

Editor's Note-Book

Plans are underway for the Scout's two-color Christmas edition which will be out Monday, Dec. 23. Any businessman who has not yet been contacted and wants to place a greeting in this holiday edition can call the Scout and a representative will be there pronto.

TR
Mrs. Faye Chambers, Allen, Mary Ann, Buck, Gary, Mrs. Joyce Wright, Sue Seabolt and Linda Faye Nation were on TV from Chattanooga Saturday when they visited the live wrestling program.

TR
The Murphy Carnegie Library will be closed after Friday so that the staff can get packed up to move back into the rebuilt library building. The opening date will be announced later.

TR
The Dime Board will be out in Andrews for the next two weeks, operated by civic clubs, to raise money for Christmas baskets.

TR
The Christmas Dance Party for all age groups will be held at the Folk School next Thursday night, Dec. 19, at 8:00 p.m.

TR
All sex deer hunts open for four days in the refuges Monday.

TR
Snow and more snow is forecast for the weekend, so break out the shovels and chains, just in case.

TR
John Gernert and Eddie Adams of Andrews, who were named to the WNC All-Scholastic Football Team, attended a banquet in Asheville Monday night, along with their coach, Hugh Hamilton. The spread was sponsored by the Land Of The Sky Touchdown Club.

TR
The Andrews-Hiwassee Dam basketball game was moved up to tonight (Thursday) so Gernert and Butch Sursavage, another Wildcat, can attend a banquet at UNC at Chapel Hill Friday for prospective Tar Heel gridders. The University is interested in both boys, along with Clemson, Wake Forest and other schools.

TR
Christmas "moonshining" is booming, but the law isn't co-operating. Sheriff Neal Kitchens of Clay and Deputy Kellie Radford of Cherokee both captured big stills this week.

TR
Some UNC Alumni and football fans are planning to make the relatively short hop to Jacksonville Dec. 28 to see the Tar Heels meet the Air Force Academy in the Gator Bowl.

TR
Stock car race fans will be pleased to learn that Charlotte Motor Speedway officials have appropriated \$50,000 to remove that young mountain from the infield.

TR
Ray's Pharmacy and Clay Milling Co. of Hayesville are co-sponsoring a one-year subscription to NATIONAL 4-H NEWS for all community 4-H leaders in Clay County.

Two Andrews Gridders Named To First Unit WNC All-Scholastic Team

ANDREWS - Two Wildcat senior football stars were named to the 16 member first unit of the WNC All-Scholastic football squad for 1963.

Members of the all-star team were revealed Sunday in the Asheville Citizen-Times.

John Gernert, an end, and Eddie Adams, a tackle, were the two Wildcats on the team. Every member of the All-Scholastic first unit is a senior.

Andrews end Butch Sursavage and quarterback Jimmy Watkins were placed on the second unit, and Murphy tackle Bill Graves and Andrews halfback Mike Sheldy made the third unit.

Members of the All-Scholastic team were selected on recommendations of more than 30 coaches in Western North Carolina and numerous game officials and scouts.

Both the first unit selection from Andrews, Gernert, and Adams, performed equally well on both offense and defense.

Gernert, who weighs in at 185 and stands over six feet, was a fine receiver as well as the team's extra-point specialist. At defensive end position he was a tiger.



MORE THAN 300 VISITORS and PTA members packed the new Murphy High School lunchroom during the Open House Monday night. MHS Band performed during the program.

Over 300 Visitors On Hand For Murphy High Open House

MURPHY - More than 300 people jammed Murphy High School Monday night to attend the Open House sponsored by the PTA and the school faculty.

Many visitors enjoyed their first tour of the overall facilities of the new school, and everyone got a first-hand look at the new High School lunch-

room, Home Economics Department and two new classrooms.

PTA President Don Ramsey spoke briefly to the group. The program for the night also served as the monthly meeting of the PTA.

Superintendent Holland McSwain welcomed the visitors to the school.

The Murphy High School Band performed during the program, and the big crowd moved into the new lunchroom for refreshments.

The lunchroom facilities are all of the most modern design and for the first time, provide an adequate lunch-room facility for the high school.

Many visitors in the group were parents of students, and everyone expressed their pride in all the new school additions.

The Home Economics department features all new kitchen and workroom areas and equipment, with students now able to get plenty of firsthand practice in the art of home-

making. The new classrooms, like the others, feature good lighting and all necessary facilities.

School and PTA officials called the night a complete success.

Order Doesn't Make Sense

An order went out this week to all offices of the North Carolina Employment Securities Commission cutting back 25 per cent on employees in all offices.

No doubt, budget problems brought on the cut-back, but for a small office such as Murphy, this reduction of employees is almost disastrous.

Before the order, there were four employees in the Employment office here. The cut-back will reduce this number to three.

The local office has been handling all testing and placement services for new industry in the area, with the small four-man staff.

Office manager John Ellis said this week, "This cut-back will mean that we simply won't have the staff to continue this aid to new industry. We will now have to spend all our time processing unemployment claims."

It seems to us that the most important work a Employment office can do is to find jobs for unemployed persons. In a depressed county such as this, where the Federal government is ready to spend millions through the ARA to solve unemployment, it simply doesn't make sense to cut out perhaps the most vital work now being done to find more employment.

And as we understand the problem, the cut-back in the Employment office staff was brought on by a lack of funds in the federal appropriation. The state pays about half, and depends on the Federal appropriation for the rest.

This cut-back order needs to be changed now, at least for counties like this one. To leave the Employment office with only enough help to process unemployment claims and no time to help unemployed persons find work can only lead to more unemployment claims.

And this just doesn't make sense. We're not sure yet as to how people in this county could go about getting this order changed, but letters to every government official from President Johnson down might just turn the trick.



SANTA HOOKED A RIDE on the running board of one of the old car entrees in the Andrews Christmas Parade last Friday, and he filled the air with candy for the little ones.

Parade Brings In Christmas Season

ANDREWS - Hundreds of persons turned out Friday afternoon for the town's Christmas parade.

As the 28 unit procession began its merry trek through main street at 4 p.m. it was led by Police Chief Milton Mashburn, followed by flag bearers, Janet Burnette and Terry Thompson.

Santa arrived on the scene tossing candy to outstretched hands and calling out traditional greetings. The round old fellow was met with excitement from the young and gladdened the heart of many during the afternoon.

Sharing the spotlight with St. Nick were 17 floats including many impressive sights.

In the parade of beauty queens were AHS Christmas Queen, Miss Peggy Trull, Football Queen, Miss Barb Watry, and Annual Queen, Miss Meredith Hardin.

Carrying the strains of "Joy To The World" and other holiday tunes, the Andrews School Band preceded the Junior Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cubs.

Four gaily-decorated wagons, headed by Ed Lambert with Claude Angel, Buck Fisher, Roy West following, were

J. H. Brendle Of Brasstown Dies At 95

BRASSTOWN - John Brendle, who once operated a livery stable in this section of Clay County, died late Thursday afternoon, Dec. 5, in a Bryson City rest home at the age of 95 years.

Known as "Uncle John" by most people, he lived in a neat little white house on top of a hill in Brasstown until he became ill several weeks ago. Although blind, he continued to shave himself and kept his appearance "sharp as a pin."

Mr. Brendle graduated from Hicks Academy in Hayesville and taught school for eight years, but most of his active life was spent as a traveling salesman and merchant.

He operated a farm and a livery stable for two years, and in an interview with a news correspondent last May, recalled that the livery stable was one of his favorite occupations.

Known as a man who "had done a lot, remembered it all and was always glad to share experiences," he recalled that he and his wife, who died three years ago, spent most of their married lives in the Brasstown section of Clay County.

"But we decided to try our luck in Florida back in the 20's so we pulled up stakes, went down there and opened up a meat market. I liked Florida all right 'till the big hurricane of 1926," he recalled before his death.

He recalled that he was living in Miami at the time, and "I watched horses being swept through the air in blinding sheets of rain. It just about cleaned us out."

Mr. Brendle salvaged some \$400 in cash and merchandise from the wreckage of his store and returned to the mountains. He opened a store, bought tan bark and made good in the business.

He was a son of the late W. M. and Sarah Keener Brendle. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Kate Bell of Brasstown; three sons, Fred of Brasstown, Boyd of Sylva, and J. H. of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. Floyd Moreau of Oklahoma and Mrs. Hattie Platt of Idaho; one brother, Will of Brasstown; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Until recently, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Lakey lived with Mr. Brendle in his little house on top of a hill here. With the exception of a three-year siege of typhoid, he had enjoyed good health until his illness several weeks ago.

Billy Clayton, one of his neighbors, was one of his best friends. Although in his 80's Clayton often went in and read to his blind neighbor.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Townson Funeral Home in Murphy.

The Rev. Clark Benson officiated and burial was in Hickory Stand Cemetery. Townson Funeral Home was in charge.



CHARLES CUNNINGHAM OF THE WNC Regional Planning Commission, who is assigned as Murphy's Community Planner, (standing) pointed out future preliminary plans for highway relocation during a meeting Monday night of the local Planning Board. Members of the Board included Alden Coward and Fred O. Christopher, both seated with back to camera; seated facing camera (L-R) Larry Black of McKeever and Edwards, town attorneys; Mrs. S. C. Burgess, Chairman Joe Ray, and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Co-Ordinated Action Begun By Town Planning Groups

MURPHY - Comprehensive and co-ordinated action by groups and committees working with planning for Murphy's future took a giant step forward here Monday night as meetings were in session bringing information together and tying components of the program together.

As more work gets underway, all committees will be adding more news releases to their decisions and ideas to familiarize citizens with the overall program.

Meetings were held Monday of the Citizens Advisory Committee, which was also attended by members of the Technical Codes Review Committee, followed by meetings of the town Planning Board and the Town Board.

A more comprehensive report from the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Planning Board will be presented to the Town Board on Jan. 13.

Members of the Advisory Committee are Bunch Nugent,

Jack Owens, John Jordan, Julian Suggs, Wally Williams, Mrs. John Carringer, Mrs. S. C. Burgess, Mrs. Francis Bourne, Jr., and Mrs. Don Carter.

Also meeting with this group were Jim Ed Hughes, Sr. and Red Schuyler of the Technical Codes Review Committee.

The Advisory Committee will provide close contact between town citizens and the other committees and agencies working with plans for the future of the town.

This committee will also report directly to the Planning Board and offer suggestions from a broader base of contact with the whole population.

At the meeting of the Planning Board later in the evening, the Board formally adopted a set of by-laws, set up a regular meeting date for 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday in each month, and appointed a three-man sub-committee to study application of subdivision regulations.

Charles Cunningham, Murphy's Community Planner from the WNCRPC, showed members of the Planning Board a map with a proposed new route for a major highway through town.

Named to the sub-committee to study subdivision regulations were Mrs. S. C. Burgess, Mrs. Edward Reynolds and Fred O. Christopher.

Taking priority in the immediate future for co-ordinated work of all committees and the Town Board is the annual report to Federal Agencies of the town's overall Workable Program for the future.

Federal Grant Approved For Training Course In Cherokee, Clay, Graham

WASHINGTON - A federal grant of \$12,383.00 has been approved by the Vocational

Education Division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to conduct a training course for bricklayers and housebuilders, in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties.

The course will cover a period of sixteen weeks.

Congressman Roy A. Taylor, who announced the allocation said thirty individuals will be permitted to take this specialized training.

Funds for expenses involved in the selection and referral of unemployed persons who will be enrolled in this training course and for making subsistence payments to them while in training will be provided by the Department of Labor, and is estimated to be an amount of \$11,040.00.

Basketball Loop Action Underway

Basketball action last Friday night saw Murphy's girls stopping Swain High 40-30 there, while the Murphy lads dropped their game to the Maroons, 73-51.

Andrews boys traveled to Cullowhee and won their second game 81-63.

Scoring for the Murphy girls were Eva Dockery with 17, Judy Rogers 13, Carmoleta Smith 5, Peggy English 4, Linda Morris 1, and Margaret James 1.

Murphy lads scoring were Robert Smith with 14, Hugh Carringer 12 and Don Morris 11. Gerald Moore added 2, Jack Wayman, Bill Graves and Dewey Johnson four each.

Thomas Brooks led Andrews over Cullowhee with 24. Other scores were Terry Winfrey 17, John Gernert 18, Butch Sursavage 12, Larry Owenby 6, and Terry Marr and David Slagle, two each.

Tuesday night's action saw Murphy girls and boys both victorious, the girls winning over Seconah 46-32 and the lads taking close one, 75-73, over the same school.

Andrews boys trounced Mountain View 52-29 in a low scoring game Tuesday.

Hayesville's girls beat Nantahala 38-37, while the Nantahala boys outpointed Hayesville 60-47.

Hiwassee Dam High lost both boys and girls games to Robbinsville Tuesday.

All of Tuesday's games were Eastern Division Smoky Mountain Conference contests.

Hiwassee Dam goes to Andrews tonight (Thursday) for a boys game.

Friday's card has Nantahala at Murphy and Mt. View at Hayesville.

Next Tuesday Murphy travels to Hayesville and Andrews goes to Seconah.

Hayesville PTA Collecting Clothes For School Children

HAYESVILLE - A clothing drive for the needy school children of Clay County is being sponsored by the Hayesville High School PTA.

Mrs. Russell Salts is president. Mrs. Don Moore is assisting Mrs. Luther Elliott in the drive. Anyone having used clothing or who desire to contribute new clothes is asked to deliver them to the home of Mrs. Elliott near Hayesville School.

The greatest need is for children between the ages of 6 and 12, however, there is a need for all age groups.



BILL SUTTLE OF MARION, State Jaycee President, was the guest speaker here last Thursday night for the local Jaycee Club's Charter Banquet.

Jaycee State President Challenges Local Club To Live Up To Heritage

MURPHY - The newly organized Murphy Jaycees held their formal Charter Night Banquet on December 5, at the new Murphy High School Cafeteria.

Approximately 25 local members and their wives were joined by visiting Jaycees from Asheville, Hickory, Bryson City, Marion, North Carolina, and also some from Tennessee.

Julian Suggs delivered the invocation and after the meal Bill Christy, State Director of the Local Chapter served as Toastmaster.

Mr. Christy introduced Mayor L. L. Mason, Jr., and W. D. (Dave) Townson, who extended a welcome to the club on behalf of the Town and the Chamber of Commerce respectively.

Bill Suttle from Marion, President of the State Jaycees then presented Ed Man-

chester, President of the local Chapter with the Charter of the Murphy Jaycees.

Ken Lingerfelt, Stat Vice President for the 22nd District of the Jaycees then introduced Presidents of attending Jaycee Chapters and Bill McDonald, who is the National Director for the Western District of the Jaycees, introduced the speaker for the evening, Bill Suttle.

Mr. Suttle chose as the basis of his speech "the glorious tradition of the past, the golden opportunity of the present and the prospects for the future."

Mr. Suttle stressed that the definition of the J. C.'s is very simple--training and leadership through civic responsibility. He challenged the Murphy Jaycee Chapter to live up to its heritage, its opportunity, and to make the most of its future.

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Prec.
5	49	23	0
6	56	14	0
7	59	10	0
8	57	25	0.33
9	42	28	0
10	48	18	0

Forecast: Thursday, snow (flurries); Friday, rain, sleet and snow; Saturday, overcast with snow; Sunday, overcast with occasional snow flurries.



John Gernert



Eddie Adams

Decoration Contest

Prizes will be given by the business men of Hayesville to the homes in Clay County that have the best outside Christmas decorations.