

Interest Rises In Wagon Train

Andrews To Join In Celebration

Andrews annual July 4th celebration has been canceled this year in order to co-operate with Murphy in the county-wide Wagon Train Celebration.

Members of Andrews American Legion Post met with delegates from Andrews Rotary and Lions clubs at the Hut Monday night and decided to call off the annual celebration.

Those present agreed that the plan to work with the Murphy civic clubs in the Wagon Train Celebration was sound, and promised a bigger and better celebration in Andrews next year.

The only events scheduled for Andrews this fourth is a Little League double-header ball game. The times for these games have not been set.

The delegates at Monday's meeting decided to name two members from the Lions and Rotary clubs and American Legion to work with the committee in Murphy. Jack Mintz and Capt. Frank Swan agreed to serve for the American Legion.

Bill Whitaker organized and presided over the meeting and other delegates present included Sam Hartman, Mark Elliott, Harold Gee, Charles Zimmerman and Herman Brauer.

Bellview Methodist To Hold Bible School

Bellview Methodist Church has announced the beginning of Vacation Bible School as June 16. Hal Finney is minister at Bellview.

Children attending the school will study the theme, "Exploring God's Wonders". Mrs. Hal Finney will be in charge of the school.

Teachers are Mrs. Verna Hembree, nursery Miss Lilly Keasler, beginners, Mrs. Hal Finney primary, Mrs. Dan Hughes, junior, and John English and Mrs. Clyde McNabb, intermediate.

Trustees Plan Friday Meeting

The Board of Trustees for Tri-State Rock Hounders will meet in their clubhouse at Brasstown Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Little League Auxiliary Meets

An organization meeting of the Little League Auxiliary will be held in Andrews Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Hut.

Mrs. Sam Hartman of Andrews urges all mothers of Little Leaguers or other interested women to turn out for this meeting.

Second Baptist To Have Singing

The regular third Sunday singing will be held at Murphy Second Baptist Church beginning at 2 p. m.



BIG FAMILY: Leon F. Lanning of Central Avenue is shown holding a mother opossum he caught recently in the Martins Creek section. Mr. Lanning said the opossum was carrying 13 baby 'possums in her pouch. A litter this large is unusual, he said, pointing out that most have only three or four.

Big Celebration Planned For 4th

Excitement is mounting in Murphy as the 'countdown' for the Wagon Train Celebration and July 4th festivities gets under way.

The purpose of the Wagon Train is to convince highway officials of the need for a road from Tellico Plains, Tenn., to Murphy.

The completion of this road would put Murphy on a North-South route and bring an estimated 200 to 300 thousand visitors and tourists through Murphy and Andrews every year.

All the civic clubs in Murphy are working for the success of the Wagon Train and other festivities, with the co-operation of clubs in Andrews which called off its annual program.

The tentative schedule for the 4th calls for watersports and baseball games between Murphy's Junior league team at 10 a. m.

The Wagon Train is scheduled to arrive at 4 p. m. and there will be a ceremony to welcome the train. The lieutenant governors of North Carolina and Tennessee are scheduled to be present along with top highway officials.

At 5 p. m. a 2-hour talent contest will start at the fair grounds. A beauty contest is set for 8 p. m. and a fireworks display at 8:30. The day will end with a street dance on the square from 9 on.

Dr. George F. Size is in charge of activities in Murphy and the reception and entertainment of the Wagon Train. Members of the Lions, Civitans, Rotary, Kiwanis and Womens clubs are working on the project.

L. D. (Red) Schuyler is working with Dr. Size on the reception committee. P. J. Henn of the Lions club is in charge of publicity, banners, and posters, and John Jordan also of the Lions club is in charge of the talent contest. Mrs. Dot Mason will be in charge of beauty contests.

Members of the Rotary club will operate a food stand at the fair grounds on the 4th. County Agent Paul Nave will barbecue 300 chickens to serve the crowd.

Also serving on the reception committee are Paul Ledford and Jim Hughes of the Rotary Club, Jack Dickey and Loren Davis of the Lions Club, John Smith and Jim Green of the American Legion and Mrs. Dot Mason and Mrs. Ben Warner Jr. of the Womens Club.

Dave Townson, one of Murphy's senior citizens called this Wagon Train and July 4th celebration "the biggest thing that has ever happened to Murphy, and we should all get behind it 100 percent."

To show his interest in the project, Mr. Townson has agreed to furnish hay and corn for all animals making the trip.

About 25 wagons and 75 horseback riders are expected to make the trip from Tellico Plains. Charles Coleman has entered a 4-wheel, 1-seated buggy. Anyone who wants to enter a wagon or horse in the train may do so by filling out an entry blank available from the Chamber of Commerce in Murphy.

The train will be well covered from the publicity angle with photographers and writers from Look and Life magazines. The train will be given TV coverage as it leaves Tellico Plains and radio coverage along the trail. Several newspapers will cover the event.

The wagons will be taken by truck to Tellico Plains and up to the Tellico camp grounds, and will travel to Murphy by way of Davis Creek. The train will leave Tellico Plains at 4 a. m. on July 3rd.

Dr. Size said, "It is apparent that we need help. We need money for fireworks and decorations, prizes from merchants for the talent and beauty contests, and the earnest help and labor of the people of Murphy and all of Cherokee County to make this project successful."

Contributions to the Wagon Train Fund may be mailed to Murphy care of the Cherokee Scout, and checks should be made payable to the Wagon Train Fund.

Attend Convention

Mrs. Bob Weaver, Mrs. Bud Alverson, and Elisabeth Gray attended the convention of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Asheville last week-end.

THE CHEROKEE SCOUT

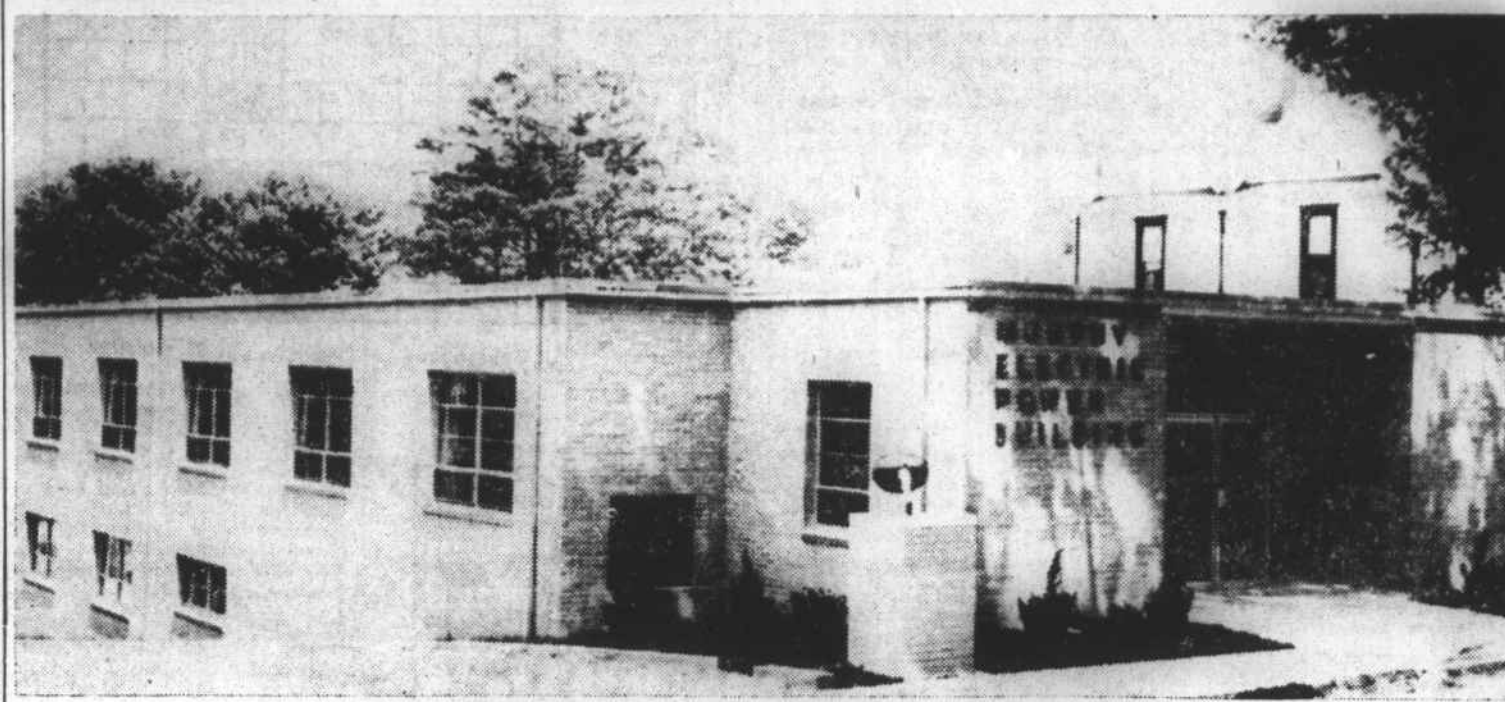
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New Murphy Electric Power Board Building

Murphy Power Board To Hold Open House Friday

Murphy Electrical Progress Great Since Beginning Use Of TVA Power

The doors of Murphy's modern new Electric Power Board Building will swing wide on Friday, June 13, to greet more than 1,400 "stockholders," the customers of the Power Board.

The occasion is "Open House," which will begin at 10 a. m. and last until 6 p. m.

Hosts for the event will be members of the Murphy Electric Power Board and the management and employees of the distribution system, the men and women who work to see that you have electricity when and where you want it merely by flipping a switch.

Refreshments will be served during the open house and the first 1,500 visitors will receive 150 watt ever-saver light bulbs.

Designed by Gilmar Harrill, Architect from Asheville, N. C., the new Electric Power Board Building was built at a total cost of \$112,000, including furnishings and landscaping. General Contractor was Setzer-Redmon Construction company of Asheville.

Besides the offices and warehouse of the electric distribution system, the new building contains also the water department and the city clerk's office.

According to W. Frank Forsyth, Chairman of the Electric Power Board, the building was constructed with the continued electrical progress of Murphy in mind.

"Murphy has made rapid electrical progress during the past few years," Forsyth explained. "Our old office was not large enough; we needed more space, improved facilities and more modern equipment if we were going to continue to give the kind of electrical service our consumers were used to."

"This new building should help us give better service," Forsyth concluded. "And it's designed to serve our needs for many years."

Among the many outstanding features of the new building are year-round electric air conditioning, ample warehouse and garage space, an all-electric kitchen, an auditorium, plenty of space for the many records required in the operation of the distribution system and the latest office furniture and equipment.

Automatic Heating and Cooling

Heating and cooling in the new building is furnished by four 5-ton heat pumps, the miracle year-round air conditioning units that heat in summer and cool in winter, automatically. This new equipment does both the heating and cooling job at a much lower yearly cost than conventional electric heating and air conditioning equipment.

Extra Warehouse and Garage Space

For the first time, the Power Board can boast of ample warehouse and garage space. Constructed on a two-floor level, the warehouse and garage space is (Continued on back page)

Electrical progress in the area served by the Murphy Electric Power Board has been great since the city became a distributor of low cost TVA generated electricity on November 8, 1939.

Today, for example residential consumers, 32 percent of whom are classified as rural, use more than 7 times as much electricity as they did in 1940, John H. Bayless Power Board Manager pointed out.

"Average residential use in our service area during our first full year of operation was only a little more than 1100 kilowatt-hours a year," Bayless explained. But today, our residential consumers use almost 8,200 kwh per year.

"That's a terrific increase," Bayless stated. "And the figure alone is impressive. But the real story is in what this electricity does for the people. Our residential consumers are using electricity today to do jobs they never dreamed electricity could do a few years ago. For example, today almost 27 percent of all our consumers are using electricity to heat their homes."

One of the reasons for this phenomenal increase in the use of electricity is the low cost of electricity in Murphy. Since the Power Board became a distributor of TVA power, there has never been an increase in electric rates in Murphy. The average cost of electricity has actually gone down during the past several years.

"Residential consumers in our first full years as distributor of TVA generated power paid an average of 2.12 cents for each kilowatt hour of electricity they used in their homes," Bayless said. "Last year the average cost of electricity for home is about 1.04 cents per kilowatt hour. National average cost for electricity used in the home is about 2.5 cents per kwh."

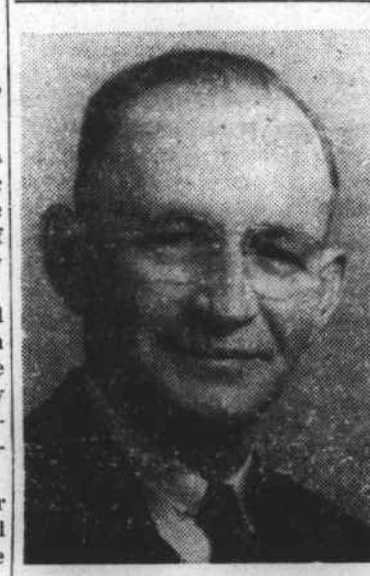
"When you remember that the Electric Power Board is a non-profit utility and consequently pays no income taxes, you realize that our tax payments are fairly high," Bayless explained.

Bayless called attention to the fact that the Electric Power Board is debt free.

"We owe no money," Bayless said. "Our new building was financed from our earnings. And we've been able to expand and improve our distribution system during the past few years without (Continued on back page)

McClure Speaks To Presbyterians

Dr. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of the Asheville Presbyterian Church, spoke to the men of the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 4 at a supper meeting. Mr. McClure accompanied her husband to Murphy.



MR. ELKINS . . . First Manager

HARVE ELKINS FIRST POWER BOARD MANAGER

By TODD REECE
The story of Murphy's first 27 years of electric power can be learned from one man — Harve Elkins.

Mr. Elkins, who makes his home in Murphy, operated the power system from its beginning in 1919 until 1946, watching over its growth and striving for better service and lower rates.

Mr. Elkins moved to Murphy with his family in 1909 from Rogersville, Tenn. He served with the Army in World War 1, spending 20 months overseas.

In 1919 Mr. Elkins married Miss Bessie Mae Woods of Mufpy. That same year he took over Murphy's first power dam on Nottley River.

As manager Mr. Elkins completed an electric distribution center in 1920 and continued to serve in this post until 1925 when the town sold the system to Southern States Power Co.

Mr. Elkins worked for Southern States Power Co. in the same post until 1939 when TVA took over this company's property and electric systems.

Mr. Elkins was anxious for Murphy to buy back the power system and made a trip to see the president of Southern States Co. in New York.

He persuaded the company to sell the power system back to Murphy and then negotiated a 20 year contract for the TVA to furnish power to the town at their low rates.

Mr. Elkins was named first Manager of the Electric Power Board and kept this post until 1946.

When the town took over the system in 1939 there was a bond debt of \$76,000 on the books and in seven years Mr. Elkins as manager had paid off \$42,000 of this (Continued On Back Page)

Baptist Vacation Bible School Begins Monday

The First Baptist Church will have its Vacation Bible School June 16-27.

The school will be held each morning, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 12 a. m. Preparation Day will be held on Saturday at 9 a. m.

The children will join the other churches in a parade at 10. Ages for the Bible School are three through fourteen years of age.

A Picnic and Commencement exercises for the school will be held on Friday, June 27, at the church.

The list of workers for the two week's school is as follows:

Nursery (3 yr.)—Mrs. Gene Parker, Superintendent; Mrs. Low-ene Dockery, Mrs. Kenneth Godfrey, Mrs. Chester Lawson and Mrs. James Israel.

Beginner 1 (4 yr.)—Mrs. Wilson Palmer, Supt., Mrs. Mildred Hughes, Miss Ginger Deweese, Miss (Continued on back page)

Corn Destroying Pests Identified As Unusual Species Of Cut Worm

Worms which have destroyed over 400 acres of corn in Cherokee County have been identified as a climbing cut worm, a very unusual species of the cut worm family.

These worms were first thought to be army worms, but a specimen sent to N. C. State College by County Agent Paul Nave was identified by the head of the Entomology Division, George D. Jones.

These cut worms have destroyed soybeans and other crops as well as corn but should mature out of the larvae stage within two weeks and stop the damage.

The can be killed with toxaphene dust or spray at the rate of two or three pounds to the acre.

Mr. Jones advises farmers whose corn has been wiped out to replant their corn crops since the worms will be matured and gone when the second crop comes up.

County Agent Nave warns that the regular cut worm as well as this new climbing species is ruining a lot of crops this year and farmers should keep a close watch for this.

Reports from Clay County say that these worms are damaging crops in that area also. Mr. Nave says that the danger from these worms should be over in 10 or 12 days for this year. More damage may be experienced next year, however, as a result of this year's worms.

ARMY DRAFTS SIX CHEROKEE COUNTY MEN

Six registrants were forwarded to Knoxville, Tenn., for induction into the armed forces.

Mrs. Frankie Roberson, secretary of the draft board listed the following names: Max Tompkins, Shields, Onreath Don Watson, Joe Richard Moore, Odes Arvil Hughes, Gene Leonard Murphy and Charles Dennie Elliott.

Fourteen registrants were forwarded for armed forces physical examination.

Jury List For Civil Superior Court Announced

Petit jurors to serve the week of June 23 during a term of civil Superior Court have been announced by Clerk of Court K. W. Radford.

They are: Olen Taylor, Murphy Route 3; Jess Mashburn Jr., Harrison Luther, W. W. Ashe, an Howard Gregory all of Andrews; W. V. Taylor, Unaka, Glenn Bryant, Culberson Route 2; Earl Cillsaps and Loy Lunsford of Murphy Route 1; Keith Wilson Andrews Route 1; Carl Stille, Murphy Route 1 and T. H. Little Culberson Route 1.

Also Ross Moore, W. M. Maune and W. H. Murray, Murphy; Walter W. Radford, Murphy Route 3; Ennis Moore, Copperhill Route 1; A. R. Hatchett, Murphy Route 2; Robert Farmer, Marble Route 1; Fred Johnson Sr., Murphy; Claude Fox and T. G. Little of Culberson Route 2; Hadley Roberson Murphy Route 2; and Norma Barton, Murphy Route 1.

Also James Bryson Jr., Marble F. C. Bourne Jr., and Lloy Kisselburg, of Murphy; Ralph Thompson, Culberson Route 2; Wayne Battle Jr., Gilbert Battal and Frank Clark of Andrews; W. R. Evans, Murphy Route 1; N. F. Hunsucker, Murphy Route 2; Ben Hogan, Brasstown Route 1; Grayville Radcliff, Murphy; B. I. Peek, Murphy Route .

Red Cross Course Teaches Social Welfare Aide

A ten-hour Red Cross Social Welfare Aide Training Course was held June 3-4 at the Parish House of the Episcopal Church.

The course, taught by Ann Mae Biddle of the Red Cross Southeastern Area, was given preparation for volunteer work the Home Service Department. Home Service is an aid to the serviceman and his family and a charter obligation of the Red Cross.

Attending the meetings were Mrs. Harve Elkins, chairman Home Service, Mrs. Don Withe spoon, Mrs. Bud Alverson, Mr. Ben Warner, Mrs. A. L. Hansa, Mrs. Robert Easley, Mrs. J. Roberts, and Mrs. Francis Bour Jr.

The local Home Service operation from Murphy Electrical Shop. Ne office hours will be announced the near future.

GRADUATES MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Miss Grace Hedrick West, daughter of Mrs. Constance West of Murphy, was one of three honor students graduating from Western Carolina College this year.