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SCENES AT THE TALC MINE: The above photos were taken late Sunday afternoon as volunteer firemen were attempting to extinguish the fire at the Talc Mine. Firemen worked about



five hours before the blaze was extinguished. Estimated damage is said to be about \$50,000. One building and its contents were a complete loss.

Fire Causes About \$50,000 Damage; Bourne Praises Volunteer Firemen

A fire causing an estimated \$50 thousand dollars worth of damage, roared through a portion of the Hitchcock Corp. crayon plant here Sunday afternoon.

In giving the damage estimate F. C. Bourne, president of the corporation, said, that it included the loss of the building and its contents. "Right now, we are seeing how many crayons can be salvaged. A large quantity was stored under the cement floor of the building which burned," said Mr. Bourne.

The talc mining corporation will begin rebuilding the plant within

the next week. Mr. Bourne said that they would continue operating the mine by running two shifts.

Mr. Bourne said that it was not known exactly how the fire started but what they suspect that it was caused by a bad connection to an electric heater, which would have been left on at a low temperature in the crayon inspecting building.

The blaze was reported late Sunday afternoon and volunteer firemen worked until after ten that night as the rubble smoldered.

Mr. Bourne, in praising the local men who worked with the blaze, said, "The Volunteer Fire Department of Murphy virtually saved

the balance of the buildings. With their prompt action and diligent efforts probably the other buildings would have been completely lost."

"People who witnessed the fire anxiously watched the nearness of leaping flames to two butane gas tanks. Precautions were taken against the tanks becoming overheated but strangely enough, through there was little wind, the majority of the heat seemed to be near the mountains, away from the dangerous gas tanks.

"Everyone in the community seems anxious to help. At least a half a dozen firms have called

and offered their assistance to us. They are all willing to lend motors, any kind of machinery, so that we won't have to shut down the plant until a new building can be built. The attitude of the people here is the greatest thing to my mind," commented Mr. Bourne.

Mr. Bourne discovered the presence of talc here in 1939 and began operating the mine in the same year. For some years he commuted from Asheville but moved to Murphy in 1946.

The Hitchcock Corp. is believed to be the largest producer of talc crayon in the country. It employs some 80 persons.

Recorder's Court Tries Fourteen Cases Jan. 4

Fourteen cases were tried in Recorder's Court for Monday, Jan. 5, according to James C. Howse, clerk of court.

Jerry Lyle Cook was charged with driving automobile while intoxicated. Prayer for judgement is continued until Feb. 3 term of court.

Malbert Kilpatrick was charged with driving automobile while intoxicated. The defendant was called and failed, judgement in \$500 fine and capias.

Benjamin C. Mann was also charged with driving automobile while intoxicated. The defendant demanded a trial by jury. The case was docketed for jury trial.

Billy Ray Ramsey was charged with speeding and reckless driving. The case will be continued to March 7 term of court.

Roy Hubert Powell was charged with speeding 65 miles per hour. The defendant was called and failed, judgement in \$100 fine.

Evelyn Gladson pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault. Court found the defendant guilty of simple assault. Prayer for judgement continued.

Wade C. Mull pleaded not guilty to the charge of driving automobile

while intoxicated. Court found the defendant guilty as charged. He was fined \$100 and cost of court.

Deil Junior Gates was charged with non-support. The defendant pleaded not guilty but the court found the defendant guilty as charged.

Erasmus Boyd Gilson was charged with speeding 80 miles per hour. The case will be continued to Jan. 11 term of court.

William Boyd Jones was charged with assault. Continued to Jan. 25 term of court.

William Monroe Mull plead not guilty to the charge of speeding 50 miles per hour in a 20 mile per hour zone. Court found defendant guilty of speeding 50 miles per hour in 35 mile per hour zone. He was charged with cost of court.

Kenneth Messer was charged with assault. Continued to Jan. 11 term.

James Howard Cole plead guilty to the charge of driving on the wrong side of the road. He was charged with cost of court and repairing of Owenby automobile.

Presbyterians To Observe Annual Church Night Wed.

Annual Church Night is to be observed at Murphy Presbyterian Church in a family supper gathering at 6:30 Wednesday night, January 20.

Leaders of various church divisions will tell of activities of 1958 and give a prospectus for 1960. The theme for the year over the bounds of Presbyterianism in the South, "Understanding the Bible," will be presented.

Murphy Presbyterians will join the Hayesville Presbyterian Church in evening service Sunday, Jan. 17, the date for the opening of the new Hayesville Presbyterian Church the first services being Sunday morning.

At morning worship hour the theme of Robert A. Potter, minister is "Steady Patience," with the choir singing "The Lord Is My Shepherd." The service is to be broadcast over WKKR.

Republicans To Hold Meeting At Courthouse

E. E. Stiles, Chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee, has called a Convention of all Republicans of Cherokee County, to be held at 2:00 p. m. on January 23 at the Courthouse in Murphy.

Business before the convention will include the election of a County Committee and the election of delegates to the District, State and National Conventions.

All precinct Chairmen and precinct officials of the Republican party of Cherokee County are instructed to hold Precinct meetings on Saturday January 16 and select delegates to the above called County Convention.

Need Of Additional Fire Fighting Equipment Cited

During the last 60 days there has been three fires in the county which the Murphy Fire Department answered according to C. E. Johnson, town clerk. It seems that the number of fires outside city limits has been greater in past few years.

The most recent fire in the vicinity was at the Hitchcock Corp. talc mine Sunday afternoon. The fire caused an estimated \$50 thousand dollars damage. The talc mine is out of the city limits.

Mr. Johnson stated that the county has no approved system of fire fighting and has to rely on the equipment which belongs to the town of Murphy. Mr. Johnson said that if there had been a fire in the city limits while the equipment was out at the talc mine Sunday they would have had to leave the fire to answer the city call. The fire truck has a reservoir tank which holds 250 gallons of water and has 2,000 feet of fire hose. This would not have been enough water to extinguish the fire had the mine not had their own water supply Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Johnson also said that if there were two fire trucks the county commissioners and city council could work out a program without jeopardizing property in the city limits.

Jaycees Elect Dean Truett As President

ANDREWS—Dean Truett was elected president of the Andrews Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held Monday night.

Mr. Truett has been serving as president since the resignation of Rev. Eugene Witherspoon last October.

Other officers elected were: first vice-president, Parker Maddrey; second vice-president, Charles Frel and Lawing Truett, secretary-treasurer.

Among the projects for the coming year include a basketball team composed of Jaycees to play the Andrews Varsity High School team Saturday, Jan. 16.

Fred Van Horn To Show Film On Recent Trip

Fred Van Horn will show pictures of his trip to Alaska on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 8 p. m. at the Murphy Library.

On January 26 films will be shown at the Library.

The Library is open from 9 to 12 noon and from 2 until 5 p. m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Library is also open from 7 until 9 p. m. on Tuesdays.

Andrews Rotary Club Elects New Officers

ANDREWS—Election of officers featured the meeting of the Andrews Rotary Club held Tuesday night at Hampton's Grill.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the first meeting of the club in July.

Officers elected at this meeting will be eligible to attend the State Rotary meeting in March. They are: H. E. Shaw, administrator of the District Memorial Hospital, president; Galusha Pulliam, vice-president; John Ellis, secretary-treasurer.

S. J. Gernert, Wayne Battle and Parker Maddrey were named new members to the board of directors.

The Rev. E. F. Baker pastor of the Baptist Church in Robbinsville, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the club according to an announcement by W. D. Whitaker (Bill) program chairman.

John Ellis is the retiring president.

Symphony Society To Hold Meeting Thursday Night

Members of the North Carolina Symphony Society will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Power Board Building to discuss further plans for the membership drive.

A program will be selected also. All interested people who would like to see the symphony appear in the spring are asked to attend.

SMC Places Penalties On Andrews High School

Post Office Dept. Advertises For Competitive Bids

The Post Office Department is advertising for competitive bids for a new postal facility at Brass-town, North Carolina, on a monthly rental basis, it has been announced by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

News of the announcement was contained in a release from the office of W. L. Crawford, Regional Operations Director, Atlanta, which stated that the quarters would be centrally located in the business section containing 700 square feet of floor space, 80 square feet of platform space, plus 2,500 square feet of parking area.

The monthly rental agreement is for a fixed term of five years with two two-year renewal options, and the final date for submission of bids is February 10. Full information may be obtained from Carl Bolt, Assistant Real Estate Manager, Post Office Department, 421 Federal Annex Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Jeff Brooks To Head New Riding Club At Andrews

Andrews — An organizational meeting of the newly formed Western Carolina Riding Club was held Wednesday night at the home of Sam Jones. Thirty-two people enrolled as members.

The following officers were elected: Jeff Brooks, president; Jack Herbert, vice-president; Ty Burnett, secretary-treasurer and Sam Jones, public relations.

During the past fall months a riding circle was built on the new development property owned by Earl T. Monger, across from the athletic field. A large number from this area and neighboring towns have participated in horseback riding on Sunday afternoons as well as on other days, following completion of the circle.

Directors of the club met Tuesday evening in the office of Mr. Burnett to draw up by-laws which will be presented for approval at the second meeting of the club to be held at the home of Charles Higdon, January 26.

Members of the board of directors are: Leon Kinsey of Murphy, Dick Ramsey, Charles Higdon, Ed Hooper, Wayne Phillips, and Dr. Charles O. VanGorder.

Other members include Tommy Brooks, J. V. Brooks, Kevin Hooper, Jim Kinsey, Jackie Herbert, Wayne Luther, Floyd Brooks, Jack Mintz, White West, (Marlin) Frank Jones, Wade Brooks, Angie Jones, Richard Jones, Garry Higdon, Tyrone Burnett, David Higdon, Buck Fisher, Ray Frye and Bobby Huffstader.

Earl Monger and Claude Angel were voted honorary membership.

Special events to include a rodeo, to be sponsored by the club during the summer months are in a formative stage and will be announced at a later date.

Band Concert To Be Presented At P-TA Meeting

Murphy Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the large auditorium of the Murphy Elementary School.

Program will consist of a band concert by the Murphy School Band under the director of Edward Reynolds.

The public is invited.

Fred Brownlee To Review Book During Fireside Chat Sunday

At the fireside chat at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brass-town on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 4 p. m. Fred Brownlee will review a recent "Life of Alexander Hamilton".

Joe Ray Receives Scouting Award

Nantahala District captured two awards in the annual appreciation dinner of Daniel Boone Council Boy Scouts of America, at Asheville Monday night of this week.

The district, embracing Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, captured the president's cup for achievement, and also won, hands down, the attendance contest.

Thirty-one representatives from from this area, headed by John Jordan, district commissioner, made the trip by chartered bus to Asheville and took part in the ceremonies.

Joe Ray of Murphy, who effectively promoted organization of new units in the district during 1958, was one of two persons receiving a Silver Beaver award; and Holland McSwain was presented a statuette as retiring Nantahala commissioner.

Speaker for the event was Dr. Pliny H. Powers of New Brunswick N. C., deputy chief scout executive for Scouting in America. Achievement honors, taken by Nantahala District, were based on various accomplishments, including the organization of 12 new units, embracing packs, troops, and post.

Highway Department List Number Of Traffic Deaths

The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, January 11:

Killed to Date	26
Killed to Date last year	36

Murphy High Teams Score Victory For Four Games

By Jay Wilson

The Murphy High basketball teams played two games each last week, winning all of them.

The first games were with Cullowhee, which had defeated Murphy's teams in the first games.

In the girls game, Murphy was behind at the end of the first period, but came back in the second period and led 25 to 19 at the half. The lead was decreased to two points in the third period, but Murphy pulled farther ahead in the last quarter to lead at the end of the ball game 48-41.

Frankie Beal was high scorer for Murphy with 19 points. Joan Morley scored 7, Margaret Cole, Linda Jones and Linda Smith scored 6 points each, and Lou Jean Nations scored 4.

Guards for Murphy were Linda Totherow, Phyllis Ginnenwater, Gay Hetchett, Virginia Wells, Maxine O'Dell, and Sarah Singleton.

In the boys game, Murphy pulled far out ahead in the first period and led 37 to 20 at the half. Cullowhee outscored Murphy in the third and fourth periods, only to lose by a score of 61 to 54.

Scorers for Murphy were Emanuel McDonald with 19, Jerry Kephar with 13, Long Tom Lanning with 11, Billy Gerring with 6, and Charles Lovingood, Jerry Johnson and Roy Ashe with 4 each. Charles Smith and Bobby Weaver also played.

In the Murphy Mountain View game, the Murphy girls ran over the Mountain View team. The score at the half was 35 to 16 and the final score was Murphy 74, Mountain View 32.

Joan Morley led the Murphy scoring with 19 points. Linda Jones was

School Responsible For 8 Counts Of Misconduct

One of the most severe penalties in the history of the Smoky Mountain Conference was placed on Andrews High School Monday night.

Andrews High School has been outstanding in athletics in the past two years. Andrews was the State Class A football champion in 1958 and a runner-up in 1959.

Charles Frazier, superintendent of the Andrews City School system and principal of the Andrews High said, "I want a fair and reasonable settlement to this situation which will allow us to continue our athletic program in Andrews."

"I am not objecting to the penalty for I believe that three of the complain's were valid. I fully expected a penalty to come out of that meeting, but I did not suspect such a severe one," he continued.

Mr. Frazier further added that when a spectator struck an official, he personally filed a report to L. J. Perry, executive secretary of the N. C. High School Association in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Frazier stated that Mr. Perry would receive a report on the board of controls meeting and that it was his impression that Mr. Perry would have to either approve or disapprove their findings before the decree would be final.

The school is held responsible for eight counts of reported misconduct against game officials, players, students of other schools and abuse of property.

As a result of a hearing in Bryson City Monday night of the board of control, action was taken by the members on the following accounts: In September a referee, Dan Angel was hit by an Andrews fan at the Murphy Andrews game. At Bryson

City Andrews players reportedly took two cases of soft drinks. In October, after a game with Murphy it was reported to the board that players ran on the gym floor with football shoes on; broke down a door and players and fans attempted to overturn a car belonging to the public address announcer. In November 5 issue of the Andrews Journal an article appeared by Bill Ensley, Jr. which allegedly led to ill feelings between Murphy and Andrews schools. On November 6, at the Hayesville Murphy game, Andrews players lined up outside the dressing room and tried to fight Murphy players. December 3 at a Cullowhee-Andrews basketball game, the Andrews team was trying to take locks from lockers in the boy's dressing room. They also reportedly climbed on top of the lockers, banging benches against the floor. Two Sylva students were hit, December 8, as they left the Andrews game. At Marion High School, Andrews team and fans, reportedly got into some laundry, taking several items. Andrews paid Marion \$16.50 for towels and socks not returned. Tables were also taken out of one of the training rooms without permission. At Morehead City the Andrews team stayed in the Dixon Motel, leaving three broken beds and taking two or three cases of soft drinks from an unlocked store room. Cost of repairs was approximately \$25. The penalty imposed on Andrews states that Andrews be placed on conference probation for three years; that they eliminate the school's home football games in 1960; eliminate participation by Andrews in state championship playoffs and conference tournaments for two years and that the school be suspended from conference play for three years for violation of probation. Failure to comply with the conditions of the board ruling will result in the Andrews High School's banishment from the Smoky Mountain Conference. If Andrews makes this choice they could play teams not in the conference. Members of the board of control for the SMC are: Joe Hunt, Sylva; Clair (Ike) Olson, Franklin; Charles Hendrix, Nantahala; Ralph McConnell, Murphy; Lyle Carringer, Hiwassee Dam; Joe Hicks, Cullowhee and Mordal Walsh, Robbinsville.

Murphy Calendar

THURSDAY

6:30 p. m. - Family supper and annual Parish meeting of the Messiah at Episcopal Parish House.

7:30 p. m. - Murphy Chapter 10, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in the Masonic Hall.

- Deacons of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the Church.

- The AAUW Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ed Reynolds.

MONDAY

6:30 p. m. - Rotary Club will meet at the Ferny Restaurant on the Andrews Road.

7:30 p. m. - Civians will meet at the New Regal Hotel.

- Town Board will meet at the Power Board Building.

TUESDAY

10:00 a. m. - Circle 4 of First Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Vance Wilson.

WEDNESDAY

8:30 p. m. - Family Night will be held at the Presbyterian Church.