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Marching Bulldogs

Greg Kinney, a Murphy High Freshman, practices with his Sousaphone in preparation for the first appearance of the band, set for Sept. 18, which is the first home football game. The Bulldog marching band, 67 strong, began practice two

weeks before school started. Director Paul Peninger says for a more dramatic effect, the marching unit this season will include eight black-and-gold school flags. Kinney's horn, constructed partly of plastic, is much lighter than the old all-brass model.

Sheriff's Pay Is Cut

The battle between Cherokee County's Republican-controlled Board of Commissioners and the Democratic Sheriff went another round on Monday.

Sheriff Blain Stalcup appeared at the meeting of the county governing board and got the official word that his \$360 a year pay as radio operator has been cut.

"They're cutting all the Democrats," the officer said angrily, adding that former Sheriff Claude Anderson, a Republican who was placed on Sheriff Stalcup's staff by the present commissioners, said he received the \$30 a month check in addition to his regular salary the entire 16 years he served as Sheriff.

Chairman Jack Simonds spoke up for the Board of Commissioners, saying with all the deputies and jailors Sheriff Stalcup has now, the commissioners didn't think he needed the extra money for running the radio system in his department.

Simonds added that during the time Anderson served as Sheriff, the money went to Mrs. Anderson, who worked at the Cherokee County Jail.

Sheriff Stalcup said the commissioners "didn't have the nerve" beforehand to tell him of the cut in pay and he had learned of it when he came to the County Accountant's office last month for his checks. He said he was paid the radio operator's allowance in July. Simonds said if the \$30 monthly check was paid in July, it was a mistake because the radio operator's pay was cut out when commissioners prepared the budget for the fiscal year which began July 1.

In other action Monday, the Board of Commissioners:

- Released a \$3,500 welfare lien against property owned by Wyndom Roberts in the Shoal Creek section for \$1,125, which represented about \$75 an acre on the land involved.

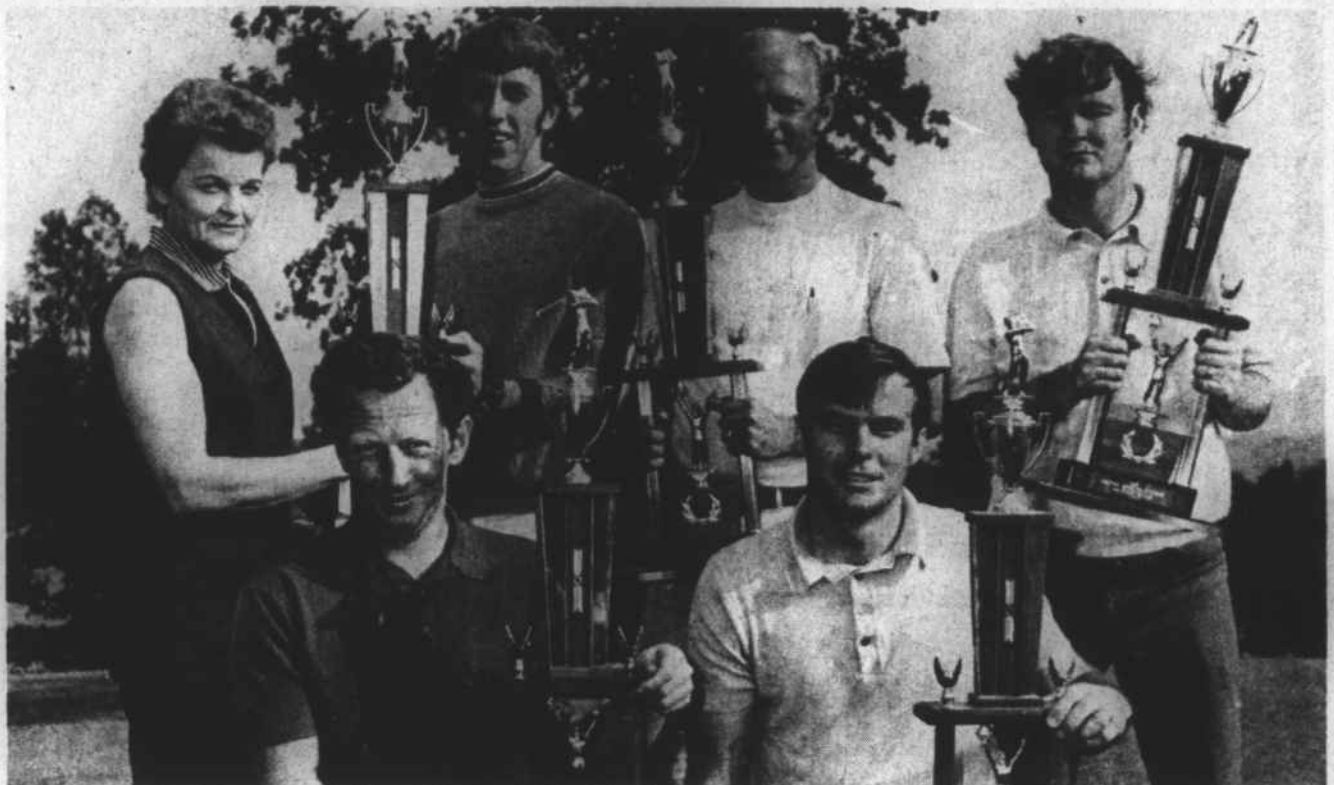
- Approved the low bid of Gulf Oil at 12 cents a gallon for fuel oil to heat the Courthouse this winter.

- Approved the bid of \$1,037 by Hughes Electric for changing the wiring inside the Courthouse to correct an overloading situation criticized by a recent Grand Jury. It was the only bid received although the commissioners had asked for bids for two months from other electrical firms.

- Made the final payment on construction of a new hangar at the Murphy-Andrews Airport. The hangar cost a total of \$18,000, all of which came from money distributed by the State of North Carolina for improving local airports.

- Approved naming of a Cherokee County committee to participate in a seven-county Child Care Center program under the control of the State of Franklin Health Council. As planned, centers which would accommodate 15 pre-school children would be located initially in Murphy and Andrews. They would keep children all day, teaching the children and checking on their medical and dental needs in addition to the day care function.

Parents would pay to the degree that they are able to do so and the entire program would be funded with federal money for the first two years of its operation.



Chatuge Shores

At the Chatuge Shores Golf course in Clay County, some 67 golfers teed off in the annual Labor Day tournament. Mrs. Harrison Martin, secretary of the club, presented the trophies. Earl Jackson, front left won the second flight and Lanny Correll

won the first flight. Standing, left to right, are Edward Ashe, who won the fifth flight; Blaine Pressley, fourth flight winner; and Gene Moss, who won the third flight. The 74 carded by Moss over the 18-hole course was the lowest of the day.



Cherokee Hills

At the Cherokee Hills golf course on Labor Day, 20 players participated in a Scotch foursome tournament, which was followed by a potluck supper held by the membership of the course. Tournament Chairman Bud Alexander, second from left, then gave out trophies for the Scotch foursome tournament and also the recent club

championship tournament. M.G. Curtis, left, won the first flight of the club championship and Alexander is shown presenting the club champion trophy to Wayne Holland. Mrs. Maxine Gossett and Everett English, center, won the Scotch play and Mrs. Maudie B. Alexander and Dr. Bill Gossett, right, were runners-up. (Owens Photo)



Don Maynard

Maynard To Meet Local Fans, Players

Don Maynard, star pass receiver for the New York Jets professional football team, will meet local fans and players on Saturday afternoon at the Murphy High School gym. Maynard plays at the wide receiver position for the Jets and has been a favorite target for the aerials of Broadway Joe Namath and other quarterbacks. He has played pro ball since

1958, when he signed with the New York Giants. He then spent a year in Canadian pro ball and returned to New York in 1960, where he has played ever since, as a Titan and more recently as a Jet. Maynard is the only pro pass receiver to have gained 11,000 yards and is credited with 582 catches. He holds about 15 pro records.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Maynard has been a friend since his high school days in Texas of Richard Howlett, one of the directors of Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. The firm, based in Spartanburg, S.C., operates several perpetual care cemeteries and has started one recently in the Peachtree community. Maynard's appearance here is sponsored by Greenlawn and The Cherokee Scout.

Maynard will play in a game on Friday night in Memphis, Tenn. and then come here. He will be at the Murphy High Gym from 4 until 5:30 on Saturday afternoon. The admission is free and all football fans and players, including high school, Midgets and Mites, from this area are invited to come out and meet him.

On Saturday evening at O'Dell's Restaurant, Maynard will be the guest of honor at a dinner to be attended by high school coaches from the surrounding counties.

Traffic Light Down

The traffic light at Murphy Elementary School is gone but it's expected to be just a temporary situation.

Town Clerk Charlie Johnson said this week that the light was knocked out of commission, probably by a high truck which bumped against it and it had to be removed. Policemen are now helping school children across busy U.S. 19-129 each day.

Johnson said the State Highway Commission has been informed of the situation and a state engineer is expected to come to Murphy shortly to work

something out with the town on a traffic light in that section.

The Murphy Town Council has discussed putting the light back up in its old location, Johnson said, or else moving it to the intersection in front of the A & P store. The SHC engineers lean toward the A & P intersection, as they have long frowned on the light operating in its old position, in the middle of a block.

The light is expected to be a topic of the Town Council at its meeting on Monday night of next week.

Margaret Studios Damaged By Fire

Margaret Studios was damaged by a fire Sunday afternoon and the Murphy Volunteer Fire Department was credited with keeping the blaze from destroying the plant.

Mrs. Helen Arp, office manager of the Tennessee Street woodworking business, estimated damaged damages and production time lost at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The fire apparently started in a drying kiln located with walnut lumber, she said. Before it was extinguished, the blaze destroyed the lumber, the kiln and a shavings bin.

The Murphy volunteers "did an excellent job," Mrs. Arp said, in containing the fire and preventing it from spreading inside the plant. The company has three of the kilns, she explained, where walnut and other woods are dried to reduce their moisture content before they are turned into wooden bowls and other items. The heat rises to between 200 and 250 degrees during the four-week drying time.

Mrs. Arp and other company officials speculated that a thermostat in the gas-fired furnace which heats the kilns may have struck, causing the heat to rise high enough to ignite the wood.

The shavings bin catches all the shavings and sawdust from the plant's blower system, she said, and until it is replaced, work has been stopped. "We hope to get back into production by the end of this week," she said.

Family Possessions Destroyed

Woman Dies In Fire

Mrs. James Nelson, the former Miss Hubby Lee of Hayesville, died of suffocation Sunday at 5 p.m. when the Nelson's large two-story frame house near Hayesville burned of undetermined origin.

Everything the family possessed including clothing was burned. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson had many antique pieces of furniture and Nelson had a collection of 35 antique clocks and a collection of 16 guns among other expensive items burned. Nelson said he had a small insurance policy that would about cover the cost of furniture and clothes in the house.

According to Nelson, he was asleep Sunday afternoon in a bedroom and awoke when he smelled smoke. He ran into the den and realized the flames were spreading from the couch to the new draperies. He received second degree burns on his hands and one leg as he attempted to fight the fire which was out of control.

He carried his wife, who had already suffocated from smoke where she was lying on the couch, to the lawn. He left her body in the yard and again dashed into the burning house to upstairs bedroom to see if either of the children might be inside. Darlene, a senior at

Hayesville High School had already left for work in the Towns County Nursing Home where she is employed. Charles, the youngest son, was visiting with friends and Jimmy, the oldest son, who married recently was at his new mobile home.

The Hayesville Fire Dept. arrived at the fire; but it was too late to try to put the fire out since the entire house was falling in when they arrived.

The churches in Clay County have scheduled a love offering that will be taken, Sunday, Sept. 19 for the Nelson Family, who are presently living with relatives.

Nelson teaches Physical Education and History in the 8th grade at Hayesville School.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Ledford's Chapel United Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

The Revs. Harry Hawk and Boyce Hufstetler officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bobby Burch, Jack Rogers, Mickey Powell and Wallace, Wendell and Frank Moore Jr.

Mrs. Nelson was a lifelong resident of Clay County and a member of the Clay Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving in addition to the husband are a daughter, Miss Darlene Nelson and two sons, Jimmy and Charles Nelson, all of Hayesville; the mother, Mrs. John H. Lee of Hayesville; four sisters, Mrs. Blanche Ledford and Mrs. Mary Lou Auberry, both of Hayesville, Mrs. Orna Morgan of Marble and Mrs. Helen Lawhorn of Titusville, Fla.; and two brothers, Frank and George Lee, both of Hayesville.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Free Methodist Pastor Is Named

The Rev. Joseph Fralick has just been appointed the pastor of the Murphy Free Methodist Church, coming to Murphy from Columbus, Wisconsin.

Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky. He has also done graduate study in education at Western Michigan University.

Before coming to Murphy, he served as pastor in Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, and has also taught in secondary schools for several years.

The Rev. Mr. Fralick, his wife, Nova Jean, and four children are living at the parsonage at 100 Oak St.

Theater Correction

If you're planning to go to the double feature this weekend at the Valley Drive-In at Andrews, the price of admission will be \$1.50 per person. Through an error, the admission price in the theater ad on the back page was printed as 50 cents.



Rev. Joseph Fralick