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Special Library Committee Enrolls Local Citizens

By Walter Puett

A special library committee of the Murphy Parents and Teachers Association is enrolling local citizens in a most worthy project. They expect to have enrolled 100 members in the very near future each of whom will have pledged to give as memorials at least three books to one of the Murphy city schools.

To give you a brief glance into the need for this undertaking a few facts on the Murphy High School Library are here given. With an enrollment of over 600 students the library should be stocked with 6000-10,000 volumes and should yearly spend approximately \$3000 on new books, magazines, and supplies. The library has approximately 4000 volumes of which 2000 are either obsolete or in such worn condition as warrants discard. The present state allotted funds to the library is approximately \$600 per year.

During the previous school year thru the efforts of the Murphy PTA, a local teachers group, state library supervisor and various local friends more than tripled the number of new books purchased. The 100 club has determined to keep the movement going and to further extend it during the current year. One Hundred members contributing 3 books each would amount to approximately \$1000 which is almost double our state allotted budget of \$600.

An elementary student in the second or third grade often-times will read 20 to 50 supplementary books during a school year. An exceptional student at the fifth grade level may need 200 supplementary books during the school year. At the high school level considerable supplementary books are needed in all the fields and especially that of science.

Many of these books are very expensive and if used frequently are soon worn which means that plastic should be provided and ample mending materials.

LETTERS to the Editor

The Editor: I have noted with interest the picture in The Scout, of Thursday, August 17, 1961, I have one of these photographs, which was in our "Family Album" for many years.

The picture shows the Livery Stable operated by Mr. Abe Cooper, who was also a prosperous dealer in livestock for many years. The building at the right was a blacksmith shop operated by Mr. Palmer, who is the middle man with the apron, standing with the three men on the far right. Miss Hattie Palmer is his daughter, and there were also other children, whom I knew and with whom I went to school, in Murphy. My mother, Mrs. Anne Weeks Akin, wife of Captain Robert A. Akin, is the woman on the far left of the picture, and she is holding me by the hand. Mrs. Cooper is standing next, and Mr. Abe Cooper, her husband, is standing at her back. Frank Cooper, who was a little over two years of age, is on the horse near his mother, Charlie and George Cooper are the two young boys on the horses. Annie Cooper is sitting in the buggy, in the center of the picture. My brother, Henry Akin is at the far right, in the "hack".

This picture was not made in the early 1900's but was made in 1894, and the stable was burned in 1897, in the very early morning, during the winter, and I remember running away barefoot, and only in my nightgown, to a hotel which was then on the "Square". Our home, which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davidson, was saved by a "bucket brigade". The blacksmith shop was not burned, but was later removed.

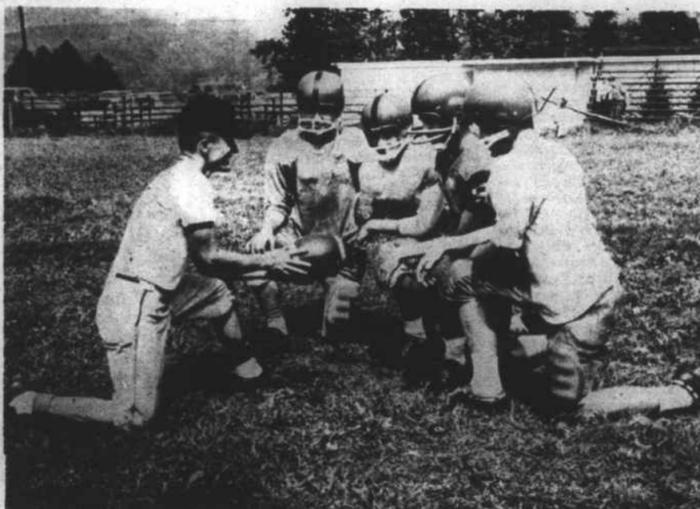
Very truly yours,
Hettie Kate Akin Varner
(Mrs. L. R. Varner)
Lumberton, North Carolina

The Editor:

Allow me, please, to call the attention of your readers to the coming eclipse of the moon next Friday night, August 25. It will not be a total eclipse but almost so. A small strip along one edge of the moon will be in the light. The magnitude of the eclipse will be 0.992 the moon being equal to 1. The beginning is to be at 8:35 p.m. EST and the middle of eclipse at 10:30. The moon leaves the shadow at 11:42. That portion of the moon within the shadow may be of a copper color is the earth's atmosphere is fairly clear of cloud but if there are many clouds in our atmosphere it will be a dark color. We would not be able to see the portion in the shadow at all if it were not for the refraction of the sunlight passing through earth's atmosphere.
W. F. Elliott,
Amateur Astronomer



HIT HIM A LITTLE HARDER. Murphy High Coach McConnell preps his team for their opening game against the Robbinville High Blue Devils Friday night at Robbinville. Shown going through blocking drills are Tackle Charles "Buck" Smith and End John Snow. Murphy scheduled the Robbinville game only two weeks ago to fill out their schedule at ten games. (Scout Photo)



ANDREWS SPORTS FOUR QUARTERBACKS. The 1961 Andrews Wildcats are the proud possessors of four quarterbacks this season. They are shown above with their new coach, Hugh "Pee Wee" Hamilton, talking over practice plans. Andrews opens the 1961 season against Robbinville at home Sept. 8. (Scout Photo)



THE 1961 HAYNESVILLE YELLOW JACKETS Coached by Bill Briggs, right, have been hard at work practicing for their opening game against Sylva Sept. 1. (Scout Photo)

Cherokee County Fair To Be Held September 25-30

The 43rd annual Cherokee County Fair will be in Murphy N. C. September, 25-30, 1961. Department Superintendents are: Field Crops, Luther Dockery; Horticulture, Clyde McNabb; Dairy Cattle, A. B. Stalucup; Beef Cattle, Pearl Johnson; Sheep, Luke Ellis; Hogs, Gene Clayton; Poultry, Phil Sandidge; Flowers, Mrs. George Sizs, Mrs. W. S. Cann; Mrs. Roland Day; Home Products, Mrs. J. V. Henson; Pantry Supplies, Mrs. Ora Witt; House Furnishings, Mrs. E. J. Greer; Clothing, Mrs. Randolph Shields; and Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Luke Ellis.

Monday, September 25 9:00 a.m. Placing of exhibits begins, 1:00 p.m. Midway Opens, 8:00 p.m. All exhibits must be in place.



A&P Plans New Super Market

The A & P Food Stores announced today the construction of a Super Market on the corner of Valley River Avenue and Hilton Street in Murphy. The spacious new store will take the place of the present store located at 111 Peachtree Street. The announcement said the investment in property, building and stock will be in excess of \$235,300,000. The building itself will be one story, faced with antique red brick and of Early American Design. The exterior will be most attractive; and the interior of the building will be provided with the latest innovations in retail grocery facilities, providing the convenience, comfort and price saving of many individual stores under one roof. In addition, fluorescent lighting and panel wood ceilings and walls will provide a pleasant atmosphere for shoppers. Three check-out stands will speed the flow of traffic through the store. There will be a Magic Carpet Door, opening and closing automatically for the convenience of the customers. "Among the outstanding features of the new Super Market will be the completely modern meat department, self-service produce cases, self-service frosted food cabinets and air-conditioning for year-round comfort," said Mr. J. G. Christian, Vice President in Charge of A&P's Operation in the Carolinas. "With few exceptions, the new store will be completely self-service throughout and will be so designed as to make the busy housewife's shopping easier, quicker and more convenient," he said. Construction probably will be completed in time for occupancy the early part of next year. This development was cited as another evidence of the A & P Organization's faith in the future growth of Murphy.

County Civil Defense Names Key Personnel

Key people in the Cherokee County Civil Defense organization were announced this week by Capt. Frank W. Swan director of the county unit.

Capt. Swan explained that when a Civil Defense plan for the county was set up some time ago, these people were notified of their individual jobs in case of an emergency.

Capt. Swan said, "From the Knoxville - Chattanooga area, 65,000 people will be evacuated to Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties. Of this number 16,000 will be received in Cherokee County. These evacuees will have to be given food, water, housing, and clothes in the event that we do ever suffer a nuclear attack."

Capt. Swan said that the Health Department would be in charge of detecting radioactivity. He added that every high school in the county is supposed to have a Gieger counter, which is a monitoring device used for the detection of radio activity.

When asked what had been done about organizing community shelters, Capt. Swan said that in Andrews a survey of church basements was made to see just what would be needed to be done to convert these basements into suitable shelters. He added that he did not know if such a survey had been made in Murphy.

The County Director said that when the plan for the county was drawn up that it was certified and approved by the National Civil Defense.

Capt. Swan said that he would supply the Scout with literature on Civil Defense including a booklet about building fallout shelters. These booklets are free and will be available at the Scout Office during office hours by Monday for anyone interested.

The list of Key personnel in the county C.D. plan is as follows: Capt. Frank W. Swan, director; Hermann K. Brauer, Andrews Deputy Director; Sheriff Claude Anderson, Attack Warning Service; Elmo Mosteller, Communication Service; Charles E. Johnson, engineering and public works; Paul Ridenhour, Emergency Information Service; Jack Wilson, Man Power Service; Edwin Cook, Fire Service; Dave Moody, Health Protection Service; C. O. Van Gorder, M. D., Emergency Medical Care Service; Mrs. Johnnie Nunn Welfare Service; Sheriff Claude Anderson, Police Service; Rev. Paul R. Ziner, Religious Affairs Service; Lloyd Hendrix, Radiological Defense Service; Frank Ingram, Jr. Rescue Service; Virgil O'Dell, Transportation service; Charles Hughes, Supply Service; and Lloyd Hendrix, Emergency Training.

Also John A. Davidson, Warden Service; W. S. Dickey, L. L. Mason, and P. B. Ferree, Community of Government; Assistants to the director at Lt. Col. John Smith, W. D. Whitaker, A. B. Chandler, Jr., W. J. Swan, Ty Burnette, Todd Reece and Dewitt Sharp.



NEIL SNEED, Chief of Police in Murphy, is shown above assisting several children in crossing the street under the redlight on the first day of school. School opened Wednesday, August 23, for the 1961-62 term. (Scout Photo)



THE ANDREWS LUTHER LEAGUE as they appeared Friday night dressed in Hillbilly costumes before leaving on a hay ride.

This group was host to the Sub-district meeting held Friday which included towns west of Asheville. Following the meeting they enjoyed an evening meal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eidson Burch. A skit was presented following the meal at the Lutheran Church basement by the Andrews group. A square dance and the hay ride climaxed the day. Twenty-four out of town guests attended.

(L-R) Monica Kibble, Lynn Love, Janet Burnette, Barbara Watry, Donna Sue Fuller, Mark Nelson, Roy Smith, Evelyn Morrow, Mrs. E. U. Burch, Susan Ulm, Mary Jo Battle, Fred Archer, Haroldette Adams, and Martha Ulm.

Pledge For Safety

Drivers will be requested to drive with lights on as a symbol of their Pledge For Safety in recognition of their awareness of the traffic accident problem in all of its seriousness from September 1, 1961, 6 p.m. thorough September 4, 1961, 12 p.m. Lights on will indicate to other highway users that the driver is conscientiously observing all safety rules.

3 % Tax Now On Newspapers

Effective from 1 July, 1961 all sales of newspapers at retail within North Carolina are subject to the 3% Sales Tax.

Auxiliary To Sponsor Bar-B-Que

The Providence Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a bar-b-que Thursday, August 31, at the Rock Gym. Paul Nave's bar-b-que chicken with trimmings will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the New Regal Hotel and from auxiliary members.

Asheville Couple Involved In One Car Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Crawford, former residents of Cherokee County and now living in Asheville, N. C., were involved in a one car accident while traveling on U. S. Highway 19, 2 1/2 miles from Murphy Saturday, August 19 at 9:45 P.M. The wreck occurred approximately 500 feet from Harper's store.

Mrs. Crawford was driving the newly purchased Triumph and according to Patrolman Hooper, she was not used to the steering wheel. When she cut the wheel too far to the right it caused the wheel to drop off the pavement into the ditch line. She then cut the wheel back out of the ditch causing the car to turn over into the ditch. The car landed upside down on the occupants.

EDITORIALS - You Have A Job To Do

Some real interest is being displayed in Murphy concerning Civil Defense, particularly about building fallout shelters. The Scout has received numerous inquiries about CD literature and the County Agent's Office said that they too, had had many people call at their office for information.

It would be a good idea for those of you who have gotten interested in CD to appoint yourselves a "committee of one" to interest one other person this week.

A local contracting firm wrote to the Office of Civil Defense for plans for fallout shelters. The reply which the firm received from A. W. Green, Jr. consulting engineering for the Office of Civil Defense in Raleigh said in part: "We appreciate the interest in shelter construction that has been generated in Murphy. I have not yet seen the Editorial that appeared in the Cherokee Scout but it must have been a good one for I have received 40 or 50 letters from your city. We need all the help that we can get to encourage people to prepare to protect themselves from something that we all fervently pray will never happen".

Don't forget, everyone has a job this week. Get one person interested in CD and fallout shelters. "If everyone lights just one little candle, what a bright world this would be."

Let's Be Careful

This week, school opened, amid squeals, giggles, shouts, chatter and probably a tear or two shed by a mother leaving her first grader at the class room door.

And with the beginning of school this is a good time to turn over a new leaf in our driving habits. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, in recent years traffic accidents have been the No. 1 Killer of school aged youngsters, replacing such dread and long established killers as pneumonia and cancer.

In North Carolina every fourth person killed on the highways last year was a tor or teenager. This is a problem but it can be surmounted.

The factors, acting together to produce a traffic accident have been widely publicized by safety authorities; disregard of traffic laws, carelessness, discourtesy. Therefore, one of the most difficult barriers confronting greater traffic safety in public apathy - the failure of people to recognize that traffic protection is a mutual responsibility for all.

It becomes a question of unmitigating importance as school bells begin to ring and streets and highways are crowded with youngsters. Under such conditions there can be no tolerance of the careless, indifferent driver. Nor can there be any let up in safety instruction for our youngsters in the home and in their classrooms.



SANDRA LEE LEPSCIER March of Dimes Scholarship Winner

Thirteen North Carolina students have been awarded 1961 National Foundation health scholarships. Sandra Lepscier, president of the March of Dimes organization, has announced.

Each year more than 500 scholarships are offered nationally to qualified young Americans seeking careers in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy or medical social work. Each scholarship is for \$500 a year for four years of college or university education.

Among the scholarship recipients is Sandra Lee Lepscier of Route 3, Murphy. She will study physical therapy at the University of North Carolina.