

**off the cuff**  
by Bud Morgan

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**  
In answer to the question of who was Joe Brown, Fletcher Graves of Grape Creek says Joe Brown was a Highway Commissioner sometime between 1910 and 1920. Thus Murphy's Joe Brown Highway.

**WHAT NEXT:** there is talk of circulating a petition around town to have President Kennedy appoint Murphy Postmaster, Joe Ray, for America's second man in orbit, in a straw vote around town Tuesday the vote was unanimous. Bob Bault received one vote for the third shot. Good luck, men!

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK:**  
To dress up beef patties, prepare this spicy sauce as a topping: 1/4 cup of catchup, 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, and 1/8 teaspoon of cloves. I tried this last week and it was pretty good. Personally, I don't like just plain hamburgers.

**SUPPORT THE RESCUE SQUAD:** Cherokee County rescue squad is sponsoring a 3 ring circus at the fair ground on Monday May 14. The squad will receive 50 per cent of the advance ticket sales and 10 per cent of the gate receipts, so Jim Ed Hughes tells me. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. Buy Your tickets early from a member of the rescue squad.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** Forget yesterday. Its how you manage your life today that will affect tomorrow.

**WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY:** Washington had little money when he arrived in America. But within 20 years he owned more than 5000 acres of land including the land that later became known as Mount Vernon. Bessie Laney says that George Washington's birthday is not in February. She swears it is sometime in December near the 18th. She maintains that the reason the celebration is held in February is that we already have enough holidays in December. Maybe so, but I always thought it was in February. Does anyone know any different?

**ON POLITICAL FRONTS:** The second hat to be tossed into the political ring this week was thrown by Ray Sims who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Cherokee County. With two hats in the ring the political pot is on the fire, but we still have quite a few to be heard from. I think the voters of the county will agree with me when I say we are anxious to know what their plans are. A question arose over the weekend on whether a county or town official may hold office for more than two consecutive terms, so, OFF THE CUFF called the County Attorney, L. L. Mason and found out that there are no restrictions. He may hold office for as long as the people elect and re-elect him.

**SPRING LIKE WEATHER:** A. G. Smith from Martin's Creek, commenting on the sunny weather we are experiencing says it's going to make a fool out of us. He recalls two years ago when this section had similar weather in January and February and the disastrous ice storm that came during March 1960. BRRRRRRRR, I shudder at the thought.!!!



Ray Sims

## Sims Seeks Nomination For Sheriff

Ray C. Sims announced Wed. Feb. 21, he will seek the Democratic Nomination for Sheriff of Cherokee County in the May Democratic Convention.

Sims was born in Jackson County but has been a resident of Cherokee County for the past 22 years.

He is 29 years of age and a graduate of the Murphy Schools, Mars Hill College (AA May, 1958) and the University of Tennessee (BS June 1962). He is a graduate of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy (Jeonin Korea 1954). He is also a member of the National Education Association.

Sims was an active Boy Scout and Assistant Scout-Master for a number of years. He has also been active in the First Baptist Church for the past 17 years - where he taught Sunday School and was R. A. Counselor.

He has served 2 years in the U. S. Army - Spending 16 months in Korea.

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FLAMES completely destroyed the Andrews High School building early Tuesday morning. This picture was taken at the height of the fire around 4:40 a.m. As the Scout photographer topped the hill in front of C. H. Townson's house on U. S. 19,

the flames coming from this fire gave the impression that the sun was coming up. The flames from the school hill were visible for many miles. (Scout Photo)

## Fire Destroys High School At Andrews

Andrews -- An early morning blaze completely destroyed the Andrews High School Tuesday, Feb. 20. Flames reduced the 47 year old two story brick building to a mere skeleton within two hours. The building valued at \$90,000 was covered by insurance a school spokesman said.

The blaze was reported by Jake Williams of the Happy Top Section to the Andrews Fire Department at 3:45 a.m. Units from the Murphy Fire

Department were called in shortly after 4 a.m. The combined forces of the two fire departments could not bring the flames under control.

Andrews Volunteer Fireman John Ellis said the flames were confined to the area to the right of the main entrance of the building when he arrived at the scene around 10 minutes to four.

Fire hoses were brought to bear at the front entrance of the building around 4 a.m.

by Andrews Fire Chief Jeff Brooks and his crew.

Andrews School Superintendent Charles O. Frazier said flames were eating through the roof when he arrived around 4:15 a.m.

The fire is believed to have started near the teacher's lounge in the right front central part of the building where an electrical panel box is located. A definite cause of the blaze has not been determined.

The building completed in 1915 contained the entire high school plant for Andrews except for a few classes that are held in a nearby building. The building contained eight classrooms, two offices, the library, the school store, science lab and the auditorium for the system. Included in the loss were the books and supplies stored in the school store located in the basement of the building. Also all the permanent records for the current high school students were kept in this building. The former graduates' files are kept in another building. Other school buildings nearby including the school lunchroom and elementary building escaped damage.

Six brand new electric typewriters and 21 standard typewriters were saved from the flames by Cecil Mashburn, Andrews basketball coach and business teacher, and members of the Andrews Fire Department. The group removed the typewriters from the business classroom after efforts to save the school records proved futile. The electric typewriters were just recently purchased at a cost of around \$400 each. The business classroom was located on the first floor in the left wing of the building and to the rear. This section of the building was the last to be reached by the flames.

After a holiday Tuesday and Wednesday, classes resumed Thursday (today) in the Andrews Baptist Church and the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church. A bell system will be installed in the two buildings which are next door to each other. Berkshire Knitting Mills made desks and other school equipment available and offered free labor in setting up the temporary school quarters.

The Andrews Board of Education voted Tuesday to go ahead with a building program as soon as possible. The Old "White Building" adjacent to this building was torn down this past summer to make room for proposed new construction.



THE BLAZE that razed the Andrews High School Tuesday is believed to have started near the teacher's lounge located to the right of the main entrance at the arrow above. (Scout Photo)

### EDITORIALS - A Basic Need

The Young people of Murphy and this area cry out for a basic need. Some farsighted and interested Adults define this basic need as the lack of supervised recreational activities and facilities for our young people outside of the school system.

Murphy is the hub for county and area wide youth activities. Murphy, like a magnet, draws the youth of the area to her. Teenagers come to Murphy because it is the trading center for this area. Murphy has only the movie theatre that operates seven days a week in this area, a drive-in theatre that operates part time during the winter months and full time in the summer, several pool rooms, several restaurants and a grill, and several drive-in restaurants on the outskirts, that cater to the late crowd.

It is immediately apparent to anyone driving through Murphy, particularly on Friday or Saturday night, that we as a community have failed to provide proper recreational facilities for our young people. Large gatherings can be seen on the square, standing on the corners, sitting in parked cars, riding up and down our main streets, just looking for something to do.

Murphy has very little to offer these young people yet they come here seeking entertainment. We have no bowling alley, or skating rink, or other commercial recreational facilities outside those mentioned above. We have no place that young people can go for a game of ping pong, basketball, indoor tennis, handball, badminton, shuffleboard, or where they can listen to music and dance. And these young people can't seem to find these things in their homes.

Let's face it Murphy is falling our young people in this respect.

The citizens of Murphy should insure that our boys and girls have available to them wholesome, supervised recreational activities in a place they can call their own.

A place they can go to and take part in competitive sports and games.

A place where every child regardless of weight, height, physical or mental limitations can find an activity that best fits his capabilities.

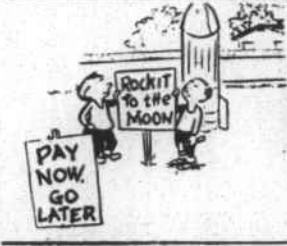
A youth center in which they can be proud may be the answer. This idea deserved though if such a center could be directed by a competent recreational director, a person who knows and understands young people. Such an idea is only feasible under a planned and supervised program.

The future of our community and our country lies in the hands of our young people of today. How many times have you heard this said? How many times have you thought about doing something to help them? What better investment could we make in our future leaders than to provide them with the opportunity of keeping themselves active mentally and physically. It is in this line of thinking that this idea is up forth.

### WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.
February 14	70	33	0
February 15	67	28	0
February 16	66	42	0.23
February 17	66	26	0
February 18	67	35	0
February 19	64	48	0.47
February 20	62	30	0

Showers Ending Thursday morning. Scattered cloudiness Friday and Saturday with Showers and Thundershowers Sunday.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor:  
I was thinking of when I was a boy of 15 years old, helping to put down the first hard surface streets in Murphy, I was working with T. J. Sword, a horse trader who had a livery stable.

I know all the Dickey boys and a lot of Fains, also John Keener who was clerk of the Court. I went to school at the Ogreen school. Would like to know how it looks now. I left Murphy when I was 16 years old and went to South West Georgia at Senox.

I worked 3 years on the farm for Mr. Sword, I have married since then and raised 11 children, the baby being 23 years old, I am going to try and come back up there this summer and see how things look. I will be 66 years old on March 1st. I was born in Waynesville, N. C. in 1896. Will you please send me a copy of your paper. I believe if I am not making a mistake, it is The Cherokee Scout.

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Hawkinsville, Georgia.

at your place, seeing it with the same attitude that you look at your neighbor's. We believe that will make us aware of our own lack -- We walk over our own trash and don't see it!

We complain about industry not coming into this area---- How could a total stranger decide to put a new industry in a place where folks care so little about the looks of their surroundings? We are judged by our appearance, whether we like it or not!

Our group is going to do something about our places -- Please join us!

Yours for a prettier community, county, state, and nation,  
Charles Caldwell, President  
The Young Adult Study Group  
Brassstown, N. C.

### G.O.P. Drafts Burch

J. Doyle Burch of Murphy was drafted chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Party at a county-wide convention at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17.

A large representation of the Republicans from all sections of the County attended the convention. The convention was called to select a county party chairman and delegates to the district and state GOP conventions.

Those present had only one main object in mind--to select a chairman to lead the party to victory in the fall election, one spokesman said. Only one name was considered, that of J. Doyle Burch.

Burch was the county chairman eight years ago when the republicans elected the entire ticket in Cherokee County. Delegates were also named

to attend the Congressional convention in Waynesville, Saturday, Feb. 24, and to the State convention in Durham March 3.

In addition to Burch, Mrs. John Wishon was named vice-chairman and Mrs. Charles White secretary. John O'Dell of Murphy and Kelus Radford of Andrews were named to the state elections committee.

A complete reorganization will be carried out in all 24 precinct throughout the county with a strong county ticket for the fall election, Mr. Burch said.

The Andrews High School Fire was the second such loss Cherokee County has suffered in recent years. The Murphy Elementary School Burned Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1961.

### Now A Must

The much "cussed" and discussed proposed county wide bond issue for the construction of new school buildings in Cherokee County was brought vividly back into focus with the burning of the Andrews High School building Tuesday morning.

The Cherokee County Commissioners have felt in the past that a county wide school bond issue would not carry and their decision not to call such an election was based on this feeling. The Commissioners must authorize such an election before it can be held.

The need for the construction of new school buildings, while pressing in the past, is now a must with the loss of two school buildings within one year in this county.

Now the need arises to sell bonds to raise money to build schools. Everybody, especially school administrators, seem to be in agreement that the school buildings need to be built. School buildings in Cherokee County can only be built through the successful issuance of bonds since the money is not available from either the federal or state governments.

The irony of all this is that the present county commissioners have held as their great purpose the retirement of as many Cherokee County bonds as possible during their term in office. They have even retired bonds not yet due.

Any school bonds sold today would have to be sold at a higher interest rate than those the commissioners have been so diligently retiring thus costing the taxpayers of the county more money.

Realizing that the commissioners must now reverse a trend they have set as their goal if they permit the school construction bonds to be issued, it is well to remember that great politicians and government leaders must compromise and change with the times and the situation. We now have a new situation.

The time has come, let's get on with it before a new school year is upon us and we have to hold classes in the streets.

### Before The World

Tuesday before the eyes of the world, a courageous man in the true sense of the American pioneer carried the hopes and aspirations of the United States and the free world in his three trips around the world in his "Friendship 7" space craft.

As Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Astronaut, blasted off the face of the earth at 9:47 EST and became the first American to achieve orbital flight around the earth, the hearts of all Americans must have skipped a beat or two as they "rode" with him.

Many of us "rode" with Astronaut Glenn all the way and we welcomed his entry back into our atmosphere at 2:43 p.m. EST after a 4 hour, 56 minute, and 26 second trip with a sigh of relief and a great sense of pride.

The Editor:  
Where is our pride? We were so glad to see the letter our neighbor, Mrs. Bernice Stalcup, wrote about the Green Cove road in our community. It made us take a second look at some of the other roads--some of them are paved--but what a mess! The sides are littered with trash as if we don't appreciate the ones we have!

Spring is practically around the corner-- Clean up time-- Let's join hands in the battle against "Litterbugs" -- and begin at home!

May we suggest, dear reader, that you take a look

Washington's Birthday Sale In Murphy THIS WEEK END

stop disease

RAT BAIT BOX

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH - As a result of a recent survey made by State and local health authorities and in compliance with their recommendations the Town of Murphy recommends fly and bait proof standard garbage cans supported on a stand to prevent overturning by stray dogs. The standard type cans with lids will greatly improve handling, reduce flies and rats and cut down on communicable diseases. The photo above illustrates the recommended methods. It is on display at the Town Hall.

A rat bait program, under the supervision of Dave Moody, Senior Sanitarian of Cherokee, Graham and Clay Counties, is contemplated within the next thirty days. More information on this project will be published soon. For a cleaner and healthier town let us all do our part in correcting unsightly and unsanitary conditions around our homes and places of business. L. L. Mason, Murphy Mayor said. (Scout Photo)