

## Murphy Boys, Girls Enter Semi-Finals Of Tournery

Both the Murphy basketball teams emerged triumphant from the opening rounds of the basketball tournament.

The Murphy boys will play Cullowhee Wednesday night at Robbinsville in the third game of the tournament. The girls will play Hayesville Thursday night at Bryson City.

The Murphy girls downed Sylva 71-51 in their opening game Wednesday February 13; and on Friday, February 15 they defeated the previously unbeaten Franklin sextette 73-61. Both games were played at Bryson City.

In the boys tournament which is being played at Robbinsville, Murphy downed Webster 87-35 on Thursday February 14, and Franklin 73-58 on Friday night.

In the Webster game Murphy took the lead. First quarter score was 21-2, second 47-14, third 74-21 and the final score 87-35.

Hoyt Zimmerman was high scorer with 13 points. Jimmy Carringer and Austen Coffey hit 12 each. Ed Gibbs made 11, Burt Birchfield contributed 10. Don Amos added 9, Emanuel McDonald 5, Roy Dockery, Charles Lovingood and Charles Smith 4 each, and Lonnie Hoover 2.

They made 16 fouls and hit 55% of the free throws attempted.

In the Murphy-Franklin game the Murphy quintet led from the start. In the first quarter the home team made a healthy margin of 23-11. By half-time it was 37-25. Third quarter saw Murphy leading 58-43. The final score was 73-55.

Don Amos made the high score of 22 points. Ed Gibbs added 17 and Hoyt Zimmerman threw in 18 more. Austen Coffey made 10, Burt Birchfield 6, and Emanuel McDonald 2.

They made 12 fouls and 63% of the free throws attempted were

## Andrews Mothers March For Polio Slated Monday

Andrews mothers will conduct their annual door-to-door canvass for Polio funds Monday night, beginning at 7.

The fire siren will signal the beginning of the drive which will originate from the City Hall.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler Jr., is chairman of the Mother's March, according to Mrs. Charles Higdon, chairman of the Andrews drive.

Other Andrews projects during the past week include a Konnaheeta Club sponsored Dime Board on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Boy Scout sale of Blue Crutches.

## E. V. Dean Guest Speaker At Joint Meeting Of Cherokee Education Group

E. V. Dean, professor of English at Western Carolina College, Tuesday night addressed teachers from Murphy, Andrews and Cherokee County school units at a joint meeting here.

The Murphy city NCEA unit were hosts at the meeting which was held at the Murphy school lunchroom.

Supt. H. Bueck introduced the speaker. The program was arranged by chairmen of the professional service committees of the three NCEA units, Mrs. C. K. Olson, Murphy; Miss Jean Christy, Andrews; and Miss Dale Suddeth and Supt. Lloyd Hendrix, Cherokee County.

Mrs. Addilee Brown, Cherokee County NCEA president, gave the invocation and Mrs. Constance West, Murphy president, presided and gave the welcome. Charles O. Frazier, Andrews president, gave the response.

Special music was provided by Murphy students Kathleen, Barbara and Dorothy Roberts, recent winners in a TV talent contest. They were introduced by

good. Bob McNeal, "Pos" Stevens, and Bill Currie are officials for the tournament. Bob Kuykendall is official score keeper.

In the Murphy-Sylva game of the girls tournament, Murphy led from the start. The first quarter score was 20-11. By half-time Murphy had increased her lead 53-19. The

## Tannery Building Destroyed By Fire At Andrews Sunday; Loss \$100,000

The Tannery, a two and one-half story building on U.S. 19 near the Andrews City limits was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

Only the combined efforts of the Andrews and Murphy Fire Departments prevented the blaze from spreading to several large nearby buildings which housed 14,000 laying hens.

Total loss on the 75,000 square foot building was estimated at \$100,000. It housed machinery which was being dismantled for sale.

It was not insured. The fire was discovered about 2 a.m. by the night watchman, according to Andrews Fire Chief W. D. Whitaker.

Mr. Whitaker praised the work of

third quarter saw Murphy pull ahead still more to 62-33. The final score was 71-51.

High scorer for the game was Shirley Allen with 31 points. Laura Bailey added 23. Shirley Stiles contributed 11. Joan English made 4, and Beth Bailey 2.

Starting line-up included L. Bail (Continued on back page)

the Murphy Fire Department who, he said, arrived at the burning building 25 minutes after being called.

The Tannery played an important role in the economy of the city for many years, Chief Whitaker said.

It was built in 1899, by F. P. Cover and Sons and operated by them until it was purchased by the present owner, Solomon Salmon of Andrews, in 1942.

## Johnny Gibson Dies Of Heart Attack

Johnny Gibson, 48, of Murphy was found dead early Tuesday morning by a passer-by on Duke Street in East Murphy.

J. C. Townson, Cherokee County Coroner, reported that the death was due to natural causes, heart attack. He had been dead approximately 6 or 7 hours according to the Coroner's report.

Mr. Gibson was born in Georgia, the son of the late J. C. and Rosa Allen Gibson. He had lived and worked in Cherokee County the greater part of his life.

Surviving are five sisters; Mrs. Randall Cook, Mrs. Leman Sutton, Mrs. Chester Rich of Murphy; Mrs. Iowa Gibson of Sylva, N. C. and Mrs. Harry Mills of Newton, N. J. A half-sister, Mrs. Lillie Hodges of Gastonia. Two brothers, Vernon and Buster of Murphy.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 at the Townson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Elbert Nichols officiating. Burial will be in the Old Methodist Cemetery.

## Drunk Driving Hits Record-Breaking High During January

January drunk driving convictions, including repeaters, soared to a probable record-breaking 1,237, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles said this week.

Ordinarily drunk driving convictions average about 900 a month. Officials had no explanation for the January surge upward.

Of the total, 263 were down on second offense charges with the remainder spread out over third, fourth, and fifth convictions.

One conviction for a sixth offense was noted.

First offenders lose their legal driving privileges, the agency said. Multiple offenders are assigned additional penalties with permanent withdrawal of their driver's license on the third offense.

## Trudy's Holds Grand Opening Here Friday And Saturday

Trudy's will hold its grand opening Friday and Saturday in their new location between Howell's Market and Lovingood's on Hiwassee Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Davis, owners, said that the new building was larger, and completely new and modern in every respect.

During the grand opening Friday and Saturday, 200 door prizes will be given away as well as balloons and candy for the kiddies. Visitors will be asked to register

## W. N. C. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO HOLD REVIVAL

The Western North Carolina and West Liberty Baptist Associations will hold a revival beginning on February 25 and continuing until March 1.

The theme of the revival will be "The Mature Christian."

Services will be held in the Murphy First Baptist Church Monday through Friday.

Pastors and laymen taking part will be the Rev. Lester Stowe, the Rev. Thomas Truett, Jimmy Rogers, Leander Chastain, Willard Graham, the Rev. W. A. Huneycutt, Guy Cain, the Rev. J. C. Pipes and Dr. Elliott.

Group meetings will be held in Andrews First Baptist Church, Peachtree Memorial, Ranger and Truett Memorial.

There will also be a mass meeting Friday night at the Murphy Baptist Church with Dr. Phil Elliott as speaker. The evening meetings are open to everyone in the community.

## Andrews Lions Club Holds Ladies Night

The Andrews Lions Club observed Ladies Night on Valentines Day, February 14, by having their Lionesses attend the meeting which was held at Marble Elementary School. Approximately 60 people attended the meeting.

Each Lioness was presented with a red carnation as she arrived. The hall was decorated with a variety of paper hearts, and the tables of ribbons and flowers. The main table had a beautiful centerpiece of carnations. Each place setting had a red heart name card. A delicious ham dinner was served after which several gifts were given out to the ladies holding a lucky card.

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Blaylock, and a brief business session took place. The program for the evening was provided by one of the guests, the Rev. Cook, who toured several European countries including Scandinavia last summer and showed slides of many beautiful and famed places and buildings of these different countries. His slides and explanations of them were very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Other guests for the evening were Mike Brown, Lion Zone Chairman of Robbinsville, Mr. and Mrs. James Harris, former Lion members, and Mr. and Mrs. Ledford of Owenby Dress Factory.

## Murphy Kiwanians Hold Ladies Night

The Murphy Kiwanis Club held its Second Anniversary Ladies Night at the Regal Hotel Tuesday night.

Dr. Robert Owens was the guest speaker at the meeting.

Two-year attendance pins were won by Dr. Taylor, George Size, Mr. Red Schuyler, Arden Davis and Harry Seamon.

Visiting clubs attending the meeting were Copperhill, Tenn. Asheville, Canton, Shelby and Hendersonville.

## Cherokee County Man Wanted

Ernest Clarence Payne, formerly of Rt. 1, Andrews, N. C., is subject to being classed as a delinquent by Local Board No. 20, Cherokee County, Murphy, N. C., unless he contacts the local board immediately.

## Murphy Chamber Holds Annual Director's Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce heard the secretary's and treasurer's annual reports and nominated eight men to fill 4 positions on the Board at its annual meeting Friday afternoon.

The Chamber began the fiscal year on February 15, 1956 with a total cash deposit and income of

\$6,486.85 and expenses for the year amounted to \$5,999.07 leaving a balance of \$487.78, according to Treasurer Jack Dickey's report.

The Chamber spent \$1,492.02, or 25 percent of the total, for advertising and promotion; \$1,226.35, or 20 percent for the Trade Week promotion; and \$3,235.70, or 54 percent for salary and office ex-

pense.

Secretary C. R. Freed told the Directors that the Chamber, aided by local civic clubs, purchased 13 pigs which were given to 4-H and FFA members to raise. The pigs were shown, and all won prizes, at the Cherokee County Fair. They were later slaughtered and the hams will be sold this summer.

The Chamber also helped sponsor the Nantahala Calf show and worked with other civic groups for the new tennis court.

A brochure, "Inventory of Assets of Cherokee County," was printed and distributed.

The Industrial Committee, Freed told the Directors, has selected and taken option on several plant sites and have corresponded with several potential industries as well as making personal contacts.

The Merchants Committee has sponsored two promotions, "Sale-town" and "Trade Week," both were successful. They also conducted a sales training school at which 45 received diplomas.

Other work includes sponsoring the 1956 fishing contest, distributed 10,000 Murphy vacation folders, erected two road signs, and participated in the Western North Carolina 100 free vacations project.

At present the Chamber is working toward building a replica of Fort Butler on the old site. It is also trying to obtain permission from the TVA to impound the Cane Creek area and build a low cost dam structure at the culvert of the old U.S. 64 roadbed. The lake could then serve as a fish rearing lake.

Mr. Freed said that he has contacted the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission concerning the building of an all-weather boat landing at Hiwassee Lake so that boats could be put into the water at any level of the lake.

He said that the landing would enhance year-round fishing and greatly increase tourist trade.

## Dairy Specialists To Speak On Dairying, Breeding

There will be a meeting in the Courtroom Thursday, February 28, at 1:30 p.m., to discuss the dairy program and artificial breeding program in Cherokee County.

Guy Parsons and T. C. Blalock, Extension Dairy Specialists from State College will be present to lead the discussions.

All interested dairymen and family cow owners are urged to attend this meeting. After the discussion there will be a question and answer session.

## Cherokee County Folks

By Annetta Bunch



JOE FOWLER

son, David who is two and a half. He is a Mason, a member of the Kiwanis Club and belongs to First Baptist Church of Murphy.

## J. E. Ruffy Heads Andrews Red Cross Drive

J. E. Ruffy, superintendent of the Andrews School unit, has been named Andrews chairman of the 1957 Red Cross fund drive.

Mr. Ruffy said plans are being made for the drive and that chairmen for the various sections will be announced in the near future.

## Over 1/2 Million Pine Seedling Planted In County During '56

Cherokee County topped all other counties in District Nine during 1956 in number of pine seedling planted with 580,000.

That was 273,000 more than Clay County which was next with 307,000 planted, according to Harold E. Hatchett, County Forest Ranger.

Other counties besides Cherokee and Clay in District Nine are Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania.

## Slow Creek Man Arrested In Robbery, Fire At Peachtree School February 11

Garland Frankum, 40, of Slow Creek was charged this week with aiding and abetting in the robbery and burning Monday, February 11, of Peachtree School.

Sheriff's Deputy Charles White said that Frankum, formerly of Brasstown, was charged with being implicated in all three of the robberies at the school since Christmas.

He is being held for \$1,000 bond and will be tried in Recorder's Court Monday.

The 16-year-old youth arrested last week pleaded guilty in Recorder's Court Monday to the three

counts of breaking and entering and one of arson.

He will be tried in Superior Court and is being held at the County Jail for \$1300 bond.

White said that the youth claimed Frankum had been with him on the three robberies and had waited outside.

## Forest Fires Destroy 226 Acres In Cherokee County

Forty-one forest fires burned 226 acres of land in Cherokee County in 1956 at a cost of hundreds of dollars to farmers and landowners.

Harold E. Hatchett, County Forest Ranger, said that 90 percent of the fires were caused by carelessness.

"The most dangerous season," he warned farmers, "is in March and April while brush is being burned and new ground cleared. He urged farmers to be especially careful during

see their new store and register for the free gifts.

They were forced to move, they said, in order to handle the larger stock of merchandise which their expanding business demanded.

The Davis' have been in the ready to wear business for the past 12 years.

Both are natives of Cherokee County. Mrs. Davis is from Andrews and Mr. Davis was born and reared in the Slow Creek section.