



MURPHY WINS FIRST PLACE AWARD. Murphy Mayor L. L. Mason, right, is shown receiving the first place award for pedestrian safety from W. A. Singleton, local Carolina Motor Club representative. The motor club sponsors the program annually. Last year Murphy was awarded a second place citation. (Scout Photo)

## Murphy Wins Safety Award

Murphy, has been cited by the Carolina Motor Club for winning first place in the Club's Pedestrian Safety Program during 1960, according to W. A. Singleton, Murphy branch office manager.

The award was presented to Mayor L. L. Mason by Mr. Singleton at Town Board Meeting Monday night.

Murphy was selected for the award on the basis of its report submitted to the Carolina Motor Club, in which cities under 5,000 population vie for awards in their activities to protect the man afoot.

"The residents of the city both pedestrians and drivers deserve considerable credit for making this award possible," Mr. Singleton said during the presentation.

"This record was achieved

despite the fact that traffic exposure for pedestrians has increased tremendously -- population, motor vehicle registration and miles of travel. "The marked reduction that has taken place in pedestrian fatalities over the years is the brightest spot in the entire traffic accident picture, said Mr. Singleton. Pedestrian fatalities in 1960 totaled 7,600 a reduction of 50 per cent from the high point reached in 1937.

During this same period of time, all other traffic fatalities increased 21 per cent.

"The real reward, however," he stressed, "was in pedestrian lives saved. Almost every pedestrian accident, he pointed out, results in serious injury or death. This makes it essential to place greater emphasis each year on pedestrian safety activities."

## Dr. Van Gorder Is Reappointed

Andrews -- Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder has been reappointed to the Board of Trustees at Western Carolina College.

Other Appointments by Governor Sanford's office are -- Jonathan Woody of Waynesville, replacing State Insurance Commissioner Charles F. Gold; and Phillip Woolcott of Asheville who was reappointed to the Board.



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE SCENE? In the early 1900's the scene shown above was where a church now stands. It was located a block from the square in Murphy. The first person correctly identifying the scene will receive a free subscription to THE CHEROKEE SCOUT. Mail your entry to Box 190, Murphy, N. C. Last week's winner was Mrs. John Atwell, 411 Cedar Lane, Arden, N. C. She identified the picture as the Tom Thumb Wedding held in Andrews in 1933.

# Town Board Orders Taxi Stands Off The Streets

## Town Receives \$3,173 Check

Taxi stands have been ordered off the streets in Murphy according to a Town ordinance passed Monday night at the regular meeting. Action was taken on the recommendation of the Grand Jury. The ordinance goes into effect Sept. 1.

Taxicabs are prohibited from parking in certain congested areas of public streets for the purpose of soliciting business. The ordinance further states that taxicabs should be prohibited from using certain portions of said streets except for the purpose of transporting, loading and unloading passengers and property.

The ordinance also pertains to for-hire trucks which are

prohibited from establishing truck stands or headquarters.

The Board was presented a check by Mayor L. L. Mason from the State of North Carolina. The money is a portion of assessments paid in intangible taxes to the state which the State in turn pays back to the town. The check amounted to \$3,171.93 and will be placed in the general fund.

The Board voted to purchase six new sections of fire hose to bring it up to the minimum adequate requirement of 2000 feet. The new hose will cost \$100 per section.

It was the feeling of the Board that the Civil Defense should head a fall out shelter program and that a special meeting of the board should be called with Deputy Director Jim Ed Hughes but the Scout learned Tuesday afternoon that Mr. Hughes had resigned. Plans stand at the moment to have Area Director, Archie Noell of Sylva, attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board to assist in organizing a Civil Defense unit for the Town of Murphy.

Tax refunds were approved for the old Franklin Motor Co. and H. G. Elkins. In both cases evidence was presented to show that taxes had been paid in error.

Mrs. Ethel Stiles of Old Hospital Hill school met with the Board and stated that her water service was not adequate. The water committee was directed to investigate the conditions in that area.

Upon the request of R. M. Ramsey of Sales Street the street committee was directed to check into the complaint of excess water drainage across the Ramsey property at the end of Sales Street.

Gay Davidson, filter plant operator for the Town of Murphy was authorized to attend the N. C. Water Works School in Raleigh August 21-26.

The Board approved that the sidewalk from the alley at Candler's Store be extended out to the end of the block at the Sinclair Station.



THE SUNBEAM BAND of the First Baptist Church in Murphy are shown above before leaving for Truett Camp in Hayesville for the annual Sunbeam Activities Day. This is the 75th anniversary of the Sunbeams.

Front Row (L-R): Mark Edwards, Billy West, Tim White, Mark Pittman, Vicky Hall, Rusty Hughes, and Mark Thompson.

Second Row (L-R): Karen Dockery, Pamela Stiles, Kathy Hughes, Wilhelmina Sneed, Terry Williams, Teresa Davis, and Betts Edwards.

Third Row (L-R): Jimmy Wallace, Kendall Hampton, Johnny West, Victor Stiles, Terry Puett, Rachael Thompson, Teresa Crain, and Janice Barton.

Not Shown: Daniel Hughes. (Scout Photo)

## Kindergarten To Open

Mrs. Kate Evans, teacher, has announced that the First Methodist Church Day Kindergarten will begin Tuesday, August 22, at 9:00 a.m.

## Area Teachers Get \$28,853 Bonus

The teachers of Andrews school, Murphy school and county school districts will receive a five per cent bonus payment for the 1960-61 school term, along with other teachers in the state, the various superintendents have announced. It is reported that the increase for the teachers amounted to approximately \$28,853.57.

The legislature of 1959 provided for a five per cent payment to teachers in the

event state revenues would be sufficient.

On July 1, end of the fiscal year, state officials declared revenues reached the point prescribed by the legislature for making the payment.

The Superintendents said that teachers may expect to receive their extra pay checks around August 25.

This bonus has nothing to do with the raise the teachers will get from the tax bill enacted by the State Legislature, which amounts to around 21.8 per cent.

The Andrews school district teachers, according to Charles R. Razer, will receive \$8,029.13.

The Murphy school district teachers, according to Holland McSwain, will receive \$10,457.12.

The county school district teachers according to Lloyd Hendrix, will receive \$10,367.34



## Public Health Nurse Receives Scholarship

Miss Blanche Sawyer, Cherokee County public Health Nurse, has been awarded a one year scholarship to the University of North Carolina to study public health nursing. Only one such scholarship is awarded in the entire state.

Miss Sawyer is formerly of Weaverville, N. C. and came to Murphy in 1958.

For eighteen years Miss Sawyer was a Missionary nurse to Africa for the Southern Presbyterian Church. While there she studied tropical medicines, French in Belgium, Midwifery in England. On her return to the states she studied obstetrical nursing in Jersey City.

The scholarship is awarded by the State Board of Health and is worth approximately \$1900. After studying at U. N. C. for a year Miss Sawyer will be obligated to work in the state for two years.

## Penland Elected To American Angus Association

George E. Penland of Hayesville has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, Frank Richards, secretary has announced.

Mr. Penland was one of eight breeders of purebred Aberdeen Angus in North Carolina elected to membership during the past month.

## Courthouse Employees Honor Register Of Deeds

Employees of the Courthouse honored Mr. J. E. Graves with a surprise birthday party on his 63rd birthday, Tuesday, August 8, in the Register of Deeds office. Mr. Graves was presented with a gift, Cokes and cake were served to those attending.

## Dr. George F. Size Elected President Lapidary Federation

Dr. George F. Size of Murphy, President of the Tri-State Rockhounds Club of Brasstown, was elected unanimously to be President of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies at their annual meeting and convention in Miami, Florida, Friday, August 11. The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies is composed of 82 clubs extending from Maine to the Canal Zone, covering 21 states; District of Columbia and Canal Zone.

## AUNT HET



I knew she was a widow or somethin'. When a woman gropes around half-blind because she's too vain to wear glasses, I figure she's still huntin'.

## LETTERS to the Editor

"Expresses Thanks"

The Editor:

The Clay County Centennial Committee wishes to express its thanks for the outstanding coverage you gave us during our centennial celebration.

It was by far the best and most complete coverage we have ever experienced, and we feel it played a big part in making our day a successful one. It created interest and enthusiasm throughout the section and it caused a great number of people to visit us for our Saturday programs prior to the big day, as well as on the final day which climaxed the celebration.

Again we thank you for your interest in our county, and will say that we are glad to be a part of the section served by your newspaper.

Sincerely  
William T. Groves  
Chairman

"Congratulations"

The Editor:

May I congratulate you on your excellent article in your August 3 issue concerning the "giant sapphire" hoax. This was brought to my attention by our mutual friend, Fred O. Scroggs.

This Society, the largest and oldest in the South, each month publishes a small Newsletter for its members and we would appreciate it if you would allow us to reproduce your article, of course giving proper credit for its source.

We are keenly interested in doing everything possible to maintain the highest standards and ethics in the mineralogy field. Inasmuch as the original "find" story was publicized throughout the country, we would like to further circulate the facts brought out in your story.

Sincerely  
Fred Allen  
Box 501  
Lincolnton, N. C.

## EDITORIALS - A Working Plan Needed

It is not the intent of the Scout to cause panic, alarm or excitement. The Scout has never strived for sensationalism. Our only aim is to inform you and make you aware that we are living in tremendously tense times.

We must prepare ourselves in these times when we are faced with the question: Will there be a nuclear war? The answer is very possibly an ugly, horrible, Yes. But we are still faced with the question: When?

That question, no one can answer. But experts have told us that if we are to survive, we must be ready for it any time. And being ready means that we must individually prepare. That means we must stop thinking that nothing is going to happen and if it does the neighbor across the street, the man next door or our uncle will have room and food to care for us. Those who are getting prepared are doing so for their families, their loved ones, not for everybody on the street.

In the same light, our town needs to prepare everyone. We need a plan. At present there is not (or if there is no one seems to know about it.) Everyone needs to know what the alert signals mean. The ALERT SIGNAL, a steady blast of 3 to 5 minutes duration, means that attack is probable, prepare to act according to the operations plans of your community. The all TAKE COVER SIGNAL, a wailing tone or a series of short blasts of 3 minutes duration, means that attack is imminent and you must take the best available shelter immediately, regardless of whether you are in a target or nontarget area. At this very minute, if such a blast from the siren sounded, how many people would know what it meant or how many people would think that the siren on the Courthouse had gone on the blink? Fearful as it is, most people would think the latter.

Our community needs a great deal of organization and now is the time to do it. If we should be so lucky as to escape any blast damage and fallout, we would be expected to care for the injured and homeless from other areas. Will there be utter chaos or will we all get busy and have a well organized plan carried out with split second timing?

## Good Show

A good time was had by all Sunday afternoon at Hiwassee Dam as the Chattanooga Ski Club of Chattanooga, Tenn. presented a superb show.

According to official TVA count approximately 6,500 people attended the Aqua-Batic Ski performance by the club. Some 1,300 cars were jammed into the parking areas.

The show was climaxed by a young man with a kite on his back flying through the air "with the greatest of ease." This feat was accomplished somehow, by his holding on to the ski rope and being pulled through space by a speed boat. Sound complicated? It was.

The Scout feels that more of this type of entertainment should be promoted in this area. A turnout that surpassed even the greatest expectations should prove that people are truly interested in good wholesome fun.

The officers of the Public Safety Service deserve a bouquet for the way they handled the largest crowd ever gathered at Hiwassee Dam. They were courteous, pleasant and helpful. Lt. E. H. LaFerry is the officer in charge.

## Murphy Faculty List For The 1961-62 Term

The faculty list for Murphy City Schools for the 1961-62 term has been announced by Holland McSwain, Superintendent.

Murphy Elementary School: Mr. John Jordan, Principal; Miss Clara McCombs, Mrs. Martha Hargett, Miss Eunice Shields, Miss Frances Gentry, Mrs. Ruth Forsyth, Mrs. Christine Ingle, Miss Lella Hayes, Mrs. Lena L. Thompson, Mrs. Annie S. Brandon.

Mrs. Margaret Rhodes, Mrs. Willie Lou Shields, Mrs. Mattie Lou Penland, Miss Emily Soward, Mrs. Marie M. Hendrix, Miss Bobbie Joyce Harness, Miss Ella Faye Byers, Mrs. Olive W. Williams, Mrs. Orlite de Calongne, Mrs. Jane H. Reynolds.

Mrs. Edwina B. Shelton, Mr. James H. McCombs, Mr. Charles Hawkins, Mr. Hubert Sneed, Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Emily C. Davidson, Mrs. Edna P. Whitley.

Special Education: Mrs. Mary B. Jones, Mrs. Margaret S. Bruce.

Murphy High School: Mr. Walter R. Puett, Principal; Mr. E. Bruce Armstrong, Mrs. Velma U. Burch, Mr. James David Bristol, Mrs. Margaret Carter, Mr. Frank B. Gasaway, Mrs. Shirley Bates Graef, Mrs. Lucile Gault, Mrs. Dollie M. Smart, Mrs. Barbara W. McConnell, Mr. Ralph W. McConnell, Mrs. Gearidine Meadows.

Mrs. Emma Louise Minor, Mr. Norris Lee Newton, Mr. Felix Palmer, Mr. Joe Morrow, Mrs. Moselle Puett, Mrs. Frances W. Ray, Mr. Edward J. Reynolds, Mr. Randal Shields, Mrs. Imogene Smith, Mr. John Thompson, Miss Maria Louise Travis, Mr. James Samuel Webb.

Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Pauline B. Bault.

Attendance Officer: Mrs. Ruby H. Bryson. Texana School (Colored): Elementary School. Mrs. Ella B. Ragdale, Principal; Mrs. Helen Smith, High School; Carl W. Franks.

## Gen. Griffin To Be Speaker For Civil Defense Program

Principal speaker for the Civil Defense program to be held at Robbinsville, on Thursday, August 24, sponsored by the Robbinsville Grange, will be General E. F. Griffin, Director, North Carolina Civil Defense Agency.

General Griffin was recently promoted to Major General in command of the 30th Infantry Division of the North Carolina National Guard. He became State Civil Defense Director under Governor William B. Umstead in 1954.

The extensive Army career of General Griffin, who holds the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Ribbon, includes his command of the 113th Field Artillery, part of the 30th Division, through five major battles in the European Theatre of Operations, World War II. He is now president of the National Association of State and Territorial Directors, and served as Consultant and Advisor to Civil Defense Council of NATO in Paris, 1960.

## M. H. S. Students To Report To School Aug. 23

On Wednesday morning, August 23, all Murphy High students are to report to school for issuance of books, assignment of classes, and collection of fees. Students will leave school about 11:30 a.m. on this date.

The following is a list of the fees: Book Rental \$4.50 (must be paid on this date); General Fee - \$1.00; Home Economics - \$3.00 per semester; Typing - \$6.00 per semester; Lunch - \$5.00 per month in advance; and Student Insurance - optional at \$2.00 per student.

## Hayes Reunion

The Hayes Reunion will be held Sunday, August 20, at the Old Hayes Home. This reunion has been held since 1897 consecutively with the exception of a few years.