BENNY SCOTT

William Benjamin Scott, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L.

Scott of Murphy has been

appointed to the Military

Academy at West Point,

according to Congressman Roy

Bennie is one of the

seventeen young men from

eight of the countries in the

eleventh Congressional District

given an opportunity to

compete for academy vacancies

Scott had to pass rigid mental and physical

examinations administered by

the academy before being

assigned to Rep. Taylor.

accepted to the academy.

Auto Racers Get

Tough Sentences

Judge Robert Leatherwood

of Cherokee County District

Court handed down tough

sentences Tuesday to six young

men who had pleaded "no contest" to charges of

"I am glad no one was killed,"

and then he passed this

suspended for three years on

the conditions that each pay

the costs of court; each pay a

\$1,000 fine; that all who own

automobiles sell them as soon

as possible; that none of them

own a car for the next three

years; that each surrender his

driver's licenses for three years.

Clifton Scroggs, 23, Marvin Dockery, 21, Kenneth Mills,

21, Richard Hughes, 20,

Charles Ray Stiles, 19, Ronny

The six Murphy men were

Six months in jail,

Leatherwood said to the six,

pre-arranged car racing.

sentence for all six:

Scott Appointed

To West Point

A. Taylor.



CHARLES BARRETT

Murphy Marine Wounded

Marine Second Lieutenant Charles W. Barrett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett Sr. of Murphy was injured May 16, in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett received a telegram Monday telling them of their sons injury. The telegram said that Charles had sustained fragmentation wounds to both legs and left hand hand from a hostile explosive device while on a platoon seige search and clear mission. The telegram stated that he was presently receiving treatment at the First Medical Batallion, Da Nang.

Second Lieutenant Barrett is a 1963 graduate of Murphy High School and a 1968 graduate of King College in Bristol, Tenn.

Barrett is married to the former Kathy Ciccuallo of Tampa, Fla.

birthday and installation Bates.

service Monday, May 12 at

O'Dells Cafeteria. Nell White

introduced Lucy Goodwin,

first place recitation winner

who entertained with her

recitation, "MOLLIE AT THE MOVIES."

Miriam Moore introduced

Linda Rogers scholarship

recipient for 1969-70. Sheila

Grindstaff the other

scholarship girl was unable to

attend the meeting because she

Awards were presented by

Kenny Jane Palmer. Perfect

attendance awards to Bertha

Bates, Elvia Blakemore, Jane

Lovingood, Pat Moore, Mary C.

Sneed, Helen Bryson, Gwen

King, Juanita Weaver, Nell

White, Miriam Moore, Bonnie

Woman of the year plaques

were presented to Juanita half-century of achievement.

Kimsey and Carrie Davis.

was in school.

BPW Officers Installed: Mrs.

Bates Elected New President

The Murphy BPW Weaver, Elvia Blakemore,

eleventh Helen Bryson and Bertha

Elvia Blakemore, past

president, installed the

1969-70 officers: President;

Bertha Bates, First Vice -

President; Nell White, Second

Vice-President; Miriam Moore,

Rec. Sec; Janet Stiles, Corr.

Sec; Eleanor Travis, Treasurer;

Juanita Weaver. These officers

play a unique part in the

history of the federation. They

have been elected to serve

during the Golden Anniversary

In 1919, BPW Women met

their challenge, in 1969, Murphy BPW is doing the

same. Most of these 1969-70

officers and other members

plan to attend state convention

in Charlotte in June and then

on to national convention in

St. Louis to celebrate a

Election Of Three County Commissioners Is Now Law

enacted into law a House dispute over the method of electing commissioners in Cherokee County.

The bill, introduced by Rep. William P. Bradley changes a four-year-old law challenged in federal court under which the chairman of the hoard of commissioners in Cherokee County holds a double vote.

The concern of the Democrats in Cherokee County is the realignment of voting districts under the bill. County Democrats were firmly opposed to an attempt by Republican legislators to put the election on a county wide basis. They felt this would mean they would have little, if any, chance of electing Democratic commissioners.

Redistricting the county on an equal population basis is expected to insure the

least two of the three districts, passed bill on a long standing and possibly all three. Each party now has three members on the board, and the chairman, a Democrat, has an extra vote under the 1965 law.

The bill, considered a compromise by the Republicans because of the election by districts rather than on the county-wide basis.

The Bradley bill calls for the election of three commissioners from three districts as follows: District 1 - Topton,

Andrews northward, Andrews southward and Marble; District 2 - Murphy northward, Murphy southward, Hanging Dog, Ogreta and Grape Creek; District 3 - Peachtree Brasstown, Culberson, Burnt Meeting House, Shoal Creek, Unaka, Walker School House and Hothouse.

There are 2,258 voters in

Monday night the Senate Republicans of control of at district 1, the total in district 2 is 2,401, and district 3 has 2,426, according to most recent figures available.

The new law, which goes into effect on ratification of the bill, and will first be used in the 1970 elections, calls for the nomination by each political party of one candidate from each district. They would run against each other in the general election.

The commissioners elected must be residents of the district they represent. At the first meeting after the election, the commissioners will pick a chairman from among their membership.

In another development, Herman West introduced a bill providing for salary and travel allowances for Cherokee County deputy sheriffs to be set at a total of \$600 a month - \$400 salary - and \$200

Cherokee And Clay Farmers Affected By Nixon's Budget

Farmers in Cherokee, Clay, and other Western North Carolina counties will be directly affected by two items in President Nixon's budget proposal for the 1970 fiscal

He will ask Congress to end the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). And he will ask that a transfer of responsibility for the five Farmers Home Administration

Rural Renewal Projects (one of which is the three-county project in Cherokee, Clay and Graham) to the Soil Conservation Service. The SCS would administer the projects as Resource Conservation and Development Projects. To many the 33-year-old

ACP is considered the key-stone of Federal farm programs. A local ASCS office manager said, "Should the ACP be abolished, it could be the beginning of the end of all farm programs."

The ACP is a program through which farmers and the federal government share the cost of carrying out certain soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation practices on farms. It is administered by community-farmer committees working with county and state

ACP funds in 1968 totaled WNC counties alone and was carried out on over 19,000

As for the rural renewal projects, Mack B. Ray FHA's program leader in Murphy, said he had not been advised on what changes the proposed shift would entail.

However when asked if the scope of the project would be limited under the SCS, he said

The rural renewal project is similar to a Model Cities On May Court program only for a rural area.

According to Ray, emphasis is placed on projects that will not only accomplish the primary aim of correcting maladjustments in land use but will also help to "revitalize the overall economy, combat rural poverty and increase the security of farm families and other rural residents."



CAROL McRAE

Miss Carol J. McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McRae of Rt. 3, Murphy, is a member of the 1969 May Court at Western Carolina University. She was presented at a dance held Saturday, May 10, at the May

and art. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, the Student Senate, the Carolettes, Nations held at WCU this

Ten Cherokee County men were forwarded for induction May 12, according to Frankie Roberson, Executive Secretary

They were: Johnny Julian Rogers, Ronnie Lee Brooks, Robert William Mashburn, John Reagan Brown, James David Pullium, Larry Ray Hogsed, James Nathaniel Austin, Vaughn Reid Wilson, Jerry Oscar Garren, Charles Larry Garland.

Twenty-three registrants were forwarded to Knoxville for physical examination.

Pilot Project At Robbinsville To Be Dedicated 2 pm Saturday

Fort Hill Homesites at Robbinsville, a Rural Renewal Pilot Project, will be dedicated on Saturday, May 24, 1969, at 2:00 p.m. Congressman Roy A. Taylor of the 11th Congressional District will be guest speaker. Following dedication

services, a tour of the Homesited Project will be made. This project in Southwestern North Carolina is one of five such pilot projects in Rural Renewal in the United States. Of special interest to the public will be a chance to review the 18 modern three-bedroom homes now occupied by rural residents and workers of the area. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Graham County project, located three - tenths of a mile East of Robbinsville on Fort Hill, is one of the pilot projects in Rural Renewal being conducted in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties in North Carolina. Better housing for our low to moderate income rural residents has been a major concern of the Graham County Rural Development Authority, according to Chairman Tom Carpenter of Robbinsville.

The three individuals who really helped to bring this pilot program to Southwestern North Carolina were former State Senator W. Frank Forsyth, the late State Representative Will Cooper and Tom Day of Hayesville.

Senator Forsyth introduced enabling legislation that resulted in the Secretary of Agriculture naming the three-county area as one of five eligible in the United States. This pilot project in Rural Renewal within the Farmers Home Administration provided

graduating class of 54 seniors.

Mary and Joanne serve as

Patricia, daughter of Mr. nd

Mrs. James Hawkins of Rt. 4,

holds the highest average but

Top Students At HDH

Mary Sheilds, Joanne member of Beta, FHA, and

Hedrick, and Patricia Hawkins Monogram Clubs. She was

lead Hiwassee Dam's Freshman class president,

coordinating the overall program. Mack B. Ray, located at Murphy, works with the Five Member Rural Development Authority Board Home Administration acts as a when funds are not available sources. The five member board, appointed by the County Commissioners to administer the program, are deeply interested in taking necessary steps to help in upgrading the overall economy of the area. According to project. A large number of applications for homes in the first project could not be filled. With each homesite having at least one acre many nice home gardens are already becoming a reality. This provides a true rural atmosphere according to Chairman Carpenter.

Other projects being given consideration included outdoor oriented recreational projects. Efforts are underway to secure a recreational complex that will include a heated swimming pool, childrens play area, tennis courts, a picnic area, and other facilities that the whole family can enjoy.

Chairman Carpenter is quick to point that this project would not be a reality without close cooperation and assistance from other Federal and State agencies. Special recognition is given the North Carolina State Highway Department, all agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture, The Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, Four-Square Community project leader for the Action, Inc., State Board of

Sophomore waitress, and Chief

Marshal. She won the Typing I

and Typing II awards. During

her senior year she made the

Girl's Basketball Team, Editor

of the Annual, and she was

three-county area, to help in Health, and the Town of Robbinsville.

The engineering for the project was done by Patterson and Dewar Engineers, Inc., Decatur, Georgia. The general in each county. The Farmers contractor was P & B Construction Company, Inc., banker for the Authorities of Waynesville, with Collins and Minor of Murphy as for long term credit from other subcontractors. Hughes Electric of Murphy, N.C. did the electrical work for the homes, with Bowen Sheet and Metal Work of Andrews providing the heating systems. Landscaping was done by

Hatchett Landscaping Company of Murphy, and the Town of Robbinsville provided the water system.

According to Attorney L. W. Lloyd for the Authority, "Fort Hill Homesites is one of the most down - to - earth projects ever undertaken in Graham County.'

Graham County Rural Development Authority members are: Tom Carpenter, Chairman; Medeal Walsh, Vice-Chairman; Harry Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Oleta Wilson, and Boyd Crisp.

Carpenter, plans are underway to develop another homesite \$20.000 Suit Charges Town Of Murphy With Negligence

A \$20,000 suit has been filed in District Court against the Town of Murphy.

The suit, filed by Lawyer W. A. Hoover, Jr. in behalf of Mrs. Pernie Britt claimed that the Town of Murphy was negligent for failing to maintain the sidewalks in a reasonable condition. The suit claimed that the sidewalk was broken for approximately twenty feet on the East side of Tennessee Street, between Cal's Supermarket and Margaret's Studio and that the sidewalk condition had existed for quite some time.

February 28, 1969 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Britt was walking along the sidewalk on Tennessee Street from the direction of Cal's Supermarket toward the square when she tripped on a piece of broken concrete causing her to fall to the sidewalk. She claimed that the poor condition of the sidewalk caused her to fall and that she substained injuries to her left wrist, mouth, bruises on her legs and a broken right kneecap, from the fall to the sidewalk causing her to be hospitalized for several days and that she was unable to work while she was injured.

The suit stated that on

Jury List Drawn For June Session Of Superior Court

5. to serve on the June Session Of Superior Court. Honorable Harry C. Martin will preside.

Although court begins Tuesday, June 10. Due to the heavy civil calendar the Grand Jury will not be required to meet for this session. Jurors to report June 10

Laura Raxter Derreberry, Rt. 1, Marble, Quay Ketner,

A Jury list was drawn May Murphy, Modean Chastain, Marble, Andrew J. Rose, Murphy, J. P. Garren. Andrews, Mrs. Frank Cagle, Andrews, Claud E. Crisp, Box Monday, June 9, Jurors are 341, Andrews, Russell Sims, summoned to report for duty Andrews, Rachel Lovingood, Andrews, Lee Royce Hugh Murphy, Margaret (Mrs. Howard) Scroggs, Murphy, Lyle Carringer, Culberson, Lucille T. Derreberry, Murphy, Edna Conley, Andrews, Robert

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Rich, Culberson, Maynard Jack

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Shields, is a member of FHA and Beta Clubs. She was a Waitress and a Marshal. She also served as Art Editor of the Hi-Lites her shopomore year and attended the Montreat - Anderson Editors Workshop, and this year has been Art Editor for the Annual, Beta Secretary. She has also earned two credits in Office Practice assisting the School Treasurer.

Townson Attends Career School

A Certificate of Achievement has been awarded to J.C. Townson, Special Representative in Murphy for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, for having completed the Company's Career School in Life Insurance, held at the Home Office in Greensboro, N.C., April 28 - May 2.

Mr. Townson was among 20 Jefferson Standard representives from 11 states, who were invited to attend the school because of their fine records with the Company.

"This school is designed to increase the representative's ability to give sound counsel on the use of life insurance for individual and family protection," according to R.B. Taylor, C.L.U., Senior Vice

President Agency Operations. "Jefferson Standard recognizes the fact that sound vocational education and training broaden the opportunities for the agent and help him do a better job for his clients, his Company and himself, "Mr. Taylor stated.



Alice Sheilds Wins Robertson "Y" Award

Mary Alice Shields of Murphy High School won the Robertson "Y" Award for the "Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year" of the large schools of WNC

Athletes were honored at the 11th annual WNC Sports Award Night Banquet, May 10, in the Asheville-Biltmore College gymnasium.

Judging for the award consisted of an individual's athletic ability which made up 80% of the score. Twenty percent of the evaluation took into consideration the individual spirit and attitude, academic attainment and sportsmanship.

The banquet was sponsored by the M Amateur Athletic Club of Asheville.



New BPW Officers are (L to R): President; Bertha Bates, First Vice-President; Nell White, Second

Vice-President; Miriam Moore, Corresponding Secretary: Eleanor Travis, Treasure; Juanita Weaver.

school systems, building adequate airport facilities and providing rural housing projects. The project has also started feeder calf sales, pushed hog raising and initiated agricultural education

Since it started in

September, 1965, the

three-county project has

worked on diverse projects as

consolidating the Cherokee

programs.



Carol McRae

Week Festival on the campus. Miss McRae is a rising senior and is majoring in psychology and was a member of the Executive Cabinet for the Middle South Model United

Ten Inducted From County

into the armed forces Monday, of Local Board No. 20.

voted Most Talented and Most does not qualify as valedictorian because of Rogers, 18. Likely to Succeed. City Policemen Tommy Palmer and Roy Almond residents requirements. Patricia overheard the six planning a is a member of FHA, Beta and race within the city limits and the Drama Club. She attended Western Carolina Summer a short time later arrested them a short time later during the School in English in 1967, was race. They were racing east on a waitress in 1968, and played a the four-lane highway in front leading role in the Senior play. of Townson's Lumber Joanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hedrick of Rt. 4, is a Company.

The three leading seniors at Hiwassee Dam High

School are L to R: Mary Shields, Co-valedictorian;

Joanne Hedrick, Co-valedictorian and Patricia Hawkins

Miss Hawkins holds the highest average, but could not

qualify because of residence requirements.

Co-valedictorians.