

Explanation Of The School Amendment

Editor's Note: The following is presented as a public service and concerns the special session school amendment to be voted upon Sept. 8, 1956, as prepared by William B. Rodman, Jr., Attorney General:

"An Explanation of the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina to be Voted on in the General Election September 8, 1956.

Special Session School Amendment. To authorize the General Assembly to provide education expense grants and to enact laws under which local communities can vote to suspend operation of some or all of the public schools in a given locality.

The effect of this amendment would be to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation which would: (1) Permit a child to receive an expense grant for attendance at a private, nonsectarian school if the child were assigned, against the wishes of his parent or guardians, to a public school attended by a child of another race, and if the child could not be assigned to a different public school in which the races were not mixed; (2) Permit a local community to suspend operation of any one or all of the public schools in that community by a majority of those voting on the question of suspension. Under the proposed amendment, the

present constitutional requirement of a general and uniform system of public schools is retained, and the operation of a school is suspended, the pupils affected thereby would be entitled to an education expense grant to pay expenses in attending a private, nonsectarian school.

Article IX of the Constitution of North Carolina now directs the General Assembly to provide for a general and uniform system of public schools, and further directs that each county of the State is to be divided into a convenient number of school districts in which one or more public schools must be maintained.

The proposed amendment would add at the end of Article IX a new section to read as follows:

"12. Education expense grants and local option.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the General Assembly may provide for payment of education expense grants from any state or local public funds for the private education of any child for whom no public school is available or for the private education of a child who is assigned against the wishes of his parent, or the person having control of such child, to a public school attended by a child of another race. A grant shall be available only for education in a nonsectarian school, and in the case of a child assigned to a public school at-

tended by a child of another race, a grant shall, in addition, be available when it is not reasonable and practicable to reassign such child to a public school not attended by a child of another race.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the General Assembly may provide a uniform system of local option whereby any local option unit, as defined by the General Assembly, may choose by a majority vote of the qualified voters in the unit who vote on the question to suspend or to authorize the suspension of the operation of one or more or all the public schools in that unit.

"No action taken pursuant to the authority of this Section shall in any manner affect the obligation of the State or any political sub-division or agency thereof with respect to any indebtedness heretofore or hereafter created."

The electors favoring the adoption of this ballot on which will be printed: "For constitutional amendment authorizing education expense grants for private education and authorizing local vote to suspend local schools," and those opposed to adoption of the constitutional amendment will vote a ballot on which will be printed: "Against constitutional amendment authorizing education expense grants for private education and authorizing local vote to suspend local schools."

The above article does not contain all amendments to be voted upon, only the school amendment.

Presbyterians Anniversary Program Set

Three distinctive gatherings at the church are to mark the observance of the 60th anniversary, of Murphy Presbyterian Church Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2. At noon, Saturday there will be a picnic gathering, to which all members and friends are invited; at 8 o'clock Saturday night the historical celebration will be observed, with brief words of greetings from several visiting guests; and at 11 Sunday morning the anniversary worship service.

Murphy congregations are being asked to join with us in the Saturday services; and the Andrews and Hayesville Presbyterian churches are invited to the observance.

Mayor Proclaims Murphy To Be Saletown, N. C.

This week Mayor L. L. Mason proclaimed the town of Murphy to be Saletown, beginning Monday, September 10, 1956 and ending Saturday, September 15, 1956, as follows:

"Whereas, the Murphy Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a city wide sales week for the purpose of promoting trade and commerce in said town; and Whereas the Chamber of Commerce desires to better acquaint the public with the shopping center of Murphy and encourage shopping therein;

Now, therefore, I, L. L. Mason, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Town of Murphy to be Saletown from September 10, 1956, through September 15, 1956, and request the people of Cherokee County and surrounding areas to take advantage of the shopping opportunities in Murphy."

W.N.C. Baptist Officers Named

The following list of officers were elected by the Western North Carolina Baptist Association at its annual meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22 at the Hanging Dog Baptist Church and little Brasstown Baptist Church,

Moderator, J. Alton Morris; Vice-moderator, Rev. Fred Lunsford; Clerk, Rev. Marvin Hampton; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. W. V. Costello; Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Hamilton; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Lloyd Hendrix; Historian, Mrs. Clarence Hendrix.

Presbyterian Bishop Administers Sacrament Here

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, D. D., Bishop of Western North Carolina, will administer the sacrament of Confirmation, the Apostolic rite of the Laying on of Hands to a group of fifteen candidates at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church at a service of Evening Prayer beginning at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 1. The Bishop will also preach at this service.

The Bishop of Western North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, D. D., will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the Church of the Messiah at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 2nd. The eight o'clock service will be the only one at the Church of the Messiah this Sunday as the eleven o'clock service will not be held.

Homecoming At Bolling Springs

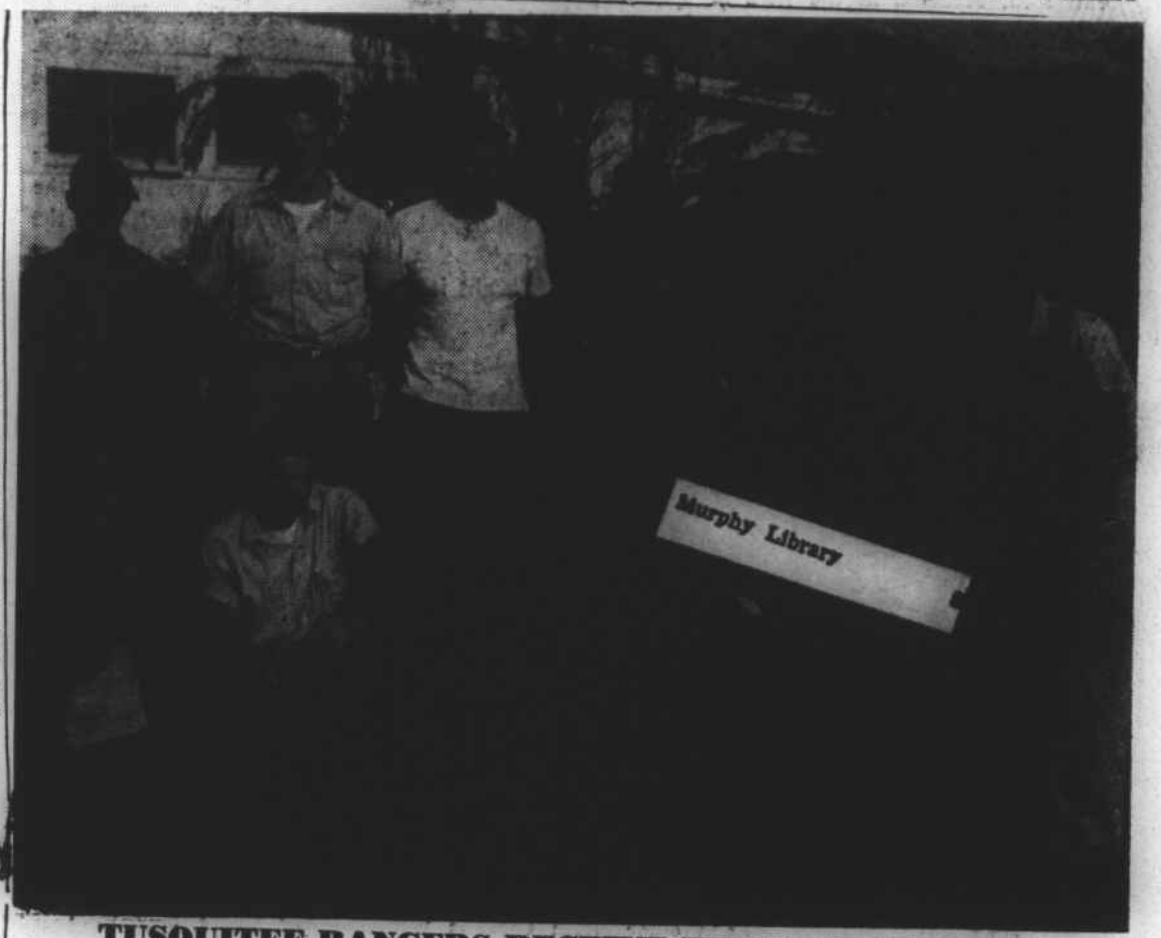
There will be an annual homecoming at Bolling Springs Baptist Church, Sunday, September 2, 1956.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Tent Revival In Progress

There is a tent revival in progress on Tennessee street, with the Rev. Norvell Peck, and Tom Stewart, from Akron, Ohio in charge.

Everyone is welcome.



TUSQUITEE RANGERS RECEIVE FIRST AID CARDS

Last Thursday John Jordan presented the members of the Tusquitee Ranger District with their Standard First Aid Cards. Those who received the cards were:

The Tri-State Rockhounds To Meet Saturday

The Tri-State Rockhounds monthly meeting will be held in the Agricultural Assembly Room, Masonic Building, at Hayesville, N. C., on Saturday, September 1, at 7:30 p.m.

As planned at the recent meeting in Murphy, a grab bag sale will be held at this meeting. Each member will bring along a package containing one or more specimens of a value of \$1 or more which will be turned over to the ladies who will conduct the sale. There will be a native cut stone made and donated by a fellow member (name to be announced.)

For the information of some who missed our August meeting in Murphy, it was voted to hold our regular monthly meetings on the first Saturday night in each month. The different meeting places to be announced in advance.

Owen Mfg. Co. Has Increase In Employment

The Owenby Manufacturing Company of Marietta, Georgia, which started operations at their new dress plant in Andrews in October, 1955, with 42 employees will soon mark a year's growth with an increase to 132 persons now employed.

H. L. Ledford, formerly with the Marietta main plant is superintendent of the Andrews plant. Mr. Ledford stated that fabrics used exclusively in the "Bea Young" and "Reloms" dresses manufactured, are the well-known brands of Dan River and Galey and Lord—and sold in the better dress shops and department stores. Models are latest in style and feature casual lines. Mrs. R. V. Tankersly is instructor and motion analyst.

The plant which is located in the large brick building formerly occupied by the Andrews Textile Company, one block from Main Street, has undergone a complete face-lifting, with all floor space being utilized. All modern machines and equipment are used throughout the plant.

In addition to the ladies and misses dresses being manufactured, Supt. Ledford stated that a section of the floor space has recently been devoted to the manufacturing of the well known Johnson and Johnson athletic supports, sanitary belts and other athletic articles.

The Owenby Manufacturing Company of Marietta, Ga., is headed by Paul Owenby, well known former resident of Murphy for a number of years while he had a manufacturing plant there.

Wes Cearley, Hoyt Dockery, Chester Greene, Harold Long, L. C. Loudermilk, Jess Rich, Robert Swiger and Grady Waldroup.

In order to receive the cards the men had to study the Standard First Aid Handbook and attend classes for 2 hours each day on 9 different days. In addition to this the men were given a test which they also had to pass. Mr. James Hughes and Mr. John Jordan were the instructors for the course. In order to be qualified to teach the course they had to take the instructors course. The instructors presented a very good and informative course which was livened up by practical demonstrations of bandages, splints and first aid treatment. Evidence of the information learned and interest taken was very plainly

shown at all of the course meetings by the members of the class participation in them. Although these men are now prepared to give first aid to victims of sudden illnesses or accidents until the services of a doctor can be secured they hope that they never have to use their knowledge for you.—BE CAREFUL.

N. C. Civitan Officers Visit Local Club



SHOWN ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT, MURPHY CIVITAN PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. GOSSETT, CIVITAN GOVERNOR J. TAFT WHITE OF STATESVILLE, AND LT. GOVERNOR SILVERS OF MARION.

Cherokee County ABS Meets Friday

Monday night, August 20, the regular meeting of the Civitan Club of Murphy was held. The president, William R. Gossett, opened the meeting with the Civitan creed. Then old and new business concerning the club was discussed.

Civitan guests, J. Taft White, of Statesville, district Governor of the Civitan Clubs of N. C. spoke. It was a speech that people both old and young could understand and be interested in. He discussed our town, and other towns like it, and how to improve it. He also discussed people. People in general. He emphasized the point that you formed an opinion of a man or woman too quickly, when you judged them by their outward appearance. Many times you never get to know a person because you never bother to investigate any further than the outside.

New Home Agent To Assume Duties

Miss Thelma Wheeler will assume her duties as Home Agent on Saturday, September 1. Miss Wheeler comes to Murphy from Ashland, Ky., where she has been the Home Agent.

She has had wide experience in the field of home economics and we are happy to have her in Cherokee County.

The members of the class wish to thank James Hughes and John Jordan for the time that they took away from their jobs in order that they could teach the course. These men do this as a public service and are not paid for it. Again—Thanks, both of you.

Those not present for the picture were: Charlie Alan, William Howell, Lee McLelland, John Stanley and Harvie Estes.

Cherokee County Folks

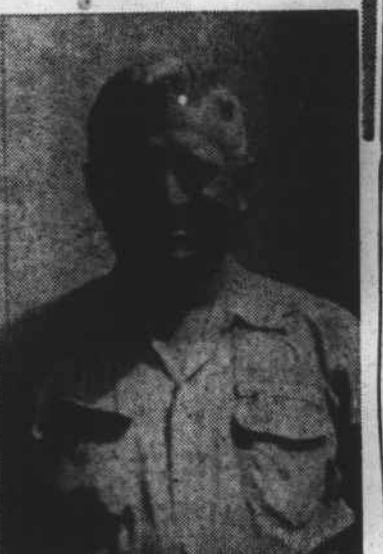
By Annetta Bunch

A cheerful and likable person is Gordon R. Wilson who operates Wilson's Pure Oil Station. The station celebrates its third anniversary this month.

Gordon is a native of Rome, Ga., and has made his home in Murphy for the past 5 years. Prior to having his own station he was with the Pure Oil Distributing Plant here.

He is married to the former Eleanor White of Rome, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the First Methodist Church of Murphy.

Gordon is an active member of the Murphy Civitan Club. His hobbies are fishing and hunting. You will find a friendly smile and excellent service when you visit his place of business.



GORDON WILSON

Drive Safely Labor Day Program

Lions Club To Assist N. C. Highway Patrol

The Murphy Lions Club, cooperating with the North Carolina Highway Patrol, agreed at the last meeting of the club to assist in a "Drive Safely Labor Day Program" and to hand out literature to drivers during the three day holiday period—September 1 through 3.

Permission has been granted by the mayor to use the town square, at the traffic light for the purpose. There will be a display and the following Lions are allotted the periods below to work and cooperate with the State Highway Patrol, during this three day holiday.

Saturday, September 1:
10 to 11 o'clock: R. S. Banitt, Ed Brunby and Dave Moody.

11 to 12: Buddy Burch, Bob Cheney and Charlie Hughes.

1 to 2: Arnold Beckens, Leon Frasch, Pete Horowitz.

2 to 3: C. R. Freed, Roscoe Wilkins and Frank Forsyth.

3 to 4: Merle Davis, Loren Davis and C. E. Hyde.

H. L. McKeever, and H. A. Mattox.

11 to 12: S. N. Bobo, O. F. Jeffries, and Cloe Moore.

1 to 2: John Davidson, Alden Coward and Bill Costello.

2 to 3: Frank Ellis, Doyle Burch and W. A. Hoover.

3 to 4: Bob White, Bob Easley, and Joe Ray.

Monday, September 3:
10 to 11: Jack Dickey, Harry Dickey and Arvil Woods.

11 to 12: W. A. Singleton, John Savage and Charlie Johnson.

1 to 2: Glenn Patton, A. L. Maxwell and A. Q. Ketner.

2 to 3: W. M. Fain, J. W. Franklin and Messer Weaver.

3 to 4: Harold Wells, P. G. Ivie and J. H. Duncan.

Murphy Garden Club To Meet

The Murphy Garden Club will meet Thursday (today) at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harold Wells, with Mrs. W. P. Odums, co-hostess.

Folk Dancing To Be Discontinued

The Friday night folk dancing at the Folk School will be discontinued until early October. There will be an announcement when these dances are resumed.

Masonic Meeting To Be Held

There will be a second degree Masonic meeting Saturday night, at 7:30 at Cherokee Lodge 146.

Ranger Home Coming Day

Homecoming Day will be observed at Ranger-Fairview Church Sunday, September 2. The public and singers are invited.

Nantahala District Court of Honor

The Nantahala District Court of Honor will be held Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Hayesville Baptist Church, Hayesville, N. C.

Hampton Reunion To Be Held

The Hampton reunion will be held at the home of Mr. J. H. Hampton Sunday, September 2. Mr. Hampton, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Smith invite relatives and friends to join them for the day.

Valleystown Home Demonstration Club

"Take Me Back to the Country," a humorous short story by E. E. Patton, was read by Mrs. David Swan at the meeting of the Valleystown Home Demonstration Club on Wednesday afternoon August 23, with Mrs. Harve Hamilton as hostess.

The author related experiences encountered on a farm prior to modern conveniences and expressed a longing to once again go back to the country.

Plans were discussed for a bake and rummage sale to be held at an early date for the purpose of raising funds for the annual United Nation Tour for Cherokee County delegates. A picnic supper was served later at Britains Cove.