

High School Invaded By Accreditation Team

SPECIAL TO SCOUT
MURPHY - Tuesday morning, March 19, there was an air of expectancy in the rooms and hallway of the high school. Small groups of students talked quietly and teachers put last minute touches to their rooms - fresh potted plants appeared overnight and bulletin boards took on aspects of originality and freshness. It was a normal day in the school year with one exception - the evaluating team for high school accreditation was to invade the premises - at nine o'clock, headed by the state superintendent of secondary curriculum.

The invasion began on time but the tactics were those of infiltration rather than frontal attack. The first tangible evidences manifested itself as strange women and men, singularly and in pairs, quietly slipped into various rooms throughout the school and discreetly made their ways to the rear of the rooms without interrupting class procedure. As the bell changed the classes and the periods consumed the morning hours, the team of observers discriminated those classes for observational purposes from all departments within the school. And soon it was lunch. The administrative plans called for luncheon off the premises, but as it was disclosed later the preparations and the aroma from the tiny nook which serves as the kitchen attracted the visitors who admitted curiosity as to how lunch could be served without chaos and chose to eat with the school. Their collective enthusiasm for the entire project was voiced emphatically later as teachers and advisors gathered for an informal discussion as to the merits and shortcomings of the school.

The afternoon classes were repetitious of the morning's. By three fifteen the faculty and visiting examiners had gathered in the library where some thoughtful person or persons had had the foresight to plan for refreshments. This, of course, was helpful in reducing the tension which surveillance always manages to build up. The members of the faculty, naturally proud of their school and anxious

for helpful criticism, were quite attentive as the superintendent of curriculum began the meeting. As the discussion got under way, one of the most important observations on the part of our teachers as the thoroughness with which the observing team had covered every phase of our curriculum. All experienced personnel in the teaching profession, this group was the essence of competence. The various members made criticisms but always in a constructive manner noting that we were aware of most of the problems, had already begun elimination of some and had the rest under consideration. Many stemmed from lack of finances, which the faculty was aware of. The dire need for blinds was partially remedied as the PTA announced the immediate purchase of blinds for the east side of the school. Our physical education program and its improvements centered around the lack of personnel and equipment while the shortage of audio-visual aids was criticized in most departments. The orderliness and behavior of the student body brought many favorable comments as did the teaching techniques of several of our teachers. It was suggested that the members of the faculty could benefit mutually from observation of each others teaching techniques.

The visitors were impressed by our building program, the neatness of the school building and surrounding grounds and the dedication shown by many who are connected with the school. The overall impression, while critical in some areas, was one of healthy progression and the comments on the credit side of the visitors' observation sheets far outweighed those on the debit side.

The administration is confident that the written report from Raleigh will be favorable and the accreditation of the school assured.

2 Area Students Receive Nantahala Co. Scholarships

FRANKLIN - John M. Archer, Jr., President of Nantahala Power and Light Company, announced this week that in recognition of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Aluminum Company of America, the Alcoa Foundation has established five additional scholarships for sons and daughters of Alcoa employees, including children of Nantahala's employees.

Each scholarship gives the recipient \$2,500 over a four-year period, and carries with it an unrestricted grant of \$500 to the institution the student attends. The new scholarships will be subject to the same conditions governing all other Alcoa Foundation awards except that the selections will be made in Pittsburgh on a company-wide basis.

Until now, all scholarship winners - about 45 a year - have been chosen at Alcoa works locations by local selection boards on the basis of scholastic achievement and personal qualifications. The company-wide awards will be based on national Scholastic Aptitude Test ratings because it is impossible to equate grades from high schools across the country.

Mr. Archer said the company-wide selections will be made after area students are chosen. He explained: "The Alcoa Foundation believes that the establishment of these five additional scholarships will provide help for exceptional students."



MURPHY TIRE AND APPLIANCE PRIZE WINNERS - The grand prize winner and four of the ten other winners during Murphy Tire and Appliance Co.'s grand opening sale are shown above with store owner-manager Pete Rumble, shown at left. The winners are from left to right, Mrs. T. C. Gray, grand prize, food freezer; Mrs. Betty Westmoreland, springs and mattress; Bill Gray, bicycle; and Mary Colwell, steam iron. Other winners not shown were Frankie Robertson, four new tires; S. C. Burgess, watch; Audrey Smith, hair dryer; Colear Chambers, fry pan; Allen Bryson, two recaps; and Junior Bryson, hand lantern. (Scout Photo)



FIRST AID COURSE GRADUATES - Nineteen Cherokee County women received their certificates in the Red Cross Standard First Aid Course. The ten-hour course as conducted during the past two weeks, week nights at the Power Board Building by Jack Owens and Charles Hyatt, first aid instructors. Front row, left to right, Ethel Pleimmons, Mary Ann Thompson, Betty Ingram, Gwen Gillespie, and Betty Evans Johnson. Standing, left to right, Geraldine Hyatt, Mary Jo Evans, Eva Nell Hughes, Tommy Ann Carmichael, Virginia Wilcox, Carolyn Henry, Leffna Hatchett, Mona Lee Floyd, and Betty D. Harmon. Class members receiving certificates but not shown - Mrs. John Fleming, Mrs. George Messer, Mrs. Ernie Greer, Mrs. Homer Hunsucker, and Mrs. Inez Dockery. The majority of those taking the course are members of the Cherokee County Rescue Squad Auxiliary. Cherokee County now has 17 qualified first aid instructors. Any group wishing to take first aid training, both standard and Advanced, can contact Bunch Nugent, U. S. Forest Service in Murphy. (Scout Photo)



LADES LEARN FIRST AID - Charles Hyatt, first aid instructor, is shown above instructing Betty Evans Johnson on the correct techniques of giving Back Pressure Arm Lift method of artificial respiration. The "victim" is Mary Jo Evans. Members of the class look on and wait their turn. (Scout Photo)



CHARLES HYATT, FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR, is shown above instructing Mrs. Ethel Pleimmons and Mrs. Geraldine Hyatt the proper method of immobilizing an arm fracture, Mary Ann Thompson is the "victim". (Scout Photo)



8 1/2 LB. LARGE MOUTH BASS was caught about 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 25, near the dam on Hiwassee Lake by James R. Russell of Unaka. Mr. Russell proudly displays the huge large mouth above. Mr. Russell caught five bass in all, three small mouth and two large, while fishing from the bank with a spinner, and spring lizards for bait. (Scout Photo)

Murphy Calendar

- THURSDAY, MARCH 28
 - 3:15 p.m. - Cherub and Junior Choirs First Methodist Church.
 - 7:30 p.m. - Revival Services at First Methodist Church, Murphy Chapter No. 10. Order of Eastern Star meet in Masonic Hall.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 29
 - 7:30 p.m. - Revival services close at First Methodist Church.
 - Pre-Easter Visitation of Presbyterian Church.
 - 8:00 p.m. - Providence Hospital Auxiliary to meet in dining room of Providence Hospital.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 30
 - 12:00 Noon - Luncheon and installation of officers of Murphy Garden Club at the home of Mrs. Duke Whitely with Mrs. E. H. Brumby and Mrs. Holland McSwain hostesses.
 - State - Wide Youth Choir Festival, First Baptist Church, Wake Forest.
 - 8:00 p.m. - Open installation of officers of Murphy Chapter No. 10 Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Hall.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 31
 - 6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.
 - 11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass St. Williams Catholic Church, Services at First Baptist, First Methodist, Free Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal Church of Messiah.
 - 2:30 p.m. - District meeting of the Women of the Presbyterian Church at Bryson City Presbyterian Church.
 - 3:30 p.m. - Fourth Quarterly Conference at First Methodist Church, Murphy.
 - 3:00 p.m. - Concord Choir at First Baptist Church.
 - 5:00 p.m. - MYF at First Methodist Church.
- MONDAY, APRIL 1
 - 6:30 p.m. - Rotary Club meet at Family Restaurant.
 - 7:00 p.m. - World War I Veterans meeting at Regal Hotel. All World War I Veterans and wives are invited to attend.
- 7:30 p.m. - Evening Circle of Presbyterian Church in Westminster Hall.
- BWC, First Baptist Church meet with Mrs. R. H. Ensley.
- Elizabeth Hale Circle of First Baptist Church with Mrs. Walter Puett.
- Fannie Martin - Ruth Swan Circles of First Baptist Church with Mrs. Ruth Cheney.
- YWA to meet at First Baptist Church.
- 8:00 p.m. - St. Jude Adult Education Study Class at St. Williams Catholic Church.

No Cherokee Communities Enter Program

ASHEVILLE - A total of 59 rural areas have entered the 1963 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program to date, according to an announcement by Earl W. Eller, president of the sponsoring Asheville Agricultural Development Council. No county communities have officially entered the area program in Cherokee County.

Participation in the area development program is open to any rural community which is actively engaged in an organized improvement program. Entry deadline is May 15. The Community Development Program is a program of competition among communities. Purpose is to stimulate closer cooperation and planning in solving community projects and meeting opportunities.

A total of 117 communities in 15 counties competed in the program last year. A goal of over 140 communities has been set by these counties this year. Cash awards of \$4,250 have been announced and the remainder will be in local county awards. For a community to be eligible for area awards, there must be at least three organized communities in the program in that county.

Communities will be judged in two divisions, farm and non-farm. Duplicate awards are offered in each. In addition, \$500.00 in awards will be presented to the five communities with the best youth programs. Honorable mention youth winners will receive plaques.

A new feature has been added to the program this year in the way of a Roadside Improvement Contest. Special awards are being offered to stimulate community action in improving and beautifying the roadsides of Western North Carolina.

The Area Community Development Program is sponsored by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and the county agricultural agencies. Communities interested in participating in the program should contact one of the local agricultural agencies.

In the words of the program sponsors, "The amazing results of the organized community clubs in Western North Carolina in recent years show what can be accomplished when people organize and work together. All areas can benefit from the Community Development Program. No community can lose."

Today, Tonight, Tomorrow

Date	H	L	Perc.
21	53	33	0.01
22	52	25	0
23	65	20	0
24	72	28	0
25	72	32	0
26	66	50	0.42

Forecast: Thursday, clear to scattered cloudiness; Friday and Saturday, scattered to broken cloudiness; Sunday, showers likely.

Wood Hauling License Bill Is Introduced

RALEIGH - Twelve Western North Carolina legislators Wednesday, March 20, joined in a renewed effort to win a reduced charge for license plates for wood haulers.

The measure would cut the rate in half for wood-hauling trucks up to 30,000 pounds gross weight.

At that maximum weight, the plate now costs \$420 per year, with other fees ranging by weights down a sliding scale. A 20,000 pound gross weight truck requires a plate costing \$280. At 15,000 lbs. the cost is \$172.50 and at 10,000 pounds is \$100.

The minimum charge under the bill would be \$10.

A basically similar bill was introduced in the House in 1961 and failed to pass.

Introducers of the new measure were Robert Leatherwood III of Swain; Liston B. Ramsey, Madison; Lucy H. Thornburg, Jackson; Mark Bennett, Yancey; Ernest Messer, Haywood; J. Horner Stockton, Macon; Herman West, Cherokee; William Leonard, Transylvania; Fred Swann, Polk; I. C. Crawford and Gordon H. Greenwood, Buncombe; and W. V. Cooper, Graham.

Textured Yarns Expected To Resume Production

PEACHTREE - Textured Yarns Co. plant here is expected to resume production in the very near future, according to Ronald Ressel, plant manager. While no definite date has been set, production at the plant that has been closed since January 16 is assured. The plant closed during the month-long Longshoremen's Union Dockworkers strike.

In reference to the purchase of the entire Textured Yarns complex, Mr. Ressel had "no comment."

County Cancer Society Is On Shaky Ground

MURPHY - The Cherokee County Cancer Society met at the Power Board Building on Wednesday, March 13, 1963, in Murphy, North Carolina, with only four members present: two from Andrews and two from Murphy, with three visitors from Andrews. An urgent plea was sent out every hour over the radio, also 55 cards were mailed, notifying members of this meeting, according to Mrs. Joe Ray, secretary - treasurer.

We are required to have only four meetings a year in order to remain an active society. If we lose this society, which is so badly needed in our county, we will not receive any benefits or remuneration from the drive which is held annually. Surely we can get more response for such a worthy cause? Mrs. Ray asked.

Our society made it possible for six different patients to receive aid or treatment for cancer last year, whereas it would not have been possible for these people to have gotten treatment otherwise. Approximately \$700.00 was used in giving this assistance.

We are going to make a plea for your support and attendance at another meeting to be held at the Power Board Building in Murphy on Thursday night, April 4, 1963, at 7:30 p.m., she added.

"Either your presence will be counted or a loss of our SOCIETY which means all funds raised for this cause will be sent out of our county," Mrs. Ray concluded.

Savings Bonds County Savings Bonds Sales For February

ANDREWS - Cherokee County Savings Bonds sales for February were \$18,884.00 for the year \$43,134.00. This represents 16.4 percent of the county's quota for this year, according to W. D. Whitaker, County Volunteer Chairman for the U. S. Savings Bonds Program.

Bloodmobile To Be Here Monday

MURPHY - The Bloodmobile is scheduled to be in Murphy again on Monday, April 8. The Bloodmobile will be at the Murphy Power Board Building from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Archives-History Representative

ANDREWS - Bob Conway, Western North Carolina representative of the State Department of Archives and History, visited on Friday in Andrews to obtain information on historic sites in this area.

In May, 1961, the department opened the first state historic site in the mountain region - the restored log home of Zebulon Baird Vance, North Carolina's Civil War Governor.

Other historic sites are being considered for opening to the public and Mr. Conway is now compiling information on the sites.

Methodist Revival Still In Progress At Murphy Church

MURPHY - A revival is in progress at the First Methodist Church here with the Rev. Clark Benson, pastor, as speaker. The revival begun on March 24 and will continue through Friday, March 29.