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Meditation

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

Psalms 46:1-5

Decorations

Murphy and Andrews have started dressing themselves up for the holiday with all the Christmas trimmings.

Merchants in both towns have taken enough interest in their communities to offer prizes for what judges consider the best in different classes. The Chamber Of Commerce at Andrews is

sponsoring the contest at their town. The group is to be commended for the interest it shows in the community by sponsoring the contest every year. There is no single organization, or group of organizations established that can do as much for its home community on the business level as a wide-awake Chamber of Commerce.

In Murphy, the merchants that sponsored Trade Week extended their sponsorship to include the decorations contest. Murphy can not boast the record Andrews has on the interest shown in decorations. Nor can the county seat claim to have a Chamber of Commerce as active as its neighbor's.

However, with the success of Trade Week behind them, with the support and good wishes of the people of Cherokee County and with an interest shown in this first decoration contest, Murphy merchants are marching toward a first rate Chamber of Commerce.

The sooner the organization is established and a full time paid secretary is hired, the sooner Murphy, her merchants, and the merchants' customers will start to realize the benefits from a well-organized drive toward better business relations.

Cherokee Chatter

BY THE EDITOR

FRANK FORSYTH has one of the strangest diets in the annals of medicine. From the way I figure it, what he eats depends on whom he sits next to.

I had lunch across the table from Frank the other day at the Henry House and he ate everything in sight. MRS. CORA BRYSON snatched a Christmas decoration away from him while he was still munching on some of the red berries.

I even caught a strange fork in my plate once in a while.

ANOTHER MEAL

But Tuesday night I sat next to Frank during a meal at the Methodist Church and DOC BILL HOOVER sat opposite us. This time Frank counted off the items not on his diet and passed them up. It seems Dr. Hoover put him on the diet.

I don't believe the good doctor is fooled by chow hound Forsyth, anyway. The latter mentioned how well one person was looking, and the doc added, "Yes, but he sticks to his diet."

EXTRA CHOP

By the way, the doc's no dummy either. By sitting across from Forsyth he collected an extra chop which, of course was not on the diet. That's what I call figuring in advance.

While on the subject of food and Forsyth, I would like for others to profit by his mistake. If ever you are invited to a meal by Forsyth, take along your pocketbook. He asked me to that dinner at the Methodist Church and I ended up by paying for my meal myself.

VANISHING APPLES

FRANCES PUETT left the Scout office the other day a poorer but wiser woman. She walked in to see us carrying a box of beautiful apples.

She made the mistake of passing them around and when she got to me there were only two left. I didn't want to hurt her feelings so I took one. I hope C. D. and she each enjoyed their half of apple.

DOG GONE

EVERETT ENGLISH is trying to tell folks around these parts that he sent his best dog to Georgia to teach other hounds to hunt.

Well part of that is correct. I happen to know that dog and I know the hound packed up and left in disgust. I got it straight from the dog's mouth that she went to Georgia to open a school on marksmanship. After seeing Everett miss so many birds the poor animal decided marksmanship was going to the dogs and she wanted to be in on the ground floor.

FLYING HIGH

HOBART MCKEEVER is on flight training with the Navy for a couple of weeks and should be back in town before too long. I thought Q. P. had clipped his wings for good.

ON VISIT

Quite a few of the fellows at the Lions Club meeting were pleased to see BOBBY QUINN back in town for a few hours. Bob was one of the first highway patrolmen stationed in this area. I understand he's now safety instructor for a trucking concern.

DING DONG

Every member of the Murphy Lions Club is a crook, DALE LEE said. He said he believes that and will continue to believe that until his dinner bell is returned. The club borrowed it for their dime board and someone seems to like it more than Dale does.

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
The Service, 1 1/2 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

E. L. Kirk, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.

ANDREWS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
John C. Neville, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.

Andrews Folk Attend Mission Study Course

Mrs. L. B. Nichols, Miss Frances McPherson, Mrs. Joe Surrage, Katherine Surrage and the Rev. J. C. Neville attended a special foreign missions study course held at the Bryson City Presbyterian Church last Wednesday.

Around Andrews

BY RUTH SURSAVAGE

While serving my hour at the Dime Board on Saturday I was deeply impressed by the response of the people in the community appeal for the needy. Few persons passed by without contributing something, and several brought out folding money. What better way is there to show a truly Christian observance of the Christmas season? I was reminded, "For as much as ye do it unto these ye do it unto me."

SAM HARTMAN, an Andrews man, is joining the ranks of the Smoky Mountain Conference officials. We hear that he knows the game.

All the basketball fans are eagerly awaiting the opening game. Andrews opens the current season on Friday when they travel to Hiwassee Dam. The first home game will be played on Tuesday, Dec. 16, when the Andrews guys and gals are host to the Stecoah teams.

"Aunt Abby Answers An Ad" was more hilariously funny than I had even anticipated. A lot of praise is due the director and the cast that she described as "the most wonderful and cooperative group one could ask for."

Andrews is certainly all lit up like a Christmas tree and my children just love to ride up and down the main stem admiring the lights. We notice, too, that many places of business have already brightened their windows with artistic triumph. Others are beginning to look rather drab in contrast. We hope that soon every business

BIRTHS

PETRIE HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Route 3, Murphy, announce the birth of a girl, November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitener, Route 2, Murphy, announce the birth of a girl, November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hawkins, Route 2, Hayesville, announce the birth of a girl, November 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Witt of Murphy, announce the birth of a girl, December 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Cooke of Culberson, announce the birth of a girl December 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown of Young Harris, Ga., announce the birth of a girl, December 7.

HUGHES

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie J. Hughes announce the birth of a son at Woman's Hospital in Chattanooga Nov. 29. The baby has been named Charles Edward.

place in town will offer to the public the joy of Christmas decorations.



Is This Your Child?

If such an emergency should happen to someone close to you, you will want to give them the best possible care. And you CAN—if you protect them now, with insurance. See us!

Peacock Insurance Agency

Phone 457 Murphy, N. C.

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And

Repairs

O. L. RICHEY

Phone 584-W

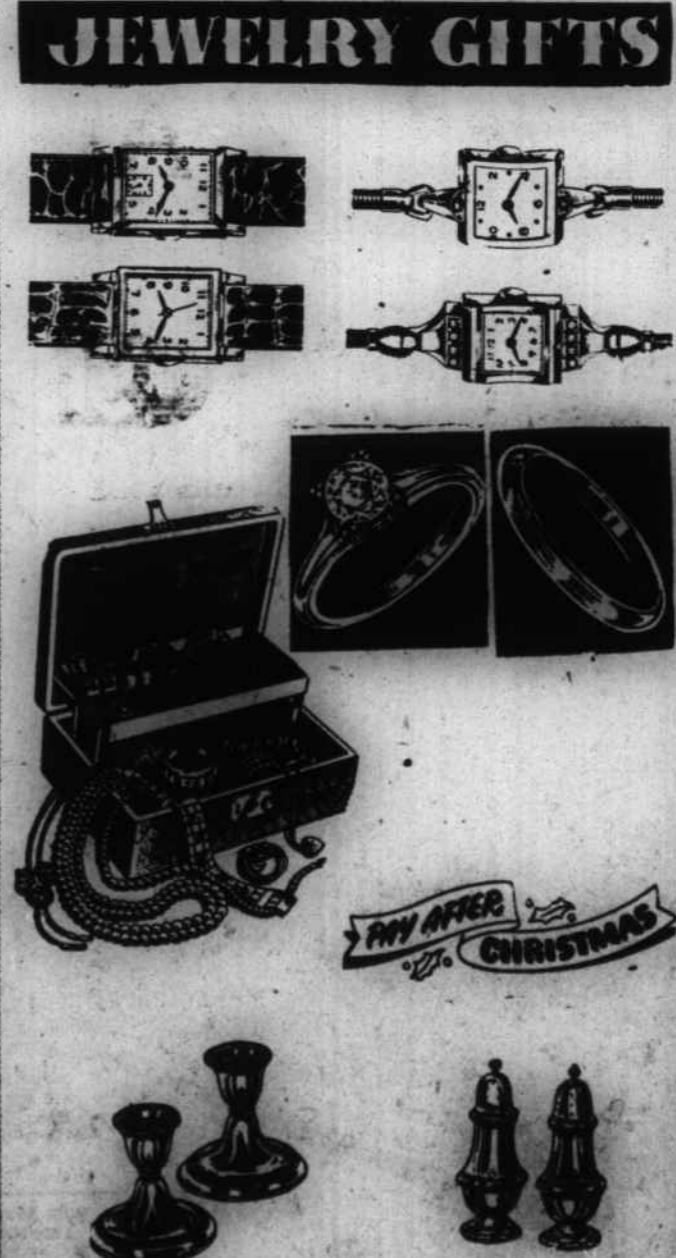
ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS To The Fullest But Drive Carefully

If you contemplate a trip, be sure to have your car Safety Checked in our Service Department, before you start.

Pack-Farmer Garage

Sycamore St. Murphy, N. C.

Ever Lovely Everlasting JEWELRY GIFTS



International Union Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 119:1-4

Fear or Faith

Lesson for December 14, 1952

"FEAR was the first creator of Gods," wrote a long-ago Roman poet. This was more or less true of all religions he could have known about. It is also true of most religions around the world.

An ex-Buddhist who had once trained for the priesthood in his own religion, said of his childhood, "All I knew was that there were 800 gods and I was afraid of them all."

The characteristic feature of most religions is the appeasement of angry, capricious or vengeful gods. Sometimes the terror is without rhyme or reason, as in the case of the Buddhist boy just quoted. Sometimes the terror has a moral base and reason, as the great Greek poet Aeschylus portrays in his plays—the terrors of a man of guilty conscience fleeing from the gods who do not forget nor forgive.

What Makes Men Afraid?

In Matthew's story we have illustrations of what men fear. Herod, for example, was a superstitious man.

He was afraid of John the Baptist, and later afraid of Jesus because he thought, he might be John again, risen from the grave. Herod was an example of the man who fears whatever he does not understand. A horse will shy at a piece of paper more than at more dangerous things. Horses nowadays pass cars (or rather, cars pass them!) and the horse does not see much as prick an ear; but in the days when cars were rare, horses would go wild at the very sight or sound of one.

People are like that; grown men are often no more than grown-up children, still afraid of the dark. Herod also is an illustration of men afraid of their own shadows. That is to say, the Shakespearean puts it, "Conscience doth make cowards of us all."

Or as the Psalmist said long before Shakespeare: "The wicked see when no man pursueth."

Many of our fears would never exist if we had lived as we ought to have lived. Men live in fear of exposure, fear of blackmail, fear of failure and defeat, often through no one's fault but their own. Then the disciples too were afraid. They were not superstitious, they were not haunted by their sins, but they were afraid in the storm, they feared the wind and waves.

Why Christians Are Brave

Students of the Bible have discovered that the word "fear" is usually tied there to another word: Not Fear not, is one key-note of both Old and New Testaments. The reason for this is plain. Christianity is the religion of love: love to God, love to one's neighbor. Not mere good will or kindly feeling, but active, self-forgetful love. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear," as St. John said.

Old writers, commenting on the story of Peter's sinking in the sea, have said that if he had kept his mind on Jesus instead of on himself and on the storm-tossed waves, he would not have cried out, "I perish." Certain it is that when we are self-centered we are sure to be tormented with fear, for we are always thinking what may happen to us—and of course plenty can.

If we keep our minds on our work and on the fact that God is our Father, if we remember morning, noon and night that the God who "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" is the same God who created this universe and controls it, then we shall not be scourged with fears.

Courageous Christians

It is a tremendous mistake to think that Christianity is only for rabbit-people, for mice and not men. Christ does something for every such person, it is true; he takes them clear out of themselves. Remember the long roll of the early Christian martyrs, very humble people most of them, who died horrible deaths rather than deny their Master; remember such saints as the missionaries who converted our own savage ancestors, at great peril to their own lives; remember the missionaries of our own time, some of them suffering torture and all of them distress, yet not giving up. The ordinary Christian missionary has more to be afraid of than most of the rest of us have; yet he has less fear. He knows God too well.

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Letters To SANTA

Editor's Note: The following letters were mailed to Santa Claus and the jolly old gentleman sent them on to the Scout to be published so that the children who wrote them would know Santa has seen them. One letter, Santa said, was handed to him when he was in Murphy for the Parade. He said he checked up on Cherokee County children when he was in town and couldn't find a bad mark against anyone. However, he said, he is still watching close during these last few days before he comes down the chimneys or through the windows.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good little girl. I am 5 years old. I want you to bring me a bicycle and lots of toys.
And remember all the other little girls and boys.
Thank you,
Becky Joe Ray

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been awful good this year and have been good at school, too. I want you to bring me a bulldozer or a football for Christmas. Want you to bring my little brother a train. He has been good, too.
Thank you Santa,
Larry and Paul Crisp

Dear Santa Claus,
Candy
Filling Station
Blonde Doll
Baton
Crayon, 25 cent box
cowgirl suit
Dora Carmolita Smith
Murphy, N. C.
Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a stove, doll, bathinet, high chair, carpet sweeper and blackboard.
Love,
Patsy Lovingood

Pfc. Dockery Dies In Gov't. Hospital

Pfc. Lee E. Dockery, 35, died December 2 in a government hospital in Tucson, Arizona, after an extended illness.

The body arrived in Chattanooga, Tenn. Sunday, Dec. 7, and was met by Townson Funeral Home and brought to Murphy.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Bates Creek Baptist Church of which he was a member. The Rev. Arthur Humphrey officiated and burial was in the church cemetery with military honors. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the 30th Division. He trained at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Lou Graves Dockery; two small children, Marvin and Brenda; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Henry Dockery, Route 3, Murphy. Also three brothers, Vance, Roy and Marshall; two sisters, Miss Ellen Dockery of Murphy, Route 3, and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Murphy, Route 1.

Standard Oil Dealers Entertain At Banquet

County Standard Oil dealers were entertained at a banquet Thursday night at the Henry House on occasion of the "coming out" of the new Uniflo Motor Oil.

About 25 guests were present including Jimmy Swinson, district manager and L. H. Stout, field manager, both of Asheville.

Decorations carried out the Standard Oil colors, red white and blue and the meal included chicken and ham and the trimmings for both.



OUR CHURCHES

Editor's note: With this issue the Scout begins a new church column. We would like for this church section to be complete for Murphy and Andrews and will welcome any corrections in the information.

Murphy

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
J. Alton Morris, Pastor
Telephone 367 or 187
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Sermon: "Lo, I Am With You"
Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Christmas music by Youth Choir.
Sunday, 2:30 p. m., Beatown Mission.

Tuesday, 7 p. m., Brotherhood, pot luck supper.
Wednesday, 6 p. m., T. U. Council Supper, 6:40, council meeting.

Hour of Power, Wed., 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m., BWC Annual Christmas program at Mrs. W. A. Hoover's home.

ST. WILLIAM'S CHURCH
CATHOLIC
L. C. Newman, Pastor
Waynesville, N. C.
Sunday Mass, 8 a. m.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
EPISCOPAL
Rhett Y. Winters, Jr., Minister
Telephone 567 or 395-XJ
Sunday School, Bible Class, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion (1st Sun.), 11 a. m.
Monday, 7:30 p. m., Christmas play by young people at the church.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Russell Elder, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
YPMSS, 7 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-Week Prayer Ser., Wed., 7:30 p. m.

Andrews

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
A. G. Brooks, Interim Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed., 7:30

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
EPISCOPAL
(Ground Floor of Library)
Rhett Y. Winters, Minister
Murphy, N. C.
Prayer and Sermon (2nd Sun.), 9 a. m.
Holy Communion (4th Sundays), 9 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
R. C. Eastham, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
R. Delbert Byrum, Pastor
Telephone 444 or 245
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Sermon: "With Eager Heart"
Evening Youth Meeting, 6 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m., presentation of "The Messiah" by Handel.

Mid-Week Prayer Service, Wed., 7:30 p. m., the minister will speak.

MURPHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Frank Brown, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Youth and Youth Meetings, 7 p. m.
Mid-Week Service, Wed., 7:43 p. m.