

Murphy Teams Dominate Softball Tournament

Murphy's two representatives in the Four Square Softball Tournament at Andrews have advanced to the semi-finals which will be played tonight.

Ranger, the second place team in the Murphy Softball Association, posted victories Monday and Tuesday night and the champion Independents won their game on Tuesday night.

Ranger edged Warner, the second place team in Clay County, 11-10 on Monday as Robert Smith, Paul Smith and Wayne Watson homered.

On Tuesday night, Ranger eliminated the champions in the Robbinsville loop, 9-3. The Independents drew a bye in Monday's play and on Tuesday they walloped Myers Chapel, the Clay County champs, 16-6. Jack Hughes, Weaver Carringer and Adam Sutton paced the attack with home runs.

Ranger meets the Bryson City leaders, Wiggins 66, to night at 7:30 and the Independents play the Bryson City runner-up, Alarka, at 8:45. The winners of tonight's

games meet tomorrow at 8 p.m. for the championship game.

Ranger had to battle to make the play-offs. They gained a tie for second place in the Murphy league by winning their last regularly scheduled game.

Then in a special play-off last Friday, they defeated Hiwassee Dam, 15-10 to settle that issue.

The Independents will be out to avenge an earlier defeat tonight. While the team rolled through their regular season undefeated, they lost to Alarka, in an exhibition game several weeks ago.

The all-star series between Murphy and Andrews is still incomplete. Murphy has a one game lead and the second game has been postponed twice because of rain. The winner of this series will represent Cherokee County in an all-star tournament which is scheduled to begin next Tuesday.

The Murphy girls play the Andrews girls at 6:45 Friday evening.



KNOX SINGLETON AND CALVIN STILES, JR. of Murphy were awarded scholarships offered by the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents at a dinner held at the Waynesville Country Club Monday night. Pictured above are (l to r) Ty Burnette of Andrews who sponsored Calvin Stiles, Jr., Stiles, Singleton and W.A. Singleton who sponsored his son.

2 Murphy Students Win Scholarships

Two students who reside in Murphy were honored this week when they were named as winners of college scholarships offered by the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents.

The two students are: J. Knox Singleton of Valley River Avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Singleton, and Calvin Stiles, Jr., son of Mrs. R. T. Stiles. Singleton graduated last spring from Murphy High School in Murphy and Stiles is a sophomore at Western Carolina College.

Each scholarship is for \$500. The program was created by the professional agents association to encourage deserving young students to enter the field of insurance. The awards are open to any student in North Carolina who intends to pursue a career in general insurance. The applicants are sponsored by members of the Association or recommended by colleges or universities in North Carolina.

The two Murphy students were among six who received the scholarship. They were in competition with students from all parts of North Carolina.

The intent of the entire program is to encourage good students to enter the study of insurance with an aim of making it a lifetime career.

Racing Cases Continued

The cases of 13 persons charged during a crackdown on drag racing at Culberson on August 7 have been continued in Cherokee County Recorder's Court until August 29.

Court Clerk Don Ramsey told The Scout that the cases, which were scheduled to be heard on Monday, were continued because some of the defendants requested jury trials. He said the next session at which jury trials will be held is on August 29.

Four persons face charges of pre-arranged racing on the highways and nine have been charged with aiding and abetting racing. Four cars that were confiscated during the raid are being held for possible sale at sheriff's auction.

The defendants were arrested in an operation in which the sheriff's departments of Cherokee County and Fannin County, Georgia and the Highway Patrols of North Carolina and Georgia co-operated. The raid was set up after residents in the area had complained about drag racing on NC 60.

Jaycees Set Fun Fest For This Weekend

The Murphy Jaycees have planned a Weekend Fun Fest at the Murphy Fairgrounds beginning Friday night.

Jaycee President Jack Owens said the fun begins Friday night when the popular Dunk-A-Jaycee game returns and bingo will be played.

Dunk-A-Jaycee which proved to be a big hit last year, is played with one of the Jaycees perched on a seat over a tank of water. The player throws a baseball at a target and if he hits it, SPLASH! The perch drops and the Jaycee goes into the tank.

Reliable sources say that such dunkable Jaycees as Bud Penland, Sammy Duncan, Jack Owens, Tommy Palmer and Joe Fowler will be ready targets. There is also a rumor, which the Scout has not yet been able to verify, that if popular demand is great enough, the Jaycees may be able to get Linford Abernathy on the dunker.

On Saturday, the Jaycees will be on hand primarily for the kids from 2 to 6. There will be helium filled balloons and the small fry will get a big kick out of the two clowns that are to be on hand.

The bingo game will continue Saturday afternoon with prizes for the winners.

Dunk-A-Jaycees gets going again at 6 on Saturday and will continue until the Jaycees get water-logged.

There will be concessions on the grounds throughout the Weekend Fun Fest.

Football Clinic Tuesday; Season Opens August 26

The North Carolina Athletic Officials Association will hold its 1966 Football Rules Interpretation Clinic at Swain County High School in Bryson City on Tuesday evening at 7.

The clinic will be conducted by Simon Terrell, state supervisor of officials.

All interested persons are invited to participate in this discussion of football rules.

The clinic is being held just a few days in advance of the 1966 high school football season which opens locally on August 26.

The Murphy High School Bulldogs will open their season on August 27 against Gilmer County at Ellijay, Ga. and will play Union County at Blairsville, Ga. on September 2.

The Bulldogs meet their first Smoky Mountain Conference foe, Sylva-Webster, in their first home game on September 9. They will play Waynesville at home on September 16 and West Fannin at Mc Cayesville, Ga. on September 23 before getting back into conference action.

On September 30, Murphy will host Franklin and Hayesville will play here on October 7. The Bulldogs travel to Robbinsville on October 14 and to Bryson City on October 21 before wrapping up the season at home against the Andrews Wildcats on October 28.

Andrews opens up at home on August 26 against Bakersville before hitting the road for three games. The Wild-

cats will play at Robbinsville on September 2, Franklin on September 9 and Canton on September 16.

The Wildcats will play three in a row at home starting with Swain County on September 23. Hayesville will be at Andrews on September 30 and Sylva-Webster comes in on October 7.

Andrews travels to Hayesville on October 14 and will host Robbinsville on October 21 before concluding their season at Murphy on October 28.

The Smoky Mountain Conference has raised admission prices to \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children this year.

Sheriff, Deputies Capture Escapee

Sheriff Claude Anderson and his deputies, Robert Hartness and Glenn Holloway captured an escaped convict in a barn in the Hothouse section of Cherokee County early last Friday morning.

Acting on a tip, the sheriff said they found Morris Brown, 50, in the barn about a mile off US 64 near the Tennessee state line. He was taken into custody about 5 a.m. Friday.

Brown, who was raised in the Ducktown area, escaped from the Tennessee State Penitentiary Monday, August 8. He was serving a life sentence. He was brought to the Cherokee County jail where he was held for Tennessee authorities.

Made Own Funeral Plans

County Native Shot In S.C.; Husband Charged

A Cherokee County native who had repeatedly made threats against her own life and who had already made her own funeral arrangements is dead and her husband is charged with murder pending an inquest.

Mrs. May Nix Clary, 38, who had been living in Spartanburg, S.C., was found lying just off US 76 near Westminister, S.C. Sunday afternoon with a 38 caliber bullet wound in the left temple. She was taken to Oconee County Memorial hospital where she died a short time later.

Paul Linwood Clary, 53, the woman's husband, told police

his wife had shot herself and had fallen from the couple's late model Cadillac after they had pulled off the side of the highway near the Chauga River Bridge about 4:20 Sunday.

Oconee County Sheriff Floyd Owens said Clary drove some 20 miles to Clayton, Ga. where he reported his wife had been shot. Owens said Clary first told them his wife was driving, that she drove off the highway, reached and took the pistol from the glove compartment and shot herself, then fell out of the car. Clary said he left her there and drove on to Clayton.

During later examination, Owens later reported Clary as

saying he was driving at the time.

Owens later reported that Clary admitted the shooting after several hours of questioning at state law enforcement division headquarters at Columbia on Monday night.

The bullet entered Mrs. Clary's left temple and came out the right side of the head. The pistol, with one live and one spent shell, was found in the car along with blood on the right side of the auto.

Clary told police his wife had repeated threats against her life but he had not taken them seriously.

Spartanburg County police received a call from a telephone operator Saturday shortly after 4 p.m. saying a woman told her she was going to kill herself. Police went to the Clary trailer near Fairmont and talked with Mrs. Clary. Later Saturday night, about 10:45 another call came into the sheriff's office but police could see no movement or lights at the trailer when they investigated.

Dave Townson of Townson Funeral Home in Murphy said Mrs. Clary had called him about two months ago and made funeral arrangements including the type and color of casket and the place where she wanted to be buried. He says she stated plans to kill herself. Townson, who knew both Mr. and Mrs. Clary, said he received several calls from the woman since that time including three or four on Saturday and Sunday.

During a Saturday call, Townson quoted the woman as requesting that he get in touch with her brother who lives at Culberson and ask that he call her. She later called to see if the message had been delivered, Townson said.

"Then later that day (Saturday), I received a call from a woman saying she, Mrs. Clary, had a shotgun to her head and was going to kill herself. I don't know if it was her calling or not at the time", Townson said.

He said when Mrs. Clary called Sunday about noon, she said she was enroute to Rome, Ga. with her husband and planned to be in Murphy for a visit when they returned and that she and her husband wanted to have lunch with him during their visit.

"I'm so confused now I don't know what to think", Townson said on Monday night.

Mrs. Clary's body was picked up by Townson Funeral Home Tuesday and returned to Murphy for burial.

Oconee County Coroner Raymond Williams ordered an autopsy but the results are not known. Williams said he will conduct an inquest as soon as the investigation is completed.

The Clarys had moved to their present address several months ago. Clary reportedly worked as a textile machine installer for a Greenville, S.C. firm.

The Clarys have one daughter, Mrs. Verlin Swanson of Spartanburg.

Other survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Nix of Ranger, three sisters Mrs. Hazel West of Rt. 2 Culberson, Mrs. Claudia Braden of Knoxville and Miss Betty Nix of Culberson; two brothers, Atlas and Jerry Nix both of Culberson and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Ranger Methodist Church. The body will remain at the home of the parents until placed in the church for the services.

Ducktown Woman Shot To Death

Polk County, Tennessee authorities are holding Ronnie Cochran, 21, in connection with the death of a Ducktown woman and the wounding of her daughter on Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Messer was shot to death at her home Saturday and her daughter was wounded, according to Sheriff Austin P. McClary.

The daughter, Elvira Cochran, was listed in fair condition at the Copper Basin Hospital. It had not been determined if she is Cochran's wife.

Cochran was arrested in Fannin County, Georgia and is being held without bond at the Polk County jail in Dumas. A spokesman at the jail said no detail would be released until Cochran gets a lawyer.

County Schools Open Next Week; Faculties Named

Cherokee County schools will open next Wednesday, August 24, for a half day in which lesson assignments will be made and students will pay for their fees.

Regular classes will start the following day with the lunchrooms in operation. Teachers are to report for work on Monday.

The faculty list for the 1966-67 term includes the following: Ranger-Mrs. Addilee Brown, principal; Mrs. Luella J. Newman, Mrs. Sallie K. White, Mrs. Talitha M. Goodwin, Mrs. Evangeline S. Johnson, Mrs. Ruby K. Watson, Mrs. Ruth H. Smith, Mrs. Jean W. Alexander, J. Alden Cooke and Everett R. White.

Hiwassee Dam-Harrest E. King, principal; Rev. Edward G. Altland, Mrs. Barbara R. Sampson, William G. Anderson, Paul R. Hawkins, James N. Hawkins, Miss Margaret A. Cole, Donald L. Amos, Ray C. Sims, Amos Q. Ketter, Miss Judith Ann Floyd, Mrs. Vesta R. King, Mrs. Ruby W. Wilcox, Mrs. Vesta T. Verner, Mrs. Thelma K. Kisselburg, Mrs. Edith S. Anderson, William Rex Sudderth, Mrs. Beverly S. Adkins and Miss Bernice Boring.

Unaka-Roy D. Ingram and Mrs. Lucille M. Morrow.

White Church-David M. Hendrix, principal; Mrs. Vey A. McDonald, Mrs. Frances W. Roberts, Mrs. Nellie H. Morrow and Miss Martha

Marie Gregory. Peachtree-Verlon Martin Jr., principal; Mrs. Thelma P. Axley, Mrs. Irene K. Stowe, Miss Dale Sudderth, Mrs. Frances Sue Bridges and Paul J. Vaughn, Jr.

Martins Creek-John T. Smart, Jr., principal; Mrs. Berntha H. Carringer, Mrs. Edith M. Evans, Charles W. Caldwell, James Crandall Moffitt and John Hogan.

Miss Frances E. Dickson will be speech therapist, James R. Nelson is the supervisor and Mrs. Ruby H. Bryson is the attendance counselor.

Slagle Completes 25 Years At NP&L
John R. Slagle of Andrews completed 25 years of service with Nantahala Power and Light Company last week to become the 41st member of the company's 25 Year Club.

A native of Franklin, Slagle was first employed by Nantahala August 11, 1941 as an Apprentice Powerhouse Operator at the company's Franklin plant. He was promoted to Powerhouse Operator September 21, 1941, and served as an operator at the company's Thorpe Plant in Jackson County for a month before being assigned as an operator at the Nantahala Plant March 20, 1942.

Slagle has served in his position as Shift Foreman at the Nantahala Plant since March 1, 1943.

Town Wide Sales Event In Murphy This Week

Murphy merchants displaying "Values Galore" posters have joined together to give you the greatest values ever offered in the city of Murphy this week.

You can listen to and read of the big city sales event but none of them will compare with the "Values Galore" to be found in Murphy this week.

No one merchant in Murphy could or would undertake such a tremendous sales event as the Murphy merchants displaying the "Values Galore" posters are conducting this week. Check the "Values Galore" page in today's Cherokee Scout and shop the merchants displaying the "Values Galore" posters and you will find all the useful items that you would like to have, at prices you can hardly believe.

ITEMS FOR ALL OCCASION

These merchants are not attempting to dispose of distress merchandise but they are taking this opportunity to pass on to you outlandish values on merchandise that you need and can use, but heretofore thought you could not afford.

The value and quality of the merchandise offered by the merchants advertising on the "Values Galore" page should excite the imagination of the most discriminate buyer.

STRETCH YOUR FAMILY BUDGET

Take advantage of these "Values Galore". If you don't have the ready cash to buy the items you want use your charge account or their lay-away plan.

It will pay you to shop in Murphy this week. Visit these merchants for your "Values Galore."

Graves-Chrysler-Plymouth, Davis Jewelers, Mauney Drug, Lois & Nancy Sportswear & Dress Outlet, Murphy Tire & Appliance, Lena's, Murphy Supply, Murphy Florist, Cherokee Shopping Center, Western Auto, Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Graves Furniture, O'Dell's Cafeteria & Restaurant, Collins Crain, Moore Jewelers, Trudy's, Candlers and Ivie Furniture.

Airport Bonds Are Investment We Can't Pass Up

By Dave Bruce

What is the busiest airport in the United States? If you said O'Hare in Chicago, you're right. Now, could you say which are the second and third busiest airports in the country? The second one is in Van Nuys, Calif. and the third one is in Opa-Locka, Fla.

The significant point about these two airports is that both of them are private plane fields.

A recent article in U.S. News & World Report stated that 80% of all miles flown annually are logged by private planes. The article also revealed that 40,000 business planes are in operation and the market for

them continues to expand with 11,852 private planes being built in 1965.

The increase in the use of private planes in this area is shown in the fact that over 5,000 landings and take-offs took place at the Cherokee County Airport in the past 12 months.

This figure will continue to increase but it will not keep pace with the national increase in the use of private planes if the facilities at the local airport are not improved to meet the standards of firms that have indicated their desire to use them.

We already have the foundation for a fine airport. There is a hangar, shop, office, reception area, paved access and auto parking space at the finest

location for an airport in southwestern North Carolina. We only need to improve the airport with a longer runway that is paved to have landing facilities which will enable this area to compete with other parts of the country in the race to attract industry which is becoming more dependent on the airplane with each passing day.

I am not aware of any good reason for the bond issue which will be voted upon August 27 to be turned down. The main stumbling block was the question of taxes and the County Commissioners made their position clear with the statement published in last week's Scout.

To go further on the subject of taxes, it is reasonable to expect that the revenues the county will receive from the new American Thread plant at Marble and the Clifton Precision expansion at Peachtree will, by themselves, cover the cost of the bonds.

Without the present airport and the promise of a better one, I don't believe American Thread would have come here and I don't believe Clifton Precision would have expanded their local operations.

To put it plainly, the airport expansion is not only a good investment by Cherokee County. It is one that we can not afford to pass up. I endorse the airport bond issue because I firmly believe that it is necessary to improve the Cherokee County Airport if this area is to fully enjoy the fruits of a booming American economy.

O'Hara Resigns

Patrolman Carl O'Hara resigned from the Murphy Police Department effective Monday.