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The RAMBLER

Everyone should have a hobby, they say, and the hobby should be different than the work you do. Police Chief Neil Sneed certainly took this advice. Mr. Sneed bakes cakes as a hobby, and delicious cakes they are, we hear. And to make sure that the cakes are properly enjoyed, Mr. Sneed bakes them free and delivers them to your door if you like. Well, we are not hinting or anything like that, but if Mr. Sneed feels inclined to bake a cake and there is no place to take it, the Scout office is nearby and we have never been known to refuse a cake, even if it is cooked by the chief of police.

Heyward Crawford said there was much too much ado over his recent experience of having a baby born to a patient in his ambulance. Mr. Crawford said there is really nothing to it. In fact, he believes he can soon qualify as a midwife. Women having babies in his ambulance is really old hat to Mr. Crawford. Why shouldn't it be? he asked. A baby was born in his ambulance the first time he ever picked up a patient, the very first time he drove the ambulance.

L. B. Marshall Jr., assistant County agent, is basically an honest person who has nothing to fear from the law. He proved this recently on a trip back from Tennessee. Mr. Marshall was driving along at a normal rate of speed and soon found himself behind a highway patrolman's car. L. B. was in a hurry and the patrolman was driving about 35 or 40 and he wanted to pass, but he has not been able to get his 1959 license tag because of a mixup in his car registration. Rather than take the chance of being stopped and fined, L. B. blew his horn until the patrolman pulled over. Then and there, they got the matter squared away and L. B. was allowed to continue on down the highway at his usual rate of speed and without a license tag.

Dogs have been named man's best friend, but like women and children, can prove to be embarrassing at times. Recently, Tom Houts and E. N. Hooper, highway patrolman, were out to test Mr. Hooper's new dog. At first, things worked out well with the dog showing off to advantage. Then a gun was fired and the dog took off. Mr. Houts and Mr. Hooper looked and called. But it did no good. The dog had left for parts unknown. When the two got back to Mr. Hooper's car, they found the dog. He had climbed up the back of the car and was hiding behind the siren on Mr. Hooper's patrol car, asleep.

Civitan Plan Motion Picture

A color motion picture which tells how Georgia granite helps supply the American chicken market and also to re-vitalize the nation's soil will be shown at the Civitan Club meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared and distributed by the Stone Mountain Grit Company of Lithonia, Georgia, the educational film, entitled "Meat and Bread from Stones" is in color and traces the history of the 200 million-year-old Stone Mountain.

Poultry growers in the Murphy area will recognize scenes of the picture which were filmed in several of the major commercial poultry raising sections nearby.

Among The Sick

Admitted last week to Providence Hospital: Mrs. Raymond Bryant, Murphy; Mrs. John S. Cobb, Culberson Route 1; Brenda Gail Derreberry, Murphy; Arthur Virgil Jones, Young Harris, Ga.; Yeda Dianne Martin, Murphy Route 1; Thomas Mashburn, Culberson; Harold Phillips, Murphy; Mrs. Nora Cobb Spencer, Murphy Route 2; Mrs. Alice Seabolt, Murphy; Sandra Stiles, Murphy Route 1; Dorothy Mae Williams, Murphy Route 1.



STARTING SEASON RIGHT

Blain Stalcup started the fishing season off right recently. He caught these two large mouth bass with Doll Files on Chatuge Lake. The fish weigh 5 1/4 pounds and 3 pounds. Holding the largest fish is his wife, Bobbie. Frank Lemmon, Pete Penley and Mack Lay, who went on the fishing trip with Mr. Stalcup were not so lucky. They did not catch anything.

Murphy Boys And Girls Win First Tourney Games

In their first tournament game the Murphy girls just barely beat the Hayesville girls. In the last seconds of the game two points made by Margaret Cole won the game for Murphy.

In the first period the Murphy team got the ball first and by virtue of that got a one point lead over the Hayesville team. The score at the end of the first quarter was 17 to 16 in favor of Murphy. In the second period the Hayesville girls pulled ahead as much as six points at one time but in the last two seconds of the half the Murphy team tied up the score at 33-33.

In the third period the Hayesville team pulled ahead 43 to 39 but the Murphy girls tied it up 43 to 43 and then pulled on ahead. The score at the end of the third period was Murphy 48, Hayesville 46.

It was Hayesville's ball in the fourth period and they lost it to the Murphy team on a foul. Murphy worked the lead on up to 9 points with four minutes to go. This was knocked down to 7 points with two minutes to go. Hayesville got the ball and Joyce Ledford shot two points. Then she shot a foul shot and Ruth Davenport got two more points.

This put Hayesville within two points of Murphy. Hayesville got another foul shot and they got it and Ruth Davenport got two more points. This put Hayesville ahead 63 to 62. It was Murphy's ball with 15 seconds left to go and with ten seconds to go Margaret Cole shot 2 points to put Murphy ahead. With 5 seconds left to go the Hayesville team worked the ball in but a look back at the clock took up a fatal second and the buzzer sounded just before Ruth Davenport sank a basket. The final score was Murphy 64, Hayesville 63.

Bond Sale Off To Good Start In County

January sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina were \$4,707,647, which is over 9 per cent of the State's 1959 quota of \$51,000,000.

In comparison with January 1958, the month's total sales show little change. With one reporting day less, January total sales were off approximately \$36,000, which is 0.07 per cent change.

For the month, Series E Bond sales showed a decrease of 4 per cent, while Series H Bond sales showed an increase of nearly 15 per cent.

In Cherokee County, sales amounted to \$24,161.40, which is 9.5 per cent of this year's quota, according to W. D. Whitaker, Cherokee County, Volunteer County Chairman.

Top scorer for Murphy was Margaret Cole with 36 points. Other scorers for Murphy were Jane Van Horn with 19 and Joan Morley with 9 points.

Top scorer for Hayesville was Joyce Ledford with 45 points and second was Ruth Davenport with 16 points.

Guards for Murphy were Jane Cook, Phyllis Giffenwater, Gay Hatchett, and Linda Totherow.

Other players for Hayesville were Margaret White who had 2 points, Sacha Scroggs, Betty Davis, Patricia Cox, and Judy Phillips.

In their first game of the tournament the Murphy High boys also won. They beat the Mountain View boys for the third time this season.

The Bulldogs took an early lead and were ahead 11 to 6 at the end of the first quarter. They pulled on ahead in the second quarter and score at the half was Murphy 28, Mountain View 14.

The Murphy team pulled ahead farther in the third period and they were ahead 18 points at one time in the third quarter. Then, in the latter part of the third period the Mountain View team began to catch up with them. Murphy led 11 points at the end of the third period and this lead was narrowed to 8 points in the fourth but the Bulldogs pulled on farther and farther ahead and the final score was 59 to 38 in favor of Murphy.

Top scorer for Mountain View was Jack Owens with 16 points. Next was Ray Milligan with 10 points and third was Jay Orr with 8.

Top scorer for Murphy were: Emanuel McDonald with 18 points, Charles Lovingood with 13, Billy Carringer with 9, Jerry Kephart with 8, Jerry Johnson with 6, Hilliard Laning with 3, and Bobby Morris with 2 points. Other players were Bobby Weaver and Tommy Arms.

In the semi-finals of the Western Division both Murphy teams scored wins over their opponents. The Murphy girls beat the Robbinsville girls by a score of 53 to 46. The Murphy boys beat the Hayesville boys 41 to 31.

In the girls game the Murphy girls were barely ahead in the first and second quarters and behind at the half. They pulled on ahead in the fourth quarter to beat the Robbinsville team by 7 points.

In the first quarter the Murphy girls were ahead 17 to 15. They dropped one point from the lead in the second period and the score at the half was 36 to 25 in favor of Murphy. In the third period the Robbinsville team scored 12 points

L. B. Marshall, Jr. Resigns Post As Assistant County Agricultural Agent For Cherokee

Andrews High School Girl's Basketball Team Wins 5th Conference Title

The girls' basketball team from Andrews High School won the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship Monday night in Bryson City by beating Swain High 68-66. They had gone through the season unbeaten.

This was the fifth straight Smoky Mountain Conference Championship win for the Andrews Girls.

Andrews High's girls, unbeaten in their march to the western division championship, claimed their fifth straight Smoky Mountain Conference championship Monday night by edging previously unbeaten Swain High 68-66.

In a boys consolation game Culbree trimmed Murphy 74-67.

The girls' championship tussle was a typical struggle of unbeaten powers. The loss was the first suffered by Swain in 23 games.

Sandi McCracken turned in a good effort for the vanquished locals, scoring 45 points. Andrews, however got A-1 performances from their starting forwards to pull the game out of the fire. Madge Bar-

ton, who had 24 points for the night, dropped in the winning goal with four seconds remaining.

Terry Slagle led the victors with 26 points while Katherine Sursavage contributed 18.

The lead changed hands 16 times during the game. Andrews led 20-19 after a quarter and 35-34 at the half. Swain led 50-45 at the end of the third period.

Blaine Pressley and Arnold Ashe with 22 and 17 respectively sparked the Culbree boys to victory. Jerry Johnson had 17 for Murphy.

Winning championships is not a new matter for Andrews High School.

The football team won the State Class "A" crown in Asheville last November. They beat Southern Pines, 39-9.

The girls' basketball team will be honored Tuesday night at a banquet at the school cafeteria by the Andrews Rotary Club and the Konahecta Club.

Merit Finals Reached By Two Andrews Seniors

Two seniors at Andrews High School have reached the Finals of the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship Program and have been awarded Certificates of Merit, according to Principal J. E. Ruffy, Superintendent.

Jannette Carringer, and Katherine Sursavage have received the Certificates, which attest to their high academic promise.

The seniors distinguished themselves by their high scores on the two college aptitude tests used in the National Merit Scholarship competition. About six-tenths of one percent of the seniors in each state received the awards. A national total of 10,000 students were honored.

Over 478,000 students were tested in the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship competition which began last April. The test results have pared the competitors down to the 10,000 finalists. Some 700 of the finalists will be named Merit Scholars this spring. They, and the colleges they have chosen, will share in \$3.5 million in Merit Scholarship funds offered by over eighty different organizations and individuals. The winners will be determined by the results of final judging now being conducted. The Merit

Scholars will be announced about May 1, 1959. The names of the Certificates of Merit winners are being sent to over 1,500 colleges, universities and other scholarship-granting agencies for consideration for thousands of other privately-financed scholarships offered outside of the Merit Scholarship Program.

Might Appreciate It

Dear Mr. Editor:

Lately, we've heard a lot of talk about youngsters around here not having enough to do, and I suppose that a lot of it's true. But, seems that everybody is talking about giving the kids more recreation. Now these kids ain't the four and five year old kind, but the almost grown variety that's got everybody worried. If it was little kids rather than big youngsters, it would be possible to set them down and tell them to be happy with a dime store toy, but that just can't be done with teenagers, it seems.

To hear most folks talk, you got to give a boy or girl over 14 a brand new car with 300 horsepower and an unlimited supply of money to spend on gas, plus all the time he might want to drive around day or night.

Then all the old folks is got to do is stay at home and worry about what they are doing on the back roads, or if they are wrapped around a telephone pole somewhere.

Maybe, that if pop and mom thought about telling junior he could not go out every night or sis she could not date but one of two nights a week, the whole family would be better off. It's been quite awhile back, but as well as I can remember schools used to give homework and if you were going to school, you were expected to do that homework.

Somehow, I just don't think that Junior or Sis would be ruined socially if they were not allowed to run around all hours of the night.

It is possible that grades as well as interest in other things would go up a point or two if the kids were told that they should stay home tonight and study or just read a book. I'll bet it won't hurt them much though they scream and carry on.

Who knows, 15 or 20 years from now, they might actually appreciate it rather than having some horrible complex. SAVE! Enjoy Wizard engineering, conveniences.

Sincerely,
L. D. Clax

Tennessee Man Pushes Wagon Train Road Plan

The dream of a scenic forest highway along the border of Tennessee and North Carolina may be substantially closer to reality.

W. E. Michael of Sweetwater, Tenn.; chairman of the Monroe County Procurement Committee, thinks so, anyway.

Michael has been pursuing the dream several years. He has conferred with the governors of Tennessee and North Carolina and recently with Sen. Estes Kefauver and Rep. J. B. Frazier (D., Chattanooga) in Washington.

First step is getting agreement of the two states to a jointly maintained road across the mountains from near Murphy, through Nantahala National Forest and the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest on the North Carolina side and the Tellico Ranger district of Cherokee National Forest on the Tennessee side—along the "wagon train route"—terminating in the Tellico Plains, Madisonville, Sweetwater area.

This road would tie into the now-planned East-West interstate highway near present Rt. 68 and give the rugged wilderness area access to main tourist routes.

"The U. S. Forest Service's long-range plan," said Michael, "is to build a scenic highway comparable to the Blue Ridge parkway, along the North Carolina-Tennessee border when the area is made accessible by the wagon train route."

He said his talks with Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington and North Carolina Gov. Luther Hodges sparked "every favorable reaction and very practical assurances" of their support.

He said the highway departments of the two states are setting up a joint meeting with the U. S. forest service "probably within the next few weeks" to discuss the wagon train route which has been publicized with annual trans-mountain treks in covered wagons and on horseback, garbed in pioneer dress.

"We hope," said Michael, "to have officials commitments on the wagon road within the next 90 days and to see actual work started by the end of the year. I understand that when a commitment on the road is made the Forest Service will begin a survey for the scenic route. We feel plans are going forward splendidly."

The vast recreational area, said Michael, is envisaged by its champions as being complementary to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway, bringing even more visitors and tourist dollars into the two states.

New Cub Scout Den Organized

Organization of a new den, No. 4, with Mrs. Harold Wells as den-mother, was announced Monday night at the February Cub Scout Pack meeting in the First Methodist Church.

There are now about 40 Cub Scouts. Merle Davis, pack chief, said after the meeting.

Assisting Mrs. Wells with Den 4 is Mrs. B. L. Scott, with Billy Wagner as den chief.

High light of the Monday meeting

Virgil O'Dell Takes Over Local Bakery

Virgil O'Dell has taken over the management of the Mountaineer Bakery on Tennessee Street.

Mr. O'Dell has operated the Smoky Mountain Grill and Bus Station along with the Miami Restaurant for several years.

The bakery was formerly owned by Bob Cheney.

The bakery will remain open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Assistant County Agriculture Agent, L. B. Marshall, Jr., Tuesday resigned from his post.

His letter of resignation stated that his reason for resigning was "of a personal nature."

Mr. Marshall said he plans to enter extension work in Tennessee. His resignation will be effective February 28.

Store Leased

The Evans Building, now occupied by Crawford Tire Company on Valley River Avenue has been leased to Collins-Crain, a chain Department Store.

Remodeling of the building will begin about March 17. The entire building will be used for the store.

Lease for the store was signed late Wednesday afternoon. Negotiations have been going on for some time, according to Dick Richards, local real-estate dealer.

Collins-Crain will be managed by W. P. Williams, who recently moved to Murphy, Mr. Richards said.

Jack Crawford said Tuesday that he has not decided where he will locate his tire company.

Operetta To Be Presented By Sixth Grade

"Hansel and Gretel," an operetta by Humperdinck, will be presented in the Elementary School auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday at one p.m.

Pupils from the grades of Mrs. Kate Shields, Mrs. Otilie deCalonge and Miss Ella Fay Byers will take part in the operetta.

The stage scenery was built by pupils from Mrs. Williams' grade, with Robert Bruce and Richard Casey in charge of properties. The cast of characters: Hansel, Russell Caldwell; Gretel, Virginia Lee Guffey; Father, Billy King; Mother, Linda Nelson; Sandman, Tony Hemmer; Dawn Fairy, Rosalie Hyde; Witch, Patricia Stiles; Angels: Cynthia Sweeting, Shiela Sneed, Helen Lee, Frances Fain, Ann Lockaby, Donna Radford, Carol Ann Decker, Linda Gibson, Brenda English, Glenda Moore, Glenda Lemons, Patricia Timpson, Sandra Murtishawa and Ginger Smith. Gingerbread Children: Sheila Fay Stiles, Treacy Nugent, Mary Jennings Headrick, Mary Arden Davis, Janet Elliott, Jane Carter, Sally Lovingood, Sarah White, Faye Henson, Danny Sneed, Tommy Reed, David White, Ernest Minor, Missy Wilson, Jane Whitley, Becky Jo Ray, Kenny Jane Davis, Gordon Hall, Sherril Little, Cheryl Cornwell, Judy Brittain, Sarah Alice Jeffries, and Shiela Garrett.

was a pine wood derby among members of Den 2, which has Mrs. W. T. Brown Jr. as den-mother. Luke Bayless was the winner in a contest over Perry Brown, with the home-made racer of each of the two winning a heat, and forcing a decision in a third heat on run-for-distance.

The race-track was prepared by Mr. Brown, Bill Harper and Steve Crawford are den chiefs for No. 2.

Choirs making a rating of A or B will be eligible to take part in the regional festival to be held at Wake-Forest March 21.

Baptist Choirs To Attend Hymn Festival

The Junior, Intermediate and Adult choirs of First Baptist Church will participate in the Regional Hymn Festival Friday at First Baptist Church in Franklin.

The Adult and Intermediate choirs are under the direction of Mrs. W. V. Costello and Mrs. D. W. Ramsey directs the Junior Choir.

Announcement will be made as to when the dances will be resumed.

Dances Cancelled

The Friday night dances scheduled at John C. Campbell Folk School will not be held for several weeks.

Gordon L. Butler Of Andrews Presides Over District Rotary Meet In Asheville

ANDREWS—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Butler spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Asheville attending the annual District Conference of Rotary International.

Mr. Butler is Governor of District 767, Rotary International, which consists of 40 clubs from Monroe to Murphy, with a total of more than 2,000 Rotarians.

All clubs were represented at the conference which was held in the George Vanderbilt Hotel.

An unusual feature of the conference was a session by the wives of the Rotarians. This session was conducted by Mrs. Butler with Rotary ladies from all part of the district participating. S. J. Gernert of Andrews gave an "ode to the Rotary Anna" at this session.

He came to Cherokee County in April of 1958.

Following is Mr. Marshall's letter of resignation:

Gentlemen: I arrived in Cherokee County April 1, 1958 to begin my work as the Assistant County Farm Agent, working principally with the 4-H Clubs of the County. Since that date I have enjoyed the hospitality and friendship of the many people with whom I have had contact. Without their friendship, consideration and interest in me, my family and my work, I could not have experienced the abundant blessings of success and enjoyment that have been mine with the 4-H Club members, parents, and others in the county and area. It has truly been an education, a blessing, and an experience I shall always hold dear in my heart.

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Assistant County Agricultural Agent in Cherokee County, effective February 28, 1959. My reasons for resigning are of a personal nature.

I understand that another person will be appointed to take this position. I shall envy him in his opportunities for they are many in number and great in nature.

I feel sure that you will again extend the hand of fellowship to another and 4-H Club work and Extension work shall go on with the continued success due to the efforts of the wonderful people of Cherokee County.

Respectfully yours,
L. B. Marshall, Jr.
Assistant County Agricultural Agent

At present, no one has been named to take Mr. Marshall's position.

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Speakers for the luncheon and dinner meetings were such outstanding men as Dr. Boyce Grier, a past District Rotary Governor, and president of Lander College, and President E. C. A. L. Smith, who