



## Tax Reduction Voted For Town of Murphy

### May Designated Clean Up Month

A nine cent per \$100 property tax reduction was voted for residents of the Town of Murphy by the Town Board at their last regular meeting, C. E. Johnson, town clerk announced today.

The Board meeting at the Power Building voted unanimously to reduce the Murphy property tax rate from the current \$1.76 to a new low of \$1.67 for the fiscal year 1961.

This makes the second property tax reduction for Murphy residents in the last three years. In 1958, the rate was \$1.80. The rate was reduced for the fiscal years 1959 and 1960 to \$1.76.

The new \$1.67 rate is one cent lower than the property assessment for Cherokee County which stands at \$1.68.

C. E. Johnson said certain economy measures would have to be effected for the town to live within this new rate. Some measures have already gone into effect. Others will be announced later.

In other business, the board authorized Mayor L. L. Mason to make an official request to TVA for use of the McCall Bottom as a baseball diamond. May has been declared clean month for Murphy. The board urges all residents to clean up their yards and buildings.

The town garbage and trash truck will be on call during this month only for trash pick-up other than the regular visits to homes and businesses. The number to call at the City Hall for a special trash pickup is VE 7-2510. Remember, May is the only month the trash truck will be available for special pickups.

#### 5th Grade Class Tours Atlanta

Miss Emily Sword's 5th grade class left Murphy on Thursday, April 20, at 6:15 a.m. on a chartered bus for Atlanta. They toured the capitol building, then went by bus to Stone Mountain, and spent the afternoon at Grant's Park and visiting the Cyclorama.

#### Chamber Meets

ANDREWS - The newly organized Chamber of Commerce held their first dinner meeting Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.



#### NC Legion Auxiliary President Here

Mrs. John Bayless, Murphy unit Vice-President, left, and Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, State President, right, are shown at the 20th District meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary which was held Saturday, April 22 at the Murphy Power Board Building.



### Five Generations

Mrs. Lillie Palmer Kephart of Route 3, Murphy, shown left above, has one of the largest families, if not the largest family, of any person in Cherokee County. Mrs. Kephart, born December 9, 1874, married Andy Kephart September 16, 1894 and they had nine children. These nine children have had a total of 55 children, as follows: Wiley Kephart, 2 children; Nancy Marcus, 9 children; Edna Sneed, 9 children; Lena Marcus, 13 children; Tom Kephart, 7 children; Hazel James, 1 child; Leora Dockery, 5 children; Columbus Kephart, nine children;

and Jacob Kephart, deceased, making a total of 55 grandchildren.

These 55 grandchildren have given Mrs. Kephart 89 great grandchildren. They in turn have given her 20 great great grandchildren bringing the grand total to 118.

Mrs. Kephart is shown above with five generations of her family at a recent reunion. Clyde Sneed, who gave the Scout the photo, was unable to identify all those pictured. It seems this family has a hard time remembering names. Wonder why!



### Where Is This?

Name the street that the buildings shown above face and you will receive a year's subscription to THE CHEROKEE SCOUT free. The first letter or postcard received with the earliest postmark wins. No phone calls please. Last week's winner in the SCOUTS' mystery picture contest was Mrs. W. E. Howell of the Adela Apartments, Murphy. Mrs. Howell correctly identified last week's picture as the old Baptist School, a home (old Nelson home) and a hospital (Petrie Hospital and now the Providence Hospital) located on Peachtree Street. Runner-ups were H. E. Dickey and Mrs. Bertha Roberts, both of Murphy.

### Intruder Takes Pot Shot At County Man

SBI Agent M. G. Crawford was called to the home of Paul Lance on the Blairsville Highway around 8:45 p. m. Saturday night to investigate a shooting incident.

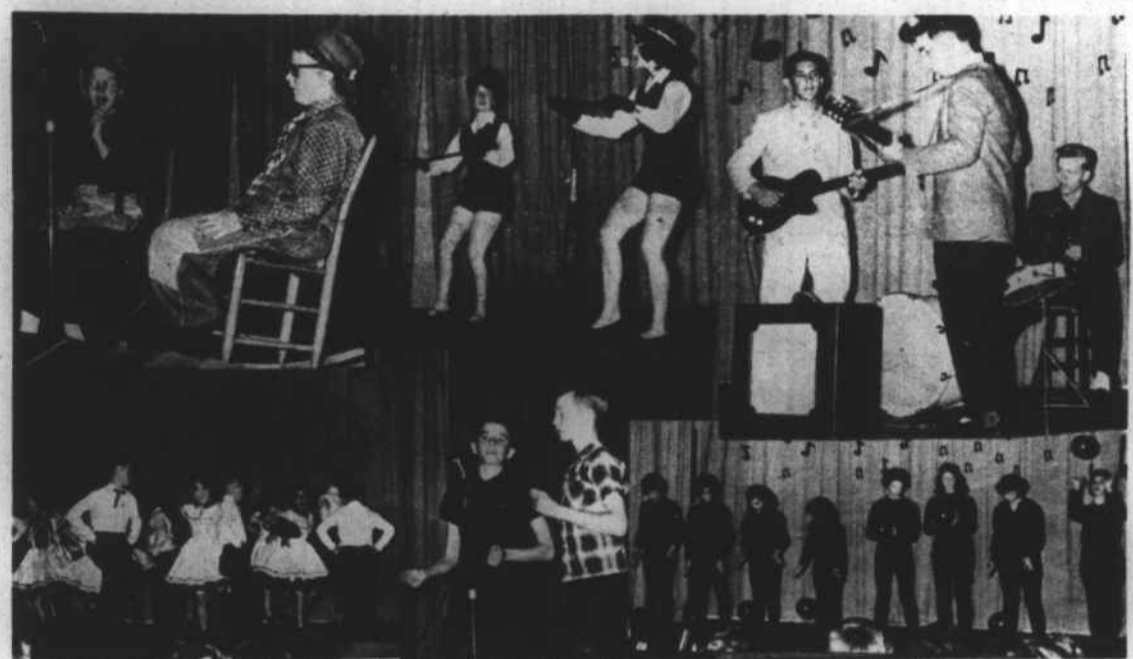
Lance told law officers that he heard someone come to the door and knock. He went around to the back thinking it was somebody stealing gas. He didn't see anything so he returned to bed.

The person came again to the door and this time knocked the door in. As Lance jumped to his feet, the unidentified person pulled a pistol and fired a shot at Lance. The shot went wild, the bullet going over Lance's head and lodging in the bathroom wall.

Sheriff Claude Anderson reported the gun was thought to be a .38 caliber pistol.

### Burch In Atlanta

Dr. Doyle C. Burch of Andrews Road, Murphy, N. C., was in Atlanta this past week end attending the Regional Convention of the National Chiropractic Association with the Georgia Association as host.



### Scenes From Andrews Talent Show

Pictured above are scenes from Andrews Talent Show held in High School auditorium last Friday night.

Winners were Karen Kilpatrick, age 7, singing Topsy Doll, Square Dance team, ages 7 and 8.

Contestants, ages 9 - 12 winners: Janice Absher, age 12, dancing the Charleston, Howard McMahan and Lynn Mashburn, age 11, singing "Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again", Square

Dance team (Mrs. Fords group) ages 9 and 10 and Mrs. Reichmans Ballet (entire group).

Teenagers: Edwin Barlowe, singing "One Alone" and String Band - Bert Hughes, Roy Davis, Richard Hampton, and Robin Mashburn. Terry Thompson and Linda McJunkins received honorable mention for Soft Shoe number.

Judges were Mrs. J. Wiley Davis, Mrs. June Stroup, Mrs. Lucy Laughter, John Ellis and Reverend Ed Whitson.

## Wagon Train Committees Named; Plans Announced

Co-chairmen and committees for the 1961 Wagon Train celebration have been announced. Ben Palmer, Murphy motel operator and Holland McSwain, Murphy City Schools Superintendent, will serve as co-chairmen of this year's 4th of July event.

Tentative plans for the event have already been worked out. The celebration will begin in Tellico Plains, Tennessee on Saturday, July 1 with square dancing, music and public speaking. The Wagon Train will start across the mountains early Sunday morning, July 2 and proceed to the first camp site near the Tellico River. On Monday, July 3, the train will move on within 10 or 12 miles of Murphy and camp the second night. This is the first time in the history of the Wagon Train that two nights will be spent in making the trip.

### County To Host Home Demonstration Federation Meeting

Cherokee County will be host to the annual District 1 Home Demonstration Federation meeting to be held at the First Baptist Church on May 4.

Registration and Coffee hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting conveying at 10:00 in the church Sanctuary.

Mrs. Howard Martin, District chairman will preside and Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, Librarian, Western Carolina College, Cullowhee will be guest speaker.

The theme for the day will be "Home Demonstration Club Women Grow Through Better Public Relations."

The Wagon Train is scheduled to enter Murphy around 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, July 4th. The formal program will be held at the ballpark around 1 p.m.

A horse show will be part of the festivities in Murphy July 4th. It has been announced. A committee will be named before the weekend.

### The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Murphy by TVA Hydraulic Data Branch, Chester Lawson, Area Engineer.

Readings for temperatures are for the 24 hour period, ending at 8 p.m. on date listed for Murphy.

Tuesday 18 - High 60, Low 40, Rain 0.

Wednesday 19 - High 63, Low 30, Rain trace.

Thursday 20 - High 67, Low 33, Rain 0.

Friday 21 - High 75, Low 44, Rain 0.

Saturday 22 - High 70, Low 47, Rain 0.04.

Sunday 23 - High 82, Low 51, Rain 0.

Monday 24 - High 82, Low 52, Rain 0.

Tuesday 25 - High 84, Low 57, Rain 0.

Ending at 7:00 p.m. on date listed for Andrews, N. C.

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Wednesday 19 - High 57, Low 30, Rain 0.

Thursday 20 - High 65, Low 30, Rain 0.

Friday 21 - High 70, Low 37, Rain 0.

Saturday 22 - High 67, Low 46, Rain 0.03.

Sunday 23 - High 78, Low 52, Rain 0.

Monday 24 - High 81, Low 55, Rain 0.

Tuesday 25 - High 82, Low 55, Rain 0.



## Andrews High School Seniors At Nation's Capitol During Trip

Members of the Andrews High School Senior Class that made the annual trip to Washington, D. C. last week are shown above. Front row, left to right: Jack Martin, William Holland, Sue Waldroup, Emma Sue Martin, Dottie Jordan, Frances Clark, Alomia McLain, Paulette Day, Erle Cressman, Ann Pullum, Carolyn Thompson, Maxine Wheeler, Joyce Bradley, Billy Ray Phillips. Second row left to right: Jimmy Collins, Lane Phillips, Leonard West,

Larry Adams, Charles Adams, Miss Jean Christy, Mr. C. O. Frazier, Stanley Adams, Kennen Bradley, Arvil Head, Ruddle Palmer, Joe Tatham. Third row, left to right: Frank Jones, N. H. Adams, Richard Conley, Jr., Virgil Gibson, John Roper, Steve West, Curtis Pendergraft, Neil Battle, Joe West, Wendell Barlow, Ralph White, Wallace Gibson, Pitt Walker, T. C. Thomas (Busdriver).