



## Scoutlets

**J-**  
Riddles are fun, but if we hadn't known a fellow with extra toes we'd never have come up with the answer to last week's tidbit. There were many correct answers but there were only three early birds who got their entries post marked Thursday a.m. A free one year subscription to the SCOUT goes out with our compliments to Mrs. Blain Stalcup, Mrs. C. C. Crain, and Mr. Ben L. Beaver. Last week's question was: If a farmer had \$100 and wanted to buy 100 animals, how many of each could he buy if pigs cost 50¢ each, sheep \$3.00 each and cattle \$10.00 each. Here is the correct answer: 94 pigs, \$47.00; 1 sheep, \$3.00; and 5 cattle, \$50.00. Total 100 animals for \$100.

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Spring fever overcame Mrs. Nellie Taylor last week. Mrs. Taylor has been confined to her own hospital, Murphy General, for 4 1/2 months following a coronary. Mrs. T just couldn't stand the spring sunshine peeping through her window any longer, so she asked lab technician Larry Faulk if he would take her for a ride. He said he would and she told him to meet her outside. Mrs. T didn't want the doctor to know she was leaving so she scooted down the fire escape from the second floor. Just goes to prove that you can't keep a good man, ah, woman down.

Jaycee Bud Penland was working the wrestling match Saturday night and was doing a fine job until a Japanese wrestler began twisting the leg of his opponent Len Rossi. In fact they had to carry Rossi from the ring and the match was over. All of a sudden, Bud, who was selling cokes at the time began limping all over the place. We asked him why he was limping when it was the wrestler who got his leg turned and he said, "My wife kicked me".

**J-**  
Ole Joe "66" Fowler has a new gadget down at his service station these days. It's one of them new fangled 5 minute car washes. Joe invited us to try it out so we told him if he would put in the quarter we would supply the man power. So "nuff, we washed our old beat up station wagon in a flat 5 minutes. So the advertisement is true: they could do it and we could too.

Bill Hembree, owner of the Double H Drag Strip at Blue Ridge, Ga., brought a gosh awful looking four wheel monster by the office yesterday and offered us a ride. It was a 22 1/2 foot long, jet powered dragster that Bill will have running on his drag strip Saturday night. The car will turn better than 200 miles per hour in a quarter mile. Kinda makes a fellow think someone is trying to get rid of him by offering him a ride in something like that.

## Hiwassee Dam Girls Attend Convention

Hiwassee Dam High School was represented for the first time at the North Carolina Association of Future Homemakers of America Convention. The Convention was held recently in Memorial Auditorium at Raleigh.

The guest speaker was Dr. Walter Kerr of Tyler, Texas, Director of the National Youth Foundation. He spoke on the theme, We Are America's Future, to the 3,500 delegates from throughout North Carolina.

While there, the delegates visited such places as the House of Representatives, the University of North Carolina, and Catawba College, Mrs. Connor's Alma Mater.

## Sportsmen Urged To Attend Meet

Area Sportsmen are urged to attend the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting to be held at the Courthouse in Sylva May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

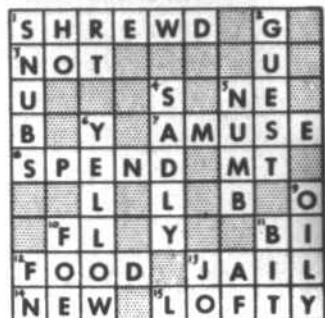
This meeting is to discuss the regulations for the 1965-66 hunting season.

## \$150 - Total Of This Weeks Prizeword Award

If you play prizewords, you know how much fun you can have with the word game. If you don't, join the gang! Meet us on page 3. Right now.

A perfect solution will put you in the chips. This weeks Puzzle is worth \$150 in cash.

Don't forget, you may enter as many times as you wish. A complete set of rules is on page 3.



### ACROSS:

1. Women who are SHREWD are sometimes harshly criticized by other women. (Shrews).- Sometimes understates with Shrews used to complete the clue. Only sometimes do other women harshly criticize women who are SHREWD, keen-witted. They usually admire them.

3. Few self-made men believe the struggle facing ambitions youth is NOT sterner then it was a generation ago (Now).- Note ambitions. Because it's so difficult nowadays to amass anything resembling a fortune few believe it is NOT sterner and many believe it is Now sterner.

7. How hard it often is to AMUSE a person when we're not in the mood to do so (Abuse).- The exclamatory how hard indicates very hard. Whether it's often very hard to Abuse a person depends less on mood than on need for such action AMUSE is better; it doesn't need the same inspiration to be amusing as it does to be abusive.

8. Probably most of us at times feel a desire to SPEND recklessly (Speed).- Most of us includes the entire population, many of whom have neither the opportunity nor ability to drive (youngsters, the ill, the very old). SPEND is more reasonable; a greater proportion of most of us have the opportunity to SPEND money--either well or recklessly.

12. Study is FOOD for thoughtful minds (Good). - The outright statement is better with FOOD; there can be little doubt study makes thoughtful minds work. Whether study is always Good for such minds is debatable; too much depends on the subject studied.

13. As a rule, the cleverer a criminal the harder it is for police to JAIL him (Nail).- It might be easy to Nail him, to catch him, to have sufficient evidence of wrong doing to JAIL him is quite another, and much more difficult matter, as a rule.

14. Young women are apt to be self-conscious when they have NEW clothes to wear (Few).- Few implies that their wardrobe is limited. But if well-chosen, they need not be self-conscious. They're more likely to be self-conscious with NEW clothes.

15. The cruel, hard world often soon changes the disposition of a youth who is LOFTY (Softy).- Softy means weak in character, body or mind; to change such a youth's disposition isn't so easy as often indicates. LOFTY is better; it's easier to bring down a youth who is haughty, arrogant.

### DOWN:

1. A sensible person is usually able to laugh at SNUBS (Snobs).- It seldom, if ever, does any good to be upset over a SNUB; a sensible person usually regards them at face value. Snobs is open to question; a sensible person might pity them, rather than laugh at them.

2. We're apt to be exasperated by a vain GUEST (Quest).- GUEST, yes; his vanity is a potential cause of exasperation. QUEST is weak. Much depends on what the Quest is for. It might not be our Quest.

4. A novelist is apt to disappoint his readers when he ends a book SADLY (Badly).- When he ends a book Badly he's more than merely apt to disappoint readers. The restraint is better with SADLY; the end might be well written, though sad.

5. Undeserved bitterly unkind words often make a person feel NUMB (Dumb).- NUMB is better. It indicates a more profound reaction than Dumbness- silence. Moreover, you can feel NUMB but, hardly Dumb. You're either speechless or you're not speechless.

6. Humorists often base jokes on the supposition that visiting the dentist makes most people YELLOW (Bellow).- YELLOW is better here; humorists make much play on the alleged fear that fills the dentist's patient. They are less inclined to emphasize the Bellow--the field is too restricted for much fun.

9. An approach that's OILY is often apt to defeat the purpose of a request (Wily).- Wily is less fitting. If it's Wily, the approach is unlikely to be recognized as such. An OILY approach is by no means a Wily one. It may alienate the sympathy of the person approached.

10. A woman is usually less reserved than a man in talking about a FOE (Woe).- It's very hard to generalize with Woe; men and women react about the same to great sorrow. FOE is better. Women are more likely to speak their minds.

11. The fact that he BIT his brother is likely to get a boy into trouble with his parents (Hit).- The fact that he BIT his brother is much more serious than the fact that he merely Hit him.

## Vandals Promised Fast Prosecution

ATLANTA- Forest Rangers will find it easier this season to get quick prosecution of vandals who cause damage to improvements on National Forest lands in the South.

Vandalism and littering cost the taxpayers many thousands of dollars each year in the South and Forest Service officials think a law passed by Congress will help cut down on the damage.

The law, passed late last year, allows Rangers to bring vandals, and others who violate regulations set up to protect the Forests, before a U. S. Commissioner for trial. The law, with authority from Federal District Courts, provides for immediate hearings before a designated commissioner.

When such cases were carried to Federal District Court, crowded court calendars often made it impractical to use the courts to try these petty cases.

Heavy court dockets also have caused long delays in hearing many cases. Rangers did their best to persuade those using the Forests not to damage them but greatly increased use brought growing misuse by a small percentage of visitors.

Under the new law, those who shoot signs, damage picnic tables and rest-rooms, are noisy and disorderly, and otherwise violate regulations can be taken before a U. S. commissioner for immediate trial.



W.N. Hughes  
**W.M. Hughes Named Murphy Elementary School Principal**

MURPHY- At a meeting of the Murphy Board of Education April 30, W. N. "Bill" Hughes was appointed principal of the Murphy Elementary School. Mr. Hughes has been teaching at the White Church School for the past five years and holds a B.S. degree and a M.A. Degree at Western Carolina College.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Murphy, and M.Y.F. Counselor on the board of Commission of Education.

He is married to the former Barbara Jones of Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have one child, Elizabeth Findley.

## Old Market Days Sale Begins Today

MURPHY- The Retail Merchants of Murphy will begin their Old Market Days Sidewalk Sale Thursday (today) May 13, through Saturday, May 15.

This is an annual event in Murphy and merchants will be displaying merchandise on the sidewalk for shopping convenience, with all merchandise inside the stores on Saturday.

The merchants whose ads appear in this edition of the Scout have slashed their prices for this Bargain Days Sale, and are expecting this to be the biggest Old Market Days promotion yet.

## Walter Puett Resigns As High School Principal

Walter Puett, principal of Murphy High School, has submitted his resignation to the Murphy Board of Education effective at the expiration of this school year.

The resignation was received by the Board of Education at a meeting that was held to renew contracts for the 65-66 school year.

In an interview with Mr. Puett, he stated that he had enjoyed his work in the Murphy School and especially his 8 years as Principal. Mr. Puett has been associated with the Murphy Schools for the past eighteen years, having taught Mathematics for the first 10 years.

Mr. Puett continued the interview by stating that under his tenure as Principal the school has gained academically and the entire curriculum had been expanded by about 10 courses.

Eight years ago, 45 of the freshmen enrolled dropped out before graduation. This year 71% of the 225 freshmen who entered Murphy High School in 1961 will graduate. "This," he stated, "is attributed to the fact that the school has a better teaching staff, more challenging curriculum, and closer attention to truancy and absenteeism."

"In my opinion any student that is permitted to be truant or absent becomes a potential dropout," Mr. Puett said.

Mr. Puett exhibited a file of the records of 180 dropouts and stated that in 98% of these cases the dropout was preceded by repeated truancy and absenteeism.

"For a number of years I have had the ambition of establishing and operating an additional business enterprise in conjunction with my jewelry store. I have information that leads me to believe that I might realize this dream at this time," Mr. Puett said.

I have three children in the Murphy City Schools and am proud of the fact that I consider they have had and are having the opportunity of the best

## School Board Stands Firm

# Students Demand Rehiring Of Murphy School Teacher

MURPHY - Some 200 students at Murphy High School walked away from the school grounds, Thursday, May 6, during the noon lunch period displaying their protest of the Murphy School Boards decision not to renew the teaching contract of Miss Maria Travis.

Miss Travis has been an English teacher at Murphy High School for the past seven years. In addition to teaching English, she teaches Journalism, sponsors the high school annual and is in charge of the school newspaper.

Apparently the student protest was to no avail. At a meeting Friday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m., the school board met with a delegation of parents, president of the student council, president of senior class and other students. The board stood firm on its decision not to rehire Miss Travis for the 1965-66 school year.

The question most asked by students at the board meeting was, "Why was Miss Travis not rehired?"

"All teachers know that we give them the courtesy to resign, however they have the privilege to come before the school board," H. A. Mattox chairman of the board said. "We feel that it would be an injustice to the teacher to tell 900 children or adults why she has not been rehired. If Miss Travis would like to appear before the board, we will gladly discuss the matter with her and if she so desires, can make public the boards reason for not renewing her contract," Mr. Mattox continued.

In an interview with Miss Travis, Wednesday, May 12, she told the Scout that she did not know the reason for her not being rehired and that she did not plan to go before the school board.

"I have always felt that my work would speak for itself and I try to live up to my convictions in all fairness to my students," Miss Travis said.

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educational facilities. It is my sincere desire and I shall do all in my power to see that the Murphy City Schools become even better than they are today," Mr. Puett continued.

"I sincerely appreciate the loyalty of a superior faculty, a fine superintendent and Board of Education and most of all the obedience and studious work of the young people of our community," Mr. Puett concluded.

## Duncans Named Vice-Presidents

MURPHY - John H. and Samuel W. Duncan have returned from attending the 1965 Management Institute for Oil Jobbers sponsored by the Department of Business Administration, University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

These gentlemen were elected Vice Presidents of Duncan Oil and Duncan Realty Companies, with offices in Murphy, North Carolina, and Franklin, North Carolina.

John H. Duncan has been transferred to Franklin as General Manager of the Franklin Territory.



## Demonstrating In The Streets

Two hundred Murphy High School students marched through the streets of Murphy Thursday May 6 shouting "We want Travis". The demonstration was in protest of the school boards decision not to renew the teaching contract of Miss Maria Travis.

After the open meeting, the board went into closed session to discuss what disciplinary action should be taken concerning the students participating in the demonstration.

## Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:  
There comes a time in every persons tide of affairs when he must face himself in the mirror and ask if he is proud of his reflection. Are we proud of the reflection we have cast on the public in the last few days?

We want quality education for our children, we say - New buildings, new libraries, new equipment - all of these are fine, but they cannot give quality. Only respect for the position of responsibility to the profession of teaching young people to the very best of one's ability can give quality. That means respect and trust of one adult for another adult which will in turn cause young people to respect those in authority. Because we as parents have failed to do our duty, we have caused our children to take the wrong attitude.

Talking among ourselves cannot solve our problems, even though that is what we have resorted to. We need to be able to express our sincere and honest opinion to the only group of people who control the quality of our school - the school board. Our children are helped or hurt by what goes on in our schools. Because we, the majority of parents, are vitally interested in our children, we should be allowed to express our opinion in a sincere and honest manner. Instead of such expression causing trouble, it could make for understanding instead of the feeling of "What is the use, they don't care." We must care - a good education is too necessary for every boy and girl today.

We are neighbors and friends; as such, we should be able to solve our problem for the good of all. When things go wrong at home, we eliminate the cause; the same holds true of our business. It should hold true in our schools. We as Christians are obligated to see that it does.

Let us not cast a reflection which will keep us from getting what we are seeking. Mass psychology is a smeared reflection. Ours should be a clear one of interested parents having convictions strong enough that we are willing to stand up for what we feel is for the best.

Mr. and Mrs.  
Merle Davis

### Dear Editor:

Do we, the students of Murphy High School, believe in justice enough to speak our hearts and minds for all to hear? Are we willing to fight for our beliefs?

This is a matter concerning the entire student body and faculty of Murphy High School. Are we going to sit quietly in our class rooms and allow a just and sincere teacher to be persecuted because of the selfish and rude motives of an influential minority?

We say no! We cannot shamelessly hold our heads (Continued back page)

## Picnic Fee Plan To Be Restudied

WASHINGTON - Reexamination of a proposed outdoor recreation fee system was reported here Tuesday Congressman Roy A. Taylor stated.

"I am pleased to report that the entire proposal is being reexamined, with a good chance that some of the undesirable features, including picnic fees, may be dropped or substantially amended," Taylor said Tuesday.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, responsible for coordinating plans of the National Park Service and Forest Service, conceded the two agencies are not in agreement as to how the fee system can be uniformly implemented.

The whole matter was touched off last week when Rep. Taylor announced his strenuous objection to plans of both agencies to charge 50 cents per adult for picnicking in federal recreation areas.

In lengthy letters to Interior Secretary Udall and Agriculture Secretary Freeman, Taylor warned that this was, "Carrying fees to far," and predicted that charging for picnicking would, "Raise more trouble than money."

Taylor's action followed announcements by the park and forest services of their intentions to include picnicking among items for which fees will be imposed under the recently enacted Land-and-Water - Conservation - Fund Act.

The congressman said it is now evident that the two agencies are not in agreement on the amount of the fees, exactly where and for what they will be charged or even what they will be charged.

For example, the Forest Service plans to charge, "Entrance" fees for admission to development recreational areas. The visitor may either

The march through the streets ended with a demonstration on the courthouse steps. The rest of the afternoon was spent by most of the students gathering signatures of protest to be presented to the Murphy City School Board. Over 1,200 signatures were gathered.

Several hundred students along with a number of parents gathered at the Fairgrounds at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, to rally in further protest.

From the Fairgrounds, they went to the home of H. A. Mattox, chairman of Murphy City School Board, where four members of the group were received by Mr. Mattox.

A spokesman for the group asked Mr. Mattox what they could do to get the school board to reconsider their decision concerning Miss Travis. Mr. Mattox informed them that he felt they were going about the matter in the wrong way and suggested that they meet with the school board to discuss it.

pay at the gate or gain admission by \$7 national car sticker. Once inside, he may use any of the facilities without additional charges.

Meanwhile the National Park Service has revealed intention to charge "user" fees for individual facilities, such as \$1 per night for a camp site. Under their system, nothing would be charged for general admission to the National Park Service recreational areas in Western North Carolina. And because the \$7 sticker covers, "entrance" fees only, it would not exempt the bearer from "user" fees.

Before the Land-and-Water - Conservation - Fund Act was finally approved, Congressman Taylor succeeded in getting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway exempted from entrance fees to the parks themselves. Parts of the act offered by Taylor prohibit fees for the use of the highways within the Parkway forests.

However, none of the developed federal recreation areas in WNC or elsewhere in the nation is exempt from user fees for individual facilities.

Rep. Taylor discussed the fee problem at a conference in his office Tuesday with Edward C. Crafts, Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Crafts admitted there have been numerous inconsistencies and widespread confusion over implementation of what was expected to be a uniform program, Taylor said.

Crafts said the entire system will be re-evaluated. He promised consideration will be given to a more reasonable approach to the problem on picnic fees, Taylor said.