



John Jordan Takes Oath Of Office

Clerk of Court, Don Ramsey, left, administers the oath of office to Cherokee County School Superintendent, John Jordan. Jordan assumed the office of Superintendent on July 1, the same day as the

merger of the county schools went into effect. Jordan was Superintendent of the Murphy City Schools prior to becoming Superintendent of the Cherokee County Board of Education.

County School Merger Is Effective On July 1

On July 1 the merger of the Murphy School Board and the Andrews School Board with the Cherokee County Board of Education became effective by law.

The consolidation of the county school system was approved by the North Carolina State Board of Education on May 1.

Under the new law the Cherokee County Board of Education will be served by one county-wide superintendent, which as of July 1 will be Mr. John Jordan, past superintendent of the Murphy School Board. Jordan was elected to the position of County Superintendent after the announced retirement of Mr. Lloyd Hendrix, superintendent of the Cherokee County Schools for the past 30 years.

Board. The Murphy School Committee will not have the authority to hire or fire school teachers. They will serve only as an advisory committee.

So, as of July 1, the Cherokee County Board of Education will operate all of the schools in Cherokee County and take over and assume the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Cherokee County Board of Education, Murphy City Board of Education and the Andrews City Board of Education.

Also included under the present system will be the method of electing school board members. Two board members will be elected by the vote of the people on a non-partisan basis from each of the County's three districts. Each member of the six member board will serve a six-year staggered term. Members of the Andrews Board of Education will no longer serve. Murphy Board members will serve as an advisory committee and their powers shall be derived from the Cherokee County Board of Education. Vacancies for members whose term expires shall be filled by the County

The Murphy Jaycees have put the finishing touches on the most varied of the six Lake Hiwassee Water Festivals. The ten young ladies pictured below will be competing for the 'Miss Cherokee County' Title and a chance to represent Cherokee County in the 1970 Miss North Carolina Pageant.

The festivities will officially begin Thursday night at 8 p.m. as the Jaycees and Tri-County Raceway co-operate in sponsoring a 100 lap stock car open competition race plus two other racing events. At 10 p.m. a fireworks display will be shot for those who attend the race.

Friday a mountain square

Your Horoscope, A New Scout Feature

What's in the future for you? We really don't know but many folks enjoy reading their horoscope to get an inkling as to what might be in store for them.

Beginning this week 'Your Weekly Horoscope', a syndicated column written by Olga, will appear in The Cherokee Scout.

We have had many request for this type of column and we hope you enjoy reading what's in the stars for you each week in The Scout.

Commissioners Trim Budget Estimate; School, Sheriff's Budgets Get Biggest Cut

The Cherokee County Commissioners met in special session Friday, June 27 and trimmed \$42,594.80 out of a \$1,326,860.75 budget estimate for 1969-70. The entire budget estimate was published in the June 12 issue of The Cherokee Scout and was approved by the commissioners as published with the exception of the trimming down.

The County Schools budget was cut \$35,000 from

\$193,371 to \$158,371 which took care of most of the trimming. The commissioners estimated that the schools would receive revenues totaling \$35,000 from law enforcement fines and forfeitures during the coming year and would still receive the \$193,371 that was in the budget estimate. As it now stands, the schools will receive \$158,371 from the county and the revenues from fines and forfeitures.

The Sheriff's Department took a \$3,000 cut in its budget estimate in five areas ranging from \$175 to \$1800. The estimate for the Sheriff's telephone in the Court House was reduced from \$475 to \$300 and the County Jail telephone budget be reduced from \$525 to \$300.

Annexation

Bill Killed

Legislation authorizing municipalities in Cherokee County to hold elections on annexation was killed Monday in the House Calendar Committee.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Herman H. (Bull) West of Murphy, was designed to provide Andrews machinery for annexation referendum.

It was passed in the Senate on a voice vote, and the House committee ruled that a roll call vote is required on such legislation.

First thoughts of the committee was to send the bill back to the Senate for a roll call vote, but with adjournment scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, it was decided there isn't time to get it through both chambers.

Rep. Fred M. Mills Jr., of Wadesboro said the bill was given an unfavorable report instead.

Scout To Close

Offices of The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress will be closed Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The office will return to its regular hours which are 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, Monday morning.

Tax Increase On The Way

The estimate for the full time clerk in the Board of Elections office was reduced \$792 from \$4,536 to \$3,744. An extra help estimate in the same office was trimmed from \$300 to \$200.

In addition to the \$250 set up for the Jury Commission, the Board increased the Association dues from the N. C. Board of Commissioners \$196 and agreed that the budget estimate of \$3,120 for extra help in the Register of Deeds Office be reduced by \$1000. However the \$1000 is to be used exclusively for

correcting the birth and death certificates records in that office.

The Board voted to approve the same budget for Tri-County Industrial School as last year, \$14,800 but disallowed a request of \$5,000 for the purchase of additional land for the school.

TAX INCREASE

A unanimous vote of the Board set the county tax rate for the 1969-70 fiscal year at \$1.58 per hundred dollars valuation, a 24 cent reduction compared to last year's rate.

However the Commission set the tax structure so that tax payers will be paying 60% of their assessed property value, a 15% increase. Last year taxes were paid on 45% of the assessed value. Accordingly, tax payers can expect to pay a little more next year.

Members of the Board present for the special meeting were: W. T. Moore, Chairman; Andrew Barton, Luther Dockery, Ray Sims, Emogene Matherson and Jack Simonds. L. L. Mason, Attorney for the county, was present and took the minutes.

Dr. Taylor Resigns Administrative Post; Murphy General To Continue Operating

Dr. F. V. Taylor told The Scout Tuesday that he has resigned as Administrator of Murphy General Hospital and that he will no longer be responsible for any of the hospital's management after July 1.

In his announcement, Dr. Taylor stated that the local

hospitals Board of Directors had appointed Mr. Donald Wilkinson of Blairsville, Ga. as the new administrator and that he is to assume his duties on the date of Taylor's resignation. No further details were given.

According to Dr. Taylor, The Board of Directors of

Murphy General Hospital has been undecided for the past few weeks as to the continued operation of the hospital.

"However, the Board has now agreed to continue its operation as a hospital," Taylor said, "and this decision you as citizens of this area should be very proud."

"You are all aware that in order for this town and county to grow and continue its growth in revenues and industries it must have medical facilities suitable for the people of its area," Taylor said.

"Take a good look at your neighbor counties and states, they all have modern medical facilities and those facilities were made available through the interest and financing of their local citizens," he concluded.

Members of the present Murphy General Hospital Board of Directors are: C. L. Alverson, Buddy Taylor, D. M. Reece, F. O. Christopher, Jack Messer and Ben Palmer.

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Off July 4 For 'Trail Of Tears'

Rev. Billy Richardson, Crawford, Nebraska's "Cowboy Preacher" and a member of SACRA (Space Age Circuit Riders Association) will leave Murphy, Friday, July 4, on the first half of his walk along the famed "Trail of Tears" of a century ago. His trek will begin following a service to be held on the lawn at Murphy United Methodist Church at 12:30 p.m.

taken by members of the Cherokee Indian tribe when they were forced to march from their native lands in the vicinity of Murphy to a new reservation near what is now Talequah, Okla.

It is Rev. Richardson's intention to walk the entire distance of this historic route, covering the first half from Murphy to Cape Girardeau, Mo., this year and the

Jaycees Celebrate 4th With Four Day Festival; Ten Beauties To Compete For "Miss Cherokee County" Crown

Three professional sky-jumpers will hit a marked target near the pool. During the swimming meet and sky diving show an arts and craft exhibit will also be held at the adjoining Rock Gym. Paintings and carvings from Tri-County Technical Institute and collections by other local artists will be displayed.

The Miss Cherokee County Beauty Pageant, formerly the Miss Lake Hiwassee Pageant will be held on July 5, at 8:00 P. M. at the Murphy High School. This pageant is held each year as a part of the Jaycees Annual Water Festival. This year there will be ten

lovely girls competing for the title of Miss Cherokee County. These girls either work or live in the county and are sponsored by various industries and businesses in the area. Competition will be held in three categories: evening gown, swim suit and talent. Contestants ages are from 16 through 22.

A Silver Trophy and \$75.00 will be awarded the winner. First runner-up will receive \$50.00 and trophy. Second runner up will receive \$25.00 and trophy.

This year's Beauty Pageant is under the direction of the

Murphy Jaycees, an auxiliary of the Murphy Jaycees and will climax two months of work and practice by the sponsor and participants. The young ladies participating in the contest have been instructed by the Jayceettes in poise, make-up, hair styling wardrobe and talent.

This year the winner will represent Cherokee County in the 1970 Miss North Carolina Pageant. The girl will be crowned Miss Cherokee County and reign over the rest of the Water Festival.

A repeat of last years Mock Beauty Pageant will be given by the Murphy Jaycees during

the pageant. This created much interest when the audience voted by applause for "Hollyhock Hughes", Petunia Penland, Twigg Hewlett, and Dandelion Decker, after their walk down the ramp.

Sunday July 6th, boat races from many states will gather for the 6th Annual Lake Hiwassee Boat Race.

Spectators are asked to gather at Hanging Dog Camp Ground before 1:30. Outboard motors will be classed from 10 HP through triple motor unlimited. A special sportsmanship trophy will be awarded following the 1st Annual Elmer Taylor Memorial

Marathon Race, in addition to over \$1000.00 in prize money and trophies to the racers. Prizes will be awarded during this race for the winners of a fishing contest that has been in process for two months. Eight categories are covered in this fishing contest.

Midway through the Boat Races a Naval Jet Air Show by the members of the U. S. Naval Reserve Station of Atlanta, Georgia will also entertain at Hanging Dog Boat Race. The Jets will perform precision maneuvers and acrobatics.

The Murphy Jaycees invite everyone to be present as they are trying to make it an enjoyable festival for all.



SHIRLEY ANDERSON

Shirley Anne Anderson, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grady Anderson of Liberty.

Shirley attends Hiwassee Dam High School and is sponsored by the Murphy branch of The Bank of Franklin.



GWEN BRYSON

Gwendolyn Marie Bryson, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Bryson of Marble.

Gwen is a 1969 graduate of Andrews High School. She is sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Murphy.



LINDA CURTIS

Linda Joy Curtis, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curtis of Andrews.

Linda is a 1969 graduate of Andrews High School. She is sponsored by Valley Mobile Homes of Andrews.



ELLEN DAVIS

Ellen Davis, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis of Murphy.

Ellen graduated from Murphy High School in 1968 and has completed one year at University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. Ellen is sponsored by Levi Straus



PEGGY GIBSON

Peggy Gibson, 18, is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Gibson of Warne.

Peggy is a 1968 graduate of Towns County High School and is attending Tri-County Tech who is her sponsor.



EVON LEGG

Evon Legg, 22, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Legg of Rt. 1, Blairsville.

Evon graduated from Blairsville High School and is employed by Clifton Precision Products



CHARLOTTE OLIVER

Charlotte Oliver, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eva Nell Oliver of Rt. 2, Murphy.

Charlotte is a 1967 graduate of Murphy High School and is employed by Clifton Precision Products. She is sponsored by Townson Funeral Home.



JANET SIMONDS

Janet Leigh Simonds, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simonds of Cuberson.

Janet attends Hiwassee Dam High School. She is sponsored by Rimco Manufacturing Co. of Murphy.



ANNE STILES

Vivian Anne Stiles, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stiles of Rt. 1, Murphy.

Anne is a 1969 graduate of Murphy High School and is employed by Parker Drug Store. She is sponsored by Easley Manufacturing Co.



BREEZE THOMPSON

Teresa Breeze Thompson, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Thompson of Andrews.

Breeze is a 1969 graduate of Andrews High School. She is sponsored by Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Andrews.