

## 275 Baptists Attend Annual Loyalty Dinner

MURPHY - A large crowd of some 275 members of First Baptist Church attended the second annual Loyalty Dinner in the High School Lunchroom here last Thursday night to launch a campaign to push this year's record \$80,000 church budget over the top.

First Baptist recently announced plans to erect a new church here, and pastor William J. Thompson explained this week that half of this year's budget will go for the building fund.

Keynote speaker for the evening was O. J. Hagler of Raleigh, the Director of the Division of Stewardship Promotion of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Hagler spoke along the theme of "Christian Stewardship Responsibility", with references to the theme of the dinner meeting, "A Willing Heart".

Julian Suggs, First Baptist's minister of music, was master of the ceremonies for the dinner, and the pastor delivered the invocation and benediction.

At the same time the dinner was being held, the children of the church attended a party at the church, with ladies from various Baptist Churches in the Western Carolina and West Liberty Associations overseeing the party so parents who are members of the church were free to attend the dinner.

The children enjoyed games and refreshments and movies shown by Red Schuyler of Murphy.

Financing for the annual dinner is included in the annual church budget, and this year's meal was catered by Family Restaurant.

The dinner each year precedes Pledge Sunday in the church.

Jess Barclay is general chairman of the Forward Program for the church's finances this year.

A reservation committee mailed out cards to all members of the church informing them of the dinner, and a subcommittee followed up with telephone confirmations.

Ralph McConnell presented an inspirational challenge in reference to this year's budget, "All The Way In One Day."

Decorations for the luncheon included a heart theme, tying in with February as Valentine Month and the overall theme of the banquet, "A Willing Heart."

## Rimco Plans Open House Sunday

MURPHY - Rimco Manufacturing Corporation here will hold Open House Sunday, Feb. 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with the public cordially invited to attend.

The afternoon's program will include tours of the plant and refreshments will be served, according to Peter J. McKeon, Superintendent.

The Rimco Corporation plant was opened here in 1960 and presently employs 130 people.

Sunday's program will mark the second annual Open House Event.

Hosts and hostesses for the day will include Mrs. Jim Kephart, Mrs. Betty Toth-erow, Mrs. Nina Coleman, Mrs. Jean Dockery, Mrs. Fay Radford, Bob Coffey, Boyd Pulliam, Joe Anderson, and Victor Breedlove.

## Southern Major Taxpayer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Southern Railway reports that it has this week presented the tax collector of Cherokee County with a check for \$28,296.28 in payment of its 1963 ad valorem taxes.



THREE MURPHY HIGH STUDENTS were injured when the car pictured above plunged into a deep ditch in front of the High School building. A fourth passenger escaped without injury. The wreck occurred around noon Tuesday.

## Students Injured In Wreck

MURPHY - A 16 year-old Murphy High sophomore injured in an auto accident here Tuesday was transferred to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., Tuesday afternoon for surgery on his knee.

A call to the Chattanooga hospital Wednesday afternoon at press time received the report that Homer Roberson was in surgery at that time and would probably not be out of surgery until around 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, but his condition was listed as fair.

A 1964 model car driven by Homer Roberson plunged into a deep ditch about noon Tuesday as the driver attempted to turn off the road coming down from the high school onto the road going back around the back side of the school.

Three other students were passengers in the car, and two were admitted to Providence Hospital here for treatment of injuries suffered in the wreck.

Daniel Timpson 15, was reported suffering from concussion; John Wayne Roberson, 15, had lacerations of the forehead, and was released after treatment, and a third passenger, Willard Pendergrass, was uninjured.

State Patrolman R. H. Ensley said the investigation into the cause for the wreck is continuing.



FOREST RANGERS from eleven North Carolina Ranger Districts posed in front of the Murphy Electric Power Board Building Wednesday morning as they met for the third day of a four-day annual conference.

## Rangers Here For Conference

MURPHY - District Forest Rangers from 11 Ranger districts in North Carolina and the State Forest Supervisor and members of his staff from Asheville are meeting in Murphy this week for a four-day annual Rangers Conference.

The meetings will last through today (Thursday). The Tusquitee Ranger District which has headquarters in Murphy headed by Ranger Bunch Nugent is hosting the

annual conference for the National Forests in N. C.

The main purpose of the conference is discussion of problems and proposed programs of the U. S. Forest Service in the management of National Forests in the state.

Some 40 Rangers and Supervisors on hand spent Tuesday in the field, looking over some of the projects completed to date on the Tusquitee Ranger District.

Stops included the Hiwassee

Recreation Area, the Beech Creek Seed Orchard, and the new Jack Rabbit Campground in Clay County, plus other points of interest.

The conference is held each year and is rotated from district to district.

The Tusquitee Ranger District was chosen this year in order for the Rangers to see the many projects accomplished in this area through the Accelerated Public Works Program.

## Urgent Need For Applications This Week ARA Schools For Unemployed Approved For Cherokee, Clay

MURPHY - Area Redevelopment Act schools have been approved for Cherokee and Clay Counties in Murphy and Hayesville and applications will be taken beginning today (Thursday) at the Murphy Office of the N. C. Employment Securities Commission.

The School in Murphy will offer a course in bricklaying, and the Hayesville school will teach carpenter work.

Both are open to men over 18 in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties who are presently unemployed.

The schools are part of the ARA program designed to

teach skills to unemployed workers to enable them to get back on a job.

The schools will last 16 weeks, five days a week, eight hours a day.

John Ellis, manager of the Employment office here said this week that it is very important for interested men to

apply as soon as possible, because both schools may begin as soon as Feb. 10, or at the latest, Feb. 17.

He explained the reasons for the announcement and application date coming so soon before the beginning of the schools as due to a hold-up in funds for the projects. Both were approved last October, but the funds were released only this week, shortly before the beginning of both schools.

Applications will be received beginning Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and will be taken through the end of this week and probably run on into next week.

Two officials of the N. C. Employment Securities Commission will arrive here on Thursday to assist in taking the applications and screening the applicants.

Applicants should preferably have a seventh grade education or the equivalent.

All materials and educational equipment will be furnished to the students selected for each school, and trainees will receive \$24 per week sustenance pay while they are enrolled for the 16-week course.

Mr. Ellis stressed the urgency of applicants coming to the Employment office here by the end of this week.

The Asheville - Buncombe Industrial Education Center is responsible for staffing, maintaining and supervising both schools.

A similar ARA school in leather crafts winds up a 16 week course in Hayesville this week.

Teachers for both schools and buildings where they will be held will be announced next week.

## Merchants Association Meeting Set

MURPHY - A meeting has been called for Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 3:00 p.m. to reactivate the Murphy Retail Merchants Association.

A letter has been mailed to all former members of the Association inviting them to the meeting.

Wally Williams, a past president of the Association is heading the drive to reactivate the group.

All businessmen who are interested have been urged to attend the meeting or to send a representative or word of their intentions and feelings about the reorganization.

## Duncan Oil Latest Victim Of Looting

MURPHY - A break-in occurred at the Duncan Oil Co. office here sometime Tuesday night, and thieves prowled through desks and filing cabinets before making off with a typewriter, a Notary Public stamp, some \$15 in small bills and change and a small calibre pistol.

J. H. Duncan said Wednesday that he would not be able to determine whether or not anything was missing from the adjoining warehouse until an inventory was completed.

The thieves gained entrance to the office by prizing open a small window and climbing through.

Officers from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department are investigating the theft, and SSI Agent M. G. Crawford will join the investigation when he returns from Raleigh this week.

The Notary Public stamp missing belonged to William Hall, an employee of the company, and carried his name on the imprint.

Last Saturday night someone jacked up a delivery truck belonging to Murphy Laundry and stole two snow tires and wheels from the truck which was parked behind the laundry. Hemi Threese here was also hit by a thief last Wednesday during daylight hours. The thief entered the theatre lobby and broke into a cigarette machine, making off with a round \$15 in quarters.

## Editor's Note-Book

The folks who accept Feb. 2 as Groundhog Day are sure that six more weeks of bad weather are in store, because the sunny weather Sunday created plenty of shadow for the little forecaster. Plenty of people hereabouts, however, still hold to the idea that the real, original Groundhog Day is Feb. 14, and are waiting until then for their predictions.

TR  
Feb. 14 is also Valentine's Day, and store windows are full of heart shaped cards, both witty and mushy, and many parties are planned for the loving day.

TR  
Like TV and rock'n'roll fans everywhere, most of the music fanatics hereabout will be glued to their TV tubes next Sunday night when the smash-hit group from England, The Beatles, make their first U. S. appearance live on the Ed Sullivan Show.

TR  
A whopping sum of \$2060.10 was turned over to the county school fund this month by the Clerk of Court, as fines levied in Recorder's Court here continue to be an aid to education, even if some of the benefactors are somewhat reluctant.

TR  
The Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission has announced approval of a mapping contract for the town of Andrews, and map-makers will soon be swarming around town both on land and in air as they mark every street, intersection and trail.

TR  
A new feature designed to please the many boat fanciers in this area who take to the lakes as soon as weather permits makes it first appearance in this week's Scout. The column will be primarily devoted to boating, and suggestions on choosing, buying and operating sailing craft.

TR  
Mar. 7 has been set as the date for a special election in Hayesville on the \$15,000 in bonds needed to finance the town's proposed new sewage plant and system and another \$15,000 to finance improvements to the water system for Hayesville.



MISS FEBRUARY

Miss Hilda Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Decker

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SWIRLING SQUARE DANCERS of the new Murphy Western Square Dance Club twirl around the Old Rock Gym following the calls of instructor Jay Orr of Fontana Village as they practice each Tuesday night.

## 72 Members Form 'Swinging Square Dance Group Here

MURPHY - The story goes that a stranger passing through town recently heard strange noises coming from an old rock building in East Murphy, and curiosity

prompted him to peek in. What he saw was a gymnasium floor full of couples swirling and fancy-stepping around the gym to the calls of a Western square dance.

Someone heard him mumble to himself, "man, I've made it to the mountains, but I sure would like to find the

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	High	Low	
Jan. 28	52	11	0
30	58	17	0
31	58	31	0
Feb. 1	56	22	0.10
2	57	20	0
3	58	19	0
4	58	19	0

Forecast: Thursday, overcast; Friday and Saturday, fair; Sunday, partly cloudy.