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Another Moore Dodge For Driver Education

E. C. Moore Company presented a 1970 Dodge to Murphy High School this week for use in the Driver Education program, the sixth consecutive year the company has provided a car. At the presentation were (L-R) James Evans, salesman; Cloe Moore; Murphy

mayor and an owner of the business; Superintendent of Schools, John Jordan; E. Ray Moore, an owner of the Dodge dealership, giving the keys to Jordan. (Staff Photo)

Simonds Says Special Session By Commissioners Was 'Illegal'

By Wally Avett
Staff Writer

Controversy, colored by politics, livened the session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners here Monday as Jack Simonds charged a special meeting last week was illegal.

"I want to protest—it was an illegal meeting," Simonds said. He said he was not notified of the special session, at which former state senator Mary Faye Brumby was named to replace Ben Scott on the Jury Commission.

Simonds, a Republican, said the law requires each

commissioner to be notified and a notice posted on the courthouse bulletin board two days prior to any special meeting. No notice was posted, he said, even if the other five commissioners were notified and attended the meeting.

"Even if you did notify the other commissioners, how about the public?" Simonds asked. "They didn't know about the meeting."

Chairman W. T. Moore, a Democrat, said he could not remember any notice of any meeting ever having been posted on the bulletin board and said county officials had tried to reach Simonds by

phone but failed. Simonds lives in the Wolf Creek section near the Tennessee line and works for Tennessee Copper Co.

A check of the law books proved Simonds' quoting of the statute on notification and posting of a notice correct, but County Attorney L. L. Mason produced a copy of an amendment passed by the 1969 Legislature which reads "Written notice shall be deemed waived by attendance at and participation in a special meeting."

Mason interpreted this as meaning, in his opinion, that since five of the six commissioners attended the meeting a quorum was obviously present and the meeting was legal and correct. Simonds said it was not the first time it had happened and, after the meeting, said he is "giving some thought to calling on the Attorney General for a ruling" in the matter.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Brumby, who was expected to be sworn in by Clerk of Court Don Ramsey early this week, has not been given the oath of office and probably will not be until the dispute is settled. Her term supposedly began on Oct. 1, the deadline which figured in the special meeting.

The other two members of the Jury Commission, both named when the commission was formed two years ago, were re-appointed. They are Joe Myers of Route 4, Murphy

and Mrs. Helen VanGorder of Andrews.

John Jordan, superintendent of schools, met with the commissioners to inquire about a new roof for the elementary section of Hiawasse Dam School. He presented figures from one bidder which showed it would cost about \$9,000 and asked the commissioners if they could provide the money.

Chairman Moore called the bid "outrageous" and suggested that if the county were forced to spend that much money on the roof, they could come out cheaper by hiring a competent workman, buying the materials and paying him by the day to install the new roofing. The commissioners instructed Jordan to get additional bids on the job and come back next month to talk about the project.

Henry Simmons, manager of the First Union National Bank in Murphy, appeared before the commissioners to tell them of plans for a new building and ask for some of the county's banking business, presently all handled by Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

On a motion by Emogene Matheson, seconded by Luther Dockery, the commissioners voted unanimously to give several smaller accounts to the new bank immediately. The larger accounts, it was explained, already have checks printed with Citizens Bank's name on them and these checks will have to be used before any of them could be changed.

Opposing Army Units Maneuvering In Area

The U. S. Army is maneuvering in the Murphy area again, this time setting up a mock Vietnam climate for a training clash between Airborne troops and Special Forces.

Complete with newly-recruited civilian spies and secret camps, the Green Berets of the Special Forces have recently "assassinated" the mayor of Robbinsville and Wednesday night "attacked" the railroad between Andrews and Murphy.

The Green Berets, just as they do in Communist-controlled areas of Southeast Asia, have recruited civilians and are using them in guerilla

operations. For instance, the Green Berets arrived by parachuting into Franklin on Monday night and were met by their guerilla comrades, members of the Job Corps.

There are four or more teams of the Green Berets in this area, each team containing nine to 11 men. They rode away from the airport at Franklin in Job Corps busses and will attempt to discredit the Airborne troops, who represent allies of the local government, until the maneuver ends on Oct. 19.

To assist in their operations, the Green Berets are passing out pamphlets urging local citizens to harass the Airborne regulars by throwing water balloons at them and letting air out of tires on their vehicles.

The Airborne troops, about 150 of them, will be occupying forces and their goal will be to identify and capture the Green Berets and their civilian accomplices. They are uniformed and move about in plainly marked vehicles; they will also be using several airplanes when the maneuvers get fully under way.

The regular troops see the Green Berets as the Viet Cong and may even engage them in battle, with blanks, before the maneuvers end. The next week may be very lively in some sections of "Smokeland," as the Army has dubbed this area for the exercise.

The situation, as explained by the "Green Berets," is this: The Army of Virginia Land has invaded this area, (The Country of Nantahala, your government has asked the U.S. Government for assistance.

You are asked to assist in this training by doing the following things:

(1) Refuse to cooperate with anyone in uniform.

(2) Charge extreme prices to anyone in uniform.

(3) Write resistance slogans on military jeeps and trucks with chalk or soap, anything that can be washed off. (Slogans) Yankee go home, Destroyed by the underground, destroyed by the resistance.

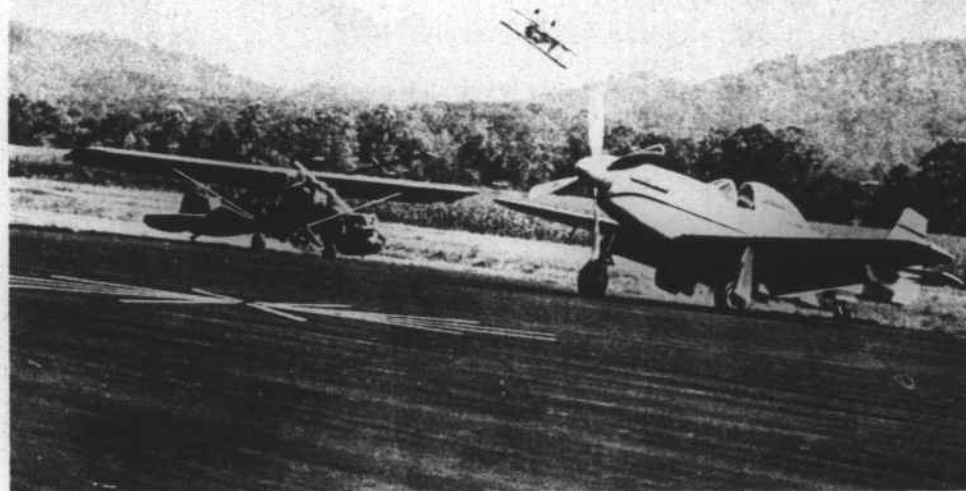
(4) Let air out of tires of unattended vehicles.

(5) Water balloons would be fun.

(6) Give false information to the enemy send them on wild goose chases.

You, as citizens, are urged not to damage these vehicles as this all comes from your tax money.

While this is only a training exercise, the situation could actually occur and the training could help you as well as the members of the Special Forces Group.



Fancy Flying

Beverly "Bevo" Howard thrilled the spectators with some fancy flying at the Andrews-Murphy Airport Sunday afternoon. Before a crowd of approximately 4,500 people, Howard wound up the show with a performance which will not soon be forgotten. In the above photo he flies his Buecker

Jungmeister inverted using the beautiful mountain as a back drop. Shown in the right foreground is the P-51 which was flown by Buddy Bryan in the show, giving the crowd a breathtaking performance of speed and skill.

Hunting Season To Open, Forecast For Success Mixed

Hunters head for the woods Monday with a mixed forecast for their success by J. J. Jeffries, Cherokee County Wildlife Protector.

The season opens Monday morning at sunrise for bear, wild boar, squirrels and grouse. It is also the first day of the season for racoon and opossum, the starting time for these being sunrise rather than one minute after midnight Monday morning, as has been the rule in the past.

Of the bear and boar outlook, Jeffries says "I think they may not be any less in number than last year but I believe the kill success will be less than last year because the bear and boar will probably stay back in the mountains.

"There's lots of food for them, a good mast crop generally, and they won't have to come down for food like they did last year," he said.

The failure of the mast crop last year caused the squirrels to leave much of Western North

Carolina, he noted, and "the supply of squirrels will be very limited." No change was seen for the coon and possum population.

"The grouse situation will be improved over what we've had for the past several years," Jeffries says. "From the number I've talked to, I think we'll probably have more grouse." He said he has heard the ruffed grouse, also known as native pheasant, drumming on Panther Top, in the Beech Creek section and also around Hiawasse Campground.

This season the big game hunter will have to do a little more than buy a regular license, blow the wasp nests out of his favorite musket and start looking for bear sign. For the first time, Tar Heel hunters must buy a special \$1.75 license for big game, the warden warns.

"The big game license is good for hunting anywhere in the state and is required for bear, boar, deer or wild turkey.

"Wear some bright colors—red, yellow or dayglo orange," Jeffries advises. "Be very careful where you point your gun and don't shoot at anything you can't see well enough to identify as a game animal—it may be another hunter and he might shoot back at you."

Materials Stolen, Officers Investigating

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation are looking into the theft of building materials at a house under construction in the Hiawasse Dam section.

The house was hit by thieves about the last weekend in September, according to the owner, Mrs. Daisy Millana of a North Carolina mail route out of Fanner, Tenn.

The missing items total about \$800 to \$1,000 and include wheelbarrows, nails, tools and lumber.

Public Housing Loan Approved For Murphy

A federal loan of \$740,037 was approved in Washington this week for construction of 40 units of public housing in Murphy.

Ben Palmer, director of the Murphy Housing Authority, said the original application was made in April of 1967. The confirming telegram came this week from Lawrence Cox, director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A similar announcement was made Tuesday by the office of Congressman Roy A. Taylor in Washington, saying the loan had been approved.

Palmer says the local housing authority will begin advertising for bids, "possibly by next week," and construction will probably start early next year. The project will take about 18 months to build, he said.

There will be 10 units for

the elderly, Palmer said, to be constructed on Hiawasse Street, near the old L & N depot. All these will be one bedroom apartments, constructed in duplexes and triplexes.

The other 30 units will be low-income housing on Park Avenue near the Rimco plant. These will be two, three and four bedroom split-level apartments. Some will be duplexes and the others will have four or six units under one roof, some buildings being three stories tall.

Palmer said all of the units will be equipped with a refrigerator and stove, tile floors and electric ceiling heat. The exterior will be a combination of brick and vertical wood siding, according to plans by the architect, Henry M. Whitehead and Associates of Atlanta, Ga.

When completed, the new housing will be rented to the elderly and to low-income families by the housing authority, the rents to be based on the tenant's income. Rates in similar projects in other cities now range from \$30 to \$70 a month, Palmer said.

C. L. "Bud" Alverson is chairman of the housing authority and other members are Ben Warner, Frank L. Mauney, Duke Whitley, and J. H. Duncan.

Engineers Survey Hospitals

Engineers provided by local industry surveyed medical facilities in Murphy last week with an eye toward making better use of present buildings.

They specifically were checking in to the feasibility of turning the now-vacant Murphy General Hospital into offices for doctors, moving present offices there from Providence Hospital and remodeling Providence, where space would be increased if offices were moved across the street.

The engineers did the survey at no cost to the town or to the Murphy Hospital Authority, which will be given a full report in its meeting next Monday.

Engineers were provided by American Thread, Rimco, Clifton Precision and Peachtree Products.

Country Music Shows Slated At Hiawasse

The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawasse will ring Friday and Saturday with the sounds of string bands in the Fall Country Music Festival.

The two-day festival will be followed with a big gospel sing on Sunday afternoon, featuring the Sego Brothers and Naomi, the Blue Ridge Quartet and Jimmie "You Are My Sunshine" Davis, former governor of Louisiana.

More than 100 musicians are to participate in the festival, led by fiddlin' Howard Cunningham. Singers, banjo pickers, fiddlers and guitar pickers will be holding forth in the big tent on the fairgrounds in a show Friday, 8 p.m. until midnight, and two on Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. until midnight. The Hiawasse Cloggers will entertain at each of the three shows.

The sounds of the strings will be challenged on Saturday as old-time muzzle-loading hog rifles are fired in an all-day match, shooters expected from several states.

The solicitors will be phasing that one gift will be a contribution to 22 local and 14 state and national agencies. A pledge is preferred or ready cash because a small amount, given regularly, is better on the individual and the agencies can then look forward to a full year of support.

The local agencies include Lions Clubs at Murphy and Andrews for their aid-to-blind and white cane projects, rescue squads in both towns, midget football programs in both towns, Little League baseball at Andrews, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, 4-H, Murphy Kiddie Park, Murphy High School Band, recreation programs in both towns and Christmas cheer for needy families and children.



American Thread Holds Family Picnic

American Thread held an all-day family picnic on Saturday for employees and friends, with more than 1,600 people attending. The site was a grassy area behind the Marble plant and there were free balloons,

fortune-telling, bingo, rides for the children and plenty of free popcorn, hamburgers and hot dogs. A good time was had by all. (Staff Photo)

