



Schools Get \$118,383; Operation 'New Day' Begins

Murphy Mother's Daughter Aboard Ill Fated Cruiser

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C. - Sources 20 miles upstream at Fayetteville, where "The Kork" had been docked two months said the vessel departed there Sunday morning, supposedly for Southport, at the Cape Fear River's mouth, where it was planned to follow the Intracoastal Waterway to Florida.

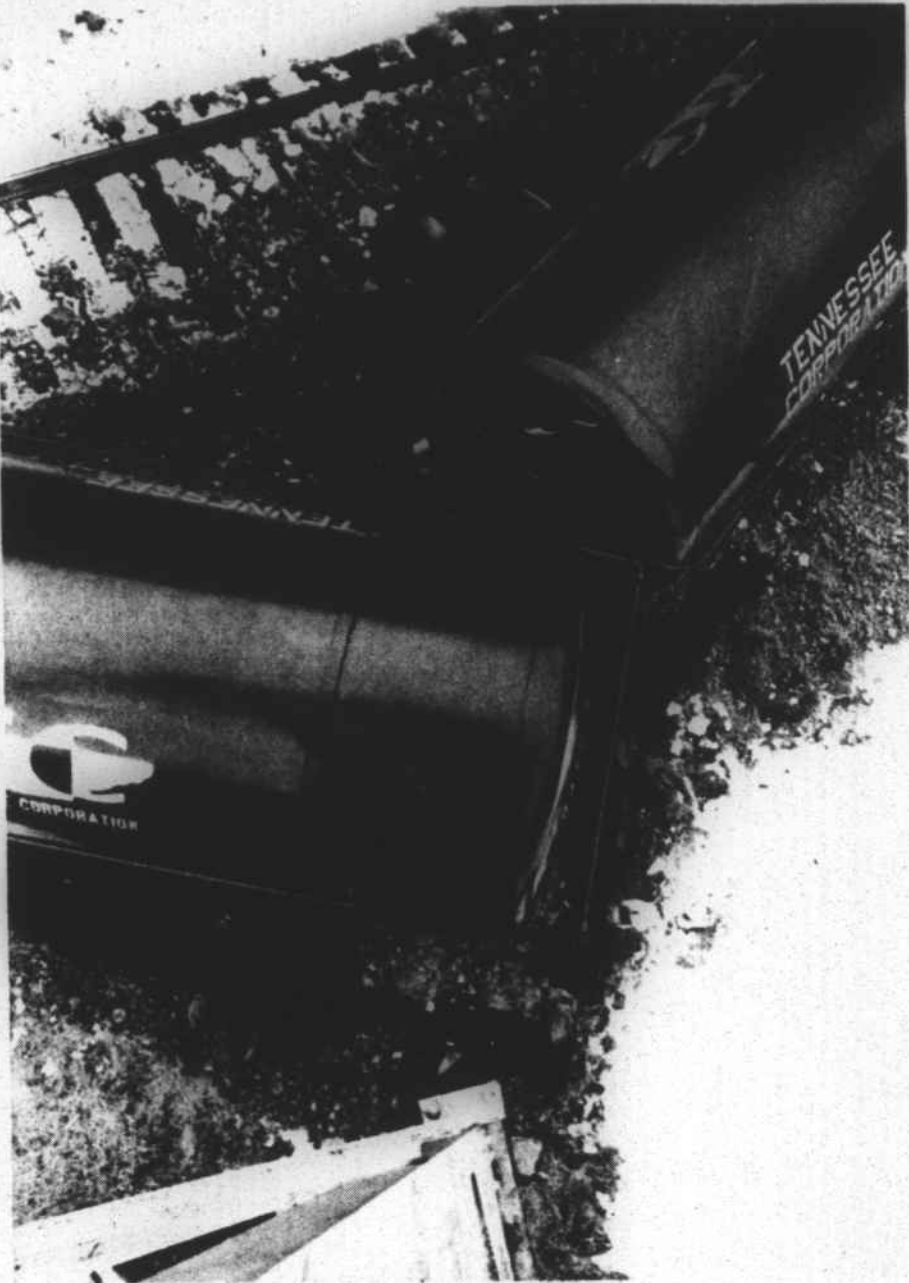
The Allen family have lived aboard the cruiser while Allen conducted business in and about Fayetteville for Powers Service Inc., of Chicago, a bill collection agency.

In Chicago J. B. Mikesell, president of Powers Service, said Allen had lived in North Carolina five or six years while representing the firm and had bought the boat three years ago.

Jasper Hyatt, who was accompanying the Allens, was a Fayetteville welder and supposedly was accompanying the family on the Florida trip. Hyatt last week erected posts on "The Kork" to support a protective awning.

Cumberland County Deputy Sheriff Bill Miller said a radio on the capsized cruiser was turned on, indicating that someone was aboard and that the craft had not merely brooked its moorings at Breese's Landing at Fayetteville and drifted downstream.

Miller said searchers might find it necessary to dynamite the river to raise the bodies. He said, "The river is full of logs there and the force of the water tosses them around like toothpicks." Timbermen use the river to float the logs downstream.



4 More Inches

That was how close two tanker cars came to hitting a tower that supports the foot bridge that crosses the Hiwassee River at the Appalachia Power House. The train derailed about 7:25 Murphy time Friday morning. No one was injured. Photo was taken from the tower. Other photos on the Andrews Page.

Stalcup Candidate For Sheriff's Nomination

William C. (Pete) Stalcup, announced this week that he will seek the nomination for Sheriff of Cherokee County, in the May Democratic Convention.

Stalcup, 45, Assistant Chief of the Murphy Police Department, is a veteran law enforcement officer. In past years he has served as Deputy in the Sheriff's Department with L. L. Mason, Sr., Frank Crawford, M. G. Crawford, and Luke Carver. While working with the Sheriff's Department, he was employed part-time with the Murphy Police Department. Later he became employed as a regular Policeman and then promoted Assistant Chief of Police.

A native of Cherokee County Stalcup entered military service in 1942. He served with the 91st Inf. Div., U. S. Army as a Machine Gunner, in the European Theatre. In 1944, Stalcup was wounded and returned to the states, where he remained in the hospital until his discharge in 1946. At this time he entered Law



William (Pete) Stalcup

Enforcement and has continued to follow this field.

Stalcup, a Mason, has been an active member of the Disabled Veterans, American Legion, Amvets, and several civic, political and law enforcement organizations. Being an active Democrat, he has also served as Chairman of the Board of Election in Cherokee County.

Republican's Set Precinct Meet; County Convention

The Cherokee County Republican Party has set two days for their precinct meetings and county convention.

J. Doyle Burch, Chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Party, announced that precinct meetings will be held in all precincts Saturday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. and that if possible will be held in the same buildings where the last election was held.

Burch stated that further information could be obtained from present precinct chairmen.

Each precinct will elect a precinct committee of five or more voters, one to be elected chairman and one as vice-chairman (one of whom shall be a woman) and one as secretary.

Members of the precinct committee shall hold their place for two years or until their successors are chosen. Each precinct shall elect one delegate and one alternate to the county convention plus one additional delegate and alternate for every fifty (50) votes, or major fraction thereof cast for the Republican Candidate for Governor in the last general election.

The County Convention will be held at the Courthouse in Murphy, Saturday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. and elect county organization consisting of the following people: County Chairman, and a

Vice-Chairman (one of whom shall be a woman), a secretary and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, who shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, and County Executive Commission of five (5) or more voters who will hold their office for the same period as listed above.

The District Convention will be held not later than March 6, and the State Convention will be held March 11-12 at the Park Central Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Chain Letters Are Unlawful

Chain letters are on the rise again and Murphy Postmaster Joe Ray pointed out that most chain letters are unlawful according to U. S. Postal regulations.

Postmaster Ray stated that the volume of chain letter mail in the Murphy area is reaching an all time high, mostly in the 'prayer letter' category.

Violation of the chain letter laws carry a stiff penalty and postal inspectors from the Atlanta office are busy investigating the sources of such mail.

"I urgently request that patrons of the Murphy Post Office not participate in the chain letters," Ray said.

Appalacha Power House Has Close Call As Train Derails

By: Red Schuyler

When H. C. Brock climbed aboard his engine in Copperhill, Tennessee early Friday morning, he thought that it would be just a routine trip. Little did he know that just a few miles up the track part of his cargo would derail.

As the train approached Appalachia power house and was rounding a slight curve, it happened. The tracks run within three feet of the power house which is located deep in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina.

Eight cars of the 37-car train left the tracks and plowed up, twisted, broke, and bent about three hundred feet of track and crossties. Of the eight cars derailed, six were tanker type cars loaded with sulphuric acid and the other two were hopper type cars loaded with ore from the Copper Basin area. Nine cars including the caboose behind the derailed cars remained intact on the track.

The time of the accident was placed at 7:25 a.m. according to Marion Holt of Etowah, Tenn., and Jim Slinger of Athens, Tenn. Holt and Slinger were supposed to relieve Carl A. Green and Hoyt J. Epperson, both of Etowah, Tenn. at 7:30 a.m. Even with the amount of noise present in the power house, these men heard the train when it derailed. Mr. Holt remarked to the other operators that it sounded as if one of the cars had a flat wheel. One of the other operators said it sounded as if the train had derailed. Upon investigating the noise, they discovered that it was a derailment and saw the cars stacked and crumpled up along about the tracks just beyond the power house. Fortunately no one was injured.

One of the tanker cars came to rest about four inches from the support tower of the foot bridge across the Hiwassee River. The other cars were within inches of the power house. The switching shack was completely demolished.

Had the derailment occurred just a few seconds before or a few feet earlier, it's just a matter of speculation of what would have taken place.

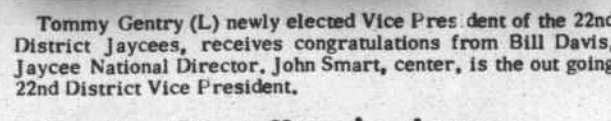
Appalacha Dam was started in 1941 and completed in

1943 at a cost of almost 24 million dollars. The dam is located about 1/8 mile upstream and is in North Carolina.

The power house is in Tennessee, and is estimated to cost near six million dollars. Feeding the turbines that turn the generators are two flumes with almost a straight drop that has a head of 438 feet and capable of discharging over 26 million gallons of water per day. Had the de-

railment ruptured these flumes or crashed into the power house, in all probability it would have taken five or more lives and destroyed over six million dollars of government property.

This is one train wreck where there were no curious spectators due to the fact that it was so far back in the mountains and the only accessible road was a narrow winding road that was covered with ice for about twelve miles.



Tommy Gentry (L) newly elected Vice President of the 22nd District Jaycees, receives congratulations from Bill Davis, Jaycee National Director, John Smart, center, is the outgoing 22nd District Vice President.

Gentry First Murphy Jaycee Elected To District Office

James T. Gentry was elected Vice-President of the 22nd District Jaycees at a meeting held at the Lodge of Maggie Valley, Friday night, February 4, making him the first local Jaycee to be elected to a district office.

The 22nd District is comprised of the 10 Jaycee Clubs of Western North Carolina from Brevard to Murphy.

Each club is allowed a certain number of votes depending upon membership ranging from 1 to 7. Asheville, the largest club, has 10 votes while Murphy has 2.

Gentry's opponent in the vice-presidency campaign was George Ponder of the Hendersonville Club.

Nine of the ten Jaycee Clubs of the 22nd District were represented at the Maggie Valley meeting. Only Frank-

lin was not represented and could not cast their vote.

Of the 22 votes cast in Friday's election, Gentry drew 18 and a landslide victory. He will take office at the State Convention to be held at Raleigh in May.

Gentry is a charter member of the Murphy Jaycees, has served as secretary and is presently president of the local club.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gentry and is married to the former Miss Judy Davis. They have one son, Bob, age 3.

Another highlight of the meeting was a member of each club making a speech on "We believe that government should be of laws rather than of men". This was an elimination contest in the "Speak Up Jaycee" program to see

John Jordan, Superintendent of Murphy City Schools, announced this week that the proposal for the Murphy School District, under Title I, of Public Law 89-10, of the Elementary and Secondary School Act of 1965, has been approved. The Murphy City Schools will receive \$118,383.68 of federal money to help improve its educational program.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) was the first major legislation of national significance to be enacted by the 89th Congress. Keyed to "poverty", ESEA will virtually double the amount of federal aid available for public schools.

Title I provides for payment on one half the average per pupil expenditure for children from families with incomes below \$2,000 per year. It is projected that somewhat more than \$1.06 billion will be distributed to local school districts through state education agencies during next year.

The greatest benefits under this Title will be derived by those school districts which serve areas with a concentration of low-income families. It has been forecast that over 90% of the nation's schools will qualify for some aid. Local taxes cannot be reduced. The Act makes it very clear that federal funds must be in addition to planned local spending.

Under Title I, grants are made to local educational agencies, such as the Murphy Board of Education, for a wide variety of programs, which could include supplementary and remedial instruction, guidance and counseling services, and health and welfare services needed to overcome learning handicaps. Equipment may be acquired and facilities may be improved in order to carry out an approved program.

Superintendent Jordan says that the local board and school staff came up with a program and named it "Operation New Day". Basically it is a language skills improvement program that will include efforts to overcome the child's emotional, physical and social deficiencies.

"Operation New Day" will begin February 28, and run through August 5 of this year. This money must be spent by August 31. Jordan stated that it is the hope of all concerned that this program will be a new day for boys and girls in the Murphy Schools.

Superintendent Jordan stated that the program will consist of 13 specific objectives: To raise the reading level of educationally disadvantaged children in grades 1-12 in Murphy Elementary and Murphy High School to more nearly approximate each child's potential; To improve basic skills in English, grammar, spelling and writing; To provide through an adequate testing program an assessment of the child's educational ability and to close the gap between ability and achievement; To co-operate with "Head Start" Programs for pre-school children and to co-ordinate staff and facilities where possible; To prevent drop-outs; To improve school attendance records; To improve the level of family life; To provide an appreciation by the child for his heritage and for the finer things of life; To provide through physical examinations, psychological evaluations and food and clothing needs where necessary; To

enable children of the minority race to be better prepared to take his rightful place as a useful citizen; To provide in-service training for all classroom teachers; To thoroughly evaluate the program by using methods and instruments as guided by our State Department of Public Instruction; and to put into practice ideas and methods gained at the Western Carolina College Institute for Teachers of Disadvantaged Children in the summer of 1965 by the presently employed Murphy Elementary Supervisor, a member of the primary faculty, and the proposed college consultant, all of whom attended said institute.

Other programs which the Murphy School has at present or will have are: The Comprehensive School Improvement Program, now in its second year; Title II, under the Elementary and Secondary School Act of 1965 will benefit the school by \$1396.00 for library books; neighborhood youth corps, to enroll high school students in jobs around the school for the remainder of the school year; and a "Head Start" type of program again for this summer for children who plan to enter the first grade next year.

Charles Smith Wounded In Viet Nam Battle

Word has been received by Mrs. Violet Smith, mother of Corporal Charles "Buck" Smith, USMC that he has been wounded in action in Viet Nam.

Two Marine officers from Chattanooga visited Mrs. Smith Tuesday afternoon and informed her that her son had been wounded and that she would receive a telegram notifying her later in the afternoon.

The telegram dated February 8th, 3:31 EST, arrived shortly after the Officers talked with Mrs. Smith. The following is the contents of the telegram:



Charles Smith

"This is to confirm that your son, Corp. Chas. Smith, USMC was injured, February 7th in the vicinity of Danang, Republic of Viet Nam. He sustained fragmentation wounds in the abdomen and right thigh from an unknown explosive device while participating in an operation against hostile forces. He is presently receiving treatment at the Battalion Hospital Aid Station. His condition and prognosis were good. Your concern is realized and you can be assured he is receiving the best of care. His mailing address remains the same. Signed: Wallace M. Greene, Jr., General, USMC Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Corporal Charles Smith, better known to his many friends as "Buck" graduated from Murphy High School in 1963 and enlisted in the U. S. Marines in August. He along with John Snow were considered the two best linemen in football ever to graduate from M.H.S. Both boys were offered full scholarships from most every college in

the South and Southeast, John is now a junior at Wake Forest and "Buck" decided to serve his country as a Marine in the USMC. Both boys were also star basketball players.

Mrs. Smith received a letter from her son Monday, February 7th postmarked February 3rd, which was last Thursday. Mrs. Smith told the Scout that in his letter Charles had mentioned to her that he only had three months to go on his tour of duty in Viet Nam. He has been in Viet Nam since July 1965 and has about a year remaining on his enlistment period. His last visit home was in January of 1965 when his father passed away.

For the benefit of "Buck's" many friends that would like to write to him or send him a get well card, his address is: Corporal Charles Smith, 2058203, 1st. Bat., 9th Marines, "A" Co., WPN's Platoon (1), 3rd Marine Division MAR 24, FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96601.

Hoover Named Local Chairman

WINSTON SALEM - Dr. W. A. Hoover of Murphy has been named chairman for Cherokee County in the coming drive to raise \$2 1/2 million for a new football stadium for Wake Forest College.

Goal for the county is \$1,000. Over-all chairman for the fund drive is Bert Bennett, Winston - Salem businessman and former head of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Joe Branch of Enfield, legislative counsel for Gov. Dan Moore, is co-chairman. The drive for special gifts will begin in late February.

Bennett said he hopes to wind up the campaign in the state and nation by April 5.

Plans call for a 30,000-seat stadium on a 77-acre tract near the Wake Forest campus. Target date for completion of the project is Oct. 1, 1967. The building committee hopes to let a construction contract around June 1.

Estimated cost will be \$21/2 million. Most of the money is expected to be raised in North Carolina but the fund drive will be carried into all 50 states.

Viet Bound Papers To Travel Air Mail

Newspapers, generally handled as first class mail to servicemen overseas, will begin traveling via air mail effective immediately, Murphy Postmaster Joe Ray, announced this week.

Postmaster Ray was notified by the Atlanta Regional Office that all newspapers in the Atlanta District (Murphy is in the Atlanta District) will be flown to the American Post Offices in New York and San Francisco. In the past, newspapers went by land to these embarkation offices.

Newspapers traveling air mail include those being sent free by the Cherokee Scout to servicemen from Cherokee and Clay Counties now serving in Viet Nam. Telephones began ringing early at the Scout Office last Thursday as subscribers called in the mailing addresses of their loved ones in Viet Nam. To date, seventeen Viet Nam servicemen are receiving free six month subscriptions to the Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress.

Offer Still Good

Simply notify the Cherokee Scout Office at 837-5122 and give us a complete address plus the name of the person making the request. That's all there is to it. Those already receiving free Scout subscriptions are: Lawrence E. Meier, Pfc Fred Swain, III, Sp/4 Walter Brown, Jr., S/Sgt. James C. Nunnally, Howard R. Coffey, S/Sgt. Howard Lovingood, Sgt. Fred N. Hall, Jr., Sp/5 Lee B. Solesbee, A/C Virgil L. Decker, Jr., Sp/4 William E. Chastain, 1st Lt. Jerry Pullum, A/3C Ralph W. Ledford, Sp/4 Kenneth H. Minor, Phillip A. Ledford, T/Sgt. E. D. Mosteller, S/Sgt. Herbert T. Sherlin, and Cpl. Charles Smith.

Coffee, Balloon Days Are Set

The Heart Fund Drive is underway in Cherokee County and Friday has been designated as "Coffee Day".

Four Murphy restaurants will participate in the program and donate coffee sale proceeds to the Heart Fund.

Participating restaurants are: Cherokee Restaurant, Tar Heel Restaurant, O'Dell's Cafeteria & Restaurant, and Bizzy-Burger Drive-In.

Then on Saturday, young volunteers under the supervision of members of the Cherokee County Rescue Squad Auxiliary, will be giving out balloons on a stick to anyone contributing to the Heart Fund.

who would represent the 22nd District in the State competition.

Curtis Hewlett, treasurer of the local club, represented Murphy and placed third in the competition.

Ten members of the Murphy Club attended the meeting.