



DECLAMATION CONTEST PARTICIPANTS are left to right, front row, Bobby Potter, Knox Singleton, Mike Jordan, Jan Davidson, Perry Brown, and Roger Kephart. Back row, Robert Smith, Bill Lay, David Penland, Richard Rawlings, John Van Horn, Tommy Palmer, and Robert F. Anderson. (Scout Photo)

### Jordan Wins Declamation Contest

MURPHY - The Murphy High School Declamation Contest was held in the Murphy High School Auditorium Friday, May 10.

This annual event is sponsored by Cherokee County Historical Society and The Joe Miller Elkins Post 96 of the American Legion. Hobart McKeever presided.

In this year's contest were: Jan Davidson - THE RETURN OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER - Henry W. Grady; Richard Rawlings - THE BLACK HORSE AND HIS RIDER - Anon; David Penland - PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S INAUGURAL SPEECH - John Kennedy; Perry Brown - THE AMERICAN DREAM - Peter Marshall; Tommy Palmer - I AM AN AMERICAN - Elias Liberman; Knox Singleton - SILVER DOLLAR - W. A. Singleton;

Mike Jordan - BY THE TOMB OF NAPOLEON - Robert G. Ingersoll; Bill Lay - THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS - Thomas Paine; Robert Smith - WHAT AMERICANISM MEANS TO ME - Jennie Edwards; Roger Kephart - FAREWELL TO THE SENATE - Jefferson Davis; Bobby Potter - THE AMERICAN RANGERS - Everett Johnson; Robert F. Anderson - WHAT WE, THE YOUTH, MUST DO - Robert Anderson; and John Van Horn - GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH - Patrick Henry.

The state of North Carolina is 300 years old this year, in honor of and to commemorate this historic event, the Declamation Contest was held and dedicated to the memory of the people who settled this great state.

Winners were Mike Jordan, first; Jan Davidson, second; and Perry Brown, third.

### D. K. G. Members Hear Librarian

MURPHY - The Alpha Iota Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma met Saturday, May 11 at the Boundary Tree Inn at Cherokee, N. C., for a luncheon.

Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, librarian of WCC, Calloway, was guest speaker. Those attending from Murphy were Mrs. Pauline Bault, Mrs. Ruby Hill, Mrs. Dair Shields, Mrs. Edna Whitely, and Miss Jewel Garrett.

### Letter To The Editor

The Editor: Enclosed you will find a check for \$3.30 for one year's subscription to The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress. Along with this subscription, I would like to lodge my protest against any future advertisements on behalf of interests of the alcoholic beverage industry. This seems unbecoming for a paper serving the area whose views concerning this matter have already been clearly and lawfully expressed.

I am not so naive as to think you can be forced to do this for I would not want to be accused of denying the right to freedom of the press. This I also cherish, but am concerned about some of our "weaker brothers" who could so easily fall prey to this subtle appeal that this potentially dangerous beverage belongs in our counties. This advertising money may seem important, but we would rather pay a little more for the paper and feel pride in an instrument that promotes the best interests of our total community.

There is one other thing that concerns me that I trust will be a constructive suggestion. Would it be possible to have a series of short articles, or interviews, or both, probing the idea of what we can do to



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### Track Team

ANDREWS - Andrews Track Team scored 28 1/2 points on Saturday at the Smoky Mountain Conference Track meet at Sylva-Webster High School. Bunch Sursavage took honors as 1st in 100 yard dash, 880 yard run, Mathis was 2nd, Broad Jump, Watkins was 3rd and Discus, Watkins was 4th, on 220 yard dash, Sursavage tied with Jones for 4th place and in the Mile Relay, Andrews won 1st place.



### LODGE NOTICE

MURPHY - Cherokee Lodge #146 will hold an emergent communication on Saturday night, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. There will be work in the third degree.

All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome. This work is being done by Marble Springs Lodge of Marble, N. C.

### attract the tourist business and other industries to Clay County?

It seems to me that it will come from our prominent citizens, that money-interests are going to have to get together and make an investment in our future NOW. Seeing it in print will certainly prod our consciences concerning our community responsibility.

Someone must start with an ambitious project. We hear a motel is in the making, but we need some more boat docks, marina's and public park and bathing facilities. These would take money, but they would also bring money into our area.

It seems to me that a bowling alley, a swimming pool, a golf course and other major investments could be paying propositions. However, before they can become a reality, they need to be kept before our people. We need your help in keeping this before the people of Clay County by a column or an interview series with prominent leaders, for the front page on this vital subject.

Thank you for your attention. You may print any portion of this letter you feel would be beneficial to Clay County. Donald E. Turner, Hayesville, N. C.



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13	58	78	0
14	56	65	1.08
15	55	77	0.00

Forecast Thursday, scattered to broken cloudiness with isolated thunder showers; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, little change.

### Congressman Will Attend Ceremony At Culberson

CULBERSON - Congressman Roy A. Taylor will attend the dedication ceremony of the new Culberson Post Office Sunday, May 26.

The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. More details of the Congressman's visit and the dedication will be published in this paper next week.

### Democrat Women Elect Officers

HAYESVILLE - Clay County Woman's Democrat Club met Monday night at the Hayesville luncheon. After a covered dish dinner, new officers were elected.

Mrs. Garland Martin president, presided at the meeting. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers to be voted on and nominations were also made by the group.

The officers elected were Mrs. Neal Jarrett, president; Mrs. Newell Crisp, first vice-president; Mrs. Gilbert Bradshaw, second vice-president; Mrs. Bobby Waldrop, third vice-president; Mrs. Scott Beal - corresponding secretary and treasurer; Miss Beth Jarrett, recording secretary.

After officers were elected, Mrs. Martin presented the gavel to Mrs. Jarrett. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August. Mrs. Jarrett set a call meeting for June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Neal Kitchens' picnic area. Following a picnic supper, seven directors will be elected and seven appointed. All Clay County Democrat ladies are invited to attend. Mrs. Jarrett said.

# Fire Protection For Private Property In County Discontinued

MURPHY - The regular board meeting of the Mayor and Murphy Town Council was held Monday, May 13.

Since the providing of fire protection for residents living outside the city limits has become a financial burden to the town taxpayers and the town council having met with the Cherokee County Commissioners at their last regular meeting to discuss this service, and after receiving recommendations from the N. C. League of Municipalities, wherein they pointed out that such service outside the city limits left property owners inside unprotected while the fire truck was out of town, thereby affecting the insurance rate for those living inside the city, the board took the following action:

Upon motion by W. A. Singleton, duly seconded by Kenneth Godfrey, and same was unanimously passed by the Board that pending some agreement with the County Commissioners, whereby the town would be compensated for fire services within the county, that the fire truck not be taken outside the city limits except in the case of a fire involving a public building or property, such as schools, churches, town, county, state or federal owned buildings.

The city clerk was directed to inform the County Commissioners and the Fire Chief and responsible members of the Fire Department of this action.

Upon motion by W. A. Singleton, duly seconded by Kenneth Godfrey, the following was unanimously passed by the Board, that an ordinance be adopted as follows for the regulation and control of the use of real property in the Town of Murphy so as not to encroach upon the rights and privileges of others and to cause depreciation of adjoining or nearby property owned or to be owned by any person, firm, or corporation to erect any building or structure or to change the use of any building or structure or of any piece of land without having first obtained a permit for same.

The Mayor and Town Council shall appoint a Board to be known as the "Building and

### Second Traffic Safety Meeting Is Scheduled

MURPHY - Joe Sherrill, Drivers Education Representative, Department of Motor Vehicles for the Western District, will hold the second meeting on Traffic Safety on May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphy Power Board Building.

Frank Ramsey, Driver Education Representative from Macon County will be guest speaker. He will speak on the "Teenage Driver."

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Property Use Board" consisting of three members of the citizens of Murphy whose duty shall be to study and review each permit request and to approve or deny such request. The Board shall be invested with full authority to make such decision. The Board members may be members of the Town Council. The Board shall have authority to call witnesses, hear petitions, to cause petitions to be advertised, to notify interested parties.

Authority to advertise or notify others does not imply any responsibility to either unless in the judgement of the Board, such action is necessary to protect the rights of others.

Any person, firm, or corporation erecting any building or structure or changing the use of any building or structure or of any piece of parcel of land without first obtaining a permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not more than \$50.00

### Murphy Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 16

6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.

1:30 p.m. - Grape Creek Home Demonstration to meet with Mrs. Robert Whitener.

6:30 p.m. - Women's Club pot luck supper Murphy Power Board Building.

7:30 p.m. - Mrs. Holland McSwain music recital music room of elementary school.

Mrs. Jerry Davidson Music recital Men's Bible Classroom of First Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.

7:30 p.m. - Vacation Church School workers meet at Westminster Hall, Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.

7:30 p.m. - Vacation Church School workers meet at

SUNDAY, MAY 19

11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass at St. William Catholic Church.

Services at First Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, and Free Methodist Churches, and Church Messiah, Episcopal Church.

5:30 p.m. - Concord Choir, First Baptist Church.

6:00 p.m. - MYF at First Methodist Church.

8:00 p.m. - 4-H Club at the First Methodist Church.

MONDAY, MAY 20

6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.

6:30 p.m. - Rotary Club at Family Restaurant.

7:30 p.m. - Workshop Commission meet home of Mrs. Ruth Forsyth.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.

10:00 a.m. - Circle No. 4 of First Methodist Church to meet with Mrs. R. C. Fuller and Mrs. Sallie Davidson as co-hostess.

1:30 p.m. - Bellview Home Demonstration Club to meet with Mrs. T. E. Anderson.

2:30 p.m. - Circle No. 3 First Methodist Church to meet in Men's Bible Classroom, Mrs. Walter Coleman, as hostess.

3:00 p.m. - Sunbeams, First Baptist Church.

4:00 p.m. - Primary Choir at First Baptist Church.

7:30 p.m. - Circle No. 2 of First Methodist Church to meet in Men's Bible Classroom with Mrs. Helen Lochaby and Mrs. Reba Johnson as hostesses.

Circle No. 1 First Methodist Church to meet at the church.

Traffic Safety School at Murphy Power Board Building.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.

4:15 p.m. - Coral Choir at First Baptist Church.

7:20 p.m. - Midweek Services at Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m. - Graduation exercises Texana School.

8:00 p.m. - Hour of Power at First Baptist Church.

Choir rehearsal Presbyterian Church.

8:45 p.m. - Church choir at First Baptist Church, Jr. and Int. G's at First Baptist Church.

and imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Violation or the existence of a violation each day shall constitute a separate violation and subject to the same penalty.

Failure of the board to act upon a petition within 30 days from date of receipt shall be considered approval unless the Board needs additional time to study the merits of the petition and the petitioner be so advised.

Request for permit shall be substantially of form attached and submitted in duplicate.

Upon motion made and passed by the board that Mayor L. L. Mason and Town attorneys determine the status of the application for Federal Grants and take the necessary steps to see if they are re-

ceiving the best possible attention.

Upon motion made and passed that the request for tax permit of Harry Carringer be approved if in accordance with all tax ordinances.

By direction of the town council, L. L. Mason, Mayor, and Town Attorney, Herman Edwards, leave for the Housing and Home Finance Agency office in Atlanta, Ga., and the Area Redevelopment Administration and Community Facilities Administration offices in Washington, D. C., to speed the expediting of the Town's applications for Federal Grants to assist in the construction of a Sewage Treatment Plant and for improvements to the town water system.

## Access Road Funds Approved For Lakes

WASHINGTON -- A total of \$8,000 in federal matching grants has been approved under the Accelerated Public Works program to assist North Carolina in the construction of two recreation roads in Clay and Cherokee Counties.

Eleventh District Congressman Roy A. Taylor said the money is being made available through the N. C. Fish and Wildlife Commission and will be evenly divided between the two counties.

In Cherokee, the federal funds will help to construct a lake access road three miles west of Murphy to Hiwassee

Lake. In addition to the road, a parking lot and boat launching ramp will be constructed. In Clay County, exactly the same type road and facilities will be constructed at Lake Change five miles southeast of Hayesville.

The federal grant will be matched on a fifty-fifty basis by the state, said Rep. Taylor.

### More Military Contracts Topic For Area Group

BRYSON CITY - Industrialists and civic leaders from the seven county area west of the French Broad will meet Thursday night, May 16, at Boundary Tree Restaurant in Cherokee, N. C., to hear plans for more military contracts for the area.

James E. Childress, president, said arrangements had been made for A. F. Thompson, industrialist specialist of Greensboro and the regional office of the Birmingham Procurement District of the Army to address the group.

Officials of industry in the area interested in military contracts are expected to attend and ask questions of the specialists.

Thompson recently said he did not feel Western North Carolina plants were getting their share of their government contracts and orders just because they were not bidding on them.

A report on highways in the 7-county area will be made by Commissioner Ted Jordan of the 15th and Frank Hutchinson, engineer of the 14th.

## Community At Unaka Organized

UNAKA - Residents of the Unaka community met at the Unaka Elementary School on Saturday, May 11, and organized the community for competition in the Cherokee County and WNC Community Development contest.

Officers elected to head this new community club are Charles Bates, president; Harold Fencodemaker, vice-president; Helen Mason, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Roberts, reporter; Cecil Jones, treasurer; Lola Radford, scrapbook chairman; and Glen Farmer, program chairman.

The community organization voted to meet the first Saturday in each month at 8 p.m.

Projects selected for improvement are the beautification of the church cemetery, establishment of a community trash dump, roadside beautification and the expansion of the community's youth programs.

All citizens living in the Unaka community are urged by Mr. Bates to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for Saturday night, June 1.

### Davidson Pupils Present Recitals

MURPHY - Mrs. Jerry Davidson will present high school music pupils in a recital on Thursday evening, May 16, in the Men's Bible Classroom of the First Methodist Church.

Pupils from grade six, seven and eight will be presented on Thursday, May 23, in the church, and pupils from grade two through five on Saturday evening, May 25.

Mrs. Davidson said friends are invited to be present. The hour for the recital is eight o'clock.

### Class Sees Films

MURPHY - The Rev. C. W. Benson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Murphy, entertained the kindergarten class Tuesday morning, May 14.

Rev. Benson showed two movies to the class. One of the movies was of the kindergarten parade last Halloween and the other on the Smoky Mountain National Park.



MASTER SERGEANT HENDERSON N. RYDER (right) receives a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding services while assigned with the United Nations Command in the Far East. Colonel Arthur C. Tillson, Second Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training, presents the certificate to the newly assigned sergeant at Fort. G. G. Meade, Maryland. Sgt. Ryder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ryder of Hayesville.