



Mrs. Savage, Longtime Newspaperwoman, Dies

MURPHY - Mrs. Ida Moody Johnson Savage, 86, long time Asheville Citizen and Times correspondent, civic leader, retired music teacher and hotel owner, died Sunday night, May 19 in a Murphy hospital after several weeks of illness.

Mrs. Savage was born in Shelbyville, Tenn., a daughter of the late John Farris and Mary Jane Wiggins Johnson, was educated in Shelbyville schools, and graduated from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, where she majored in voice and piano. She came to Murphy in 1922.

For three years she taught music in Murphy public schools, and continued to teach music in her studio after her marriage to the late C. W. Savage until 1960. Since her husband's death in 1949, she has managed Savage Hotel, which he built.

Mrs. Savage was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was a Sunday School teacher, director of the choir for many years, president of the Women of the Church (then called

Auxiliary), and district chairman of Women of the Asheville Presbytery.

She served as correspondent for the Asheville Citizen - Times for more than 30 years, and of the Cherokee Scout for twelve years. She was active in Murphy Woman's Club, serving as president and treasurer, was chairman of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale for 28 years, and was a member of Murphy Chapter 10 Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a stepson, W. B. Savage of Norfolk, Va.; a half-sister, Mrs. J. A. McKay of Shelbyville, Tenn.; five nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. R. A. Potter officiated and burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Pallbearers were C. W. Barrett, Dr. Paul Hill, R. M. White, Elmer Kilgore, L. D. Schuyler, C. H. Townson, W. A. Singleton and Douglas Smith.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

3 Enter Development Program

MURPHY - Unaka, Sunny-Point and Wolf Creek are officially entered in the Western North Carolina and Cherokee County Community Development program. These newly organized clubs will compete both on a county level and among other WNC communities reports James M. Stewart, County Extension Chairman.

Projects already underway in some communities are: roadside improvement, mailbox improvement, establishing recreational facilities, establishment of trash dumps and cemetery improvements.

Officers of the newly formed clubs are: Unaka: President, Charlie Bates, Vice - President, Harold Fenstermaker; Secretary, Mrs. Helen Mason; Treasurer, Cecil Jones; Reporter, Mrs. J. R. Roberts; Scrapbook Chairman, Mrs. Lois Radford; Program Chairman, Glenn Farmer.

Wolf Creek: President, Troy Simonds; Vice President, Winston Hawkins, Secretary - Treasurer, Joyce Hawkins; Reporter, Louise Helton; Scrapbook Chairman, Hoover Ballou; Program Chairman, Billie Ruth Simonds.

Sunny Point: President, Dillard McAfee; Vice - President, Paul Curtis; Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Curtis; Reporter, Mrs. Lyle Carringer; Scrapbook Chairman, Mrs. Edgar Newman; Program Chairman, Mrs. Paul Curtis.



HIWASSEE DAM HIGH SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS IN the 1963 graduating class are Miss Donna Jean Payne, left above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Payne and is recognized as Valedictorian of this year's graduating class. Miss Payne has maintained a 96.4 average in high school, with emphasis in Business Education.

She has been very active in extra curricular activities holding such honors as Annual Editor-in-Chief, President of Beta Club, President of Student Council, President of FHA, and many others.

Miss Margie Jean Roberts, right above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roberts, Route 4, Murphy, N. C., has been named Salutatorian of this year's graduating class. Miss Roberts maintained a 94.85 average to place second in class rank. Miss Roberts emphasized Business Education in her course of study, and present plans call for employment in this field.

Miss Roberts has been most active in extra curricular activities in high school. She has served as Vice-President of Beta Club, Editor of the School Paper, Annual Business Manager, Secretary and Treasurer of the Senior Class, to name a few. We congratulate Miss Payne and Miss Roberts on their achievements.



A STRAIGHT "A" AVERAGE for four years at Murphy High School makes Linda Ruth Smith, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Smith, valedictorian of the class of 123 seniors this spring. The salutatorian is Lester Lee Stowe, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Stowe of Rt. 1. Miss Smith played basketball four years, was a member of the 4-H Club and Future Teachers of America Chapter, and was a member of the Student Council and a class officer. Stowe participated in the Mechanics' Club and several sports, and is a music fan.



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Sometimes young doctors can't find out what ails their patients; and they know just enough Psychology to blame their minds for their illness.

Moore Pitches For Berea Team

BEREA, KY. - John Gordon Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gergan Moore of Route 2, Murphy, is a member of the Berea College Baseball team. Moore, a freshman at Berea, is 19 years old. He plays the outfield and pitches. He has played left field in every game except the ones he pitched. He has a 2-1 record for the season. One of his wins was a masterful one-hitter against the University of Louisville. As a hitter, he is batting .274.

Berea College is a non-denominational, liberal arts college, located in Berea, Ky.

Trial Date Set For 6 Hiwassee Dam High School Students

HIWASSEEDAM - Five senior boys and one junior at Hiwassee Dam High School were expelled Wednesday, May 15, following the theft of gas from one of the school's buses, the breaking and entering of the school Tuesday night and the larceny of a safe containing over \$2,000.

The junior and four of the seniors were charged Wednesday with breaking and entering the school and larceny of the safe.

All six boys were charged with stealing gas from the school bus. The boys will face this charge in Cherokee County Recorder's Court on Monday, June 3.

Sheriff Claude Anderson identified the boys as Lewis Voyles, Pat Hogan, Joe Crisp, Charles Bryant, James Gladson, and Bill Helton. Helton was not involved in the breaking and entering and larceny of the safe.

Voyles, Hogan, Crisp, Bryant, and Gladson, all of Route 2, Culberson, waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the July 29 term of Cherokee County Superior Court.

All six boys are free under \$1,500 bond each.

All five seniors were due to graduate on Monday, May 27, with the 1963 senior class at Hiwassee Dam School. None of the boys will graduate on time with the regular class. According to school authorities, plans have been laid for the boys to graduate and receive their diplomas some time in the future. These plans were laid at a meeting with the boys, their parents, and school authorities at a meeting Saturday, May 18.

A detailed list of damages to the school contained - safe carried off and destroyed; two buildings, high school and the agricultural, broken into; two sportsmanship trophies, presented to the school by the Smoky Mountain Conference

building; and other minor damages to various small items in the buildings. The parents have agreed with the school authorities to pay for and replace all material that was damaged.

Early news releases listed the safe contained \$1,600. A thorough check following the incident revealed that the sum was almost \$2,100. Not figured in the first figure were funds collected by the senior class for caps and gowns. These funds were in bags and had not been entered in the school's receipt book.

The youths involved in the larceny attempted to burn the checks found in the safe. They were not successful.

The sheriff said the money appeared to be intact. The partially burned checks were readable and efforts have been started to collect the funds.

Harest King, principal of the school, said, "I think we will be able to recover everything."

The sheriff said the boys told him where they had hidden the money. Anderson and SBI Agent M. G. Crawford found the safe on a side road, State 1132, off State 1131 off U. S. 64 near the Tennessee line.

Anderson said the boys told him they had not planned to enter the school, but acted on the spur of the moment. The back door of the building and the office door were found open at 7 a.m. Wednesday by the school janitor, Cliff Henry.



Forecast Thursday, clear to scattered cloudiness; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, partly cloudy.

County Now Has Until Aug. 1st To Decide On Fire Protection

MURPHY - Murphy Town Council met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, at the Town Hall with the City Fire Department present.

W. A. Singleton made a motion, duly seconded by John Jordan that the resolution previously passed on Monday, May 13, concerning ceasing fire protection outside the city except for public buildings or property such as schools, churches, town, county, and state or federal owned buildings, be amended as follows:

Effective immediately, fire protection will continue for the Town of Murphy and Cherokee County as in the past until August 1, 1963. If at this time no satisfactory agreement can be worked out between town and county, all fire protection will be discontinued outside the city limits. This means there will be no fire protection for schools, churches, or industries outside the city limits, as well as private property.

The town, seeking a workable plan with the county, sought help from the North Carolina League of Municipalities. The following is a report from this organization: OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

"The question of providing fire service to areas outside the corporate limits has plagued North Carolina municipalities for many years and is one of the most difficult problems to resolve from a policy standpoint that exists in this state today. As a result, this office has initiated definite research concerning outsiders' service.

In recent years, considerable discussion and difficulty, have decided to discontinue providing any outside fire service. Our records indicate that at present there are 40 municipalities in this state which do not render any fire service outside the corporate limits. The majority of these towns which do not provide outside service are towns over 5,000 in population.

In attempting to determine a policy for outside service, there are several basic considerations which must be taken into account, and these considerations are summarized below:

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

1. Municipalities in North Carolina have the authority to provide fire service outside the corporate limits, and in general, the city or town is not liable for damage to persons or property in rendering this service. The municipality is liable for the payment of Workmen's Compensation claims for firemen who are killed or injured outside the corporate limits in performing their duty. Most municipalities that render outside service carry adequate Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

2. The primary consideration for any municipality in considering outside service is whether or not it can do so and still leave the city or town itself with adequate fire protection service. Municipal fire protection should not be depleted when outside service is rendered, and under no circumstances should the municipality ever permit all of its equipment and personnel to respond to an outside call, leaving the municipality unprotected. If outside service is rendered, additional equipment and personnel should provide the service to the outside area, leaving the municipal equipment intact for inside calls.

3. In determining whether or not to provide outside service, and the extent of this service, one of the most important factors is the effect the outside service will have on existing fire insurance ratings established by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau. When a municipality renders outside service, it is graded on the area served with existing personnel and equipment, rather than on the area within the corporate limits. This means that if the total area requires additional equipment and personnel and this additional equipment and personnel is not provided, the town's insurance classification will be lowered, and the general insurance rate on municipal property will increase.

4. A municipality that renders outside fire service should be adequately compensated by property owners who will benefit from this service. Municipal property owners should not subsidize the fire protection

Ask, If You Want It

Fire protection for property outside the Murphy Town limits has created quite a bit of discussion the past few weeks.

The town is taking a position that the obligation for fire protection for county property owners lies not with the Town of Murphy but with the county.

This is based on the fact that the Murphy Fire Department is supported solely by Murphy taxpayers, the county government or property owners not contributing to the support of a fire department.

At a meeting of the Town of Murphy town council and the Cherokee County Commissioners Monday, May 6, the town council sought to work out a plan with the county whereby the county or county property owners could share in the cost of maintaining the fire fighting equipment.

At the town council meeting Monday, May 13, a resolution was introduced terminating fire protection to private property in the county. Industrial, religious and government property however would be protected.

This resolution was amended at a special meeting Thursday morning whereby fire protection will be continued to all property in the county until August 1, 1963, at which time fire protection will be discontinued to all property in the county including churches, schools, businesses, industries, and governmental.

If county property owners desire and feel a need for fire protection for their homes, businesses, churches, and schools, the time has come to ask the county commissioners to provide this service.

For people who are not taxpayers within the municipality.

5. Generally speaking, fire service is not adequate when the property served is located more than three miles from the fire station. Therefore, in considering outside service, the municipality should place a limitation on the area served, according to this general principle, and not attempt to serve property which is too distant from the existing fire station.

The consideration which has given as much difficulty to many cities and towns as any other is the question of how the municipality can be adequately compensated for this service. In general, there are 4 plans in use in the state today. These 4 plans can be summarized as follows:

1. Contract with property owners. Under this plan, the city agrees to serve only certain properties, such as industries, schools, or other public buildings outside the corporate limits, for which they enter into an annual contract and receive an annual payment for this service.

2. Contract with county. Several municipalities have entered into contracts with the county, under which the county pays annually to the town or city an amount which will compensate the municipality for service rendered to a particular area of the county. In Kinston, for example, Lenoir County purchased a truck that is housed by the city and appropriates annually an amount sufficient to maintain this equipment and pay the personnel to man the equipment.

3. Charges and Fees. Several municipalities impose a special fee per call for rendering outside fire service. This plan has not been too successful, because of the difficulty in collecting the fees and charges imposed from individual property owners. A variation of this plan is to permit the property owner to buy an insurance rider for his fire insurance policy, under which the insurance company pays the city or town the fee or charge imposed for this service.

4. Fire Protection Districts. The General Statutes authorize the creation by the county of a fire protection district, which has the authority to enter into a contract with the municipality for fire service. Under this arrangement, the county levies a tax not to exceed 10¢ on the \$100 valuation within that portion of the county included within the fire district. This tax is collected by the county and turned over to the municipality annually in payment for this service.

If a municipality is contemplating an outside fire service policy, your first step should be to contact Mr. R. Kenneth Scott, Chief Engineer, N. C. Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, Raleigh. Mr. Scott will be happy to discuss with you and your officials the results that you could expect concerning your fire insurance rating if you served a certain area outside the corporate limits. He is happy to give you some idea of the requirements for your fire department that will be necessary if you plan to maintain your present insurance classification.

In considering your outside fire service, you strongly recommend the following:

1. If an area is served outside the city, the farthest distance that should be served

should not exceed 3 miles from the present fire station.

2. The city should establish two separate units within the fire department; one unit would be composed of personnel and equipment which would be used only for the purpose of protecting the city. This unit would have its own officers and should have separate training. The second unit would be used exclusively for the outside area. This unit should be composed of personnel who do not have any part in the inside unit, and the equipment used for this unit should be suitable for rural fire protection service.

3. By far the most satisfactory type of financing plan is the creation of a fire protection district, under which the county levies a special fire tax and reimburses the city annually for this service.

If you have any questions concerning the above, or if we can provide you with any additional information, please let us know.

N. C. League of Municipalities Post Office Box 3069, Raleigh, North Carolina."

Cherokee County Borrows \$40,000 From Ferebee Co.

ANDREWS - Ferebee and Co. of Andrews purchased \$40,000 worth of six-month Cherokee County revenue anticipation bonds Tuesday, May 21, at an approximate interest cost of 1.7 per cent.

The sale was announced by the N. C. Local Government Commission in Raleigh, along with seven other municipal bond issues.

The money is to be used by the county for general operating expenses until income from a tax revaluation can take effect. The revaluation program is not yet complete.



John Jordan Heads Legion

MURPHY - John Jordan was installed as Commander of Joe Miller Elkins Post 96, The American Legion, at a special meeting at Duke's Lodge Monday evening, May 20.

Commander Jordan is a veteran of World War II having served in the U. S. Navy. He is married to the former Miss Mary Catherine Piven. Mrs. Jordan is also a veteran of World War II, having served as a Navy Nurse. Mr. Jordan has long been a civic leader. He is principal of Murphy Elementary School and a member of the Murphy Town Council. They have three sons, Jimmy, Mike, and Bob.



Student Of The Month

MAXINE O'DELL, member of this year's graduating class at Murphy High School was honored by the Murphy Business and Professional Woman's Club at its regular monthly meeting May 13, 1963, as Student of the Month. Miss O'Dell is a well-rounded student, having maintained an average throughout her four years in High School, as well as having participated in the following activities. She has been cheerleader for the athletic department of the high school for three years and was selected as captain senior year. She has played basketball for four years and was chosen as "All Conference Player" her junior and senior years and was noted most valuable guard for two years. Maxine was student council representative her senior year which is a distinctive honor. In her junior year, she was third place winner in the Recitation Contest, which is sponsored by the BPW Club, and won first place in this year's contest. She was voted best actress in this year's senior play.

When the senior superlatives were selected, Maxine was chosen as Most Athletic, and was also voted to have "Personality Plus." She is a member of the French Club.

Maxine is Vice President of the First Baptist Church Sunday School, President of the YWA, and sings in the church choir. She plans to enter Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., this fall.

Miss O'Dell was presented a sterling silver charm inscribed, "May Student of the Month," by the Club as a keepsake of the occasion. (Scout Photo)