

Murphy Telephones Change To Dial June 30

Murphy telephone subscribers will begin using the new dials on their telephones Sunday after the cutover to the dial system at midnight Saturday, June 30.

The change over represents over 10 months work and some \$275,000 for the new building and equipment. The local office of Western Carolina Telephone Company will move to its new building on the corner of Church and Central Streets at the same time the dial system is put into effect.

The company has been located over Parker's Drug Store since 1920 when it moved from the Townson Building on the corner of Valley River Ave. and Tennessee St. The company was owned by Southern Bell until the sale to Western Carolina about four years ago.

Over 1,100 telephones will be on the dial system from the beginning of the operation. L. J. Phillips, local manager, pointed out that the new telephone equipment is designed for easy expansion to keep up with Murphy's growth for time to come.

He said that some 4,594 wires go into the new building as com-

pared to 2,200 wires on the previous system.

New telephone directories are in the mail and all subscribers should have a directory by time of the cutover. All telephone numbers have been changed — each beginning with VE, the first two letters in Vernon, the Murphy office name.

By next fall the Murphy exchange will enter the national toll dialing net work on long distance calls.

The new equipment will rank Murphy telephone service with the most up to date in the country.

The modern split-level brick building which houses the new telephone system was built by H. M. Rice of Weaverville. Architects were Higgins and Ferebee of Charlotte. The building includes commercial offices, manager's office, employees lounge with rest rooms and kitchen facilities, GE Weathertrons for air conditioning and heating the building, a room housing the cables as they come in from the street and an emergency generator in case of power failure. The new dial system equipment (largely by Strom-

berg-Carlson) is located on the second level of the new building.

General plant manager and engineer R. E. McKelvey and Division manager F. H. Dean, both of Franklin, in addition to a number of other men from out of town, along with local employees have spent a great deal of time working on the installation of the new system.

The local office has 27 employees who include: Phillips, district manager; Ray L. Kohoutek, chief installer; George Worley, switchman; Ralph Davis, Robert Hampton and Jack Moore, installer-re-

pairmen.

Also Billie Akin, commercial clerk; Geneva Haygood, chief operator; Joyce Allen, evening chief operator; Madge Ferguson, service assistant. Operators are Claudena Byers, Joan Coffey, Eulala Cook, Ann Dockery, Mona Lee Floyd, Helen Hawkins, Nettie McDonald, Inez Moore, Mildred Murphy, Mae Belle Peek, Wilma Seabolt, Sylvia Stiles, Mary Ann Thompson, Betty Truett, Beatrice Zimmerman, Dorothy Hensley; and Benn Mann, maintenance.

An open house will be held in the near future.



"Think how a mother kangaroo must hate a rainy day when the kids can't play outside!"

Mrs. Pearson Gets GE Scholarship

Mrs. Gertrude H. Pearson, teacher in Texana School, is one of nine North Carolina teachers who will study on General Electric Corp. scholarships this summer.

Mrs. Pearson will study at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. GE offered 250 scholarships for summer study, with nine going to North Carolina teachers of whom three are from Western N. C.

Mrs. Pearson, whose husband also teaches at Texana School, is a graduate with a bachelor of science degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte. She holds an "A" teaching certificate for high school science.

ALL READY FOR the change over to the new dial system, pretty Jo Anne Simonds of the Scout staff shows the proper way to dial a number. Murphy telephone subscribers will begin using the dials Sunday after the cut over takes place at midnight Saturday, June 30. Miss Simonds is a 1956 graduate of Murphy High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Simonds of Rt. 2, Cullerson. (Scout Photo)

L. J. PHILLIPS, manager of the Murphy branch of Western Carolina Telephone Company, checks final plans for the change over to dial telephones here at midnight Saturday, June 30. Phillips is pictured in his beautiful paneled office in the new telephone company building. (Scout Photo)

Murphy FFA Chapter Represented At Meet

Murphy School's Vocational Agriculture Department is represented at the State Future Farmers of American Convention in Raleigh this week by Gene Denning and Glenn Patton, Agriculture Teachers, accompanied by Leonard Foster, Pearl Johnson, and Clark Anderson who left Tuesday morning to attend.

The three students are winners of the Nantahala Federation and District Five Dairy Judging Contests and will participate in the State Contest while attending the Convention. The meeting will continue through Friday.

While there the group will stay at N. C. State College's dormitories and will visit college departments, the college farm and experiment station.

4-H's Should Turn In Records

The Cherokee County 4-H king and queen of health will be selected next week it was announced today.

Mrs. Miriam Miller, home agent, and James Adams, assistant county agent, asked all 4-H'ers to turn in their health record books by June 29 or 30.

The king and queen will be selected on the basis of the best records kept and the most improvements made by the individual, in the family and community.

The king and queen will reign over the festivities and square dances which 4-H'ers are planning for Andrews on July 19 and Murphy on July 21. They will go to Raleigh for 4-H Club Week on July 23 where the state winner will be selected.

Andrews July 4th Celebration Have Parade, Beauties, Fireworks

Plans were completed for the annual Fourth of July celebration at a meeting of all committees held Monday evening at the American Legion Hut in Andrews.

The celebration which begins with a parade will be followed by special events held at the Andrews ball park with S. J. Gernert as chairman.

Mrs. Eric Reichman, chairman of the Beauty Contest, has announced that judging will take place at the Andrews School Gymnasium at 3:30 p. m.

Arrangements are being completed for a ball game between Andrews and Murphy.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Jr., chairman with Mrs. Charles Higdon, co-chairman, of the Kiddie parade announced that those wishing to enter should call for information. The kiddie parade will begin at the Dickey Chevrolet.

Of special interest is the fireworks to be held at the ballpark at 8:30 p. m. with Edgar Wood and Robert T. Heaton in charge.

Prizes will be offered in the float and kiddie parade, special events and the beauty contest.

The celebration sponsored by the American Legion with all civic organizations cooperating named the following committees: Jake Buchanan chairman, W. D. Whitaker, chairman of the parade committee with the Rev. Edwin Carter, Herman Brauer and Mrs. F. E. Bialock; publicity, Mrs.



MISS BETTY MULKEY — of Andrews. Miss Southwestern N. C. of 1955. Miss Southwestern N. C. of 1956 will be named July 4th at Andrews.

Edgar Wood. Lists of floats entered are: American Legion, Boy Scouts, Andrews Fire Department, Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Dickey Chevrolet, Reece Motor Company, Konaheeta Club, Valley River Garden Club, Rotary club Sinclair Station, Gulf Station, Coca-Cola Company, Methodist Youth Fellowship. Percy B. Ferebee will present the prizes to beauty contest win-

ners. One judge from each of the four participating towns and one out of town judge will make up the five contest judges.

Beauty contest entrants were announced as follows:

Murphy: Gloria Bowman, Ginger Dewese, Linda English, LeVean Hinton, Winnie Hubbard, Linda Palmer, Edna Ann Palmer, Grace Townson, Ramona Haggard, Judy Davis, Jane Cook, Patsy Postell, Jo Postell, Annette White, Ann Dockery, Barbara Griffith, Ann Parker, Patricia Hackney, Nancy Lee Mills, and Ruth Bates. Mrs. George Dunn is chairman of the Murphy entrants. Robbinsville: Beverly Cooper, Dolly Stewart, Christine Stratton, Joyce Stratton, Mildred Jordan, Betty Sue Garland, Joan Garland, Waynette Dula, Edith Maude Atwell, Wanda Roberts, Evelyn Williams, Faye Perkins, Louise Crisp, Nellie Jack Stewart, Wanda Sherrill and Ann Coetner. Mrs. J. S. Howell is chairman for Robbinsville.

Andrews: Gladys Pullum, Ruthie Almond, Darlene Powers, Norma Crawford, Anita Luther, Frances Lunsford, Janice Hogsd, Joyce Deaton, June Cruise Patsy Holland, Joan Crawford, Louise Wilson, Mary Alice Wilson, Janette Carringer, June Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Pat Kilpatrick, Wilma Crisp, Joyce Mints and Carolyn West, Melba West, Sandra

Phillips, Madge Barton, Virginia Garner, Patsy Derreberry, Jan Tatham, Vickie Derreberry, Polly Jordan, Elvina Hicks, Carolyn Deaton, Christine Head, Lois Ann Wilson, Sudie Cale, Margie Jo Postell, Lena Palmer, Katie Passmore, Josephine Whitaker and Gail Palmer. Mrs. Eric Rejchman is chairman of the beauty contest.

Hayesville will also have a number of entrants in the contest but their names were not available by press time.

Murphy Club Installation Luncheon Set Today

The Murphy Garden Club will have an informal luncheon and installation of officers today at 1 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hoover.

Officers will be installed by past president, and district awards chairman, Mrs. S. C. Burgess. New officers are Mrs. W. V. Costello, president; Mrs. J. S. Smith, first vice-president; Mrs. S. P. Horowitz, second vice president; Mrs. J. H. Gibbs, secretary; Mrs. Joe E. Ray, treasurer.

Also Mrs. J. W. Davidson, parliamentarian; Mrs. A. Beerken, historian; Mrs. H. L. McKeever, librarian. Hostesses are Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. R. W. Easley and Mrs. E. H. Brumby.



IT WAS A BIG DAY for the piglets, the children, the civic clubs, agricultural leaders and the Murphy Chamber of Commerce last week when 12 Yorkshire pigs were given to 12 4-H and FFA youths to be raised. The ham project is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the pigs were bought by Murphy civic clubs and will be raised by the youths until early December when they will be slaughtered and the hams cured according to extension and vocational agriculture recommendations. The hams will be cured together in the community smokehouse at the John C. Campbell Folk School. In the top picture here nine of the 12 youths receiving pigs are pictured front, left to right, Lyle Martin, son of Fred

Martin, Rt. 3, Murphy; Harold Johnson, son of A. W. Johnson, Rt. 2, Murphy; Edward Bryson, son of James Bryson, Andrews; Harold Murphy of Andrews; Alvin Crisp, son of Harold Crisp, Rt. 2, Murphy; Robert Fullum, son of George Fullum; Kenneth Radford, son of Walter Radford, Rt. 3, Murphy; Benny Pipes, Rt. 1, Marble; and Lavonne Thompson, daughter of Ralph Thompson, Rt. 1, Cullerson. Other youths receiving pigs, but not present for the picture are Mike Abernathy, son of Wayne Abernathy, Rt. 3, Murphy; T. J. Logan, Jr., son of T. J. Logan, Rt. 2, Murphy; and Jimmy Orlinger, Rt. 2, Murphy. Adults in the picture, left to right, are Wayne Holland, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce agriculture

council; Glenn Patton, Murphy Vo.-Ag. teacher; James Adams, assistant county agent; R. W. H. Ramsey, Vo.-Ag. teacher, Andrews; Harry Seaman, Kiwanis Club; Arvel Woods, Lions Club; Gene Denning, Murphy Vo.-Ag. teacher; Merle Davis, Lions Club; S. S. Williams, Citizens, Paul Nave, county agent; and H. Bueck, Lions Club. In the lower photo the pigs are anxious to get to their new home and these 4-H youths are struggling to hold them. Left to right are Lavonne Thompson, Mrs. T. J. Logan (standing in for her son, T. J. Logan, Jr., who was not present for the picture); Harold Murphy, Edward Bryson, Kenneth Radford, Robert Fullum and Alvin Crisp. (Scout Photos)