

### United Drive For Funds Needed Here

Several towns in Western North Carolina last week wound up their United Fund drives and the people of those towns donated to anywhere from 10 to 30 agencies at one time.

Operating under the slogan "Give the United Way" those towns carried out one campaign to raise funds for the local agencies that function through public donations.

But the story is different in Cherokee County. The citizens of this county are called on too many times during the year to dig down deep when the fund raising campaigns start—and one campaign follows another until the people who donate justly feel that they are being imposed upon.

The people who give to one campaign are considered "fair game" when other campaigns come up. This fair game practice is especially true of the merchants on the main streets.

During every fund raising campaign the merchants are the main targets and the store keepers are more or less forced to contribute to each and every "cause" that is mentioned in their stores.

We feel that a united drive or a Community Chest is the best protection for those agencies that exist on donations. It is a protection for the agencies because the one fund drive system protects the giver first.

And sooner or later, the most important part of the agencies—the donator—is going to get tired of being imposed upon by too many drives. When that happens the revenue for all the drives will drop off to a dangerous point.

A united drive we believe will mean a steady income for each agency.

### A Dash Of Hokum

This is the time of the year when sports fans, especially football fans, are given a large dose of pre-season hokum. We have long been amazed at the amount of this that goes on and believe there is more of it in the football world than in any other sport.

We refer, specifically, to the rash of articles which appear in national publications about this time of the year which name the All American teams for 1955. It has managed to escape us, all these years, how even the finest sports writers, perhaps with a bit of gypsy inbred, can forecast the type of play gridiron competitors will exhibit in the coming months.

Yet many of the larger publications, and their sports staff or sports editor, present an All-American Team in September, 1955. We can go along with the All-American teams picked in December, but we cannot seriously take those in September.

Since there is no efficient way to choose the national collegiate football champion, because the schedules vary and there are few dependable standards by which to judge a team's real strength, it seems inconsistent for All-Americans to be picked on a logical basis in September, before the season even starts.

All of which adds up to the fact that the football fan likes a little hokum in his football soup.

News Of Orange County

### Murphy High Alumni Give Band A Boost

If the alumni of Murphy High School continue on the same vein they started Murphy will have a first rate band.

The Band Boosters Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert V. Weaver, sent out some 750 letters asking for donations of \$1 each to be used toward building up Murphy's band.

At the first count, the club had heard from approximately 65 people and had collected more than \$100. If that keeps up, the band will receive a good financial boost.

### Murphy And Boston Folks Are Alike

In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post an editorial writer agreed with the Boston Chamber of Commerce when that chamber "observed rather in sorrow than in anger that the Public Library, which celebrated its centennial last year doesn't draw the customers it should. Too few people are aware of the treasures it contains for the asking."

The Post went on to point out that the Boston Chamber's complaint could be echoed in practically every community across the country.

### Andrews PTA Should Make The Change

In a news story in last week's issue of the Scout it was pointed out that the Andrews Parent-Teacher Association was "pondering on whether or not to permanently change the name of the PTA to PTSA—Parent, Teacher, Student Association."

The story went on to say that the change had been made in several large city high schools and has brought good results.

We would like very much to influence the Andrews PTA to make the change. We believe that the cooperation and understanding between the students at Andrews High School and the grown-ups in and around the town are the finest we have seen any place. We believe this step to include students in the PTA would increase that understanding and cooperation.

As for following the examples of the city high schools, we might point out that "if you wanna' be big—you gotta' act big."

### reports from OTHER EDITORS

ETHETH THTOLEN

A Colorado publisher tells of an editor from that state of a small weekly newspaper who came to work one morning to find that his printing establishment had been broken into during the night.

The only thing he found missing was all of the letter "S" from his type cases. Undaunted, he inserted the following apology in his next issue:

"Thome Thneaking thcoundrel hath thtolen into our compothing room and thkeendaddded with all our etheth. We mutht therefore apologize to our readerth for the inthpid appearance of thith weckth Thentinel.

"We would altho like to thtate that it at any time in the yearth to come, we thee thith dirty thnake in the grath about the premitheth, we will thoot him tho full of holeth, he will rethemble a thwth cheethe. Thank you."

Pelican Press Messenger

Organ of the Louisiana Press Assn.) via The Asheville Citizen

HOW SHALL WE PAY FOR HIGHWAYS?

It has been accurately stated that everyone wants more and better highways but no one wants to pay for them.

At the same time, it's obvious that huge sums are going to be spent on new highway programs and that the financing problem will have to be solved one way or another.

President Petersen of the Standard Oil Company of California has offered a logical suggestion. It is based on the idea that a modern, expanded highway system should be paid for out of taxes levied upon more of the people and products benefitting from good roads. This, as he put it, would "include all motor vehicles — automobiles, trucks, buses and trailers. All accessories — tires and tubes off all sizes; batteries, spark plugs and the like."

It would also involve additional taxes on the owners of roadside property who gain from highway building, and on paving materials and equipment.

In addition, he had something wise to say about the emphasis on gasoline and other motor fuel taxes as a source of highway funds. These taxes are high now and, as he observed, "any substantial increases . . . might well push the tax up to the point of diminishing returns."

He made still another worthwhile suggestion — that the federal government retire from the field of motor fuels taxation and leave it to the states, where it traditionally and rightfully belongs. The states, for their part, should earmark all highway user taxes for highway construction purposes only. They should never be diverted to other purposes.

The whole point is to extend the tax base so as to cover as many highway beneficiaries as possible. There, is no other sound and just way of raising the needed money.

(McDowell News)

DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP

Millions of motorists will agree with the opinion aired at the annual meeting of the American Automobile Association, that the slowpoke driver is more deadly than the speeder, and that there should be anti-dawdling laws.

But, the problem is not that simple. We can't deny the highways to the man whose car has 40 hp rather than upwards of 200. Nor are we legally equipped to revoke the driver's licenses of the decrepit, the timid, the inadequately trained . . . until after they've gotten into trouble. And if you hurry these people up, it could be worse.

It will help a lot to be more fussy in granting licenses — and renewals. But us good drivers will still have to exercise some self-control — and courtesy.

(Coastland Times)

"There is hardly a small town in America whose library wouldn't afford any citizen a magnificent education," The Post said.

The library in Murphy and the people of Murphy must have been in the mind of that writer. For nowhere in the United States could there be a town the size of Murphy that can draw on the number of books that Murphy can in its library.

The people of Murphy are twice blessed: they have the Murphy Carnegie Library that far outshines any library its size, and they can draw on the books of the Nantahala Regional Library that has its headquarters in Murphy.

But, like the Boston folks, we just don't take advantage of what we've got.



### It's the TALK O' THE TOWN By Emily Costello

Sunday was one beautiful day but in spite of that lots of Murphy folks stayed home. Probably did that to let the tourists have the highway and they really streamed through town on their autumn leaf pilgrimage.

So you folks that didn't get out last week end to see the leaves make a point to take a little trip this week end or you'll miss one of the prettiest autumns in several years.

But, we can enjoy the leaves right around our homes without even getting out. Last Sunday afternoon we drove up to Fires Creek and the coloring up that way was magnificent.

I think the coloring in the highest spots must be about past its peak now, although I suppose there is still plenty of color left. Last Tuesday seven Murphy Garden Club members drove over to the District Garden Club meeting in Highlands and the leaves must have been at about peak beauty then.

The group was composed of MRS. B. W. WHITFIELD, MRS. F. C. BOURNE SR. and JR., MRS. H. A. MATTOX, MRS. H. L. McKEEVER, MRS. S. C. BURGESS, and me. We had a good time in spite of everything, including leaving home at 7:30 a. m., and especially enjoyed the luncheon at High Hampton Inn.

It turned really chilly and started raining while we were at lunch and even looked as if it would snow. But the Inn was very cozy with warm log fires blazing in the giant open fireplaces.

There were about 200 ladies — all looking like ladies at a convention — very dressed up in stunning suits and silly hats. As I say, we had a lot of fun. A number of state garden club officers were present including the state president, Mrs. Little.

### THE GOBLINS'LL GET YOU, EF . . .

If the Goblins don't get us all this week end it won't be the fault of the various PTA's of the county. At least six Halloween parties — and a few other smaller gatherings — are scheduled in the county this week end. The Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring a carnival Saturday night in the gym with SKEETER BOCOOK (Mrs. Jack) in charge. And they have planned some bang up entertainment.

As VIRGINIA SIZE (Mrs. George) pointed out at the club meeting last week, most parents of very small fry have to go trick or treatin' anyhow, and they might as well trek over to the carnival where they'll all have fun. Virginia said she not only has to take Tommy out hauntin' but she has to wear a costume yet! That's what I call real — well, I don't know what — but you get the point.

### THE PROCEEDS

And besides the fact the carnival will be plum fun, the proceeds will go to very, very worthwhile cause — namely the Murphy youth center which the Junior Woman's Club will sponsor as soon as enough funds are on hand.

The center will be held in the room on the ground floor under the library. It will be manned by an adult supervisor and will be geared strictly for wholesome fun and a "place to go" for the teenagers.

A 12 member committee, representing all four classes at Murphy High School, has been appointed to set standards for the youth center, to select a name and decide on nights for the center to be open. MRS. ANN WARD is the advisor for this committee. . . and a good one she is.

The Junior Woman's Club committee for the center is headed by OPIE McKEEVER, and has as members HILDA OLSON, PEARL TOWNSON EDITH IVIE and me.

A drive for the center will be carried on throughout town the week of Nov. 6-13, which will be known as youth week.

### MORE FUN

Going back to the Halloween Carnivals, there will be Halloween parties at Ranger, Hiwassee Dam and Martin's Creek on Friday night; Harvest sale at Marble and the Murphy carnival on Saturday night; the annual Folk School Halloween party on Saturday night; and a party for the Training Union of the First Baptist Church on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31.

### A LITTLE SPOOK

Besides all these parties little BARBARA SMITH will celebrate being six years old Monday, Oct. 31, as her annual Halloween birthday party. I don't know what she'll be besides six years old, but I imagine her inventive mama, GENE SMITH (Mrs. John S.) is stitching up some ingenious costume to transform Barbara from a six year old into a spook of some kind. Likewise, a mamas all over town are becoming costumers for the time being.

### STILL TOO LITTLE

Still too little for a Halloween costume, but a mighty cute little tot, the month-old daughter of LONA and BOYD DAVIS, made her debut at Sunday School last Sunday. She was in good form and happy when she arrived at church and I hope she left in the same happy mood.

### A FAVORITE

A little note from MRS. IDA HARRIS at Rt. 2, Culberson, told us last week that the Scout has been a family paper with her for many, many years, being her father's favorite newspaper. She says she still has a very old copy of the Scout with a famous murder story of a shooting at a Murphy boarding house about 40 years ago. Mrs. Harris said th calledged murderers spent Friday night at her home before the killing.

Mrs. Harris lives on the Sunny Point road and she invited us to drop by and see her sometime. I'm going to take her up on that invitation real soon.

### Cherokee Chatter

BY BILL COSTELLO

JOHN BAUGHMAN put me onto some good editorial material this week. He told me about the Saturday Evening Post editorial on the use of libraries. John is a self-confessed "bug" about the use of libraries. I agree with both John and the Post that the libraries are not used near as much as they should be.

### SCOUTING

Boy Scouting in Murphy is pretty big business. We have several troops in town and each troop boasts a large enlistment. Some grown folks in Scouting tell me though that there is not enough adult interest in the boys and their activities.

Not so from the boys' angle according to what BARTY AKIN was telling me recently. He said his troop took in nine new members at its last meeting. He's Scout master of Troop 2—sponsored by the Murphy Lions Club.

### BIKE SAFETY

Barty told me that RAY HEFFNER, state highway patrolman, attended the last meeting and joined in the games with the troop. Later, during a special period, Ray told the boys about bicycle safety on the streets and highways. Barty said the boys really ate it up and had plenty of questions for Ray when he finished his talk.

I like to hear that kind of report from a meeting. This paper is still cooperating with Gov. Hodges' "Slow Down and Live" campaign and I hope the campaign will save some lives in spite of the Tar Heel motorists'.

### HARD AT WORK

ARNOLD DALRYMPLE told me the other day the reason I had not seen him for quite some time was that he had been in the woods from "sun to sun" since the hunting season started. When the season opens it means extra pleasure for most people, but the overworked Tar Heel game protectors just have to work a little harder.

### MORE JUNE APPLE

There have been several more reports about June Apples in the county since we first heard from GEORGE HAYES. I got a call from MRS. RALPH W. DEWESE who told me she was making some apple butter from her June apples she got from a tree in her yard. She said the apples were nice and red and ripe. RED HALL told me on the street that he had some ripe June apples over at his place too.

### HELPING HAND

We've really been having a rough time of it at the office with the power paper cutter I bought, but it looks at last as if we were going to get it going. I had it running one time but broke it because I didn't know what I was doing. JOHN CARRINGER stopped by to give a hand after we borrowed a second motor from Townsend Lumber Co. HAYES DOCKERY also dropped by to see how we were making out. He let us borrow a seven horse power motor from his monument company and the Town motor is 10 horses. When we repair the damage I did that cutter ought to run right.

### GOLFERS CORNER

I got back out on the Copperhill Golf Course Saturday afternoon for the first time in over a month. I rode over with BOB EASLEY and JIM ED HUGHES. C. R. FREED joined us at the first tee to make it a foursome.

Another Murphy foursome included PREACHER MAXWELL, JOE RAY, ROSCOE WILKINS and BOB BAULT. Preacher and Roscoe beat Joe and Bob. Our foursome was not paired off; it was every man for himself.

Joe Ray told me after the game that it was hard to tell if the Preacher was playing golf or hunting squirrels, he (Preacher) was in the woods so much.

Of course, Preacher will claim I got my information wrong. He says that bit I wrote about the Murphy delegation playing golf at the WNC Methodist Convention was not true. But I haven't heard the others deny it! Since he's the

### A Backward Glance

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1955 5 YEARS AGO

There are 458 students enrolled in Murphy High School, and 344 or 75 percent of this number ride buses daily to and from school. The total number of students travel 5,582 miles per day, 111,840 miles per month and 1,004,760 miles per year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ashe and daughter, Patsy of Asheville spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waldroup of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Almond spent several days last week visiting Mrs. Almond's mother, Mrs. Eva Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Watts moved from Andrews to Canton Monday.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Oct. 25, 1945

Pvt. Ernest J. E. Satterfield is now serving in the Marines at Parris Island, S. C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Satterfield, Murphy, Rt. 2.

Miss Kathleen Roberts went last Wednesday to Atlanta where she had an interview with the American Red Cross, and was assigned to overseas duty as a clerk typist.

Ben Palmer S 1/C of Jacksonville, Fla., spent the week end here with his family.

Mrs. Jack Spainhour left Tuesday morning to Atlanta where he had in Atlanta for a few days, and from there they will go to Florida for a month's rest.

Mrs. Ola V. Duggan spent the week end in Knoxville with her son, O. L. Duggan.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1935

Misses Elizabeth Franklin and Lucille McDonald spent the week end in Sylva.

Miss Margie Prater and Miss Miss Ora Matheson were guests of Miss Ruby Owenby last week.

Miss Sue Haigler of Hayesville visited her sister, Mrs. Tom Mauney last Friday.

Buster Bayless has returned from New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Erskine are spending this week in Chattanooga

### 30 YEARS AGO

Friday, Oct. 30, 1925

The Kitchen Cabinet Orchestra gave their concert at Andrews Monday night.

Walter Mauney has his appendix removed at the local hospital Tuesday.

J. M. Stoner is visiting relatives in Asheville this week.

J. J. Seay of Tate, Ga., was a business visitor in Murphy last Friday.

### Bible Comment:

### Scripture Teaches Importance of The Home

THE history of America's way of life is full of the records of men who were reared in Christian homes. From humble homes all over the land have come sons and daughters nationally known for their greatness of character and of achievement.

All too often, we have not always given proper credit to the home as a prime influence in moulding these, the great men and women of our times.

Among many other lessons to be found in Scripture are the ones which exemplify the importance of good homes and Christian family life.

Two instances of this emphasis are to be found in the 16th chapter of Acts.

Lydia, the devout seller of purple, was baptized with her whole household; and when the jailer, about to kill himself because he supposed his prisoners had escaped, asked Paul what he must do to be saved, Paul answered: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

And the prime example of all is the life of Jesus with Mary and Joseph, as he grew to manhood in the archtype of all humble Christian homes.

The influence exerted by truly Christian homes is the same today as it was then, and we can only hope, and pray, that more and more homes return to a truly Christian home of life.

Preacher, though, I'll take his word for it and admit that they did go to at least ONE meeting.

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