

Tomotla Youth Places Third In WNC Community Development

Tomotla Community took third place honors in the Youth Program for 1968 at the 19th annual awards luncheon of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council held in

Asheville City Auditorium last Saturday.

A total of 114 organized communities competed in the improvement program this year. Newfound community of

Buncombe County and Linville Falls of Avery County were first place in the farm and nonfarm divisions respectively.

Drexel of Burke County was named as having the most

outstanding youth program. The only winners in the far-western counties other than

Tomotla were Pine Creek Community of Jackson County, second place winners in the farm division, and Clark's Chapel Community in Macon County, who placed fourth in the farm division.

Over \$4,500 in awards were presented to the area winners at the awards luncheon. Speaker at the event was Dr. Paul A. Miller of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, who served until recently as Assistant Secretary for Education of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

W. D. Ragsdale, Prominent Murphy Businessman, Dies

W. D. Ragsdale, 73, a businessman in Murphy for the past 25 years, died in a local hospital Tuesday afternoon after a brief illness.

Ala.; two sons, Ben M. of Murphy and W. D. Ragsdale Jr. of Greensboro; a sister, Mrs. Jennie R. Sutherland of Springfield, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday (today) in Sunset Cemetery by the Rev. Woodrow Flynn.

Pallbearers will be Horace Kent, Harry Lovingood, Joe

Football Banquet

The annual Quarterback Club football banquet will be held at the Murphy High School lunchroom Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

The team and their coaches are to be honored with special awards going to the best linemen, best back and the "unsung hero" award.

This award is new by the Quarterback Club, and it is for the boy who consistently played a good game yet was overlooked most of the time.

The banquet speaker is Bob Lord, formerly assistant coach at Wake Forest and presently coach at Guilford College.



W. D. Ragsdale

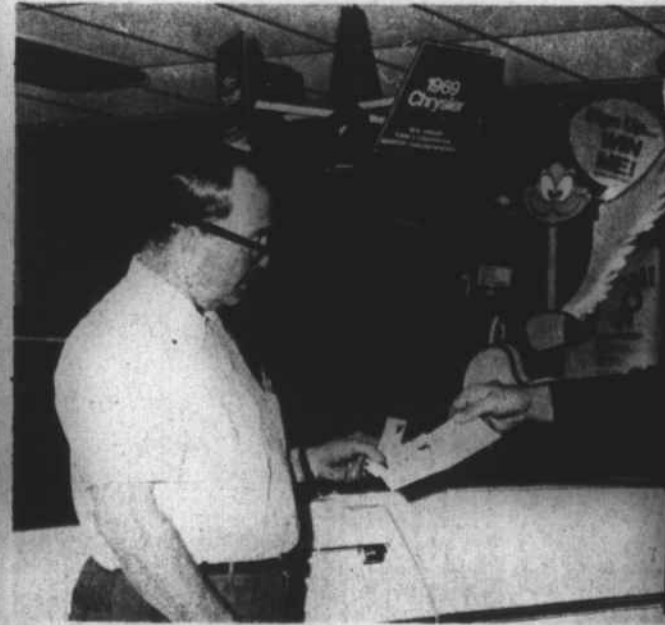
He was manager of the A. and P. Tea Co. store in Murphy for 20 years. He moved from Kentucky to Asheville in 1922 and to Murphy in 1943. He was a member of Murphy First Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Burton McElroy Ragsdale; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Bath of Huntsville,

Frank Sudderth Wins Contest



Frank Sudderth, right, is making plans to travel to Atlanta Sunday to put to use the two tickets to the Atlanta Falcon - 49'er game and \$25 expense money he received as winner in the Scout football contest. L. D. "Red" Schuyler, Scout advertising manager, is shown presenting the tickets and check to Mr. Sudderth.



Scout advertising manager, L. D. (Red) Schuyler, left, is shown presenting two tickets and a check for \$25.00 to Albert Graves, owner of

Graves Chrysler Plymouth, as the winner of the drawing among the sponsor's of the Scout Football Contest.

Savings Bond Sales Reaching High

Saving Bond Sales in Cherokee County from January through October amounted to \$271,981.00 which represents 80.7 percent of the County's annual goal of \$337,120.00, according to W. L. Christy, Cherokee County Volunteer Chairman.

New records in the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds to North Carolinians were set during October and for the first ten months of this year.

Series E. Bonds sold in October were the highest for any month since 1944—a 22 year record.

Cumulative sales of Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares in the first ten months of this year amounted to \$54,365,386

which is 79.0 percent of the state's 1968 dollar goal of \$68,800,000. These are the highest sales recorded for this period in peacetime, an increase of 6.8 percent over the comparable months of a year ago.

In making this release, Mr. Bland W. Worley, State Volunteer Chairman, reported that "the Savings Bonds Program is having its best peacetime year on record." He went on to say that "the many volunteers, employers, bankers, and media officials in North Carolina are to be commended for their cooperation in making this a remarkable year for Bonds."

Folk School To Present Pageant

"A Christmas Carol", Charles Dicken's favorite short but cogent tale will be read by Mr. Lynn Gault at the John C. Campbell Folk School on Tuesday, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.

The public is invited to the reading, as well as to a Christmas pageant the following day at 7:00 p.m. and to a folk dance party Saturday night, the 21st, at 8:00 p.m.

Those unable to attend the various evening programs may enjoy seeing the Christmas decorations any weekday or Saturday morning.

Three Volunteer Through The Draft From Clay

On Monday December 9 a group of registrants of Local Board No. 22 Clay County, were forwarded to the Knoxville Examining and Induction Station, according to Board secretary Myrt Plemmons.

Those delivered for induction were William Jesse Matheson, and three volunteers: Donald Ray McClure, David Lavoan Mull and Richard Roscoe Hughes. One registrant, Clifford Eldon



Franklin Smith, owner and operator of the We-Rent-All agency and gas station near Peachtree points out the lower valve broken Tuesday morning that allowed over 8,000

gallons of gasoline to pour out of the tanks onto the ground. The upper valve and locks were broken on this tank and another tank behind Smith by vandals.

Vandals Destroy \$3000 In Gasoline At Peachtree

Over 8,000 gallons of gasoline spilled out of two huge above-ground storage tanks early Tuesday morning after vandals had broken two

sets of valves and locks at the We-Rent-All agency and gas station near Peachtree.

J. Franklin Smith, owner and operator of the agency,

said that he was awakened around 3:00 a.m. Tuesday morning by the odor of gas and found the area around the tanks flooded with gasoline. Smith said that he managed to close the valves and save approximately 1,000 gallons of the highly flammable liquid.

Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson was called to the scene early that morning and began an investigation. Part of the gasoline had washed down a ditch, but the danger of fire and explosion was so great that the family living in a mobile home near by was advised to leave. Tuesday night the family had not returned because of the strong fumes and pools of gas still in the area.

Smith said that he washed the area down early Tuesday morning, and that the Murphy Power Board had helped to wash the area down Tuesday.

This was the second time that vandals had succeeded in breaking the tank valves, Smith said. In August drain valves in the bank of the tanks were broken and over 9,000 gallons of gasoline were destroyed.

Anderson and SBI agent James Maxie are continuing in the investigation.

Gun Control Laws To Be Effective Monday

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Sales of guns and ammunition will be controlled under the new Federal gun law which takes effect December 16.

J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, said IRS is preparing material to help gun dealers, gun buyers and collectors comply with the new Gun Control Act of 1968 which was

enacted by Congress in October.

Mr. Wall said the new law should not place any unreasonable restrictions on the purchase or ownership of ordinary guns used for hunting, target shooting or other lawful purposes.

Persons under 21 will be prohibited from purchasing pistols, revolvers, and ammunition for such weapons and persons under 18 will not be permitted to purchase any firearms or ammunition.

Sales will generally not be permitted to out-of-state residents, Mr. Wall said, although a person from an adjoining state can buy a rifle or shotgun by complying with certain provisions of the new Act. Sales to residents of a state will be prohibited if possession of the firearm is not allowed by local ordinance.

Summaries of pertinent local laws are being compiled in a booklet to be mailed by IRS to Federally licensed gun dealers. The booklet, Publication 603, "Published Ordinances-Firearms" should be in the hands of dealers before December 16, to enable them to check on the gun laws of a locality before selling a gun.

Honor Roll Announced At Tri-County Tech

The Honor Roll for Fall quarter at Tri-County Technical Institute contains the names of 28 students. To be listed on the Honor Roll a student must have an average grade of 88 on all work attempted.

Those who attained this honor are: Bruce Barton, Irene Buchanan, Shirley Buchanan, Jeanette Cable, Elizabeth A. Carner, Freda Coffey, Helen

Cook, Gail Dills, Peggy Gibson, Margaret Gladson, Frances Lee, Peggy Long, Susie Loudermilk, Bobbie Mason, Sandra Lea McClure, Meredith Palmer, Brenda Parker, Sandy Postell, Emma Ramsey, Terri Jean Raper.

Larry Rayburn, Kathleen Spencer, Charles Thomason, Libby Townson, Janet Trull, Shelley Walker, Ina Mae Winfrey, and Barbara Mauney.

Adult Basic Ed Classes To Begin At Hayesville

Adult Basic Education classes will begin Thursday (tonight) at Hayesville High School at 6:30 p.m.

Jack Rogers and Coy Bost will be the instructors for the classes. These classes are designed for those who have not finished high school.

All books and materials are furnished free of charge. There will also be no charge for tuition.

Red Cross Chapter Elects New Directors

The four Red Cross Chapters - Clay, Graham, Andrews, and Murphy, met in Andrews last week and elected directors for the newly combined Chapter. Those elected were W. Quentin Moore, Phillip Howell and W. P. Bradley of Clay County; Richard Blevins, Jr., Mrs. Frances Carver and Mrs. Annie Carver of Graham County; Rev. T. V. Wells, Lloyd Cash and Houston Ledford of Andrews; and Gene Farmer, C.

W. Barrett and Dave Moody of Murphy.

The first meeting of the new Board will be held January 16, 1969. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers, determine location for the central office and give the Chapter a name. Anyone who has a name to suggest for this new Red Cross Chapter, please call any of the members named above. They will appreciate your help.

Mrs. Brumby Is Featured In International Book

Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, a Murphy business woman and former North Carolina Senator, has been included in the 1968 edition of the Dictionary of International Biography.

The Dictionary of International Biography is a biographical record of contemporary achievement. As a reference book circulating on a large scale in 109 countries, it contains some 14,000 biographical sketches of citizens of 105 countries of the world.

The predominant number of entries are from America, Great Britain, Australia, and Canada. It also contains sketches of personalities of Continental Europe as well as occasional sketches from countries in all parts of the world.

This reference book will be placed in libraries throughout the world, and Mrs. Brumby's biographical notes will reside in Manchester Central Library, which is located in England.

United Fund Pledges Grow Goal Reaches Two-Thirds

Over 370 donors, which include individuals, industry and retail stores have pledged a total of \$20,526 in the Cherokee County United Fund drive toward the goal of \$30,000. This figure, which was based on donations given through Monday, represents over two-thirds of the goal.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Murphy is the first business of over ten employees to report 100 percent employee participation. Many smaller businesses have given 100 percent but Citizens Bank is the first of this size to give or pledge 100 percent.

Andrews Youth Summer Recreation Program - \$500.

Still in the formative stage, this program will seek to provide healthy and adult directed recreation for boys and girls of all ages in the Andrews area. A suitable indoor-outdoor area is to be selected which will provide softball, horse shoes, badminton, volley ball, and other group activities and sports.

Those who have given this past week include Duncan Oil Company, Dr. Helen Wells, Dr. F. L. Abernathy, Dr. J. Jerry Cabe, Dr. Walter F. Mauney, Dr. George Dyer, Lois Davis, Rex Kephart, William L. Christy, Joanne Matheson, Linda Carringer, Linda Morris.

Brenda Carder, Shirley Cole, Lucille Bryson, Grace Hall.

Minnie Moore, Robert V. Weaver, Judy Kephart, Gertrude Howse, Jerry Kephart, Frances Johnson, Donna Bryant Doris Rogers, Barbara Anderson, Betty Haigler, Carol Hogsd, Murphy Wood Company, Joe McKeldry, Andrews Auto Parks, Ennis Hardware, Calvin Rice, DJK Florist, Barnett's Radio & TV, R.B. Bullard.

David Glockner, W.D. Whitaker, Andrews Dress Shop, Elliott Hardware, Gar Hardin, Gordon Luther, Walter Jackson, Liles Drug Store.

Andrews Zip Burger, Mashburn's Laundry, Geraldine Ruth Smith, Floyd E. Blaylock, Elizabeth Davis, Z. B. Conley, Rosemary Crooke, Barbara Stalcup, A.E. Crooke.

Carrie Davis, Martha Parks, J. Robert Penland, Frances Clark, Imajean Adams, Anna Mae Dewese, Nancy Lunsford, Mack Ray, R. Michael Angel, Jack E. Early.

Two Inducted

Two Cherokee County men were inducted into the Army and 13 were sent for physicals this month, Frankie Roberson, secretary of Selective Service local board No. 20 said this week.

Inducted for active duty were David Wilburn Gaddis and Larry Glenn Earley.

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