

MURPHY CAGERS TAKE TWO FROM STECOAH, SPLIT WITH ROBBINSVILLE

In two games away from home last week, the Murphy High cagers took two from Stecoah last Friday and split with Robbinsville, the boys winning and the girls losing, on Tuesday.

The Murphy quintet trampled the Stecoah cage team 54-28, in a game at Stecoah.

Don Amos was high scorer with 14 points. Austen Coffey netted 12, Ed Gibbs 11, Hoyt Zimmerman, 10 and Burt Birchfield 5.

Starting line-up included Zimmerman, Coffey, Gibbs, Amos, and Birchfield. Subs were: Hoover, Smith, and Dockery.

Murphy led all the way. Scores by quarters were: First 18-10, Second 42-19, Third 48-26, and Fourth 54-28.

The boys completed 72 percent of the attempted free throws and made 10 fouls.

Girl's Game

In a very close game the Murphy girls edged the Stecoah basketball sextette 56-55. At the end of the first quarter Stecoah led 15-7. The Murphy girls closed the gap to 29-29 at the half. The third quarter showed Murphy leading 44-42. They managed to hold a 1 point lead making the final score 56-55.

High scorer for Murphy was Laura Bailey, who made 23 points, Shirley Stiles scored 21 and Shirley Allen, Gladys Painter, Betty Kate Wilson, and Patricia Moore, Sub; sville Tuesday January 15. As usual, they made 17 fouls and hit 83% of the attempted free throws. Laura Bailey hit 100 percent of the free throws she attempted.

When Murphy met Stecoah earlier in the season the Murphy boys downed the Stecoah quintet 70-50 but the girls took a 61-56 defeat.

MURPHY vs. ROBBINSVILLE

The Murphy boys defeated the Robbinsville boys 76-41 at Robbinsville Tuesday, January 15. As usual, the Murphy five led from the beginning. The score at the end of the first quarter was 25-9.

Murphy widened its lead each quarter. Half time score was 42-21, third quarter 51-27 and final score 76-41.

Ed Gibbs made the high score of 19 points, Austen Coffey 18, Hoyt Zimmerman 12, Don Amos 11,

Teachers Leaving State For Better Jobs

North Carolina lost 969 qualified teachers to other states and other occupations during 1956.

Of the 1,907 white teachers graduated in 1955, 228 went to other states to teach and 151 entered other occupations. During the same period 250 left teaching in North Carolina to teach in other states and 340 left to enter other professions.

The demand for qualified white teachers is greater than the supply produced by colleges. Colleges graduated 1,907 in 1955, but only 1,047 taught in North Carolina the following school year. The schools needed 2,602 — a need which exceeded the supply of graduates by 700.

The leaflet also points out that the average salary of North Carolina's teachers in 1950-51 ranked 29th in the nation, but this year dropped to 38th. Most of this decrease occurred last year, for in 1955-56 the rank was 33rd. This year the average salary in North Carolina is \$3,291, while the national average is \$4,220. In almost every other southeastern state higher maximum salaries are provided in certain districts and units.

Rockhounds Visit Copperhill Jan. 27

The January field trip of the Tri-State Rockhounds has been set for the Copperhill area on January 27.

The group will assemble at Ducktown junction on U.S. 64 Sunday morning at 10 and choose a leader to guide them into Isabelle and Copperhill to visit the copper dumps.

Those of the group who are interested will then go to Windy Ridge.

Minerals to be found in the area include garnets, copper pyrites, starlights, and several others, according to O. V. Lewis, secretary.

Farmers Protect Allotments Without Planting

Local ASC County Offices now have a procedure whereby tobacco, cotton, peanut, wheat, corn, and rice farmers may preserve their acreage history even though they will not plant their allotment of a particular crop. In order to accomplish this preservation of planting history, farmers must make application to their local County Committee on the prescribed form, according to H. D. Godfrey, State Administrative Officer for the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation.

In filing a request for the preservation of acreage history, the farmer will be required to certify that he is the owner or operator of the farm carrying the allotment. Preservation of the allotment in this manner will preclude the release of all or any part of the farm acreage allotment to the ASC County Committee for reapportionment to other farms.

Release and reapportionment, according to Godfrey, is another method of preserving acreage history. However, only cotton, peanut, and wheat farmers have the privilege of preserving their acreage in this manner while growers of all allotment crops may preserve their history by execution of Form MQ-31 and presentation of this form to their local County Committee.

Farmers who fail to plant a substantial portion of their allotment will lose some of their planting history and consequently some of their allotment if they do not take steps to preserve their history.

In order that farmers and our state will not lose allotment, that is vital to our farm economy, Godfrey urged farmers who will be unable to plant their allotment to visit their local ASC County Committee and obtain further details on this provision for the preservation of acreage.

Young Harris Child Dies of Lukemia

Grady Henry Ingram, Jr., 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady H. Ingram of Young Harris, Ga., died at Providence Hospital at 6:45 a. m. Monday, of leukemia.

Dr. Hoover stated that the baby had been a patient in the hospital some time before Christmas and was released but had been coming back regularly for treatment.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Ingram, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Verdine Shook all of Young Harris, Ga.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the Old Brasstown Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Townsend Funeral Home was in charge.

School Library Receives New Books

Murphy School Library has received 106 new books since Christmas.

For elementary pupils there are books by Kate Seredy depicting life in Hungary, folk tales and stories of Hungarian children.

Another new book, Woodland Scenes, has been presented to the library by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forsyth, and Mrs. Hobart McKeever.

During the six-week reporting period just ended, the circulation of the library was 5,554 volumes. Of these, 3,033 were non-fiction and 2,521 were fiction.

Forty Killed In Auto Accidents In State

Forty persons had been killed in automobile accidents on North Carolina highways through January 14, according to the State Motor Vehicle Department.

That is four more than the 36 killed in the same period last year.

The Motor Vehicle Department's advice: "If safety is worth a life drive and walk carefully."

Old Cherokee Newspapers Reveal History Of County

By ANNETTA BUNCH

Several old county newspapers have turned up at the Scout office within the last week or so. One of the oldest is the September, 1876 edition of the CHEROKEE HERALD shown to us by Bennie Jo Palmer, a tenth grader and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Palmer.

Bennie Jo found the Herald in almost perfect condition while rummaging in a trunk in the attic of the old A. J. Richardson home on Hlawassee Street. It listed A. W. Axley and J. M. Dean as proprietors, publishing every Wednesday.

The news content was devoted mostly to national happenings and philosophy. One article entitled "Blue Times in New York" stated that the banks were making no money and it was believed this stagnation would continue "until the workmen and workingmen could find remunerative employment, and real estate, the basis of the country's wealth, came out from the slough of inaction and depression in which certainly it had lain for years."

Another article, "Advice to Young Men" stated that "There is no harm in a certain moderate and occasional amount of innocent pleasure. But a young man who has his own way to carve in life, can spare neither the time nor the expense of much social pleasure. In the country, where the style of living is simple, one can get all the gaiety he needs without spending much money. We recommend to every young man who is starting in life

the most rigorous economy in expenses; in clothes, food and equipment. . . ."

J. H. Hennessee, Clerk of Commissioners, filed an expense account for five commissioners as of September 1, 1876; and listed A. J. Kilpatrick, H. B. Hyatt, W. H. Phillips, David Adams and W. P. Farmer as receiving a total of \$399.09 for one year's services and expenses. They were paid \$2.00 per day and 5c per mile for expenses. Apparently they served an average of two weeks or so during the year.

Most of the ads were national ads or out of town ads. At that time it was considered ethical for doctors to advertise. Dr. J. W. Patton of fers his professional services to the citizens of Murphy and vicinity as physician, Surgeon, etc."

Dr. B. Mayfield advertised as a physician and surgeon.

The attorneys displayed their professional cards. Among them were F. P. Axley, and Cooper & Rolan.

"Good Accommodations" were to be found at Davidson's Hotel, Murphy, N. C., with S. W. Davidson, Proprietor.

Under the title of "Local and Personal" appeared the following item, "Mr. J. G. Strubbe, of Cumberland, Ky., can be found at the Henry House. We understand he is looking after mineral lands in this and adjoining counties."

Also "The prolonged dry weather has badly damaged the sweet potato crop around Murphy."

MURPHY BULLETIN

Mr. Ben Warner, Sr. tendered us a Murphy Bulletin published on October 10, 1889, by Leslie E. Campbell, A. Don Towns and A. A. Campbell, Editors and Proprietors. The Bulletin was found by a sister of Mrs. Warner in Franklin, N. C. among the personal belongings of Mrs. Maggie Slagle who died recently.

The Bulletin carried more local news. Murphy was a thriving farming community full of hope and ambition.

The Farmer's Alliance was an organization devoted to better farming, and at a meeting on "October 4th at 10: a. m. the Cherokee County Farmers Alliance met in the courthouse. The body was called to order by its president, A. D. Harshaw, Esq. and proceeded to the transaction of business." "S. Winslow Davidson, J. A. Kimsey and J. T. Hayes were appointed a committee on credentials."

In a column by the editor appeared the following: "Suppose Murphy had paved walks and streets? Had a street railway? Had electric lights? Had several blast furnaces? Had all of the railroads proposed and talked of? Had a \$50,000 court house? Had a \$100,000 hotel? Had several large manufacturing enterprises? Wouldn't she be a daisy, though. These are not impossibilities, we beg to expostulate."

Under the "Local Telephones" column it stated that "Mrs. M. T. Hitchcock, who is so well and

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Industry, Business Leaders Predict Prosperous Year For Cherokee

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Murphy Woman's Club had its regular meeting January 17 at the TAC.

Supt. Buec was guest speaker. He discussed informally the problems confronting the schools in the county and state.

Also he told the group of the aims of the North Carolina School Board and School Committee members of the state.

He explained a proposed budget to be presented to the General Assembly when it meets in February. The budget if approved would mean better teachers and administration, better books for reading, better health program within the school, better transportation to school, better plant operation for cleanliness and comfort and better training for a child for a better job.

He urgently requested the members to contact the county representative as a group and individually and ask him to support this proposed plan when the General Assembly meets in February.

Mrs. L. L. Mason conducted the business and named a nominating committee for officers for the coming year.

Hostesses were Mrs. Howard Moody, Mrs. Ray Koutek, Mrs. George Bunch and Mrs. Sam Kaye.

Mercury Drops To 5 Last Friday

Last Friday morning's low temperature reading of 5 degrees was the coldest in Murphy since 1955 when the mercury dropped to 3 degrees on February 13.

Just how long Friday's low will stand is doubtful, according to Chester Lawson of the TVA Data Division. Another cold wave is already on its way.

The low reading last year was 8 degrees on November 30.

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING

Cub Scout Pack No. 1 will have its monthly meeting Monday, January 28 at 6:30 p. m. at the First Methodist Church.

Cherokee County Folks

By Annetta Bunch

George Hicks, a native of Newport, Tennessee, came to this section of the county about twenty-five years ago.

For the past five years he has managed the Western Auto Store in Andrews and before that he was with TVA.

He enjoys the opportunity of serving the public that a position of this type affords. Having a knowledge of hardware, automotive accessories, and merchandise in general, he can be very helpful to customers.

Being an ardent fisherman, he takes advantage of any new rod, reel, plug or other interesting fishing equipment that comes into the store; therefore, he has exactly the right kind of gear for any fishing occasion.

George is married to the former Bennie Lee Crawford, who is employed by Dr. Ezell as assistant.

They are members of first Baptist Church of Andrews, where he is a deacon. He has also been active in the intermediate Department of that church.

Soil Conservation Supervisor Attends State Meet

Bill Russell of Andrews, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Soil Conservation District Supervisors, attended the state meeting of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors in Asheville last Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15 and 16.

This meeting, held in the George Vanderbilt Hotel, was attended by over two hundred District Supervisors and Soil Conservationists from all over North Carolina.

Matters pertaining to soil and water conservation and to the operation of Soil Conservation Districts were discussed. A number of important resolutions suggested by the various committees appointed by President Charles M. Ladd of Durham were adopted and forwarded to the state agencies concerned.

Featured speakers at the meeting included L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina; Dr. D. W. Colvard, Dean of Agriculture of N. C. State College; R. H. Musser, Field Representative of the Soil Conservation Service in Southeastern States, of Washington, D. C.; and A. C. "Lon" Edwards of Hookerton, N. C.

Officers were elected for 1957. Mr. B. L. Angell of Durham County was elected to serve as president of the N. C. Soil Conservation District Supervisors for the coming year.

American Legion To Meet Friday

The Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96 of the American Legion will meet at Duke's Lodge Friday night at 7:30.

The meeting will be followed by a dutch dinner and members and eligible veterans are invited to attend.

ON OUR STREET

By Sally Davidson

Grocery salesman rushing out of store, to run foot race with policeman to his car parked on "expired". He made it.

Couple on way to Sunday school with baby girl toddling along enjoying her pull toy, which happened to be a "little fuzzy-nozy" dog.

Small boy sitting on seat of bicycle being hauled in the back of large truck.

Young father asking his fine little boy, "What do you want to be when you grow up" and this came out: "The goat man", Ooph!

Business To Equal That of Last Year

Murphy industry and business leaders, for the most part, anticipate a good year for Murphy and Cherokee County in 1957.

Nearly all of them expect business to at least equal that of 1956.

Bud Alverson of Smoky Mountain Gas Company and president of the Chamber of Commerce stated that he believes it will be an average year, "as good, if not better than 1956. It will depend on whether or not we can provide employment for our people. Speaking for my own business, I anticipate a year as good as last year."

Mrs. Loren Davis at Trudy's says, "I think business will be better." (Trudy's will be moving into a new location next to Howell's Market within a month. A new brick building is being completed.)

Noah Lovingood of Murphy Supply thinks the first half of 1957 will be about the same as last year, but can't say about the next half. "There may be a slight slump in the second half because of unemployment."

W. D. Ragsdale, A&P manager, says it "depends somewhat on the lumber companies—whether or not they are able to continue operating at full scale and maintain present employment levels."

W. D. Townsend Lumber Co., W. D. Townsend, Jr., states "I think it will be as good as last year. All of our commercial contracts are renewed for this year. We predict a 25 percent increase in employment for our concern this year. We already have added ten additional employees."

Mr. Wood at Commonwealth Lumber Company stated: "I hope it will be as good as last year. Right now not enough houses are being built. Our business depends upon amount of construction over the country."

Mr. Gernert at Berkshire Hosiery Mill states that "We are looking forward to an upturn in business in 1957. We plan to maintain our present employment level, and from national surveys we predict a better year than last year. Right now it is a little slow, but from all indications it looks to me that it will be better."

Bill Costello of Murphy Appliance Center says that "business will be better than last year. National indications are that this will be better than 1956, and I think Cherokee County will hold to that."

Frank Forsyth of Citizens Bank & Trust Company expressed some doubt, but said, "The first half will be a little slower but the second half will pick up and be as good as last year. Several things enter into that. Eggs are down now, and the poultry industry plays an important part in the county. Also an oil shortage brought about by the Suez Canal difficulties will have a bearing indirectly."

W. T. Brown of Brown's Hatchery says, "I think we will go along with about the same as last year. We will see a change in the poultry industry, but I don't think that will effect us profit wise."

Kiffen R. Craven, manager of Henrich Corporation says: "As long as the differential between manufacturing capacity and demand remains as large as it is we can expect continued instability and lack of long range optimism in the textile industry."

"Enormous defense spending is with us to stay and it will affect to a large extent the overall prosperity of our country."

"Therefore we do not foresee a sharp decline in business as a whole, although some segments may feel a pinch more than others."

Nantahala Council Girl Scouts Hold Annual Meet

On Saturday afternoon, January 26, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sylva, the Nantahala Area Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America will hold their semi-annual meeting.

Officers elected at the last meeting will be installed at this time. Serving the Council for this year are: Mrs. Carl P. Cabe of Franklin, President; Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones of Franklin, Vice-president; Mrs. Howard Gillespie, Franklin, Secretary; Mrs. Esther Madison, Sylva, Treasurer; Mrs. G. B. Chiltonsky, Cherokee, Registrar; Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Franklin, Finance Chairman; Mrs. George Pierce, Cherokee, Program Chairman; Mrs. Milton Hyde, Franklin, Camping Chairman; Mrs. Mary Alice Greyer, Bryson City, Publicity Chairman; Miss Docie Garrett, Sylva, Training Chairman; Mrs. Wilma Jones, Sylva, Staff & Office Chairman; Mrs. Maude Claxton, Cullowhee, Troop Organization Chairman, and Mrs. Marian Wilson, Bryson City, Membership-Nominating Committee Chairman.

The Nantahala Area embraces the counties of Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain.

All officers, committee members, leaders or any interested adults are urged to attend this meeting, scheduled for 2:00 p. m. in the Sunday School rooms of the church.

Ray Heffner Speaks At Civitan Meeting

The Civitan Club held its regular dinner meeting Tuesday night at the First Methodist Church with Ray Heffner, state highway patrolman, as guest speaker.

Mr. Heffner said that the Cherokee area was served by only two state patrolmen and that the territory to be patrolled was too much for only two men.

He also showed a film on the duties and schooling of North Carolina highway patrolmen.

The club voted to write a letter to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles requesting that he consider assigning another patrolman to this area.

Presbyterian Plan To Elect Elders and Deacons

At the close of the Family Night service at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, the Session met and planned a congregational meeting for Sunday morning, February 3 to elect additional elders and deacons. A committee of three was appointed to make recommendations to the congregation, of elders and deacons.

Murphy Garden Club Postpones Meeting

The Murphy Garden Club will not meet this Thursday as announced, but will meet on the following Thursday with Mrs. H. A. Mason.