

## Jaycees Re-Schedule Basketball

The Murphy Jaycee sponsored benefit basketball game scheduled for last Friday has been re-scheduled for tonight (Thursday).

The Jaycees will play the High School Faculty in the first game at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gym followed by The Independents vs The Texana Five.

All proceeds from the benefit basketball game will go toward the purchase of a mechanical rebounder. This piece of equipment sharpens the reflexes of players and is highly regarded by coaches throughout the country.

Murphy High Coach Jim McCombs expressed a desire for this piece of equipment several months ago but found there was no money in the athletic fund to make the purchase.

The Jaycees heard about the rebounder through interested basketball fans and decided to raise money for its purchase.

Jaycee James Hughes is chairman of the project and expects a large crowd to attend. Tickets for the game may be purchased at the gym.



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## Sitter Leaves, Child Burns To Death; Three Escape Flaming House In Texana

A two-year-old girl, one of four small children left at home while their mother went to a hospital to visit a fifth, burned to death Wednesday afternoon, March 9.

The victim was Wanda Yvette Jackson.

With her in the house, but escaping the flames, were three brothers, one an infant and the others 4 and 5 years

old. Coroner J. C. Townsen was told that the 5-year-old carried the infant out while the other ran to safety.

The coroner said an adult with whom an arrangement had been made to stay with the children while the mother went to the hospital apparently did not carry out the bargain.

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within minutes after a fire broke out, and neighbors were unable to get into the place.

The dead child was the daughter of Jackie and Ella Blackwell Jackson. Her body was found under a bed.

Graveside services were held Thursday, the following day, at 2:00 p.m.

## In Mayor's Race

# Moore Defeats Williams By 2 Votes As Democrats Elect Their Candidates

Over 200 Town of Murphy Democrats made their choice Tuesday night of the men they wish to represent them on the Democratic Party ticket in the forthcoming May 3rd general election.

Two candidates, Cloe Moore and Wallace P. Williams, were nominated for Mayor, resulting in what many old-timers said, "was the closest race we've seen at a Democratic convention in many years."

The final tally in the Mayor's race showed Moore coming out on top by the very slim margin of two votes. The voting went 114 votes for Moore, and 112 for Williams.

After the decision of who would represent the Democratic Party as a Mayor-candidate, the floor was opened for nomination for members of the six Town Commissioners.

Those nominated were: Wallace P. Williams, Francis Bourne, Jr.; W. T. (Bud) Brown; Kenneth Godfrey; W.A. (Dub) Singleton; Jerry Hatchett; John Carringer; Ben E. Warner, Jr.; and Robert P. (Pete) Akin.

Here is how the voting went: Williams led the ticket with 146 vote; Brown, 143; Bourne, 132; Hatchett and Godfrey, 124; and Singleton, 112.

Williams and Brown were



Newly Elected Town Of Murphy Democratic Candidates

ELECTED AT TUESDAY NIGHT'S DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION to represent their party in the forthcoming May 3rd general election are: (L-R) Jerry Hatchett, Francis Bourne, Jr., as Councilmen; Cloe Moore, for Mayor; and Wallace P. Williams, W. T. Brown, W. A. Singleton and Kenneth Godfrey for Councilmen.

the two newly elected members.

Both Mayor-candidates remarked that during the counting of the votes that they knew it was going to be close.

Moore, who has served on the Town Board of Commissioners for the past seven years, said, "There are so many things that need to be done that at the present no particular project has priority over the other." when

asked about future plans if elected Mayor of Murphy.

Williams, who was participating in his first political venture stated that he had been beaten by the best man in Murphy, and that he knew it was going to be a hard race.

"I am happy with the outcome of the Mayor's race," Williams said, "and very pleased to have been selected as a candidate for election

to the Town Board of Commissioners. I will do everything in my power to help make Murphy a better place to live and work."

In other orders of business at Tuesday night's convention, Herman Edwards was elected Chairman of the Democratic Party, Mrs. Edward Reynolds was re-elected as Vice-chairman, and Juanita Weaver was elected Secretary.

## GOP Convention Set For Tonight

The Town of Murphy Republican Party will hold its convention in the Cherokee County Courthouse tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

Purpose of the convention will be to nominate a candidate for Mayor and six candidates for the Town Board of Commissioners to run on the Republican ticket in the Town of Murphy elections to be held on Tuesday, May 3.

## Democratic Women To Sponsor Supper

The Democratic women will sponsor a supper Saturday night March 26th.

Tickets are now on sale at the Cherokee Cafe and tickets will be available at the door.

The women will start serving at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Lunchroom.

Tickets are priced at \$1.25 each.

## Racing With Red

By: Red Schuyler

Cale Yarborough, South Carolina's contribution to Stock car racing, almost broke his role as bridesmaid Sunday in Rockingham. Once again, for the third time, Cale was runner-up for the big money, and two times consecutively on a track that has staged only two races.

The hard luck that has "dogged" Banjo Mathews down through the years seems to have rubbed off on Yarborough. "Banjo" being the car owner and builder of the car bearing number 27, is now retired from racing as a driver. As well as I can remember, Banjo, never has appeared in the winners circle of any race that I have witnessed and I've been to quite a few. Sooner or later hard luck is going to get tired of riding Yarborough's back and when it does, Yarborough is going to make a lot of fans forget about their present idol. For a driver to have driven as hard and lead as many laps as Yarborough did Sunday, it seems like a shame that he didn't win. But as drivers and race fans will tell you, it's the man leading the last lap and gets the checkered flag that gets most of the "long green stuff."

I remember one race in Bristol that Lorenzen only led one lap and that was the last lap. As I recall it was in the 3rd Annual "Volunteer 500" in 1963. In that one, Richard Petty led most of the race, then blew his engine on next to the last lap. With Freddy a close second, and Petty coasting as far as he could on his blown engine, Lorenzen overtook him in the final lap and won the race.

After five hours and 500 laps and 500 miles of racing in the 1st annual "Peach Blossom 500" Sunday, only 13 cars were still running when Goldsmith took the checkered flag. Forty-four started but thirty-one fell by the wayside as the day wore on. Only three of these cars were factory backed. These were Gold-

# 'Bear Creek Junction', New Tourist Attraction, To Open Near Topton June 1

A new tourist attraction named 'Bear Creek Junction' located near Topton is scheduled to begin operations by June 1.

The new travel objective is designed and produced to give the highest possible pleasure and entertainment to the visitor in the region, real genuine things to do, see, and enjoy. It will feature two big projects of nationwide interest, each able to stand on its own characteristics as a rare wholesome, stimulating point of interest.

To be built is an authentic railroad terminal spreading

over forty acres of scenic forest terrain. Special among its outstanding features will be a real genuine railroad museum, one of such historical distinction no traveler can afford to pass it by. This museum will have authentic, valuable displays of railroad equipment, including locomotives and other units of rolling stock, things reminding the old-timer of the long ago, enlightening to the younger generation.

Chief among the fun-making agents at this newest development will be a real, genuine steam train, providing the visitor a round-trip, nine-mile excursion across one of the most scenic areas of the Great Smoky Mountains, a close-to-hand view of high mountains and deep valleys which, until now, have lain hidden from the average passer-by.

The railroad museum and the old-fashioned steam train will revolve in activity around an old-timey depot, with its loading platform, built alongside a single-track, standard-gauge line laid almost half-a-century ago by the Graham County Railroad Company, Inc. This short-line railroad has provided, since 1925; industrial transportation for the lumber industries of Western North Carolina, for the community at large, operating between the county seat of Robbinsville on U. S. Highway 129 and the little town of Topton, 12 miles distant on U. S. Highway 19, where it connects with the Southern Railroad. This industrial service will continue as usual, but this year a special line of sight-seeing cars will share the rails, and come June first a big, bright-lettered sign over the new depot down the track will dub the metropolis of beautiful Nantahala National Forest as "Bear Creek Junction."

The chief charm of the Graham County Railroad Company throughout the years has been a pair of Shay-type, 70-ton, steam locomotives called "side-winders," so named for their unusual design and construction, an amazing invention (the first true Shays were rolled off the line in 1880) equipping a steam engine with almost unlimited power and strength, at the cost of speed. Their service to the lumber industries of Western North Carolina, and the region itself, has been mainly the regular transfer of cargo over 12 miles of 60-lbs. rails between Robbinsville and the narrow junction carved out of the mountainside at Topton, a spot scarcely large enough to allow for a wye or turntable. Here, the old Shay awaits the arrival of the Southern's handsome modern Diesel, swaps orders with the Southern's engineer, delivers her goods, and promptly reverses herself

to nose her way back home. She may be transferring such things as great car loads of lumber ranging in size and weight from chips and wood pulp to the biggest, heaviest logs fresh out of the forest, tank cars empty or filled with Esso products, box cars packed solidly with merchandise from the Janes Lee Carpet and Rug Company at Robbinsville. She may be taking back home large shipments equally important to the business firms in the area, or small packages essential to the comfort and happiness of people living no farther away than the local Post Office, or something intended to be dropped off at the house-by the side of the road.

Upon occasion, "Old Sidewinder Number 1925", named for the year of her purchase by the Graham County Railroad Company, and her sister companion, "Number 1926", named for the year of her original purchase by the Aluminum Company of America, repurchased by the railroad in 1940 have supplied individually or by teamwork means of solving the most difficult logging problems facing the world of forestry, the job of bringing out of the deep forest specimens of hardwood lying felled and ready for market, yet, on the ground, too big, heavy and unwieldy even to be moved. "Sidewinders" assigned to the job have gone into the almost impenetrable wilderness country on rails laid temporarily, and have accomplished through their unchallengeable strength and steam power what appeared to be the impossible. But this coming June, this pair of faithful old Shays will assume a new role. They will take precedence in a new type of performance, assigned now exclusively to a new, easier, more glamorous role, that of transporting bright-colored, sight-seeing cars filled and alive with gay, happy, laughing ticket-holders, an unpredictable human cargo which they have never obliged before.

Before or following the steam train ride, visitors will linger leisurely in the railroad museum, charmed by this real, genuine exhibition of railroad equipment, memorabilia marking the hey-day of railroading in this country, relics dating far back in history, housed in six or eight large railroad cars. The intrinsic value of this museum will be greatly augmented by an assemblage of old-fashioned steam locomotives. Pullman cars, sleeping coaches, diners, displayed on stationary rails outside.

Responsible for this feature lending great dignity and influence to the new travel objective in the Great Smoky Mountains in John B. Veach, third in line of four generations engaged in extensive lumber interests, first in New

York and Pennsylvania, since 1924-25 throughout Western North Carolina. Mr. Veach is president of the Hardwood Corporation of America.

Mr. Veach is in the process of acquiring photos of railroading and lumber operations to be reproduced and displayed in the museum.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company is offering prizes for pictures brought to its bank in Andrews, Sylva, Murphy, Hayesville and Robbinsville. Prizes as follows: 1st place, \$10.00, 2nd place \$7.50, 3rd place \$5.00.

The pictures will be on display in each of the banks for two weeks beginning today and prizes will be awarded on March 31.

All photos will be carefully displayed in the banks, then reproduced for the museum and returned to the owners undamaged.

## Lions To Celebrate 40th Anniversary Tuesday

The Murphy Lions Club will celebrate 40 years of dedicated service, Tuesday, March 22 with a dinner meeting at the Murphy Elementary School. Social activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Claude M. Devorss, immediate past president of Lions International will give the main address. Also attending are John L. (Jack) Stickey, past president Lions International; Doctor M. Henderson Rourke, Lions International Director; Norman Trueblood, State Secretary-Treasurer; Lawrence C. Stoker, District Governor of 31-A; members of his cabinet and other Lion visitors from the 39 clubs of District 31-A.

Among the honored guests will be a charter member, Mr. Bryan W. Sipe, who served as the first secretary of the club.

While Lionism was in its infancy the Murphy Lions Club was sponsored by the Asheville Lions Club and received its charter February 26, 1926 and has a record of service dating back to its beginning. Old timers will remember a recreation park that was built in the vicinity of where the Rimco plant is today.

The club has always participated in sight-conservation and at present is sponsoring a monthly sight-conservation clinic. Through the White Cane Drive the Murphy Club helps support the North Carolina Association for the Blind and for many years has bought glasses for those who are unable to purchase them. The club has built and stock-

# Burley Vote May Cost Clay And Cherokee Counties \$40,000

The failure of the acreage-pouidage control system to gain grower approval in last Thursday's referendum could mean an income loss to Clay and Cherokee burley growers ranging upwards to nearly \$40,000 in the 1966 crop year. The defeat of the program will cost growers in the two counties about 20 acres of their allotments this year.

The program failed to draw

two thirds of the votes cast in the burley belt which will mean that all burley allotments not covered by the minimum growers provision will be cut 15 per cent for the current crop year.

It is feared that in the future the minimum growers provision may be lowered to allow across-the-board acreage cuts.

While 74% of Clay and Cherokee County farmers voted in favor of the program, the national percentage was only 58%.

There was only one state-Tennessee - which voted against acreage-pouidage but its vote was big enough to make the difference.

The biggest burley tobacco

state-Kentucky - went 73 per cent in favor of the program. North Carolina favored the program by 69 per cent.

As the acreage-pouidage program was developed, it gave North Carolina more than its share of the national quota and was clearly to the advantage of local farmers.

The fact that the new program was complicated and difficult to understand partly accounted for its defeat.

ASCS officials do not know when another referendum will be called. However, if yields per acre continue to increase and supply continues to exceed demand then another acreage-reduction may be in order again next year.

## First Methodist Begins Revival Week Sunday

The First Methodist Church of Murphy announced this week that Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Asheville will be the speaker at the Revival Meeting to be held March 20th through March 25th, 7:30 P.M., each evening.

Dr. Blackard received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from Emory University in 1934; completed his residence work and passed comprehensive examination for Ph.D., Yale University. He has been a member of Study Group in Palestine, in the Orient, and a member of the Christian-Century World Seminar.

He has been a delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh; to the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, Holland, and the Methodist World Conference.

He is past president of the Board of Education, Baltimore Conference and Western North Carolina Conference as well

as Conference Board of Evangelism and is now a member of the Joint Radio Committee of the Methodist Church.

He has been preaching since 1925 when his first pastorate was at the Melrose Church, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1931 he came to the Wilson Memorial Church, Baltimore, Maryland, where he stayed until 1936 when he came to the Western North Carolina Conference. He has held pastorate at High Point, Charlotte, Gastonia and Asheville and has been District Superintendent of the Charlotte District and is presently District Superintendent of the Asheville District.

Dr. Blackard is a member of the Board of Trustees of Emory University, Brevard College and Lake Junaluska Assembly and a member of the Board of Managers of Home for Aged, Charlotte, N. C. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

The public is cordially invited to the services. A song fest of familiar gospel hymns will open the services each night.

"The Commission of Evangelism and members of the church feel very fortunate in having obtained such a well trained and widely traveled person as Dr. Blackard to come to Murphy to hold our Revival," Rev. Clark Benson, pastor of the church said.

net plants of the company."

Upon the completion of our reclassification of our job and wage structure, we will be providing one of the finest programs in the industry and area.

The plant opened in December of 1965 and currently employs about 340 people.

The company plans to employ in excess of 500 by December of this year.