



Outstanding Teenagers

At Hiwassee Dam School, three students have been selected for competition as Outstanding Teenagers of America. Principal Rex Sudderth said they were nominated by the school

and will compete for state and national awards. They are (L-R) Kathy Jane Fox, a Junior; Shirley Anne Anderson, Senior; Sharon Cecile Bagley, Junior.

Complaints About Leaving Station Unmanned

Town Council Warns Police To 'Shape Up'

The Murphy Town Council, stung by complaints that town policemen spend too much time drinking coffee and leave the police office and phone unmanned, Monday night gave strict orders to Chief Pete Stalcup.

Council members told Chief Stalcup to "lay down the law to them" and one councilman added "If it takes firing to make believers out of them, then do it."

Mayor Cloe Moore brought up the matter, saying he had received a number of complaints about policemen not staying at the office to answer the telephone. He said last week a citizen went to the office and found no one but shortly found four policemen together, coming out of a restaurant.

"There's absolutely no reason at all for that," said Councilman Ken Godfrey. "They shouldn't have been there together unless they were having riot over there."

"They're not staying around the station," he added. "And when people call the police, they expect somebody to answer that phone."

Town councilmen also voted unanimously to

provide office space for the Farmers Home Administration, being pushed out of the courthouse to provide more space for the Social Services department.

The additional space for Social Services is demanded by the federal government, which pays 80 per cent of support for welfare of county wards. Not furnishing the additional office space would mean a loss of the federal support for the program and Cherokee County commissioners last week reluctantly told the FHA personnel to look for a new office.

The councilmen said they wanted to keep the FHA office in Murphy and voted to give office space in the building where the town fire trucks are kept, if the county will pay for finishing the interior work on the office.

The space, it was explained by Town Clerk Charlie Johnson, is presently in a rough state as it is used only for storage of town properties, such as Christmas decorations.

The FHA has loaned out several million dollars in the past several years for home construction in this county, according to

Robert Bruce, who heads the local office. It only asks that it be provided with space, rent-free.

W. T. Moore, chairman of the Cherokee County commissioners, said Tuesday night that the county is interested in the proposition and will look into fixing up the space for an FHA office. However, he said county funds are limited and the actual money figure as to how much the county can do will have to wait until the next regular commissioners' meeting in December.

Two men from Bellview, Charles Anderson and Steve Brogdon, requested that they be allowed to dump trash from a planned county garbage pickup service at the town dump.

Johnson told councilmen that a fee system for private dumping at the town facility was established in the past at 50 cents for a pickup truck load and \$1 for larger trucks. He warned that if the town has to go to a landfill system in the future, such an operation is expensive and dumping fees would have to increase.

Councilmen decided to let the Bellview

partners dump at the Murphy facility according to the fee system with the understanding that the fees would go up if the cost of running the dump increases. The two men accepted and the councilmen wished them luck, saying a county pickup service will probably be well received.

In other business, the Town Council - voted to make refunds to taxpayers who prepay their taxes when the county had changed valuations, making for overpayments. The total, Johnson said, amounted to over \$4,000.

- voted to reimburse those who attend meetings considered town business, namely Mayor Moore and Johnson, for gas and other expenses.

- voted to pay police officers \$2 a day for the period in which they used their own private cars in their duties, the time recently when the town was without a police car after the auto was wrecked. The total, it was explained, would be less than \$50.

Gibsons Indicted For Tax Evasion

The federal Grand Jury in Asheville Tuesday indicted Roy A. Gibson and his son Virgil, both of Andrews, for income tax evasion.

The Gibsons, who operate a retail furniture business in Andrews, are charged with failing to report their true incomes. The bill of indictment filed against the elder Gibson charges him with failing to report on \$46,979 in the years 1962-1965. The son, Virgil, is charged with failing to report on \$22,743 in 1964-1965.

The government is claiming a total of \$11,966 in back taxes from Roy Gibson and

\$5,349 from Virgil, plus penalties.

The federal case against the Gibsons charges that the elder Gibson had a total income of \$66,817 in the years 1962-1965, but reported and paid income taxes on \$19,839. The son, the government says, reported and paid taxes on \$10,868 in 1964-1965 when he actually had an income of \$33,611.

Zoning Hearings Are Scheduled

The Murphy Planning Board, in a called meeting Monday afternoon, set Thursday Nov. 20, as a public hearing on two matters of rezoning.

C.L. Alverson has requested that property on Bluminal Street from Alpine Avenue to Cherry Street be rezoned as Highway Business. Will Rogers has requested that his property, where his house burned, on Connaheeta Drive be rezoned to residence 2, so he may put a mobile home there.

Mental Health Meeting Set

An educational meeting in regard to formation of a mental health association for Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties will be held at the Murphy Power Board building tonight (Thursday) at 7:30.

Mrs. Cloe Moore, mental health chairman for Cherokee in the State of Franklin Health Council, urges all interested citizens to attend.

Boxwoods For Cemetery

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson of Sylva gave 35 boxwoods in memory of the Tom Evans family of Murphy. Helton Carmichael, a former Murphy resident and now head of the Arrowwood Job Corps Center at Franklin, led a squad of Job Corpsmen to Sylva which dug up the memorial boxwoods and readied them for shipment to Murphy. (Staff Photo)



Houses Burn At Culberson

Two houses have burned rather mysteriously at Culberson within the past two weeks but Cherokee Sheriff Claude Anderson says his office has no evidence of arson.

The sheriff says he was asked to look into the burning of the Luther Kieselburg home by Mrs. Irene Stowe of Peachtree, who owned the house.

Sheriff Anderson also reported that a house on Dickey Road owned by Mrs. Beecher Luther was burned.

Both houses were vacant and both burned to the ground. There is no fire department in that end of the county.

Meeting Set At Ogden

The Ogden Community Action meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 17, at the school building. A covered dish supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the business session will start at 7:30. People from Warne, Braestown and Pine Log are invited to attend.

Mrs. Edgar Harshaw, left, Mrs. Holland McSwain and Mrs. Ruth Forsyth are pictured at Sunset Cemetery where the Murphy Garden Club, of which they are members, has placed a number of boxwoods and other shrubs. Contributing plants for the beautification project were Mrs. Cecil Mills, Mrs. Beryl Sneed and Mrs. Bertha Bates, all of Murphy.

TVA, Forest Officials Veto Release Of Lakeside Lands

Lake Hiwassee is low simply due to less-than-usual rainfall during the past three years.

Both the Forest Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority are in favor of keeping Hiwassee a natural, wilderness type lake and both agencies oppose making land available for building of private lake homes by individuals.

When all the talk was boiled down, that was the information local civic leaders gained from a meeting last Thursday with Peter J. Hanlon, supervisor of National Forests in North Carolina, and Walter Arrants, TVA manager of properties.

Murphy Chamber of Commerce officers had requested the meeting, to discuss the low level of the lake and the possibilities to free some federally-controlled land for construction of lakeside homes.

Arrants said the level of the lake depended on several factors - how much water was needed downstream for navigation on the Tennessee River, how much is needed at any set time for generating power, how much rain has fallen, how much of the rain which falls reaches the lake as runoff water and how much space must be left in the reservoir for flood control to accommodate the seasonal rains of fall and winter.

The rainfall is basic, he said, and "You can't have the lake full with inadequate rainfall." He said rainfall figures for the past three years are below average and TVA is hearing complaints from all over the

system of lakes.

"Nobody's being robbed of water," he said, adding that users of other lakes think sometimes that their water is being taken to maintain a high level at Hiwassee. He added specifically that he has heard complaints about low levels from Lake Chatuge and Nottley and that Fontana and Norris lakes are also low.

Tom Gentry, Chamber president suggested that if the low lake level is to persist, launching ramps be extended so boaters and fishermen can put their boats in the water when the lake is low without getting their vehicles stuck in the mud.

Hanlon agreed to look into the situation, with indications that the ramp facilities at Hanging Dog Campground would probably be considered first for extension.

Gentry then put in a request that land along the lake be opened up for development, saying the government controls 40 per cent of the land in Cherokee County, "land is at a premium and we've gone about as far as we can."

Hanlon opposed the suggestion, saying "Hiwassee is the kind of lake the federal government is spending money to keep in a natural condition. It's zoned and it should be kept zoned."

He added that the topography of the lakeshore is so rugged that any development will result in much damage.

Gentry and others then suggested the possibility of developing a small section in

the Grape Creek area and there was some discussion of this but no agreement was reached, as the TVA representative joined Hanlon in defense of naturalness and keeping the lake a wilderness area for enjoyment by urban dwellers tired of their concrete jungles.

"Why should I have to look up at your house when I'm riding on the lake in my boat?" Arrants asked.

The land around the lake, it was explained, was purchased by TVA and then given to the Forest Service for control. However, Arrants said, before the Forest Service could dispose of the land TVA would have to be consulted and TVA is neither leasing or selling lakeside property for private development.

Both Hanlon and Arrants said a lake left in its natural state would be a tourist attraction in the future as more land is settled by a growing population and such quiet recreation areas become scarce.

Mallonee Visit

Tom Mallonee, district assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is making scheduled visits around Taylor's 11th District and will be in this area on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Mallonee will begin on Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall in Andrews. At 11 that morning he will be at the City Hall here in Murphy and that afternoon he will go to Clay County, to be at the courthouse in Hayesville at 3 p.m.



FFA Contest Winners

The Future Farmers of America team from Hayesville High School won a contest held in Murphy Monday afternoon in which agricultural tools and materials were identified. Seven other schools had teams in the competition: Franklin, Bryson City, Murphy, Stecoah, Robbinsville, Andrews and Hiwassee Dam. The winners, front to back, were

Maurice England, Kenneth Anderson, Robert Beal and Denny Woody. Their agriculture teacher, Ed Roach, says they will go to Raleigh for the state contest sometime in the Spring. Murphy came in second and the Hiwassee Dam FFA team was third. (Staff Photo)



Retires From TVA

Charles F. Bates Sr., of Unaka, retired Oct. 31 after 32 years with TVA. He worked the first six years of his TVA career on dam construction projects and then was employed as a machinist at Hiwassee Dam. Working on turbines, water systems, generating units, air compressors and other equipment at the dam, he says he never lost any time to an accident. He says he will use his retirement to travel and get caught up on his fishing. (Staff Photo)