools on July 1, 1939 and his retirement is effective July 1, 1969, which is exactly 30 years of service.

He graduated from Murphy High School in 1927 with a class of 11 seniors.

Before returning to Murphy, Hendrix taught in the Bethel School in Haywood County and the Mt. Pleasant School in Wilkes County.



LOYD HENDRIX
Retires from office

JOHN JORDAN
New superintendent

County Commissioners O.K. School System Merger Plan

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners approved the proposed plan for the merger of the county school system at

their regular monthly meeting Monday.

A motion made by Ray Sims for approval of the merger of the Murphy City Schools received a three to two vote by the board. W. T. Moore, Sims and Andrew Barton voted for the merger, while the two Republicans present voted against the merger. They are Jack Simonds and Luther Dockery.

A motion also made by Sims

for the adoption of the merger for the Andrews City School system received a unanimous vote by the board, however.

In other business of the day-long meeting the board approved a Lenoir, N. C. accounting firm to audit the county's books for this year. This received a unanimous vote by the board members present.

The purchase of an electric calculator for the County Accountants office received a unanimous vote by the board.

Grand Jury Commends Schools

The eighteen members of the March-April Superior Court Grand Jury commended the Murphy City Schools and the courthouse personnel for complying with past recommendations. This vote of approval along with recommendations to various schools throughout the county, was included in the Grand Jury Report.

Seven bills were passed on by the jury, with five of them found to be true bills while the other two were continued to the next session of the Superior Court.

The Grand Jury also recommended that in the future they meet in the law library until suitable quarters on the second floor of the courthouse can be provided.

They also found that the recommendations made by the November term of Superior Court have been carried out with the following exception: decaying steps have not been replaced and a shield has not been placed around the furnace at the Andrews school. In the Marble School termite treatment and woodwork replacement has not been done, and the chimney has not been repaired at Hiwassee Dam. Bathroom facilities have not yet been repaired at the White Church School, and broken windows have not been replaced at Unaka.

Jim Hendrix was foreman of this session of the Grand Jury.



Championship Band

A group of local musicians who call themselves "Curtis Blackwell, Randall Collins and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys" brought back first place honors in a field of over 90 competitors at the Union Grove, N. C., Fiddler's Convention held April 4 and 5. The "Bluegrass Boys" won cash and a trophy as well as being designated the No. One Grand Champion Band.

The members of the band are, left to right, Randall Collins, Larry Jefferson, Al Osteen, Sam Cobb and Curtis Blackwell.

Ivie Funeral Home Open House To Be April 13

Ivie Funeral Home in Murphy is holding an Open House Sunday, April 13th, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m., according to Peyton Ivie, owner of the Funeral Home.

The Frank Herbert home in Hayesville in 1942. The Ivie Funeral Home was established in Andrews in 1946 when the home was purchased from Forsyth Watkins.

The manager of the Murphy Funeral Home is Clyde Collins, a native of Robbinsville. Jim Cavin is the manager of the Andrews Home and Edwin Ledford manages the Hayesville Home.

"We extend a cordial invitation," Ivie said, "to all of the people in WNC to visit our Murphy home on April 13." The Murphy Home is located on Valley River Avenue in Murphy.

Library Has Films Available For Loan

The Nantahala Regional Library is a member of the Adult Film Project and is eligible to borrow hundreds of films on free loan.

Some of the subjects on which films are available include, Art and Crafts, business and industry, child study, democracy, education, family, gardening, handicapped, industrial relations, juvenile delinquency, leadership, medicine, nature study, old age, peace, religion, safety, theater, United Nations, vocational guidance, wildlife, young people's films, and zoning.

These films must be booked two weeks ahead of a scheduled showing. For more information on films and booking these films, call Nantahala Regional Library, 837-2025.

Four Square Community Action Touches Many People

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by James R. Nelson, Executive Director of the Four-Square Community Action, Inc., to help inform the people in the four counties involved about

what Four Square is and what it does. A lack of understanding generates criticism in any program and particularly in one of which government funds are involved. For this reason we are printing this annual report in its entirety.)

The anti-poverty program as it exists today began in 1964 after the President's Economic Advisory Council released a report showing 34,000,000 people in the poverty class in the U.S. They recommend that the Federal Government undertake a series of activities to alleviate the situation. As a result the Economic Opportunity Act was passed in August, 1964, and the War on Poverty was launched.

The Act provided for activities on many fronts, including, programs in the Depts. of Labor, Agriculture, Commerce, and others, but the main brunt of the battle was given to the Office of Economic Opportunity, (OEO) a newly-created arm of the Executive Branch. It provided for local Community Action Agencies (CAA) under OEO to handle programs at the community level.

Four-Square is one of these CAAs. It is a local, non-profit corporation organized to serve Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties. Four Square's main objective is to improve the economic, social and

Cherokee County Criminal Court Completes 72 Case Calendar

The March-April term of the Cherokee County Criminal Court was completed last week with only eight of the 72 cases on the calendar going before a jury. The civil cases before the Superior Court began Monday and was still in session at press time.

Two manslaughter cases were before the court, one of which plead guilty and the other not-guilty. Mrs. Marilyn Allen Tomlinson (see related story on this page) was placed on probation after pleading guilty to voluntary manslaughter and William Leonard Clontz was found guilty of manslaughter by the court and sentenced to not less than 14 nor more than 16 years of active sentence.

Clontz was charged in the killing of Henry Dotson in December of 1967. Clontz killed Dotson with a shot from a .38 caliber pistol after an apparent gun battle between the two men.

In the other cases that went before the jury, Lloyd Calvin Crain was found not guilty of driving under the influence. Wayne Rogers was found guilty on a similar charge, but his sentencing was continued. William Woodrow Wilson was acquitted on a driving under the influence charge, while Arlin Day of Andrews, who defended his own case, was given a six month active sentence on the driving under the influence charge.

Dale Filmore Rowland was also given six months for driving under the influence, but his sentence was suspended. James Marion

Stovall was sentenced to two years after being found guilty of non-support.

In the other cases the defendants either plead guilty, had their cases continued, the state decided not to prosecute or their case was remanded to another court or to an inactive docket.

Those who plead guilty are as follows: Eddie Robinson, sentenced to 90 days suspended on conditions; Roy Edward Cole, driving under the influence, 60 day sentence suspended on conditions; Lewis Palmer, driving under the influence, \$100 and costs.

Ralph William Carringer, driving under the influence, \$100 and costs; Oscar McClure, driving under the influence, 90 days suspended on conditions; Jay Brown, driving under the influence, 90 days suspended

on conditions; Garland Samuel Bryson, driving under the influence, 90 days suspended; Dean West, assault on a female, suspended sentence; Billy Cornwell, breaking, entering and larceny, two years active sentence.

Tommy Bowers, breaking, entering and larceny, two years active sentence; Raymond Douglas Puett, speeding 40 in 20 mph zone, lose license and costs; Jack Leonard Fullbright, non-felonious larceny, 12 month sentence suspended on condition; Grover White, driving under the influence, two counts, six months; and Jimmy Palmer, receiving stolen property, one year sentence suspended for three years.

Cases on the docket that were continued until another term include John Henry Thompson, driving under the influence; Claude Edward Jones, driving under the influence; Newell Ledford, driving while license revoked; Olen Blake Chastain, driving

while license revoked; Grover White, driving under the influence David Pullium, non felonious assault.

Retired to the inactive docket were the following cases: James Howard Beavers, 2 counts of larceny; Everett Kilpatrick, larceny; Elick Kilpatrick, breaking entering and larceny; Garry Dale McLain, breaking entering and larceny; Jerry Green, public drunkenness.

Cases where the state decided not to prosecute involved the following: Paul Fleming Lominac, driving under the influence; Grace Moses assault with deadly weapon; Jewell Withrow, non support and assault on female; Arnold Reichman, driving under the influence; Louise Gibson, embezzlement.

Bobby Dockery, arson; Charles Marvin Gregory, assault with deadly weapon; Claude Davidson driving under the influence; Kenneth James, Public drunkenness; and Larry Allen reckless driving.

Remanded to the district court were William Harry Edwards, driving under the influence and Paul Samuel Hopkins, speeding. Alias capias was issued on the following: Walter Fred Ogle, driving under the influence; Woodful Johnson Jr., speeding in excess of 100 mph; Kenneth H. Grant, abandonment and non support.

'Mrs. Allen' Goes Free

Marilyn Allen Tomlinson, a 37 year-old mother of five, received a suspended sentence Wednesday in the Cherokee County Superior Court in the shooting death of her husband.

Mrs. Tomlinson, who was Mrs. Hubert Allen when she killed her husband on August 7, 1968, has been waiting since November to hear her verdict. In the November trial she plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter, which the state accepted without contesting.

Superior Court Judge J. W. Jackson continued the judgement at the November trial until now so that additional information could be obtained by the state welfare and probation departments. At that time Mrs. Tomlinson testified that she killed her husband after he threatened to kill the children and beat up the oldest girl, Marlene, 15.

Mrs. Tomlinson received nation-wide attention several years ago when the Associated Press carried a story about her taking her youngest daughter, Lora Mae, to a Memphis, Tennessee hospital for treatment of leukemia. It was after one of these weekly 800 mile trips that Mr. Allen

became drunk, broke Lora Mae's medicine and threatened the children.

It was when Mr. Allen laid down on a bed that Mrs. Tomlinson took a .22 rifle off of the wall and shot him twice in the back of the head, she testified.

After the shooting she was released from the Cherokee County jail on \$5,000 bond. Mrs. Tomlinson and her five children live just a few hundred feet from the Tennessee state line near Farmer, Tenn. In 1968 she was voted the Mother of the Year in Copper Basin, Tenn., which is a few miles from her home.

On December 23 she married a 28 year-old native of Florida, John M. Tomlinson. Judge Martin sentenced Mrs. Tomlinson to seven to ten years suspended for five years on the condition that she obey all the terms in the probation judgment, pay all the costs and be under the supervision of the Public Welfare Department.

Some of these conditions include that she violate no state or federal laws during the period, that she send her children to school regularly and that she refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

Civitan Elect New Officers

The Murphy Civitan Club elected officers for the year 1969-70 at their meeting on Tuesday, April 1, at O'Dells Restaurant.

Those elected for the one year term were: President, Bill Hughes; President-Elect, Paul Ridenhour; Secretary, Ted Thomas; Treasurer, Gene Farmer; First Vice-President, Jim Lewis; Second Vice-President, Joe Phillips. Also elected to the board of directors were Kenneth Davis, Bill McDaniels and Jim Goodwin.

The officers named above and outgoing President Don Ramsey will make up the 10 member Executive Board of Directors to lead the way to greater progress of the local club from July 1, 1969 until June 30, 1970.

Auxiliary Holds Benefit Card Party

The Providence Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a benefit card party on Saturday, evening, April 12 in the Frank Mauney Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. For reservation call 837-3479.

Proceeds to be used for the hospital.

Billy Carringer Appointed News Editor-Gray Resigns

Jack Owens, editor and publisher of the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress, announced this week the appointment of Billy Carringer as news editor of the Scout. Carringer is replacing Bill Gray, who has resigned his post as managing editor effective May 1st.

Carringer, who came to the Scout on March 31, is the son of Mrs. Bertha Carringer and the late Mr. Luther Carringer of Brasstown. He is a 1960 graduate of Murphy High School and attended Truett McConnell Junior College in Cleveland, Georgia.

For the past four years Carringer has been employed with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Atlanta, Georgia. He and his family are members of the Brasstown Baptist Church. Carringer said that he enjoys all types of sports, especially golf and water skiing.

He and his wife, the former Doris Harper of Murphy, and their daughter, Lynn have recently moved to the Pleasant Valley Community near Murphy.

Gray, a native of Hayesville, came to the Scout as news editor in June of 1968 and was promoted to managing editor on November 1st. "I hate to leave this area and the people



BILLY CARRINGER
Appointed news editor

that I have come to know for the short time I have been here," Gray said.



BILL GRAY
Announces resignation

"It is regrettable that Mr. Gray must resign to fulfill his military obligation," Owens commented. "He has done an outstanding job and the Scout will miss his talent."

Roy Pipes Wins Murphy Jaycees 'OYE' Award



Roy Pipes, principal and teacher of White Church Elementary School, won the Murphy Jaycees award, as the Outstanding Young Educator in the county for this year. Pipes was presented a plaque and a \$100 check at the Jaycee meeting Thursday night, April 3.

Pipes, a graduate of Murphy High School and Western Carolina University, taught science and coached basketball in Andrews before coming to the White Church School. At White Church he teaches the eighth grade along with his duties as principal.

Pipes is married to the former Lucy Cope of Nantahala, and they have two children; Allen, nine and Jeff, 18 months.

The following officers were elected at the same meeting: Bill Travis, president; Winston Craig, first vice-president; Harry Smith, second vice-president; Jim Jordan,

President Curtiss Hewlett watches the presentation. (Scout photo by Hugh Carringer)

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Winston Craig, left, presents a plaque and a check to Roy Pipes as the Outstanding Young Educator in Cherokee County. Murphy Jaycee

President Curtiss Hewlett watches the presentation. (Scout photo by Hugh Carringer)