



ONE LIGHT

FUSE BOX

DON'T TUMBLE

DRIP, DRIP

CRACKING WALL

AT OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

PTA Works To Correct "Deplorable Conditions"

A look at the accompanying photos shows reasons enough why Murphy Parent-Teacher Association has started a move to correct what has been described as "deplorable conditions" at the old high school building here.

To raise funds to finance the needed improvements, the local PTA has scheduled a Harvest Sale for Saturday at 7 p. m. Nov 16, in the rock building at the fair grounds.

It is hoped that many items will

be contributed for the sale and a big turnout that night will make the event a success.

Ten of the 11 rooms in the old high school building are being used by more than 300 elementary students.

These shortcomings of the building were pointed up at a PTA meeting here last month: Inadequate lighting, inadequate storage space, dangerous banisters on stairways, a leaking roof, large cracks in the exterior walls.

A delegation from the PTA this week made an appeal before County Board of Commissioners for financial aid in making the improvements. Commissioners took the matter under advisement and agreed to discuss it further with County Board of Education.

Most attention currently is focused on the lighting of the classrooms.

In each of the upstairs rooms in the building there is one light to the room. These are old fashion

drop cords hanging in the center of the room.

In the photo at the left, Fifth Grader Bobby Martin climbs atop a desk to pull the chain to light the 200-watt bulb that furnishes light for approximately 35 students. This picture was made in Mrs. L. W. Hendrix' room.

Five other upstairs rooms have identical lighting with one unit for approximately 35 students. Downstairs classroom have from two to four lights to the room. These also

are drop cord units suspended from the high ceiling.

The second photo from the left shows the main fuse box of that building. Plastering was recently knocked out to make repairs to the wiring. This is located in the main entrance hall at the school.

Supt. Holland McSwain earlier stated that wiring in the school is safe but inadequate to install additional facilities.

In the third photo from left, five pupils are shown at the up-

stairs banister rail. (Note the recently added temporary brace nailed there to correct a hazardous condition).

Several rooms in the building have leaks and the photo fourth from left shows one of the major leaks. This particular one is over the stairway on the north side of the building. Large chunks of plastering have fallen from the ceiling here. The roof has been patched numerous times but leaks continue to appear.

Large cracks can be seen in the plastering in practically every room.

The last photo shows a large crack in the brick wall over the south entrance. The crack penetrates the entire wall and can be seen from the inside as well as the outside.

PTA and school officials said both boys' and girls' rest rooms are in need of additional facilities. The low water pressure at the building was also pointed up.

Weather Forecast

Chance of light Rain THURSDAY night
SATURDAY and SUNDAY
Considerably Cloudy

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JUST TOLERABLE

By GENE PARKER

Walking Postman Hugh Penland was "just tolerable" Halloween night. Seems Hugh had walked "about 18 miles" that day delivering the mail and then he gets chosen to help the Cub Scouts in a door-to-door campaign to collect funds for the needy.



Sign in Cherokee Cafe: "All fishermen are liars except you and me . . . and sometimes I have my doubts about you."

School Supt. Holland McSwain is still trying to figure out how he "became a sideshow attraction" at the Woman's Club Halloween Carnival Thursday night. Mr. McSwain was standing very quietly, minding his own business when Master of Ceremony Hobart McKeever barks over the PA system: "See the House of Horror, visit the Mystery House, see and talk with Supt. Holland McSwain."

Street scene Friday morning: Merchants up and down the business area washing soap from plate glass windows. (Halloweens will be Halloweens).

Harry Burgess at Western Auto comes up with some tall tales these days. His latest involves a cow his family once owned. He claimed the cow was the world-champion milk-giver and tried to back up his boast with this story. Their cow fell in a large hole one day and there was no way to get her out. Harry says they just decided to milk her and let her swim out.

Rev. R. T. Houts recalls a story he once heard about a clergyman who was spending an afternoon at a house in an English village. After tea, the clergyman was sitting in the garden with his hostess. Out rushed her little boy, holding a rat above his head. "Don't be afraid, Mother," he cried. "It's dead. We best him and bashed him and thumped him until . . ." and then catching sight of the clergyman he said in a lowered voice, "until God called him home."

Pretty as angles but dressed like devils, the three small sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Godfrey won first place in the costume contest at the Halloween Carnival. Allen, 4, Mike, 3, and Tony, 1 1/2, came to the party as "three red devils." Their outfits were bright red suits, long red tails, red masks with black horns.

Ministers Denounce Raffles, Lotteries To Raise Funds

Brasstown Men Winners At State Fair

H. B. Estes and F. O. Scroggs of Brasstown represented the Tri-State Rockhounds this year at the North Carolina State Fair, in Raleigh.

They won first place for the most educational booth, the cutting and polishing of Semi-precious stones and a display of mineral specimens.

Attendance Rises In Schools After Colds, Flu

Attendance in Cherokee County schools was reported greatly improved this week.

Andrews and Marble schools were closed last week and Murphy schools were hard hit due to an outbreak of flu and colds.

Murphy High Principal Walter Puett Tuesday said absences are on the decline. A total of 169 high school students were out Tuesday.

At Murphy Elementary School, Principal John Jordan reported 284 pupils absent Monday and about 275 Tuesday. He said the situation did not appear too bad.

Supt. J. E. Ruffy of the Andrews unit reported attendance there "greatly improved". He estimated the high school attendance at approximately 85 per cent daily this week with less than 20 per cent out in the elementary schools.

In some instances in Murphy the great number of absentees is not due to the illness of all those absent. Officials said several bus drivers have been stricken and unable to make their regular runs. Arrangements are being made to train substitute drivers.

Murphy Children Will Remember This Halloween

The past Halloween will not be soon forgotten by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Palmer of Lowell Street.

Woodrow, 11, and Patricia, 8, didn't appreciate the "trick" pulled at their house. Someone killed their small Pekinese dog by stabbing it with a knife.

The little dog had been kept in the house until about 11 Thursday night when it was turned out into the back yard. Mrs. Palmer said she heard their dog and other dogs barking around 2 Friday morning. The dog was found dead the next morning.

Cherokee County's Ministerial Association this week denounced raffles and lotteries being used "to finance worthy community activities".

Branding such as gambling, the Association said it is clearly an illegal act on the basis of the present state laws pertaining to gambling.

"Those organizations that support it put themselves in the position of supporting an illegal act," the Association pointed out in a letter to this newspaper.

The letter follows:
The Editor of The Cherokee Scout
Murphy, North Carolina

Dear Sir:
The Ministerial Association of Cherokee County wishes to express its concern regarding the widespread tendency to finance worthy community activities by means of raffles or lotteries. While some might question whether such an activity is a form of gambling, we feel that it is. Gambling can be defined as any activity which we engage in without contributing our own labor or skill in the hope of profiting at another's expense. It is commonly said by many who buy a lottery ticket that it is not gambling, since they are contributing to a worthy cause. However, the people who win generally accept the prize even though it was purchased by the contributions of others. In most community efforts of this kind the general public is much more interested in who has won the prize than they are in how much is raised for a worthy cause.

The Ministerial Association objects to the practice on the following specific grounds:

1. It is clearly an illegal act on the basis of the present state laws pertaining to gambling, and those organizations which support it put themselves in the position of supporting an illegal act.
2. By making our giving dependent upon a lottery or raffle, we tend to destroy true benevolence by encouraging people to feel that a prize must be offered before we can give to a worthy cause.
3. By supporting any act that is questionable on legal or moral grounds, children and young people are likely to feel that other, and more objectionable forms of gambling also have community approval.

The experience of a neighboring town would support the point mentioned above. In this particular town a number of community enterprises were financed in this fashion. A month before Christmas it was noticed that a number of young boys in the community were operating their own punch boards and raffles to raise money for themselves. They had drawn the obvious conclusion that the com-

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John Morris Gets State-Wide Honors

Galloping John Morris who has led the Murphy High Bulldogs through eight consecutive victories this year is receiving state-wide recognition for his fleet-footed efforts.

Sports Writer Tom Higgins of the Asheville Times last week picked Morris as "Back of the Week". This came following the 35-0 victory the Bulldogs piled up over Franklin to nail down the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship.

In that match, Morris, a 145-pound halfback, racked up three TDs on jaunts of 46, 48, and 55 yards. Morris during the Murphy-Swain game uncorked a 94-yard touchdown gallop to set what is believed to be a high school record for a Murphy back.

Greensboro Daily News last week tagged the local boy for "All-State" honors. He was listed by Sports Writer Tom Northington.

Morris, a senior, is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Morris. He has racked up 86 points this year for Coach Chuck McConnell. This figure includes 13 touchdowns and eight extra points.

LINDA ENGLISH TO BE CROWNED HOMECOMING QUEEN FRIDAY NIGHT



REV. BENNETT . . . To Preach

Presbyterians To Hear Rev. S. L. Bennett

Evangelistic and revival services will be held next week at Murphy Presbyterian church, with the Rev. Samuel L. Bennett of Montreat as the visiting preacher.

Services will be conducted daily at 7:35 a. m.—a brief worship that will enable persons who need to do so to be at work at 8 o'clock—and 7:30 p. m., Monday through Friday, November 11 to 15. The concluding services will be held Sunday, November 17 at 11 in the morning and 7:30 that evening.

Mr. Bennett, is a graduate of Erskine College and Seminary, Due West, South Carolina. He served in the armed forces after World War II in Europe. Prior to coming to Montreat he held a pastorate in Charlotte.

The visiting evangelist is an able preacher of the Gospel of Christ, according to Robert A. Potter, Murphy pastor, and interested in the salvation of souls. He served

Miss Linda English will be crowned queen at coronation ceremonies during the half at the Murphy-Hayesville Homecoming game here Friday night.

Miss English, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett English, was named queen by the Murphy football team last week.

Miss Jane Cook, a junior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cook, will be the maid of honor.

Attendants will be: Miss Betty K. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh J. Wilson, senior representative; Miss Betty Postell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Postell, junior representative; Miss Ruth Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Creed Bates, sophomore representative, and Miss Wanda Dillingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Locke Dillingham.

Over 1,000 invitations have been mailed out to Murphy High alumni requesting their presence for the Homecoming event. All alumni are invited.

Following the game, open house will be held in the new high school building. The Homecoming event is sponsored by the Student Council of which Miss Wilson is president. Mrs. Robert S. Bault, coordinator of guidance, is supervising the program.

At the half-time ceremonies, cheer leaders will form two 'Ms' with a football float in the center. The queen and her court will then walk to the float where Miss English will be crowned by Schools Supt. Holland McSwain.

Janet English, 3-year-old sister of the queen, will be the crown bearer.

(Editor's Note: No official announcement had been made this week concerning Murphy High's post-season game to decide the Western North Carolina Championship. The Bulldogs won the Smoky Mountain Championship two weeks ago. Coach Chuck McConnell also said no official date had been set for the Murphy-Andrews game that was cancelled last week. This is a non-conference game.)

Memorial Services To Be Held Here Sunday Afternoon

Memorial Day Services sponsored by Barracks 905 World War I Veterans, will be held here Sunday, at 2:30 p. m. at the new High School auditorium.

The Rev. E. F. Baker of Robbinville will be the guest speaker. Mr. Baker, a veteran of both World War I and II, is pastor of the Robbinville First Baptist Church.

The services will honor all living heroes of previous wars and memorialize the dead.

Veteran's units of Andrews, Hayesville, Murphy, Robbinville, Blairsville, Ga., and Copperhill, Tenn., will participate.

The Robbinville High School Band will be featured on the square before the services and also at the high school.

Green A. Jones of Blairsville will be master of ceremonies.

Others who will take part on the program are: W. D. Whitaker of Andrews, who will lead the Pledge to the Flag; Mrs. R. H. Foad of Murphy will play "America" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; the invocation will be given by James A. Oakley; the Rev. R. T. Houts will be in charge of special music; and Father Joseph Dean will deliver the benediction.

Gold Star Mothers will also be honored.

Football Field Will Have Seats For 1958 Season

Purchase has been made on enough cement blocks to construct 20 rows of seats at Murphy High School Football field.

This was announced by Ben Warner Jr., president of the Local Quarterback Club. He said 20 rows will seat approximately 1,000 fans. Rows will be 100 feet long.

Seats will be ready for use at the start of the 1958 season.

The Quarterback Club will give away a television set at the half-time at the homecoming game here with Hayesville Friday night. The TV is being given away in a promotion to raise funds to finance the seats.

County's Part Of Forest Fund Totals \$16,482

Cherokee County's rebate from the U. S. Forest Service this year totals \$16,482.06.

Cherokee is one of seven counties in the Nantahala National Forest District that will receive apportioned share. Rebate to all of the seven counties totals \$90,537.66.

Last year this county received \$14,650.48 and all in the district got \$80,369.92.

The Forest Service returns to the various counties 25 per cent of its annual gross receipts.

A breakdown by counties on this year's rebates follows: Clay, \$11,993.47; Graham, \$22,168.86; Jackson, \$5,646.12; Macon, \$29,934.26; Swain, \$3,255.96; Transylvania, \$1,057.93.

Mrs. H. Gladson Wins First Place In Football Contest

Mrs. Harold Gladson of Hayesville Route 2 picked 16 correct winners out of 30 in last week's Football Contest.

She became The Scout's "Expert of the Week" and received first prize of \$5. No other contestant guessed this many correct.

Three contestants came up with 13 correct winners and the all-time

Four To Attend Conference On Church Vocations

Four members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church will attend a Conference on Christian Vocations at the First Methodist Church in Waynesville Saturday and Sunday.

The Conference is set up to offer young people an opportunity to consider the choice of full-time church vocations which are open to young people.

The program will begin with a panel discussion on Saturday afternoon, led by outstanding leaders in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. A banquet is scheduled for Saturday night, planned by the young people of the host church.

The conference will conclude with the Sunday morning service. The Rev. Herman Nicholson, pastor of the host church, will deliver the sermon. The young people from Murphy who plan to attend are Miss Charlene Davidson, Lewis Martin, Johnny Moore and Miss Linda Host.