

## Murphy Man Enjoys Deep, Dark Caves But Can't Stand New York Subways

A man whose sense of direction is almost flawless during hunts for bats in strange caves confessed recently that subways confused him.

The bat hunter, Jesse C. Nicholls Jr., of Murphy undertook his struggle with New York subways while selling specimens of bats and salamanders to scientists.

"Subways," he said, are far more confusing than caves. In a cave I can feel a wall ten feet a-

way in the dark. But in the subways here everything is constantly curving, it's so noisy, it just batters at your brain."

**EDITORS NOTE:** This article concerning Jesse C. Nicholls of Murphy recently appeared in The New York Times.

Mr. Nicholls looks younger than his 50 years and walks firmly, with long stride, in laced woodsman's boots. His tan is deep and his voice steady.

He rattled off types of salamanders and the scientists for whom they had been acquired. Yale, Columbia, Fordham, Princeton and Amherst figured prominently. One professor was on the list to receive 100 bats a month for research on skin grafts.

Mr. Nicholls generally ventures into caves alone. Only once has he lost his sense of direction.

"One time in the Daniel Old Cave, in Trenton, Ga.," he said, "I was exploring for rare bats. You enter this cave through a waterfall. On the way back somehow I passed a turn-off. I thought to myself: 'Good Lord, I may (Continued on back page)

## Hayesville Man Dies After Struck By Car

Frank Newell Reynolds, 23, of Hayesville Route 3, was killed Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile in Towns County, Ga., near Hayesville.

The Georgia Highway Patrol said Reynolds was lying on the highway when he was run over by a car driven by Jerry Ashe of Towns County.

The highway patrol said Ashe carried Reynolds to a Hiwassee, Ga., hospital where he died about 2 a. m. Sunday. He was struck at about 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of Hayesville Route 3; and one brother, Carl of Greenville, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2:30 p. m. at Bethel Church by the Revs. Jack Thomas and Boyd Hufsteler.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Plane Makes Safe Emergency Landing Near Martins Creek

A two passenger Ercoupe plane made an emergency landing last Wednesday in a pasture about six miles from Murphy in the Martins Creek section.

No one was injured and the plane was not damaged.

The pilot, W. L. Swanson said he landed the light craft because the motor was getting hot and the oil pressure was dropping. The motor had begun to miss.

Mr. Swanson, of Copperhill, and a passenger, Harry Turner of Asheville, were flying to Atlanta on business.

They left Andrews about 12:30 p. m. and landed in the field about 1 p. m.

Mr. Swanson returned to Andrews for mechanical help. He repaired the plane and attempted to fly it out of the field several times.

About 1,000 feet long, the field was too short for the plane to get up sufficient speed.

Mr. Swanson removed the wings from the craft and carried it back to Copperhill on a truck Wednesday night.

The world's first atomic-powered ship, the 3,000 ton submarine Nautilus, was commissioned Sept. 30, 1954 at Groton, Conn., and assigned to the Atlantic Fleet. The Nautilus made the U. S. Navy the first military service to utilize nuclear energy for propulsion power.

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# County Fair To Open Monday

Murphy Library



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES were held at the Andrews Presbyterian Church Sunday. Beginning operations for the new church educational building are starting this week. L. B. Nichols, ruling elder, and Mrs. C. A. Brown, oldest member of the church present, turned the first shovel of earth for the construction. (Photo by Smiley Studio)

## First Class Of Gray Ladies Capped In Ceremonies At Methodist Church

ANDREWS—Capping ceremonies for nine local members of the active corps of Gray Ladies of South Western District Memorial Hospital in Andrews were observed Sept. 2 at 7:30 p. m. at First Methodist Church.

This is the first class of volunteer Gray Ladies in Andrews who are serving an average of four hours a week each in the local hospital.

Prior to the ceremonies, Mrs. Edwin Carter presented a program of organ music. The Rev. Edwin Carter gave the invocation.

J. E. Rufty, chairman of the Andrews Chapter of the American Red Cross presided.

Mrs. M. H. Strain of Asheville, volunteer field consultant of the American Red Cross who conducted classes for the group of volunteers, brought greetings

from the National Red Cross and the area division.

She stressed the importance of working together and stated that 113,000 volunteers workers gave 80,000,000 hours of service in hospital facilities during the past year.

Also on the program were Percy B. Ferebee, chairman of the hospital board; Harry E. Shaw, administrator of the hospital, and Dr. C. O. Van Gorder, who spoke for the doctors and staff of the hospital.

Mrs. Ann Winfrey chairman of the local Gray Ladies presented pins and gave the assignments and creed.

Mrs. Louise Taylor chairman of records presented the caps. The benediction was given by Father Dean of Murphy.

It was announced that a second Gray Ladies' class will begin in October. Enrollment is open to all interested women in the district.

Members who received caps and pins were: Mrs. Ann Winfrey, Mrs. Louise Taylor, Mrs. Ardith Hay, Mrs. Helen Akley, Mrs. Marie Jones, Mrs. Sarah B. Dewar, Mrs. Lula Matheson, Mrs. Aline Burch and Mrs. Doris Teas.

## Murphy Firm Sets Formal Opening

A new Murphy business will have its formal opening Friday and Saturday of this week.

The Fabric Shop, specializing in sewing needs, is located on Tennessee Street in the old Post Office Building.

It is owned and operated by Mrs. F. O. Bates.

The interior of the building has been redecorated. Seamstress services will be available at the Fabric Shop three days a week. Sewing needs as well as cloth will be sold at the shop.

On Sept. 21, 1944, the Navy launched a heavy carrier air raid against Japanese shipping and air fields on the Island of Luzon in the Philippine Islands.

The 40th annual Cherokee County Fair will open Monday at Murphy Fair Grounds.

Sponsored by the Cherokee County Mutual Fair Association, Inc. it will last six days.

Capital City Shows has been selected to provide rides and other amusements on the midway. The midway will open Monday at 1 p. m. Exhibits will be in place Monday at 8 p. m.

Judging of entries will begin Tuesday 9 a. m. and the exhibits will be open to the public Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Wednesday will be given over to a dairy cattle show at 8 a. m. and the judging of sheep at 3 p. m.

Admission to the grounds will be 50 cents for adults and 20 cents for children.

Thursday has been designated as school day at the fair.

Swine will be judged Thursday at 10 a. m. and poultry will be judged at 3 p. m.

The beef cattle show will be held Thursday at 8 p. m.

Friday will also be a school day and all exhibits will be on display.

Competition for exhibit awards is open to Cherokee, Clay, Union, Towns and Fannin Counties.

Ribbons and cash awards will be given for animal, youth club, educational, field crops, horticulture, dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, flowers, home products, pantry supplies, home furnishings clothing arts and crafts, and science exhibits.

## Examination Set For Murphy Post Office Jobs

The Fifth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Atlanta, has announced an open competitive examination for career or temporary appointment to the positions of substitute clerk and substitute carrier in the Murphy Post Office.

Applications will be accepted from persons who live in the delivery area of the post office named or who are patrons of such office. Persons employed in the post office will be considered bona fide patrons of the office. Applications must be received or post marked on or before Oct. 2, 1958.

The beginning basic rate of pay is \$2.00 per hour. Applicants must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. This age limit does not apply to persons entitled to veterans' preference.

Necessary forms and further information may be obtained at the post office, or from the Fifth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Peachtree-Baker Building, 275 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

## Three-Day Workers Training School Planned At Murphy Methodist Church

A Training School for Christian Workers sponsored by the Methodist churches in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties will begin Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at Murphy Methodist Church.

Courses offered are planned to strengthen the leadership of

local churches.

Miss Louise Robinson, director of children's work in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church will offer a course on working with children in the local church. This course is planned for teachers and parents.

Miss Robinson is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and Scarritt College.

A course on the teachings of Jesus will be offered by the Rev. Courtney B. Ross. This course is planned for all adults who are interested in a Bible course.

Mr. Ross is pastor of the First Methodist Church of Brevard and has had experience in the religious education program of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Teague Hipps, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Newton, N. C., will offer a course entitled "What It Means to Be A Christian." The course is planned for young people ages 15 through 23.

Mr. Hipps has served as Dean of the Conference Youth Assemblies.

Miss Laura Wells who is county rural worker and Methodist Deaconess in Clay County, will teach a course for Intermediates, ages 12 through 14, entitled "Becoming Persons."

A course on the work of the local church will be taught by the Rev. R. T. Houts, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Murphy. This course is planned for all members of the official boards in the local churches. It is planned to meet the need for giving practical help in the program of the local church.

The training school will run for three nights, Sunday through Tuesday. Hours will be from 7:30 until 9 p. m.



LOUISE ROBINSON Working With Children



COURTNEY ROSS Teachings Of Jesus

## Taxi Driver Charges Night Policeman "After Me Like A Big Sheppard Dog"

A taxi driver appearing before Murphy Board of Commissioners Monday night had a shaggy dog story to tell.

He felt he was in the dog house with night policeman W. O. Williams.

"That night policeman is like a big sheppard dog after me," the taxi driver said.

He claimed he could not park in town without Mr. Williams bothering him about petty traffic violations.

The driver also claimed that the night policeman let a drunk driving Murphy business man pass without a warning.

"I just want to be treated like the rest of the public," the man said, "but that policeman is after me like a collie dog."

The commissioners told the driver that the matter would be investigated.

## Commissioners Ask Study Of Truck Parking Problem

The Board of Commissioners Monday night decided to ask for state aid in solving the truck parking problem in Murphy.

A delegation of about 10 truck drivers attended the regular meeting to ask a solution to the problem.

Bergan Moore, speaking for the drivers, said the present parking arrangement is dangerous. Trucks park toward the curb the same as autos.

Mr. Moore said it is impossible for a truck driver to see a car passing in rear of the truck when parked in this manner.

Acting mayor Cloe Moore said the State Highway Engineers have always been very helpful in solving such problems in the past and would probably be available to assist Murphy.

Previously, trucks have been parking in the center of streets.

This practice was discontinued by the Board after regular cars began parking in the center lane.

Cloe Moore said the Board would be in touch with the engineers as soon as possible to ask them to come to Murphy to study the situation.

Truck drivers said parking in the streets behind other cars is not satisfactory. They claimed they were asked to move too often by drivers of passenger cars.

The engineers are expected to arrive late this week to begin a study of the traffic situation.

The Board considered issuing permits to commercial trucks and allow them to park in the center. This plan was shelved until the

engineers complete their study.

The possibility of making certain streets one way was also discussed.

In other action by the commissioners Monday night, they decided a four inch water main would be laid to the city limits in the direction of Texana school if and when the county was ready to continue the line from the city limits to the school.

The board also discussed purchasing a used garbage truck. No decision was reached. The possibility of purchasing a tar kettle and spreader to patch Murphy streets was discussed.

Town Clerk Charlie Johnson was instructed to find out if such a kettle would be of use to the city and how much it would cost.



Gray Ladies capped at Andrews First Methodist Church September 2 are (left to right) Mrs. Louise Taylor, Mrs. Ardith Hay, Mrs. Helen Akley, Mrs. Marie Jones, Mrs. Ann Winfrey, Mrs. Sarah B. Dewar and Mrs. Lula Matheson. Not present when picture was made were Mrs. Doris Teas and Mrs. Aline Burch.