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Old Market Days-Wagon Train Sale Next Week; \$175 To Be Given Away

Lucky Murphy shoppers will be eligible to win \$175 in cash prizes during the "Old Market Days-Wagon Train Sale" next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 29-July 1.

The sale, sponsored by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, will be emphasized in a special edition of the Scout-Progress next week. Circulation for the special issue will be 10,000. Free copies will be mailed throughout the Murphy trading area.

The cash prizes will be \$50 each on Thursday and Friday and \$75 on Saturday.

Shoppers may register for the drawings at all participating merchants. Tickets will be used in only one drawing. Thus, it will be necessary to register each day of the sale to be eligible for all of the drawings.

The drawings will be held at 4 p.m. each day on the square.

Following the "Old Market Day" tradition which has been observed here for several years, merchandise will be displayed on the streets.

The sale will not only continue the market day theme, but will be held in connection with the 10th Anniversary Wagon Train between Tellico Plains, Tenn. and Murphy.

\$148 Million Available For N.C. Rural Housing

Melvin H. Hearn, North Carolina State director for the Farmers Home Administration, said today that he had received word from Washington that this agency had received authority to insure an additional \$148 million of rural loans.

This action announced in Washington by Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman, will enable USDA's Farmers Home Administration to commit an additional \$30 million in farm ownership loans and \$18 million in rural housing loans to low and moderate income families.

Previous allocations of funds for farm ownership loans were exhausted in February. There are some 20,000 applications and unfunded loan dockets currently being held by the Farmers Home Administration.

Funds for rural housing loans to low and moderate income families were exhausted in April. The Farmers Home Administration is now holding some 42,000 applications and unfunded loan dockets for rural housing loans.

Both the funds for farm ownership and rural housing loans are being made available immediately. Farm ownership loans are made to buy land, construct or repair buildings, improve land and refinance debts. They are repayable over 40 years and bear 5 percent interest.

Rural housing loans are made to farmers and other rural residents in open country and small rural communities with populations of not more than 5,500. Loans are made to construct and repair needed homes and essential farm buildings, purchase homes, or buy sites on which to build homes. The interest rate on loans to families with low and moderate incomes is 5 percent.



Randolph Cunningham
Cunningham Receives Degree In Forestry

Randolph Cunningham received his BS Degree in Forestry at the University of Montana graduation exercises Sunday, June 18.

He is a 1962 graduate of Murphy High School and attended Western Carolina College for two years on a football scholarship.

He is presently employed with the US Forest Service as a smoke jumper at Redmond, Ore. and is on an assignment at Fairbanks, Alaska.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunningham of Rt. 1, Murphy attended the graduation exercises last Sunday.

Touring Troupe To Appear In Murphy

During the Summer of 1967 six students from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn., along with their Campus Pastor, the Rev. George M. Conn, Jr., have their work cut out for them.

As one of the four experimental Religious Drama Troupes, they will travel close to five thousand miles throughout the Appalachian area and parts of Alabama representing a series of three plays in churches and communities, as well as conducting a number of Drama Workshops to help local groups develop the use of drama in local situations.

The troupe, sponsored jointly by the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at ETSU and the Board of Christian Education at the Presbyterian Church U.S. will be in Murphy on Sunday July 2. Two plays, "The Circle Beyond Fear" by Darius Swann and "It Should Happen To A Dog" by Wolf Mankowitz will be presented.

"The Circle Beyond Fear" (a one act play based on the story of Cain) will be presented Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the First Methodist Church of Murphy.

"It Should Happen To A Dog" (a one act contemporary version of the story of Jonah) will be presented Sunday evening at 8 p.m. at the Murphy Presbyterian Church.

No admission is to be charged and the public is cordially invited according to the Murphy Presbyterian Church.

Graves Chrysler Loses First Of 18

The Graves Chrysler-Plymouth soft ball team suffered their first defeat in 18 regular games when they lost to a hustling White Church team. The defeat did not change their league standing. They remain in first place with 6 wins to 1 loss.

Clifton Precision held onto second place with a 5-1 record by defeating Ranger.

White Church's win over Graves Chrysler put them in third place with a 4-1 record.

Rimco held down fourth place by winning over Hiwassee Dam and has a 3-2 record.

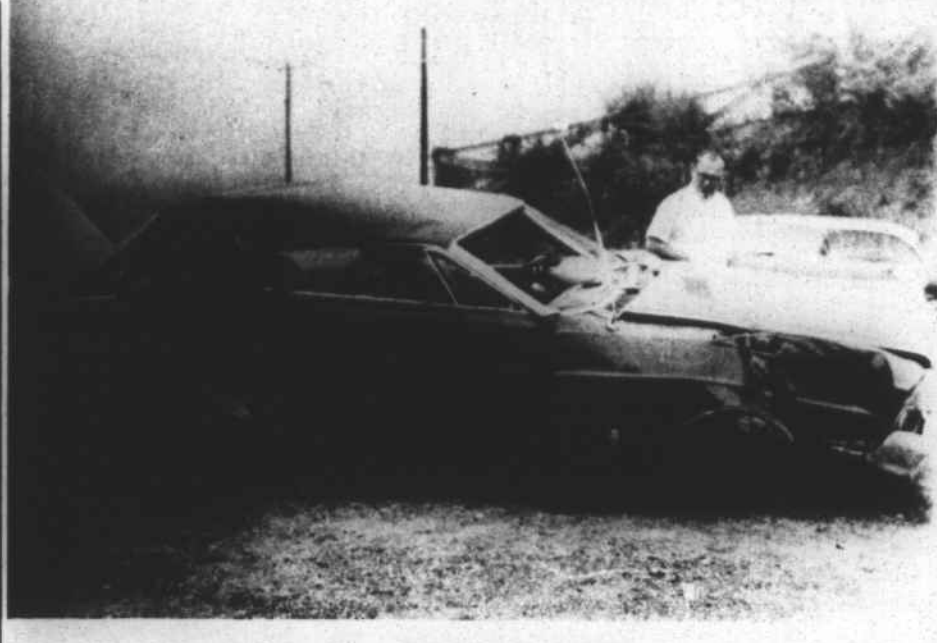
In the womens softball league, Brumby Textile and Martins Creek remained tied for first place, both with a 4-1 record.

Clifton Precision remained in second place with a 4-1 record after defeating Texanna.

Levi-Strauss held onto third place with a 2-2 record.

Draft Boards To Close June 22

Local Draft Board Offices in Cherokee and Clay Counties will be closed Thursday, June 22 in order for clerks, Mrs. Frankie Roberson and Myrtle Plemmons to attend a conference in Bryson City.



The above 1965 Ford driven by Lloyd Baker, Jr. was listed as a total loss after it crashed into the Cherokee Ice Company Office Friday night June, 16.

Damage Extensive In 4 Local Wrecks

Four wrecks in two days ran property damage into the thousands last Thursday and Friday. Luckily, no one was seriously injured in the accidents.

A sudden down pour of rain was blamed for the first accident that occurred on US 64 West of Murphy inside the city limits about 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 16.

Anton Jereb and his wife of Philadelphia, Pa. were traveling east toward Murphy in a 1965 Ford when he lost control in a curve and spun backwards into an oncoming U.S. Mail truck.

Fire Strikes Commonwealth

Fire Tuesday night struck again at the Commonwealth Lumber Co. shaving house and boiler room.

Just two years ago on July 2nd at 9:30 p.m. a similar fire occurred and did about the same amount of damage which was estimated to be several thousand dollars.

The alarm sounded Tuesday night at about 10:00 p.m. and the Murphy Volunteer Fire Department along with the Commonwealth's firemen quickly brought the fire under control.

Commonwealth Lumber Co. employs several hundred people and had the fire gotten out of control and destroyed the plant these people would have been out of jobs.

Racing With Red

George Fountain who was the second fastest qualifier at Tri County Raceway Saturday night took first place in the 65 lap feature race.

Jim Twiggs who took most of the honors in the first race at Tri-County Raceway almost duplicated his first night honors. Twiggs won money for being the fastest qualifier, first place in the first heat and was second in the feature.

W.T. "Lightening" Mauldin for the second week in a row took third place honors in the feature. Winner of the second heat was Eugene Corn.

Twiggs started on the inside pole position and jumped into the lead on the first lap and held it till about midway of the race when he spun out on the third turn. After spinning he pitted to get his windshield cleaned and Fountain roared by him. Fountain and Twiggs then put on the best show yet at the Raceway and was just about to catch him when once again he took a spin. At this stage there were only about five laps remaining and Fountain opened up his lead and held on to take top honors.

A hard rain about forty-five minutes before race time delayed the action and made the new clay surface very slippery. It was that way throughout the night.

Accidents early in the race took its toll of cars once again and only four cars were running at the conclusion of the race.

Other drivers returning to the Raceway were Rex Ledford and Robert Hampton, Russell Barnett, Eldon Plo., Jim Penland, and Roger Berrong were making their first assault at the newly opened Raceway.

About fifteen cars are expected to be running this

2 Young People Struck By Car

Two pedestrians were hospitalized Monday following an accident about 5 p.m. Monday on the Joe Brown Highway five miles north of Murphy.

State Highway Patrolman Pat Miller said Clara Palmer 15, of Murphy, Rt. 5 and Young Bain 22, of Cherokee County were struck by an automobile driven by Robert Ervin Minor, 16, of Murphy Rt. 4.

Both Young Bain and Clara Palmer are listed in good condition at Providence hospital.

Miller said the accident occurred when Minor swerved into the ditch in a sharp right curve to avoid hitting an oncoming logging truck.

Minor told Trooper Miller that he then saw the pedestrians on the right side of the road and swerved left but could not avoid hitting them. Minor steered his car down an embankment on the left side of the road and into a field. Damage to the car was estimated at \$800.

Miller said that no charges have been made pending further investigation.

Softball Tournament Entries To Close

District Softball Commissioner, John M. Manuel, announced that the filing date for entry in the district slo-pitch softball tournament would close on Friday, June 30th. The tournament is to be held in Robbinsville starting July 21st.

Manuel stated that thus far eight teams have filed for the tournament including four teams from Robbinsville. In addition, entries have been received from league-leading Jim's Laundry and Wiggins Garage of Bryson City as well as, Clifton Precision and Graves Plymouth of Murphy. Approximately sixteen teams are expected for the tournament.

Filing fee is \$20.00 and the tournament winner advances to the state tournament which is to be held in Burlington in mid-August.

The Robbinsville Lions Club is sponsoring the tournament and has pledged at least \$100 to the team representing the district in the state tournament.

Tommy Webster is serving as tournament director.

Swimming Course To Begin Monday

A beginner course in swimming will begin Monday, June 26, 10 a.m. at the Murphy Lions Club Swimming Pool.

The purpose of the course is to equip the individual with basic water safety skills and knowledge in order to make him reasonably safe in or about the water.

There are now swimming skill or age requirements for entrance into the course. The lessons will be under the supervision of a qualified water safety instructor.

There will be a cost of \$2.00 plus admission to the pool.

School Board Bill; Liquor Bill Goes To House This Week

Sen. Mary Faye Brumby told the Scout Tuesday that a bill to require election of school boards throughout the state and a state wide liquor referendum bill will most likely go before the House of Representatives this week. Both bills have previously passed the senate.

Mrs. Brumby said she and Rep. Wiley McGlamery contacted school board and other officials in their district asking them their preference as to the method of electing county school boards on the state wide school election bill.

She said four counties out of seven in her 33rd Senatorial District want to be exempted from provisions of the state-wide bill.

Mrs. Brumby told the Scout she will introduce a bill that will allow Cherokee County residents to elect their school boards on a staggered basis.

The present Cherokee County School Board consists of five members elected to six year terms. Mrs. Brumby's bill will seek to have a six member board and elect two every two years as their present term expires thus staggering the board so that experienced members are always serving.

A bill introduced by Sen. Herman Moore of Charlotte June 15 at the request of the Andrews Town Board to allow the voters of Andrews to vote on an ABC store has been approved by the Calender Committee and is expected to go before the House of Representatives this week.

In the event of a favorable vote, an Alcoholic Beverage Control Board would be established with the Town Board appointing a chairman for a three-year term and two

Four Western Counties Recieve \$93,000 Grant

Swain, Clay, Cherokee and Graham Counties, North Carolina, have received a Federal grant of \$93,981 for three-part Conduct and Administration program. The announcement was made today by Leveo V. Sanchez, Director Middle Atlantic Region, OEC.

The applicant agency is the Four-Square Community Action Agency, Inc., and the local share of the grant is \$14,436.

The three components include administration-outreach program, and a Horticultural project.

The Administration grant provides for staff salaries, travel, office space equipment and supplies to the CAA for administration of the community action programs in the four county area.

The Outreach project provides for a director and five assistant directors to phase out direct CAA supervision of recreation programs established during the past 15 months.

The Horticultural Training project provides salary, mileage reimbursement and few training supplies for a horticultural specialist working with poor families. The delegate agency is the Cherokee County Agricultural Extension Service and will provide office space and supplies informational material, training equipment and consultant services, in assisting low-income families to grow high-income crops.

Under the direction of Jack Frauson, Executive Director,

Murphy Native Dies In Fire

MACON, Ga. -- Lowell (Buddy) Harbin, 41, formerly of Murphy, died Tuesday morning from burns received when a fire destroyed his home in Macon, Ga.

He was a native of Cherokee County, son of the late Dewey and Lee Ellen Wells Harbin. Mr Harbin was a former employee of The Cherokee Scout and was working as a Linotype operator at a Macon Newspaper.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Kathleen Plemmons Harbin, a daughter, Miss Vickie and three sons, Billy Keith and David all of the home. Two sisters, Mrs. Ray White of Hayesville and Mrs. Edith Meek of Knoxville, Tenn.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Townson Funeral Home.

The Rev. Al Smith officiated and burial was in Tomolia Cemetery.

Hughes Supply Offers \$1,000 In Prize Money

Over \$1,000 in prizes will be given away through drawings at Hughes Supply's three day Grand Opening Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The Grand Opening Sale is in celebration of the opening of their new PRO-hardware and supply store located on Hiwassee Street across from the Post Office.

The new hardware store is a member of PRO, a group of 1500 hardware stores that have joined together to have the power of discount buying.

"Factory representatives will be here throughout the sale to demonstrate various items and we will be having drawings for prizes hourly," manager Jim Ed Hughes said.

City Police Recover Motor

A 9 1/2 hp Johnson outboard motor taken from a boat near Grape Creek Tuesday, June 14, was recovered the next day by City Policeman Lawrence Beal.

Patrolman Beal recovered the motor in Murphy when the Cherokee County youth tried to sell it.

According to Chief of Police Pete Stalcup, no charges were filed against the youth because the owner of the motor, Mr. A.B. Stocker preferred not to press charges.

Fambro's Holds Anniversary Sale

Fambro's 5 & 10 will be observing its eighth anniversary in Murphy with a special sale that begins today (Thursday).

Miss Bessie Laney, manager of the local Fambro's Store, expressed her appreciation for the patronage of local shoppers during the past eight years.

Shop Fambro's ad in this week's paper for special bargains.

Was Henry Grady Born Here ?

By Dave Bruce

Was the famed Atlanta newspaperman and orator Henry W. Grady a native of Murphy?

I must admit my surprise when members of the Cherokee County Historical Society asked the Town Board on June 12 to preserve the Grady birthplace as a local historical site. Joe Ray said he is "convinced beyond doubt" that Grady was born in the house that stands on the corner of Tennessee and McClelland Streets in Murphy.

Surprise came to me for the simple reason that I had always just assumed Grady was a Georgian by birth.

After discussing the matter with Ray the next day and checking into written matter on the subject, I have come to the conclusion that the evidence strongly indicates that this man, who was one of the South's most eloquent spokesmen at a time when this region sorely needed one, was indeed born in Murphy.

Respected historians do not agree. I know of at least four that say he was born in Athens, Ga. It is interesting to note, however, that these four sources can not agree on his birthdate.

Joel Chandler Harris wrote in his "Life of Grady" that

Grady was born on April 24, 1850 at Athens.

Information made available some years ago by the State Librarian of Georgia said Grady was born May 24, 1850 at Athens.

Marion J. Verdery says in Harris' "Life of Grady" that he was born May 17, 1851 at Athens.

The New International Encyclopedia says simply that he was born in 1851 in Athens.

Chalk up four for Georgia, but they can't seem to agree on the year, let alone the date.

The strongest evidence supporting Murphy's claim to Grady comes in a chapter of the book "Random Thoughts and The Musings of a Mountaineer" written by the late Judge Felix E. Alley, Sr. of Waynesville. Alley's book first appeared in 1941.

He is the father of Judge Felix E. Alley, Jr. who holds court in Cherokee County now.

Alley bases his theory on statements from persons who were alive at the time of Grady's birth.

He began his research into the question after his election to the bench in 1910. He questioned many residents of Cherokee and Clay Counties

while in the two counties to hold court.

Their statements indicate that Grady was born in the house at Murphy and that his family moved to Hayesville when he was three or four years of age.

The most convincing statement Alley secured was from Dr. Earl Grady of Tryon, a second cousin of Henry's. His statement, made in 1938, strongly supports the Murphy birthplace theory. It is important because he apparently never lived here and had no reason to support Cherokee County's claim except to tell the truth.

The whole question is doubly interesting to me.

When I was a high school senior in Pennsylvania 11 years ago, I came across Grady's famed speech, "The New South" and was so impressed with it that I wrote a lengthy theme on it.

My purpose was to demonstrate to my suspicious classmates that even in the bitter reconstruction era, the South had men of vision who were interested in the future and willing to let bygones be bygones. This was at the time that racial unrest was beginning to bubble in the Deep

South following the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision in 1954.

I can still recall my English teacher saying "you've taken an obscure speech by an obscure man and are blowing it up out of the proportion it deserves."

I stuck to my belief and ended up getting an A for my modest work on Henry W. Grady.

Now, 11 years later, I am a resident of Murphy, N.C., a town I never heard of when I wrote about Grady.

The evidence indicates that Grady was born in Murphy. If it isn't conclusive, it is at least strong enough to give Murphy as strong a claim to Grady as Georgia's.

Henry W. Grady was one of the original Southern liberals. His political and journalistic descendants are such progressive Southern spokesmen as former Congressman Charles Weltner of Georgia, Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee, Richmond Flowers and Ralph McGill present publisher of the Atlanta Constitution.

Men of this caliber are still building the New South that Henry W. Grady foresaw almost 90 years ago.