

Plans Started For Wagon Train Celebration In July

Holland McSwain Appointed Chairman Of Event, Jack Dickey, Vice-Chairman

Plans for the Wagon Train celebration to be held during the week of July 4th have been started.

Holland McSwain, superintendent of schools, has been appointed chairman of the Wagon Train committee.

Bulldogs To Be Honored AT Banquet Saturday

The Murphy Quarterback club will honor the Murphy High School Bulldogs with a banquet at the New Regal Hotel Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Trophies for the most valuable linemen and back will be awarded at the banquet.

Speaker for the event will be A. Drane Watson, sales manager and director of the Paris-Dunlap Hardware Company.

Mr. Watson coached at Gainesville High School for six years. During this time his team won four football championships, three basketball championships and three track championships.

He also coached football at Wrens High School for six years. During this time his team won three football championships, four basketball championships and three track championships.

Mr. Watson was also president of the Georgia Coaches Association and is a member of the Georgia Prep Hall of Fame.

Honored guest will be Frank Maennle, Andrews High School coach.

Jack Dickey has been named vice-chairman.

Other members of the committee will be named at a meeting set Thursday night at the Murphy Power Board Building. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

All interested persons from this area are invited to attend. Mr. McSwain stated that the committee would like for persons from Andrews and Hayesville to attend the meeting as well as those from the Murphy area.

There were approximately 50 wagons in the train last year, Mr. McSwain said, and there are hopes for even a larger train this year.

The purpose of the Wagon Train celebration is to interest state officials in building a road from Tellico Plains, Tenn., to Murphy.

Mr. McSwain said such a modern road would shorten the distance to Knoxville and give tourists from the Northwest and Canada a shorter route to Florida.

He said it is felt that such a highway would benefit this entire area by bringing a number of tourists into this section each summer.

Speakers for the celebration have not been lined up yet, but the committee has several in mind, Mr. McSwain said.

Last year, the Lieutenant Governor and Highway Commissioner attended the Celebration.

To be elected at the meeting Thursday night are a secretary and treasurer, and chairman of various operating committees.

U.S. Savings Bonds Show Growth In '59

December showed the largest sales increase of any month during 1958 for United States Savings Bonds in North Carolina.

Total sales for the month were over 19 per cent higher than December 1957. Series E Bonds were up over 14 per cent, Series H Bonds up 54 per cent.

The cumulative sales for the year showed an increase of 3.4 per cent over last year. Sales for the year were \$48,464,225 or 89 per cent of the annual goal of \$49 million.

Thirty-one counties exceeded their 1958 quotas while twenty-three other counties came within a small percentage of achieving their assigned annual quota.

"We have just concluded an excellent year for the Savings Bonds Program in North Carolina and are pleased with our improved performance," said Walter P. Johnson State Director, U. S. Savings Bonds Division. "Last year's achievements reflect great credit to the media, industries, banks, volunteers and organizations of our state which were active in the promotion of Savings Bonds sales."

Cherokee County sales for the year were \$250,436.95 which is 106.4 per cent of the 1958 annual quota of \$235,200.00, according to W. D. Whitaker, Cherokee County Volunteer Chairman.

He served as superintendent of the First Presbyterian Sunday School and president of the Quarterback Club.

Mrs. Alexander will join her husband later. They have three children, Linda, Allen and the youngest, Nancy, born last week.

Air Force Warns Lost Jet Canopy May Be Dangerous

The Air Force has warned Great Smoky Mountain residents that the lost canopy of a Jet T33 trainer may be a booby trap for anyone finding it.

It is believed that the canopy still contains a live 37mm. charge normally used to eject it from the plane when a pilot decides to bail out.

Such a charge is extremely dangerous and could explode on being touched.

Capt. James Fraser, pilot of the jet trainer, said the canopy blew off the craft last Monday night about 30 miles southeast of Knoxville, Tenn. This would be somewhere in the Cherokee-Bryson City area.

Anyone spotting the canopy is urged not to go near it or touch it. If the 37mm charge is still in it, then it is extremely dangerous.

Anyone spotting it should immediately notify the N.C. State Highway Patrol or call 1st Lt. Harold Kilpatrick, Commander of the Andrews-Murphy Squadron, Civil Air Patrol-USAF, Andrews, N.C. Phone 303. Or call the Base Safety Officer, Donaldson Air Force Base, S.C., collect, telephone number CEDar 5-7411, extension 331 or 254.

Billy Decker Participates STRAC Alert

Army Specialist Five Billy C. Decker, 27, son of Wade M. Decker, of Murphy recently participated with the 101st Airborne Division in a special STRAC (Strategic Army Corps) alert at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The week-long alert ended Jan. 17.

The 101st Airborne Division, a major STRAC unit, maintains an immediate readiness force of airborne deployment to any area in the world.

The first company can be ready for departure within two hours after receiving an alert. A second company can be ready to follow in one hour. Within six hours a reinforced battle group of 1700 men can be airborne.

Specialist Decker is a cook in Company A of the Division's 506th Infantry.

Dr. Roy McCulloch To Teach At First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Murphy will engage in Bible study Jan. 25 through 28.

Dr. Roy McCulloch, of Asheville, will teach the "Gospel of Mark."

Dr. McCulloch is recognized day morning at 11 and Sunday evening, 7:30, from the Book of Mark.

He will continue teaching the Book Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend all these discussions.

Dr. McCulloch is recognized all as an outstanding minister and teacher. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Before his retirement from the active pastorate, he was pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church at Asheville.

Since his retirement he has done Bible teaching and served as interim pastor. He served Andrews First Baptist Church for a period of three months when they were without a pastor.

Andrews Home Destroyed By Fire Sunday

ANDREWS—Fire completely destroyed the dwelling and contents of the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pendergraft who live about two miles from Andrews Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendergraft were visiting neighbors at the time with no one at home, except the mother of Mrs. Pendergraft who makes her home with them.

It is believed the cause of the fire originated in the chimney of the house.

The building is the property of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McGuire.

School Of World Mission Set By Presbyterians

Presbyterians of Murphy are having a School of World Missions beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, and extending over a period of several weeks during the World Mission season.

There will be three classes: for younger girls and boys, taught by Mrs. Holland McSwain, chairman of World Missions for Women of the Church; youth, led by Mrs. Evelyn Sneed; and adults, with Robert A. Potter, the pastor, in charge.

The school will open with a worship period at 7; and classes will be conducted from 7:15 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Offering for World Missions is to be made at the end of the week of Prayer-and-Self-Denial, Sunday March 1.

At a meeting of the Session last Sunday Charles W. Barrett was named clerk for 1959 succeeding W. A. Singleton.

Mr. Singleton was selected to represent the church at the meeting of Asheville Presbytery this week at Black Mountain.

"How To Be Sure I am a Christian," is the theme of the sermon for next Sunday morning, January 25.

Murphy Mothers To March Friday Night

The Mother's March for the March of Dimes will be staged Friday at 7 p. m.

The town fire siren will blow to announce the drive to those persons wishing to give. They are asked to turn on their porch lights.

It was also announced that approximately 500 doses of Salk Vaccine to be given free of charge to persons between 20 and 40 has Date and time for the clinics to be held in Andrews and Murphy will be announced later.

547 Acre TVA Recreation Village At Hiwassee Dam To Be Sold At Auction

The 547-acre recreation resort site adjacent to the Hiwassee Dam will be sold to the highest bidder on Tuesday, February 17, TVA announced recently.

Auction will be held at 10 a.m. at 401 Edney Building, Chattanooga.

The minimum acceptable price for the property is \$190,000. The date of auction was set after receipt by TVA of a written bid from a prospective purchaser.

Identity of the bidder was not revealed.

TVA said that it expects at

least two other groups to attend the sale and participate in the bidding.

Long known as the Hiwassee Village, the site served as a construction camp during the building of the Hiwassee Dam, 1936-1940. There are 42 permanent type frame houses; 13 other houses; a frame building suitable for remodeling for use as offices, crafts, or concessions; and other buildings.

Some of the buildings have only salvage value. A black top road system serves the area, which has an underground distribution system for water and sewage.

Several tracts make up the site. All improvements are located on one tract of 105 acres. Terms of the auction sale provide that this tract must be used for recreation purposes only and that it shall be developed and operated for public commercial resort purposes for at least 20 years.

The successful bidder also will be required to invest a minimum of \$200,000 in rehabilitation and expansion of the properties within five years, and that \$80,000 of this amount must be invested within two years of sale.

Road access to the site is over Paved North Carolina State Highway 294. The site is 110 miles from Asheville, 98 miles from Knoxville, 90 miles from Chattanooga, 138 miles from Atlanta, 95 miles from Fontana Dam, 110 miles from Gatlinburg, and 77 miles from Cherokee, southern entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Southern Railroad Resents How Tax Money Spent

Southern Railway reports that it will this week present the tax collector of Cherokee County with a check for \$32,749.94 in payment of its 1958 taxes.

Total of all 1958 direct taxes, state and local, paid or to be paid by Southern Railway System in North Carolina is estimated to be more than \$2,268,000.

Commenting on the railway's tax payments, Harry A. DeBotts, the railway's president, said: "We recognize that business firms as well as individuals should be taxed to support services which all citizens require. It does disturb us, however, when we see increasingly large amounts of tax money spent lavishly on highways or airports or waterways or other facilities which our competitors use by paying little or no user charges."

Good Industry

Dear Editor:

I hear planning for this Wagon Train thing is just about ready to get started again for this coming summer. Now this is just about one of the best ideas I've heard about in a long time.

If there is a way to attract tourists to a place it's having something different and from what I hear about the Wagon Train, it really is different. I hear that there must be about 10,000 people in Murphy or the Wagon Train last year. I bet the merchants were glad to see them.

In fact, I suppose the merchants are going all out to help with the event any way possible. I sure would cause the way I see it, it means really good business.

This area, right around Murphy is an ideal location for tourist and that is like a darn good industry.

If what I hear is right, the purpose of the Wagon Train is to promote a highway from Tellico Plains to Murphy which would also aid in getting tourist into this area. It just might work if the officials can see that people really want the road.

A feller also told me the other day that the local historical society is trying to get an old fort rebuilt here. That's also a real good idea. What with a new highway, if we get it, and this fort, if it's ever built back, why, it would be just like a factory with a good size payroll located in Murphy.

More power to you fellers.

Sincerely,
I. D. Clare

Murphy High Splits Two Home Games

The Murphy High teams split their games with Hiwassee Dam on Jan. 13 after winning two in a row. The girls lost their game by 14 points and the boys won theirs by 15.

In the girls' game, Murphy was behind all the way and never did come close to catching up. They were behind 14 to 6 at the end of the first quarter and continued to drop behind until they were behind 29 to 18 at the half.

They were behind one more point at the end of the third period with the score 40 to 28 and two more at the end, to lose with a final score of Hiwassee Dam 55, Murphy 41.

Top scorer for Hiwassee Dam was Hilda White with 33 points and Barbara Payne was second with 12 points.

Top scorers for Murphy were Jane Van Horn with 25, Joan Morley with 7, and Margaret Cole with 6 points.

In the boys' game, the score was close for the first few minutes but the Bulldogs pulled ahead at the end of the first quarter to lead 15 to 11.

They increased this lead to lead 32 to 21 at the half. They continued to increase their lead and led 46 to 34 at the end of the third quarter and to win with a final score of Murphy 60, Hiwassee Dam 45.

Murphy's top scorers were Emanuel McDonald with 27 points.

Young Harris To Organize Band

Plans are currently in progress for the organization of a band at Young Harris College, according to Victor Morris, instructor in the department of Music.

Rehearsals will begin sometime this quarter under the direction of Mr. Morris and it is expected that there will be approximately 25 students participating.

The solicitation for funds for instruments and accessories was sponsored by Chief Justice W. H. Duckworth, Georgia Supreme Court, Atlanta.

Under the guidance of Chief Justice Duckworth, an alumnus of the college, many friends and alumni have donated to the band fund and have made it possible to begin organizing and outfitting a band right away.

Starting next fall, Young Harris College, hopes to be able to offer scholarships to talented music students throughout the country.

Latest forecast on the weather. "No weather today," the Indian said. "Why?" asked astounded "Isnered." "Radio broke," the Indian replied.

AMY BROWN—Little Reckless Driver

"Mommy, I Drove Car And Broke It!"

Amy Brown, three year old daughter of Mrs. U. G. Brown, of Young Harris, Ga., is probably one of the youngest and most reckless women drivers in the nation.

Amy accompanied her mother to the post office on Saturday afternoon, January 3. Amusing herself while her mother was in the post office, Amy bumped into the gear shift. The car then rolled backward several yards, and, guided by Amy, hit and demolished the Young Harris College entrance sign.

Amy, unharmed, was taken from the wrecked car to her mother by an unidentified pedestrian.

Mrs. Brown stated that the car, a 1954 Mercury, was sold for junk. Mrs. Brown also said that the insurance company will build a new sign. The sign was erected in 1957 and was valued at \$416.

The RAMBLER

The Rambler has heard it said that one should leave weather reporting to the Weather Bureau but now I have my doubts, when seeking shelter from the rain the other day, I huddled under one of the local store awnings and there I found two elderly gentlemen talking about the weather. One of them brushed his hat to the back of his head and said "Well, the weather report says cloudy and warmer tomorrow, but I'll bet the bottom of these boots that it will snow. It snowed."

Every once and a while you hear of a person who just won't pay a bill. The other day in a local store, a man came across with a new excuse. Seems the gentleman owed about \$65 on his wife's funeral and couldn't find it in his pocketbook to pay the mortician's bill. Then, one night, he attended a camp meeting and during this revival he recanted his sins and turned over a new leaf. The next day he went to the mortician and told him of the change in his habits. The mortician feeling that this was a good time to get his money asked the old gentleman to pay up. "Humph" the man said, "The Lord forgave me my debts when he did my sins."

Women for some reason or the other have acquired the name of being the strangest people. This was proved the other by Billa Jean Carroll who works at the Scout office. Mrs. Carroll always carries a huge pocketbook over her shoulder that could be used as a suitcase, but what does she carry in the bag? Not money. She carries money in her shoe where it is easier to get to.

IT'S YOURS: This column of the front page has been set aside for you. In each of our lives there are strange and sometimes odd happenings that we remember and would like to share with our friends. In this column you have a chance to relate those events as they happen. Has your children astounded you with any remarkable quips? Have you found a new recipe for baking a cake? Share those things with your friends, mail them to THE RAMBLER, in care of the Scout office.

Hugh Hensley, better known as Murphy's Ward Bond, having his usual coffee break at Tracy's, had a few words to say about the strange weather we were having Wednesday morning. Hugh said he could remember when a big Indian came to town and made predictions about the weather that everyone took for the gospel truth. Believing he used strange methods of getting his information. One morning, Hugh said, the Indian came to town and all the towns people gathered around him to hear the