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CHEROKEE SCOUT GROUP GOES TO CAMP

Shown are ten happy boys as they departed for two weeks at The Cherokee Scout's camp in Alabama. The Scout is providing the ten boys with the opportunity to attend the camp in order to meet other outstanding boys of their age group from other states. The group will return July 19. Shown are Lamar Haggard, Jimmy Jordan, Ricky Bagley, Lester Lee Stowe, Darrell Eugene Timpson, Gene Chance, John Snow, Donald Morris, Terry Hensley, and Wilson Palmer Jr.

The RAMBLER

Floyd Little of Culberson Route 1 has this tale to tell about "Charlie" a pet duck that he owned. "Charlie was a little white gosling hatched on the farm of T. G. Little in April, 1935. When about eight months old a mule stepped on Charlie's leg and crushed it. Some of the children in the family put a splint on the duck's leg. Due to the cold weather and poor circulation, Charlie's foot froze off. The broken leg healed and Charlie soon learned to walk on the stub of his leg. The duck remained on the farm until 1946 when he became the property of Floyd Little. Charlie was a pet of the Little family until his death on June 26 of this year when he died at the age of 24 years and two months." Well, all we can say about this is that he was a tough old duck.

Neal Barnes, who rode over on the Wagon Train Saturday declares that it was a nice scenic ride, but a little rough on certain parts of the body. Mr. Barnes says that it was no effort to eat on the trip. All you had to do, "he said" was to hold a sandwich in front of your mouth and your teeth would automatically bite it. He also said that mules showed they had a great deal of sense on the trip over.

Some of the mules didn't object at all to getting into the river, but once there, it was another matter to get them out. They found that the water made a nice cool spot to rest a while and occasionally, it was difficult to move them. All in all, Mr. Barnes said he enjoyed the trip. But, he feels like everyone else the Wagon Train Celebration should come only once a year.

Presbyterians Award Certificates

Girls and boys were awarded certificates, with special recognition being given for those having perfect attendance, in the closing services of Murphy Presbyterian Church's vacation church school recently.

Those receiving certificates include: nursery—Myrtle Fain, Paul Hill, Mildred Howell, and Cynthia Millsaps; Billy Potter, Barbara Thompson, Lucy Wilson; upper junior—Gregg Barrett, Judy Fain, Bobby Potter; pioneers—Charles Barrett Jr., Wanda Thompson.

Epistle Of James To Be Studied By Presbyterians

Return to the study of the Epistle of James for guidance through life is being made at Murphy Presbyterian church next Sunday.

The sermon theme of Robert A. Potter, minister, is "The Urgency of the Dead."

At evening worship the congregation meets with the First Methodist church congregation in union service at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church.

Six girls and boys are to go Monday with the minister to the Presbyterian junior camp near Brevard.

These are: Jennifer Hannah, Sara Jane Hill, Cynthia Millsaps, Bobby Potter, Knox Singleton and Barbara Thompson.

Two Murphy Girls Spending Two Weeks At Roundup

Betty and Susie Sprung, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sprung, are spending two weeks at the Girl Scout Senior Roundup at Colorado Springs, Colo.

They are among a patrol of eight girls, selected from the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, to participate in this Girl Scout Roundup which includes 10,000 girls and adults from all over the world.

The Sprungs, who have been active in Girl Scout work for about nine years, left on June 30th by special train from Asheville for Colorado Springs and will return on July 16th.

Traffic Chairman Lauds Traffic Control

C. E. Johnson, chairman of the Wagon Train Traffic Committee issued the following statement Tuesday concerning the manner in which the volunteers handled the traffic situation in Murphy over the July 4 week-end.

"As Chairman of the Traffic Committee and City Clerk and in behalf of the city governing body I wish to extend my most sincere appreciation and thanks to the State Highway Patrol, Civil Air Patrol, the Sheriff and Police Departments, the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 402 and to all others for an excellent job of handling the July fourth traffic, thereby making our Wagon Train celebration a great success."

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 402, under the leadership of Mont Rogers, are to be highly commended for their ability to shoulder such responsibility and for the services they rendered in connection with the holiday traffic problems."

MEETING PLANNED

A meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Wanda Edwards Thursday At 8 p. m.

All members are urged to attend.

Need Two Collections

Dear Mr. Editor:

Well, the Wagon Train celebration is over and it seemed to be a real success and from the looks of paper and trash scattered round, it really went over big.

Speaking of trash left around, that brings up a point of interest. It seems to me that the town of Murphy would have a cleaner town if garbage and trash was picked up more often than just once a week.

Over the period of a week, the average family sure can collect a lot of trash to be stuffed into the can and it seems that the neighborhood dogs always get there just a little before the garbage truck and then the yard has to be cleaned.

On top of that, garbage and trash left around too long smells and there is a possibility of attracting rats, no matter how neat you are with the garbage pail or whatnot.

Maybe if the town could figure out a way to collect trash a couple of times a week, some of our roadsides would not be cluttered with garbage.

I know it would be a big extra expense to the town for this service, but I bet lot of people would be willing to pay a couple of dollars a month just to have the garbage collected a little more often.

Sincerely,
I. D. Clate

Murphy Policeman Cut While Making Arrest

Murphy police officer Glenn Bates was seriously injured while attempting an arrest on Wells Street at approximately 9:30 Tuesday night.

Mr. Bates received cuts on the left arm and leg requiring approximately 50 stitches.

Hospital officials would not allow Mr. Bates to talk to police officials Wednesday and they are not able to explain what happened during the affair.

Police chief Neil Sneed said all he knew was that Mr. Bates was attempting an arrest when he was cut.

Five Youths Hurt In Auto Accident

Five youths from Clay County were injured in the only accident reported in this area during the Fourth of July weekend, according to Highway Patrolman Ray Heffner.

The accident occurred three miles from Warne when the 1953 Mercury went out of control on a curve, struck a rock and turned over.

The car was listed as a complete loss, Mr. Heffner said.

The accident happened at 9 p.m. Sunday.

Those injured in the accident were Troy Hall, 19; Jerry Hogsd, 17; Rondle Ford, 17; Caswell Hall, 18; and Vernon Ford, 17, all of Hayesville, Route 2, Mr. Heffner said.

Andrews Fourth Of July Celebration Is Considered Outstanding Success

ANDREWS—The July 4th Celebration surpassed all expectations as the crowds of spectators outnumbered anything ever seen in this town in previous celebrations.

According to an announcement by W. D. Whitaker (Bill) the largest number of floats ever entered were considered the most artistic and carried out the themes represented in an elaborate display of color and talent.

In commenting on the affair Mr. Whitaker was lavish in his thanks and appreciation to the various committees and friends who made the day the most successful since its inception, and stated plans are underway and committees will be appointed this week to work on arrangements for an even larger celebration for next years 4th of July. Highlight of the celebration was the crowning of Miss Elizabeth Pullum "Miss Fourth of July Queen" by Percy B. Ferebee, mayor of Andrews.

Miss Pullum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pullum Sr., a rising senior of the Andrews High School, was chosen queen though the penny vote contest. Her attendants riding with her on the Konnaheeta Woman's Club float were: Miss Carolyn Wyke, Terry Slagle, Judy West and Vicki Derberry who were runner-ups in the Miss Fourth of July Contest.

Other festivities of the day included a double header ball game by the Little League team, the kiddie parade and the general parade. Crowds left en masse following the game for the festivities held in Murphy.

Floats entered were: Murphy American Legion Color Guard,

TAX RATE LOWERED BY COMMISSIONERS

The County Commissioners, meeting Monday, lowered the tax rate.

The new county wide tax rate will be \$1.68

The tax last year was \$2.12

The new tax rate breaks down to a county wide tax of 58 cents; 65 cents for schools; and 39 cents for the county debt service. These make a total of \$1.62.

A special township debt service of six cents has also been declared. In addition, there will be a poll tax of \$2 and a special poll tax of \$1.

Tax collector, Hobart Hughes said that 65 per cent of the county residents will pay less taxes this year than a year ago. Approximately 20 per cent will pay the same amount and the remained will pay more taxes.

Mr. Hughes said the Commissioners are trying to get \$262,000

Lions Club Plans

Ladies Night, To

Install Officers

The annual Lion Club Ladies night and installation of officers will be held in the basement of the First Methodist Church, Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m.

Hubert Kanipe, district governor, will address the group.

Officers to be installed are: Edwin Hyde, president; Charles Hughes, Roy Fuller and Ed Brumby, vice presidents; Paul Ridenhour, tail twister; Alex Hanson, Lion Tamer; Charles Johnson, secretary; Ron Russell, treasurer; W. A. Hoover, Kenneth Godfrey, Paul Nave and H. E. Dickey, directors.

for the county business. Property amounting to more than \$15. million was assessed, he said. These taxes rates were approved for all townships.

Crowd Said Between 30, - 50,000 See Ninety Wagons Arrive In Murphy

A giant crowd, estimated at between 30 and 50 thousand persons saw the second annual Wagon Train from Tellico Plains, Tenn., arrive in Murphy Saturday.

Officials of the Wagon Train committee said they were pleased with the results and that the Wagon Train was a success.

Persons lined the route of the Wagon Train through Murphy several deep on the streets. Hotels, motels and restaurants were packed with tourist.

Official count shows that there were 90 wagons in the train along with 435 horse back riders.

There was a total of 434 persons in the wagons that made the trip.

The train traveled 50 miles over the Unicoi Mountains from Tellico Plains. It arrived in Murphy about 4 p.m.

The judging of events was not completed until approximately 9 p.m.

Miss Charlene Davidson, representing Davis Service Station, was named Miss Wagon Train for 1959.

Red Maples of Madisonville, Tenn., was named winner of the beard contest. Mr. Maples had a full, long beard and his hair was shoulder length. He said he had been growing the beard for one year and two months. Mr. Maples said he was not growing the beard just for the Wagon Train Celebration, but "just because he liked it."

Hugh Hensley was second place winner in the beard contest.

Mrs. Joe Ray was winner of the best costume for the celebration. Mrs. J. O. Hensley and daughter Debra were second place winners.

John Smith, county soil conservation agent, made the trip by foot for the second year. He was also joined in the march by P. B. Bennett of Bryson City. Mr. Bennett had to walk after one of the horses pulling his wagon was injured in Tellico Plains.

After the Wagon Train started there was no serious accidents, according to Wagon Master Ed Frye. One person was injured in Tellico Plains when he was kicked by a horse and his jaw crushed.

By late Sunday evening, practically all of the Wagons and horses had left Murphy to make the return trip.

The celebration was continued into Saturday night when there was a wrestling match and a street dance.

This second Wagon Train has been called by several persons as the "biggest thing that's happened to Murphy" and plans are being discussed for next year's Wagon Train Celebration.

Linman Family Purchase Rusty Residence

Andrews Captains and Mrs. L. G. Linman (the former Miss Ann Wood.) their three children, Kathy, Vicki and Gary, and his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Linman, who have been the house guests of Ann's parents Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wood for a visit left Saturday for Lakewood, Florida, where they will spend ten days with relatives.

While in Andrews Capt. and Mrs. Linman purchased the residence recently owned by former superintendent of the Andrews School Unit J. E. Ruffy who assumed his position July 1st as County Superintendent of Allegheny Schools.

Mrs. Linman and children will reside here while Captain Linman spends fourteen months overseas with the U. S. Marine Corp. on a tour of duty. He recently graduated from the Western Michigan University of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

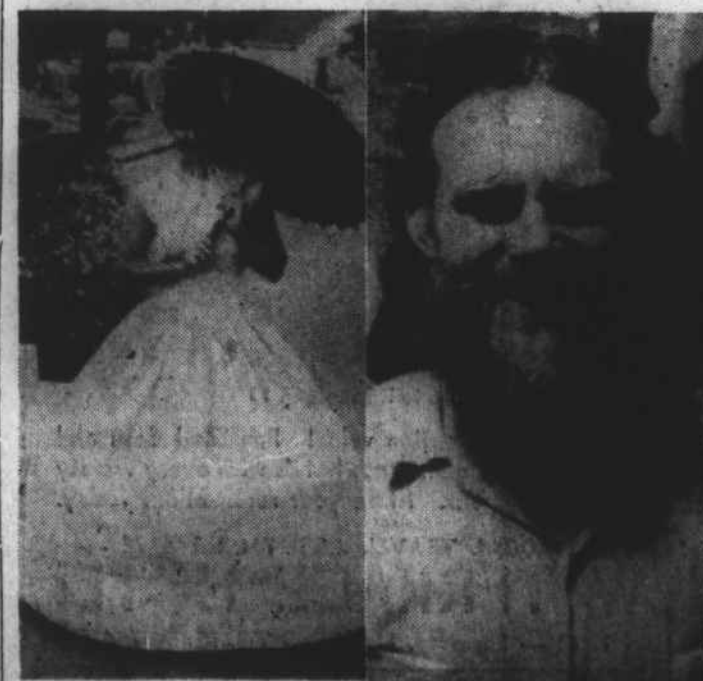
Prior to his years college work in Kalamazoo their main home was at Cherry Hill.



TEETH RATTLING RIDE



MULES MADE GOOD SHOWING



BEAUTY AND BEARD WINNER

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