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Boys And Girls Win As Murphy High Basketball Teams Split Two Games

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The Murphy High Bulldogs split their fourth game of the season with Nantahala recently. The girls were victorious while the boys lost by seven points.

After a close first quarter the girls went ahead of the Nantahala to lead 31 to 20 at the end of the first half. They kept on pulling ahead in the third and then set a ground in the fourth period with a score of 54 to 48.

The high scorer for the Nantahala was Sue Waters with 21. Murphy's scorers were Patricia with 21, Jane Van Horn with 11, and John English with 14. All of the girls played a good game and they were hitting very well, even though they were on a different court.

In the boys game at the end of the first period Nantahala led by a score of 14 to 10 but, after many changes in the lead, Murphy led by a score of 26 to 24 at the half.

Much hustling on the part of the Murphy players put them ahead five points in the middle of the third period but by the end of the third period they were behind 39 to 37.

In the last quarter they fell further behind and the final score was Nantahala 52, Murphy 35.

Tad Brannon led the Nantahala with 25 points. Murphy's top scorers were Billy Carringer and Jerry Kephart with 10 and Emanuel McDonald with 8.

STATISTICS:

GIRLS: MURPHY (54) F. English 14, Van Horn 19, Postell 21, Robinson, O'Dell, Nations, Morry, G. Cook, Cole, Gillenwater, Wells, Hatchett, Rose.

NANTAHALA (48) F. Waters 30, Passmore 16, Cochran, McMahon, Allen, G. Owenby, Ferguson, May.

BOYS: MURPHY (45) Kephart 10, McDonald 8, Lovingood 7, Morris 4, Carringer 10, Kilpatrick 6.

NANTAHALA (52) T. Bateman 23, Owenby 14, M. Bateman 7, K. Solesher 8, Grant, J. Solesher. Halftime 26-24 Murphy.

In the third conference game

the Murphy Bulldogs again split a twin bill with Hayesville.

The girls lost by one point and the boys won by 13.

In the girls game, the score at the end of the first quarter was Hayesville 13, Murphy 12. At the half Murphy was even farther behind with a score of 28 to 22.

Then, in the third period, the girls began to gain on the Hayesville team.

The score at the end of the third quarter was 39 to 36 in favor of Hayesville.

The girls continued to gain and in the last seconds of the game the score was 46 to 46 but a Murphy foul in the last second of the ballgame gave Hayesville a free throw after the game was over. Joyce Ledford shot the free throw to put Hayesville ahead with a final score of 47 to 46.

John English and Jane Van Horn had 20 points each and Patricia Postell had 10 points for the Murphy scorers. Joyce Ledford and Ruth Davenport led Hayesville scoring with 17 points.

In the boys game it was not quite as close with Murphy leading 17 to 6 at the end of the first quarter. The score at the half was 29 to 17, Murphy but Murphy scored only 4 points in the third period while Hayesville scored 12 and they were ahead only 33 to 29. Then Murphy pulled out ahead 63 to 50 for the final score.

Top Hayesville scorer was Reece with 16 points. Charles Lovingood led Murphy scoring with 16 and Jerry Kephart and Billy Carringer were next with 12 points each.

The next game is January 2 at Murphy with the Bulldogs meeting Swain High for the second time this season. Swain won both of the first games against Murphy.

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HAYESVILLE (47) F. Ledford 17, White 13, Davenport 17, F. Cox, Seroges, Davis.

BOYS: MURPHY (63) Kephart 12, Weaver 2, McDonald 11, Lanning 2, Lovingood 16, Kilpatrick 1, Arns, Carringer 12, Morris 4, Johnson 1, Hoover 2.

Atlas Boosts "Moons" Weight To 8,870 Pounds

The air force's talking satellite has proved that the United States can match and even excel Russia in throwing its weight around.

The Atlas has boosted the total weight of American satellites launched to more than 8,900 pounds than twice the weight of Russia's three Sputniks put together.

The four-ton Atlas, which blasted off from Cape Canaveral on Dec. 18, is a far cry from America's first satellite, which Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev dubbed "orange."

The army's Explorer I, which was launched last January, weighed 30.8 pounds. The tiny Vanguard I, which followed in March, weighed a mere 3 1/4 pounds.

The United States now has 8,870 pounds of earth satellites whirling around the globe, including Explorers I and IV and Vanguard I, Explorer II never orbited, and Explorer III burned up after three months.

Russia has only Sputnik III, which tips the scales at a little less than 1 1/4 tons, or 2,925 pounds.

John Keener, 88 Dies After Long Illness

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He had been a member of Marble Springs Masonic Lodge since 1908.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Tomolita Methodist Church, of which he had been a member for more than 60 years. The Rev. Jack Thomas and Rev. Hal Finney officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Funerals conducted graveside rites. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bracken, a son, Fred, both of Tomolita, a stepson, Henry Buckett of Lenoir City, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Swain of Murphy and Mrs. Sally Childers of Cashiers; a brother, D. A. of Tomolita.

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TEN GENERATIONS IN TWO FAMILIES



Two Andrews family members celebrated family reunions. Each family had 10 generations present. Pictured at left is the J. T. Thomason family. Left to right, second row: T. J. Thomason, 88, Zona Thomason Gregory Backus, 79, J. D. Gregory, 63, Blandville, Jane Gregory of Tennessee and Inge Bryson, 59, 1907. In the foreground are the 10th generation of Mrs. A. H. Gregory's family. They are, left to right: Miss Virginia Paul Gregory, The Rev. J. B. Brown, J. D. Bryson and James D. Bryson.



Terry Postell Selected As Candidate For Most Outstanding Player Award

Terry Postell, 130-pound star of the championship Andrews High School football team, has been named a candidate for Mountain Amateur Athletic Club's Trophy to be presented to the most outstanding amateur in Western North Carolina during 1958.

Postell's accomplishments will be considered along with those of four others for the honor. The committee who will decide the trophy winner is kept secret.

Other who will be considered are Lee Farmer of Lenoir Rhyne and Cecil Lowery of Brevard. Two other athletes will be announced in the next few days.

The five, selected from a field of better than 50 top flight athletes who participated in both major and minor sports during the year, and members of Valley Springs' state championship basketball team and the Class A state football champs from Andrews, will be honor guests at the MAAC athletic awards banquet January 10 at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

The records of the five finalist will be studied by a secret committee, a group free of any ties with the MAAC, high schools and news media and the winner will be entirely their decision.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate more than 200 at the dinner and tickets to the affair are to go on sale immediately. The entire affair is sanctioned by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce which is aiding with the awarding of the trophies.

Postell, the state's smallest prep fullback, led WNC in scoring this season with 152 points.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Postell, fleet Terry tallied in every game except a scoreless tie with Sylva as he led Andrews to the state championship and a 13-0-1 record.

In addition to beating the best Class A competition in the state, the Andrews team, a squad of perfectionists who made and capitalized on every break, drowned four AA teams and tied one.

In 10 games during the regular season Postell tallied 19 touchdowns and two extra points while picking up 1,136 yards in 149 carries. He returned six punts for 250 yards and one of these was for 85 yards and a touchdown. In addition he intercepted three passes and recovered four fumbles.

In the four playoff games he ran for scrimmage, 57 times and gained 591 yards, tallied seven touchdowns, recovered two fumbles and returned four punts for 147 yards.

Biggest booster of Postell is his coach, Frank Maennie, who said, "Terry was great because of a terrific amount of work which he displayed in both the 1958 and 1959 plays."

He was an aggressive, consistent blocker, well when not carrying the ball. He called his plays offensively and was used downensively as much as any back WNC had. He was a great punter, a kicker and pass-off when a backup to the opponent's interest.

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"I think he's still a real leg," well 110-115, and he's several colleges are interested in him. He's gained some pounds since the end of the season and should weigh about 190 by next fall. He's a good student and has his all into everything.

One of the things that both fans and press noted about the diminutive TERRY this past fall was his ability to do any job and do it well.

He had an excellent play and was able to run from the tackler as capably as any back in the state. One of his other assets was his ability to keep his feet when bottled up and to get out of the grasp of tacklers on the field.

Not surprisingly, he had an amazing ability to put his opinions and to take full advantage of his bookends.

A student of the game, Postell read any and everything he could find on football and says as many games as possible and in which this media sought to picture on own play.

Despite his being selected to the All-Snaky and All-WNC teams, the likable star never let football take up too much of his time. He is shown through the past that he is president of his senior class. In addition to that he is very active in the monogram club and the FFA.

Murphy Attorney Dies After Brief Illness

Mr. Frank Hughes, 80, of Murphy, died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday in a local hospital after a brief illness.

He had resided in Murphy for many years and was a long time attorney in the county.

He was survived by a wife, Mrs. Frank Hughes, and a daughter, Mrs. Ruthie Hughes, both of Murphy.

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Two Area Youths Charged With Setting Christmas Fire

Cherokee County spent a quite holiday, according to Claude Anderson, sheriff.

Mr. Anderson reported that only two major arrests were made over the holidays. These were two youths charged with arson.

The youths, Mr. Anderson said, have confessed to burning a barn and setting afire a house in the Shoal Creek section Christmas Eve night.

Charged with the crime are Billy Gene Taylor 20, and Lloyd J. Crowder, 21.

They have been bound over to superior court.

Sheriff Anderson said the pair admitted setting fire.

They said they were "drinking and got mad." This is the only reason Mr. Anderson said the two gave for starting the fire.

The blaze in the house was put out by persons passing the scene.

The barn burned to the ground, Mr. Anderson said.

Fire was started in the house when the youths lited logs on the porch, he said. They started the fire in the barn by lighting hay that was stored there.

Loss was estimated at \$1,000. The house and barn are the property of Mrs. Asberry Stiles who is now living in Andrews.

Sheriff Anderson said he was not certain what the sentence for arson "I've never tried a case like this one before. But, I imagine the penalty will be very stiff."

This, according to the sheriff, was the only violence reported in the county over the holidays.

side of the usual number of arrests for drunkenness there were no other arrests, he said.

The city police department reported there were no accidents in the city during the holidays.

Ruthie Hughes Honored At Birthday Party

Mrs. Frank Hughes honored her daughter, Miss Ruthie Hughes on her 15th birthday December 27 with a party.

Guest played games and refreshments were served. The house was decorated in Christmas fashion.

Guest were Brenda, Wanda and Jimmy Hatchett, Johnny, Electra, Debra, Harry, Barbara Ann and Mary Ann Hughes, Debra Anderson, Lorraine Martin, Bonita Lawless, L. B. Ledford, Ronnie Clayton and Joe Deavers.

Miss Schofield Named College Queen

Miss Patricia Schofield of Statesville, granddaughter of Mrs. S. D. Akin, was recently crowned Christmas Queen of Mitchell College.

Miss Schofield who is a sophomore at Mitchell, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schofield.

Her mother is the former Miss Martha Akin of Murphy.

George Floyd, 37, Dies In Murphy Hospital

George W. Floyd, 37, of Morristown, Tenn., died Friday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p.m. in a Murphy hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Faye Abbott Floyd, his mother, Mrs. Nora Floyd of Murphy Route 4; four brothers, Ernest and Custel of Hiwassee Dam, Paul of Lincolnton and Clyde of Jackson, S. C.; also two sisters, Mrs. Mitchell Stephenson of Blairsville, Ga., and Mrs. Edwin P. Walls of Hiwassee Dam.

Funeral services were conducted at Reid's Chapel at 2 p.m. Sunday by the Revs. Al Smith and Hal Finney. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Youth Night Held At Andrews Baptist Church

ANDREWS — Youth Night was observed at the Andrews First Baptist Church Sunday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m.

George Pullum, ministerial student at Wake Forest College brought the message "The Transfiguration."

Other students recognized were Pat Derberry, Duke School of Nursing; Jerry Pullum, N. C. State, and Lowell Jones, Young Harris, Ga.

Mrs. Harris To Host BWS Meeting

ANDREWS—Mrs. James Harris will be hostess to members of the BWC at her home Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. Miss Trilby Glenn will be associate hostess.

The program will be presented by Mrs. Mabel Rayburn, program chairman group 3. The meeting was rescheduled from Jan. 1.

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Likes Murphy

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