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**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR:** Gerald T. Chambers of Rouse 3, Murphy has been selected as one of the finalists in competition for George Foster Hanks Scholarships at Wake Forest College, Best of Luck.

**FUTURE POPULATION:** Projecting population growth, one expert predicts a 30% general increase from 1960 to 1975, but not all states will grow the same. North Carolina will add 14% or 662,000 people; S. C. will add 16% or 376,000; Georgia 19% or 756,000; Tennessee 10% or 356,000; Virginia 27% or 1,087,000; but California will add 64% or 9,718,000; Florida tops the list at 92% or 4,579,000 people! Stick around, things are going to be better and better and traffic will probably be worse and worse.

**PAT ON THE BACK:** Off the Cuff overheard Don Carter as saying "I just can't wait to get my Scout to read it."

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** The rule of every worthwhile man is that no serious job ever shall receive less than his best thought and effort.

**BAKE SALE:** Providence Hospital Auxiliary is holding a bake sale this Saturday, March 17 in the building next to the Regal Hotel on Hiwassee St. This bake sale is for a very worthwhile cause a payment on the baby bottle sterilizer. It was pointed out to me by Mrs. J. R. Penland that the ladies auxiliary is not just a fund raising organization but one that does volunteer work in the hospital such as making beds serving dinner, feeding babies and so on. This is a fine group of ladies and one should be very proud to be a member of them. Mrs. Penland said they were interested in getting some of the younger women of the area as members. Off the Cuff would like to say that if any of you young ladies would like to join this organization contact me and I'll see that you are put in touch with the Providence Hospital Auxiliary - Don't forget the bake sale!

**ST PATRICKS DAY:** Yes, this Saturday, March 17 is the day when the Irish eyes are smiling. How many of you will be wearing green? I've heard it said that not a living soul here is proud to call themselves Irish. The shame of it all! Let's go you sons of Ireland. Be proud that you're Irish. I want every Irishman in Cherokee and Clay Counties to drop me a line saying that he wore the green on Saturday. Every name will be proudly written into this column next week. Faith preserve us!

**MURPHY BAND EARNS RATING**  
Special to the Scout by Jim Jordan  
The Murphy School Band, in spite of nature's forces, plowed its way from Murphy to Hickory, N. C., to the N. C. State School Band Contest last Friday, March 9. The band received a "good" rating from the judges.  
The band left Murphy at 2:20 p.m. by bus and arrived in Hickory at 7:15 p.m. where the band spent the night at the Hickory Hotel. The group left the following morning at 9:15 a.m. for Lenior-Rhyne College.

**TWO HOMES BURN**  
Two homes in Clay County burned during the past week. Bob Penland of the Shooting Creek section lost his home Thursday, March 8.  
Wednesday, March 14, the Pete Cothren home in the Tusquittee section burned.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

The Editor: Enclosed is a letter I have received from Gov. Sanford answering an appeal I made to him concerning the increased rates of Nantahala Power Company. I think the people in this area would like to know the Governor's views.

Dear Frank: I sympathize with you completely. I have been getting numerous letters and messages from people in your section who are also greatly concerned about the increased rates of Nantahala Power Company. As you know, I talked with a number of leaders from your section several weeks after taking office.

The rates were established under bond, as provided by the General Statutes. The Utilities Commission will make the final determination. This case was started before I came in office. It would be very improper for me to make a public statement, as such I might like to because this is a matter before a tribunal. You should know that I arranged for the employment of Mr. Joseph L. Benson to represent the rate-paying public. Under the laws and procedures, there is little else I can do, but I will not be unaware of the situation and you can count on this.

With best wishes always, Sincerely, Terry Sanford, Governor, State of North Carolina.  
W. Frank Forsyth  
Murphy, N. C.

## Tom Herbert Enters 33rd Senate Race

Tom J. Herbert of Clay County filed Tuesday night, March 13 for the State Senate from the 33rd District it was learned Wednesday. Mr. Herbert will oppose State Senator W. Frank Forsyth in the Democratic primary Saturday, May 26.

Herbert served in the House of Representatives from Clay County in 1959. He is retired after 30 years with the N. C. Highway Department.

Wilbur Mingus also of Clay County filed Tuesday for the House of Representatives. Mr. Mingus was a Clay County Commissioner for a number of years and operates Crawford & Mingus Supply in Hayesville. Mr. Mingus, a Democrat, will run for the seat now held by Republican Wayne West.

## Lions Club To Hold Wrestling Match

The Andrews Lions Club will sponsor a professional wrestling match on Friday March 23 in the Andrews High School Gym. The Lions Club is donating all proceeds to the Senior Class for their trip to Washington, D. C.



**COOKIE SALES LEADERS** - The Murphy Girl Scouts shown above were the leaders in the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale held last month here in Murphy and Cherokee County. They are left to right, Sheila Sneed, Troop 204; Janet Hamilton, Troop 212; Betsy Scott, Troop 214; Marilyn Coleman, Troop 211; and Ann Alexander, Troop 241. (Scout Photo)

## Town Employees Get 5% Pay Hike

The Murphy town council voted Monday night, March 12 to give the Town employees a five per cent pay raise across the board. The pay hike included all the employees except Town Clerk C. E. Johnson and is effective immediately.

The town at present employs twenty people. Of these, nine town employees make less than \$1,000 per hour. The 5% pay increase will not raise these nine town employees to over \$1,000 per hour.

In other business at the regular monthly meeting of the Murphy council, James E. Dockery of Murphy appeared before the council seeking a permit to operate a taxi in the town limits.

The council voted to create a town planning commission in order to meet certain requirements set forth by the federal government for towns participating in federal housing projects. At present Murphy's application for a 40 unit public housing project has been approved and construction of the 40 unit project is expected to start in the near future.

Several Murphy citizens were discussed as possible members of such a commission. The council in other action adopted a resolution requesting a federal grant for an economic survey of the town. This survey is required by the Public Housing Authority for those towns where federal housing projects have been approved. Under this federal grant, the town will receive 75% of the cost of the economic survey.

The council approved the application to the Housing and Home Finance Agency for an advance for public works planning. This advance is a loan made to towns for public works planning. The Town of Murphy made application for the advance to meet the requirements set forth by the State Stream Sanitation Committee of the North Carolina Department of Water Resources in the pollution abatement plan for the Hiwassee and Valley Rivers. The federal government will lend the necessary money to the town interest free for any public works study. Murphy is interested in building a sewage disposal plant to keep from dumping raw sewage into the two rivers. The money the town receives for this study must be paid back within five years or at such time as construction on a public works project begins.

The council authorized Mayor L. L. Mason to make the application for the advance. W. K. Jackson and Co., an engineering firm, of Charlotte will assist the Town in the preliminary studies for the disposal plant. In other business, the council ordered that a motion made at an earlier meeting calling for a new registration for the town be rescinded.

## Free Peanuts Draw Hungry Crowd

Our first anniversary celebration last week - end was as successful as any I have ever tried," said Richard Howell, owner and operator of Howell's Super Market in Murphy. Howell's marked the end of the first year in their new location next to the Murphy Post office with an unusual three day "Celebration" last week. Roasted and raw peanuts were free to all so long as the customer threw the hulls in the floor. By Saturday night, the floor was covered from wall to wall with crushed peanut hulls. Over 300 pounds of peanuts were consumed in the three day period. It took two hours to clean the floor.

Mr. Howell said he sold 2000 pounds of bananas and completely sold out of sausage, bacon, and potatoes all his items were featured specials for the celebration.

The political pot has started to seethe and stew. The momentum is expected to gain with increasing tempo as it reaches the climax on November 6, 1962. In view of this candidates should, by all means, be picked methodically; the emphasis being on their morals. First and foremost it is far better to lose with a good candidate than to win with a bad one. The former will not injure the party; the latter, however, will sap the foundation.

Boyd M. Ledford  
Hayesville, N. C.

There has been a lot of controversy on the question of the sale by Nantahala Power & Light Co. to Duke Power Co. or the Co-op's and people buying this system for their own use. First of all our Country is based on a majority rule. Why, then hasn't the County Commissioners held a public vote through out the five counties? I realize that a petition with approximately 12,000 names was presented to the Utilities Commission to no avail, but by a public vote each citizen and taxpayer would have his say so and we could see if our elected officials represented the people or not.

## WEATHER

	High	Low	Perc.
March 7	49	29	0.03
March 8	48	25	0.00
March 9	45	33	0.83
March 10	58	35	Trace
March 11	56	43	0.20
March 12	61	39	0.22
March 13	60	29	0.00

Thursday showers beginning in the West and spreading Eastward. Friday occasional rain ending Friday, Saturday, broken cloudiness with showers on Sunday.

The Hitchcock Corporation of Murphy has established a Profit-Sharing Plan covering all employees with at least two years service with the Company. Announcement of the plan was made this week by F. C. Bourne, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation. The local company, with main offices and talc mines and plant in Murphy has stone crushing plants in Atlanta and Macon, Ga. The effective date of the plan is January 1, 1961. For the year 1961, 104 of the company's approximate 150 employees are eligible to participate and will share the company's contribution of \$43,000.00 on a basis of past years' service and 1961 earnings. The purpose of the plan is to provide a retirement income as a supplement to Social Security benefits and also to provide death benefits for dependents. The Trust Department of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Charlotte, N. C. will act as Trustee for the fund and will maintain accounts for each employee. The bank will also invest the fund and annually will credit each



E. E. STILES

## EDITORIAL Let's All Sing

Educate a boy, and you educate a man. Educate a girl, and you educate a family. The blessing of intelligent womanhood has been one of the vital forces of the American story. This week, the nation is paying tribute to the Girl Scouts on their Golden Anniversary. The role of the Scouting program in developing responsible leadership cannot be over stated. Today there are 6 troops of Girl Scouts with more than 105 members in this county. Some 9 adult leaders work with the girls. Who can calculate the contribution to healthy family life made by such a dynamic program? Since Juliette Low organized the first Girl Scout troops 50 years ago in Savannah, Ga., almost 18 1/2 million girls and adults have enjoyed the benefits of the program. In observance of their anniversary, troops throughout the country are pledging to conduct a special project for the children and youth of their communities. They will be living up to their birthday theme, "Honor the past; serve the future." Let's all stand up and sing "Happy Birthday" to the Girl Scouts.

## R.S. Bault Named Housing Authority Administrator

R. S. Bault has been appointed executive administrator of the Murphy Housing Authority. C. L. Alverson, chairman of the authority has announced. Mr. Bault will act as building construction inspector for the \$500,000.00 forty unit Murphy Federal housing project. He will also be in charge of maintenance rentals and collections. The architect and officials from the legal and real estate departments of the Public Housing Administration were in Murphy Wednesday, March 14 to look over and select building sites for the housing project. Upon selection of the sites, the next step will be application for the preliminary loan to cover land options, surveys and general overhead expenses, Mr. Alverson said.

Members of the authority including C. L. Alverson, chairman, Frank Mauney, Herman Edwards, town attorney, R. S. Bault, administrator, and C. E. Johnson, town clerk, attended a briefing by the Public Housing Authority in Atlanta last week.

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# Man Is Charged In Assault Of Revenue Agent

Jewell J. Taylor, a resident of Cherokee County and a 16 year Navy veteran Monday, March 12 was ordered to stand trial in Federal Court in Bryson City May 28 on a charge of assaulting an Internal Revenue officer, At Monday's preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Henry J. Truett, probable cause was found for the charge against Taylor, 42 of Rt. 4, Murphy. Bond was set at \$10,000 and Taylor was returned to Buncombe County Jail in lieu of bond. He has been in jail since March 6, eight days after he allegedly chased the federal man off with a 12 gauge, double barreled shotgun.

Both Taylor and the officer, Hubert H. Hogan of Franklin, testified at the hearing. Hogan said he came to the Taylor house about 2 p.m. Feb. 27 in an effort to obtain taxes from a 1959 return. "I showed Mr. Taylor my pocket identification and told him why I was there," Hogan said "Mr. Taylor apparently became angry and began swearing and cussing." Hogan said he let the taxpayer continue, thinking he would "run down" and after a while, Taylor apparently became calmer. "He told me he didn't have any assets other than his three

dogs and he would help me load them in the car," Hogan said. The tax man said Taylor had mentioned a Navy pension earlier and Hogan told him this could be attached to pay the outstanding sum. "Then he began threatening to kill me or anyone else who'd touch his pension," Hogan said. Taylor dashed inside, Hogan said, and the federal officer told Taylor's sister and wife, both standing outside throughout the discussion, that apparently nothing was going to be settled then and he would leave. At that time, Hogan said Taylor appeared on the porch, pulling a cover from the shotgun, then jumping off the porch and leveling it at the IR officer some 10 feet away. As wife and sister struggled with Taylor, the trigger clicked. The weapon wasn't loaded and Taylor broke it open, Hogan said at which point the officer began advancing to prevent him from loading it. Taylor then closed the shotgun and grabbed it by the barrel as a club, swinging it at Hogan, the officer said. "I got in my car and left," Hogan said. Taylor said that he never saw the Internal Revenue man's identification, that he knew the gun wasn't loaded although he admitted going and getting it. He said he threatened to kill Hogan, "if he ever came back" Taylor said he was told by a lawyer that he didn't have to pay the tax, but at Monday's hearing offered to settle the amount. Following the testimony, Commissioner Truett found probable cause for the charge and set trial for the May 28 criminal term of U. S. District Court in Bryson City.

## E.E. Stiles, Area Merchant And Politician, Dies At 70

E. E. Stiles, 70, of Murphy died Friday morning in an Andrews hospital after a short illness. He was a lifelong resident of Cherokee County, son of the late William and Alice Voyles Stiles, members of two of the county's oldest families. He had been a merchant all his life and operated a store in Murphy for the past 28 years. He took an active part in politics and was a three time chairman of the county Republican Executive Committee. He had served on the town council and was a deputy sheriff and a county road commissioner. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and was active in church work. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Myrtle Carroll Stiles; one daughter, Mrs. Glenn Wil-

liams of Canton; three sons, Vincent, Boyce and Calvin of Murphy; two brothers, The Rev. Fred Stiles and Carl Stiles of Murphy; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in First Methodist Church. The Rev. C. F. Womble and the Rev. W. J. Thompson officiated, and burial was in Rogers Chapel Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were H. E. Dickey, Charles Hughes, J. E. Graves, Lloyd Ramsey, Frank Forsyth, Cliff Radford, Claude Anderson and D. M. Reece. Members of the Men's Bible Class were honorary pallbearers. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Our Woman of the month for March is a much loved citizen who moved to Cherokee County in the year 1908. Bessie Stoner, born in Linwood, North Carolina, was the only child of J. M. and Sallie Meachan Stoner. Mrs. Stoner died when Bessie was four years old. Bessie and her father then moved to Mocksville, North Carolina to make their home. Miss Bessie Stoner spent her early school years in Mocksville and Lexington, North Carolina. She attended the Sunny Side Seminary for Young Women in Mocksville, also Meredith College in Raleigh, and then completed her college work in music at Virginia Inter-mont College, Bristol, Virginia, graduating in 1906. In 1908 Bessie Stoner came to Murphy to teach music and other classes in the Western North Carolina Baptist High School and Institute, which was located on Old Hospital Hill. Very soon after coming to Murphy, Miss Bessie Stoner became acquainted with a very fine looking young man by the name of A. G. Deweese who owned and operated a lumber company, and in 1909 she became Mrs. A. G. Deweese. Mr. and Mrs. Deweese became the parents of four daughters: Mrs. Maurice Gentry, now living and teach-

ing school in Cumberland, Ohio; Mrs. Frank Crawford, a registered nurse, who died in 1952; Sergeant First Class Fannie Deweese now serving with the U. S. Army in Yuma, Arizona, and Mrs. Ruth Cheney, who lives with Mrs. Deweese and operates a nursery school in the home. Mr. Deweese served as a county commissioner and also as Senator from this district, serving Cherokee County in many ways before his death in 1919. Mrs. Deweese has seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. "Miss Bessie", as she is known to all who love her, has served this community faithfully in many ways. Very soon after moving to Cherokee County, Miss Bessie joined the First Baptist Church, where she was church organist for many years, also Sunday School teacher, President of the Women's Missionary Society and participated in many other phases of church work. Serving God has always had first place in Miss Bessie's life. Miss Bessie in her busy role as wife, mother, church worker and community worker has found time to teach private music lessons to many children in Murphy. She has always loved young people and has meant much to them by counseling them when they needed her advice. She was an

active participant in the various civic clubs, serving on many committees, and also in P. T. A. work. She is known everywhere for her kindness to the needy and unfortunate. One of the first things that Miss Bessie will tell you about when you visit her, is her beautiful collection of china from many countries in Europe and Japan. She is especially proud of the many Hummel Figurines which she owns. At the present time, Miss Bessie is serving as Chairman of the Mae Perry Circle of the First Baptist Church, is also Community Missions Chairman for the Women's Missionary Society, and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. If you want a job well done, just ask Miss Bessie. You will find that she will spend hours on the phone to help someone in need, so just get in touch with Miss Bessie if you have a lot of important telephoning to do. Miss Bessie has also been Registrar of Vital Statistics in Cherokee County since 1913. Miss Bessie, the Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club, is proud to salute you, one of the most beloved citizens of Cherokee County, Woman of the Month of March, 1962. (Scout Photo)