

Wagon Train, Water Festival Start Saturday

10 Girls Seek Miss Lake Hiwassee Title

Ten girls will compete for the title of Miss Lake Hiwassee at the Murphy High School Gym Saturday night at 7:30. The winner will reign over the fourth annual Jaycee Water Festival. (Full details on the water festival are given in another story on this page.)

This year's pageant is under the direction of the Murphy Jaycees, an auxiliary of the Murphy Jaycees. The contestants have been instructed in poise, make-up, hairstyling, wardrobe and talent by the Jaycees. The contestants are: Pam Chastain, 18, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Chastain of Murphy. She is a graduate of Murphy High School and is planning to enter Western Carolina College this fall. She is sponsored by Columbia Marble Co. of Marble.

Hilda Decker, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Decker of Rt. 4, Murphy. She is a senior at Mars Hill College and is planning to be a teacher. She is sponsored by Easley Mfg. Co. of Murphy.

Patricia Guffey, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guffey of Andrews. She is a sophomore at Appalachian State Teachers College and is planning to go into research. She is sponsored by D.J.K. Florist of Andrews.

Ann Marcus, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Marcus of Rt. 3, Murphy. She is a graduate of Stephen L. Austin High School in El Paso, Tex. and the Western Academy of Hair Design of Asheville. She is employed by Garrett's Beauty Shop in Murphy and is sponsored by Levi Strauss Co.

Janet Hamilton, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamilton of Murphy. She is a rising senior at Murphy High School and plans to enter Mars Hill College next year. She wants to be a minister of music or physical therapist. She is sponsored by American Thread Co. of Asheville.

Kay Leming, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Leming of Andrews. She is a sophomore at Warren Wilson College and plans to be a social worker. She is sponsored by Owenby Mfg. Co. of Andrews.

Ginger Mauney, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Mauney of Rt. 1, Murphy. She is a sophomore at Western Carolina College and is planning to be a teacher. She is sponsored by Rimco.

Elizabeth Jane Whitley, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duke D. Whitley of Murphy. She is a junior at the University of Tennessee and plans to be a teacher. She is sponsored by Townson Funeral Home.

Dorothy Oliver, 19, daughter of Mrs. Eva Nell Oliver of Rt. 2, Murphy. She is a graduate of Murphy High School and is sponsored by her employer, Clifton Precision Products Co.

Karol Kaye, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaye of Murphy. She attended Western Carolina College this past year and plans to enter the University of Georgia in the fall. She is sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Murphy.

The winner of the Miss Lake Hiwassee title will receive a silver trophy and \$75.

The first runner-up will receive a trophy and \$50 and the second runner-up will receive a trophy and \$25.

The reigning Miss Lake Hiwassee is Carol McRae. She will crown the new Miss Lake Hiwassee.

250 Authorized For Youth Corps

The Neighborhood Youth Corps project in the counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain sponsored by Four-Square Community Action, Inc. has been allowed to increase the number of enrollees from 150 to 250 for eleven weeks this summer.

Students are selected by principals and guidance counselors in the eight high schools of the four counties. Selection is based on need and enrollees are selected on a non-discriminatory basis.



MISS LEILA HAYES OF Tomotla (top photo) won the grand prize at the grand opening of Hughes Supply's new PRO Hardware Store on Hiwassee St. She receives a new dishwasher from Jim Lewis, Jimmy Hughes of Rt. 1, Brasstown (bottom left) presented with a lawn mower by Jim Ed Hughes. Over \$1,000 worth of prizes were awarded at drawings held throughout Hughes' grand opening last weekend.



Registration For Head Start Set For Monday

John Jordan, Superintendent of Murphy City Schools, has announced that registration day for the Head Start Program in the Murphy Schools has been set for Monday, July 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the primary wing of the elementary school.

Parents are asked to bring their children to the school Monday morning and complete their registration and to work out any transportation difficulties that might occur. Pupils will be transported to school by car pools.

Jordan states that there is no cost to this program, sponsored by the Four-Square Community Action Agency, Inc. of Andrews. Children will receive a hot meal and refreshments each day and physical examination and some dental work. He states that this is the third year for this program in the local schools and that many accomplishments have been achieved.

The Superintendent lists the following staff members for this summer's program: Director, Ed Reynolds, Teachers, Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, Miss Eunice Shields, Mrs. Christine Ingle and Mrs. Bertha Chambers; teachers

aides, Mrs. Martha Laney, Mrs. Mary Lou Hughes, Mrs. Jack Carter and Mrs. Faye Chambers.

All Teacher aides have children in the program. Mrs. Lona Davis is lunchroom manager and Mrs. Dorothy Dockery is the cook. Marvin Hampton is County Social Worker and Mrs. Brenda Hendrix will be the social worker for the Murphy Schools.

Tuesday, July 4, will be declared a legal holiday and no classes will be held on this day. However, Wednesday, July 5, classes will resume and run for a period of six weeks.

Committee Gathers Phone Service Complaint Data

Max Blakemore, president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, has been named chairman of a steering committee to gather information on local telephone service in the Murphy area. The information will be presented at a hearing scheduled for July 11-14 in Asheville.

Blakemore was named at a meeting held last Thursday at the Murphy Power Board Building.

Thousands Expected For Local Holiday Weekend

Events that will reach a grand climax in Murphy next Tuesday, July 4, begin Saturday in Murphy and Tellico Plains, Tenn. as the Fourth Annual Jaycee Water Festival gets underway here and the 10th Anniversary Wagon Train forms at Tellico Plains for its three-day trip over the mountains to Murphy. Thousands of local residents and vacationers are expected to gather for the four-day event over the holiday weekend.

Several preliminary events connected with the Water Festival are already underway.

The Beard Contest has officially been underway since February 15. Anyone who signs an official entry blank is eligible to participate. Jaycee President James Helton is the chairman of the contest.

Judging and awarding of trophies in the Beard Contest will be held at the speaker's stand after the Wagon Train enters its final campsite.

First and second place trophies will be awarded for the bushiest beard, the neatest beard and the neatest mustache.

The Fishing Contest closes Friday.

Fishing chairman Don Decker said fish caught in Lake Hiwassee between April and Friday are eligible. All fish must be weighed at the official weighing stations.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest bass, the largest pike and the largest rough fish.

Miss Lake Hiwassee will award the fishing prizes at Hiwassee Campground during the boat race on Sunday.

The Jaycee Tennis Tournament began at the Murphy Tennis Courts at 4:30 Wednesday. Matches are being held each day at 4:30 through Saturday.

Trophies will be awarded in four classes on July 4 at the Murphy Fairgrounds. Miss Lake Hiwassee will make the awards.

Registration for the tournament closed Wednesday.

The Beauty Pageant, directed by the Murphy Jaycees, will be held Saturday. Full details are given in another story on this page. Wagons left Andrews Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. for a trip to Tellico Plains where main train will be formed.

The wagons were scheduled to camp in Murphy Wednesday night and several wagons from Cherokee and Clay and the North Georgia area were expected to join the train here.

The train is expected to camp near the North Carolina Tennessee line Thursday night and proceed down the Tellico River to Tellico Plains on Friday.

A parade will be held in Tellico Plains at 3 p.m. Saturday and the Tellico Plains American Legion will provide entertainment in the Town Square from 7 p.m. until midnight.

On Sunday morning the 10th Anniversary Wagon Train will begin another journey over the rugged mountain terrain to demonstrate again the need for an all-weather road connecting Tellico Plains and Murphy.

The Wagon Train is scheduled to depart Tellico Plains at 6 a.m., after a sunrise church service, and travel 18 miles up the Tellico River to a campsite near Tellico Lodge.

The Jaycee-sponsored boat races will be held Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 at the Lake Hiwassee Campground, seven miles west of Murphy on the Joe Brown Road.

There will be a driver's meeting at 12 noon according to co-chairmen Bud Penland and Elmer Taylor.

There will be short-course heat races and a longer course marathon race. The racers will be competing for over \$1,000 in trophies and prize money.

The races will be jointly directed by the Jaycees and the Rebels Boat Racing Club of Columbus, Ga. under APBA-NOA rules.

The Wagon Train is expected to break its camp on the Tellico River early Monday morning and make a 16-mile trip to a camp eight miles from Murphy.

Monday night, a Mountain Square Dance will be held from 8 until midnight at the Old Rock Gym in Murphy. Live music will be furnished and admission will be 50 cents.

The Jaycees have a Fun-

Fest scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Murphy Fairgrounds. There will be live country music, Dunk-A-Jaycee, games and food.

The Wagon Train is expected to arrive in Murphy at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Trophies will be awarded for the best wagon and the oldest and youngest persons in the train and the Old Time Woman dress contest.

Another 8 until midnight square dance will be held Tuesday night at the Old Rock Gym.

A free fireworks display will conclude the four-day holiday celebration Tuesday night at 9:30 at the Murphy High School Football Stadium. There will be no admission charge for the fireworks.

Four television sets and six gift certificates will be awarded during the Water Festival.

Two numbers will be drawn at the beauty contest, boat races and fireworks display for the gift certificates.

The numbers will be on the official program for the event.

The Jaycees will award four Zenith television sets. These will be given away at the beauty contest, boat races, Monday's square dance and the fireworks display. A \$1 donation to the Jaycees is required to be eligible for the television sets.

Sale, Drawings Start Today

Dollars, 175 of them, will be given away Thursday, Friday and Saturday on the Square in drawing held in connection with the "Old Market Days-Wagon Train Sale" which begins today (Thursday).

Drawings will be held each day at 4 p.m.

Shoppers may register at any participating store for the drawings.

Tickets will be disposed of after each drawing, so it will be necessary to register each day to be eligible for all of the drawings.

Fifty dollars will be given away Thursday and Friday and the Saturday prize will be 75 dollars.

The money for the drawings is given away by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce.

Republicans Offer Five Election Reform Bills

Rep. Charles H. Taylor of Brevard has announced that the Republican delegation in the General Assembly is introducing a series of five bills dealing with elections in North Carolina.

The bills would:

- (1) Provide that each party chairman would be able to select persons of good repute to act as election officials.
- (2) Provide that each party's state chairman would appoint two members of the State Board of Elections and the four selected would pick a fifth

member. If agreement could not be reached on a fifth member, the Governor would make an appointment.

(3) Provide that the county chairman of each party would select a member of a three-member county board and the two selected would pick the third member. The term would be four years instead of the present two year term.

(4) Give the chairman of the State Board of Elections the right to issue warrants of arrest or to seek bills of indictment in the prosecution of election violations.

(5) Place the duty of prosecuting election violations on the Attorney General instead of the district solicitor.

"North Carolina election laws encourage rather than deter election irregularities," Taylor said. "Our election system is built on an unrealistic assumption that members of one political party can control the election process completely with fairness and impartiality."

Taylor said the Republican delegation maintains that "real progress could be made in cleaning up election frauds

in North Carolina if the manner of selecting the election officials is changed, and if officials we now have are given specific and strong responsibilities."

The Brevard Republican cited several areas of irregularities he said have occurred in the last six years. They include:

(1) Cases in which the poll books and registration books were not used as required by law, and voters were allowed to vote without any identification in one western North Carolina county in 1962.

(2) Over a thousand more ballots appearing in seven voting precinct boxes than there were actual voters voting in 1966.

(3) Nine hundred ballots changed in one precinct in western North Carolina in 1964.

Precinct registrars and judges are "the most important men" in our election system, Taylor said, since they are responsible for conducting the actual voting. "It is in the local precinct voting area that most irregularities occur," he concluded.



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