

The RAMBLER

Kids have the ability of telling when it is possible they will get in trouble with their elders. Mrs. Dixie Palmer found this to be true the other day. She heard a loud noise behind her home on Palmer Street and went out to investigate. There she found two young boys playing on some pipe that was to be used in a ditch near a house that was being erected. She also found two boys from the neighborhood who had knocked the pipe over and caused the noise. Mrs. Dixie told the young men that they might hurt themselves and damage the pipe as well by playing on it. "Who are you?" She asked. The boys did not answer. "Well," she asked, "what is your mother's name?" The boys looked at each other. "Don't tell her," the biggest boy said and then they ran home. The boys just made one error: They ran right home and Mrs. Dixie saw exactly where they lived.

You may dream about having the bank vault to yourself, but ask E. L. Shields, and you will find that it is not the most pleasant way to past the time of day. Mr. Shields was visiting his safe deposit box recently at the Citizens Bank and Trust Company when he swung the door behind him too hard and it locked. After much shouting and pounding, someone came along and opened the door for Mr. Shields. While the incident was not altogether humorous for Mr. Shields, S. S. Williams thought it was most amusing. "I've waited and waited for this to happen," Mr. Williams said, "and now, it has."

The chaperones of the Murphy High School seniors on their recent trip to Washington and New York say that Murphy parents really have a right to be proud of their children. Holland McSwain, superintendent and one of the chaperones, said the young people were very well behaved and conducted themselves in a fashion to make their parents more than proud.

Miss Hattie Palmer of Valley River Avenue had a rather rude shock early one morning recently. She, very sleepily, went into the bathroom to get ready to go to work. It was one of those cold mornings with a rain falling, but Miss Palmer was not worried about the rain. She had recently had the roof on her house repaired. Then, all of a sudden, there was a cold blast and wet water was all over her. The carpenter had not fixed the roof completely. A glass shade on a light fixture had filled with rain and suddenly dumped its cold, content all over Miss Palmer.

Student Slices Wrist; Threatens Jump Into River

A 15-year-old eighth grader at Murphy Elementary School apparently cut her own wrist.

A few minutes before, the girl had threatened to throw herself into the Valley River, according to John Jordan, principal.

Mr. Jordan said he was taking the girl to her home when the affair started. He said he had talked to the girl in his office about complaints of persons living near the school who identified her as picking flowers from their yards.

He started to drive the girl to her home when she jumped out of his car and ran toward the river threatening to jump in. When the girl sat down, he returned to his office, Mr. Jordan said.

A few minutes later, the girl returned to his office with her arm bleeding. She was treated at a Murphy hospital.

The girl was later taken to her home. On the way, she dropped asleep. Mr. Jordan said, apparently from exhaustion.

Mayor Issues Proclamation Naming Bootstrap Days

Mayor L. L. Mason has issued a proclamation naming May 1st and 2nd as Operation Bootstrap Days in Murphy.

The purpose of Bootstrap Days is to publicize the potential for industrial development in Western North Carolina.

Following is the proclamation issued by Mr. Mason.

WHEREAS, the health, social and spiritual welfare and economic security of all the people now residing in the mountain region of Western North Carolina depends upon the full and permanent employment of its work force and

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WHEREAS, the beautiful scenery of the mountain region, the cool climate, the abundant rainfall and pure water supply, the good transportation and communication facilities and the natural ability of the people, have made the mountain region an ideal place in which to enjoy life to the greatest degree, to work at the highest rate of productivity known, and enjoy the enchantment of God's natural creations for recreation and worship, the region is, therefore, ideally

suited to the needs of many manufacturing operations and

WHEREAS, during the past several years, industrial job opportunities for all our people have been so few that the majority of our young men and women entering the labor force have found it necessary to leave this environment to seek employment in other localities and

WHEREAS, the business of attracting industries to the mountain region is highly competitive and expensive, and requires complete unity of thought and action on the part of all our people and

WHEREAS, the people, native to the mountains of Western North Carolina, have developed an uncanny ability to work together for the solution of our common problems, which will not be solved for us by outside sources.

NOW THEREFORE, I, L. L. Mason, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, do hereby designate May 1st and 2nd as OPERATION BOOTSTRAP DAYS, sponsored by the Western North Carolina Industrial Development Corporation, whose purpose it is to publicize to all the world the industrial paradise being developed in Western North Carolina and call upon all the citizens of Murphy to take an active part in this constructive program in order to insure its success.

Signed at Murphy, North Carolina, this 17th day of April, 1959.

L. L. MASON
Mayor Town of Murphy

Small Business Men In Money Troubles Now Threatened By Confidence Men

Smooth talking confidence men have started a racket to fleece small businessmen who have been unsuccessful in borrowing money from their banks.

Believing that the con man can get them a loan, businessmen agree to pay him a large fee for his services. By the time victims realize the deal is phony, the swindler has pocketed their money and left town.

Investigators have not determined how much the new racket has netted swindlers. But a Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee sleuth believes that it has the potential for becoming a multi-million-dollar-a-year fraud. Subcommittee member Kad Mundt (R-S.D.) is expected to hold hearings on the problem shortly. It is estimated that 25 companies are involved in the scheme.

Also anxious to stamp out the new racket are officials of the Federal Trade Commission who have the job of policing interstate business operations. FCT Executive Director Harry A. Babcock says: "We started moving against this scheme as soon as its outlines became apparent. Meanwhile, by exposing what the scheme is, we believe we can help businessmen from being victimized."

This is how the con game works. Swindlers canvass a town and locate persons who are having trouble borrowing money to keep their tin and announce they have businesses running. They pick a victima with important lending agencies that would be more than willing to make a loan.

These agencies are so interested in the welfare of small businessmen, the swindlers say, that they would loan the victim double what he wants.

Murphy Soldier Receives Rank Promotion

Howard H. Garrett, whose wife, Thelma, lives in Brasstown, recently was promoted to specialist four in Darmstadt, Germany, where he is a member of the 7th Evacuation Hospital staff.

Specialist Garrett, a cook at the hospital, entered the Army in 1951 and arrived in Europe in August 1956.

The 27-year old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wess Garrett, Murphy, attended Murphy High School and was employed as an electrician by the Murphy Electric Shop before entering the Army.

The swindler explains that for a small fee he will contact the loan company and arrange the deal. Usually any of the victim's doubts are erased when the con man promises to return the fee if the loan doesn't come through.

Fees vary according to the amount that the victim wants to borrow. One outfit gets \$150 to arrange a \$7,500 loan. To set up a loan ranging from \$7,500 to \$15,000 calls for a \$300 fee. The salesman gets a 30 per cent cut.

Usually the salesman's promises so disarm the victim that he readily signs a contract without glancing at the small print. A close look would show him that what he is really buying is only the con man's promise to recommend him for a loan.

Society Plans Election Meet

The Spring meeting of the Cherokee County Historical Society will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building. Officers for the coming term will be elected.

Civil Air Patrol Will Sponsor Barbecue Sale

The Andrews-Murphy Civil Air Patrol will sponsor a barbecue at Andrews Saturday.

Barbecue plates will be served all day, beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets are on sale by all members of the Civil Air Patrol.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to finance the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer group which is affiliated with the Air Force.

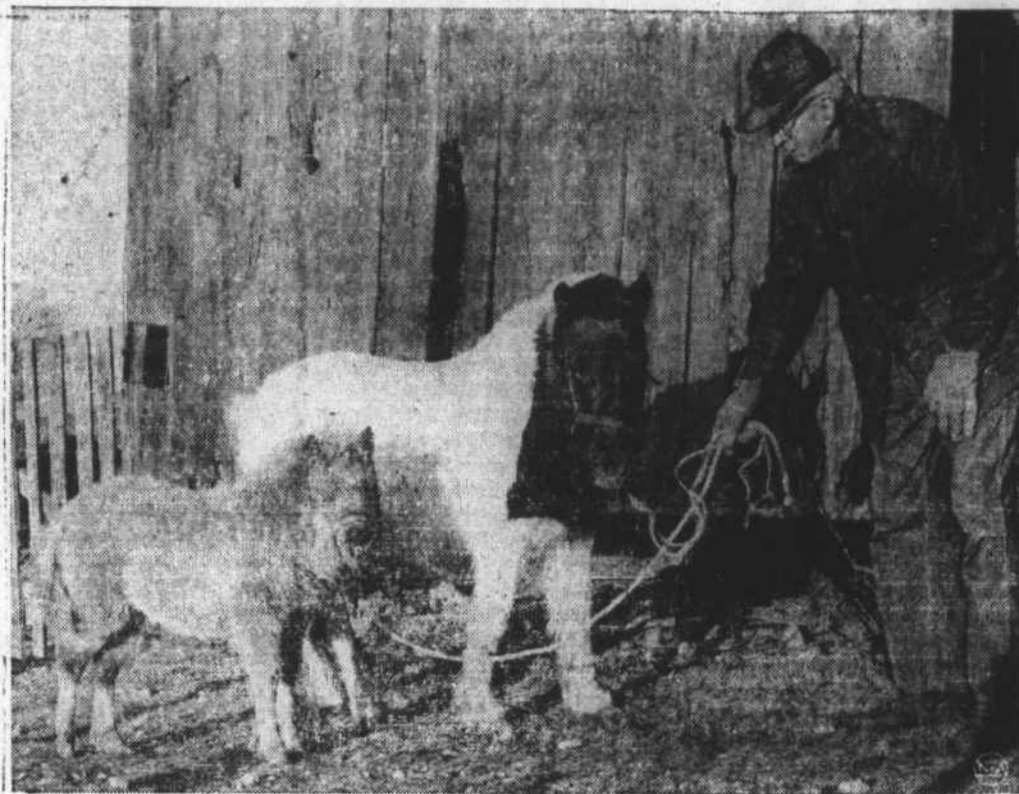
Dr. J. W. Sells To Be Guest Minister

Dr. J. W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, will be guest minister at First Methodist Church Sunday.

Dr. Sells is widely known throughout the Methodist Church and is responsible for the connectional program of the church in eight South-eastern states.

He has taken an active part in the development of Hinton Memorial Center at Hayesville.

Giant Boy—Cub Scout Rally Planned For Murphy May 5



THE LITTEST PONY -

William Hine keeps a rope tether on two ponies—mother and daughter—in White Water, Ohio. But for the little one, it might as well be a dog leash. Baby weighed in at 16 pounds the day she was born, and was 16 inches high. Now, a couple of months later, she's fatter, sort of broadened out, and higher. But even as a grownup, Farmer Hine predicts, she'll be one of the smallest ever.

MURPHY STUDENT AMONG 26 IN BOOTH SPRING EDITION

James Elrod, a 1958 graduate of Murphy High School, can now lay a claim to fame.

He was one of the 26 men crammed into a telephone booth on the Mercer College campus.

The students first tried to stuff themselves into a booth on a downtown Macon, Ga., street. Police and telephone company officials did

not take kindly to the attempt and broke it up.

Retreating to the college campus, the students hauled a booth out of a dormitory. Five attempts were made before the goal was reached.

The 26 students beat the mark of 23 Georgia Tech students stuffed into a booth and 24 of the University of Georgia.

Trailer Necessary

(ED. NOTE: Mr. L. D. Clare's column has been turned over to Hazel Rouness and Weeks. Mr. Clare's letter will be back in the next issue of the Scout.)

THE EDITOR
THE CHEROKEE SCOUT,
MURPHY, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have read the very interesting letter from Mr. Clare to you in regard to "Operation Bootstrap".

I agree with Mr. Clare that we must not only show to interested manufacturers all over the United States the type of products that are being manufactured so very, very well in Western North Carolina, but that we must stress to these people also the wonderful labor which we have here.

In business today, the most important thing is not the water or the electricity or the building, but the people working in a company who alone can make a success of a business. That is why the Directors of Operation Bootstrap have planned to show in the trailer also a film of the people of Western North Carolina; how they look and how they smile, and not only show a film but also show charts how very few man hours have been lost in Western North Carolina in the last twenty years on account of strikes.

We would also show in the trailer by charts the great ability of our people here, not only how well they make a product but also that their speed is as good, if not better than of any worker anywhere else in these United States.

The Directors of Operation Bootstrap were led to the decision of the traveling exhibit by keeping in mind the old saying that "one picture is worth a thousand words." In this traveling exhibit we can show with pictures, with charts and with products that Western North Carolina is a wonderful place for a clean, good honest company to locate another factory. This exhibit, we hope, will be seen by the real bosses of the industrial companies all over the United States. Many of these men are not youngsters and many of them worry about their heart and worry about the heart condition of their executives. You can tell these people in a letter or when you go to see them that North Carolina is amongst the lowest in the Union in death rate due to heart diseases, but to show that on a chart in the trailer truck it will have a much, much deeper impression.

I believe that Western North Carolina has things to offer that very few other parts of the United States can match. Above all, people — and next, climate and the friendly spirits.

Please, let's try it with the trailer truck exhibit, for it's different from what is being tried by 7,000 other organizations in the United States who all try to attract industry by sending "salesmen" or by writing letters or by publishing brochures.

If we would not have anything better to offer than the rest of the country, I would say let's try it the same way as all the rest, but we have a story like nobody else!

Sincerely,
Heinz Rollman, President
W. N. C. I. D. C.

This is the Scouts annual Spring edition.

It is filled with many interesting items concerning the home and the yard, plus the usual local new coverage.

Also, this edition will be distributed to more than 1,500 families who are not now subscribing to the Scout.

The regular edition will be mailed to subscribers and the others will be marked samples and distributed throughout this area.

The Scout is pleased to publish any story that is considered newsworthy. If you wish to have an article published, please mail or bring it to the Cherokee Scout.

LAST CHAT SET

The last Fireside Chat of the season will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at the John C. Campbell Folk School.

Marguerite Bidstrup will show slides from Mexico and give a talk on the Bidstrup's recent tour of Mexico.

TVA Lists \$82 Million Invested In Lake Recreation Facilities

More than \$82 million now is invested in recreation facilities and equipment on TVA lakes and lake frontage property, TVA reported recently.

This investment—\$82.3 million—represents a 14 per cent increase over the \$72 million investment of a year ago.

Water-based facilities—boats, bathhouses, houseboats—account for \$24.8 million of this total; the remaining \$57.5 million is in land-based facilities and improvements such as private cottages, overnight rental accommodations, group camps, restaurants, harbormaster buildings, concession buildings, and grounds improvements.

Boats kept on TVA lakes now total 45,319, valued at \$18.9 million. Of these, 2,300 are inboard motorboats with a value of \$11.5 million. All other type recreation boats, many of which are used with outboard motors, number 42,959, and are valued at \$7.4 million. Not included in any of these figures are the hundreds of boats which are hauled to the lakes, on trailers, each

Officials Estimate 200-300 Boys Here For Charter Presentation Program

Boy and Cub Scouts from Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties will meet in Murphy May 5 for a giant charter presentation program. Some 200-300 Boy and Cub Scouts are expected to attend the function.

Local Soldier Completes Supply Course

Army Pvt. Charles E. Caroway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Caroway, Murphy Route 2, recently completed the ten-week supply course at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

He was trained to keep records pertaining to the receipt, storage issuance, shipment, classification and salvage of engineer material.

Caroway entered the Army in November 1958 and received basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

The 19-year-old soldier is a 1957 graduate of Murphy High School. Before entering the Army, he was employed by Hitchcock Corporation, Atlanta, Ga.

School Children To Publicize "Bootstrap"

Friday, Western North Carolina's school children will carry into their homes the story of "Operation Bootstrap", the 12-county project seeking to publicize the area for industry and tourists.

Each child in the cooperating counties will be handed an "Operation Bootstrap" booklet on leaving school. The child's instructions are simple: Ask Mom and Dad to read it, for it explains in detail the objectives of the program.

The main purpose of the project is to publicize the mountain area as an "industrial paradise", with the ultimate objective of locating new industries over the area. The corporation proposed to raise \$100,000 on "Operation Bootstrap Days" May 1-2 to finance a traveling trailer exhibit that will show interested industrialists what Western North Carolina has to offer.

Each person in Western North Carolina is asked to contribute 33 cents toward achieving this goal.

Scout District Chairman Holland McSwain said that approximately 50 per cent of the boys from this area are now in Scouting organizations. The usual number for a county, he said, is 13 per cent.

The boys will gather at the fair grounds at 2 p.m. for games.

At 6:30 p.m., the boys will march to the courthouse for the charter presentation. In the past, Mr. McSwain said, charters were presented to the individual units.

There are 12 new units in Cherokee County.

Mr. McSwain commended Joe Ray for his work in Scout organization.

"Mr. Ray has done an excellent job in taking Scouting to various communities over the county," Mr. McSwain said.

At present, he has not been decided who will award the charters to the groups.

It is hoped, Mr. McSwain said, that the Scout Executive for the Daniel Boone Council, Joe Edwards will attend the meeting. Mr. Edwards has his office in Asheville.

None of the boys will remain in Murphy overnight, but will return to their homes, Mr. McSwain said.

WMU Meeting Set For Andrews First Baptist

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held Friday at First Baptist Church in Andrews, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with Mrs. G. E. Scroggins presiding.

The theme for the program is "You—Witness—Now". Miss Beverly Neilson, State Sunbeam Band Director, will speak on "Christian Witnessing", during the afternoon session. Mrs. Wayne Slaton, Regional President, will speak on the Jubilee Advance.

During the evening session a playlet, "You—A Missionary", will be presented by ladies from Murphy First Baptist Church. The closing message will be brought by Miss Anna Frances Todd, missionary to Colombia, South America.

Holiness Revival Planned By Free Methodist

The Free Methodist Church of Murphy is planning a Holiness Revival Crusade for April 24 through May 23.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will be lay-evangelist Vaughn Wiggins, president of Wiggins Oil Drilling Company of Kansas and lay-evangelist Cecil Elliott, car dealer from Kansas.

The public is invited to attend the meetings.

REMODELING

Nichols Department Store in Andrews is remodeling its store front. The remodeling will result in almost twice as much frontage.

The department store is also opening a completely remodeled Women's department that has been separated from the men's department of the store.