

Tomotla, Peachtree In Final Judging

Judging to select the communities in Western North Carolina that have made the most outstanding progress during 1967 will start on Monday, November 13 and run through Thursday, November 16. The occasion will be the final judging of the WNC Rural Community Development Program. At stake will be top honors in the improvement contest in which 115 communities have been competing this year.

Fourteen county winners will be judged in the Non-Farm Division and 14 winners in the Farm Division. Each community will be visited by a team of judges, who will spend one hour and 45 minutes in each area. They will hear progress reports by community leaders and see community, home, farm and business improvements.

Tomotla community will represent Cherokee county in the Non-Farm Division and will be judged Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Peachtree community will represent the county in the

Farm Division and will be judged Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. Judges for the Non-Farm Division will be R. James Albert, in Charge, Extension Staff Artist, N.C. State University, Carl White, Manager, Cherokee Historical Association, Cherokee and Mrs. Virginia Anderson, Assistant Supervisor, Home, Farmers Home Administration, Hayesville.

The judging team for the Farm areas will be Mrs. Ada B. Dalla Pozza, District Home Economics Extension Agent (Northwest); James Edwards Superintendent, Mountain Research Station, Waynesville and William C. Parton, Drexel Furniture Company, Drexel.

The Western North Carolina Community Development Program, now completing its 18th year, is sponsored by the local Agricultural Workers Council in each county and on an area basis by the Agricultural Development Council. Jerry Sutton of Franklin is area chairman of the program

Cue's Corner By Bogley My Buddy, The Cap'n

If you didn't read last week's story this won't mean much to you. Just wanted to tell you a little bit more about a great guy.

When Captain Emmet came aboard the USS Texas crew morale was at a mighty low ebb. We had had a tyrant before him, a little man in stature, as well as everything else. He seemed always mad at everybody. Including God, we were pretty sure.

Maybe Cap'n Emmet knew all about this. Perhaps he was sent to relieve "Little Nero" to prevent a possible mutiny.

At any rate, the word got around real fast that this new skipper was not only a big man physically, but he was an officer, a GENTLEMAN, and a leader as well.

To have seen and experienced how this man operated, why honestly, you'd have thought he was always trying, with all his might, to sell himself. He was always wanting to know what we thought of him as if he had to "make it with us" to

even keep his job, instead of the other way round. The next day after he assumed command the crew assembled for a "get acquainted session," he called it. It lasted about ten minutes and, mostly, it consisted of his informing us that he was new on the job and he was hoping that "a would HELP HIM."

He told us where he was from, how many kids he had, how long he had been in the navy, and a few other things. Then he told us that he knew he could count on us to do our jobs, and in doing them we'd be getting HIS done.

When he said, "That's all," there was the mightiest yell of "WELCOME ABOARD, SKIPPER," than anyone ever heard, from about 1500 throats.

And, Mister, we meant it. In less than 24 hours that was a different ship. We had ten men in the brig at the time but just minutes before the assembly we had gotten orders to turn em all loose. It was like Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and the Fourth of July all rolled into one.

I think everybody felt sorta dazed--it just seemed unbelievable. Maybe we felt like the prisoners of war did when they were finally freed.

He didn't say a word about doing away with discipline. I think he knew that we all understood that the regular rules and regulations still applied.

Every Saturday his stock rose higher and higher. For instance; when he inspected the Marine Detachment on top-side he said that we were all

so shiny that he guessed he'd better have his dark glasses before he went any further. And I'm here to tell you that the whole inspection stopped right there. He told his orderly to hold my rifle and he sent me for those sunglasses, and he told me where he "thought" they were.

I beat it back to his cabin and got em, took back my rifle, and got in line. Then he proceeded to inspect the Marines.

On that first inspection he asked four men if they had heard from home lately, if they had a girl, if they had pictures in their wallets, and he wanted to see the pictures, right THEN! One of em told him that he didn't have a picture of his girl in his wallet but that he had a big one in his locker in the compartment. Cap'n Emmet said, "you show her to me when we get below." And, sure enough, when he got to this man's locker below decks, he said, "Now, let's see that young lady's picture."

Then, it was not at all unusual for him, when on inspection, to stop and comment on what a heckuva shoeshine a man had. And once he asked a buddy of mine if he thought he could put that kind of a shine and high gloss on HIS shoes. Naturally, he answered, "YES, SIR," and danged if the Cap'n didn't send him right that minute to start the job on all of his black shoes.

Once when I was on Cap'n's Orderly watch and we had a big cribbage game underway, the Navigation Officer came to see the skipper about some navigation matter.

We stopped game and the Cap'n lowered his head and looked at the officer over the top of his bi-focals as he listened to the problem. Then this conversation ensued:

"Can't you see I'm busy?"
"Yes, Sir."
"Aren't you the Navigation Officer of this ship?"
"Yes, Sir."

Then, navigate, Young Man, navigate. Besides, I'm about to win this game here and you wouldn't want me to stop now, would you?"

With a grin about as broad as the beam of the Texas, the Navigation Officer said, "Absolutely not, Sir," then he saluted very smartly, thanked the skipper, did an about face, and took off.

After he was safely out of earshot the Cap'n laughed the loudest you ever heard and said to me, "I'd betcha anything that that boy wouldn't feel a smidgen better right now than if he had just been presented the Congressional Medal. What do you think?"

And you can bet I certainly thought so, too.

Needless to say, the skipper was a CHARACTER, and morale and efficiency on that battlewagon went, and stayed sky-high.

It just seemed that the ship itself wore a broad happy smile!

My Buddy, The Cap'n? Man, he was EVERYBODY'S BUDDY.

Miss Stiles Is Member Of Club

BOONE--Sheila Stiles, daughter of Vincent Stiles of Murphy, is a member of the Library Science Club for the current school year at Appalachian State University.

The objectives of the club are to provide an opportunity for the discussion of books, reading and related subjects, to discuss problems of interest pertinent to the group, and to provide an outlet for social contacts with the group and with students of similar interest. Membership is open to all library science students.

Miss Stiles is a '66 graduate of Murphy High School and is a junior at the university.

Backward Glance

30 YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 11, 1937

The town of Murphy has been divided into zones governing the building of new business and residences and a public hearing on zoning boundaries will be held Friday, November 19, at the courthouse beginning at 1:30 p.m. Dick Mauney and Bill Benton, students at University of Georgia attended the Georgia Florida football games in Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday.

Misses Meredith Whitaker and Dair McCracken were the weekend guests of Miss Ruth Morgan of Asheville. Mrs. H.A. Mattox and Mrs. Herbert Ketrone of Atlanta, spent Thursday and Friday in Marion where Mrs. Mattox attended a N.Y.A. conference. Master Johnnie Holthas returned home after visiting relatives in Andrews.

Miss Juanita Vestal, a member of the freshman class at N.C.C.W. in Greensboro spent the weekend here with relatives.

20 YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 13, 1947

Miss Emily Sword and Mrs. Dair McCracken Shields, members of the faculty of the Murphy elementary school, became members of Delta Kappa National Honor fraternity for teachers at a candlelight ceremony at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville, Saturday November 8.

They were accompanied to Asheville by Mrs. Evelyn Patton and Mrs. Jerry Davidson who attended the Delta Kappa Gamma meeting and Lonzo Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lovingood of Hendersonville, announce the birth of a son, Jack Phillip, on October 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovingood formerly lived in Murphy. Mrs. Lovingood is the former Miss Dorothy Heighway. Miss Martha Barnett of Sylva was the weekend guest of Miss Elizabeth Gray.

Miss Moselle Moore and Miss Jane Hill teachers at Kings Mountain spent the week

end at their homes here.

Miss Josephine Heighway returned Saturday night from a week's visit with her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lovingood, and children, Kay and Phil, at Hendersonville.

Harry Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Mauney, who attends Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga, spent the weekend with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Browning returned last week from a trip through Tennessee and Kentucky.

Correction

The age of Mrs. Allie Martin Queen, whose obituary was printed in last week's Scout, should have been listed as 97, instead of 92.

Also, her son, McClain, lives at Crandall, Ga. and her daughter, Mrs. Belva Laster, lives in Monroe, Wash.



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Legion Membership Drive Successful

Information received here from Department Headquarters of the American Legion in Raleigh indicates that Murphy Post #96 has conducted a highly successful membership drive.

Thomas C. Fuller III, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from Department Adjutant J. Carroll Wilson reporting that Post #96 has exceeded its Legion Membership Incentive Goal for 1968. The Legion Adjutant expressed congratulations and thanks to the Post leaders and membership workers for their effort.

A statement of high praise for the local Post was issued by Robert A. (Bob) Tart of Benson, N.C. Department Commander of The American Legion.

Tart said, "The membership of every Legionnaire makes it possible for The American Legion to maintain service for the sick and disabled in hospitals. Memberships make possible all the Legion programs; such as care for needy children, Baseball, Boys' State, Boy Scout Troops, Oratorical Contests, Community Service, and all the others. I am proud to congratulate Post #96 upon this notable achievement."

Fuller explained that "68 Can Do Year" the theme of this year's drive was to remind all war veterans of their service to their country which makes them eligible to become Legionnaires.

"We are accepting dues payments now from Legionnaires and eligible veterans whose membership is essential if the local organization is to continue its service programs", Fuller stated. Also, he reported that the Post is planning to expand its local programs and activities, depending on the final results of the 1968 membership drive.



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