

Hiawasse River Bridge To Get Attention

State Highway Department To Consider Improvement

The State Highway Department has agreed to consider the widening of Hiawasse Bridge here.

C. W. Lee, assistant director of the State Highway Dept., has informed Mayor L. L. Mason that the request for widening the bridge on Highway 64 will be "analyzed by our Planning and Programing Dept. in the development of an overall state highway plan".

Town Commissioners last month reported two hazardous conditions here and sought assistance

of the State Highway Department to correct the situations. In addition to citing the hazardous situation caused by narrow Hiawasset Bridge, Commissioners requested consideration be given to the construction of sidewalks from Murphy to the new school building.

Mr. Lee in a letter to the mayor stated that it is not the present policy of the department to construct sidewalks in such an area. However, Mr. Lee went on to say that the department attempts to maintain (road) shoulders at a width sufficient to provide walking space for school children and other pedestrians.

Work was being carried out this week to widen shoulders along the highway from the high school into the city.

The State Highway Department requested various towns and communities to make known needed improvements for their respective areas.

Mayor Mason, in submitting the requests for Murphy, pointed out that the highway is much wider than Hiwasse Bridge. He also said two vehicles, especially trucks and buses, have difficulty in passing without using a portion of the sidewalk on the bridge.

The mayor said the sidewalk is used by many school children and the hazard is increased when non-residents who are not acquainted with the width of the bridge pass over it in opposite directions.

Shuford Takes Part In Veterans' Hearing

Congressman George A. Shuford (D-12th Dist.) last week joined a sub-committee of the house of Veterans' Affairs committee for hearings in Evansville.

Shuford is a ranking member of the veterans' affairs committee and chairman of the subcommittee on housing.

The hearing of the committee in Evansville concerned pension proposals pending before the committee. There are 106 bills involving various pension proposals now pending before the veterans' affairs committee.

Shuford said the chairman of the committee had called the meeting in Evansville in order to assure several members of Congress and representatives of veterans groups a full opportunity to discuss their pension proposals with the committee.

Lions Club To Honor Football Team

ANDREWS—The Andrews Lions Club will honor the Andrews Wildcats football team with the annual banquet Thursday evening (tonight) in the Marble cafeteria.

Carl Abernathy of Copper Hill, district representative of New York Life Insurance Company, will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Doyle Burch Discharged From Atlanta Hospital

Mrs. Doyle Burch was to return home Wednesday from Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta where she has been a patient since Nov. 25.

Mrs. Burch was hospitalized for a broken hip which she received in a fall at her home here.

Four Players Get Honorable Mention

Four Murphy High Football players received honorable mention this week in The Greensboro News' all-state team choice.

They were: Burt Birchfield, John Morris, Don Amos and Jim Hendrix.

City Commissioners Ask Parents Help To Curb Vandalism Here

Murphy Board of Commissioners Monday night called for the co-operation of parents to curb vandalism here.

A number of vandalism cases were cited at the December session of Commissioners at City Hall. Broken window panes, destruction of Christmas decorations and shooting of city street lights were the major complaints.

Commissioners appealed to parents to talk with their children to put a stop to such activities before police are forced to make a rigid crackdown.

Three youngsters were caught Friday night breaking street lights and received a dressing down from Assistant Police Chief Fred Johnson.

Commissioners said they know these youngsters are "not outlaws" but their mischievous tricks are costing the taxpayers money.

Parents are urged by Commissioners to talk with their children, learn where they are at night and what they are doing.

Commissioners said police are aware of the few "pulling these stunts" but want to give parents an opportunity to take corrective steps before arrests are made. Officials prefer that parents make the corrections instead of resorting to police action.

Considerable damage has been caused recently by young boys shooting and throwing rocks at lights. This is done from the back of pick-up trucks, one official said.

Christmas decorations and lights on the town square have also come in for their share of damage at the hands of these youngsters, Commissioners said. A number of window panes in public buildings have been knocked out.



POSTELL MOST OUTSTANDING—Halfback Terry Postell, Andrews Wildcats' most outstanding player of the year is shown at right receiving a wrist watch from Coach Frank Maennle. John Ellis, representative of the Andrews Rotary Club watches the presentation made recently during chapel exercises at Andrews High. The Rotary Club sponsored a contest in which football fans selected the most outstanding player. The 17 jewel Bulova Clipper was secured by the club through Dorsey Jewelers at cost.

BETTY WEAVER SEMI-FINALIST IN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION



MISS BETTY WEAVER

Betty Weaver, Murphy High School senior, has been named semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition, Principal Walter R. Puett has announced.

Miss Weaver is listed among 7,500 high scorers on the Scholarship Qualifying Test, a nationwide college aptitude examination given in 14,000 high schools on October 22nd.

She outscored 300,000 fellow seniors, and thus moved a step closer to the \$4 million in Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the 1958 program. Betty is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Weaver.

Merit Scholarships are sponsored by over sixty business and industrial firms, as well as by professional societies, foundations, and even individuals. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation is the largest sponsor, with 100 awards worth \$500,000 being granted annually.

The sponsor's list includes such nationally known names as International Business Machines, National Distillers and Chemical Corporation, F. W. Woolworth Co., Pittsburgh Plate Glass, McGraw-Hill, B. F. Goodrich, Time Incorporated, Gulf Oil, and many others.

Semi-finalists now face a rigorous, three-hour College Board examination, to be given in testing centers throughout the country Jan. 11. Students whose high scores substantiate their earlier test performance will become finalists in the competition.

At least 7,000 semifinalists are expected to survive this second hurdle, says John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which concludes the annual competition.

"The finalists' group will be made up of some of the most able youngsters that America has ever produced. We expect to have over 800 scholarships available for (Continued on back page)

Garden Club's Holiday House Here Acclaims Success and Popularity



Holiday House by courtesy of Murphy Garden Club was acclaimed a success by standards of artistry and popularity Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brumby.

The lovely home all ablaze with Christmas beauty was thronged with visitors from near and far, visitors from Georgia Tennessee, and the neighboring towns within our state.

Atop Mooreland Heights across the roof of the Christmas Tree House Santa drove his reindeer to reach the pie plate Christmas tree on the side lawn—his way lighted by candles across the front and bells jingling at the garlanded entrances.

The entrance hall done in the Japanese manner featured a gold Japanese tree.

The living room, beautiful in its restrained elegance carried out in gold, silver, and jeweled tones, the mantle especially lovely with the Madonna scene with small floral trees on each side.

On glass enclosed breezeway decor of chartreuse green, gold, and white was both stunning and eye appealing. Here the Christmas tree was snow sprayed white pine, hung (Continued on back page)

Tomotla Man Held For Superior Court

Andy Martin, 33, of the Tomotla section Monday was tried in Recorder's Court and bound over to Superior Court under \$7,000 Bond.

Martin is charged with assault with intent to commit rape and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He is alleged to have assaulted a 52-year-old woman at her rural home Thanksgiving Day.

JUST TOLERABLE

By GENE PARKER

Holiday House was a big success the past week-end but behind all the beauty and glitter of the decorations were many hours of hard work. All members of the Murphy Garden Club are to be commended but serving beyond "the call of duty" and deserving special mention is Mrs. B. W. Whitfield. Three hours in that downpour of rain Saturday Mrs. Whitfield perched atop a 10-foot ladder to put the Santa Claus decorations on the roof of the Holiday House. When it was all over, she felt better than just tolerable. "Never felt better," said the versatile Mrs. Whitfield.

True, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush but the type of bird in hand has a lot to do with it. Take that recent hunting trip of Francis Bourne, Jr. and Don Phillips. The pair had had very little luck on their outing until this huge fowl soars up from nearby underbrush. Mr. Bourne fired, then looked. His prize? A chicken.

Dr. W. R. Gossett had an unpopular moment at a recent meeting of the Quarterback Club. The discussion got around to picking a guest speaker for the annual football banquet. Dr. Gossett jokingly suggested: "We could ask the Canton Coach". (Canton defeated Murphy in the WNC playoff).

If you want a licking good fruit cake for the holidays, a cake far better than just tolerable, then try this concoction volunteered by Mrs. Mary Bowman. Here is what you'll need: Two pounds seeded raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of citron, half-pound of lemon peel, half-pound of orange peel, one pound of pitted dates, one pound of candied cherries one pound of pineapple (candied), half-pound of nuts, three or four cups of flour, one and one-half teaspoon of cinnamon, one teaspoon of mace, one teaspoon of nutmeg, one teaspoon allspice, three-quarter teaspoon salt, three-quarter pound-butter or crisco, one cup sugar, nine or ten eggs, juice of one lemon, juice one orange, half-cup wine or grapejuice. Got that? Now all you have to do is cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs, stir in the fruit and flour mixture with juices. Mix thoroughly, place in well-greased pan lined with wax paper and bake at 275 degrees for four hours. That's an Old English Fruit Cake.

Two weeks in a row "Just Tolerable" got the old "squeeze play" and the mail pours in. All those wonderful letters just because the column was missing for two weeks. Thanks so much. Both letters were appreciated, especially the one from Mama.

Local Garden Club To Sponsor Decorating Contest

The Cherokee Rose Garden Club is sponsoring Christmas lighting and decorating of homes in Murphy city limits.

Mrs. Cloe Moore and her committee are in charge of the contest and announce the following rules: Three divisions will be judged and cash prizes will be given as follows: For the Prettiest Lawn—\$15.00; Prettiest Window—\$10.00 and Prettiest Door—\$5.00. The judging will be by three disinterested persons Friday night, December 20th.

Murphy PTA To Meet Wednesday Night

In order not to conflict with the Civilian's Ladies night the Murphy PTA meeting will not be held Dec. 16, as scheduled. The meeting date has been changed to Wednesday night Dec. 18.

A Christmas tree lighting and carol service will be featured at 7 in front of the graded school.

All members are urged to be present.

N. C. Patrolmen To Wear Metal Name Plate

If you have roadside business with one of North Carolina's highway patrolmen in the future, you need no longer wonder exactly who he is.

For he'll be clearly identified, his name appearing on a small metal plate attached to his uniform jacket.

Patrol headquarters announced the new plan this week as a public relations move to put driver-trooper encounters on equal footing.

"After all," says patrol executive officer Major D. T. Lambert, "the officer knows exactly to whom he is speaking. Therefore, with the new name plates, the motorists will be similarly informed."

Major Lambert said that the entire force—581 men—would be issued the silver-plate tabs, engraved with the trooper's surname.

They are to be worn over the left breast pocket of the uniform jacket in winter and on the shirt in warm weather.

MORE TOYS NEEDED BY KIWANIAN TO HELP UNDERPRIVILEGED HERE

More—many more—toys are needed by the Murphy Kiwanis Club to insure a happy Christmas for many underprivileged children of this area.

Kiwanians have volunteered to repair and paint any old toys that are given to help children who otherwise would spend a bleak Christmas.

Now is a good chance to get rid of that broken down wagon, bike, tricycle and at the same time help out in a needy cause. Clean out the closet, clean out the basement. Box all the old toys and drop them off at Joe Fowler's Sinclair Station or Davis' Esso Servicenter.

It will be a time consuming task for Kiwanians and they will spend many hours in getting the playthings in good condition for distribution. They will need all the time possible for the job so get your toys in early.

Help make some child's Christmas merrier by taking part in this drive.



NEED MORE TOYS — Kiwanians Joe Fowler and Dr. George Sine inspect the first batch of used toys that have been contributed for distribution to underprivileged children. Many more toys are needed. They may be left at Fowler's Sinclair Service Station or Davis' Esso Servicenter.