



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR COME AND GO QUIETLY

Absence of Noise And Accidents Are Conspicuous Here

Both Christmas and New Years were greeted and passed in the quietest manner in a number of years in Murphy.

Following behind what many of the local merchants described as their best Christmas business in years, the entire populace settled down to a very peaceful Christmas, though one of joy for everybody. New Years eve was treated very much in same manner and 1941 slipped in quietly.

The entire holiday season was conspicuous by the absence of noisy fireworks and drunken hilarity, only a few breaking over the line for the extras.

As far as we can learn not a single person was killed or injured in holiday auto accidents or fireworks explosions in and around town.

Celebrations during Christmas were confined to a number of yule parties during the holidays. A few watch parties stayed up to ring in the new on New Year's eve, while larger numbers crowded cafes, the theatre, and other public places to give the New Year a warm welcome.

Neal McNabb, Age 26, Killed in Harlan Mine

Neal McNabb, age 26, who was killed while working in a coal mine at Harlan, Kentucky, on Saturday, December 28, was buried near Hiwassee in McNabb cemetery. Funeral services were conducted from the Bell Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Root, pastor of Yancy Methodist church of Yancy, Kentucky, officiating.

Mr. McNabb is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Leadford McNabb, formerly of Clay county; three small children and two brothers.

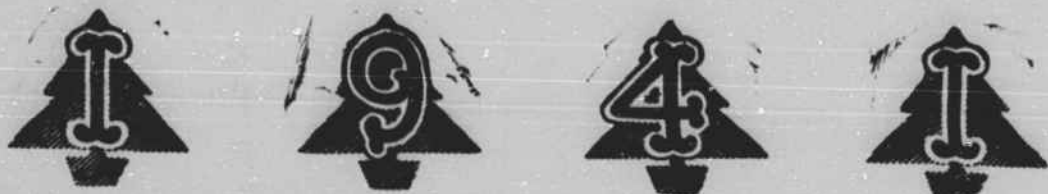
Townson Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

HOME AGENT CITED FOR YEARS REPORT OF CLUB ACTIVITY

Special commendation was given Miss Alline Richardson, (Mrs. W. D. King), Cherokee county Home Demonstration agent, this week for returning the best annual report of projects completed of any home agent in the state. This special citation was made in a letter to Miss Richardson by Miss Anna Rowe, district home agent.

The annual report of home agents is first examined in the state department of agriculture and then sent to Washington for approval by the national department. Qualities of the report according to accomplishments are determined by an indexing system. Miss Richardson's report indexed larger than any other returned from this state.

This is the second time Miss Richardson has achieved this honor in the three years she has served as home agent in this county.



BUILDING of DAM AT FONTANA MAY BE UP TO STATE

Proposal to Send New Committee to Wash- ington is Opposed

Cooperation of Andrews is to be asked, within the next few days in sending a Committee to Washington, D. C. to protest against building the Fontana Dam to send power into Tennessee. A final hearing will be held by the Federal Power Commission in the National Capital, on January 16.

It will be a rehearing. The Commission already has decided that a Federal permit will be required on the grounds that the Nantahala River is a navigable stream. This navigability, questioned by some, now has been backed up by the final authority of the Nation—the U. S. Supreme Court.

Building of the Fontana Dam under a Federal permit is reported to be unsatisfactory to the Aluminum Company of America for two reasons. First, such a permit would require the work being done under Federal supervision. Second, a Federal permit carries a clause, which means that after 50 years, the U. S. Government could take over the property, if it should see fit, fixing its own price.

Aluminum Company officials are said to be seeking a decision by the Federal Power Commission to the effect that the project is not a Federal project. (Continued on Back Page)

Bryson City Named As Site To Guard Mountain Counties

Announcement from Raleigh this week brought Murphy, Andrews and Cherokee County in general the news that we are to be protected from "fifth column" activities and possible sabotage by a home guard unit located in Bryson City.

Thirty one sites for Home Guard companies have been selected throughout the State, according to the Raleigh announcement. Five have been assigned to the Mountain section, as follows:

Hendersonville, Asheville, Canton Waynesville and Bryson City.

The choosing of the sites recalls an experience of Walter Mauney, a couple of years ago, at Point Lookout Mountain, outside Chattanooga. Engaging in conversation with another visitor to the mountain, Mauney said he was from "the mountains of North Carolina."

"Bryson City" the other asked. "No" said Mauney—"deeper in the mountains than that:—I'm from Murphy."

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Pipe Block Plant to Locate In Vicinity of Murphy Soon

Town Considered As Possible Site For New Factory

A pipe block manufacturing plant will be established in this area within the near future by the Farmers Federation forestry department, it was learned through a representative this week, and Murphy is being considered as a likely site of the establishment of the plant here depends on whether or not a sufficient supply of mountain laurel, wood used for the blocks, can be found in the vicinity of the town.

A survey of this area within a radius of 75 miles is now being conducted by Frank Colvard, of the forestry department, in an effort to find all stands of laurel growth that can be used for the blocks.

According to Colvard, enough of this growth to insure lengthy operation will be required before such a plant can be established here. The laurel would have to be within a certain area with Murphy as its center for this plant to be located here.

If such a plant should be set up here, a total of about 75 men would be employed in both the factory and (Continued on Back Page)

TRI-STATE GROUP BASKET SEASON GETS UNDER WAY

9 Games Scheduled For Second Week Of Conference Play

Play in the 14 team circuit known as the Tri-State Conference opened Wednesday evening at Mineral Bluff with a pair of games between Blairsville and Mineral Bluff. Tonight (Friday) finds the Indians of Cherokee invading Epworth while at the same time the Copperheads of Copperhill are marching on Morganton. Saturday will complete the Indian invasion of the Western sector at Copperhill. No other games are scheduled for Saturday evening.

Next week the conference gets into full swing with nine contests being scheduled. Feature games will include the Blue Ridge-Epworth fracas, Ellijay-Blue Ridge, Hayesville-Copperhill, and Robbinsville-Cherokee.

Next week's schedule is as follows:
Monday — Blairsville at Murphy.
Tuesday — Copperhill at Blairsville, Epworth at Ducktown, and Ellijay at Blue Ridge.

Friday — Ducktown at Morganton, Blue Ridge at Epworth, Blairsville at Ellijay, Hayesville at Copperhill, and Robbinsville at Cherokee.

13 Volunteers Due To Depart Jan. 16 For Fort Bragg

Thirteen men from Cherokee County will go to Fort Bragg on January 16, according to latest word received from Washington, D. C. and released by Wayne Walker, County Representative of the National Draft Board. None of the thirteen can properly be called "draftees." All have volunteered to go, regardless of the order in which they would have been called under the regular Federal procedure.

Twelve of the men will be chosen according to the date of their enlistments. The thirteenth man has not yet been selected. Of the twelve, five are from Murphy; two from Andrews; one from Tomotla, one from Grandview, one from Letitia, and one from Unaka.

Slowness in selecting "Number Thirteen," Mr. Walker explained is due to the fact that this soldier-to-be will be placed in command of the others during their trip to Fort Bragg. Such distinction may also mean that he will be given special consideration when it comes time, at the Fort, to appoint Corporals, Sergeants, and other non-commissioned officers.

The youth who will serve as temporary commanding officer will be (Continued on Back Page)

Fannin Legislator Pledges Support to Road Completion

Cecil G. Hartness, newly-elected representative in the state legislature of Georgia from Fannin county, promised his entire support toward action in paving the ten-mile gravel road between the North Carolina state line and Blue Ridge in a recent letter to L. M. Shields of Murphy.

Citizens of this section of North Carolina have been waging a fight for pavement of the stretch for more than eight years, but with no success. The support of Mr. Hartness may be the necessary impetus needed to put it across.

In his statement Mr. Hartness said "I am especially interested in doing everything possible to bring about the completion of this road." He added further that he planned to discuss the matter to a greater extent with influential citizens of Cherokee county.

Mr. Hartness is the son of J. T. L. Hartness, former resident of this county and widely known throughout this entire section.

HEART SEIZURE SNUFFS OUT LIFE OF FRED DICKEY

Well-Loved Resident To Be Buried Here Sunday Afternoon

Fred Dickey, former County Republican Chairman and one of the leading business men of this section died Thursday in a sanatorium in Atlanta, following a heart attack. He was fifty years old.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, from the Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. C. B. Newton, assisted by Rev. J. H. Carper officiating. Burial will be in Sunset cemetery where Fred probably will rest beside the grave of his mother.

Fred Dickey had been ill for several weeks, but was thought on the road to recovery when he took a sudden turn for the worse, on Wednesday, hurried to an Atlanta sanatorium, by automobile. Heroic measures were applied, but it was too late. At 11 o'clock, the tired heart gave out. The remains were brought back to his residence, in Murphy, Thursday afternoon.

His grief prostrated widow, Mrs. Maude Dickey, formerly Miss Maude Bates, was not with her husband at the end. She had been planning to make the trip to his bedside when word was telephoned that the end had come. A son, Fred Dickey Jr., born of a former marriage, and a sister, Mrs. Edith Clark of Asheville also survives.

Fred Dickey was born in Murphy in the hotel which bears his name, and of which he was the sole owner. With the exception of frequent trips, both for business and pleasure, he spent practically his entire life in Murphy. He was widely known, not only throughout all Cherokee county but also throughout Graham and Clay and had business acquaintances all over the State.

At one time Mr. Dickey took an active interest in politics, succeeding to the Republican county chairmanship which formerly had been held by his brother, Bascomb Dickey. Mr. Fred Dickey resigned the chairmanship. (Continued on Back Page)

NEW RECORD SET IN SALE OF TAGS IN MURPHY AREA

A new record was set on January 1 in sale of 1941 auto tags as the total soared to 2,136, an increase of 192 over the 1940 figure through January 2 of this year, according to the figures of J. L. Hall, Carolina Motor club representative.

Up until the deadline on December 31 a total of 1865 tags had been sold leaving 271 stragglers who put it off until the first day of the year. A large number are expected to buy tags yet in view of too much Christmas spending or forgetfulness.

Of the number of tags sold to January 1, 1632 were regular auto tags, 495 were truck tags, and the remaining 9 were for trailers.

No extension of time was granted this year after January 1, and patrolmen have strict orders to pass out tickets to those who attempt to drive without tags.