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## The RAMBLER

Some people will go to all ends to cheat. The cheating is the important thing, not the reward. This was proved the other day on the lake. Arnold Dalremp stopped and inspected two fishermen's license and kept going. A little later, the two caught several fish just under "keeping size. Realizing that Arnold might be back at any moment, the fisherman tied a large rock to the fish by a string. Shortly, they saw Arnold returning. The fishermen tossed the fish with the rock over board and waited for it to sink. The rock went down, but the fish did not. The boat was in too shallow water.

Fortunately for the fishermen, Arnold passed on by. Rather than take the fish out by the dock, the pair went into a cove and tied the fish. They returned later by car and got them.

Dr. George Size is not usually a violent man, but when someone tries to low-rate the efforts of a the Wagon Train Committee last year, he manages to get upset.

Recently, he came into the Scout office, transistor radio blaring, pounded on the desk and demanded that the truth be told about last year's effort at the Wagon Train.

There were over 300 horses and 75 wagons, he says. This, Dr. Size claims, is much closer to the correct figures than what has been reported. "I just want the truth to be known," he should as he stomped red-faced from the Scout office.

Whoever wrote the squib for the Ladies Home Journal on page 101 of the May issue certainly knew what he was talking about. At one time, he must have been the editor of a small weekly newspaper. He said "A small town is where everybody knows what everybody else is doing, and they all buy the weekly newspaper to see how much the editor dares to print."

## Barbara Clay Wins Speech Contest

Barbara Clay was the first prize winner of the recitation contest sponsored by the Business and Professional Woman's Club and held on Thursday, May 7, at the Murphy High School.

Miss Clay, a high school junior, won the contest with a recitation of the poem, "Rags", by Edmund Vance Cooke.

Second and third place winners were Jane Van Horn and Grace Townson. Others participating were Joyce Waldrop, Joanne Radford, Shirley Raper, and Barbara Jones.

Judges were Mrs. G. S. Almond, the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, and the Rev. J. Edwin Carter all of Andrews.

Contestants were coached by members of the B&PW Club. Mrs. C. L. Alverson was chairman of the contest, the first of its kind to be held at the high school. For the past several years various civic clubs have sponsored a declamation contest for high school boys. This event will be held this year on Thursday, May 14.

On Saturday evening the B&PW will hold its first birthday party and at that time Miss Clay will be an honor guest. At the end of school medals will be awarded the first and second place winners of the recitation contest.

## PRESBYTERIANS TO OBSERVE COMMUNION

Pentecost Communion will be observed at Murphy Presbyterian Church at morning worship Sunday. The communion meditation theme of Robert A. Potter, minister, is: "Symbol and Spirit."

After service the communion will be taken to fill and shut-in members so desiring.

The Presbyterians will unite with the First Methodist church for evening service at 7 p.m. to hear the Tennessee Wesleyan Choir.

## TENNESSEE WESLEYAN CHOR TO Present Concert

## Tennessee Wesleyan Choir To Give Concert

The Tennessee Wesleyan College Choir of Athens, Tennessee, under the direction of Professor Jack Houts, is scheduled to appear in sacred concert at Murphy Methodist Church on May 17, 8:00 p. m. Sunday morning, May 17, in Andrews Methodist Church and at Murphy High on Monday morning.

Performances of the Choir include sacred concerts presented to Methodist and other congregation throughout the Southeast and programs given before public schools, radio, and television audiences.

Each spring for the past ten years the Tennessee Wesleyan Choir has presented a popular Broadway musical. These "Spring Shows" have included such popular shows as "Oklahoma," "The Vagabond King," and "The Three Musketeers."

In keeping with the centennial program of the college in 1957, a musical drama based upon an Indian legend connected with the college since its beginning, was produced. This drama, "The Legend of Nocatula, was written especially for this occasion by members of the Tennessee Wesleyan College drama and music departments.

This spring, by popular demand, the Choir will again present "The Red Mill" which was performed ten years ago and was extremely successful.

According to its members and supporters, this organization could never have been so successful without the able leadership of the director, Jack Houts. Mr. Houts, in his twelfth year at Tennessee Wesleyan has had experience with radio, television, the Chattanooga Opera Association, The Chattanooga Symphony, and the North Carolina Opera Association.

He received his B. A. degree at George Peabody College and his M. M. degree at the University of Chattanooga.

The Choir, a leading organization on the Tennessee Wesleyan campus, directs its efforts toward the all-around betterment of the college as well as the musical aspect. Members are chosen by competitive audition, and must maintain certain standards to participate.

Some of the sacred numbers of the Tennessee Wesleyan Choir are sung a capella; others with the piano accompaniment of Mrs. Catherine Wentworth. This year's concert is composed of various types of sacred numbers, including "He Watching Over Israel" from the Elijah by Mendelssohn; "Go Tell on the Mountain" by John W. Work; "Onward, Ye Peoples" by Jean Sibelius; "The Story of the Twelve, a spiritual arranged by Tom Scott; "The Prayer of St. Francis; and the Well-known "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arranged by Steffe-Howe.

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# Investigation Of Marble Girl's Death Re-Opened By Sheriff

## 400 Persons Jam County Courtroom For Boy Scout Charter Presentations

Four hundred people, including 250 boys and 150 parents jammed into the Cherokee County Courtroom Saturday night.

The giant gathering was in honor of six new Cub Packs and six new Boy Scout Troops.

The new packs and troops were from Peachtree, Ranger, Hiwassee Dam, Martin's Creek, White Church, and Marble.

Unit Charters were presented to the Parent Teachers Association in each community, and pocket cards indicating membership in the Boy Scouts of America were presented to each boy and each adult.

Scout Executive Joe Edwards from Asheville was the principal speaker. He was introduced by

Holland McSwain, Chairman of the Nantahala District.

Robert McKeever was Master of Ceremonies. Boy Scout Troop 402 of Murphy advanced the Colors and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed Reynolds led the singing of America, and the Rev. Keenum Hiwassee Dam gave the invocation.

Joe E. Kay, Organization and Extension Chairman for the Nantahala District, presented the Charters to each unit. The Rev. Tom Houts of Murphy made presentation of Leadership Training Certificates, stating that in the past months more than 55 adults had been trained to lead boys. Scoutmaster A. L. Gillespie, Jr. of Murphy, gave the benediction.

## David M. Hall's Secretary To Visit Murphy

Mrs. Edith P. Alley, secretary to David M. Hall, 12th district congressman, will make a regularly scheduled visit to Murphy Monday.

She will have an office at the court house from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. to discuss any Congressional matters the public may wish to bring up.

Mrs. Alley urges all interested citizens to visit her on this day.

## Visitors Helping With "Bootstrap"

Visitors passing through Western North Carolina, as well as Western North Carolinians, are cooperating with "Operation Bootstrap".

At road blocks manned all over the area, many vehicles, loaded with people just passing through, have contributed generously to the project and have commented on the unselfishness of the program which seeks to raise \$100,000 to help publicize Western North Carolina as an industrial paradise.

Volunteers are still needed, and roadblocks will be worked in many sections of the region this weekend to raise additional funds.

No tin cans have yet been opened and an effort is being made to try to fill all those cans that do not seem to be full.

At the roadblocks in Clyde (Haywood County) last Saturday, where six volunteer collectors asked \$3 cents from each person, a total of \$ 179.78 was collected in just a little more than two hours. Other roadblocks have been equally successful.

At 6 p. m. Approximately 200 are expected to attend.

Associations expected to attend includes West Liberty Association Western North Carolina, Cheoah Tennessee River, Tuckeseiga and Macon County.

Carl Corbin is Regional Director. The Rev. T. C. Christmas will give the Main address.

The program will open with conferences for all ages. Special features will include Sword Drills, Scripture, tournament, speaker's tournaments, Junior Memory Work.

Main speaker for the evening program will be officials of the State Training Union.

## Possibility Carmelita Moss' Body May Be Exhumed For An Autopsy

An investigation into the death of Carmelita Moss, 16, of Marble has been re-opened, Sheriff Claude Anderson said Wednesday.

Miss Moss' death had been termed a suicide.

Her step-father is being held at county jail on another charge, Sheriff Anderson said.

The investigation into Miss Moss death was re-opened, Mr. Anderson said, when a resident of Marble called the District Solicitor, Glenn Brown of Waynesville into the case.

The girl reportedly died in about five minutes about drinking silver polish about 11 p.m. May 3.

At the time, the family said there was no apparent reason for the girl's action.

When her death was termed a suicide, Mr. Anderson said, there was a great deal of talk among the residents of the community, but there was no reason for further investigation.

A telegram was sent to the company who was thought to have manufactured the polish, Sheriff Anderson said. The answer from the company was not satisfactory, he said. The company answered that they were not aware of the contents of the polish, Mr. Anderson said. The company is now making rug cleaner, Mr. Anderson said.

A sample of the polish has been sent to Raleigh by SBI agent M. G. Crawford for an analysis. If the polish is not deadly, Mr. Anderson said, there is a possibility that the girl's body will be exhumed for an autopsy.

Early Wednesday, here had been no answer from Raleigh concerning the polish.



Andrews town officials elected in the May 5th election are pictured as they take the oath of office. Shown are (left to right) Mrs. Zera Bell Bryson Zeb Conley Jr., Galusha Pulliam, Percy E. Ferebee, mayor, A. B. Chandler Sr., and Luther Truett.

## Andrews Woman Attends Awards Luncheon

ANDREWS—Mrs. John M. Whisenhunt, artist of Sunny Corners, Whisenhunt Hill, Andrews left last week for New York City to attend the Silver Jubilee Awards Luncheon, honoring the American Mother of 1959. Mrs. Samuel Barron Jr. of Boston, Mass. which was held Friday May 8 at the Starlight Roof, Waldorf-Astoria.

Mrs. Whisenhunt was the guest of Mrs. R. H. Lathrop, who was chosen Mother of the Year for the State of Wyoming. In the audience were mothers from every state, chosen state mothers of 1959. (Mrs. David Hall, mother of Congressman Hall of Cullowhee was chosen mother of 1959 for the state of North Carolina).

## Sheriff Finds Still Near Andrews

Sheriff Claude Anderson reported a still near Andrews was destroyed Sunday.

The still, an 18-gallon copper outfit, was located on a hill. There was no mash at the site and no one was arrested, Mr. Anderson said.

## Womans Club Collects Cancer Funds

The Murphy's Womans Club solicited funds for the Cancer Society in Murphy last Friday.

A spokesman for the club said the funds were needed because there is more and more cancer occurring in this area.

There was no report on how much money was collected.

## REGISTRATION SET

Registration for boys between 9 and 12 and 13 and 15 who wish to play bill with the Little League will be held Saturday at the ball park from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Murphy Little League Association announced that it will be necessary for one parent to accompany any boy wanting to play. The parent will have to sign a statement permitting the youth to take part.

Mr. Bayless explained that in addition to the grand prize, which will go to some user of electricity in the Tennessee Valley, each participating power distributor will give a \$200 room air conditioner free to one of its consumers.

"We're in this program," Mr. Bayless said. Each of our consumers is eligible to win the grand prize and a room air conditioner.

To get a chance on the prizes, Mr. Bayless said the consumer need only visit an air conditioning dealer, fill out an official entry blank and mail or take it to the electric Power Board office.

## Big Job

Dear Mr. Editor:

The South lately has got its share of bad publicity and North Carolina was right in the spot light.

Seems to me that one of the biggest jobs "Operation Bootstrap" will have to do is prove to anybody considering building a plant here that everybody ain't always running around striking and lynching people.

This strike at Henderson ain't helped matters a bit. It must of give North Carolina a bad name all over the country. It'll take a plant owner a long time to make up his mind to move to Western North Carolina if he thinks there is a chance he will be mixed up in such a strike.

Henderson and Murphy may be as far apart as two towns can be and still be in the same state, but they are in North Carolina and a feller in New Jersey is going to consider this a whole lot when he is thinking about moving a plant to this neck of the woods.

The lynching in Mississippi didn't help none. Looks like people should be able to learn that there are courts for such as that

I ain't saying that labor is right or management is right, that we should integrate or not integrate. But, I do think that everybody should stop and think before they start burning, shooting and lynching.

It sure would be nice if "Operation Bootstrap" could prove to a few persons throughout the country that the South and North Carolina ain't populated by a bunch of people who enjoy wrecking homes, burning cars and lynching people.

Sincerely,  
I. B. CLARE

## Swimming Pool To Open Memorial Day

H. L. McKeever, chairman of the Murphy Summer Recreation Board and chairman of the Murphy Swimming Pool project, announced today that the Swimming Pool and Recreation Park would be open Saturday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Funds for the operation of these programs are in the process of being raised, said Mr. McKeever. The Swimming Pool, he pointed out, operates at an annual deficit, and nearly \$1,700.00 is still due on the construction cost of the Pool, which was approximately \$2,000.00.

The Program is under the direction of the Murphy Summer Recreation Program, who is also in charge of the Pool. Working with Mr. Jordan will be Mr. Chuck McConnell, Mr. John Thompson, and several others.

A record turn-out for opening day is expected, since opening day is not only a Saturday, but also a National Holiday.

## Training Union Convention Set For Friday

—ANDREWS—The Regional Training Union Convention which comprises three counties will meet in the First Baptist Church Friday May 15 at 2:45 p.m. and conclude at 9 p. m. with supper being served

## They Save Lives By Using The Telephone

There is a tiny Oasis in the heart of London where no policeman sets foot without an invitation, no matter how desperate the criminal he is pursuing.

It is a bomb-damaged 280-year-old church, St. Stephen's, located not far from the London Stock Exchange.

Men with suicide or even murder in their hearts come there freely, knowing that they will not be turned over to the police. (Attempted suicide is a criminal offense in England.)

Inside the ancient vestry a band of volunteer workers keeps a 24-hour vigil "to help those tempted by suicide or despair."

The Samaritans, they are called, and in the past five years they have saved the lives of 400 would-be suicides and prevented a number of murders.

"Mansion House 999," the telephone number of The Samaritans is as familiar to most Londoners as their Social Security number. The Samaritans receive an average

age of 100 telephone calls a day from men and women who dial "MAN 999" as a lifeline to help.

A telephone call may mean a race across the sleeping city to stop a man from jumping into the Thames. Or it may send a volunteer worker speeding to a sleazy boarding-house where a woman has turned on the gas.

"We are fire-spotters," the Rev. Chad Varah, the 47-year-old Church of England clergyman who founded The Samaritans, explained to me. "We watch for the conflagrations that break out in the human lives."

In the crowded vestry, Varah, a tall, thin, hawk-nosed man, reads excerpts from the files of his "clients." He is careful to give no names.

It is then that the man who is on the run from police dials "MAN 999" to announce that he is going to throw himself under a train, but refuses to say where.

While one Samaritan keeps the desperate man talking on one telephone, a co-worker frantically trac-

es the call.

"Usually," the Rev. Varah claims, "we find the would-be suicide wandering not far from the telephone box, where he has made his call, and we can tell by the hopeless expression on his face that he is our man."

Not all "MAN 999" calls have the same tragic urgency. A distraught husband will phone to report that his wife has been missing for 10 days. He then threatens to chop her into 47 pieces (They usually specify the number of pieces," says Varah) and to burn down the trailer where they have been living, if he ever gets his hands on her again.

A little stern advice calms the husband down, and he agrees to drop by the vestry the following morning.

And then there is Mrs. X aged 85, she calls regularly in the middle of the night to complain that she is lonely, that nobody loves her. A Samaritan talks soothingly, suggests that she make a cup of tea before going back to bed. All

Mrs. X wants is a bit of cheering-up operating on a budget of \$24,000 a year. The Samaritans have helped 1,740 people through emotional crises in the past five years.

But not all of their cases have been successful. Four of the 400 serious suicide risks who have come to The Samaritans have made good their threats.

Suppose you were convinced that, despite all you could say or do, a man would kill himself when he walked out of your office—would be out of business tomorrow. Our clients would no longer have confidence in us.

"The one thing that all of our clients have in common," the Rev. Varah went on, is "loneliness. London is the loneliest city in the world."

"I am convinced that the majority of those in despair are here in need of love and friendship, that of a psychiatrist.

"Not that I am disparaging the work of the psychiatrists, but we have found that 'loneliness' is the most potent weapon in our arsenal."