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# Murphy's Recreational Program — Fun For All

(Editor's Note: The Scout will, from time to time, stop its weekly affairs of reporting the news of Far Western North Carolina to recognize business, educational, civic, and religious leaders of our area.)

This week the Scout salutes, not just one man, but a group of people, who have made the Murphy Summer Recreational Program an overwhelming, popular success.

Murphy can be justly proud of its recreational program. The program is far-reaching and broad in scope. It appeals to almost everyone, young and old, rich and poor. It attracts tourists; it fills a gap during the summer months for our school children; it provides the recreational facilities so vital to a community.

The Murphy Recreational Program is led by Hobart McKeever, Chairman, John Jordan, Director, with Arnold Beerkins, W. A. Singleton, and Joe Ray serving as Board Members.

The Board is an official body of the Town of Murphy by an act of the Legislature, and is operated by the Town with the aid of donations, public subscriptions, and receipts from the swimming pool.

The program boasts one of the finest staffs to be found anywhere. Its members hold a total of five college degrees and two are rising college seniors. The staff for this past season included John Jordan, Director; John Thompson, Assistant Director; B. I. Browning, Laura Bailey, and Hubert Sneed, lifeguards; Buck Hill, Youth Baseball Supervisor; Ruth Cheney, Kiddie Park Supervisor and Jimmy Jordan.

The well-rounded program offered this summer included tennis lessons, swimming lessons — for both children and adults, tennis tournaments, the 4th annual water meet, Life Saving courses, Little League Baseball, swimming daily and a Kiddie Park for children 2 to 7 years old.

Over 500 people used these facilities weekly.

### SWIMMING POOL

The Swimming Pool has proved to be the biggest attraction for Cherokees and well as tourists stopping over for the night. There have been many cases of passing tourists who saw the pool and decided to spend the night in Murphy.

The price of admission to the swimming pool was 15 cents for children and 35 cents for adults. The reason for such a low price was the pool was built by local people to give all children an equal opportunity to participate.

The pool was available for private parties for a fee of five dollars. This proved to be popular during the past season.

Swimming classes were taught all summer for children and adults. Mrs. George Size taught the adult classes.

### KIDDIE PARK

The Kiddie Park opened daily, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The smaller children enjoyed swimming, swings, slides, sandboxes, and jungle gyms; always under the capable supervision of Mrs. Ruth Cheney. There was no charge for this service.

### YOUTH BASEBALL

Youth Baseball, headed by W. A. Singleton and supervised by Buck Hill consisted of three leagues with three to four teams each. Uniforms of the various teams were furnished by local merchants. All boys who were interested in playing were given an opportunity; no boys were turned down. Local men donated their time and services as coaches and umpires.

Mr. McKeever and his fine staff — the good folks who donated their dollars — and the Town of Murphy, have the thanks of all of Murphy's youngsters, scores of tourists, and every parent and their children who use these facilities.

## Is Driving a Right or a Privilege?

His driving record reads like a police blotter:

1955—Ran red light, struck pedestrian. Fined \$25 and costs.

1956—Collided with parked car.

1957—Driving while intoxicated. Fined \$100, license suspended 30 days.

1957—Careless operation, driving while under license suspension. Fined \$75.

1958—Sideswiped truck while passing on hill. Fined \$50 and costs.

Latest entry: March, 1960—Failure to maintain assured clear distance ahead. Damage to the other car, \$475.

Why is this man still driving? Because a driver's license today is considered almost an inalienable right, to be revoked only for the most extreme violations.

What does all this have to do with you, a good driver who has never had any trouble? You and other good drivers are paying for the losses of mushrooming number of poor drivers.

Is there anything you can do to help solve the problem? Yes. There can be no real solution until careless, unfit drivers are removed from the highways. Give your support to safety groups working for consistent law enforcement and stricter licensing requirements. Bring up the subject at club meetings and solicit support for needed legislation.

As long as these drivers are on the road, you'll be paying part of the cost—possibly in property damage, injury, or death.

### Service Heating System

It could be a case of a stitch in time saving nine if you get your heating system checked now.

Call your fuel distributor or your heating representative and have him do what is necessary.

A system unused for months may have rusted flues or pipes. The flues may be partially or wholly filled with soot or leaves or debris. Some bird nests will be found in some places.

If you wait until the first cold snap and then call the maintenance man, he will probably be swamped with calls from many others. Right now he has the time. Right now you have better assurance that the service check will be better done.

You will need that heating system within a couple of weeks. Don't risk burning your house down, or having it damaged by failure to have your stoves, chimneys, flues, plants put in A-1 condition.

### Don't Kill A Child

Schools are back in session.

Every morning and every afternoon streets and highways are a-wiggle with happy children going to school or from school. They are happy in their own concerns.

Look alert, drive with care. You never know when a youngster will dart from behind a parked car or behind a tree and all unseeing run into the path of your vehicle.

Local records prove that territory adjacent to rural schools on highways can be as dangerous, if not more so, than city streets. Too fresh in the minds of many are cases where little children near schools were killed or badly injured.

Be careful, keep your mind on your driving particularly when near schools or places where school children go and come in droves.

### Quotes

The story of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission is an exciting and hopeful story. Western North Carolina is the State's last great economic frontier. It is going to grow; it will come into its own, I am glad to see you planning to protect its future.

Terry Sanford

As long as politicians write the laws to suit themselves and as long as people want eyewash, I think nothing will change and people will remain forever in the dark as to the real costs in a democracy to elect the thousands and thousands of people to all the city, county, state, and federal jobs.

Heinz Rollman

### Ole Man Murphy Says

'Too often the bonds of matrimony fail to draw enough interest.'

'Don't be just yourself with other people. Try always to be your better self.'

## Words of Life

Rev. D. P. Sotherman  
Pastor, First Methodist Church  
Andrews, N.C.

### "COMMUNISTIC 'GODS' THAT WE WORSHIP"

In II Chronicles 25:14 is a very interesting story of how a king defeated his enemies but in the process demoralized himself and became like his enemies.

"After Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites he brought the gods of the men of Seir, and set them up as his gods, and worshipped them, making offerings to them."

Today Christianity is engaged in a life or death struggle with the forces of Communism for the minds and souls of men. The Communists have not tried to hide the fact that they are intent upon taking the world. They have said that our grandchildren shall live under communism. They believe that the philosophy of Marx is infallible. They cannot fail.

One of the dangers of the struggle is that we in church may become so intent upon fighting again Communism, that we make its gods, our gods and fall down and worship them. The fact that this has already taken place to a certain extent, is the reason we do not have a clear note to sound to the rest of the world.

One of the Communistic gods that we worship is materialism. Economic values are most important in Communism. It is not how you produce but how much you produce. They pour all of their resources into the study of science. It is the only hope to solve the world's problems. Religion is nonsense, they say. Because if you have fertilizer you don't need faith, if you have the state you don't need the church, if you have science you don't need God.

This is customary thinking in America today. We only turn to God or think of God when we can no longer provide for our own needs. We are somewhat like the little girl who

was visiting in a home where they said Grace before meals. She had never heard a blessing before a meal. She asked her young hostess what grace was, and why they said it. The little girl said she was visiting said, "Grace is when we thank God for our food." "Oh," said the little visitor, with a knowing smile, "We pay for ours."

The things that drive us to action today are 90 per cent material and 10 per cent spiritual, or less. We are concerned more about the house, the car, and providing for our children's education, than we are about the kingdom of God. These things are good, but if they take first place in our lives, they are wrong. Christianity teaches that all our loves must come second to the love for God.

Another practice of Communism that we have made ours is the sharp line that is drawn between the secular and the religious; the failure to realize that Christianity must have a voice in all of our life or it will be of little value.

The government in Russia has said that the Church may exist as long as it does not make any unfavorable comments about the ruling order. The church may minister to the individual, but it cannot carry on any educational program, any youth program, or do any kind of social work. This is a very imminent danger in our world today. There are numbers of church members who do not believe that their faith in God should have any bearing on how they conduct their business. They think that when they give the church a token offering it has no say in how they spend the balance. But this is limiting the voice of the church to your own satisfaction, just as the Communists are doing.

The third Communist practice that we have made ours, is that expediency shall determine our morals. If what you are after is worthwhile, it makes no difference how you get it. Lenin stated the Communist position in these words: "We do not believe in external morality, Proletariat morality is determined from day to day by the exigencies of the class struggle." Anything is right that helps us attain our goal; anything is wrong that stands in the way of our human desires. The only thing that is wrong in America today is when you get caught.

These are some of the chief gods of Communism that we have made our own. We must set our own house in order before we can convince the rest of the world that we are "One nation under God."

### VA Hospital Move Will Not Impair Treatment

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Veterans Administration assured the North Carolina Congressional Delegation today that the consolidation of the VA hospital at Swannanoa with the Oren VA hospital will not impair future medical care for the veterans of North Carolina.

At a meeting arranged by Representatives Roy A. Taylor of the 12th District and Basil L. Whitener of the 11th District, VA officials promised that the consolidation would result in better medical facilities. In addition to Congressmen Whitener and Taylor the meeting was attended by Senators Sam J. Ervin and Everett Jordan and other members of the North Carolina Delegation.

### Corrected Holy Mass Schedule

The new Holy Mass schedule carried in the Scout last week was misleading and contained several errors. The following schedule is correct.

The following Holy Mass schedule for the Cherokee, Graham, and Clay county area has been announced by Father Raymond, pastor of the tri-county area.

In Murphy: Providence Hospital — 6:15 a.m. Sundays and daily. St. William's Catholic Chapel — Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

In Andrews: Holy Redeemer Chapel — 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.

At Fontana Village: Our Lady of the Lake Chapel — 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

In Hayesville: Holy Cross Chapel — 11:00 a.m. Sundays. Mass has been temporarily discontinued at Lance Cove.

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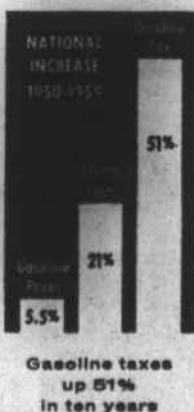
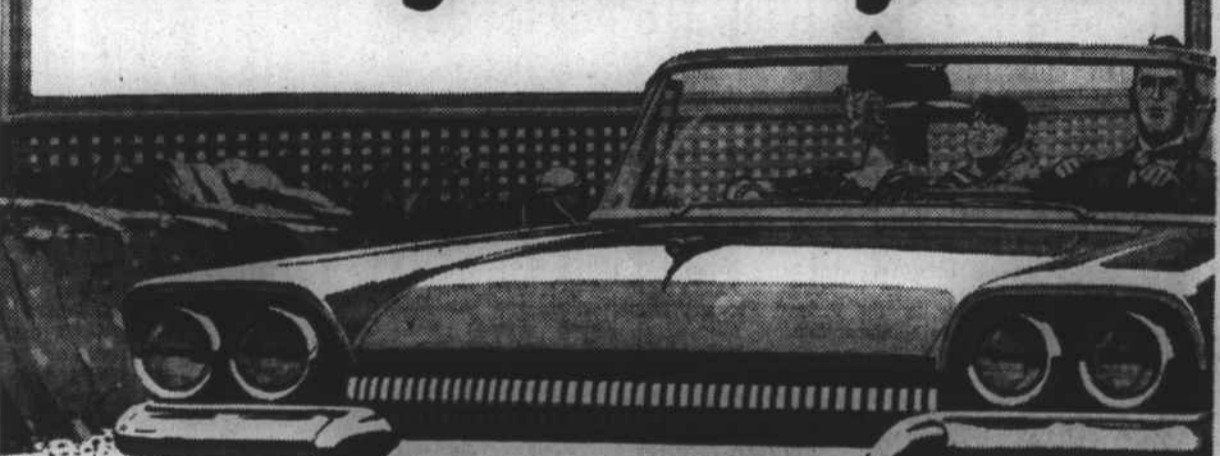
It's time to check your home to see what's needed to make it more comfortable, more convenient, more livable (and more economical to run) during the upcoming winter. This may be anything from a new heating system or an insulation job to a modernization of your kitchen or an extra room finished off in basement or attic. Whatever it is, it's sure to cost money. That's where we come in! See us for a Home Improvement Loan. Cost is low, service prompt, terms arranged to suit you.

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Does a tax this high—on a basic commodity like gasoline—really make sense? Gasoline taxes in this state amount to a 50% sales tax—and that's over five times as high as the tax rate on luxuries like diamonds and mink coats.

How did gasoline taxes get so high? Well, since World War II, there have been three increases in the federal gasoline tax alone. This brought the Federal tax to 4 cents a gallon, in addition to the State tax of 7 cents a gallon.

Looking at it another way, in the last ten years gasoline taxes have skyrocketed 51%—yet the price of gasoline itself has risen only 5.5% during the same period. \$96 a year for gasoline taxes! Gallon by gallon, these taxes add up to a lot of money. Each year the average motor vehicle owner in this state pays \$96 for gasoline taxes alone. That's actually more than the average week's pay for most people!

Your gasoline retailer—who must collect these taxes from you—feels that gasoline taxes are much too high. More and more, thinking people are coming to agree. What do you think?

### HIGHWAYS AND GASOLINE TAXES

Your gasoline retailer, naturally, favors construction of the roads that the motoring public needs. He believes in fair and reasonable taxation for this purpose but feels that taxes on gasoline have now reached unreasonably high levels. He also believes that all special taxes on the motorist should be used only for highway purposes. Yet last year, out of every automobile tax dollar collected by the Federal Government from highway users, more than 40 cents went for non-highway purposes. If these automotive tax revenues were dedicated for highway purposes, there would be no need for the latest increase in the federal gasoline tax.

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