

Local Wrecks Injure Two

Howard Vincent Jones, 27, of Andrews was injured Saturday morning at 4:45 a.m. when the tractor trailer he was driving went out of control and overturned, on Highway 64, 14 miles west of Murphy.

According to Highway Patrolman Don Reavis, Jones was driving a tractor trailer belonging to Clay Ivester, when he apparently lost control and ran off the shoulder of the road for 510 feet before turning over and skidding 144 feet. The road was blocked for two hours by the wreck.

Reavis said that Jones was taken to the Providence Hospital suffering from internal injuries. He was later transferred to a Chattanooga hospital.

Reavis said that no charges were filed pending further investigation.

Patrolman Reavis also reported that a car driven by Junita Barnett of Rt. 2, Murphy ran off the road and hit an embankment three miles south of Murphy on the Harshaw Road Monday morning at 11:30 a.m.

She was taken to Providence Hospital suffering from a broken hip and internal injuries.

No charges were filed.

Gun Death Investigation Continuing

The gunshot death of Mrs. John (Daisy) Cappel, 46, whose body containing two bullet holes was found in her automobile April 19th along side Georgia Highway 60 about four miles north of Mineral Bluff is still being investigated.

No announcement has been made by authorities as to the results of the investigation over the past 2 1/2 weeks. Fannin Sheriff Roy Kirby said the report on the Georgia Crime Laboratory has not yet been received. The sheriff said no information could be released until the report has been received and acted upon.

Dr. Larry Howard of the crime laboratory flew to Blue Ridge and did an autopsy.

Coroner Wilson Cobb said his work could not be completed until the report is available.

Mrs. Cappel had been operating the Crossroads Cafe in Murphy.



Auxiliary Buys Air-Conditioners

Mrs. Cloe Moore, auxiliary president, presents a check from the Providence Hospital Auxiliary to Sister Mary Francis Xavier, Providence Hospital Administrator, for eight air conditioners, as Mrs. Addie Lewis, (left) Providence Hospital auxiliary treasurer looks on.

The air conditioners will be installed in the operating room, delivery room and several patients rooms.

The money was raised by the auxiliary through various benefit events and contributions.



American Legions New Officers

The Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96 American Legion met Monday night, at the O'dell's Restaurant to elect new officers for the coming year.

Those elected were (L to R): Commander: James D. Yonce, First Vice-Commander: George Walsh, Chaplin: John Jordan. Not pictured are

Second Vice-Commander; Garnet Moore, Third Vice-Commander; Cecil Roberts, Sergeant of Arms; Harold Moore, Finance Officer and Adjutant; Ralph Rayfield.

The Legion meets the first Monday night of each month.

Andrews Masons Sponsor Area DeMolay Chapter

According to a report from Mr. John E. Boring, Master of the Andrews Masonic Lodge, a resolution was recently adopted by the lodge to sponsor, in cooperation with the Marble Lodge, a local chapter of the Order of De Molay.

The Order of De Molay is an organization of young men between 14 and 21 years of age, and in order to establish a De Molay Chapter a minimum of 25 qualifying members are required.

The order is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary, having been established in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. It started with a group of a nine high school boys under the leadership of a dedicated Mason, the Hon. Frank S. Land. Today, nearly three million men have passed through the portals of De Molay and knelt at its altar.

The De Molay organization has become a leading producer of great leaders in every field of endeavor. Many of these young men who first acquired their leadership abilities as officers in a De Molay Chapter, have gone on to distinguished careers in business, government service, the military, entertainment and athletics.

Innumerable testimonies have been made by these well-known leaders stating they still practice the De Molay principles which they were instilled with as young men. They furthermore say that no amount of money could compensate for the knowledge they acquired as a De Molay member.

De Molay today is a far-reaching organization consisting of some 2,500 chapters located world wide, having its own District, State, and International Council.

The De Molay chapter being locally organized will be given the use of the new Andrews Masonic Lodge building as a meeting place, since it is a requirement of the Order that it be sponsored and counseled by a Masonic body, although it is not to be represented as a Junior Masonic body. It is completely independent and this is done only as a matter of supervision and guidance.

To join the Order of De Molay you must:

- 1 - Be between the ages of 14 and 21.
- 2 - Believe in God.
- 3 - Be of good character and reputation.
- 4 - Fill out a petition to a De Molay Chapter.

Any young man being interested in De Molay can contact John Boring, Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder, Cecil W. Mashburn, W. D. Whitaker, Charles S. Freel, Howard Pendergrass, C. Burke Wood, all of Andrews. In Marble they can contact Phil Sandidge, Kermit Kilpatrick, Ray Morris, Rev. Leonard McClure, or Victor Raxter.

Any Master Mason you know will be most happy to assist you in contacting the proper person, Boring said.

"The Master Masons of this area are totally behind this effort and are proud and happy to be a part in bringing this opportunity to the young men of the area," stated Boring.

"Our only purpose is to do as it has been said: If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon grass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of the Creator and love of fellowman, we engrave on these tablets something which will brighten eternity."

General Assembly Approves Commissioner Election Bill

The North Carolina General Assembly moved last week to settle a long-standing dispute over the method of electing Cherokee County Commissioners.

With a federal judge looking on, the sub-committee of the House Local Government Committee voted in favor of a Republican bill calling for the election of a three-member commissioner board from realigned districts in Cherokee County. The bill was introduced by Rep. William P. Bradley of Hayesville on April 30 after measures by Senator Herman (Bull) West of Cherokee County and Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Canton were withdrawn.

The vote of approval by the General Assembly should settle the long-disputed controversial issue of electing county commissioners. The battle has been raging since 1965 when a bill introduced by former Senator Frank Forsyth gave Cherokee County six commissioners from three districts, with the chairman of the board, a Democrat, getting an extra vote for a tie breaker.

The Republicans, led by Senator West and Senator Bradley brought a court suit against the Democrats charging that the 1965 bill was unconstitutional. West and Bradley challenged the bill saying that apportionment of

the three districts was in violation of the one man, one vote principle.

Judge Woodrow Jones of Rutherfordton, United States Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, issued a memorandum of decision in March in which he said the 1965 law under which the commissioners are now elected is unconstitutional. Judge Jones said correction of the problem was a legislative matter and that he would withhold action on the case until the General Assembly adjourned.

The Democrats, led by Ernest B. Messer of Canton has introduced a bill earlier in the session calling for the election of a seven member board by districts. Messer said the seven member board would do away with the two votes of the chairman. Messer withdrew his bill from the floor after being beaten back by the West supporters. One of West's strongest arguments was that none of the Democrats were elected to represent the Cherokee District, and that he was elected from the district. Bradley, also a Republican, represents the four county 49th House District which includes Cherokee County.

The bill approved last week by the sub-committee virtually assuring its adoption by the General Assembly realigns the

districts according to the bill introduced by Bradley. The bill would call for the election of one commissioner from each of the three districts on a partisan basis with the district lines drawn as follows:

District One - Topton, Andrews North Ward, Andrews South Ward and Marble.

District Three - Peachtree, Brasstown, Culberson, Burnt Meeting House, Shoal Creek, Unaka, Walker School House and Holthouse.

District Two - Murphy North Ward, Murphy South Ward, Hanging Dog, Ogreta and Grape Creek.

Four Western Counties Receive Federal Grant

Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties, North Carolina have received a federal grant of \$37,242 for a 4-month, seven part, community action program. The announcement was made by W. Astor Kirk, Director, Middle Atlantic Region, OEO.

The application agency is Four Square Community Action, Inc., located in Andrews, North Carolina, and the local share of the grant is \$1,249.

The first component is for CAA Administration, enabling the CAA to operate its ongoing programs and create new ones. Under the direction of James Nelson the staff consists of one professional and one non-professional.

Component two provides for a Neighborhood Service System with a staff of three non-professional employees.

A Community Organization program makes up the third program account with 16 organizations established in target areas, ultimately expanding to 20 such organizations. The staff consists of one professional,

and four non-professional employees.

The next program account is a Job Development, Placement and Follow Up program, benefitting 150 families who will begin tomato production, seed beds, etc. They will be counseled and advised on promotion and merchandising. Staff would include one professional horticulturist.

Component five will establish a cooperative to work with the Job Development and Horticulture program. The staff will consist of one professional employee.

The next component is an Emergency Food and Medical Services program designed to benefit families who do not have sufficient food to meet their basic needs, and to relate the medical needs of both the families and of the individual children. The staff will consist of one professional and seven non-professionals.

The final component funds a CAA Planning program, using versatile funds. One professional will make up the staff.

Charles Forrister Named Principal Of Murphy High

It has been announced by Murphy City School Officials that Mr. Charles Forrister has been elected Principal of Murphy High School for the school year 1969-1970.

Mr. Forrister steps into this position with a rich educational background. He is a graduate of Murphy High School and received his B. S. Degree and M. A. Degree from Western Carolina University. Also, he has done graduate work at George Peabody College in the Summer Institute of the National Science Foundation and the Academic Year Institute at the University of Virginia under the National Science Foundation Grant.

His teaching experience include Hiwassee Dam School, Murphy Elementary School for the past four years he has taught chemistry and served as head of the science department at Murphy High School.

He is a member of the North Carolina Education Association and a former President of the Murphy City Unit N.C.E.A. Also, he is a member of the National Education Association.

His wife, Kathy, teaches second grade in the Murphy Elementary School. They have

two children, Melanie and Leon and they reside in the Ranger Section of Cherokee County.

Mr. Forrister says that he is honored to have been chosen by the Murphy City School Board as the new educational leader at Murphy High School and that he appreciates the confidence shown in him by the Superintendent and the Board of Education and that he will do his best to carry on the fine work that has been done by the Murphy High School faculty under the very able leadership of Mr. John Thompson.



Charles Forrister



Joyce McKeon



Mary Alice Shields

Murphy's Top Students

Joyce McKeon has been named valedictorian of this year's graduating class at Murphy High School; and Mary Alice Shields, salutatorian. Miss McKeon, left, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McKeon. Miss Shields is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Shields. Other honor students are Mildred Coleman, Cynthia Carlberg, Peggy Hyde and Suzanne Coward.

Rural Renewal Homes Readied In Andrews

Joseph El Khouri, chairman of the Cherokee County Rural Renewal Development Authority, has announced that applications are being taken for the Andrews - Patton Homesites on Pisgah Road.

El Khouri said this week that the homes, now under construction, are designated for low and middle income families in the area. Anyone may fill out an application and all applications will be considered and chosen before the completion of the homes.

A committee has been set up to determine eligibility of persons applying, he said, and acceptable applications will be filled on the first-come, first-served basis.

The project is located on Pisgah Road, east of Andrews, and will have on completion, paved streets and a recreation area.



Country Music Festival

Country Music Festival - May 16-17 at Hiwassee, Ga. Three Big Music Shows is scheduled with Fiddlin' Howard Cunningham, Master of

Ceremonies. Some 100 singers and musicians are expected to take part in this Special Spring Event.



James R. Sprung

Civitan Elect Sprung

James R. Sprung of the Murphy Civitan Club was installed as Lieutenant Governor of Civitan Area 1, North Carolina District West at the District Convention on Saturday, May 10, 1969 at the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston Salem, attended by he and President Don Ramsey of Murphy.

Sprung was unanimously elected to this position at a district meeting held on April 15, 1969 at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina attended by delegates from ten different Civitan Clubs.

Sprung will succeed Finley Tynes of the Asheville Club, whose term in office will expire on July 1, 1969.

He has been one of the most active members of the Murphy Club and has traveled many miles and spent many hours at meetings at the district and state level to further the progress of Civitan goals and to help his club to continue to be builders of good citizenship.

Area 1 of North Carolina District West of Civitan covers the 18 western most counties of our state. The counties that Sprung will represent include: Avery, Burke, Rutherford, Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Polk, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay and Cherokee.



Pictured above are the three winners of the Recitation Contest held at the Murphy High School on May 7.

They are (L to R): Kathy Dalrymple, second place winner; Lucy Goodwin, first place winner and Anne Stiles, third place winner.

Lucy Goodwin Wins Recitation Contest

The tenth annual Recitation Contest sponsored by the Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club was held May 7 at the Murphy High School gymnasium.

A total of nine girls competed in the contest. They were; Kathy Dalrymple, Susan Douglas, Lucy Goodwin, Kathy Gibson, Phyllis Hughes, Ann Stiles, Rosanna Radford, Debbie Dockery and Sharon Voyles.

Judges of the contest were Ruth Star Pullium, Bass Hyatt

and Dr. John Ramsey.

The contest was sponsored by the Business and Professional Woman's Club, directed by Mrs. Hal Bryson and Miss Mary Helen Hatchett. Presiding was Mrs. Charles White.

"Mollie At The Movies", by Lucy Goodwin took first place honors. "The Creation", by Kathy Dalrymple took second place honors and "A Just Complaint", by Anne Stiles took third place honors.