



This house in East Murphy, occupied by the Sherman Morrow family, was destroyed by fire early last Wednesday morning. Scout Publisher Jack Owens and Advertising Manager Red Schuyler noticed the flames from downtown Murphy, enroute to the Scout office and reported the fire to the policeman on duty, who turned in the alarm. (Photo by Jack Owens)

## New Ways To Keep Small Farmers On Land Sought

A meeting will be held at Winston-Salem today (Thursday) to seek the advice of small farmers on programs they feel they need "to help them stay on the land -- to keep economic pressures from forcing them into the cities," Robert D. Bruce, County FHA Supervisor, announced.

The meeting will be held in the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All small farmers and persons interested in the problems of small farmers are invited to attend.

Information gained at the meeting will be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture,

Orville L. Freeman, for use in developing proposals for strengthening assistance to small farmers.

More than 100 similar meetings are being held throughout the country. Secretary Freeman, in a recent announcement of this effort to develop stronger measures to assist a small farmer pointed out that, "through the years millions of small farmers, their families, and farm workers have been forced off the land and into the cities."

"Too many," the Secretary said, "end up in ghettos that offer them less than the land they left. We must do more to enable small farmers,

who want to stay on the land, to boost their income and level of living."

The United States Department of Agriculture has developed some 30 tentative program ideas to improve small farm income, including financial and technical help in improving farm enterprises, aid in acquiring needed resources, training in the organization and management of farm cooperatives, assistance in making more effective use of forest resources.

Some of the proposals would provide supervision and financial assistance in the development of small livestock enterprises, the improvement of pastures, and the utilization of woodland resources.

"There is nothing final about the USDA proposals," Bruce noted. "No decision regarding the Department's position will be established until the meetings with small farmers have been completed and their reactions to these and other proposals have been analyzed."

"Many of the ideas have been tested on a limited scale. Some would require legislation, others would not."

"But before we take any further steps in the development of special programs for small farmers we want to find out what the people who would benefit from the programs think of these ideas. We want to see what other ideas small farmers have about the kind of programs they need to boost their income and stay in farming."

"Many small farmers could stay in farming and make a major contribution to their communities if they had access to additional resources."

"If we could help them increase their incomes it might make the difference between their being able to stay where they want to live, or moving to urban areas where they would add to the congestion and welfare problems of our already overcrowded central cities."

## Cherokee County ASCS Urges Tree Planting

Don Taylor, Chairman of the Cherokee ASC County Committee, is pleased with

### Phone Hearing

The State Utilities Commission will hold a hearing in the Federal Courtroom in Asheville Tuesday at 9 a.m. to determine what progress Westco Telephone Co. has made in complying with corrections ordered by the Commission after hearings conducted last summer.

President Max Blakemore announced the Board of Directors of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will hold a special meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building in connection with next week's telephone hearing in Asheville.

Blakemore said a discussion will be held to determine if telephone subscribers in the Murphy area are satisfied or not with progress Westco Telephone Co. has made to date in connection with changes ordered by the State Utilities Commission.

He said all persons who attended the previous hearings in Asheville and other interested parties are urged to attend the meeting.

the committee's emphasis on beautification and forestry. Taylor says, "Through the agriculture conservation program we are helping share the cost of transplanting over a quarter million trees each year in Cherokee County. This will greatly increase the forestry income of the county. Land values will increase because of the aesthetic value of the trees that are being set."

There is a special practice where ACP can furnish 500 trees to be set around farm houses and buildings, especially for beautification.

This year, ASCS approved cost sharing for 65,000 feet of fence or enough to protect 1000 acres of woodland from destructive grazing by livestock.

ASCS can share the expenses for improving a stand of timber by thinning or culling undesirable species from the timber stand. Taylor explains the local ASCS policy concerning forestrylike this, "We are not encouraging farmers to quit farming and set their land in trees. We want only desirable trees for land that is unfit for farming and land that is now deserted."

There is a lot of land that meets this description in Cherokee County. That is why ASCS has a strong forestry practice, Taylor said.

## Valley Called "New Rural Community Of Tomorrow"

G. W. F. (Dutch) Cavender, Assistant Administrator for Rural Development in the Farmers Home Administration, called the Upper Hiwassee Valley "a new rural community of tomorrow" last Thursday.

Cavender was the featured speaker at the annual meeting

of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association at the Charles R. Clegg Fine Arts Center on the campus of Young Harris College.

He complimented the five-county association for working together in two separate states.

"You've washed away state

and county boundaries. You are bringing progress to the valley," Cavender said.

He said he had "seen the Tennessee Valley come from darkness to light. I have seen the Tennessee Valley come from a liability to the nation to one of its greatest assets,"

Noting that "rural deterioration and urban blight are related evils, Cavender said "rural people and rural communities should have the same access to government programs as urban areas."

He said President Johnson is interested in seeing rural areas solve their problems. "This job (of rural renewal) can be done within the next generation," Cavender said.

He predicted "within the next 33 years, a new America can be ours."

Outgoing President Robert W. Jones of Blairsville said "we feel this year has been very productive" for the Association. He gave a detailed report on the year's activities in the five-county area.

Jack Barron, Tributary Area Development Director for TVA, told the group "TVA is proud to be a part of your effort to help yourself."

He pledged that "TVA will continue to give you all the support we can possibly render."

Robert Bruce of Murphy was elected Association President for 1968.

Jimmy Taft of Hiwassee, Ga. was elected Vice-President.

Ed Swartz will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer. The following trustees and alternates were elected for 1968:

Cherokee County - John Ramsay and Kenneth Godfrey, trustees; Dave Bruce and John Gill, alternates.

Clay County - George Bowers and Carl Moore, trustees; Kenneth Woodard and Mrs. Elmer Greene, alternates.

Fannin County - Emmett Jordan and Loys Cook, trustees; Harold Hulsey and Wilson Cobb, alternates.

Towns County - Jimmy Taft and Steve Holmes, trustees; J. B. Nichols and Claude Presley, alternates.

Union County - Ben F. Carr and Wayne Thompson, trustees; Raymond Scott and Ed Henry, alternates.

## Bulldogs Edge Sylva, 56-54

By Red Schuyler

In a game that was indoubt until the final whistle blew, Mike Kephart paved the way for the Murphy Bulldogs victory over the Sylva Webster

Golden Eagles Tuesday night on the local floor, 56-54.

The game was tied four times in the opening minutes before the Bulldogs got a lead that held up until Midway through the second quarter.

Danny Queen of Sylva scored the opening basket 30 seconds after the game got underway. Mike Kephart tied it up with a two pointer 15 seconds later.

Seconds later Kephart put the Bulldogs in the lead with another basket only to have Norman tie it up again. Seconds later Norman dumped another two pointer to put the Eagles back in the lead. Roger Stiles then tied it again when he made his two point shot for the Bulldogs.

Kephart then put the Bulldogs back in the lead only to have it tied again by Norman with his third field goal in the opening minutes. Dickey found the nets for two points and from there the Bulldogs took the lead that they held most of the game. At the end of the first quarter the Bulldogs held a three point lead, with the scoreboard showing Murphy 16, Sylva-Webster 13.

At the end of the second quarter or the halftime score showed the Bulldogs hanging on to their slim three point lead. In the second quarter, the scoring was even with both teams scoring 15 points. Mike Kephart who was having a good night accounted for nine of the Bulldogs' 15 points. Hembree sank 4 points and Holland getting the other two. For the Golden Eagles, Norman and Queen both rang up four points each with Stewman getting three and Howell and Coggins getting two each. At the end of the first half it was Murphy 31-S-W 28.

The Eagles outscored the Bulldogs 13-9 in the third quarter and took a one point lead. Norman lead the Eagles with six points while Kephart was keeping the Bulldogs close with his six points.

The fourth and final quarter was repetitious of the first quarter with the Bulldogs scoring 16 points and the Eagles 13 points. Norman was the big gun for the Eagles in the fourth quarter getting 10 of the 13 points they scored. Stiles and Kephart were the big noise for the Bulldogs in the fourth stanza with both getting 6 points and Dickey accounting for the other four. One of Dickey's two field goals was a clutch basket coming late in the game when the Eagles held a two point lead.

The score was tied at 54-54 with fifteen seconds remaining on the clock when Kephart was fouled. He stepped calmly to the free throw line and dropped in the first one which turned out to be the winning point. It was a one and one situation and he made the bonus shot good. The game ended with both teams battling for the ball under the Bulldog goal.

Mike Kephart was by far the most outstanding player on the court for the Bulldogs. He finished up his night's work by putting 32 points in the book. Stiles was second high for the Bulldogs getting 14. Others scoring were Dickey with 6 points. One of Dickey's two pointers tied the game with 50 seconds remaining to be played. Holland had 3 points and Hembree sank one foul shot.

Norman was the big noise for S-W getting 30 of his team's 54 points and was instrumental in getting the ball to his teammates several times so that they could make "strig music". To round out the scoring for the Eagles Stewman had 7, Queen 6, Carpenter 4, Howell 3, Coggins, 2, Proffitt and Parker 1 each.

The Bulldogs will entertain the Franklin Panthers in their next Home game, this Friday night.

In a preliminary game the Brumby Textile girls team defeated the lassies from Clifton Precision 61-30.

The \$100 offered in Lighting Contest

The Murphy Power Board and Radio Station WKRK are sponsoring the annual Christmas Lighting Contest for Consumers of Murphy Power Board.

The sponsors announced that a total of \$100 in cash will be awarded to the four winners in the contest.

Both Nativity and Santa Claus themes will be judged in one category this year, but mixed themes will not be considered.

The first prize will be \$50. Second, third and fourth prizes will be \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively.

Judging will be conducted next Thursday night, December 21.

A list of the factors used in the judging is in the Murphy Power Board ad in this week's Scout.



### The Winners!

E. C. JAMES (left) AND DON GENTRY (right) finished in a tie for first place in The Scout Football Contest competition for the grand prize. They receive their awards from Scout Advertising Manager Red Schuyler. Each contestant received two tickets to the Atlanta-Chicago football game in Atlanta Sunday and the \$25 expense money for the trip was divided by the winners. Citizens Bank and Trust Co. won the prize in the advertisers' division. H. W. Alexander of Murphy won first place in the final week of the contest with only two wrong predictions. Peggy Payne of Rt. 1, Andrews was the second place winner and Jimmy Matheson of Murphy won third place. (Photo by Weaver Carringer)

## Senator Brumby Seeks Reelection

Senator Mary Faye Brumby of Murphy has announced she will seek reelection to the 33rd District State Senate Seat next year.

The district includes Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania Counties.

Mrs. Brumby served one term in the House of Representatives from Cherokee County prior to being elected to the Senate in 1966.

She said she is seeking another term in the Senate because she feels her experience in both houses of the legislature has prepared her to serve the district well.

During the 1967 session of the General Assembly, Mrs. Brumby headed the Senate Library Committee. She is believed to be the first woman to be appointed chairman of a senate committee.

She served as vice chairman of the Highway Safety Committee and the Committee on Retirement and Social Security and was a member of nine other committees.

Mrs. Brumby said she feels her greatest contribution to the last General Assembly session was an amendment to the East Carolina Regional University bill which made Western Carolina College and Appalachian State Teachers College universities.

She is a member of Governor Dan Moore's State Council of Mental Retardation and th Governor's Advisory



Sen. Brumby

Committee on Beautification. Mrs. Brumby is listed in the 1967 edition of "Who's Who Of American Women".

She holds an Associate Arts degree from Young Harris College and a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Western Carolina University.

The Senator is married to Murphy textile manufacturer Edward H. Brumby. They have three children, Mrs. Richard Forrest of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Eric Townsend of Waynesville, and Edward H. Brumby, Jr. of the home.

## Christmas Mailing Deadline This Week

This week is the deadline for most Christmas mail according to Postmaster Joe Ray.

The Post Office Department nationwide is handling more mail than ever before and suggests that all holiday mail be in the post office by the end of this week to assure on-time delivery.

The busy activity in local post offices can be noted by the high volumes of mail being processed. Postmaster Ray estimated that the Murphy post

office has handled 20% more mail during the past three weeks than during a similar period last year.

Early mailing gives the post office a break by not loading more mail into already overcrowded buildings and transportation lines than the postal system can handle. By spreading out mailing over the pre-holiday period there is no chance of jam-ups which could delay the Christmas gifts and greetings, the postal official commented.



WHERE'S THE PARADE? - That's the question this dog seems to be asking as the Murphy Christmas Parade approaches his viewing spot on the Square Saturday afternoon. Boy Scouts served as color guards in the parade. The

majorette in the third photo is marching with the Copper Basin High School Band. The Murphy and Robbinsville bands were also in the parade. The parade ended with

Santa Claus, relaxing in an arm chair and surrounded by some of his young friends, Levi Strauss won first place in commercial float competition and Clifton Precision was

second. 4-H had the top non-commercial float and Tri-County Tech was second in that division. (Photos by Dave Bruce)