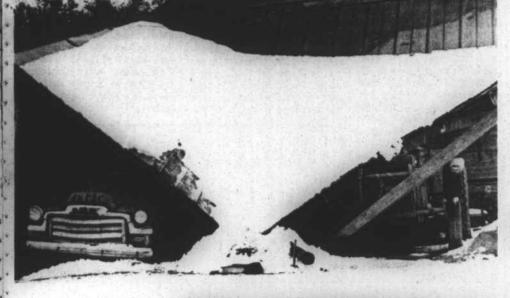
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Spring Snowstorm

Spring came in last week with a surprise storm on Thursday which left six to eight inches of mushy, soggy snow on the area. The heavy wet covering collapsed several chickenhouses, a barn at the Cherokee County Golf Course (top) and a boathouse at Hiwassee Dam (bottom). It also hit store awnings hard and accounted for dozens of

Court Ends Quickly

Jurors who had been called for Superior Court duty next begins Saturday morning a halfweek won't have to serve. hour before sunrise with In fact, the jurors called for designated trout streams in

duty this week didn't have to Cherokee and Clay counties serve either. stocked in preparation for A scheduled two-week opening day. session of Cherokee Superior

Traditionally one of the Court, with Judge Thad Bryson days (along with the opening of deer season) when the la one day and only guilty pleas numbers of sportsmen will turn were heard on Monday, no out, game wardens expect crowded creeks on Saturday, if jurors being seated. Court officials said the the weatherman cooperates. reason the court term was short was that a key lawyer was Softball absent and so were several officers, out of the county attending a special school. **Meeting Set** In action Monday, Judge Bryson set bonds at \$2,500 each for three youths charged in a The Murphy Softball rape-robbery case in Murphy-Association will hold its Steve Thrasher, Barry organization meeting for the Dockery and Steve Lance, By coming season on Wednesday Tuesday all three had made night of next week at the Power bond and left the county jail. Board Building. A psychiatric examination All team representatives was ordered in the case of Howard Radford, 45, charged for men or women's squads and with the shooting deaths on New potential sponsors are invited to Year's Day of his father and attend the meeting, which sister at Unaka. begins at 7:30

wrecker calls as vehicles skidded and slid into ditches. More appropriate Spring weather on Friday and Saturday did away with the snow. Ordinarily we don't print weather predictions, or other forms of guessing, but some of the oldtime weather prophets are calling for one more snow before Spring sets in for good. (Carringer Photos)

Trout Season Opens Saturday

Fires Creek Management The trout fishing season Area Warden Harley Martin says the section of Fires Creek within the refuge this year will be for fishing by artificial lures only, with single hooks, and the limit will be four fish, 10 inches long or longer.

> The angler fishing the have a permi ige must

Clay Levy Back In Effect Cherokee Calls

in this case the property tax

more for the town."

Hayesville received \$893.

morning at the courthouse.

Rescue

Squad

week.

To Train

The Cherokee County

Rescue Squad will hold training

exercises for its members next

The Cherokee

commissioners had several

choices, none of them easy.

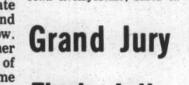
Vote On Tax

By Wally Avett

Staff Writer In special meetings during the past week, the Clay County commissioners put the local sales tax back into effect in their county and the Cherokee commissioners called for a vote of the people on the matter. At Hayesville the Clay

commissioners held a public hearing on the local one percent sales tax last Monday. "It took about 15 minutes," reported Chairman Howard Wimpey, with nobody at all showing up to argue for or against the tax. The three-man Clay board then voted to put the tax back into effect in that county, to become effective the first of

May. Chairman Wimpey said the commissioners agreed to divide the revenue in Clay with the Town of Hayesville, based on



Finds Jail

'Improved' The Cherokee County Grand Jury Monday reported the county jail to be "much "satisfactory " condition.

This was a far cry from the Grand Jury report of last July, which blasted the jail at that time as "too filthy and smelly for human occupation."

Sheriff Blain Stalcup said Capt. Charles Hyatt urges he was pleased with the Grand all members to attend the Jury's findings, nothing that a nightly sessions at the Power lot of work, painting and fixing up, has been done at the jail in the past few months.

The jail was closed by order

of a Superior Court judge late

last year and cells were to be

used to hold prisoners for no

Board Building, from 7 until 10 Monday through Thursday. The course wil be taught by

the town's property tax. The They hinged on the new law's provision that the new local option sales tax law commissioners of any county in passed by the General the state can put the local sales Assembly gives them the choice between dividing with the town tax to a vote or else can simply levy the tax themselves, after on the basis ofeither its property tax levy or its holding a public hearing. Faced with rising population, Wimpey said, and

costs of county services, the Cherokee board fears a raise in formula will "mean a little property taxes for next year may be necessary unless a new The Clay County voters source of revenue is found. But approved the local sales tax in since the voters of the county the original statewide vote in turned down the sales tax in November of 1969 and the tax 1969, there was also the fear of was in effect in Clay until it was "being ridden out of town on a rail" if they levied the tax knocked out in January by the without consulting the people. And if they called for an North Carolina Supreme Court. During the last three months of 1970, Clay got ... \$12,701 from the election on the sales tax and it fails, will they still face angry one percent local tax, according to figures provided citizens if they have to raise property taxes? And if the by the state Department of Revenue. Of that total, commissioners are the elected leaders of the county, and the The Cherokee County sales tax is needed, are they not voters turned down the local supposed to have the strength to face the facts and approve it sales tax in the 1969 election themselves? and that fact hung heavily over the special meeting of the commissioners Saturday

These questions bothered the commissioners on Saturday and if they were not enough, there was also the \$300,000 school bond referendum which must be approved for construction of a school at Andrews.

Dean Pullium, chairman of the county Board of Elections, met with the commissioners and estimated the cost of a county election on the sales tax at \$5,000. There was some talk of holding a vote on both the sales tax and the school bonds at the same time, but County Attorney Lonnie Hoover informed the board there is too much red tape involved in setting up a bond referendum to hold that vote by the middle of May, the desired time for the sales tax election.

Finally, after much discussion of the issues involved, the commissioners agreed to put the sales tax to avote of the people in mid-May

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and Clay County Progress



Hugh Lasseter . . . opening sports shop here

Bill Would Give More Deputies

A bill was introduced in the General Assembly last week which could give Cherokee County Sheriff Blain Stalcup the two additional deputies he wants

Sheriff Stalcup (Democrat) has two deputies and has requested of the Cherokee County board of commissioners (2 Republicans, 1 Democrat) that he be given two additional

The

... The winners of the

Collins-Crain coloring

contest, left off the ad on

page 4-B by mistake this

commissioners unanimously declared themselves against the bill in the Legislature and directed County Attorney Lonnie Hoover to write a letter expressing their feelings to the legislators of this area.

> Sheriff Stalcup said he was tired of asking the commissioners for extra help and being denied. "The county operates the Hiawassee Sports commissioners wouldn't even op at Hiawassee, Ga.

A new business opens in Murphy on Friday, a sporting good shop in the place formerly occupied by The Shoe Box. Hugh Lasseter, who

proprietor. He has bowed to the

Cherokee County spelling of the

Indian name and will drop the

"a" and call his Murphy store

Street will feature a complete

line of sports equipment, he

says, for boating, hunting,

fishing, archery, golf, camping

purchased the stock of a

bankrupt sporting goods store

Lasseter recently

and other sports activities.

The new shop on Tennessee

the Hiwassee Sports Shop.

To Open

Sports

Shop

said, which is sold only through license dealers since the checking station is not manned for fishing season.

The other trout streams in Clay and Cherokee fall under the general category, with no size limit and a daily creel limit of seven fish. Treble hooksand bait are allowed. Fishermen must have a regular license plus the special trout license.

Cherokee County Warden J.J. Jeffries said 3,500 fish have been stocked in the five streams in this county, Valley River and Junaluska, Shuler, Crane and Beaverdam creeks. These came from the hatchery at Balsam, he said, and are yearling browns, brook and rainbow trout, averaging six to eight inches in length.

Barry Daws

longer than six hours. Sheriff Stalcup reported this week, however, that the state jail inspectors have approved four of the renovated cells for regular use and added that approval of the rest of the jail is expected soon. The Grand Jury report was signed by Ruth Forsyth, who was named foreman on Monday, and presented to

Judge Thad Bryson, who presided over the short session of Superior Court here. It found the county tax office, Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds offices all in satisfactory condition.

Members of the Grand Jury also looked at the county schools, reporting that "road conditions for buses are poor." They talked with representatives of the State **Highway Commission about** improving some of the roads the buses travel.

Lynn Harkins, a rescue training instructor from Waynesville. Hyatt said the service is provided by the Fire and **Rescue Training Commission of** Raleigh.

Hayesville Senior Play

Scheduled

The Senior Class of Hayesville High School will present the Senior Play next Tuesday night at the school, beginning at 7:30.

A three-act comedy, it is titled "Do You Trust Your Boyfriend?"

The players include Vivian Mart, Linda Martin, Connie Murray, Mike Mauney, Bobby Hollifield, Linda Bell, Rondall Brown, Melba Moore Russell, Danny Hollifield and Eleanor

and Chairman Jack Simonds shoved the legal request across the table to Pullium, instructing him to set the election machinery in motion.

The commissioners indicated that they will hold Anderson. public meetings to discuss the pros and cons of the sales tax at several locations in the county before the election. They are Moore, was against it. expected to schedule these meetings at their regular April session, which will be next Monday.

If approved by the voters, the local sales tax in Cherokee County will bring in an estimated \$200,000 a year to the county, which would be shared with Andrews and Murphy.

It would become effective with the beginning of the county's fiscal year, July 1, and would certainly affect the county budget for the coming year. The commissioners said property taxes would not rise if the sales tax was approved and

give me a part-time deputy," he The commissioners have said this week. "There was said that there is not enough money for that in the budget but money in the county budget for

they wouldn't give it to me.' additional deputies at this time Senator Carl D. Killian of but last month did hire a night Cullowhee introduced the bill in jailor for the county jail, former the State Senate on Friday. Sheriff (Republican) Claude where it was referred to the GOP Local Government committee. commissioners Jack Simonds Dr. Killian said the Democratic and Jack Lovingood voted for executive committee of this: The Democrat, W.T. Cherokee County requested the

Last Saturday, however, in If approved, it will special meeting the empower the sheriff of Cherokee to hire four deputies, in Georgia and says he will be

to be paid \$400 a month apiece offering, as quantitites last, plus their expenses, and to many goods at discount house continue to hire a jailor at \$100 a prices. week and assign deputies to

work as jailors during hours he designates.

baseball. equipment.

In addition to individual sports equipment, Lasseter will be selling team equipment for softball and basketball plus a line of trophies. He also offers a line of hobby wood-working

Cherokee County deputy sheriffs drive their own automobiles and usually receive \$200 a month in car expenses in addition to their

7, of Route 1, Murphy. APRIL 1971 probably could be cut back SMTW F 5 - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

> LEFT TO RIGHT KAREN RUTH MOORE

Mr.&Mrs. John Burton Hall

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Lunsford quickly circled the

Mr.&Mrs. Ferd Moore Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hendrix -Mrs. Mary Frances Hughes MARGARET LYNN HALL

driver at Hayesville High School, sat in his bus early Thursday morning of Tiger's Clothing Store. last week, warming up the motor. A car stopped for a stop-sign near

the Hayesville Library where Lunsford parks his bus and then drove away; the 17-year-old Junior, a star athlete at Hayesville High, saw something fall from the car's roof.

He ran to investigate and found three money bags lying in the street. He opened the first one and found a quantity of \$10 bills and checks, the second one contained more money and more checks. Then he saw "B&T Supermarket" printed on the third bag and didn't open it.

Barry Lunsford, a schoolbus Courthouse square and recognized the car involved, parked in front of He got out of the bus and headed

for the store, money-bags in hand, where he was met by an anxious Bobby Tiger. Tiger, a prominent Hayesville merchant, had placed the bags on top of his car as he prepared to get into the vehicle that morning and then forgot about them, driving away with them still on the roof.

Tiger reported that there was more than \$6,000 in cash and checks in the three bags, all returned safe and sound. He commended young Lunsford for his honesty in returning the money and gave him a suitable reward.

COLLINS-CRAIN DEPT. STORE

week, are Debbie Kay Maxey, 6, of Bryson City and Lisa Johnson, \$400 salaries.



Quick action by the Murphy volunteer firemen on Monday night saved the Sims Radiator Shop building from destruction by fire. The

building is vacant but firemen said someone apparently has been staying in it; they said a burning mattress started the fire. (Avett Photo)

Building Saved

MacCorkle. Youth Finds \$6,000; **Returns It To Owner**