

# Modern Library Serves Murphy School Students

The modern school library is not "just a place where the books are kept".

It is an educational laboratory, a storehouse of materials and information where pupils and teachers may work out problems. The library is a service center curriculum enrichment, for research and reference, for recreational reading and a depository for audio-visual aids.

The Murphy School Library, having been a standard, accredited library since 1952, meets all these requirements.

The stacks contain 7,929 volumes of fiction and non-fiction material; of these, 3,979 are high school books and 3,950 are juvenile titles. The average monthly circulation is 4,588 volumes.

The library receives three daily newspapers, and the Cherokee Scout is a gift from the publisher. Each month it receives 56 magazines and periodicals. Since the library is open one hour before school, at lunch, and after school in addition to the 5 daily class periods the entire student body has the opportunity for using these materials.

The elementary grades, accompanied by their teachers, have a regular scheduled period to come to the library. The library sponsors the Elementary Reading Clubs and the Junior Tarheel Historians. These clubs are designed to fill the needs of the above-average reader and to develop a lasting love for good literature.

Library displays and bulletins cards which are attractive and informational serve as an impetus to research. Pictures, art studies, cut flowers and blooming plants add to the beauty of the library.

The library staff consists of 35 high school students who have elected library science as a regular high school subject. They are given instructions by the librarian on "Organization and Regulations of the Library", "The Make-up and Care of Books", "Dewey Decimal Classification and Arrangement",



MRS. EMILY DAVIDSON, right, Murphy School librarian, gives pointers to library science students, Maxine Harris, in the school's modern, accredited library.

"The Dictionary", "Encyclopedias", "Special Reference Books", "The Card Catalogue, Vertical File and Magazines", "Bibliography Making", "Book Resources outside the School Library", and the making of Library records.

All freshmen and fourth grade pupils who come to the library as a class for the first time are given orientation lessons at the beginning of the school year.

The Audio-Visual Department of the library is new but growing rapidly. The following equipment is owned by the school: 5 projectors, 158 film strips, 175 recordings; and 9 screens, 7 daylight, 2 large 8 by 10 screens.

Also 1 wire recorder, 1 tape recorder, 6 record players, 5 sound projectors, 1 opaque projector, 1

Speed graphic camera and complete unit for developing and enlarging pictures, 2 public address systems, and 1 Radio.

### College Day Be Held Next Fall

On October 7, 1957, Juniors and seniors from Hayesville, Andrews, Hiwassee Dam, and Robbinsville will be invited to join the Murphy Seniors for College Day.

Representatives from most North Carolina Colleges and some from adjoining states, as well as representatives from schools of nursing and the Armed-Forces, will be present to counsel with students regarding their future plans.

Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in these conferences.

## SCIENCE EQUIPMENT, STUDIES MEET STATE'S REQUIREMENTS

Murphy School is proud of the progress made by its Science Department in the last few years. Progress in physical equipment and laboratory facilities was hampered by lack of space until the present high school building was completed in 1952. The building now occupied by the high school has a laboratory that will accommodate 30 students and two classrooms for science classes.

The addition of equipment has been gradual, being added according to the greatest need, and as available funds permitted. The school now meets the State requirements in laboratory equipment for all science classes taught at the school.

One of the most attractive features of this laboratory is the photography dark room. In this room, the members of the Photography Club are able to make and process pictures. The club has made and developed a number of the pictures used in the school yearbook in recent years.

The new high school building, on

the Andrews Road will offer expanded facilities and room. This building will have two science laboratories, a large dark room, and a large supply room. One of the laboratories will be used for chemistry and physics, the other for biology and general science. In addition to these, the new campus will have an outdoor laboratory for first hand study of plant and animal life in the nearby forests and ponds.

In keeping with the present day emphasis on science and scientific training, Murphy High school is expanding its science curriculum. Courses are now offered to students in general science, biology, physics, and chemistry. There are 11 science classes each day with enrollment of 250 students.

### Pre-School Clinics Help Acquaint Child With School

What happens during the first six years of the child's life has a great bearing on what he is and does during his school life.

For this reason it is essential to a good school health program to have good maternal, infant and pre-school health protection and care provided in the community.

Pre-school clinics are planned and arranged for by the schools of Cherokee County in cooperation with the private physicians and Health Department staff. The parents of each child who will enter school in the fall are invited to bring the child to the pre-school clinic.

The purpose of the pre-school clinic is to orient the child to school. It is desirable to have the medical examination and necessary immunizations given by the family physician in his office.

However, those children who have not had their examination and immunizations are given these the day of the clinic.

Immunizations required for school entrance are: diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox.

The Salk vaccine for polio is not a required immunization as yet but is highly recommended.

### Moral, Spiritual Values Stressed

One of the most important things that teachers try to do is to inspire boys and girls to cultivate high moral and spiritual values.

One way to teach these values, an example of which is love of God and fellow man is through a daily Bible devotional period. During this period a few Bible verses are read or Bible stories are told. The period is closed with prayer asking the Heavenly Father for guidance, strength and courage to meet the demands of the day. When this devotional period is omitted, both teacher and pupils miss it.

Some of the supplementary readers and textbooks are including stories with moral and spiritual lessons.

Some school children are not encouraged by their parents to attend Sunday School and church. If the teacher does not include these important spiritual values in the daily teaching program, many boys and girls will not have the chance for success and happiness which they both need and deserve.

### Eighth Graders To Tour N. C.

Murphy eighth graders will see North Carolina from the mountains to the sea in May when they take their annual class trip.

Accompanied by eighth grade teachers Mrs. Kate Shields, Mrs. W. V. Costello, and Alvin Russell, some 60 students will tour the state by chartered bus. They will visit Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, Wilmington and Charlotte, visiting places of current and historical interest.

## A SALUTE . . .

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### BALLADS LIVEN ENGLISH STUDY

CHAUCER and SHAKESPEARE don't seem as foreign to these high school boys when they enjoy a practical study of old English ballads. In fact, it seems to be downright entertaining. The boys shown here are Ben Thomas, Kenneth Teague, Dewey Kelley and Frank Thomas.

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## 1956 MURPHY HIGH BULLDOGS CONFERENCE CHAMPS

The Bulldogs of Murphy High were Division champions in 1956, Co-champions of the Smoky Mountain Conference, and runner-up in the District Four class AA play off. They are: right end, Hoyt Zimmerman; right tackle, Roger Baugh; right guard, Don Amos; center, Joe Swain; left guard, Bobby Morris; left tackle, Norris West; left end, Benny Pipes. In the backfield, left to right, are Bobby O'Dell, Jim Hendrix, John Morris, and Bill "Red" Jones.

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