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## Hospital Authority To Make Proposal

In face of Murphy General Hospital closing, the Murphy Hospital Authority will submit a proposal of Hospital Consolidation to the City Council Monday, August 11.

Mr. Hans Beerkens, Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Hospital Authority, stated that both the Authority and Planning Committee have been meeting for months in order to come with a workable program for better medical care in Murphy.

Beerkens also stated that the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, which is in charge of licensing all hospital operations in the state, has concurred with the basic plan that will be proposed to the council Monday night.

Full details of the proposal will be published next week following the meeting with the Town Board.



## Crisp Sworn In As Highway Commissioner

J. Boyd Crisp of Robbinsville was sworn into office Wednesday, July 30, as one of 28 new highway commissioners in North Carolina.

Governor Robert Scott announced the assignments of geographic areas to be covered by the new commissioners at the ceremony which took place in the auditorium of the State Highway Building.

Areas assigned to Crisp include Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties.

Two Andrews men were killed in a three car accident on Highway 19 at the Andrews - Murphy Airport Saturday morning at approximately 3:30 a.m. Two other persons were seriously injured in the

accident. Killed in the accident were Robert Harold White, 30, and Jerry George Leming, 28. Injured in the accident were Tommy L. Painter, 18, and Phillip David Crawford, 20.

## Two Andrews Men Killed In Three Car Collision

Two Andrews men died early Saturday morning in a three-car collision near the Andrews-Murphy Airport.

The victims were identified as Robert Harold White, 30, and Jerry George Leming, 28.

Two other men, also of Andrews, were injured in the accident which occurred about 3:30 a.m. Tommy L. Painter, 18, and Phillip David Crawford, 20, were taken to District Memorial Hospital where they were reported in satisfactory condition.

Both cars then struck the Painter car which was reportedly parked off the road a short distance away. Crawford was a passenger in the Painter car.

Reavis said investigations of the accident are continuing.

Funeral services for Leming were held at the First Baptist Church in Andrews Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Tom Wells officiating.

## Bookmobile Schedule Set

The schedule for the Nantahala Regional Library in Cherokee County for the week of August 11 is as follows:

Monday, August 11, Martin's Creek, Bellview, Moccasin Creek.

Tuesday, August 12, Hiwassee Dam School, Oak Park Liberty, Suit, Violet.

Wednesday, August 13, Andrews, Junaluska, Rhodo, Valleytown, Pisgah.

Thursday, August 14, Pleasant Valley, Regal, Lomoth, Malby, Vengeance Creek, Slow Creek, Marble.

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At the time of death Leming was employed by Clifton Precision as a machine operator, and was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Services for White were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of a private home in Andrews with the Rev. Bennett Bullard officiating.

A native of Cherokee County, White attended Andrews High School.

## Sunday Fire Destroys Home

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Crisp of the Cane Creek section on U. S. 64 was destroyed by fire Sunday around 8 a.m.

Crisp and three children escaped the fire. Mrs. Crisp and a married son had left for Winter Haven, Fla.

Cause of the fire was undetermined.

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According to Reavis, the car driven by Leming was backing out a side road into U. S. Highway 19, two miles west of Andrews, when it was struck by the car driven by White.

## Mexican Man Tours Country By Bicycle

A 20-year-old Mexican stopped in Murphy, Tuesday morning for a much needed rest.

Bonifacio Contreras, a graduate of the University of Mexico is touring the country by bicycle.

He told the Scout that he had been on the road since May 20 when he left Albuquerque with a pack on his back and \$10.00 in his pocket. He said that he left Albuquerque about two hours after the idea of touring the country by bike struck him.

So far his tour has taken him through Colorado, where he stopped to visit with an army buddy, to Madison, Wisconsin where he stopped to visit a younger brother who is attending the University of Wisconsin. He said that he had stayed with people from every class, in jails and a couple of times he had slept in the desert because of the great distance between towns.

"I am interested in people, all kinds of people," he said. He stated that by traveling and meeting various types of people he would be able to see and realize how other people lived.

Contreras said that he looked on himself as an ambassador for "not only Mexicans, but for all people." "It just isn't in my personality to hate," he said. "Although I grew up in a ghetto and learned to use a knife at an early age, I feel no hate for anyone."

He speaks four languages fluently, (English, German, Spanish and Italian) and is taking a correspondence course in Russian while on the bicycle tour. "I plan to make a similar

trip through the communist countries next year to see how the communists live," he said.

So, after having traveled approximately 2,600 miles Bonifacio Contreras gently lifted his pack on his back, climbed aboard his bike and started pedaling east toward

the Gulf Coast and New Orleans where he will try to catch a fishing boat back to New Mexico.

About the mountains Contreras said, "that once you get to the top of the hills then bicycling in the mountains is easy."



BONIFACIO CONTRERAS

## Bell Creek Wins Softball Tournament

An unheralded team representing Bell Creek, a Clay County community located on the North Carolina-Georgia line swept through all opposition without loss of a game to capture the Far West District Slow Pitch softball title. In the final game they turned back Heritage Quilts of Bryson City for the second time in the tournament, this time by a 7 to 5 count.

In the final game Bell Creek spotted Heritage a one run first inning lead as Zeke Birchfield singled and ended up at second when the ball was booted in the outfield. A single by Donnie McGaha plated Birchfield with the run.

Bell Creek took over in the second inning with four runs as Kyle Moss led off with a triple and singles by Carl Kirby, Loy Thomas, Jerry Kirby, Doug Moss, and Weldon Berrong accounted for the runs.

As manager Jack Anderson was silencing the Heritage bats Bell Creek tallied three more runs in the fourth on four hits and some loose fielding by the losers.

Heritage tallied once in the fifth on singles by Gene Shuler and Hop Davis, and hits by Doug Revis, Donnie McGaha, and Tony Bowers added another in the sixth.

A last ditch rally netted Heritage two more runs in the seventh, but the rally fell short when Guy Moss turned in a fine fielding play to retire Doug Revis for the final out.

In their earlier meeting Bell Creek tallied eight times in the

first inning and went on to stop Heritage 13 to 6. Kyle Moss, Jackie Taylor, and Guy Moss pounded three hits for the losers and Buddy Burrell slammed a long homerun.

This loss dropped Heritage into the losers bracket where they battled Clifton Precision for the right to oppose Bell Creek in the finals. Their meeting provided the only extra inning game of the tournament before Heritage emerged the winner by a 12 to 10 count. A long homerun by Donnie McGaha with two out in the eighth and one on provided the winning margin. Clifton Precision had dropped their first game of the tournament and then won six straight before finally being eliminated from the tournament.

The last of the Robbinsville teams went out on Friday night as the Triplets went down before Clifton Precision 7 to 0, and the Legion fell before Na-Bers 8 to 2. Clifton Precision stopped the Blue Boars 13 to 3 in their second game of the evening.

Following the final game the Championship trophy was accepted by Manager Jack Anderson of Bell Creek from Charlie Auld, President of the Robbinsville Lions Club, sponsors of the tournament. Manager Anderson stated that his club would represent the district in the state tournament at Eden, N. C. which is slated to start on Wednesday, August 13th.

The team sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Orange Owls and Manager Vaughn Odom accepted the trophy from Mr. Auld.

The runner-up trophy was accepted by Clyde Bates, manager of the Heritage Quilts.

The trophy for the most valuable player in the tournament went to Doug Revis, hustling catcher for Heritage Quilts who batted 760 for the tournament.

A sixteen man All-Star team was selected as follows: Russell Wiggins-first base, American Legion, Robbinsville-Average 526, William Jackson-second

## Correction

In last week's issue of the Scout the name Sonny Darnios Dyer was incorrectly listed in the court docket as being charged with public drunkenness. Mr. Dyer was charged with speeding.

The Scout regrets this error.

## Open Letter From The Mayor

Down with Garbage, Refuse, and litter ugliness. MAKE MURPHY BEAUTIFUL!

The Town of Murphy, upon the recommendation of the Murphy Planning Board, has adopted an ordinance to regulate the storage and handling of waste in the town. This ordinance was published in the June 9, 1969, issue of The Cherokee Scout. Copies of the ordinance were mailed to the residents and businesses and becomes effective August 9.

Now is the time to correct garbage storage by installing a sufficient number of approved containers. Oil barrels and other non-conforming containers will be removed by the town as soon after August 9 as possible.

The Murphy Jaycees are presently working on a litter container project which will eliminate the use of 55 gallon oil drums now marring the looks of the town sidewalks.

Lets all join together and make Murphy more attractive.

Use - permits for those using the garbage dump and residing outside the town will be available by September 10. The first six months will be a trial period during which time there will be no charge.

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MAYOR

## Cherokee County Man Receives Stiff Probationary Sentence

A Cherokee County man was given a stiff probationary sentence in Superior Court last week. The Honorable W. K. McLean presided.

The man, Wayne Cothern, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny.

Cothern was found guilty and sentenced to six years in the common jail of Cherokee County on the charge of breaking and entering. On the count of felonious larceny of property Cothern was sentenced to six years in the common jail. Both sentences were suspended for a period of five years and the defendant was placed on probation upon the following terms:

(1) That the defendant shall not own, possess, or drink any intoxicating liquor for a period of five years.

(2) That the defendant remain in his house each night between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for a period of two years.

(3) That the defendant not violate any of the criminal laws of the state of North Carolina or any other state for a period of five years.

(4) That the defendant pay the Clerk of Superior Court the sum of \$500.00. He was ordered to pay \$250.00 in present and \$250.00 each Monday until the total amount of \$500.00 is paid in full.

Other cases brought before the court were:

State vs. Woodful Anderson Johnson, Jr. charge Revocation Probation Judgment. Prayer to revoke probation continued until November term.

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State vs. David Phillips, Jr. - A. & A. driving under the influence. The defendant is called and failed Judgment nisi set a and capias.

State vs. Danny Bradford, Breaking, entering & larceny. State took a nol pros with leave.

State vs. Chuck Kilpatrick, Breaking, entering & larceny. State takes a nol pros with leave.

State vs. Willard Rogers, Violation of suspended sentence. The defendant is called and failed Judgment nisi set a and capias.

State vs. Walter Fred Ugle, Driving under the influence no inspection - Interberg Judgment absolute.

State vs. Garry Dale McLean, Breaking, Entering & Larceny Judgment to be pronounced at November term.

State vs. Billy Ray Wilson, A. & A. driving & driving while license revoked. State takes a nol pros with leave.

State vs. Woodful Johnson, Jr. Speeding excess of 100 mph, driving while license revoked. Plea guilty. Sentenced 2 yrs. Driving while license revoked. sentenced 2 yrs. Sentence suspended and defendant placed on probation for five years.

State vs. Kenneth H. Grant, Abandonment & nonsupport. State takes a nol pros with leave.

State vs. Charles Donald Kyle, Driving under the influence. Appeal withdrawn. Del. complied with District Court Judgment.

State vs. Brown Caldwell, Driving under the influence. Continued until November 3, 1969.

State vs. Everett A. Vacker, Driving under the influence. Appeal withdrawn. Defendant complied with District Court judgment.

State vs. Frank C. Green, Driving under the influence. Appeal withdrawn to comply with District Court judgment.

State vs. John Henry Thompson, Driving under the influence. Continued until next session.

State vs. Newell Eastford, Driving while license revoked. The defendant is called and failed Judgment nisi set a and capias.

State vs. Frank Charles O'Brien, Driving under the influence. Appeal withdrawn to comply with District Court Judgment.

State vs. Robert Lee Kesselberg, Driving under the influence. Continued until November 3, 1969.

State vs. Bobby McLean, Assault with deadly weapon. Plea Not guilty. Jury verdict guilty. Sentenced six months suspended five years.

State vs. P. C. Taylor, Jr. Driving under the influence. Plea Not guilty. Verdict guilty. Appeal State vs. P. C. McLean, Assault. Plea Not guilty. Jury verdict Not guilty.

State vs. Arnold Garfield Kilpatrick, Driving under the influence. Continued until November 3, 1969.

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## Many Farmers Assisted By ASCS Garden Program

The Cherokee County ASCS Committee approved cost sharing for more home gardens than any other county in the state. This Committee consists of Roy J. Wilson, Peachtree, Ernest Cook, Marble, and Don Taylor of Hiwassee Dam.

This practice included fertilizer, lime, seed, a sprayer and spraying equipment to be used by low income farmers on their family gardens.

The income level of the farmers that received the practice is as follows:

The farm families had an income of less than \$2000.00 per year.

They were old people, widows, disabled people, people with large families and small salaries, underemployed people and families that have a pretty good income but usually high expenses due to sickness.

According to Bass T. Hyatt, Jr. the gardens were checked by ASCS Personnel and with the exception of very few, the gardens were very productive.

Hyatt said that the diets of the low income families in Cherokee County were greatly improved by the program and that the ASCS County Committee is now in the process of requesting funds for the coming year to finance the garden program.

No. of Farmers	Income of family
89	0 to \$1000.00
371	1000.00 to 2000.00
194	2000.00 to 3000.00
119	3000.00 to 4000.00
39	4000.00 and over
460 or nearly 60 per cent of	

## City Police

### Arrest Five

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## Murphy Fire Department

### Answers Call

A home in east Murphy owned by Will Rogers and occupied by Lionel McMahan was almost completely destroyed by fire at approximately 12:00 Tuesday night.

The Murphy Fire Department answered the alarm.

McMahan escaped the fire without injury.

### Garden Practice

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Mike Hogged, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hogged, Jim McCombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCombs, Gregory Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barton, Steve Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn.

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