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## The RAMBLER

The beards being grown for the Wagon Train Celebration have many people in the area fooled. Take the case of Hugh Hensley. Hugh was making a delivery of Cokes recently when he was seen by someone not realizing that the beards were being grown for the Wagon Train Celebration. After Hugh left the store, the man asked the store owner and thought he said Goat Man, a man famous for traveling around the country with a herd of goats.

Hattie Palmer of Valley River Avenue has a freak flower that she is more than just a little proud of. Seems that this unusual plant has two heads, of different kinds. On one side of the plant is a white primrose and the other is a double violet. Miss Palmer says this is the first time that anything like this has grown on one of her plants. Occasionally, she said, there are weeds and flowers, but never two different flowers on the same plant.

The Wagon Train committee is still worried about having enough hay for the mules and horses that will pull the wagons over from Tellico Plains. Last year, there was nothing like enough hay. This year the committee is asking for donations of hay and feed for the livestock. The committee says it needs several hundred bales of hay to feed the animals, so if you have hay to spare, contact a member of the Wagon Train committee. It will be more than appreciated.

A bus load of Chattanooga, Tenn., seniors on a trip stopped off in Murphy last week and for a few minutes played havoc with the town. A group of them charged into a local restaurant and cornered Blaine Stalcup Jack Dickey and gave them a fit about their beards. There were the usual questions about Castro and such until Blaine could escape. Jack Dickey was not so lucky. He was cornered by the group and not allowed to leave. One of the students were overheard trying to quiet a group of them shouting on the street. "Come on. Don't make so much fuss. Remember, we're from a big city." He apparently wanted to make a good impression.

## Vacation Bible Schools Planned At First Baptist

Miss Frankie Mathis will be with the First Baptist Church during the month of June to help conduct four Vacation Bible Schools.

Miss Martin has just received her degree from Carver School of Missions, Louisville, Kentucky. She is former Promotional Secretary in the First Baptist Church here.

The Vacation Bible School in the First Baptist Church will be June 8-12. The First Baptist Bealton Mission and Will Scott Baptist Church Mission will be June 22-26. The First Baptist Church will also help sponsor Texana Vacation Bible School June 22-26.

There will be a planning period for these schools in the church each morning at 9 o'clock June 1-5.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning May 31, on "How Shall They Hear?" His topic for Sunday evening will be "The Warning Signal."

## Two New Businesses To Hold Formal Opening Day In Murphy Thursday

Two new stores will hold their formal opening in Murphy Thursday.

They are Collins Crain Department Store and Fambro Five and Ten Cent Store.

The two new stores are located in the old Crawford Tire Store Building on Valley River Avenue.

Collins Crain Department Store will be operated by Wallace Wil-

liam of Tennessee Street. Mr. Williams and his family moved to Murphy from Lake City, S. C.

Fambro Five and Ten Cent Store will be managed by Miss Bessie Laney. Offices for the chain of ten cent stores will be located in Canton, Ga.

The building that will house the two stores has been completely remodeled and air conditioned.

## Commonwealth Awards Two Scholarships

The Commonwealth Lumber Company of Murphy, N. C., recognizes outstanding scholarship in the Murphy High School by awarding two scholarships of \$100 each to the senior boy and senior girl who are most outstanding in academic achievements.

These awards have been made annually for the past four years. They have great value as a challenge to the members of our senior class to place greater emphasis upon work in the fields of science, mathematics, language and social science. These awards serve as economic assistance and academic recognition for the excellent work done by the top students.

The winners for this year are: Top girl, Patsy Mason; top boy, Bill McClure.

Patsy Mason has maintained a straight "A" average for four years in high school work being co-valedictorian with Joan Haney this year. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Mason and the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans, of Murphy, Route 2, with whom she has lived for the last four years. She has been a member of the Student Council for the last two years, was junior marshal, has served on both the Boomerang and the Kanawha staff and won the Chemistry medal her junior year.

Bill McClure has maintained the average for the past four years as top boy in the senior class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McClure of Murphy, Route 4.

## Hiwassee Dam Commencement Exercises Held

Hiwassee Dam had its commencement exercise May 26 at the school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

Diplomas were awarded to the students by Mr. Harest E. King, Principal.

Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Alton Morris at 11 a.m. May 24. The music was by the school glee club and was directed by Miss Bernice Boring with Helen Keenum and Linda Boring at the piano.

Honor students for the year are Carolyn Wilcox and Max Graham. These two students have maintained an "A" average for four years. Miss Wilcox, valedictorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wilcox, of Route 4, Murphy. She is a member of Farnes Presbyterian Church. She has been active in the Beta Club of which she was president. She was business editor of the "Eagle", the school annual. She was co-captain of the basketball team and earned a letter each year during the four years of high school.

Mr. Graham, salutatorian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Graham of Violet, North Carolina. He is a member of the Violet Baptist Church. He was active in the Beta Club of which he was vice-president, and a member of the Science Club.

Ushers for the Baccalaureate sermon and commencement program were honor students from the junior class. They are: Chief Marshal Jackie McNabb, Betty Jean Adams, Douglas Hamby and Don Helton.

The following awards for outstanding achievement were presented at graduation: Math — Hansel Slagle; English — Jackie McNabb; Citizenship — Bilda White and Edward Graham; Best All-Around Boy — T. W. Chapman; Best All-Around Girl — Maxine Beaver; Most Athletic — Barbara Ann Allen and Eddie Spiva; Typing — Thelma

## Roster Told For Little League

Tentative rosters for the Little League teams have been announced. The first game of the season will be played Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. between the Yankees and the Braves.

Following is a tentative roster of players. The final roster will be announced later.

Civitan: Donald Morris; Jimmy Jordan, Gary Phillips, Gary Bryson, Perry Brown, Eddie Skagg, Danny Bailey, Jimmy Sherrill, Charles Hembree, Tony Hembree, Terry Hensley, Russell Caldwell, David Hall, Mike Jordan, Jackie Wayman, Glenn Alexander, Greg Barnett, Samuel Davis, Tommy Reed.

Esso: Harold Teague, Roger Kephart, John Cook, Jackie Morris, Wayne Palmer, Trip Bourne, Billy Forsythe, Darrell Timpon, Tommy English, Donald Ramey, David Penland, Charles Joe Kilby, Cal Stiles, Bill Swanson, Kenneth Swanson, Jerry Ray Palmer, David Ramsey, Bobby Dickey, Carl Townson, Gene Farmer.

Phillips: Bob Hill, Jimmy Cole, Brent Radcliff, Knox Singleton, Dean Wilcox, Jackie Campbell, Rex Stewart, Stephen Crawford, James Sneed, Carl M. Thomas, Billy Waggoner, Clyde Thomas, Terry Brewer, Elbert Tothorow, William Fish, Bill Cheney, Tommy Clark, Randolph Fox, Roger Stiles, Woodrow Palmer.

Marble: Jerry Breedlove, Willie Jordan, Wiley Homer Elrod, Scotty Breedlove, Ford Bruce West, Gerald Bryson, Richard Greene, Mickey Griggs, Robert Griggs, Donny Ray Davis.

Rosters are incomplete and Brass town registrations have not been turned in. Rosters and registrations for Senior League are incomplete. Additional registrations will be accepted until June 3 (Wednesday).



CAROLYN WILCOX  
Valedictorian



MAX GRAHAM  
Salutatorian

Long: Some Economics — Linda Hoving; Valedictorian — Carolyn Wilcox and Salutatorian — Max Graham.

# Coroner's Jury Orders Body Of Carmelita Moss Exhumed

## M.Y.F. Members Plan June 1 Tour

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Murphy Methodist Church are planning to tour to St. Simon's Island, Brunswick, Georgia, June 1.

About thirty young people and adult counselors will make the trip in private cars. While in Brunswick they will visit the site of John Wesley's first missionary trip to America, historic Jekyll's Island and other points of interest.

Members of the Youth Fellowship in Andrews and Sylva will join in the tour. The Rev. Edwin Carter, the Rev. A. L. Maxwell and the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr. will serve as leaders for the trip.

## Boys Named To Attend Summer Camp Sponsord By The Cherokee Scout

Ten boys have been selected by John Jordan, principal of Murphy Elementary school to attend camp this summer sponsored by the Cherokee Scout.

The boys are Rickie Bagley, Murphy Route 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bagley; Lester Lee Stowe, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Stowe, Murphy Route 1; Jack Pipes, son of Mrs. Cloyd Pipes, Marble; Jimmy Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, Murphy; Bob Hill, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Murphy; Woodrow Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Palmer, Murphy; Lamar Haggard, son of Mrs. James H. Haggard, Murphy; Darrell Timpon, Cecil Timpon, Murphy Route 3;

## Local Man Hurt In Crash

J. Quince Hembree, 40, of Murphy was seriously injured in an auto accident on U.S. 74 Tuesday morning.

Also injured in the accident was Frank Voyles, 40, of Baytown, Tex. Mr. Hembree suffered a fractured leg, back and neck and lacerations of the scalp. He was treated at Providence Hospital and later transferred to an Asheville hospital.

Mr. Voyles, a former resident of

the Murphy area, suffered face lacerations and fractured ribs, Highway patrolman Ray Heffner said.

Mr. Heffner said the accident happened when the car, driven by Mr. Voyles, struck the rear end of a pickup truck and ran off an embankment 600 feet later.

The car was demolished. The car struck a pickup truck driven by Everett Botts, 45, of near Culbertson, Ga.

## FLAGS NEEDED

Jim Greene, Commander, Joe Miller Elkins Post 96, The American Legion, said that he is constantly being contacted by schools, churches and others concerning American Flags.

Any families or individuals who possess flags that they would like to see put to use are requested to contact Mr. Greene and he will be glad to accept the flag on behalf of the American Legion and will see that they are properly distributed and displayed throughout the area.

## Plans Announced For Andrews Celebration

ANDREWS — Preliminary plans and announcement of committees to serve in the Annual Andrews Fourth of July celebration were announced recently by W. D. Whitaker, general chairman.

The following were announced: J. S. Gernert, parade chairman, Clifford Huls, John Slagle and Jake Buchanan; Kiddie parade, Mrs. Sara J. Chandler, chairman, Mrs. Margaret Ann Hartman, and Mrs. Emogene Ledford; Finance committee: Tommy Fuller, chairman, Ty Burnett, Mrs. Marilyn Baer and Loren Truett;

Also: Refreshments: Dean Truett, chairman, Joe El-Khour, and Charles Freil; Little League, J. Arthur Watkins, chairman; Fireworks, Edwin Bristol, chairman, Edgar Wood, John Slagle and Tom Hay; Publicity: Mrs. A. B. Chandler Sr., Miss Tribby Glenn, Mrs. Dorothy Pullum, Mrs. Grady Garner, Miss Jeannette Carringer and Dee Witt Sharp.

Sponsored by civic organizations of the town the celebration which begins with a parade will be followed by a double header ball game by the Little League and other special events.

A special feature will be free refreshments served to all children under twelve years of age. Civic organizations will also sponsor food for sale.

Prizes will be offered in the parade.

Plans will be completed and announcement made at a later date. The day's activities will begin at ten a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m.

## T. R. Fuller To Head Andrews Lions

ANDREWS — Thomas R. Fuller was elected president of the Andrews Lions Club at the meeting of the club last week. Harold Gee is the immediate past president.

Other officers elected are: Joe El-Khour, 1st vice-president; Lee Nichols, 2nd vice-president; Neal Matheson, 3rd vice-president; Sam Hartman, secretary-treasurer.

Marion Ennis, Tail-twister; Herbert Sheldy, Lion Tamer; Ray Hogsed and James Harris directors for one year; Clifford Huls and Richard Conley directors for two years.

The Rev. Vitolds Gobins was elected chaplain. Installation of officers will take place at a later date.

## Survey Shows WKRK Station Most Heard

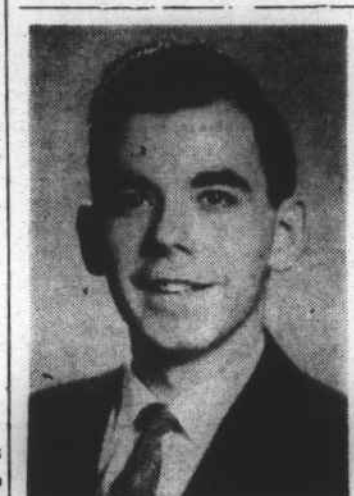
A survey conducted in this area by Conlad Associates, Inc. of Missouri show that local radio station WKRK is the most listened to station in a 25 mile radius of Murphy. The survey was conducted in April at the request of national advertising agencies.

A total of 2,977 calls were made in this section by the company to determine which station was most listened to.

## Family Petitions Body Be Exhumed To Determine Cause Of Girl's Death

A coroner's jury Monday decided to exhume the body of 16-year-old Carmelita Moss for an autopsy at Duke University.

The jury reached the decision to exhume the body after 12 minutes of deliberation.



HOLDS REVIVAL

Rev. John Allen Snider of Bloomington, Ill., will conduct a revival at the Free Methodist Church of Andrews through May 31. Services will be conducted each evening at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the services.

## A.A. Meeting Planned For Sunday

An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, a national organization devoted to helping alcoholics, is scheduled for the First Methodist Church of Murphy Sunday afternoon, May 31, at 3 p.m.

Members of the A. A. Chapter in Elkhart, Ga., will be present. Two speakers will be furnished by the Atlanta, Georgia Chapter.

## Arnold Beerkens Finishes Term As Lay Leader

Arnold Beerkens has recently completed two years of service as president of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association.

He and Mrs. Beerkens spent the past week-end in Charlotte at the annual meeting of the association where he made a speech at the banquet on Saturday night and served as moderator of workshops and discussion groups during the day.

As Association president he has for the past two years written a weekly column for The North Carolina Catholic, a newspaper published in Raleigh. He will remain on the Board of Directors of the Association.

Keynote speaker at the meeting was Dr. Emerson Hynes, head of the department of sociology at St. John's College in Minnesota. Dr. Hynes is on leave from the college, serving as legislative assistant in Washington to U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy.

## Katherine Sursavage Wins Citizenship Metal At Andrews High Graduation

ANDREWS — Medals and awards were presented to students at the commencement exercises for the graduating class of '59 of the Andrews High School Monday evening in the High School auditorium.

The address to the class was given by Mr. Charles W. Phillips, Director of Public Relations Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

The Rev. E. D. Witherspoon Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

Gerald Gibby, president of the senior class, extended the welcome to the packed audience.

Katherine Sursavage was presented the outstanding citizen medal on citizenship, scholarship, rating, sportsmanship, leadership, community activities, personality and attitude during her four years in high school.

Miss Moss' death had been ruled a suicide by Coroner J. C. Townson after her death at her home May 3. There were rumors in the Marble area that the girl died of foul play and District Solicitor Glenn Brown was called in and the investigation was re-opened.

Members of the family requested that the girl's body be exhumed and an autopsy performed to determine of the class.

The petition was signed by her mother, Mrs. Della Marie Coker; two sisters, Sue and Gail Coker; and a half brother, Robert M. Hass. At the time of death, it was thought that Miss Moss had committed suicide by drinking a bottle of silver polish in the kitchen of her home in Marble.

An analysis of the polish proved that it contained cyanide, a deadly poison.

The jury took only 12 minutes to decide that the body should be exhumed for an autopsy.

Mr. Townson began making arrangements for the body to be removed for the autopsy.

Mr. Townson said the autopsy will be performed in a few days.

## Eight Webelos Pass To Boy Scout Membership

Eight Webelos moved from the ranks of Cub to Boy Scouts in a ceremony Monday night at First Methodist Church in the closing pack meeting of the season before the summer vacation.

The cubbers, in an observance under the direction of Merle Davis, pack cubmaster, passed beneath an arch with the Cub emblems and the colors into the realm of Boy Scoutdom. Those thus initiated included Luke Bayless, Trip Bourne, Perry Brown, Gary Bryson, Mike Jordan, Bobby Potter, Knox Singleton, and Calvin Styles. Also to move on, though not present at the meeting, are Webelos Jan Davidson and Billy Lay. Holding the colors were Billy Harper and Steve Crawford.

Taking part in the ceremony along with Mr. Davis were Scout Billy Odell, Robert A. Potter, and Scoutmasters Mont Rogers and "Sonny" Gillespie. Scouts Odell and Billy Harper received merit badges from Commissioner John Jordan, and Bill Potter was given his Bobcat and Wolf badges as a cubber.

While no pack or den meeting is to be held during summer months among the Cubs, fathers of the boys are requested to take the dens on outdoor activities.

Shirley Ann Greene and Bobby Nichols were awarded the Dramatics medal.

Terry Postell received the medal for outstanding athlete of the year. Medals were awarded to the three honor students: Jannette Carringer, Vicki Derreberry and Katherine Sursavage.

The class president medal was awarded to Gerald Gibby. Miss Ada Mae Prunella, retiring member of the third grade, was recognized for her long term of service and accorded a standing vote of appreciation.

J. E. Shady, Superintendent of Andrews City School District, presented diplomas to the members of the class.