

Superior Court Now In Session

District Superior Court of Cherokee County is in session this week, with the Honorable Judge Harry C. Martin presiding.

Civil matters are on the docket in this session.

The next session of Superior Court will be on July 28, with one week mixed term, Criminal and Civil Cases being heard.

Softball Games Rescheduled

Softball games originally scheduled for Tuesday night have been rescheduled.

The 7:00 Rimco vs Citizens Bank game will be played June 16, at 9:15. The 8:15 Texana vs Independents game will be played June 20, at 9:15.

Six Inducted From County

Six Cherokee County men were forwarded to Knoxville for induction into the armed forces Monday, June 9, according to Frankie Roberson, executive secretary of Local Board No. 20.

They were: Eddie Joe Crisp, Kelland Billy Rose, Ray Hyde, Lawrence Allen Baker, John Edward Cavender and James Edward Waters.

Nineteen were forwarded to Knoxville for armed forces physical examination.

Bookmobile Schedule Set

The schedule for the Nantahala Regional Library Bookmobile for the week of June 16 in Cherokee County is as follows:

Monday, June 16, Martin's Creek, Bellview, Moccasin Creek.

Tuesday, June 17, Hiwassee Dam, Oak Park, Liberty, Suit, Violet.

Wednesday, June 18, Andrews, Junaluska, Rhodo, Valleytown, Pisgah.

Thursday, June 19, Pleasant Valley, Regal, Tomotia, Maltby, Vengeance Creek, Slow Creek, Marble.

If you are interested in bookmobile service, please call Nantahala Regional Library, Phone 837-2025.

Tom Mallonee To Visit Area

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, announces that he will be at the Town Hall in Andrews, on June 19, from 9:00 to 9:30, at the City Hall in Murphy from 11:00 to 12:00; and at the Clay County Court House in Hayesville, from 3:00 to 4:00.

Any person who has plan or official business pertaining to Congressional matter they wish to discuss, is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above-specified time.

Shortcourse To Begin At Folk School

The fortieth annual dance shortcourse begins Sunday evening, June 15, with group singing at 8:00.

John Ramsay, director of the course, said "It would be difficult to find a more talented staff gathered together in one place". He hopes that many local residents will register for the week long course.

Included in the course are classes in Appalachian square dances and singing games, English country dances, American Contra dances, Danish folk dances, several folk songs collected in Clay and Cherokee Counties, paper folding craft, dulcimer playing and a sword dance.

A schedule may be obtained from the folk school or by calling 837-2775.



South Dakota Students Work In Area

Twenty-four students and four adults from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota spent one week living and working in our local communities. The youngsters, all "A" students, earned the money themselves to pay for the trip here. The local sponsors of the project was the Four Square Program and the St. Williams Catholic Church in Murphy. Some of the projects the students worked with included the Texana Community Center Building, Happy Top Baptist Church, Shady Grove Baptist Church, Hayesville Library, John C. Campbell Folk School and the St. Williams Rectory in Hayesville. The group also worked in several private

homes in our communities. They swept floors, mopped floors, painted, mowed lawns, replaced windows, built shelves, cleaned windows, repaired roofs, sewed, picked canned food, worked in tomatoes and baby sat. According to David Shields, coordinator of Four Square, these were an outstanding group of youngsters. They were very hard workers and eager to help in every way possible. "There were no hippies, dope addicts or left wing radicals involved in the project, they were just a group of nice people trying to be of help to other people," Shields said.



Photo above shows part of the newly paved taxi-strip at the Andrews-Murphy Airport. Paving of the 4,300 foot runway and taxi-strip are complete. The 75 foot wide runway will now accommodate aircraft up to 35 thousand pounds of gross weight,

which will include many of the smaller executive type jets. Although the airport is being used, it is not officially open until installation of the lights are complete.

Paving Of Andrews-Murphy Airport Runway Completed

The facelifting of the Andrews - Murphy Airport nears completion with the construction of a 4,300 foot runway, which, although not officially open, is now being used by local aircraft, according to Mr. Robert Heaton, of the Andrews Housing Authority.

Improvements include a stub taxiway and apron, a wind cone, a segmented circle, and runway markers. Heaton said, with the installation of a lighted wind cone to go in the circle.

Installation of the lighting system has been the major delay in the project due to easements of the legal time required for the work to be completed.

Heaton said that the 75-foot wide runway will now accommodate aircraft up to 35 thousand pounds gross weight, which would include such light jets as the Lear 25 and the Jet Commander.

"The present pavement is designed for aircraft with a maximum gross weight of 30,000 pounds or 37,000

pounds if the aircraft is dual-wheeled. This would include the majority of all executive type aircraft," stated Heaton.

Heaton also said that land was acquired originally for an additional 700 feet of runway which can be installed at nominal cost and when completed would accommodate large executive-type jets. This plan has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and by County Commissioners; according to Airport officials, the Andrews - Murphy Airport is said to offer the best potential for development of any airport in southwestern North Carolina. And with industry today turning more and more to the air, and plants scattered throughout the country, this could mean a great step forward for our county.

Although the new runway is being used, it is not open officially until all work is completed, including the installation of the lighting system, and has been accepted by the Cherokee County Commissioners, Heaton said.

Financing of the airport improvements were accomplished with the assistance of a 50 percent grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and a grant of \$13,999.00 from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Also an airport bond referendum of \$150,000.00 was approved by the voters in the county in an election held in 1966.

The construction of the new runway was done by the Asheville Contracting Company and was begun in June, 1968.

Summer School To Be Held At Murphy Elementary School

The Murphy Elementary School has announced that a summer school program will be held this year. According to school officials it was doubtful if the school would be able to conduct summer school this year because of limited funds, however funds have now been made available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I.

The summer session will begin on Monday, June 16 and close on Friday, July 11. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. each morning and last until

12:00 noon. Each student attending will be responsible for their own transportation, since school buses will not be in operation.

All children attending are urged to attend classes on a regular basis in order to benefit more from instructions.

Subjects being offered are: Remedial Reading, Creative Writing, Drama, Physical Education, Music, and Language Arts.

Classes will be open to all children from grade three to grade eight.

At Town Board Meeting

Garbage Ordinance Adopted; New Traffic Lights Proposed

An Ordinance, which virtually effects every resident within the city limits, regulating garbage refuse and litter in the Town of Murphy, was adopted by the Town Board at their regular meeting Monday night.

The new ordinance covers everything from the proper use of the city dump to the homeowners responsibility of failing to comply with the ordinance will result in a fine not to exceed \$50.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. It will be the duty of the City Police Department to enforce the provisions of the ordinance. The ordinance will become effective August 9, 1969.

The entire ordinance is on page 10 under the heading of Legal Notice.

Other business at the meeting included updating of

the traffic light in the center of town. Town Clerk C. E. Johnson was directed to inform the State Highway Commission to proceed with the proposed traffic control system which includes the installation of eight new traffic lights suspended from cables on the square.

Crosswalks were discussed and it was recommended that the State Highway Traffic engineer be contacted for the recommendations on improving crosswalks. Yield to pedestrian signs was also recommended for crosswalks.

The status of the Regal Street improvement project was discussed. This street with the required right of way having been turned over to the State Highway Commission several months ago, the Town Board requested the Town Attorney to contact the State

Highway Commission and get this contract expedited as soon as possible.

Street repairs were discussed and several streets or sections of streets were approved for capping with hot mix asphalt. Widening and improving the street entering the Sunset Cemetery was approved. This nine foot concrete street will be widened to sixteen feet.

Dickey Davis, representing the local Jaycees reported that the Jaycees had agreed to sponsor a garbage can project in an effort to improve garbage receptacles on the uptown sidewalks thereby enhancing the attractiveness of our uptown area and encouraging the anti-litter program.

At the request of the Jaycees Mr. Davis presented a Parking Courtesy Ticket

with the recommendation that the town adopt this or a similar ticket which would be presented to tourist or out of state vehicles for overtime parking violations. This was taken under consideration by the Town Board and they requested that the ticket be drawn to represent the Murphy areas to the Tourist and after which they would consider the adoption of same.

Sargen Chapman of the N. C. State Highway Patrol met with the Town Board to explain methods of controlling speeding within the city limits. Mr. Chapman stated that a radar device would be most effective for municipal use and offered his assistance in training local police in the operation of the device should the town obtain this equipment for the police department.

Clay, Graham Counties Receive \$448,000 In Rural Homesite Loans

The Farmers Home Administration made loans totaling \$448,000 to Clay and Graham Counties Tuesday for the developing and construction of rural homesites.

A \$113,000 loan to Clay County will enable the Clay County Rural Development Authority to purchase 10 acres of land and construct nine rural homesites consisting of pre-primed paneled siding, three bedroom units with water, sewer, electric heat and landscaping. Each dwelling unit will be on a lot of 1/2 acre to provide a rural atmosphere, home garden if desired and with all necessary modern conveniences.

The Graham County loan of \$235,000 will enable the Graham County Rural Development Authority to purchase 24 acres of land and construct 18 rural homesites consisting of brick veneer three bedroom units with water, sewer, oil heat and landscaping. Each dwelling unit will be on a lot of 3/4 acre.

According to Melvin H. Hearn, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration, construction of the 27 homesites in the two counties will provide 10,000 man-days of labor for engineers, surveyors, carpenters, brickmasons, electricians and day laborers.

The projects will employ some 40 people.

State Director Hearn reports that the Rural Renewal Projects will mark another milestone in the history of the Clay and Graham County Rural areas development program. It will enable many rural families to own their first home.

The Farmers Home Administration's loan is to be repaid over a period of 30 years. Individuals will also be permitted to repay their loan to the Graham County Rural Development Authority over a period of 30 years.

Members of the Clay County Rural Development Authority are:

Thomas C. Day, Chairman, of Hayesville.

Wallace Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer, of Hayesville, W. G. Mings, Member of Hayesville, J. W. Stanley, Member of Hayesville, Carroll C. McClure, Member of Hayesville.

Members of the Graham County Rural Development Authority are: Tom Carpenter, Chairman of Robbinsville, Model Walsh, Vice-Chairman, of Robbinsville, Harry Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, of

Andrews Woman Dies In Fire

One of the worse fires Andrews has ever known took the life of Miss Meredith Whitaker early Wednesday morning, according to members of the Andrews Fire Department.

Miss Whitaker, 55, was supposedly asleep in her home on Main Street when the house suddenly burst into flame.

The Andrews Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad were immediately on the scene, but the house, one of the oldest in Andrews, was too far gone to save.

The area where Miss Whitaker was supposedly sleeping was quickly watered down and the firemen entered the building in an effort to rescue her.

Harold Fisher Named New District Ranger

Harold R. Fisher has been named the new District Ranger of the Tusquitee Ranger District, National Forests in North Carolina.

Fisher served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, and received his B. S. degree in Forestry from Penn State in 1953. He has been employed with the Forest Service since graduation.

Ranger Fisher's first assignment as District Ranger was on the Ouachita National Forest, Fourche Ranger District, Danville, Arkansas. Prior to his present assignment in Murphy, he was the Job Corps Coordinator for the Ouachita National Forest, with headquarters in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The Fishers have three daughters, Brenda, Sarah, and Lorle and one son, Thomas.



Harold Fisher
They will reside at 803 Hiwassee Street in Murphy.

Robbinsville, Mrs. Oleta Wilson, Member, of Robbinsville, Boyd Crisp, Member of Robbinsville Mack

B. Ray, of Murphy, is Rural Renewal Program Leader for Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties.



Outgoing civitan President Don Ramsey, left, congratulates incoming President Bill Hughes at the annual Installation of Officers Banquet Saturday night, at the Milton Inn in Blairsville.

Murphy Civitan Club Install New Officers

The annual installation of officers banquet and ladies night meeting of the Murphy Civitan Club was held Saturday night, June 7, at the Milton Inn in Blairsville, Ga.

Mr. Jim Austin, Incoming District Vice Governor from Marion, Mrs. Austin and Miss Debbie Carver, Miss Junior Civenette for 1969, were special guests for the evening along with representatives of the Junior Civitan Club and wives and guest of club members.

As the first order of business, Mr. Austin presented the area one Lt. Governor banner, from the Asheville Club, to Jim Sprung. The incoming Lt. Governor for this area.

After presenting R. D. Chandler his outgoing secretary pin, President Don Ramsey gave a brief report of progress of the year and challenged all club members to continue to bigger and better goals during the coming year under the next administration.

Jim Sprung, chairman of the awards committee then presented the "Civitan of the Year" plaque and award to Don Ramsey. This award is given each year for outstanding contribution to civitan work and the member so honored is selected by secret ballot cast by all members of the club.

President Ramsey, presented special plaques awards to Ben Palmer for the new record set this year on the

fruit cake sales project, to Lillard Walker for the Halloween candy sales project and then a special plaque to R. D. Chandler for his outstanding performance as club secretary from the year 1962 through 1969. He also presented the honor key award to Jim Sprung.

Governor Austin installed the officers for the new year beginning July 1, 1969. Those present were: Bill Hughes, incoming President, Ted Thomas, incoming secretary, First Vice President, Jim Lewis, Second Vice President, Joe Phillips, Sergeant at Arms, John Jordan and member of the executive board, Bill McDaniels. Those absent, to be presented the pins of office at the next club meeting were: Paul Ridenhour, president elect, Gene Farmer, Treasurer, Roland Hautz, chaplain and executive board members Kenneth Davis and Jim Goodwin.

After the installation of officers, Governor Austin challenged these officers and all club members to a year filled with progress under his administration.

Outgoing President Don Ramsey recognized incoming President Bill Hughes who reminded all members that our club is a service organization and that we all could be forward with even more progress in the year