

Murphy Hi Wins Smoky Mountain Championship

Murphy High Bulldogs uncorked a 35-0 victory over Franklin Friday night to become the 1958 Smoky Mountain Conference Champions. Back John Morris was the big gun racking up three touchdowns on jaunts of 46, 48 and 55 yards. Just who Murphy will meet in its post-season tilt for the Western North Carolina title was undecided this week. A strong Brevard eleven has moved into the picture and may oust the much talked of Canton for the Blue Ridge honor. No official announcement had been made by Wednesday but it appears that the Bulldogs will meet either Brevard or Canton. Meanwhile, a non-conference

game slated with Andrews here Friday night may be called off because of an outbreak of influenza in the Andrews School. (Andrews schools are closed this week. See story on this page). Coach Chuck McConnell of Murphy and Coach Frank Maennle of Andrews said no definite announcement on the game could be made until Thursday. Andrews was dormant last week because Robbinsville canceled the game. Bulldogs will play host to Hayesville in a homecoming game here Friday, Nov. 8. Andrews is slated to meet Franklin the same night at Andrews. Murphy last year tied with Bry-

son City for the conference championship and a toss of a coin decided which team would meet Canton. Murphy won the toss but was defeated in the play off. Coach McConnell in an interview this week said all of the players have worked hard this year. He commended the team as a whole and cited a number of factors that helped the Bulldogs come out on top. He said hard work, a good team spirit, the boys staying in shape, the support of the Quarterback Club and other fans, the interest in football, the new playing field and new lights have all played a big part this year.

Speaking of the team, the coach said: "They are good boys, the kind you will find in church on Sunday." Asked how he felt now that all conference games are behind him, Coach McConnell replied, "I'm glad it's over." He pointed out that this year's team had been together a couple of years and realized the price it had to pay to win a ball game. "They have been willing to pay that price and make the sacrifices," he said. The Murphy mentor said there was more inspiration for the boys to go out and practice and play because of the new fields. He

pointed out that it was safer than the rough field used last year. Graduation will get about 10 of the present squad. Murphy will lose four ends, two tackles, two guards, a quarterback and a half-back. However, Coach McConnell said, the potentials for next year look good. He added: "We will have a representative club next year if they come through. We will have some good backs again next year. Manuel McDonald and Bobby Weaver will make good quarterbacks." Bobby Morris and Buck Hill, both backs, will return for action again next season. Coach McConnell said there will

be 30 reserves to draw from and the fresh Murphy Library has had in Friday night in every quarter and throughout with 252 yards and passing. After quarterback Birchfield put Murphy ahead with a six yard run in the first quarter and Morris' extra point, the latter gave the Franklin team a look at his flying heels. In the second quarter he breezed 46 yards and Birchfield added the extra point. He went 48 yards in the third period and Bob Morris plunged for the point.

Capping his great offensive display, Morris streaked 55 yards into the end zone and B. Morris picked up the extra point. The final touchdown came in the last quarter on a 15 yard run by McDonald and J. Morris plunged over for the point.

Murphy	7	7	14	7	35
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy F'kln					
First downs	11	5			
Rushing yardage	225	97			
Passing yardage	27	5			
Passes (att.-comp.)	5-3	2-1			
Passes intercepted	0	1			
Punts	3-36	6-38			
Fumbles lost	1	2			
Yards penalized	40	15			

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY
Fair
SATURDAY rain
SUNDAY Fair

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By GENE PARKER
A lot of serious business transpired at last week's Murphy PTA session but sandwiched in between all the motions and speeches was a good bit of humor. And Mrs. Paul Nave got the biggest chuckles of all. Mrs. W. T. Brown Jr., PTA president, announced that Mrs. Nave had agreed to accept the chairmanship of the finance committee "if she doesn't have to get on her feet before the crowd and make speeches." Mrs. Nave made at least four separate speeches to the overflowing crowd that night. High School Principal Walter Puett also kept the group laughing. Called on to introduce the members of his faculty, Mr. Puett couldn't spot them in the crowd immediately so he resorted to telling humorous stories. He soon had the teachers in sight and made the introductions without further ado.

Ledford Home Destroyed Three Escape Death Here In Early Morning Blaze

Three persons narrowly escaped death early Tuesday morning when fire razed a large, two-story wood-frame dwelling here. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ledford and Bert Foster raced from the burning home minutes before the dwelling was completely engulfed in flames. Volunteer firemen battled the blaze in sub-freezing temperatures for nearly four hours before bringing it under control. The dwelling and all household furnishings were completely destroyed. The building, a former boarding house, was located at the intersection of Church and Willow Street. Mr. and Mrs. Ledford gave this account of the fire: "We were asleep in a downstairs bedroom when Mr. Foster awakened us. When we got up, the house was full of smoke. We rushed from the house, grabbing what few clothes we could. We managed to get our car (a 1955 Chevrolet) away from the house before it was damaged." Mrs. Ledford has suffered two strokes and walks with a cane. Exact cause of the blaze was not known but the Ledfords said it was believed caused by faulty wiring.

Holland McSwain Named President Of Church Group

Holland McSwain was elected president of the Men of Asheville Presbytery at a meeting held last Thursday at the Mountain Orphanage at Black Mountain. Other officers elected were Glenn Hunt of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, vice-president; and Robert Claxton of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church, secretary treasurer.

Underprivileged Children Need Warm Clothing

Wait! Don't throw away that old sweater. It may keep a child in school. A discarded sweater could mean the difference in a child attending or not attending school. Many underprivileged children in this area are unable to attend school each day because of the lack of warm or proper clothing. The Welfare Committee of the Murphy Parent-Teachers Association has begun a drive to secure new or used clothing. Mrs. W. M. Lay, committee chairman, has issued an appeal to all citizens of the community to donate old or new clothing, and (Continued on back page)

Special Offering To Be Taken Here

A corporate communion for the ingathering of All Saints Day offering will be held Friday morning at 10. It will be conducted by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Messiah. The offering will be used for Mt. Holly Church, the newest Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western Carolina.

Ralph Swanson Completes Basic Training

Pvt. Ralph B. Swanson, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Luther Swanson of Murphy, has completed his basic training at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., along with eight weeks of schooling in the Military Police at Camp Gordon, Ga. He and his wife, the former Miss Jeanette McClure, are residing near the camp at Augusta, Ga. He is stationed at Camp Gordon, at the present.

Miss Jo Garrett Receives Junior Stripe

Miss Jo Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Garrett, formerly of Murphy, received her junior stripe in September from the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital Knoxville, Tenn. Miss Garrett is a graduate of Murphy High School and a former student of Carson-Newman College.



PVT. RALPH B. SWANSON

Bad Colds, Influenza Closes Andrews Schools For Week

An outbreak of bad colds and influenza has resulted in the closing of the Andrews Schools and caused a large attendance drop in the local high school. Murphy Elementary schools have not been hard hit by general cold weather illnesses. Andrews School Supt. J. E. Ruffy reported 35 per cent of the total enrollment absent Monday. The Andrews unit has approximately 1,200 students enrolled. Schools were closed immediately when the large number of absentees over 400, were reported. Mr. Ruffy said schools will be closed the remainder of this week. Work will begin again Monday. Supt. Walter Puett of Murphy High School said approximately 100 students were out Monday and about the same number or a few less Tuesday. Enrollment at the high school here totals about 600. Mr. Puett said he did not anticipate closing unless the situation became worse. He was of the opinion that more students would be returning to school the last of the week. Forty who were out Monday were back in the classrooms Tuesday. At Murphy Elementary, Principal John Jordan reported 95 per cent attendance Monday and Tuesday. Enrollment there is 900 and only 43 were absent Tuesday.

Woman's Club Halloween Carnival To Be Thursday Night At Old Gym

The third annual Woman's Club Halloween Carnival will be held Thursday night at 7 in the old Rock Gym. This year's carnival is expected to be the biggest and best yet. Previously, the Woman's Club has been responsible for all the carnival events, but this year, in order to give the carnival a new variety the club has requested the help of the local civic clubs, Lions, Civitans, Rotary, and Kiwanis. On the list of Halloween fun is a haunted house, freak shows, fortune telling, fishing, bingo and other games. There will be games for both the young and old. Door admission and all booths will be ten cents. Proceeds of the Carnival will go to pay the indebtedness of the swimming pool. Costumes will be judged for both children and adults. The "Ugliest Man of Murphy" contest is being sponsored by the various civic clubs of Murphy. Contestants are: Joe Ray and Jack Dickey by the Lions Club; S. S. Williams and Dr. A. J. Headrick by the Civitans; Bergen Moore and Burley Dewese by the Rotary, and Dr. George Siz and Red Schuyler by the Kiwanis. Voting jars for the contestants are in the window of The Cherokee Cafe. Anyone may vote for the "Ugliest Man" by dropping money in the jars, a penny a vote. Mrs. J. B. Gray and Mrs. Margie Merson are visiting friends in Baltimore, Md.

Revival Starts Sunday At First Baptist

A series of revival services will get under way Sunday at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Cranfill Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hartwell, Ga., will conduct the services. Carl Perry, minister of music at the Asheville First Baptist, will be in charge of the singing. The services will continue through Nov. 10.

John T. Gill Number One In Football Contest

The "Expert of the Week" title and a \$5 prize went to John T. Gill in last week's Football Contest sponsored by The Scout. Luke Ellis of Andrews copped second place and \$3 while third prize of \$2 went to Dick Richards of Murphy. The Missouri-Nebraska game in the Walter Coleman Appliance Advertisement failed to print in approximately 50 per cent of the last issues. To give everyone an equal chance, this game was not counted on any entries in the judging. Mr. Gill guessed 17 correct out of the possible 19. Although his tie-breaker score was not needed for his win, he came within one point of the final score. North Carolina State and Duke battled to a 14-14 deadlock Saturday. Mr. Gill guessed 14-13 giving N. C. State the one point edge. (He also picked Missouri over Nebraska which would have given him 18 (Continued on back page)

Hunters Kill Two Bears As Season Opens

At least two bears have been killed in this county since the season got under way Oct. 14. Herbert Gaddis of Murphy Route 3 and a party of five others killed a 300-pound bear Monday, Oct. 21, at Gold Spring Gap near Snow Bird Creek. Mr. Gaddis felled the animal with a single shot from his .22 caliber high power rifle. The bear had been treed by approximately 10 of 13 dogs on the hunt. It was about 20 feet up in the tree when shot. (Continued On Back Page)

EDITORIAL

Congratulations Champions! Ending their conference schedule Friday night with a 35-0 win over Franklin gives the Murphy High School Bulldogs the well-deserved title—Smoky Mountain Conference Champions. Many factors are involved in putting out a champion whether it's a football team or a prize fighter. Hard work and a "never-say-die" attitude as displayed by the Bulldogs this season have spelled out over-all victory for the team. To put the credit on any one individual or any few would be unjust. It took every player, the expert guidance and knowledge of Coach Chuck McConnell, the whole-hearted backing of school officials and teachers, the entire student body, the support of every fan whether by attendance or assistance with transportation. Everyone did his or her part and did it well. To the young men who saw little action this season except during the practice sessions, your efforts and untiring devotion to the team played a big role in helping achieve for your school the title of champions. You were there when needed. You were the extra strength, the reserve, the depth that every successful football team must have. Thus, The Scout salutes those reserves who may at times feel they were doing no more than "warming the bench." Everyone is happy that Murphy High reached the top in the conference. However, the backing you received and the praises showered on you during the season would have been no less had the Bulldogs been defeated. Murphy and Cherokee County are behind you 100 per cent, win or lose. With your eight straight victories, you have done more than become Smoky Mountain Champions. You have turned the eyes of all football fans in the state toward your home community. You have brought fame and recognition to your town and county. You deserve the highest commendations for your efforts. Special praises are in order also for Coach McConnell who single-handed this year molded a 42-man team. Most teams with this number of players would require the guidance of at least three coaches. McConnell, uncompromisingly, gave his all, doing more than his share to produce an outstanding squad.

MORE THAN 300 DELEGATES ATTEND GRANGE CONVENTION IN FONTANA

More than 300 delegates and guests turned out for the 29th session of the State Grange Convention at Fontana Village Oct. 20-23. About 40 counties, as far east as Kinston and Wilson were represented. The Convention opened Sunday evening with Vesper services with the State Grange Chaplin, the Rev. Garland Hendricks, of Wake Forest College in charge. Committee meetings were held Monday followed with a fellowship banquet that night. The Hon. Hayden Ramsey was principal speaker. Tuesday the Grange opened up in the Sixth Degree and was then lowered to the Fourth degree when all delegates were admitted. Many pressing agricultural and rural problems were discussed and disposed of during the session. Senator Kerr Scott was the principal speaker Wednesday night when the Sixth Degree of the Order was conferred on approximately seventy-five candidates. Persons attending from the Cherokee Granges were: Prof and Mrs. Lloyd Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gullage, Mrs. Kate Shields, Prof. Douglas Smith, Bryan Chastain, Bill Hatcher, and C. F. Voyles. The 1958 Convention will be held in Elkin, N. C.

Cantrell To Speak To Local Religious Group

Henry A. Cantrell, a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, is visiting the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses this week. Mr. Cantrell will deliver a public address on the subject: "Finding Happiness in a Troubled World" Sunday at 3 in the Kingdom Hall next to the Courthouse.

Revival Services At Church of God

A series of revival services began Wednesday night at the local Church of God. The services begin each night at 7 and will continue through Sunday. Evangelist Rev. Chase of Goldsboro is in charge of the services. The Rev. Wade H. Crofts, pastor, cordially invites the public to attend.

HARVEST SALE SET FOR NOV. 16; MANY ARTICLES NEEDED FOR EVENT

Plans are moving forward for a Harvest Sale to be staged here Nov. 16 under the sponsorship of the Murphy Parent-Teachers Association. The Sale is being conducted in an effort to raise funds for an improvement program at the old high school building. The school is now being used by a number of elementary grades. The PTA last week voted to undertake the project to provide better facilities for the pupils and teachers accommodated there. The most needed improvement is lighting of the classrooms. High and elementary students have been asked to start bringing articles beginning the week of Nov. 11. These articles will be auctioned at the Harvest Sale on Saturday night at 7 on Nov. 16. The sale will be held in the old gymnasium at the Fair Grounds. Mrs. Paul Nave, chairman of the PTA Finance Committee, said these articles are needed: Corn, fruits, potatoes, various canned goods, furniture, etc. Any perishables or animals should be brought the morning of the sale day. Each homeroom will have its articles valued and the one having the greatest amount contributed will receive a \$5 prize. The local PTA last week copped the \$5 attendance prize with its representation at the district meeting in Canton. Attendance was based on the number of miles traveled in addition to the number present. Attending from Murphy were Supt. and Mrs. Holland McSwain, PTA President Mrs. W. T. Brown Jr. and Mrs. Nave. The Murphy group invited State President Mrs. J. E. Watkins of Charlotte and District President Mrs. Ed Hyatt of Canton to be guests of the Murphy Association in the near future.