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We've heard some tall tales in our time how people had received black eyes, but Bass Hyatt, ASOS office manager here, tops them all. Seems that old Bass was a herdin' some bulls into a barn and when the last one ran in, Bass slammed the door. As we have it "Mr. Bull" didn't much like this door slamm'ing so he kicked the door right back in Bass' face. Anyway, Bass sure has got a bad looking black eye, but we think the story is a lot of "bull."

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All you fellas in Cherokee County that are 18 years old or older and are subject to the draft can rest at ease next week 'cause Frankie Robertson of the local Draft Board Office, allows that her office will be closed Monday, November 23 through Friday, November 27.

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Something fishy is going on around here. In fact, Clyde Sneed, manager of the local A & P Store, went deep sea fishing last week off the coast of Wilmington, N. C., and caught some 40 odd pounds of gray trout. Clyde treated 31 A & P employees and guests to a gigantic fish fry Friday, November 13, at the Family Restaurant. The A & P employees all agree that Clyde is a better fisherman than he is a "bear tracker", since Clyde went bear hunting in the Smokies recently and came back empty handed.

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We understand that a newly formed dance band called "The Berets" had Murphy High's principal, Walter Puett, shaking a leg at a dance in the school cafeteria Friday night, November 13. We don't have the names of the band members, but we understand that two of them are attending Murphy High School. From what we hear these boys will be pretty busy filling engagements through the holiday season. If you'd like to have them play for a party contact their manager, John Hall, Box 35, Rt. 5, Murphy, or call Mrs. Grace Mauldin, 837-3287. Good luck, fellows.

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The Providence Hospital Auxiliary will have a used clothing sale at Gillespie's Fruit Stand, Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Here's your chance to get some real bargains and support a worthy cause at the same time. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Auxiliary to purchase equipment for the nursery and operating room at Providence Hospital.

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Scout Photographer Fred Davis made us promise to give him a plug in this week's column concerning his photographic works of art displayed in the window of Collins-Crain Department Store. Fred says if you'll give him a call at 837-5122 he'll be happy to set up an appointment for you and quote prices on portraits black and white, oil color, or natural color. We think he just wants to show off his new electronic lights.

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Carl Moore, a regular teacher at Hayesville High School is doing some moonlighting these days instructing night typing classes at the new tri-county industrial school here in Murphy. Carl surely has his nerve though, for as we went tromping in to his class a little late Monday night, he wanted to know where his apple was.

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Flying fever has about got me down. It all started a couple of weeks ago when a group of fellows around town started thinking about buying an airplane and leaving to fly. Then P.J. "Chicken" owner of the Henn Theatre... or is it P.J. Henn, owner of the "Chicken" Theatre... anyway, whoever he is, came by and told us of his jet trip down to Florida in an hour and twenty minutes. This was just more than we could stand, so we made reservation for a jet flight from Spartanburg to New York, leaving tonight (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. and arriving in the big city at 8:45 p.m. Man, that's flying...750 miles in an hour and forty-five minutes. Don't know if I can stand that, either.



OLD STOVAL HOME was beyond repair. . . did not have running water.



MR. AND MRS. STOVAL standing on the porch of their new home. Their new home has four rooms, built-in cabinets, bath facilities, and hot and cold running water.

Stoval's Gain Home Through Farmers Home Administration

MURPHY - Stella Stoval, a colored woman 64 years old, applied to the Farm Home Administration office on March 13, 1963, for a grant to repair the old dwelling she and her husband were having to live in. The old dwelling was in such a bad state of repair, every contractor and carpenter that looked at it said it could never be repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoval were having to carry water from a neighbor's house and were paying a small fee each month to use the water they carried. Since their house was in such bad shape, and since Stella's income was sufficient to repay a small loan, the FHA office went to work to see if something could be worked out for them. The Farmers Home Administration has a provision for Senior Citizens (you have to be 62 years old or older) to obtain small loans for new dwellings, and also to repair existing dwellings.

Several contractors were requested to furnish estimates

of price for a new home for the Stovalls. Barnes Manufacturing Company, Etowah, Tenn., was interested enough in their welfare to see what they could come up with in a new dwelling that would be within Stella's income to repay.

Stella's husband has been sick for several years and has not been able to help her very much with finances. Mr. Barnes worked up a plan and also the FHA office set up enough money in the Stoval's loan to drill a well. Now they have the long needed house that doesn't leak, water and bath in their house which they never had, and their payments are low enough to where Stella can meet them on her income and live.

The Farmers Home Administration is proud of the provision that has been made for deserving people like the Stovalls, and it is hoped that they will be able to make provisions for better housing for a lot more people that are des-

perately in need of homes and water.

How was Stella going to make her payments when she got too old to work? The County Office Clerk wrote everywhere that could be thought of trying to establish Mr. Stoval's age. No one knew how old he was. This was finally found on record in another state. He was 74. The clerk also helped Stella establish her age. She was 64. They both filed for their Social Security.

Both of them drew some back pay, and now, even when Stella has to quit work, they both draw enough Social Security to make their payments and live comfortably. The payments were set up low enough so that it would take very little of their Social Security to make them, giving them more to live on.

We believe that if you were to ask the Stovalls what they thought of their new home, they both would say they were very proud and happy.

Murphy High School Establishes Beta Club

MURPHY - A local chapter of the National Beta Club, a leadership-service organization for high school students of American, was established on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Murphy High School. In an impressive assembly ceremony, R. B. Hellams, Field Director, presided at installation services for ten charter members from the senior class who have fulfilled the requirements necessary for membership in the National Beta Club. Larry Davis, Alan Johnson, Mary Jones, Billy King, Eddie Palmer, Becky Jo Ray, Mary Smith, Robert Smith, Sarah White, and Carolyn Wilson.

The National Beta Club, with over 2,800 chapters and approximately 90,000 members in high schools of 24 states is now in its thirtieth year.

Objectives of this non-secret, leadership - service organization are to encourage effort, to promote character, to stimulate achievement among its members, and to encourage and assist students to continue their education after high-school graduation. Members of the Murphy Chapter Beta Club must have acquired a 92 or above academic and citizenship stand-

ing during the first 5 semesters of high school.

Entrance fee is \$4.50 which is all that is paid during a member's high school career.

For this, members receive (1) a certificate of membership; (2) a membership card; (3) an official membership

pin; (4) monthly copies of the BETA CLUB JOURNAL which is compiled completely by the members of the national club; (5) a gold seal for his diploma.

Miss Maria Travis, teacher of English, art, and journalism, volunteered as faculty sponsor for the local chapter.

'Toys For Tots' Still Needed

MURPHY - M. G. Curtis, chairman for the Murphy Jaycees "Toys for Tots" project, said today that the toys are beginning to come in but many more are needed to be sure that all needy children in the county receive a toy for Christmas.

Jaycees are asking for donations of new or usable toys to be distributed to needy children for Christmas in cases where the child would probably not receive anything to bring joy and happiness into his life during the holiday season.

Chairman Curtis said that toy contributions may be made at the following locations in boxes provided for the purpose: Moore's Dodge Co., Howell's Market, Hilton Business Equipment Co., Murphy

66 Station, and Western Auto.

Collection of toys will be made in this fashion until "Toys for Tots" day which will be announced at a later date. During this day, anyone wishing to donate a new or usable toy to the Murphy Jaycees can do so by telephoning radio station WKRC or WCVP and giving their name and address. A Jaycee will come by your house to pick up any toys you may wish to contribute.

Remember, some toy from your child's toy box, which isn't being used anymore, but is in usable condition, might be a brighter Christmas for some youngster who wouldn't otherwise have Santa visit them. Please, won't you contribute to the Murphy Jaycees "Toys for Tots"?

Economic Opportunity Program Needs Help Of Town-County Organizations

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article should be read by the president, and other officers of each and every organization, of every nature in Andrews, Murphy, and Cherokee County. Each organization should quickly take the action requested of it in the closing paragraph of this article.)

MURPHY - A meeting in the interest of a Cherokee County "Andrews - Murphy Economic Opportunity Program" was held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 in the Cherokee County Courthouse. A good representation of local leaders was present. Mayes Behrman made a report of a trip, last

week, to Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh in the interest of this program. Burns Jones of the North Carolina Fund, was present as a technical advisor.

The major objectives of this local movement are the reduction of "poverty and ignorance" in our area. To this end, action programs are being planned. These will require the expenditure of considerable sum of money.

In order to finance these projects the Opportunity Program will apply for funds to the newly created U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity of which Sergeant Shriver, for-

merly Director of the U. S. Peace Corps is Administrator.

Projects to be undertaken by individual organizations and services and to be sponsored by the overall Opportunity Program are such as these:

Job training and counseling; health; vocational rehabilitation; home management; welfare; remedial education; the creation of new services; the extension of existing services; outmigration; school dropouts; illiteracy; employment, partly through the creation of new small businesses; and local Youth Corps projects, such as a possible reconstruction of Fort Butler as a tourist attraction.

The purpose of many of the programs will be two fold: one, the development of the individuals involved in them; the other, the development of our county and our towns.

Although development is the major objective there is a necessary means to that end, namely, money. The U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity (created under the Poverty Act of Congress) will have money for outright grants to our programs. However, we ourselves, must put into the projects either cash or properties to a certain percentage of the total cost.

The Government will consider giving up to 90% of this total cost for the first year and 50% the second. To secure any gifts from the Government two things are virtual requirements:

(1) That our County and our towns, working together, come up with and present in detail and in "proper form" an overall program of inter-related projects all cooperating with each other and with the county-wide Opportunity Program.

(2) That each individual organization such as a school board, a county agency, a ministerial association, a civic club, a veterans' organization, a garden club, or any other organization which wishes to secure Government money for

some specific project must file, through our county organization, a formal application. This must be thoroughly documented to show the existence of poverty and/or ignorance, what portion of this the organization proposes to cure, and how it plans to accomplish this.

The writing and documenting our overall application, and the specific project applications requires considerable time, effort, and know-how.

Mr. Behrman stated that Dr. James L. White, coordinator of the State Welfare Department will station a resident technical advisor in our area to assist Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties, with the research for and the writing of all their applications.

In the meantime, the most urgent need is that every existing organization in our county and towns, at the earliest possible moment, write a letter to Mayes Behrman, Coordinator, Cherokee County - Andrews - Murphy Economic Opportunity Program, P. O. Box 129, Murphy, N. C., 28906. This letter should include two things very definitely:

(1) That their organization will cooperate every way it can with the proposed Economic Opportunity Program;

(2) The name of one of its members whom it has appointed, or elected, to be its representative in The Cherokee County - Andrews - Murphy Economic Opportunity Program.

Then, if possible, the letter should include two other things:

(1) A specific report of existing poverty and ignorance which the organization knows does exist.

(2) A clearly stated plan for one, or more, suggested projects which the organization would like to conduct to reduce this existing poverty and/or ignorance; but for which it would have to have financial assistance.

Red Cross Fund Drive To Begin November 23 rd.

MURPHY- Local officers announced today that the annual Red Cross Fund Drive will begin in the Murphy area on

Monday, November 23. The fund drive is a part of the continuing financial support for the local Red Cross programs in Murphy.

The primary program benefiting from the fund drive is the Red Cross Bloodmobile which visits Murphy four times a year. Murphy's participation in the blood program has enabled local citizens to receive transfusions during the past year.

The blood donated on visits of the Bloodmobile, as well as replacement blood, constitutes what might be termed a "life saving account." Deposited blood can be drawn on by participating communities as needed, and deposit new blood for use by others.

The only cost to the person receiving blood is the hospital charges for tests used to assure that the proper blood type is administered. Persons using blood from the program are requested to replace the blood, but such replacements aren't always forthcoming.

In order, therefore, to maintain a constant deposit of blood for use in emergencies, the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits participating communities to collect blood as replacements for units lost through failure to be replaced or through normal aging of blood.

Money collected through the local fund drives goes to defray the expenses of sending the Bloodmobile to the participating communities.

Murphy's goal for the Red Cross Fund Drive this year is \$1,900.00.

Brevard Choir To Sing In

Andrews Nov. 22

ANDREWS - The Brevard College Choir, under the direction of Nelson F. Adams, will present a special service of music at the First Methodist Church in Andrews this coming Sunday, Nov. 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Adams is head of the music department at Brevard College where he has been a professor since 1955. He received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Duke University and a M. S. M. degree from Union Theological Seminary.

Brevard College is a Methodist junior college and is located at Brevard, N. C.

The choir is composed of thirty-five students of the college. The entire service will consist of religious music by the choir.

A Unique Person Maria Travis

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the November 14 issue of The Roundtable, a publication by students of the High School Editor's Roundtable, at Western Carolina College. We feel it only proper to recognize this hard working woman of our community, Miss Maria Travis.)

As one travels through life, he meets a variety of people. Some of these acquaintances will be forgotten in a matter of hours, while a small number of them will become friends. Occasionally one comes in contact with one whom he will never know personally, but who nonetheless leaves a deep impression on his life.

Maria Travis is such a person. Originally from Murfreesboro, Tenn., she teaches Senior English and Journalism at Murphy High School, where she also serves as sponsor of the school newspaper, THE

BOOMERANG and the school yearbook, THE KANUSHETA. People who have become acquainted with Miss Travis through the Roundtable are quick to praise her for her uncomplaining nature, her willingness to work, and her cooperativeness.

In spite of her handicap, she never complains or demands special treatment. On one occasion she was assigned to a second-floor dormitory room by someone who was unaware of her handicap. Though she could have had her room changed to one on the first floor, she accepted her assigned room and climbed the stairs with difficulty but without complaint.

Miss Travis has the distinction of being the only sponsor that has attended every session of the Roundtable since its beginning in 1952. Concerning Miss Travis' faithful attendance, Mrs. Lillian Hirt, Director of the

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