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Local Child Enrolled In Deaf School



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The young fellow on the right is David Murphy, age 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Murphytown.

Let me tell you a few things about David. As stated above he is 9 years old but had never been to school because he could not hear. He was even enrolled in Head Start last summer but this was not the place for him. There was a place for David though and the Friendly Home Visitor in that area found it.

The Friendly Home Visitor began visiting the family and encouraging the parents to send David to Morganton to the School for the Deaf. As most parents would be, they didn't want to send him away from home. Finally they agreed for him to go and now feel this is

the place for him. Although Mrs. Murphy says, "Home is just not home without David."

David is now well-adjusted at school. He is really progressing; he can now read and write and is learning to talk with his hands. He is so interested in school that he even studies when he comes home. In a progress report given by the school superintendent, he says David is really doing well.

At school David kept talking about George but the teacher did not know what he was talking about. But when visiting day came at the school she found out when she saw the smile on David's face as he rushed to meet his younger brother George. They really do miss each other as you can see by the picture how happy they are to be together.

Murchison Road Scheduled For Improvement

It will not happen all at once, or anytime soon, but the scenic road winding from Murchison, in Yancey County, to Barnardsville, in Buncombe County, is scheduled for improvement before the end of the sixties.

This long-range project, calling for paving and improvement of the present gravel road over a period of several years, will be given first priority by the U. S. Forest Service when its financial commitment is ended in the paving of the White Water Falls Road in Transylvania County, probably in 1969.

A letter from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Asheville,

received here early in March, expressed the intention of the Forest Service to devote its attention to the improvement of the Big Ivy Forest Highway No. 18, as that road is called by the Forest Service.

Because the road is also part of NC 187, matching state funds will have to be furnished for the project by the State Highway Commission and should be secured when the Forest Service is ready to implement its priority.

Gortney Promoted To Sgt.

OAKDALE, PA. — Roy C. Gortney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Gortney of Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C., has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the United States Army.

Gortney, a 1962 graduate of Cane River High School in Cane River, N. C., is assigned to Headquarters, 18th Artillery Group (Air Defense) in Oakdale, Pa. He is serving as a target tracking operator.

After graduating from high school, Sergeant Gortney worked as a factory worker at the Ness Brothers, Inc., plant in Asheville, N. C.

He joined the Army in August, 1965, and completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga., in October. Since then, he has been assigned to Headquarters, 18th Artillery Group.

As a target tracking operator, Sergeant Gortney plays a key role in the air defense of Pittsburgh. The men of his unit, the 18th Artillery Group (AD) maintain a 24 hour a day watch for a possible enemy air attack.

The Group is part of the U. S. Army Air Defense Command, which is charged with the air defense of the United States. This organization is the U. S. component of NORAD—the North American Air Defense Command. This joint U. S.-Canadian command is responsible for the air defense of the North American continent.

Boone Finishes Operator Course

FT. EUSTIS, VA. (AHTNC)—Army Private David B. Boone, 25, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks D. Boone, and wife, Elaine, live in Burnsville, N. C., completed a harbor craft operator course at the Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Va., April 13.

During the six-week course, he was trained in the operations and functions of supervision of deck activities aboard military harborcraft and in handling of small craft in landing and loading operations.

Fender Member of First Marines

(HQ195) KY HA, VIETNAM (PHTC) April 6 — Marine Sergeant Tommie D. Fender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Fender of Route 4, Burnsville, N. C., is a member of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Base Squadron-36, at the Marine Corps Air Facility, Ky Ha, Vietnam.

His squadron furnishes airbase facilities and services, except airfield construction, for supported units of the air group, and supplements airbase facilities and services when attached to air stations or facilities.

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