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with six per cent interest

from the date of the

customers' payments to the date of the refunds."

Nantahala filed an applic -

ation for a rate increase with

the North Carolina Utilities

Commission November 30.

1960. When hearings on the

application had not yet begun

seven months later, Nantahala

placed the rates it sought into

effect under bond.

12 Pages This Week

SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA

Prizewords Soar To \$80 This Weel

When Rate Case Is Settled

Phillip Rogers, 11 year old son of Mrs. Doris Rogers of Andrews, checked a book out of the Andrews Library last week and discovered that his mother's name was on the check-out card inside. She had checked out the same book 18 years earlier.

Nat Kinney was seen taking gas from a Kinney Oil Company tanker truck in front of the Post Office, and putting it in his pickup truck. What about a gas dealer running out of gas?

A FREEone year Scout subscription to the first person to write in and tell us who lost money in this deal: A fellow down on his luck needed \$5 real bad but he only had \$4. He took the \$4 to a pawn shop and pawnedit for \$3. Then he sold the pawn ticket to another fellow for \$2. This gave him the \$5 he needed. Who lost money? -1-

True blooded Irishmen were wearing green and celebrating St. Patrick's Day Wednesday March 17. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Green of Brasstown went a step further. Mrs. Green gave birth to a son on that day and named him Patrick Brian Keith Green.

Want to hear some real fine Gospel Singing? Then be at the Robbinsville High School Gym, 8:00 p.m. Saturday night for a 2 hour session with the Blue Ridge Quartet of Spartanburg, S. C. The singing is being sponsored by the Robbinsville High School.

A pair of contact lens were found at Lake Change, Thursday, March II, by Terry Moss of the Old Shooting Creek Section of Clay County. So if you lost them "contact" him.

If you have Congressional problems you would like to discuss, Tom L. Mallonee, Eleventh Congressional District Secretary to Congressman Roy A. Taylor will be making a scheduled visit to Cherokee and Clay Counties Friday, April 2, Mr will be at the Andrews Town Hall from 9:00 to 9:30; Murphy City Hall from 11:00 to 12:00; and the Clay County Court House from 3:00 to 4:00. p.m.

Jack Thompson, Forest Service employee, was running around town last week sport ing a nice black eye. Jack says he picked up his 2 and 1/2 year old son and got a poke in the eye from the little champ. Sounds like one of those "run into the door" deals to me.

Milk Reduces Plant Virus

By: P. W. England:

HAYESVILLE- Treating tobacco, tomato or pepper plants with milk at transplanting time will greatly reduce losses to tobacco mosaic,

Best control is obtained when the plants are sprayed and the hands are dip-ped in milk as follows:

(1) Spray the plant bed within 24 hours before pulling the plants with 5 gallons of whole or skim milk or 5 lbs. of dried skim milk mixed with 5 gallons of water app-ited to 100 sq. yds, of plant

(2) Dip the hands about every 20 minutes in whole or skim milk or a mixture of 1 lb, of dried skim milk to 1 lb, of dried skim milk to I gallon of water. The hands are dipped during plant pulling and transplanting to the field. Dipping the hands in milk whenever the plants are handled during the growing season also greatly reduces the spread of tobacco mosaic virus.

Money to Burn?





FIREMEN BATTLE early morning blaze of house trailer in the Bealtown section Monday, March 22.

Weekend Fires Take Lives Of Two Men

Fire of undetermined origin by three families and took the lives of two Murphy men Saturday night, March 20 about 11:00 p.m. The fire started in the house occupied by Fred Brendle on Reservoir Road and spread to a second house about ten feet away, occupied by Bill Brendle, son of Fred Brendle. Sammy Brendle, 22, and Willard Murphy,58, lost their lives in the Fred Brendle house.

The fire alarm sounded at 11:00 p.m. and before the Murphy Volunteer Fire Dep-artment could reach the homes, they were completely engulfed in flames. Firemen battled the blaze in sub freezing weather for about two and a half hours removing the bodies about thirty minutes before the fire was

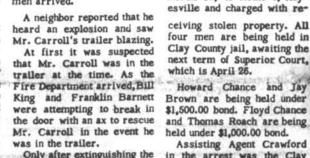
completely subdued. Fred Brendle, father of Sammy Brendle and Uncle of

destroyed two homes occupied he was awakend and managed to escape. The bodies were located in the front room of

> end occured at 5 a.m. Monday morning at Ed King's Trailer Court in the Bealtown Section. A trailer owned by Charlie Carroll was completely engulfed in flames when fire

> Only after extinguishing the flames was it discovered Mr. Carroll was not at home.

The second fire of the week



in the arrest was the Clay County Sheriffs' Department and State Trooper Don Moran.



New Teaching Method for Pre-School children are demonstrated at the Murphy Elementary School by Mrs. Ruth Forsyth (background) and Miss Inez Blay (right). Plans are under way

Pre-School Children Excell In Comprehensive Improvement Program

Murphy Elementary School the beginning of the session is participating in an exper- to determine each child's iment in primary education ability to succeed with knows as the Comprehensive beginning work in reading and School Improvement Program financed by the State Board of Education and the Ford Foundation through the North Carolina Fund. One hunderd selected schools out of 1,968 elementary schools in the State began the project in the summer of 1964 which is aimed at the improvement of instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic in the first three

Prior to the openings of school in July 1964 twenty-one pre-school childern who had had no experience in kindergarten were chosen from the Murphy area to attend a six weeks summer kindergarten under the direction of Mrs. Frank Forsyth, first grade teacher. Planned as a supplement to the experiences of first grade students were afforded an enriched programs story-telling, listening, dra-matization, color recognition, rhythms, singing, free play, directed recreation and visits wntown to places of interest.

A readiness test for first

grade was given in July at

number work. At the opening of school in August, 1964 a different form of the test was given as a follow-up. Comparison of scores shows that 99% of the students who regularly attended kindergarten improved in readiness. The average increase in score was 21 points per child. The results of testing here reveal the value of kindergarten esperience. Mr. Forsyth states that " students excelled in language, social and emotional adjustment and in muscular coordination when compared

with students of equal ability who had no kindergarten. An innovation in the set-up in the provision through funds made available for a teacher aid, Miss Inez Blay, who holds a degree in Elementary Ed-ucation and who has had experience in primary teaching in her native Cuba. Miss Blay's daily schedule provides for time with each one of the first grade teachers when she assists in checking seatwork, supervising the lunch period, mimeographing

and collecting materials, sharpening pencils, keeping records, preparing rooms, and assisting individual st-udents as needed. The assistance of a teacher helper releives the classroom to ther of non-teaching duties and gives her much more time for actual class instructions. First grade teachers, Mrs.

Martha Hatchett, Miss Clara McCombs and Mrs. Frank Forsyth are enthusiastic in their expressions of appreciation for Miss Blay efficient service to their classes. Another valuable asset is

the provision of funds for the purchase of supplementary books, filmstrips, records, teaching devices and equip-ment that the school could not afford otherwise. Teachers have given careful considerto the selection of materials under the direction of Mrs. Annie K. Hoyle, Education Professor at Western Carolina College, who is a consultant for the program. The opportunity to examine and to use new and varied teaching devices is challenging and enlivening both to teachers and children.

Nantahala President Explains Company's Stand On Refund the company charged under Power and Light Company Pr- would result from the bonded bond, any excess charges will esident John M. Archer, Jr. rates charged by the power be refunded to the customers

company from July 1961,

"When all appeals in the

case have finally been con-

cluded and the rates set by

the courts or the Utilities Commission," Mr. Archer explained, "we will be able

to determine the amount of

any refunds that may be due

our customers." Mr. Archer

further pointed out "if the

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rates finally set for Nanta-

through June 1963

Nantahala by the courts or the Utilities Commission. Mr. Archer said that recently, erroneous statements concerning the time and method of payment of these refunds had been attributed

today repeated the power

Company's stand that it will

make any refunds due cus-

tomers when electric rates

are finally determined for

4 Arrested In Clay Break-In

HAYESVILLE - Four men have been arrested and charged with breaking into the summer home of Marvin Adams, Route 4, Hayesville, March 6. A 5 1/2 horsepower Johnson outboard motor, G. E. Toaster and electric mixer were taken from the home. S. B. I. Agent M. G. Crawford stated that Howard Chance, 35, and Jay Brown,

with breaking and entering and larceny. Arrested the same day were Floyd Chance, 25, and Thomas Roach 36, of Route 4, Hay-

46, both of Young Harris,

Georgia, were arrested Sat-

urday, March 20 and charged

ceiving stolen property. All four men are being held in Clay County jail, awaiting the next term of Superior Court,

Howard Chance and Jay Brown are being held under \$1,500.00 bond. Floyd Chance and Thomas Roach are being held under \$1,000.00 bond.

Assisting Agent Crawford

ABOVE PHOTO TAKEN IN 1961 shows the building site of thirty-six unit housing development. Lower photo taken from the same angle last week shows the completion of the housing

Housing Authority Slates Open House

MURPHY - The Murphy Housing Authority will hold open house Sunday March 28 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the newly completed housing development in Bealtown and on Texana Road from Robert the Texana Road.

Registration Still Open For **Adult Classes**

MURPHY - Registration for adult public school classes will be held open through Tuesday, March 30, Holland McSwain, Superintendent of Murphy City Schools, announced today.

Those particular courses are for adults who have not completed high school.

Registration for adults wishing to take business courses is also being held open. These courses consist of advanced bookkeeping, advanced typing, business English, and business arithmetic.

"Ninety-one adults have registered for the adult education classes, but we feel that there are many more who would like to come and did not have a chance to register the first night," Mr. McSwain said.

Anyone interested in registering either series classes may do so Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Murphy Schoolhouse.

James McCombs Is **Probation Officer**

ROBBINSVILLE - James H. McCombs was sworn in as Probation Officer for Cherokee, Clay and Graham County Superior Court Monday, March 15.

Bertis H. Sellers, District Supervisor and D. E. Gilbert, assistant Supervisor, were present at the ceremonies. Mr. McCombs has been employed by the Murphy City Schools for the past four years. He attended Murphy Web School and is a graduate High School and is a gradu

Western Carolina College.

The project got underway May 10, 1961 when ten acres land in the Bealtown section was acquired from the Hayes sisters and two acres on the Weaver.

The development consists of forty housing units, thirty-six in Bealtown and four on Texana Road. There are six efficiency apartments, 4 onebedroom, 14 two-bedroom, 14 three bedroom and 2 four bedroom apartments. All units are electrically heated and equipped with stove and refrigerator.

The public is invited to attend the open house.

Judge Martin Lets Utility Ruling Stand

FRANKLIN - A ruling by special Superior Court Tudge Harry C. Martin of Achieville, delivered to the clerk of court here Wednesday, has upheld the State Utilities Commission's last order in the longstanding Nantahala rate case.

In his decision, Judge Martin dismissed the appeals of both the Nantahala Power and Light Co., and the Mead Corp., of Sylva, who had gone into court last December.

The Utilities Commission granted Nantahala a rate increase in December, 1963. The power company thought it was not enough, and the Mead Corp. one of several customers, thought it was too much.

After nearly four months of studying the mountain of evi-dence offered by both sides, Judge Martin let the commis-sion's formula stand.

Nanthala Power and Light Company has filed notice of further appeal to the State Supreme Court.

There was no winner to last week's puzzle, so an extra \$10 has been added. A perfect solution to this week's puzzle on Page 3 will net you \$80. Get on the fun and cash bandwagon with PRIZE-WORDS....the intriguing word puzzle game everyone's play-PRIZEWORDS appears in this newspaper every week,

for every winner. It's not a contest, an allwinner every time.

on Page 3, with cash awards

LONELY E FIRMS S 'B M / C S L A P W O R M
A I D A U NN CRASS EK

correct solution gives you a EXPLANATION OF ANSWERS

ACROSS:

A fair-minded person is often quick to excuse irritability in a man who is HURRIED (Harried) .- Harried, harassed, is such a strong term that often understates. The man doesn't have such good grounds for irritability when he's merely HURRIED.

4. Often, the more LONELY a young woman is the more likely she is to attract a blackguard (Lovely). Usually would be required with Lovely. That she was LONELY would be of little appeal to a blackguard unless he had, in addition, beauty, position or wealth to attract him.

5. You can acquire valuable information about foreign countries from FIRMS that deal with foreign travel. (Films). You're more likely to get interesting than valuable information from Films. FIRMS is better; from travel agencies you can get information on distances, transportation, currencies and other items of practical value.

8. It usually embarrasses a sensitive youngster when he's made to look a fool publicly through a SLAP (Slip). - Usually allows for exceptions. With Slip, exceptional cases are very hard to find. Exceptions are more likely with SLAP, because much depends on who administers it; it might be a playful SLAP by another child.

A level-headed man seldom lets an insult make him feel WORM (Warm) .- WORM in this sense means an abject, wretched or comtemptible person; it fits better with seldom. Warm is weak. It's only natural to resent an insult, and even the most level-headed person resents being insulted.

11. Through lack of AID the early promise of many a clever youngster comes to nothing (Aim). - Not Aim, because of many; it's very much the exception for a clever youngster to be Aimless. A clever youngster having his ambitions frustrated by lack of AID is a matter of fact.

It's usually better to ignore CRASS remarks (Cross). - It's nearly always better to ignore Cross remarks; why make a fuss over a slight matter? There are more instances where CRASS remarks, grossly stupid or crude remarks, require rebuttal.

13. A highly strung person is usually quick to be affected by SLIGHT. (Flight). Usually exaggerates with Flight; a highly strung person is not necessarily timid, and modern air travel lacks nothing in comfort. But such a person is usually oversensitive. He will of course feel a SLIGHT quickly.

1. We often tend to be unmindful of the consequences of things we do in HATE (Haze). - When we're in a Haze we're mentally confused. Often tend doesn't go far enough with this answer. HATE is better with the clue's restraint; because of our HATE we often tend to ignore consequences of our actions, but we do not necessarily carry through our foolish impulses.

We often grieve (Does).- Perhaps you consider often too restrained with DIES, but when a dear friend DIES, we always grieve, we usually grieve deeply, and we often grieve very deeply. Often and very go too far with Does because the loss is not then ne-

3. When we try to impress youngsters we tend to exaggerate when talking about the WAYS of our youth (Days).- Days is less to the point. Youth itself is a period of life. WAYS is better; it refers to the manner in which we lived in that

4. Usually, a hunted criminal who has a LIMP is seriously handicapped (Lisp). - To such a person a LIMP is much more serious than a Lisp. The LIMP is so difficult to disguise. It is detectable from a greater distance.

6. Car headlights that make one BLINK are usually very dangerous. (Blind).- Car headlights that make one Blind are always very dangerous. Usually points to BLINK. Exceptional cases are more likely.

7. With forethought many a traffic CRASH could have been avoided. (Crush).- CRASH, yes, because more care could have been taken. Forethought can scarcely avoid many a traffic Crush; traffic jams are out of any one person's control.

8. A cynic might well say it would probably be a dull world if everyone were SANE! (Same). With Same, it would be a dull world, and no cynical observation at all. It is only a cynic who would imply by indirection that we're all off our

10. When giving presents to children we usually try to give them something they MUST want (Most). Not Most; we might not know what they want most of all. MUST is better. We try to please them with a sure-fire gift.

U.S. Census Bureau Reports County's 1963 Retail Trade

million in sales in 1963, an increase of 18 percent from 1958, the U. S. Bureau of the Census has just reported after tabulating data gathered from all firms in the 1963 census of business. The last previous business census conducted by the Census Bureau, an agency of the U. S. Dep-artment of Commerce, was

Retail trade in the county meant jobs (exclusive of proprietors) for men and w and a yearly payroll of \$974

In volume of business, the county's food stores had sales of \$3.7 million, an increase of 52 percent from 1958. In other retail business, the county's eating and drinking places had sales of \$350

Cherokee County's 171 Re- thousand, and gasoline service tail Establishments had \$12.3 stations had sales of \$1.0 million. For the state as a whole

the Census Bureau reported 43,857 retail establish with sales of \$4975.3 million. up 30 percent from 1958.

Census reports to be issued during the next few months will give state and county figures on wholesale and service trades, manufacturing and mineral industries.

Figures on number of establishments and sales volume for major types of retail establishments in each county are provided in the printed reports 1963 Census of Bus-iness, Retail Trade, North Carolins, available at 2.56 from Superimenders of December 1