



Coach Gudger kept the audience roaring . . .

AHS Basketball Champs Entertained At Rotary Club's Annual Banquet

ANDREWS - Andrews High's championship basketball team was entertained at an annual banquet given by the Andrews Rotary Club Tuesday night, with Western Carolina College Basketball Coach Jim Gudger as guest speaker.

Relating his experiences touring three South American countries with a basketball team last summer, Coach Gudger kept the crowd of 60 at the banquet in stitches, but his speech had its serious moments as he said "the U.S. should send its super salesmen to South America to sell these people on Democracy, because the Communists will sell their philosophy there if we don't."

The tour for Coach Gudger and his five-man team was sponsored by the U. S. State Department as a good will project.

"Sports are a terrific common ground for people of all countries", he explained. "because everyone from prince to pauper loves sports."

The tour's other purpose was to create interest in and promote and teach good basketball to South Americans, the coach explained. "They love to play basketball," he said "but they are not very good at it yet."

He and the team visited Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.

Coach Gudger talked about politics, economy, education, and sports in the three countries.

He pointed out that the political situation is the same in all three countries, but is often in a turmoil.

"We dribbled through a revolution in Ecuador," he said, but my team wasn't in danger because we were locked in our hotel for three days until it was over.

Speaking of over all conditions in the South American countries the WCC mentor expressed his belief that "a visit to these countries would make us better students, athletes, citizens and Christians because it will make us appreciate all the wonderful advantages we have in this country."

He complimented the Andrews cagers on winning the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship, the District 8 crown and going to the State tourney.

Rotary President Todd Reece presided. L. B. Nichols, Sr. gave the invocation and C. O. Frazier introduced Coach Gudger.

Guests included Mrs. Ruth Sursavage, scorer; cheerleaders and their coach, Miss Ruth Hamilton; AHS Athletic Director Hugh Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton; Basketball Coach Cecil Mashburn who introduced the squad and made a short talk; Rotarians wives and honorary Rotary-Anns and other visitors.

The banquet was held at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall and ladies of the church prepared and served the meal.

Thomas Brooks was spokesman for the team and he presented Coach Mashburn with a present from the team. Dustina Wooten, head cheerleader, thanked Miss Hamilton for her leadership.

The Rotary Club thanked the Presbyterian Church for the use of the Hall and thanked the ladies for preparing the banquet.

Editor's Note-Book

The weather has been back in the news in this area this week, with an all day down-pour of rain Tuesday sending rivers and creeks over their banks and flooding lowland sections. No major flood losses were reported within Cherokee and Clay except for flooded fields and gardens.

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The opening day of trout season last Saturday was marred by a drizzling rain, but a regular army of fishermen swamped the streams in Cherokee and Clay nevertheless. Clay's Fires Creek Refuge was one of the most popular spots with more than a hundred fishermen checking in and going home with some 500 trout. Only the anglers who withstood the rain all day ended up with the legal limit of ten.

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Murphy's Smoky Mountain League Baseball team will begin practice Wednesday, April 15, at the high school ball park. Manager John A. Beavers has requested that anyone who wants to try out for the team show up for the first day of training. The team's first game is slated for April 26 but the opponent isn't known yet.

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Hobart McKeever in Cherokee and Sheriff Neal Kitchens in Clay have been named as county chairman for the campaign in this state to raise funds for the John F. Kennedy Library.

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Cherokee County Commissioners Dr. W. A. Hoover, Chairman, W. T. Moore and Lester Cole, secretary Ed Graves and Carlyle Matheson from the county tax office were visitors at White Church School Monday where they stayed for lunch at the lunchroom, with Mrs. Al Brown, principal.

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Blue Ridge Electric Program To Help Consumers Buy Appliances

MURPHY - A nine-week program of home modernization, sponsored by Blue Ridge Electric Association, was started Thursday, April 2.

The program is designed specifically for local consumers who wish to purchase a new electric appliance.

Karl Rowan, manager of the electric system, said that a bonus will be given to each of the system's consumers who purchase a featured appliance during the campaign period.

Listed below are appliances and bonuses being offered: Electric Dishwasher, \$10.00; Electric Home Freezer, \$10.00; Electric Range, \$15.00; Electric Water Heater, \$20.00; Electric Water System, \$25.00.

To collect his bonus, the consumer must take his bill of sale to Blue Ridge Electric Association.

"We believe this kind of program is important to the progress of our area," Manager Rowan said. "First of all, it helps our consumers in their desire to modernize their homes. It assists appliance dealers directly and other businesses in general. And of course, it improves our system's electrical distribution, which is one of the major factors in keeping our electric rates so low."

Local dealers, with national manufacturers and distributors, are cooperating in this modernization program.

The special program ends on May 30th.

Folk School Craft Classes Apr. 13-25

BRASSTOWN - The John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, will hold its annual Craft Course, April 13-25.

Three hour classes will be held in the mornings and afternoons in Woodcarving, Woodworking, and Weaving. Instructors will be Jesse Ledford, Woodworking; Charlotte Gist, Weaving, and Marrial Martin, Woodcarving.

Those interested in taking weaving will be the first to weave in the lovely loom room in the new Craft House. This light, airy room should be an inspiration to all who weave there. Many will remember Mrs. Gist for her fine teaching ability.

Write or telephone 837-2775 for further information. Registration date is Monday, April 13.

Final Sabin Dose Coming Up Sunday

MURPHY - The third and final dose of Sabin Oral Polio vaccine will be administered in Cherokee County this Sunday, Apr. 12, at nine stations. The drops of vaccine placed on sugar cubes will be available to everyone who has taken the first two doses.

The doors of vaccine stations will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at elementary schools at Ranger, Martin's Creek, Unaka, Murphy, Marble, Peachtree, White Church and High schools at Andrews and Hiwassee Dam.

Some 10,000 residents of the county have received the first two doses of the Sabin Oral Polio vaccine and at least as many are expected to show up for the final dose.

The campaign has been sponsored by the County Medical Association and the

Murphy Jaycee Club.

Persons who come for the third dose are asked to bring their identifications cards which were given to them when they took the first dose.

The vaccine is given free, but those who take it are asked to make a contribution of at least a quarter. However, those who cannot contribute will get the vaccine free.

Volunteer workers who will help man the stations will be at their posts when the doors open at 12:00 noon.

The vaccine is given to everyone over three months of age and is completely tasteless and leaves no after effects.

It offers complete, lifetime protection against polio and the dangers of carrying the germ.



TRAVELERS AND SWEETHEARTS: The Lonesome Travelers (seated in front, L-R) are Allen Mashburn, Knox Singleton, Jan Davidson, and Perry Brown. Seated in the center are Merle McRay (L) and Calvin Allen (R) pianist and guitarist who play for the Sweethearts at most of their dances, and John Bruce (center) member of the dance team. The Sweethearts are (L-R) Becky Farmer, Harold Teague, Mary Ruth Chance, Larry McDonald, Jane Brittain, Billy King, Carol Kaye, John Fleming, Connie Farmer, Charles Henson, Pam Chastain, Dewey Johnson, Billy Stalcup, Roger Kephart, Becky Kephart, Tommy Curtis, Sandra Chastain, William Fish, Charlotte Stalcup and Robert Bruce, Jr.

Superior Court Adjoins After Week Of Trials

MURPHY - The question of who shot and killed James Beavers in a gun battle in the Tellico section of the county last November is still unanswered.

A jury which heard the state's case against Thurman Fair, one of four men charged with the shooting, in Superior Court here last week could not reach a verdict and Judge Zeb V. Nettles declared a mistrial and ordered the case continued to the July term for a new trial.

District Solicitor Glenn Brown announced that the state will also continue cases against the other three men charged in the shooting: Don Lovingood, Oliver Dockery, and Ira Davis.

Word leaked out after the trial that the jury had deadlocked on a vote of 9-3 for acquittal.

The trial began Tuesday of last week and continued until Thursday. Judge Nettles had charged the jury, explaining that the evidence would only allow a verdict of involuntary manslaughter or not guilty.

Fair went on trial on a charge of second degree murder or manslaughter, and on the second day the judge lowered the charge to manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter or not guilty.

The jury deliberated some four hours in all, and was called out twice by the judge only to reply that they could not reach a verdict. When the jury came out the first time, juror Claude Angel of Andrews told the judge, "We've got three men that we can't do nothing with."

Evidence presented in the long trial showed that Fair, Lovingood and Beavers went to the mountains together and got into an argument with Ira Davis and Oliver Dockery who were there ahead of them in a cabin.

The argument ended in a shooting spree, with bullets flying both ways and Beavers fatally wounded.

The state's case against Fair was based on a dying statement by Beavers who witnesses quoted as saying, "Thurman Fair shot me," and a later statement before he died that "it might have been an accident."

Other cases coming before the bench during this session included:

- A charge of armed robbery and kidnapping against two Greensboro youths, Roger Dale Lawson and Jimmy Wayne Campbell. This trial was continued until the July term of court here.
- James Ellsworth Miller, William Thomas Chadwick, Jr., and Bobby James Rawdon who were each charged with attempted burglary, breaking and entering and preparation to commit burglary plead guilty to breaking and entering and were sentenced to 24 months each.
- Charles Marvin Gregory charged with assault with a deadly weapon, following a shooting in the county several months ago when teenage Robert Stewart was wounded, was ordered to be committed to Dix Hospital in Raleigh until he is mentally capable to stand trial.

Murphy Man Charged Shooting

MURPHY - A 34 year old Murphy man was charged with shooting and wounding his father when he was arrested here about 9:30 p.m. Sunday night.

Elmer Townson was hit by two shots from a .22 caliber pistol, one in the right shoulder and another in the left arm, in front of his home on Peachtree Street here Sunday night around 9:15 p.m.

His son, Obra Townson, who lives with him was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The elder Townson was treated at a local hospital and released. His wounds were not termed serious.

Sheriff Claude Anderson and Patrolman Don Reavis who investigated the incident said the two men were drinking and involved in an argument that resulted in the shooting.

The younger Townson waived a preliminary hearing and bond was set at \$2,000 by Justice of the Peace Lloyd Ramsey. Townson was released on bond Monday.



THIS FEARLESS flagpole climber is none other than Murphy Postmaster Joe Ray who braved this dangerous spot this week to touch up the pole on top of the local Post Office.

Murphy Woman Injured When Ambulance Hits Car

MURPHY - A Murphy woman suffered a fractured left knee cap and severe bruises when her auto was struck by an ambulance about 8:30 a. m. here Wednesday morning on Valley River Ave. in front of Hicks Gulf Station.

The injured woman is Mrs. L. J. Phillips, wife of the manager of Westco Telephone exchange in Murphy. The Townsman Funeral Home ambulance was driven by Neal Sneed, who suffered bruises.

Mrs. Phillips was alone in her car driving into town. Murphy Police Chief Blaine Stalcup who investigated the accident said that Mr. Sneed, who was alone in the ambulance, told him that it was raining and that he was attempting to turn left into the service station and did not see the Phillips car. The ambulance was traveling away from town.

The ambulance struck the car on the left front fender. Chief Stalcup said damage to both vehicles was extensive and that estimates were not yet complete.

Dr. Helen Wells who treated

Murphy Dancers, Singers Win Trophies At Jamboree

ASHEVILLE - Square dancers and folk singers from Murphy came away from the 16th annual Mountain Youth Jamboree held in Asheville last week with an arm load of trophies.

Murphy's Carolina Sweethearts clog dance team won the runner-up trophy in the senior division competition, two members of the team, John Bruce and Billie Stalcup won trophies as the best boy and girl cloggers in competition with all 16 divisions, and the Lonesome Travelers, Murphy's folk singing group composed of Jan Davidson, Allen Mashburn, Knox Singleton and Perry Brown, won a first place trophy.

The Sweethearts, who are coached by Mrs. Barbara Stalcup, were defending champions in the clog dance division competition held Friday night. After winning first place last year. This year they placed second after the Champion YMCA team. The teams were judged on the point system and only one point separated the teams, 366-367.

Billie Stalcup, who won the award as the best girl clog dancer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stalcup, and John Bruce, best boy clogger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, Sr.

The Sweethearts have danced in competition in the Jamboree for the past eight years, winning first place and runner-up trophies in both the junior and senior divisions.

A new group formed this year were on stage three nights of the Jamboree, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and along with winning first place they proved to be one of the most popular groups at the Jamboree.

Also appearing at the Jamboree on Saturday night was the Andrews Elementary School square dance team coached by Mrs. Lena Ford. The youngsters from Andrews did not enter competition but danced an exhibition and proved to be real crowd pleasers.

The annual Mountain Youth Jamboree was founded and is directed by Hubert Hayes, and is co-sponsored by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Harold Teague is caller for the Sweethearts and Becky Farmer is lead lady.

While the Sweethearts were in Asheville they made a trip to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital to visit Danny Taylor who is a patient there. Danny is a tenth grader at Murphy High. He has delivered the newspaper here for the past several years and was stricken by polio recently.

The team performed for the patients at the hospital before making their appearance at the jamboree that night.

All the participants in the Jamboree this year were invited to participate in the National Folk Festival this June in Covington, Ky.



HUBERT HAYES (R) founder and director of the Mountain Youth Jamboree, presented silver trays to John Bruce and Billie Stalcup, who were voted the best boy and girl clog dancers competing in this year's Jamboree.

National Library Week

By: Virginia Townson

MURPHY - The branch libraries of the Nantahala Regional Library System will celebrate National Library Week April 12-18.

The purpose of National Library Week is to encourage the people of the United States to do more reading. "Reading Is the Key" is the theme for this year.

"Reading is the key to understanding, to adventure, to romance, to mystery and to entertainment," said a librarian this week, and she added, "Visit your local library during this special week and choose a good book as well as learn more about available library service."

Murphy Carnegie Library will have on display the winners of the art contest sponsored by the American Association of University Women, as well as displays of new books and books on the Home

Demonstration Reading List. Andrews Carnegie Library will have a story hour for pre-school children at 2:00 p.m. April 13th and the bookmobile will be there for the children to visit.

Fontana Village Library will have a tea, sponsored by the Fontana Women's Club Wednesday, April 15th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Hayesville Public Library is to have Open-House Friday, April 17th from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Bemis Memorial Library will conclude the week with an Open-House Saturday, April 18th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The bookmobile will make a special visit to these libraries for their special occasions and will welcome those who wish to visit the library on wheels.