



Scoutlets

Live and Learn

Bryan W. Sipe, a Charter Member of the Murphy Lions Club, and first secretary of the organization, spoke at the Club's Fortieth Anniversary Banquet last Tuesday night. Mr. Sipe, now living in Atlanta was principal of Murphy Schools during the 1920's. We only learned this week that Mr. Sipe was also Editor and Publisher of the Cherokee Scout during the 20's.

Tasty Dish

The Murphy Rotary Club promises a tasty dish Friday night when members of the Club will don aprons at O'Dell's Cafeteria and Restaurant and begin serving batches of pancakes. Feeding time is 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12.

T. V. Anyone?

The ladies of the Murphy B&PW Club are in the process of raffling off a 21-inch color console television set and the lucky ticket will be drawn when the Club holds its Auction Day, April 22 at the Rock Gym. With the translator coming, it wouldn't be a bad idea for a fellow to have a bunch of them tickets in his pocket on Auction Day. We understand they're going like hotcakes . . . er, pancakes, that is.

Betcha Didn't Know

That the first bathtub was installed in Cincinnati in 1842 and it weighed 1750 lbs. . . . that during that time many doctors considered bathing dangerous to health and several cities even increased water rates for such use. . . . that a Polish wedding starts in the afternoon and goes on for two or three days.

Better Not

Have you thought about taxes, lately? Not well you better start thinking 'cause the April 15 deadline is just around the corner. The Treasury Department reports that there are over 800,000 tax delinquents in the United States who owe more than a billion dollars . . . better not be one of them.

Politics

If you have been downtown this week you've witnessed some of the finest 'back-slapping' and 'hand-pumping' ever around these parts. They're not saying much, just 'slapping' and 'pumping', but things seem to be shaping up real good on the city, county, and district levels.

Backed Out

A few weeks ago when Mayor L. L. Mason announced that he would not seek re-election this year, the coffee tables were buzzing with "Who's gonna run." We overheard Mayor Mason's wife, Dot, tell some coffee drinkers that she just might run herself and get into office like Gov. George Wallace's wife of Alabama is trying to do. She was just joshing tho, 'cause at the convention she backed out.

Fishy

J. J. Jeffries, Cherokee County's Wildlife Protector reminds trout anglers that the 1966 mountain trout season is scheduled to open at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, April 2. In past years, landowners and persons under 16 years were exempted from buying special trout fishing licenses. The 1965 General Assembly however, amended the statutes to the effect that all persons fishing in public mountain trout waters must have in their possession a valid special trout fishing license. Better get a license or ole J. J. will surely get ya.

Today's Thought:

A hobby is something you get goofy about to keep from going nuts about things in general.

Injuries Serious To State Employee

A Route #2 Murphy man suffered severe head injuries Monday morning when the tail gate of a dump truck fell on his head.

Pearlie Fleming, 55, a state employee, was admitted to Providence Hospital about 11:30 a.m. Monday in critical condition. Later in the day he was transferred to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

A check with Emory Hospital Wednesday at noon showed that he had been taken off the critical list. His condition is now listed as poor, indicating an improvement.

Nurses Aid Course Begins Monday, April 4

ANDREWS - A Tri-County Industrial Education Center Nurses Aid Course will get underway at the Andrews Health Center, Monday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The course is basically for individuals who recently registered at the Andrews District Memorial Hospital. However, those who have not registered and would like to take the course, are invited to come Monday and be enrolled.

The course consists of meeting daily Monday through Friday for eight weeks. The hours will be determined at Monday's meeting.

The Nurses Aid therapy will be taught at the Andrews Health Center with practical work classes held at District Memorial Hospital.

A basic fee of \$5.00 will be charged for the eight week course and a \$2.50 fee for a textbook.

Mrs. James Perry, registered nurse from Robbinsville, will be the instructor.

April 1st Is Final Feed Grain Sign-Up

April 1 is the last day that any farmer can sign to participate in the 1966 Feed Grain Program.

As of Friday, March 25th, a total of 546 farmers in Cherokee and Clay Counties have stated that they intend to go into the program this year.

This program, nationally, has reduced feed grain surplus from 85 million tons to 55 million tons. This reduction has cut the government storage costs and has helped to maintain stable prices for all livestock farming operations that are dependent on feed grains. Specifically, dairy, beef, hog, and poultry farmers have indirectly benefited from the program.

Payment rates this year for land diverted in the program and for price support is somewhat larger for farms with bases under 25 acres than in past years.

Diverted acres can be grazed after October 1st.

The Feed Grain Program is an annual program and participation requires that the farmer must sign up every year. Diverted land can be sowed to either temporary or permanent cover while signed in the program. ACP cost sharing is available for this temporarily retired land.

Rayburn Tosses Hat In Clerk Of Court Circle

Robert H. Rayburn of Andrews announced his candidacy this week for the Democratic nomination for Clerk of Court. Rayburn is a native of Cherokee County, having been born and raised in Andrews. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Gentry.

He is a graduate of Andrews High School and Western Carolina College. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Western Carolina College and has, for the past five years, taught in the Andrews City School System. In addition to his regular teaching duties, he served two years as assistant football coach and girls' basketball coach. He is an instructor in Tri County Industrial Education Center's Basic Adult Education Program.

Rayburn is a member of the First Methodist Church of Andrews, National Education Association, North Carolina Education Association, Parent Teacher Association, Valleytown Democrat Club,



W. Frank Forsyth

Sen. W. Frank Forsyth Bows Out Of Politics

MURPHY - Sen. W. Frank Forsyth, a key figure from the west in the North Carolina General Assembly for many years, has bowed out of the political arena.

Forsyth, who has served in the State Senate longer than any incumbent from the west, announced last Wednesday that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

The announcement closed out a colorful career for the Cherokee County banker, now serving his fourth term in the Senate.

A leader in the fight against higher power rates, he was a central figure in the 1965 legislative battle with Nantahala Power and Light Company.

In Raleigh he earned the nickname "Cochise" in the 1965 battle with the Wildlife Commission for the Cherokee Indians' right to fish in federal streams.

Forsyth, who leaves the field open to other Democratic candidates for the nomination to the seven-county 33 Senatorial District, still has one final legislative chore ahead of him.

As chairman of the powerful 1965 Senate Finance Committee, he is a member of the Advisory Budget Commission

which will function until the next session of the General Assembly.

"My decision not to run again," Forsyth said last Wednesday, "is based on business and personal responsibilities as well as community and statewide affairs."

Forsyth was named president of Citizens Bank and Trust Co. last month to succeed Percy B. Ferebee who resigned. Forsyth, at that time executive vice president of the firm with six banks in Western North Carolina, started in 1932 as an assistant teller in the Andrews office.

He was first elected to the Senate in 1958 and has served in the 1959, 1961 and 1965 sessions of the General Assembly.

Forsyth was chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking in 1963, which handled legislation relating to branch banking activities, and was vice chairman of the Committee on Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce.

In 1961 and 1959 he served on numerous committees, and during his tenure gained experience on virtually every committee in the State Senate including the Appropriations and Finance committees.

Kathryn Ressel Is Sec. Of Student Council Congress

Kathryn Ressel, current junior at Murphy High School, was elected secretary of the Western District North Carolina Student Council Congress at the annual meeting in Concord last week. Rick Heller, Lee Edwards High, Asheville, was elected president, and Jerry McLester, Stanfield High, vice-president.

Miss Ressel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ressel, Brasstown, is active in school



Kathryn Ressel

affairs as well as in youth organizations of the First Methodist Church.

She has served as secretary of the Murphy High Student Council, Senate Pageette '65, member of the Beta Club, President of M.Y.F., member of the Pep Club, Speech Club and the Girl Scouts.

Carol McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McRae, was Miss Ressel's campaign manager. Knox Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton was assistant manager and made the nomination speech.

Kathy and the other officers will serve the seventy-five high schools in the district for the 1966-67 period.

GOP Postpones Convention

The Cherokee County Republican Party announced today that their convention, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 2, has been postponed.

A spokesman for the party stated that a new convention date will be announced later but said the convention will be held during the month of May.

Superior Court Top News Of Week; Patton Draws Suspended Sentence

Top news of the week centered around the Cherokee County Courthouse as the March term of Superior Court got underway Monday.

J. C. Patton, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patton of Rt. 4, Murphy, drew a two-year suspended sentence and placed on five-years probation, before Guy L. Houk, Tuesday on charges on involuntary manslaughter.

Patton had been the driver of a vehicle that struck four cyclists December 26 near Murphy High School, injuring one. Howard Enloe, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Enloe of Murphy, died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

The state took a nol pro on charges of larceny of an auto by Patton and a nol pro with leave in the hit-and-run charges against him.

Patton's stipulations for the five-year probation period are: that within a period of three years from date he re-

imburse the parents of the deceased, Howard Enloe, the cost of the funeral expenses and also any hospital or medical expense which said parents had to pay by reason of said injury; that he not buy, drink, or possess any alcoholic liquors; that he does not operate a motor vehicle for eighteen months; that he attend school regularly; that he be on good behavior and not break any laws of the state.

On another charge, driving under the influence, Patton was sentenced to four months in Cherokee County jail, suspended upon payment of a \$100 fine and costs.

In other court action, Robert Thomas Halkum, 19, of Tomotla, pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon for pointing a shotgun at a sheriff's deputy when he tried to serve a truancy warrant February 11.

It was the judgment of the court that the defendant be confined in Cherokee County

jail for a term of six months and assigned to work under the supervision of the State Prison Department.

The 19-year-old youth, also charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, received a two-year prison sentence on that count, suspended for a period of five years.

His father, Logan Halkum, charged with aiding and abetting in assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of nolo contendere. He was sentenced to two-years in prison, suspended for a period of five years on conditions that the minor child of the defendant be enrolled and maintained in a public school.

The state took a nol pro with leave on charges against Delia M. Halkum, mother of the truant child. She was charged with aiding and abetting in assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

Jess Reuben Rich, of Rt. 4 Murphy, charged with assault

with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, plead not guilty. Rich was involved in a shooting September 6 in the Sandy Gap section when Emanuel Elliott was shot in the abdomen. The court, on its own motion, withdrew the jury, declared a mistrial and entered a verdict of not guilty.

The murder case of Joe Clifford Treadaway, charged with the murder of Willard Tilson of Culberson had not gone to trial at presstime. The grand jury had returned a true bill against Treadaway on Tuesday.

Other cases disposed of during the first two days of Superior Court are: William Jack Hughes of Murphy, drunk driving, jury returned a verdict of not guilty; Steve Dockery of Andrews, assault on a female, grand jury returned not a true bill; Steve Dockery, Andrews, slander, state took a nol pro with leave; Gerald Jones, Andrews, robbery and assault, case continued due to illness of state's witness; J. C. Clonts, non-resident, felonious escape, sentenced to twelve months in prison; Herbert Eugene Roberson, Murphy, drunk driving, two years suspended for three years, fined \$200.00 and costs, license revoked; David Pullum, Andrews, drunk driving, leaving the scene of an accident, thirty days suspended sentence and payment of \$50.00 and costs; Mark Willard Kirkland, Murphy, driving after license revoked, case continued; Franklin Dwayne Crisp, Murphy, drunk driving, jury returned the verdict of not guilty.

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New State Maps Off The Presses

RALEIGH--The 1966 State Highway maps are off the presses and available for distribution to the public. They may be obtained without charge by mailing a postcard to: State Locating Engineer, MAPS, State Highway Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Featured on the cover of the map is a picture of a section of Interstate 40 known as the Canton Bypass as it cuts through the beautiful mountain scenery in Haywood County. Inside illustrations, consisting of color transparencies and artwork were prepared by Gwen Hester, draftsman for the North Carolina State Highway Commission. Included are scenes depicting cotton growing in Eastern North Carolina, a view of the port facilities at Wilmington, the Waterside Theatre and the Lost Colony at Manteo, Mountain-side Theatre, where Unto These Hills is performed at Cherokee and many others.

The business side of the map was prepared by Virgil Taylor, State Highway Cartographer, and work on it was begun a year ago. Work is already underway now on the 1967 map.

There is also a limited supply of black and white maps available from the same address and also at no cost.



REVEREND LESTER SPENCER was officially welcomed to Murphy Sunday afternoon by Mayor L. L. Mason and Rev. Clark Benson, Pastor of the Murphy First Methodist Church.

Methodist Rider Stops In Murphy On 1,000 Mile Journey To Baltimore

The Rev. Lester Spencer, pastor of St. Mark Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama, stopped in Murphy Sunday enroute to Baltimore, Maryland, to participate in the Bi-Centennial of American Methodism.

Rev. Spencer's horseback ride, involving more than 1,000 miles, is dedicated to honor the early circuit riders. Also that the Methodist Church on the eve of commemorating 200 years of Methodism in America, has something it wants to say to the American people: "That Jesus Christ is Lord." A host of local residents greeted Rev. Spencer on the square in Murphy Sunday afternoon with Mayor L. L. Mason, officially welcoming Rev. Spencer to Murphy. Rev. Clark Benson, pastor of the Murphy First Methodist Church rode into town on horseback with Rev. Spencer, also welcoming him to Murphy.

Arriving in Murphy, Rev. Spencer was dressed in authentic garb of the circuit rider from 1766-1784. The authentically reproduced clothing included a tricorne hat, a flowing black cape, accented by its contrasting bright red lining and handcrafted black leather boots.

Rev. Spencer preached at the First Methodist Church, Sunday night, following a covered dish supper and departed Monday morning for Bryson City. He left Mobile, Alabama on March 14th and plans to arrive in Baltimore, Maryland on Thursday, April

21. Prior to his sermon Sunday night, Rev. Spencer stated that he had invited Methodist preachers all along his route to ride into their particular towns on horseback with him, but that only Rev. Benson had chosen to participate in his journey.

Accompanying Rev. Spencer is Fred Gilbert of Mobile, who drives the truck pulling the horse trailer and takes care of the horses.

Rev. Spencer, 37, is married and has two children. He is a member of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the Methodist Church.



MISS APRIL

Miss Nancy Mauney, daughter of Harry and Betty Mauney, Murphy, N. C.

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