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McKeever Heads Drive To Save Battleship

RALEIGH, N. C.—Governor Terry Sanford has announced the appointment of Hobart McKeever of Murphy to head the drive in Cherokee County to save the Battleship North Carolina.

Mr. McKeever, who has been named along with 99 other county drive chairmen as an "Admiral of the Fleet" in the North Carolina Navy,

GOP To Hold District Meeting Here

The May meeting of the 12th District Republicans will be held at the Family Restaurant in Murphy at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 1961.

Members of the General Assembly will be on hand to make reports of happenings in Raleigh. Scheduled to be present are the Hon. Herman West of Cherokee County, Hon. Wayne West of Clay, Hon. Mrs. Cook of Macon, and Hon. J. Randall of Henderson.

Dan S. Judd of West Asheville, District Chairman, will preside, and arrangements in Murphy are under the direction of Dallas Reese.

Ivie Funeral Home Hires New Director

James E. Pitman has assumed duties as an embalmer at the Ivie Funeral Home in Murphy, Peyton Ivie has announced. Mr. Pitman, 38, has had 14 years experience as a funeral director having been associated with the Overby Funeral Home in Smithfield and Raleigh before coming to Murphy.

Mr. Pitman said his wife, Patsy, and their three children, Jimmy, 12, Vickie, 11, and Mark, 5, will move to Murphy as soon as school is out in Raleigh June 5.

Mr. Pitman is a veteran of World War II having served two years with the infantry in Europe. He is a native of Johnston County, N. C.

Mrs. Pitman is a licensed nurse and is working at the Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh. Mr. Pitman said that she hopes to continue in the nursing profession here in Murphy.

The Pitmans are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Pitman said he likes to fish and would like to try his luck if time permits.

will direct the Cherokee County effort to provide its share of the \$250,000 needed from public subscription to tow the giant ship from Bayonne, New Jersey, to Wilmington, N. C., and establish it as a permanent educational exhibit and memorial to men and women of all the U. S. Military services in World War II.

Completed in 1940 and commissioned in 1941, the U. S. S. North Carolina was affectionately nicknamed the "show-boat" by the Navy because she was the first warship to carry 16-inch guns along with modern anti-aircraft weapons. She served in the Pacific theatre for 40 months during World War II, taking part in virtually all major engagements from Guadalcanal to Tokyo Bay. In all she earned 12 battle stars.

The Navy originally planned to scrap the North Carolina, but efforts of residents of the state for which she was named have begun to save her. With a successful campaign to raise the \$250,000 necessary to preserve her, the U. S. S. North Carolina will become the only World War II battleship in the nation to be open to the public.

Mr. McKeever pointed out that any Cherokee County resident giving as much as \$100 or any campaign worker who solicits \$500 or more will be made an Admiral in the North Carolina Navy by Governor Sanford. The Admiral's name will be engraved on a plaque aboard the ship. Anyone contributing \$5 will receive five free admissions to visit the ship. Any school averaging 10¢ per pupil for 100 per cent participation by the students will each be given a free admission. All contributions are tax deductible.

Other officers elected were John Gill—secretary; Doyle C. Burch—treasurer; Kenneth Godfrey—tail twister; Frank Mauney—Lion tamer; Robert Bruce—1st vice-president; and Alden Coward—3rd vice-president.



Who Is This?

Here's the cutest picture we have had to date. This fine looking group posed for this picture back in 1931 shortly after the ceremony was performed. None the occasion for the picture and the people in the picture. The boys are cousins and their last name appears on several businesses in Murphy, namely the supply business, the oil business, and the auto business. Now with all these clues we will leave it up to you to name the girl. Her initials were "M. A." We made a mistake in announcing last week's winner. We had an earlier entry than the one that we announced. Mrs. Roy Williams, Box 456, Andrews, had the earliest correct answer. Both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Whisenhunt will receive a six month's subscription.

Wagon Train Group To Go To Raleigh To See Governor

The 1961 Wagon Train Committee headed by co-chairmen Holland McSwain and Ben Palmer will meet with Gov. Terry Sanford in Raleigh Wednesday, June 7, at 10 a.m. to officially invite him to the Wagon Train celebration July 4th.

If enough people are interested in making the trip, a chartered bus will carry the group to Raleigh. Plans are to leave Murphy on Tuesday. The group will wear full Wagon Train attire at the meeting with the governor.

The group will also visit the legislature and invite members of that body to attend the Wagon Train. Mrs. Sarah Patton, secretary of the committee, is in charge of reservations.

American Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers

Officers of the American Legion Auxiliary for the new year were installed Friday night by Mrs. C. A. Bales of Robbinsville. Mrs. T. A. (Kate) Mauney is the new President, and the other officers are as follows: Mrs. John Bayless, Vice-President; Mrs. Herman Edwards, secretary; Mrs. R. H. Foard, treasurer; Mrs. John A. Davidson, Chaplain; and Mrs. Ruth Cheney, sgt. at Arms. Miss Dorothy Hensley is immediate past president.

Plans were made for Poppy Day, May 28, when every person will be given a chance to participate in memoriam of the war dead and allegiance. Bertha Roberts is Poppy Chairman. The Poppy booth will be near the square in Murphy.

Mrs. Mauney was elected in Charlotte June 8-10. A membership drive was planned by the unit to renew and during the social hour, Mrs. Bales gave one of her.

CORRECTION!

The Scout erroneously stated in the article concerning the death of Marvin Beavers, victim in the school bus accident at Hiwassee Dam, that he was a former polio victim.

Gas Can Explodes; 2 Fishermen Injured

Coleman Lantern Ignites Gas

Two fishermen were reported to have narrowly escaped with their lives around midnight Saturday night when a gas can exploded in their boat near the mouth of Beaverdam Cove on Hiwassee Lake. The men were identified by Cassie Floyd, owner and operator of the Hiwassee Boat Dock, as Zeb H. Smith and his son-in-law, a Mr. Cash, both of Canton, N.C.

The incident occurred while Mr. Smith and his son-in-law were refueling their motor from a gas can. A Coleman lantern was reported to have ignited the gasoline.

The clothing of one of the men was afire when they leaped into the water. Mr. Smith was alleged to be a non-swimmer making it necessary for him to hold to the side of the burning boat. His son-in-law being a swimmer was able to stay some distance from the boat. Both men had life preservers in the boat but they were in flames along with other equipment. Both men managed to stay afloat until three fishermen in a nearby boat came to their rescue.

The rescuers were Harold Capehart, Marvin Ridley, and Albert Arnold of Dalton, Ga.

Seconds after the men were taken from the water, the gas can exploded covering the water over a wide area with flames. The boat, a 15 foot Cedar Strip, and all its contents were a complete loss estimated at \$2,000.

Mr. Floyd stated that he and two other fishermen noticed the bright light being reflected from the fire and proceeded to investigate. When they reached the scene, the rescue had been completed.

Mr. Smith and his son-in-law received burns on their hands and Mr. Smith was treated for his injuries at a Murphy hospital.



Former Resident Elected Engineer's Dream Girl

Miss Jeanette Denny of the University of Tennessee's Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers was elected Engineer's Dream Girl at the Annual Engineers' Ball held recently at the University of Tennessee. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Denny of Knoxville formerly of Murphy, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lella Dickey of Murphy. Miss Denny won her title in competition with 10 U. T.'s loveliest beauties.

In recognition of this honor she was awarded the big loving cup she is shown holding above. In previous years she was chosen in 1958 as ACE Queen

of Clubs and in 1959 as ACE Queen of Diamonds, and recently as ACE Queen of Spades.

She was the cover girl on the September 1959 issue of the Tennessee Valley Engineer. This is a unique honor for she is the only cover girl that magazine has ever had.

Miss Denny is a senior in civil engineering and when she graduates next December will be the first girl to graduate in that profession. She is now contemplating returning to U. T. for a master's degree.

She is a member of Phi Mu sorority. This year she was a nominee for Homecoming Queen.

Murphy Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 25
3:30 P.M. - The Murphy Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Hobart McKeever with Mrs. Jim Gibbs as co-hostess.

1:30 P.M. - Ranger Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Charlie Kilpatrick.

3:00 P.M. - Jr. Choir at First Methodist Church.

3:30 P.M. - Concord Choir at First Baptist Church.

Murphy Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Hobart McKeever with Mrs. Jim Gibbs as co-hostess.

4:15 P.M. - Pioneer-Senior meeting at Presbyterian Church.

7:30 P.M. - Murphy Chapter No. 10 Order of Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic Hall.

Community Service at Free Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, MAY 26
3:00 P.M. - Junior Choir at First Methodist Church.

3:30 P.M. - Concord Choir at First Baptist Church.

4:15 P.M. - Senior-Pioneer at Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 27
ALL DAY - American Legion Auxiliary will sell poppies all day at their booth on the square.

SUNDAY, MAY 28
6:00 P.M. - MYF meeting at First Methodist Church.

6:30 P.M. - Training Unit at First Baptist Church.

8:00 P.M. - Seniors of Murphy High School who are members of First Methodist Church will be recognized at services.

MONDAY, MAY 29
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TUESDAY, MAY 30
3:15 P.M. - Junior Fellowship at Presbyterian Church.

3:30 P.M. - Carol Choir at First Baptist Church.

Youth Choir at First Methodist Church.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
JUNE 2 - Western District Crafts for Home Demonstration club leaders will be held at Camp Schaub, Waynesville.

22 Crafts are scheduled to be taught and the instructors are well known craftsmen throughout the area.

7:20 P.M. - Midweek services at Presbyterian Church.

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8:00 P.M. - Choir rehearsal at Presbyterian Church.

8:30 P.M. - Adult Choir at First Baptist Church.

Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.

THURSDAY JUNE 1
3:30 P.M. - Concord Choir at First Baptist Church.

4:00 P.M. - Senior-Pioneer meeting at Presbyterian Church.

DAVIS PROMOTED
Dr. Claude J. Davis has been promoted to Director of the Bureau for Government Research, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, according to a recent announcement by the University President, Clyde L. Colson. Dr. Davis is a native of Asheville and the son of Mrs. Ethel Davis and the late H. T. Davis of Robbinsville, N. C. He served on the faculty of West Virginia University for four years prior to the appointment.

Before going to West Virginia, Dr. Davis served in the Departments of Political Science at the University of Tennessee and the University of California at Los Angeles. He attended college at Bereard Junior College and Western Carolina College and received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Davis is married to the former Miss Lucile Mulkey of Andrews, N. C. They have two children Terence, 5, and Susanne, 3.

MURPHY WINS
Murphy won a Smoky Mountain League game Sunday defeating Robbinsville 7 to 5. Johnny Moore was the winning pitcher. Murphy scored 7 runs on 9 hits with 4 errors. Robbinsville scored 3 runs on 7 hits and 4 errors. The game was played in Murphy.

New Officers Are Elected

Randolph Cunningham was elected President of the Student Body for 1961-62, and Billy Haney, Vice-President in an election held Friday, May 5, under the direction of

the Student Council. Their campaign managers were Bobby Weaver and John Snow. The opposing candidates were Jerry Chambers for President and Frankie Beal for Vice-

President. Jerry Henson and Dorothy Ann Mull were their campaign managers.

In order to vote, the students had to register in homerooms during the first of the week. The voting was done by secret balloting just as in a regular election.

Every candidate for these offices must maintain a B-average. The President is chosen from the rising senior class and the Vice-President from the rising senior or junior class.

Randolph Cunningham, a rising senior, was the Vice-President of the Student Body this year. He was also on the Student Council his sophomore year. During his sophomore and freshman years, he was President of his class. He is on the football team.

Billy Haney, a rising junior, was on the Student Council his freshman year. He was President of his freshman and sophomore class. He is also on the football team.



RANDOLPH CUNNINGHAM

BILL HANEY

Folk School Sponsoring Literacy Classes

Two of the Literacy Classes sponsored by the John C. Campbell Folk School have been meeting two evenings a week since Nov. 1960 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright at Ranger, N.C. Reading from left to right in the photo at left above are: Mrs.

Lexie Voyles, Mr. Grady King, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Viola Beavers, Mrs. Wright, Miss Fannie McLellan of the Folk School is the teacher.

Mrs. Myrtle Corney, Miss Adella Meroney, from Murphy the Teacher, Mr. Sammy Green, Mr. Clinton Green are

shown left to right in photo at right. Three others in the Ranger group not present who have been taking the work are Mrs. Hassie Frankum, Mrs. Zeb Davidson and Mr. ed. Young.

The group has been following the Frank C. Laubach plan

of study for reading and writing and have made a great deal of improvement since beginning. The Murphy Library has been very cooperative in helping to find supplementary reading material for some of the students who were able to use it. Seven pairs of glasses

have been secured for members of the classe.

The need for Cherokee County is to get more classes organized with more volunteer teachers for there are many men and women in the County who are still unable to read and write. It is possible to follow the early morning classes when it is televised from W.R.G.P.-TV in Chattanooga. However, it is also possible to go more slowly without the television and meet at night when more people can attend. Anyone knowing of either "learners" or "teachers" who would like to work in a class beginning next September should call the Folk School at Brasstown. Material for both the student and the teacher can be obtained there.

Mrs. Ruth Cheney, Miss Dot Hensley and Mrs. Arnold Styles of Murphy worked with several students earlier in the year. Miss Kate Hayes is available as a volunteer teacher.

On Tuesday, May 16, these Literacy Classes had a picnic at the Folk School. Mrs. Velma Moore of Hayesville and Mrs. Kate Mauney of Murphy attended.



ANNA BRUCE



EUGENIA DAVIS



BETTY SPRUNG



PHIL MATTOX