

off the cuff
by Bud Morgan

POOR MAN'S SUPPER: The First Methodist Church had what they called a poor man's supper and Off the Cuff went to it, but ate like a millionaire. Let's have it again and if possible, let's have it once a month. How many people agree with me? Please drop me a card or call me and let me know your views on it. Don't let me down, let me know soon because I'm hungry.

CONGRATULATIONS: Hats off to Margaret Cole, our star basketball player for being selected to play in the State All-Star game. Margaret is a fine example of what our Murphy girls can do and are doing.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK: Not long ago, Off the Cuff had the pleasure of eating dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Forrester of Murphy, and let me tell you, "Zaney" as she is known by all her friends, makes the best cornbread in the county. And that is something for me to say because I don't like cornbread no matter how its made, white corn, yellow corn or enriched corn, so you know, "Zaney's" cornbread must be good.

WEARING OF THE GREEN: The shame of it all. Not one person had the blarney to admit he was Irish. Last week I promised to proudly write in this column any one who wrote in and told me they wore the green on St. Patrick's Day - not a letter came in. Sure and me just about broke in two, but, faith preserve us, it was saved when Mrs. Opal Howell said she wore a green dress. To me it looked the color of royal blue so I stretched my Irish imagination and said it was a bluish - green. Just wait till next year!

OVERHEARD: Fannie Wells of Rt. 1, Murphy as she was renewing her subscription to the Scout said, "I just couldn't do without my Scout," and we just couldn't do without people like Fannie Wells.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Opportunity is never lost. Someone else will take those you miss.

SPRING: Today is the first day of Spring. The day when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, and then the trouble begins --

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Andrews Hospital Receives Grant From Duke Fund

Charlotte, N.C. -- Trustees of the Duke Endowment have appropriated \$290,708 to 45 North Carolina and South Carolina hospitals on the basis of their charity work in the fiscal year which ended Sept., 30, 1961.

District Memorial Hospital of Southwest North Carolina, Andrews, N. C. will receive \$1,572 for 1961 as compared with \$678 it received for 1960.

According to Thomas L. Perkins, chairman of the Endowment, the appropriation brings to \$1,155,282 the funds distributed this year to assist 182 hospitals in operating expenses. Earlier appropriations, announced in February, amounted to \$864,574 for 137 hospitals.

The Duke Endowment assists non-profit hospitals of the Carolinas at a rate of \$1 a day for free days of bed care. Founded in 1924 by the late James B. Duke, it is a perpetual trust with hospitals and child care institutions of the two states. Duke University, Davidson College, Furman University, Johnson C. Smith University, and retired Methodist ministers and rural Methodist churches in North Carolina are its principal beneficiaries.



Three Murphy Firemen Fight Fire At Townson Lumber Co

Tellico-Murphy Wagon Road Approved By Commission

Raleigh (AP) -- The North Carolina Highway Commission approved Thursday March 15 construction of a secondary road between Murphy and the Tennessee line.

Senator Frank Forsyth said according to his information the Highway Commission has set aside \$1 million for grading and paving of the "Wagon Train" road.

The proposed road will connect Murphy with Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Promotion of the need of the road through the Western North Carolina wilderness county has been accomplished by running wagon trains along existing mountain trails.

A highway engineer said he presumed the road would be built as a dirt road and ultimately be paved. However,

he said "it will take quite a bit of study before we can determine what path to take through there."

The project was included on

a long-range list approved by the commission. Highway Chairman Merrill Evans said he did not know when actual work would begin.

John T. Gill Named President Of P.T.A.

John T. Gill, Murphy banker was named president of Murphy P. T. A. for 1962 and 1963 Monday night at the March meeting in the grade school auditorium.

Other officers, approved on recommendation of a nomination committee headed by Robert D. Bruce, were Mrs. Herman Edwards, secretary; and Mrs. Paul Nave, treasurer.

These are to be installed at the next meeting of the organization to be held Monday night, April 30 - postponed from the regular time to avoid conflict with Holy Week. Request for such avoidance has been made of organizations by the Tri - County Ministerial Association.

Merle Davis, P. T. A. president and Holland McSwain, superintendent of city schools, are to work together in the naming of a promotional committee for the bond issue election in May. Mr. McSwain pointed out that in event of

passage of the issue first moneys from the \$200,000 received by Murphy schools will go toward a classroom and lunchroom building on the mid town campus.

Several suggestions were made in regard to providing information and gaining support for the bonds.

The organization on motion of Bruce Armstrong, voted to purchase a flagpole for the elementary school ground.

The seventh-eighth grade chorus sang to appreciated hearers a variety of songs, including religious, folk, and patriotic, concluding with the PTA song. Mrs. Jerry W. Davidson is director of the chorus.

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Gang Mill Here



Townson's Gang Mill Goes Up In Flames

An early morning blaze struck a building housing the gang mill at the Townson Lumber Co. here Wednesday morning, March 22.

The fire was reported shortly before 3:30 a.m. by Carroll Wyatt, an employee of the Duncan Oil Co. which is located adjacent to the Townson lumber yard.

The gang mill was housed in a metal clad frame building which contained besides the gang mill, an edger, a compressor and several conveyors. A gang mill is a set of seventeen saws used to saw logs into planks.

John Carringer, manager of Townson Lumber Co., said the damage was in excess of \$25,000. Carringer went on to say that the prompt action of the Murphy Volunteer Fire Department saved another \$35,000 worth of equipment located in a building connected to the building that burned. The equipment that was saved included a debarked chipper, and a scrag mill which were just recently installed in Townson's current expansion program.

The flames are believed to have started in a tool room located in the opposite corner of the building from the power source. The tool room contained only a light circuit. The room contained no in flameables, Carringer added.

An engineer from the company that builds the gang mill equipment was expected to arrive in Murphy Wednesday along with insurance adjusters.

Carringer said, "We would have started sawing logs today. I was figuring on hiring ten extra men and run two shifts from now on."

Townson Lumber Co. operates another plant at Edenton, N. C. W. D. Townson of Murphy is president of the Company which claims to be the world's largest manufacturer of wooden pallets.

Several months ago, Mr. Townson announced plans to install a wood chipping machine. His company has a contract to sell the chips to Champion Pulp and Fibre Corp at Canton, Mr. Townson added that the chipper would increase his company's wood consumption four times its present rate.

Presbyterian Women To Attend Spring Gathering

Presbyterian women from Murphy, Andrews, and Hayesville are to attend the annual spring gathering of District Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery at Franklin Saturday.

The meeting is both inspirational and instructional, with workshops for all cause secretaries.

Citizens Bank Moves Up In Banking World

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Andrews, North Carolina which reported deposits of \$9,865,068, on December 31st, gained 49 places in its standing among the 2900 largest commercial banks in the United States during 1961 and now ranks as 2805 largest in size compared with 2854 place at the end of 1960. Deposits of the bank totaled \$9,115,000, a year ago. This is revealed in the 1962 Annual Roll Call of the 3000 largest Banks in the United States published by the daily AMERICAN BANKER of New York, which is the trade newspaper of the banking business. There are 13,400 banks in the United States.

Mrs. Joe Ray, secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting. A financial report was given by Mrs. John Pullium, treasurer. Last year's crusade netted \$692.61. Of this \$174.61 was spent on transportation and drugs, leaving a balance of \$418.00.

The present officers were elected to serve another year. They are Joe El-Koury, president; Dr. Paul Hill, vice president; Dr. Floyd Blalock, second vice-president; Mrs. Joe Ray, secretary; and Mrs. John Pullium, treasurer.

Mrs. Lucy Laughter, Mrs. Ruth Carringer, and Mrs. Ruth Cheney were named to the publicity committee.

Nice String, But Picture Is No Good

STEVE DOCKERY of Peachtree brought a nice string of bass caught Sunday, March 18, in the Beech Creek section of Hiwassee Lake by the Scout office Sunday to have their picture made. The photographer goofed because the picture didn't turn out.

Dockery, Gerald Stiles, and Tony Ballew caught the string of four small mouths and three large mouths, one large mouth was a real beauty, "contest material" according to Dockery. They used lizards

Boards Of Elections Named For Counties

The county boards in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties follow (in each case, the first two members are Democrats and the third a Republican.)

Cherokee -- Hobart W. Hughes, Murphy; and Cleve Almond and R. A. Dewar, both of Andrews.

Clay -- Garland Martin, B. M. McClure and Glenn Swanson, all of Hayesville.

Graham -- Ray Phillips and Harve Cody, Robbinsville; John C. Bryson, Rt. 1, Robbinsville.

Taxpayers Taken For \$11,000

From The Sylva Herald

The records from Jackson County Finance Commissioner's office show that the court costs, attorneys' fees, and expert witnesses' fees, and summoning 1,413 men and women from three counties from which to select a jury and try the case of Wright Brown and Charles Mathis, charged with first-degree murder, were in excess of \$11,000 as they were set and ordered paid from tax money of Jackson County, Judge Hugh Campbell, presiding.

Following the meeting all members and visitors were invited to visit the science exhibits on display in the primary and elementary school buildings. Open House took the place of the Third Annual Science Fair, which was canceled following the February 20 fire which razed the Andrews High School building.

The room county was won by Mrs. Lena H. Ford's second grade class.

Murphy Calendar

- Thursday, March 22
- 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.
 - 7:30 p.m. Murphy Chapter No. 10 OES to meet in Masonic Hall
 - 8:00 p.m. Rescue Squad to meet at Murphy Power Board Building
- Saturday, March 24
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon meeting of Murphy Garden Club at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hoover with Mrs. E. H. Brumby as co-hostess.
- Sunday, March 25
- 6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Chapel
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy mass at St. Williams Catholic Church
 - 5:30 p.m. MYF meeting at First Methodist Church
- Monday, March 26
- 6:30 p.m. Rotary Club to meet at Family Restaurant
 - 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church to meet in the Men's Bible Class room of The Church with Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mrs. Porter Axley and Mrs. Harvey Elkins, Sr.
- Tuesday, March 27
- 2:30 p.m. Mae Perry Circle of First Baptist Church to meet at the home of Mrs. Virgil O'Dell
 - 2:30 p.m. Lottie Moon Circle of First Baptist Church to meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Murray
 - 6:30 p.m. Lions Club to meet in recreation room of First Methodist Church
 - 7:30 p.m. Cherokee Rose Garden Club to meet at Murphy Power Board Building with Mrs. Ben Warner Jr. and Mrs. Dollie Thompson as co-hostess.
 - 8:00 Alcoholical Anonymous to meet at New Regal Hotel
- Wednesday, March 28
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Episcopal Church of Messiah.
 - 7:20 p.m. Midweek services at Presbyterian Church
 - 7:30 p.m. Midweek services at First Methodist Church
 - 7:30 p.m. Midweek services at Free Methodist Church
 - 8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.
- Thursday, March 29
- 8:00 p.m. Open Installation of officers of Murphy Chapter No. 10 OES in the Masonic Hall.



STOP DISEASE - In compliance with the Environmental Survey, which was made by the State Board of Health, Insect and Rodent Section, North Carolina, and upon their recommendations for communicable disease control, a rat bait program under the supervision of Dave Moody, Senior Sanitarian for Cherokee, Graham, and Clay Counties, and in co-operation with the Town of Murphy, will be carried out for the next few months.

Rat Bait boxes, containing corn meal and Warfarin, will be placed in the rat infested areas. These boxes are of safe construction and are locked to prevent any hazard. About five days feeding on this bait is required to destroy the rats. "We hope that you have already corrected your garbage storage facilities, as improper garbage storage provides food for the rats and will greatly reduce the effectiveness of the rat bait program," C. E. Johnson, Town Clerk said. The Communicable Disease projects are for your benefit and are expensive and their effectiveness will greatly depend upon your cooperation. Let us make this a successful project. Please notify Dave Moody or the city clerk if rat infestations are heavy in your neighborhood and every effort will be made to make conditions better.

Clay Planning Board Members Are Appointed

The Clay County Commissioners have appointed the following men as members of the planning board to work jointly with members of the Town of Hayesville Planning Board: Robert E. Anderson, Sweetwater; Fred G. Smith, Brasstown; Edwin Lidsen, Tusquitee; Clifton Penland, Jr., Shooting Creek; William T. Groves, Hyatts Creek; and R. G. Vick, Hayesville.

This joint planning committee is charged with the responsibility of setting up an Overall Development Plan for Clay County, which will enable them to borrow through the Area Redevelopment Administration monies to help carry out rural area development. This joint Planning Board has serving with it as a technical panel the members of the agricultural agencies and state agencies, plus interested citizens.

Tom Day, Banker of Hayesville was elected by this group as Chairman, and R. G. Vick, County Agricultural Agent, as Secretary. The next meeting is to be held in the Agricultural Assembly Room in Hayesville Friday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. All interested citizens are urged to be present.

Andrews P.T.A. Hears Of Building Progress

Andrews -- The Andrews Parent - Teacher - Student Association held its regular monthly meeting on Monday night, March 19.

Since the auditorium was destroyed by fire last month, the meeting was held in the school cafeteria, with approximately one hundred seventy - five members and visitors present.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Ruth S. Pullium, president of the organization. Mrs. Margaret Bruce, speech teacher in a number of schools in Cherokee County, outlined the purpose and effect of her work in the Andrews Elementary and Marble Elementary Schools.

Program chairman Lee Nichols introduced Andrews School Superintendent Charles O. Frazier, who gave a progress report in regard to the building program in the Andrews school unit and closed his remarks by urging all present to support the May 26 bond election, which would authorize the sale of \$500,000 in school bonds in Cherokee County and make possible the construction of urgently needed school buildings in Andrews, Murphy, and Cherokee County Schools.

Mr. Frazier explained that if the bond issue is approved by the public in the May 26 election Andrews and Murphy will each receive \$200,000 and Cherokee County Schools will receive \$100,000. All of Andrews' share of the funds, as well as some \$200,000 already available, will be applied to the construction of a new high school plant.

WEATHER

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| March 14 | 52 | 29 | 0 |
| March 15 | 55 | 38 | Trace |
| March 16 | 52 | 23 | 0 |
| March 17 | 52 | 25 | 0 |
| March 18 | 57 | 18 | 0 |
| March 19 | 61 | 27 | 0.03 |
| March 20 | 61 | 43 | 0.49 |

Forecast
Thursday, Fair, Friday, Rain by night, Saturday, Rain Ending, Sunday Rain or Thundershowers.

Resolution Calling For \$500,000 Bond Issue Is Adopted

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners have officially voted to call \$500,000 school construction bond election Saturday, May 26.

The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County met on Monday March 9, 1962 and authorized the issuance of a bond order for the people of the County to vote upon a bond issue in the sum of \$400,000.00 for school purposes and set the time for the bond election to be held at the time of the forthcoming primary election on Saturday May 26, in order to save the people of the county the costs of another election in the approximate amount of \$4,500.00.

Since this meeting the Board of Commissioners has received another letter from Ralph Moody, Assistant Attorney-General, in which he stated that on March 12 he talked with W. E. Esterling, Director of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh and that they had already read the Supreme Court case of Parker - vs - Anson County, reported in Volume 237 of the North Carolina Reports at page 278. Mr. Moody further stated that they had obtained a record in this case from the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court in Raleigh and that the record shows from the findings of fact made by the Superior Court judge that the bond limitation for school purposes in Cherokee County was 8% of the assessed tax valuation;

Mr. Moody further stated that after he and Mr. Esterling, Director of the Local Government Commission, had reviewed the said case of Parker - vs - Anson County and were of the opinion that under the facts of that case the bond limitation for school purposes in Cherokee County was 8% of the assessed tax valuation;

Mr. Moody further stated that after he and Mr. Esterling, Director of the Local Government Commission, had reviewed the said case of Parker - vs - Anson County and the letter to Mr. Esterling from the bond attorneys, they were of the opinion Cherokee County could submit to the voters in a referendum the approval or non-approval of a bond issue in the amount of \$500,000.

The Board of Commissioners is advised by the county school officials of Cherokee County that according to need the \$500,000.00 should be distributed as follows: The sum of \$200,000.00 to Andrews City School Administrative Unit; the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Murphy City School Administrative Unit; and the sum of \$100,000.00 to the County School Administrative Unit.

It was resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County by unanimous vote in special session with County School Officials Thursday, March 15.

1. That the resolution of the Board on March 9, 1962, to issue an order authorizing the people to vote upon said bond issue of \$400,000.00 be rescinded.
2. That based upon the opinions of the said Attorney-General and bond attorneys, the Board of Commissioners issue a bond order for the people of the County to vote upon a bond issue in the sum of \$500,000.00 for school purposes;
3. That the time set for the said bond election shall be at the time of the forthcoming Primary Election on May 26 in order to save the people of the County the costs of another election which would cost about \$4,500.00 and
4. That the County Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to proceed with the legal work necessary to submit the school bond issue to a vote of the people of the County.