

# The Cherokee Scout

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## Plans For Electric Dept. Can Bring Improvements

Murphy residents are headed toward the best guarantee possible that they will get better electrical service if the Town Council can carry out two projects it now has on the examination docket.

The Council voted Monday night to let the town attorney draw up a bill authorizing the appointment of a three-man commission to handle the business end of our Electric Department.

The commissioners must be appointed by the North Carolina General Assembly but Council will recommend to the Assembly the names of men to be appointed.

If the idea is allowed to run its full course it will mean that the Murphy Electric Department will be taken out of the hands of Town Council and put in the hands of three able businessmen.

It is no reflection on our Council to say that a three-man committee can do a far better job of running our Electric Department than the Council can. The latter group has many, many decisions to make at each meeting, and of necessity, the \$300,000 Electric Department becomes just one of many problems to be discussed.

An organization involving as much money as the Electric Department deserves more consideration than Council has time to give it. And the first groups of people to realize that fact seems to be the Council itself and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

TVA recommended the committee idea to Council and the idea was accepted immediately by Councilmen and by local businessmen quizzed about the system.

One of the best features of the committee system is that it will take the Electric Department out of politics. The committee will be made up of men who accept the positions so that they can serve their community.

They will be businessmen who know how to run business affairs and they will not let politics rule their decisions. Politics will have nothing to offer them and their interests will be centered only on seeing that Murphy residents get the best of electrical service.

The other contemplated move is to transfer Town Clerk "Buster" Bayless into the Electric Department and put in another man to oversee the other general departments.

The same reasoning behind appointing the three-man committee still holds good for the transfer of a full time foreman to the Electric Department.

Murphy's electric business has long since gone into big time business and its high time we were treating it as such. The department needs the services of a full time foreman who can concentrate on the problems of bringing first class electrical service to this community.

And the town's general fund will get a relief. The foreman's salary will come from the electrical fund—which can well afford to pay the salary.

So, taking the two ideas together the customers of Murphy's Electric Department will definitely profit from the moves if they are carried out.

## Murphy To Place Welcome Signs On 4 Main Highways

This time last week the Scout was bemoaning the lack of proper welcoming signs at the entrances of Murphy and Andrews. It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Scout announces it can stop fifty per cent of that moaning. Murphy Town Council met Monday night and voted to erect four welcoming signs—"no cheap signs, either"—at the four main entrances to the town.

A penciled design, has already been worked out and something definite should be decided before the end of this week.

The Scout, on behalf of Murphy businessmen and residents who take pride in their community, offers a big "Thanks" to the Council for seeing its duty and doing it without any "hossing" around.

Nobody or nothing can wail or moan as loud and as long as the Scout when the paper is after something for the good of the community. So it looks as though the crying will have to continue until Andrews dreams up a first rate sign for its highway entrances.

We can afford to give them a little more time, however. Town Council or the Chamber of Commerce there probably have not met recently, or—heaven forbid—maybe no one in either of the two groups read the last editorial of the Scout.

Or worse still, maybe the folks in those two organization do not see the need of erecting welcoming signs before the tourist season starts.

We should want to show folks we're glad to have 'em and hope they will come back real soon.

## 1,500 Books Displayed At Andrews School Last Week

More than 1,500 books were displayed for parents, teachers and students at the Book Bazaar held at Andrews School Thursday and Friday last week.

John E. Ruffy, School Superintendent, was chairman of the bazaar which was open both evenings from 6:30 to 9 o'clock. A special feature of the bazaar was a large exhibit of books for adults and their children.

Exhibit committee members with Mr. Ruffy were Charles Frazier, grammar school principal and Miss Ruth Hamilton, librarian.

Mr. Ruffy said he thought the Book Bazaar "the most satisfactory method of selecting books since it gives opportunity to examine the construction, print and content of the book before ordering. It also gives teachers an opportunity to select the books which they think will be helpful in their various

class and reference work." Teachers conducted groups of children through the library to view the books and several librarians from other area libraries also visited the book exhibit.

Under the general theme of "Books Open All Doors" books on science and science fiction; adult fiction and non-fiction; books for junior and senior high school boys and girls; travel, radio, television; humor, light verse, humorous fiction and non-fiction; dictionaries, encyclopaedias, atlases; vocations, careers, self-improvement; history, world affairs, national affairs, government; sports, recreation; home repairs, home shop, cooking, flower arrangements, decorating, stamp collection, photography; and books for younger children were included.

## Cherokee Chatter

BY THE EDITOR

It was a happy day for me when ARNOLD DERREBERRY, vice-president of the Andrews Lions Club called to invite us over for their football banquet Saturday night.

The club really put on a good feed for Coach "PEE WEE" HAMILTON'S boys and the team deserved it. Coach Hamilton was proud of his boys and he told 'em so at the banquet. I don't blame him; I'd be proud too.

Yep it was a good feed, but I couldn't keep L. B. NICHOLS out of the celery and olives. For you Andrews folks who might invite Nichols out to dinner, you can feed him with little cost to you. Just hit him in the mouth with a stalk of celery when he walks in and you won't hear from him for the rest of the night.

MIKE and Mrs. BROWN of Robbinsville were there and told us the Robbinsville Lions are celebrating their 15th anniversary tonight. Congratulations to you Lions and best wishes for 15 more years of success and splendid, unselfish work.

BILL TEAS, Andrews contribution to Georgia Tech's outstanding backfield last year, and his teammate, Glenn Turner, were on hand for the banquet.

The boys showed pictures of the Tech-Duke game and some highlights of other games. It was good of the boys to help out with the banquet and I'm sure everyone appreciated it.

MR. and MRS. RUFTY were there and he had a couple of nice things to say about Andrews' Wildcats.

Sheriff Frank and Mrs. CRAWFORD sat down the table from us and they seemed to have as much fun as we did.

### DAVIDSONS RETURN.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davidson have returned to Pensacola Navy Hospital, Pensacola, Fla., where he is stationed. They had been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson of Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sparks of Copperhill, Tenn.

## Women And Children First



Our national defense is coming to this? Here it is folks, the guaranteed hair curler as advertised in last week's Cherokee Chatter. You see before you one Lt. (jg) H. L. . . . but let's let the Navy explain it. We quote: "Shown above getting into a Navy Fighter, (it's probably a Link Trainer) is Lt. (jg) H. L. McKeever, attorney from Murphy, N. C. Lt. McKeever recently completed two weeks annual training duty at the Jacksonville Naval Air Reserve Training Unit, in order to keep in touch with the latest in Naval aviation. His wife is the former Miss Olive Harters of Gainesville, Ga."

## Looking Over



## A Four-H Clover

By FRANCES PUETT And M. B. WRIGHT

### COUNCIL TO MEET SATURDAY

All officers of the seventeen (17) 4-H Clubs will meet Saturday, January 17th, 9:30, Court-house, Murphy, for their regular monthly council meeting. Fred Van Horn, president, will be in charge of the meeting. A program will be given by 4-H members on "Recreation for the Home", and a demonstration will be given by the agents on "How to Keep a Long Time Record."

### SIGN UP

This is the month to sign up for the 4-H Poultry Chain. This chain is open to both boys and girls. Each spring ten (10) boys and girls are selected to participate according to interest and ability to manage the chicks. Each member selected will receive 100 day old chicks to raise according to recommendations. When the County Fair comes each chain member will take twelve of the best pullets to put on show and sale. He or she will receive prize money and ribbons. The proceeds from the sale of the pullets will be used to continue the chain for another year. This Chain is sponsored by the Farmer's Federation and

### TREES! TREES!

This is the month to order trees to plant. The T. V. A. makes available throughout this area seedlings for farmers and 4-H'ers to plant. The boys and girls are ordering trees this month—white pine, short leaf pine, cedar, locust, poplar. The seedlings are set out 1000 to an acre. The smallest number that can be ordered is 500. This is a wonderful opportunity for clubsters to carryout a project.

### MARCH OF DIMES

Four-H'ers all over the county are expressing a willingness to do all they can to help put over the March of Dimes drive this month. Each club has voted to sponsor this campaign.

### DOROTHY SHIELDS

Dorothy speaks this week at the Murphy Lion's Club on Tuesday evening in Andrews, Thursday evening, at the Konaheeta Club. On January 19 she will speak in Haywood County. Dorothy will also be scheduled to speak in Graham County before leaving for Woman's College on the 25th.

## Two Perish In Home Blaze At West Murphy

William Thomas Raper, 84, and his 74-year-old wife, Mrs. Dillie Turner Raper, were burned to death about 3 a. m. Tuesday when their home was destroyed by fire in West Murphy.

Members of the Murphy Fire Department said the bodies were charred almost beyond recognition. Cause of the blaze was unknown late this week.

Funeral services for the victims were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Bethany Baptist Church on the North Carolina-Georgia State line.

Both had been members of Ivy Log Baptist Church for many years.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. W. W. Cook and Mrs. Ernest Decker of Murphy, Mrs. J. W. Thompson of Lost Hills, Calif., Mrs. Gar Crisp of Murphy and Mrs. Edwin Hensley of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; four sons, Edgar and Girle of Route 1; Culberson, Gus of Canton, Ohio, and Arthur of Murphy.

Mr. Raper's four sisters, Mrs. Ellen Roberson, Route 2, Murphy, Mrs. Lucy Cearley and Mrs. Iowa Roberson, Culberson and Mrs. Dora Hawkins, Mineral Bluff, Ga., and three brothers, Jesse and Charlie, Route 1, Culberson, and John of Salisbury.

Mrs. Raper's two sisters, Mrs. G. B. Henson, Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. Ed Panter of Blue Ridge, Ga., and five brothers, Ed Turner of Blairsville, Ga., Fred, Manuel and Gus Turner all of Marietta, Ga., and Luther of Miami, Fla.

Townson Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

## Dairy School

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D. D. Brown, Farm Management Specialist.

The school will begin at 10:00 a. m. and close at 3:00 p. m. In the afternoon session two films will be shown. One entitled "No Hand Stripping" shows the most efficient practices in milking cows. The other is called "Dairy Conveniences" and shows methods of saving labor in dairy farm operations.

All individuals connected with the milk producing industry are urged to attend. Not only herd owners, but barn labor should attend the school and take part in the discussion.

welcomes and thanks. Gordon Butler seems to have topped all records in his generous thank you letter to Dorothy for presenting her program to the Andrews Rotary Club—wonder if he gives lessons in letter writing?

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
International Union  
Sunday School Lesson  
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN  
Scripture: Matthew 17  
Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-8  
18-19.

**Mountain Valley**  
Lesson for January 18, 1953

GENERAL Braxton Bragg was a hard-working brainy officer; but there was one thing he would not do. He would not climb a mountain to look for himself. One of the generals in his command, Nathan Bedford Forrest, had been up. From the summit of Lookout Mountain, Forrest could see with his own eyes what was going on, he could see the enemy's movements and what it would take to stop them. He pleaded with General Bragg to come and look too; but in vain. General Bragg was too busy; and so he missed an opportunity that never came again.

### The Rhythm of Life

A Sunday school superintendent used to boast that he had never missed a single Sunday in close to 40 years. An observer remarked that it might have been a good idea for him to miss a few Sundays, to take some time off to visit other schools and see how they did it. It is possible to keep your nose so close to the grindstone that you can't really see what you are doing. It is possible "not to see the forest for the trees." To put it in another way: Life has a rhythm of mountain and valley. In life we have to do two things: get up now and again on a mountain where we can see high and far; and also to walk in the valley where we cannot see beyond the next bend in the dusty road.

To put it in still plainer words: Most of our life consists of everyday duties, of ordinary days, with their problems, discouragements, weariness and difficulties. But in rare moments we "get a lift" as we say, when we can rise above the petty round of the usual routine and somehow see life, its meaning and direction, as we never did before. The mountain-top experience we may call the best of life; but the valley is the most of life. The good life will have both mountain and valley.

### Vision and Service

These high moments are rare but important. We read of one of the most memorable of these in the familiar story of the Transfiguration, and what followed it. There was the great vision on Mt. Hermon's snows; and there was the tough situation down in the valley. Tough situations were common; that vision came only once. It is the way of life always. Paul's vision on the Damascus road did not last long, yet it controlled and inspired his whole life afterwards. Moses saw but one burning bush; yet that day's vision drove him through many a year of toil and trouble. It is the high moments that give power to the low days.

Life cannot be all vision, yet it should not be all service. Or as we should rather say, the vision is for the sake of the service, and the service translates the vision into action. Vision illumines service; service obeys vision. High moments come to us in various ways. We have our high moments of faith, when doubt drops away and we rise to a certainty that never quite leaves us again. We have high moments of hope, when the distant dream comes over the horizon toward us and we see the "alabaster cities gleam" as if they were across the street; and high moments of love, so certain, so profound, that ever after, under all the trivial and troubling currents of everyday necessity the deeper love flows steady, ever sure.

Life has two temptations here. One is to make the mountain's vision last without ceasing. We do not want the glory to vanish in the cloud. But this is a temptation. Not even heaven is like that. There will be vision in heaven, more glorious than any here; but there will be service too, and more faithful than any here. If there are any beings whom God has destined for vision only, and not for service, they are angels, not men.

### Trust Your Best Moods

The opposite temptation is to stick to our work, never looking up to see the stars; plodding in the valley, too busy to climb the hills. Suppose the disciples had been too busy to go up to the mountain top with Jesus? Trust your best moods. They do not deceive you, if they come in his company. Down in the valley, in the tough situation, they may seem to have been only dreams; but they are not.

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Rockingham County won \$1,000 grand prize in the 1951-52 "County of the Year in Rural Progress" contest.



## STOP AND THINK

### Got A Dime Mister, Just One Thin Dime?

Children may walk because of you. Let your heart move your hand toward your pocketbook.

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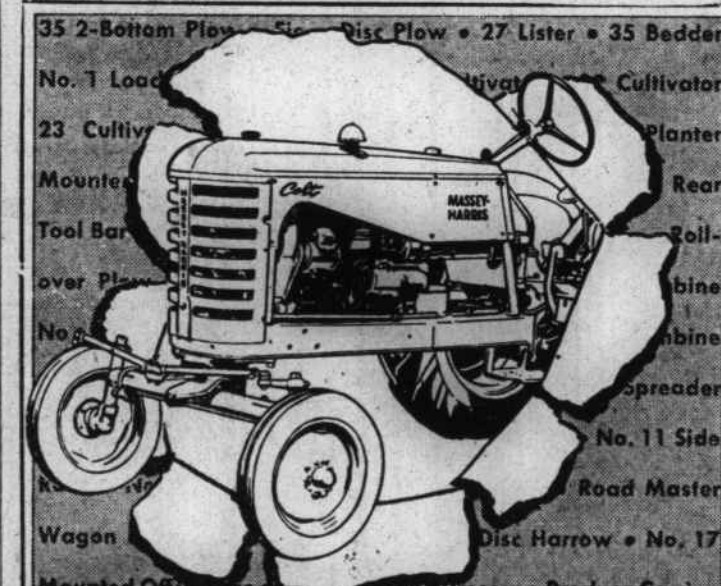
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