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**FIRST STOP IN MURPHY** for the officials touring Rimco was a luncheon hosted by Sen. and Mrs. Frank Forsyth. The officials landed their DC-3 at Andrews - Murphy Airpark and drove on to Murphy. Murphy Chamber of Commerce President W. D. Townson met the group at the airport and accompanied them to Murphy for the luncheon. Those in the photo include (L-R) Earl Rushon, group vice-president, Indian Head Mills; Sen. Forsyth; James E. Robison, President, Indian Head Mills; Peter J. McKeon, Rimco Plant Manager; Mathew Birnbaum, President of Native Laces Co., a division of Indian Head Mills, Inc.; Ira Birnbaum, vice-president-manufacturing, Native Laces; John E. O'Sullivan, executive vice-president, Indian Head Mills; and Dr. Linton G. Ray, Jr., vice-president technical director, Indian Head Mills.

## Indian Head Mills Officials Tour Murphy Rimco Lace Plant Wednesday

MURPHY - Top officials of Indian Head Mills, Inc., toured the Rimco lace plant here Wednesday. Rimco is part of the Native Laces & Textiles Division of Indian Head Mills. The visit was part of a series which began on March 17 for the purpose of reviewing current operations and discussing with Division and mill managements the Company's policies and goals for the year.

### Editor's Note-Book

The weather seems to have settled down a bit during the past week. . .with no more floods at least. One problem with all the rain is that the fishing hasn't been up to snuff.

Initial earth moving was begun this week on the lot next to Duncan Oil Co.'s bulk plant where a new Kerns Bread Co. warehouse will be built.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Murphy Monday, Apr. 20 at the Power Board Building from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Officials report that 125 pints are needed.

A Heritage Tour and Silver Tea will be held by the Andrews Konnaheeta Club in Valleytown Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.

If you missed one of the Sabin Polio Vaccine doses, be watching for the announcement of a makeup date, and don't fail to take advantage of this protection.

The Forest Service reports that a temporary boat launching ramp will be ready for use this summer at the new Hiwassee Lake Campground, with a permanent ramp scheduled for construction next year.

Another new facility for boaters going in at Lake Hiwassee this summer is a new floating, pre-mixed gas pump at Shooks Boat Dock, to service outboard motors.

Lights were burning late this week as local folks labored to complete income tax returns by the Wednesday deadline.

The heavy rains this month have lakes full ahead of schedule in WNC and Hiwassee is rising fast. First spring action at boat docks will probably get rolling this weekend if the weather holds.

Officials of the North Carolina Fund held a two-day meeting in Asheville this week going over projects sought by counties who are asking for help. Included in this program is 'Project High Hope' which included Cherokee and Clay. Announcements of proposals which are accepted will be made shortly.

Auto enthusiasts are excited by Ford's new sports car, the Mustang, which will be introduced in local show rooms this week.

Movie fans in Andrews will be happy to learn that the drive-in will open in May, with weekend shows for the first two weeks and full time operation for the remainder of the summer.

James E. Robison, President, John E. O'Sullivan, Executive Vice President, and Dr. Linton G. Ray, Jr., Vice President - Technical Director, were conducted through the Rimco plant by Mathew Birnbaum, President of Native Laces, Ira Birnbaum, Vice President - Manufacturing and Peter J. McKeon, Plant Manager.

The Indian Head officials flew here from Greenville, S. C., where they spent the morning touring the yard dyeing plant of the Company's Franklin Process Division. Prior to their visit to the Rimco Plant, they attended a luncheon meeting at the home of Senator Frank Forsyth.

Following the group's visit to the Rimco plant, they flew to Chattanooga, Tenn., where they will tour the second of Franklin Process Company's three yard dyeing plants. This portion of the mill tour will terminate Thursday afternoon at the Blue Mountain, Ala., plant of the Linen Thread Co. Division, which makes industrial sewing threads, twines, commercial fishing nets and sports nets.

Mr. Robison said, "Regular visits to the manufacturing units of the Company are a key part of Indian Head Mills' continuing program of internal communications."

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## Free Food Warehouse Is Moved

MURPHY - The Cherokee County Surplus Commodity Distribution Center has been moved to the former location of Howell's Market in the Regal Hotel Building on Hiwassee Street in Murphy.

Effective April 16, food will be distributed to certified eligible, needy individuals and families from the new location.

## Young Democrat Club Meeting Thursday Night

MURPHY - There will be a meeting of the Cherokee County Young Democrat Club on Thursday evening, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Elementary school library.

Charles Forrester, president, urged all members to be present, and invited all interested persons over the age of 20 to come.

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## Julian Suggs Ordained Into Baptist Ministry

MURPHY - Julian S. Suggs, Minister of Music and Education at the First Baptist Church of Hickory, was ordained into the Baptist ministry Sunday, April 12.

The ordination service took place in his home church, the First Baptist Church of Hickory. Dr. J. Roy Robinson is the pastor of the church.

Last Sunday Mr. Suggs terminated his services in Murphy. He began his services at the First Baptist Church in Lenoir City, Tenn., this week.

Mr. Suggs had requested ordination from the First Baptist Church in Murphy and the church voted to grant his request. Due to his father's recent illness, it was considered unwise by physicians for him to travel to Murphy,

therefore Mr. Suggs' request was transferred to the First Baptist Church of Hickory. Mr. Suggs was licensed to preach by his home church in October 1957. He attended and graduated from the Hickory High School in 1955 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Education from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1959.

## Brumby Textile Mills Resumes Operation

MURPHY - Brumby Textile Mills in Murphy resumed operations this week after being shut down since Feb. 1, the longest layoff in the history of the firm.

Edward H. Brumby, owner of the mill, said this week that the company had been awarded a contract to produce 717,360 undershirts for the Defense Clothing and Textile Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Center, which is an ac-

tivity of the Defense Supply Agency, announced that four firms, fixed-price contracts were awarded to various mills in North Carolina and Pennsylvania at the same time the Brumby Mills contract was negotiated.

The Center added that the contracts were awarded to the lowest responsible offerors whose proposals conformed with all requirements of the solicitation.

## County Democratic Convention Date Announced By Chairman

RALEIGH - The official call for all Cherokee Democrats to organize on the precinct level on Saturday, April 25 has been received from State Party Chairman Lunsford Crew, Democratic County Chairman Harry Bishop announced this week.

All over North Carolina on April 25 in more than 2,000 precincts Democrats will begin the machinery designed to elect a President, Governor, Congressman, State and County officials in November. At each precinct meeting five persons, two of whom have to be women, will be elected as a precinct committee.

After election the precinct committee will then elect a chairman and a vice-chairman, one of whom will be a woman, and name dele-

gates to the bi-annual County Convention to be held on May 9, the chairman said.

At the County Convention the precinct chairmen and vice-chairmen will then organize their county executive committee and elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention in Raleigh on May 20.

District committees will be named as well as delegates to the Democratic National Convention, to be held in Atlantic City on August 24, where the national platform will be adopted and candidates for president and vice-president will be nominated.

The chairman pointed out that any Democrat is cordially invited to attend the meeting in the precinct in which he votes.

## 9,550 Take Last Sabin Vaccine Dose

MURPHY - The third and final dose of Sabin oral Polio vaccine was given to 9,550 persons in Cherokee County Sunday as the campaign of immunization sponsored by the County Medical Association and the Murphy Jaycee Club came to a close.

More than 10,000 people in Cherokee County have taken one or more doses of the vaccine during the three Stop Polio Sundays held in the last three months.

Those people who missed the final dose or either the first or second dose of the Sabin oral vaccine will be able to get a make-up dose.

A definite date has not yet been decided, but a spokesman for the Jaycees said this week that some time during May a four or five day period would be set up with any of the three types of vaccine available for persons who missed a dose.

The cost of the program was taken care of by contributions from those who took the vaccine, and although final totals are not available, the Jaycees expect that contributions will take care of all expenses.

Contributions for Sunday's third dose amounted to \$1,946.25, averaging slightly less than the quarter contribution asked of each person who took the vaccine. The vaccine was given, however, with or without a donation.



## Anna Bruce Tapped For Membership In Honor Society

JEFFERSON CITY - Anna Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Bruce of Murphy, has been tapped to become a member of the Panatheneas Honor Society at Carson - Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

Those chosen for the honor are selected due to superior achievement in character, scholarship, leadership, and service to the college.

Panatheneas is eligible for membership in Mortar Board, the highest nationally recognized women's honor society and recognition is expected to be made soon.

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce in Murphy the president of Panatheneas at Carson - Newman said "this recognition will make this honor for which your daughter has been chosen doubly impressive."

Anna was not aware of her selection until the tapping ceremony last Friday at the college, and she was also surprised by the presence of her parents, her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Bruce, and Mrs. Don Ramsey of Murphy at the ceremony.

The ceremony was held in the auditorium of First Baptist Church in Jefferson City. Anna was one of six girls studying at the college to be chosen for the honor.

## 7 County Students On Honor Roll At Western Carolina

CULLOWHEE - Seven Cherokee County students are among those listed on the honor roll for the winter quarter at Western Carolina College.

Those listed on Alpha Honor Roll are Judith Ann May of Andrews, and Donald Paul Smith of Murphy.

Named to Beta Honor Roll are Veral Deanna Allen, Gerald Thomas Chambers, Carolyn Mae Graves, Lester Lee Stowe, all of Murphy, and Hilda Ann White of Culberson.



CORONER J. C. TOWNSON and an unidentified Negro man were removing Mrs. Hudgens' body from her home when this picture was taken Monday night. A Coroner's Jury viewed the body before it was moved.

## Negro Woman's Body Found, Husband Charged With Murder

MURPHY - A Murphy Negro woman's body, beaten and bruised almost beyond recognition, was found in the back room of her home here Monday night about 6:30 p.m. by three neighbors who were concerned that she hadn't been seen since last Friday.

The woman, Mrs. Ethel Hudgens, had been dead since Friday night according to Cherokee County Coroner J. C. Townson, who conducted an inquest Tuesday.

Her husband, James Samuel Hudgens, was arrested by the County Sheriff's Department

shortly after his wife's body was found. Officers picked him up beside Highway 19 East of Murphy. They said he had apparently been staying in the house at night over the weekend.

Hudgens was jailed Sunday and Tuesday afternoon around 4:00 p.m. another prisoner at County Jail discovered that Hudgens had cut his wrists with a discarded razor blade he found in the cell.

Hudgens was rushed to Providence Hospital where he was treated for loss of blood and his wrists were stitched. He was then returned to jail.

He has been charged with the murder of his wife and is being held without bond for grand jury action during the July term of Superior Court in the county.

Three Negro men who live in Texana community near the Hudgens home crawled through a window in the house Monday when they became worried about Mrs. Hudgens' disappearance.

The three, Ralph Hyatt, Neal Colbert and Luther Allen, found her body lying on some boxes behind a roll-away bed in a dark back room of the house. Colbert called the sheriff's office.

Hudgens had told neighbors that his wife had caught a bus to Knoxville Thursday. Hyatt, one of the three who found the body, checked at the bus station here and found that Mrs. Hudgens had not bought a ticket Thursday. He then returned to search the house.

The body was viewed at the scene by a six-man coroner's jury.

Coroner Townson said that Mrs. Hudgens suffered a fractured skull causing her death, and that a walking cane found in the home was being examined as a possible murder weapon. He said that Hudgens and his wife "fought every day."

When questioned by authorities, Hudgens said he found his wife dead when he woke up Saturday morning, and that he had no recollection of what happened the night before.

The coroner said there was evidence of drinking in the house.

Four other Negro men were jailed Monday and held for questioning and were released Tuesday.

## Planning Board Meets Thursday To Take Up Land Use Survey

MURPHY - The Murphy Planning Board will meet on Thursday night, April 16, at the Murphy Power Board Building at 7:00.

The Planning Board, Joe Ray, Chairman, and Charles Cunningham, Murphy Community planner from the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, Asheville, will lead the study of the next phase of the Planning Board's work which will be "Land Use Survey and Plan For Murphy."

The present land use and land use problems will be analyzed as to summary of existing land use --- Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Public and Semi-Public, Streets and Highways, Railroad Facilities, Vacant Land, Water, and Planning Principles for Murphy.

The land use plan will also cover and attempt to designate the manner in which land in Murphy should be used considering its optimum development.

As development takes place, or as opportunities arise to consider land development and re-development, the land use plan should point the way to the best possible use of Murphy's land. Some of these problems have been long in the making and some, such as annexation possibilities, will take highly detailed cost studies and general public understanding.

Murphy Planning Board and Murphy Advisory Committee, Jack T. Owens, Chairman, are available at all times to cooperate in any way possible toward bringing a better understanding of the needs of the town, and in explaining the study and work they are undertaking to accomplish these needs.

The Planning Board meets every third Thursday in each month at the Murphy Power Board at seven o'clock p.m. These meetings are open to anyone who is interested in the work and study taking place at these meetings for the betterment of the Town of Murphy.

## Governor Names Chairmen For Kennedy Memorial

RALEIGH - The appointment of Murphy Attorney Hobart McKeever and Clay County Sheriff Neal Kitchens as county chairmen of the state-wide drive to raise North Carolina's portion of funds for the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, was formally announced this week by Gov. Terry Sanford.

Included in the announcement were others plans for the campaign.

Dr. Billy Graham will be one of the featured speakers paying tribute to President John F. Kennedy in Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill on Sunday, May 17, to close the North Carolina drive for contributions to the Kennedy Library.

All persons contributing \$10 in Cherokee and Clay Counties will receive tickets to the Chapel Hill event from Sheriff Kitchens or Mr. McKeever, and members of the local committee.

Members of both political parties were appointed by

Governor Sanford to sponsor the drive in North Carolina for the library which will house historic papers that came into the nation's possession during President Kennedy's term.

Democrats on the State Committee for the Kennedy Library include U. S. Senators Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and B. Everett Jordan, as well as Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges and State Party Chairman W. Lunsford Crew.

Prominent North Carolina Republicans on the non-partisan State Committee for the Kennedy Library Fund are Congressman Charles Raper Jonas, J. Herman Saxton, J. E. Broyles, and Federal District Judge A. L. Butler.

Persons interested in purchasing tickets to the May 17 tribute to President Kennedy, or in helping in the local drive, should contact Sheriff Kitchens or Mr. McKeever.

## WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Prec.
9	55	29	0.13
10	55	24	0
11	66	29	0
12	72	36	0
13	62	52	0.59
14	63	52	0.52
15	68	38	0

FORECAST: Thursday, fair; Friday, scattered to broken cloudiness with showers; Saturday, showers and a few scattered thunder showers; Sunday, showers.