



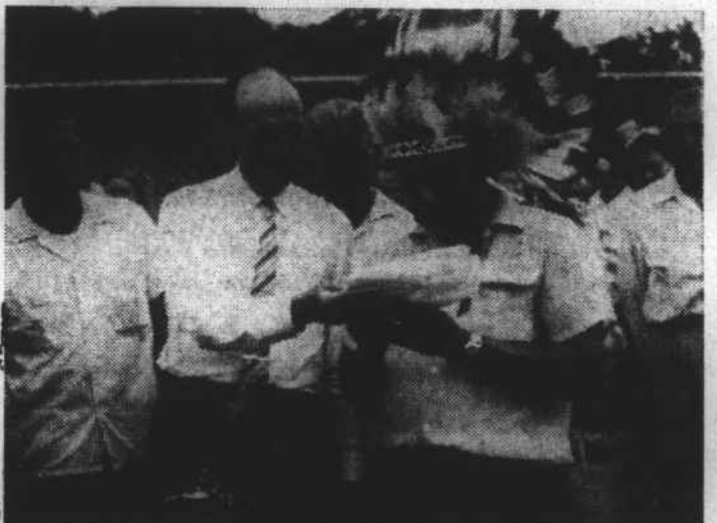
ONLY STEER DRAWN WAGON — This photo shows the only steer drawn wagon in the Wagon Train that rolled into Murphy Friday afternoon. The picture was made as the train pulled into the Fair Grounds. Ernest Townsend (seated at left in the wagon) of Concord, Tenn., entered this unit in the train.



TEX CROWNS QUEEN — Hugh Hensley crowned Jeanette Dickey Denny as Miss Wagon Train here in the beauty contest July 4th. Shirley English (center) of Murphy was runner-up and Peggy McKinney, also of Murphy placed third.



WAGONS, HORSES AND LOTS OF PEOPLE — This is just a small area of the big Wagon Train circle at the Fair Grounds here Friday. Note the small, one-seated "covered wagon" in the center of picture.



PEACE TREATY SIGNED — A proposed "attack" on the Wagon Train by Cherokee Braves did not materialize — a Treaty of Peace was signed. Lt. Gov. Luther E. Barnhardt, representing the "Paleface of North Carolina," and Chief Isaac Welch, representing the Cherokee Nation, signed the treaty Friday afternoon after the Wagon Train arrived without being raided by the Indians. Mr. Welch and others from Cherokee came to Murphy to make the ceremony possible.



MRS. WAGON TRAIN WINNERS — Mrs. James Wheeler (center) of Etowah, Tenn., won first place in the Pioneer Costume contest. Mrs. Roxie Bryson (left) of Tellico Plains was second and Mrs. George Size of Murphy placed third.

Editorial

BIG THINKING GETS BIG RESULTS

Sam Williams, Tellico Plains, Tenn., restaurant operator, probably didn't realize the magnitude of his Wagon Train idea until he saw the more than 60 wagons and over 250 horse-back riders moving from Tellico Plains to Murphy on July 4. It was Mr. Williams who advanced the idea for a Wagon Train when Tellico folks brought out the need for a road between the two towns, 48 miles apart.

Tennessee has a hard-top road to the N. C.-Tenn. line but it stops there at an area known as the Camp Grounds. On the N. C. side, there is little more than a trail (approximately 21 miles) coming into Murphy. The big wagon push was staged to make officials take a look at the need for a modern highway to link the two towns. It has been estimated that over a quarter of a million tourists are turned in a different direction each year because there is no shorter route to the Great Smoky Mountains from Tellico Plains to Murphy.

So the idea grew from a verbal remark by an interested citizen to the biggest production ever witnessed in both towns. It gained nation-wide attention. Large daily newspapers and big name TV shows "plugged" the Tellico-Murphy Train.

Officials from both states were impressed. N. C. heads are optimistic and have made favorable comment that the road will be constructed.

To single out any one man responsible for this gigantic promotion would be impossible. Mr. Williams, of course, kicked it off, then hundreds of others pitched in to put it over. It took the work of everyone and all are due equal congratulations.

It was more than just a stunt. It was WNC and East Tennessee citizens working hand in hand for something they intend to have. It was not a project "too big to handle." It was not a problem "too big to lick."

Many participants have stated: "we'll do it again next year with three times the number of wagons if we don't get our road."

Many weeks of planning and working went into making the Wagon Train a success. Special commendations are in order for the people of Tellico and other Tennessee towns, cities and communities who pitched in to swell the ranks of the Wagon Train beyond all expectation.

All of North Carolina and all of Tennessee can point with pride to their citizens who gained their states national prominence by the Wagon Train Project.

JEANNETTE DENNY OF KNOXVILLE IS CHOSEN MISS WAGON TRAIN

Jeanette Dickey Denney of Knoxville, Tenn., was named Miss Wagon Train in the beauty contest here July 4th.

Runner up was Shirley English of Murphy and Peggy McKinney of Murphy was third.

These girls were picked from a field of 42 girls from North Carolina and Tennessee. Six finalists included Patricia Moore of Murphy and the Hill twins, Laura and Marion from Robbinsville.

In the Mrs. Wagon Train Pioneer costume contest, Mrs. James Wheeler of Etowah, Tenn., placed first in a 70-year-old authentic dress which belonged to her great aunt.

Mrs. Roxie Bryson of Tellico Plains was second in a dress loaned to her by Mrs. Ott Hamilton of Tellico. This dress belonged to the wife of Capt. Will Lee who fought in the Civil War. Mrs. Lee was the great-grandmother of Harold Hawkins of Tellico Plains.

Mrs. George Size of Murphy was third in an authentic costume. Mrs. Size wore authentic 1900 shoes with laces and spool heels. She wore pantaloons and a dress previously worn by Jane Gentry Sneed, born 1849, grandmother of Berdie Ram-

sey of Murphy. The authentic split bonnet was worn by Mary Sneed Hampton, born 1833, who was grandmother of Maggie Stewart of Murphy. The Wagon Train passed by White Church where both of these women are buried.

Miss Denny is a rising sophomore at the University of Tennessee where she is majoring in civil engineering. She is a former resident of Murphy. She is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 115 and her measurements are 34½-22-34. She is 19 years old.

Her previous honors include being chosen as Queen of Clubs in the College of Engineering at UT this year, Queen of all Clubs in Knoxville High Schools last year, Hi-Hat of the Year in Knoxville, social director and best pledge in her sorority at UT.

Miss Denny is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Denny. Mrs. Leila Dickey of Murphy is her grandmother. She wore a white sateen lastex swim suit in the contest with rhine stone accessories and tiara. She works this summer at Miller's Wearing Apparel in Knoxville, but plans a visit with Miss Betty Weaver in Murphy later this summer if possible.

CORONER'S JURY RULES YOUTH DIED AS RESULT OF DROWNING

A coroner's jury Tuesday afternoon ruled that Claude Edward Rogers, 19, of Murphy Route 1 came to his death as the result of drowning.

Young Roger's body was recovered from Valley River near Sunset Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Coroner J. C. Townson said the boy's body was pulled from water about seven feet deep about an hour and a half after he went down. The youth had been swimming with his uncle, Wayne Rogers of Peachtree.

Dr. George Size, testifying at an inquest at County Courthouse, said all external evidence indicated death was due to drowning. The Murphy physician said X-Rays showed the youth's neck was not broken as was suspected from the initial examination.

Dr. Size said X-Rays were made because the boy's neck seemed to be excessively injured.

Wayne Rogers told the jury he and his nephew were swimming without clothes. He said he was swimming toward their boat when he heard Claude cry out, "Lord, Wayne, come help me."

Mr. Rogers said he was not an expert swimmer and was afraid to

attempt to rescue the boy unless he was in the boat. He said he got into the boat and paddled back toward the drowning youth.

The witness testified that he got within six or seven feet of the struggling youth and "Claude went backwards in the water." "Had he come on six or seven feet more I could have grabbed him by the hair of his head," the witness said. Mr. Rogers also said Claude was not a good swimmer but could "dog paddle."

Game Warden Arnold Dalrymple, the first called to testify, said he, (Continued on back page)

Bible School Ends At Martin's Creek

Martin's Creek Methodist Church will end its Bible School Friday night with a picnic at the church.

Children who attended the school will give a program of songs, bible memory work and recitations at 8 p.m.

Certificates will be awarded to children for attendance and for their work achievements. Displays of the children's projects will be arranged in the Sunday School rooms.

JUST TOLERABLE

By GENE PARKER

There was a powerful lot of "just tolerable" folks in these parts Saturday morning after a record-breaking mob invaded this mountain community the day before to see the Wagon Train and all the frills that went with it. It was the show of shows for Murphy. Old timers say they have never seen as many people in Murphy as turned out for that event. And when things really got to popping, a fellow couldn't see for looking. The biggest headache for all, and mostly for boys with the badges, was the snafu traffic. If you got from one place to another in Murphy Friday afternoon you used the transportation Mother Nature (Continued On Back Page)



Press Association To Hold Special Meeting Saturday

A meeting of the Western North Carolina Press Assn. has been called Saturday to consider an editor's charges that 12th Congressional District voters were "deliberately deceived" about the state of Rep. George Shuford's health in the days immediately prior to the May 31 Democratic primary.

The meeting will be held in Asheville.

Rep. Shuford entered a hospital in Asheville six days prior to the election, in which he defeated four other candidates for the congressional nomination. He is now hospitalized near Washington.

Weimar Jones, editor of The Franklin Press, charged that Shuford's illness was diagnosed as a stroke several days prior to the balloting, and that the true nature of his illness was not published in any newspaper until after the election.

Jones suggested in his editorial that the State Board of Elections make an inquiry, and that the press group "might well make its own, separate investigation."

Rep. Shuford, a patient at Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington, was quoted in a story distributed by the Associated Press Tuesday as saying that "I have no intention of resigning. . . The physicians have assured me that I will be fully recovered and capable of performing my duties." He has recently been taking automobile rides and spent the July 4 week-end with his family in the capital.

Revival To Begin At Martin's Creek

A revival will start Sunday night at 8 at the Old Martin's Creek Methodist Church.

Preaching at the nightly services will be the Revs. Hal Finney and C. A. Smith. There will also be special singing.

Brasstown Baptist Plan Bake Sale

The Adult Bible class of the Little Brasstown Baptist Church will sponsor a bake sale at Sossamon Furniture Store all day Saturday.

Thousands Attend Wagon Train Celebration Here

WNC PLANNING GROUP SETS ASHEVILLE MEET

The Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission will hold its quarterly meeting Tuesday at 6 p. m. in the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

Chairman Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews has announced that William F. Babcock, director of highways will meet with the group to discuss the need for more and better roads for this area.

Regular business of the Commission will also be considered, including finances and membership.

John R. Hampton, the Commission's director, will also appear on the program.

All local officials, community leaders and newsmen are invited to attend the meeting.

Andrews Man Hurt In Auto Collision

Howard A. Kilpatrick of Andrews received lacerations of the face and forehead when his 1951 Buick struck the rear of a 1955 Chevrolet owned by Morris Lee Percy of Nantahala Sunday at 12:30 a. m.

Percy told State Highway Patrolman E. N. Hooper that he was attempting to turn left into the drive-in restaurant at Topton when the accident occurred.

Kilpatrick came over the hill just west of the restaurant and was unable to stop. Patrolman Hooper said.

Officials Indicate Tellico-Murphy Road Approval

By TODD REECE

The July 4th Wagon Train Celebration in Murphy lived up to all expectations as a through outnumbering anything ever seen in this area crowded into town for the arrival of the train and the other events of the day.

The train arrived on schedule with a string of 64 wagons and over 250 riders which took better than two hours to pass a given point.

The immense size of the train and the amount of work obviously done apparently convinced state officials that the Tellico Plains to Murphy road was a definite necessity.

Lt. Governor Barnhardt told the crowd, "I am sure that you are going to get that road." Mel Broughton, highway commissioner also expressed the opinion that everything possible would be done to assure the building of the road.

The Lt. Governor welcomed all the Tennessee people who traveled to Murphy with the train and by car to meet it. He said "this idea is very appropriate for a July 4th celebration since it stands as a symbol of our forefathers courage and determination in gaining independence."

Neil Barnes, secretary of Murphy's chamber of commerce, presented two plates to the Lt. Governor and his wife. Master of ceremonies for the speeches, Hobart (Continued on back page)

GORDON BUTLER IS INSTALLED AS ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ANDREWS — Gordon L. Butler was installed as the District Governor for Rotary District 767 last week at a dinner meeting at the Nantahala Inn.

This district includes all of North Carolina from east of Charlotte to Murphy.

Members from clubs in all areas of the district attended the dinner meeting.

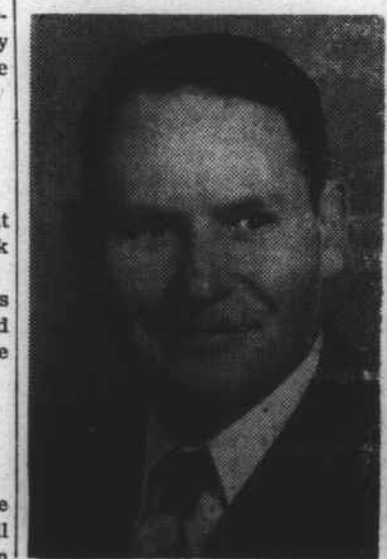
Short addresses were given by the following past district governors: Stanley W. Black of Bryson City, the Rev. Malcombe Williamson of Charlotte, formerly of Waynesville; Clarence Abernathy of Lenoir whom Butler succeeded; Kelley Bennett of Bryson City; Dr. Walter Nau of Hickory and Ernest Ross of Marion.

The election of Mr. Butler to this office took place in Hickory at the annual district convention in February. Since its organization in 1928 this is the first time Andrews has held this honor.

After Mr. Butler was installed as district governor, he installed the following new officers of the Andrews club; James Baer, president; Houston Ledford, vice-president; Dr. Gerald Almond, secretary-treasurer. New board of directors are Gilbert Battle, Ty Burnett, Dick Ramsey and John Ellis.

The Nantahala Inn was appropriately decorated with Rotary flags and bunting. The table decorations were arranged by members of the Valley River Garden Club of Andrews.

Special guests were: Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Baer, Misses Anna Marie Butler, Nancy and Janet Baer.



GORDON L. BUTLER

Three Escape Possible Death In Auto Crash

Three Murphy men miraculously escaped possible death early Saturday morning near Andrews when the car in which they were riding left the highway and catapulted end-over-end for 716 feet.

The accident occurred about two miles east of Andrews at the foot of Granny Squirrel Gap about 2 a. m.

Most seriously injured was Billy Ray Ramsey, 22. He received a broken pelvis and spine and multiple lacerations. Mr. Ramsey, who police said was driver of the 1953

Ford involved, was thrown from the vehicle and found 150 feet from where the car stopped.

Injured also were John Dillard Phaup, 28, and Eugene Dockery, 22. Mr. Phaup suffered multiple cuts and bruises. Mr. Dockery suffered head and foot injuries.

Mr. Dockery was also thrown from the car, State Highway Patrolman E. N. Hooper reported. The patrolman said Mr. Phaup is owner of the auto and at the time of the accident was riding in the back seat. He was not thrown from

the vehicle.

The injured men were taken to Andrews District Memorial Hospital where they received treatment. Mr. Dockery was released Saturday. Mr. Phaup and Mr. Ramsey were reported improving Wednesday morning.

Patrolman Hooper described the damage to the car as the worst he had ever witnessed in his eight years on the force in an accident where the car did not strike another automobile or get hit by a train.