

Murphy Merchants Get Set For The Town's 4th Annual Trade Week

For the fourth time in that many years, the merchants of Murphy are getting together to offer shoppers in this area a special "Christmas Trade Week." This year as in the past, stores will put up the cash necessary to stage the special week and to set up the funds necessary to purchase U. S. Savings Bonds that will be given as prizes to the holders of lucky tickets.

We believe Trade Week at Christmas time is a very necessary event for Murphy. During

Piled Leaves Are Traffic Danger Signs

Major C. A. Speed, Director of the State Highway Patrol's Safety Division, had a rather unusual precaution for Tar Heel motorists and parents today.

The Patrol's ace traffic safety expert had leaves on his mind.

He went on to explain: "At this time of year piled up leaves, which line the streets of many North Carolina communities, create an attraction few children can resist.

It's fun to bounce and burrow in piles of fallen leaves, and many children do it. But it can be a deadly game."

It's dangerous at any time for children to play in the street, and when they are partially or wholly obscured in fallen leaves it becomes doubly hazardous, the Patrol executive said.

The major said there had been no reports of fatalities or injuries, but that if parents permitted their children to frolic in the leaves it would be "only a matter of time until some child is hurt.

At the same time Speed cautioned motorists to be especially wary when traveling streets lined with piled leaves.

"Actually," he said, "The bulk of the responsibility for safeguarding young lives is with the motorist.

For children, even though they've been taught not to play in the street, sometimes forget their lessons in the process of simply having a good time."

Speed reminded drivers, parents and children alike that Autumn leaves would soon be gone. "Until then," he said "we can repeat our advice for drivers to be extra careful on residential streets.

"And for you young people," he concluded, "Don't leave your life in a pile of leaves. Play where it's safe."

Churches Could Help Form Community Chest

We believe that Mr. S. M. McGuire of Atlanta, Ga., and a former resident of Murphy, hit upon one way to set up a Community Chest for Murphy in his letter to the editor published in last week's Scout.

Mr. McGuire suggested, and we agree with his idea, that a Community Fund could be set up through the churches and "a prominent citizen from each church could serve on a committee to disburse the funds equitably and to the advantage of all."

"Your school superintendent or a party connected with the schools should also serve on this committee," Mr. McGuire said.

He was quick to point out that he does not claim that such an organization will entirely stop all solicitation on the streets. But he believes it will help and prove very beneficial where there are children in need.

We think Mr. McGuire's plan has many favorable points and we agree with him that the organization could not completely stop solicitations, but that it will take a great and unfair load off the business houses on the main streets.

One merchant remarked recently that he was asked for donations six times during one day from different organizations. We believe that is going too far and we believe a Community Chest or a United Fund Drive held once each year is the best possible answer.

the pre-Christmas season the larger towns are vying for the extra heavy Yule trade, and Murphy — with its wide selection of Christmas gifts — does right in entering that competition. The Christmas shoppers, we believe, will find prices in Murphy as reasonable, if not in many cases lower, than prices in nearby larger cities.

Merchants participating in Trade Week — and they make up 90 per cent of the business in town — will give tickets with purchases made during the special week.

Trade Week, we believe, is the first leg of a Chamber of Commerce that will take hold and last in Murphy.

A Yuletide Request

The time for Christmas shopping is upon us and Cherokee County merchants will start their Yuletide advertising. There is one request we make.

If your advertising space or your window card space does not allow room to spell out Christmas, please do not use "Xmas." The letter "X" seems a mighty poor substitute for the word "Christ."

We might suggest you use words like Yule, Noel, and Season — all shorter than the word Christmas.

reports from OTHER EDITORS

SOUND DEALER ORGANIZATION IS NEEDED BY AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Most 1956 models in the automobile field have already been or will be displayed before the middle of the month. Improvements have been made as compared with 1955 models, but there have been no drastic changes.

The change-over came without slowing down production to any great extent, and, at the same time, the dealers have done a good job of disposing of their 1955 models. Recent reports on this factor in the business have been encouraging.

What lies ahead for the industry will be determined, in a large measure, by how the dealers stand up under the keen competition and the necessity of cutting prices to move cars. No longer, so we understand, is it possible to sell at list prices.

Manufacturers usually get pay for their cars before the dealers unload them, which means that the rough-and-tumble competitive battle of the past year has hit the dealer's bank account and not that of the manufacturer.

Conditions and practices change rapidly, and we may have seen the last of stable prices in the automobile industry. However, we continue to believe that only a sound dealer organization, equipped to provide satisfactory service, can maintain a stable industry.

Stanley News and Press

GREEN' PLAN IS IMPORTANT

TODAY YOUR NEWSPAPER DID not arrive

at your front door. You were just angry, and decided to write a note of protest. The pencil you searched for was missing, and the pad of notepaper was gone. More important, you suddenly realized that your tables, chairs, rayon drapes and knotty pine-room panelling had been whisked away. Your house, if of frame construction, had crumbled away. Even parts of your automobile had vanished—part of the upholstery, the tire cord.

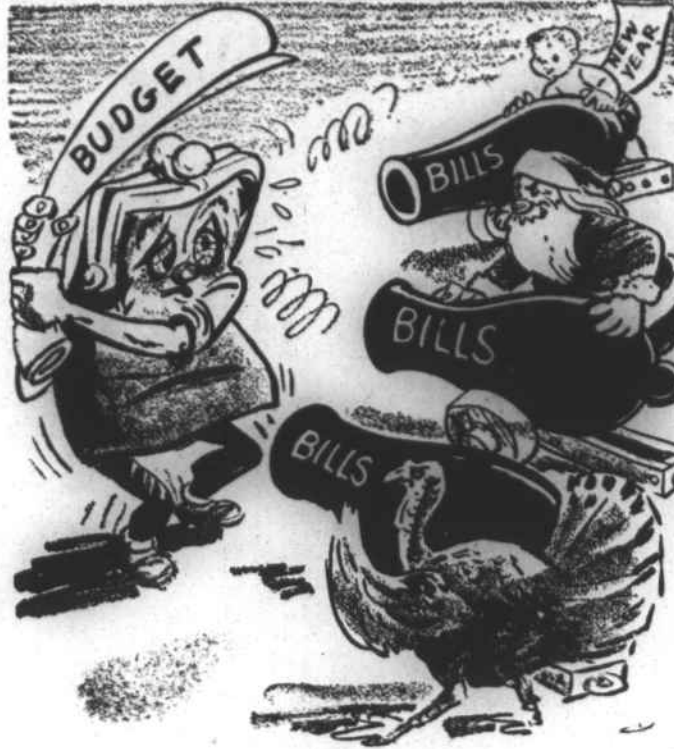
Science fiction? Not at all. Just a grim description of what might happen if the results of a forest fire were applied to you suddenly and personally, rather than gradually.

All of us know the value of our forests. Unfortunately we know the value abstractly, rather than personally. We seldom associate the death of a forest with our personal discomfort.

This, to our mind, is the constructive thing that all of us can do in the county Keep Green Program. We must constantly realize that a distant forest fire destroys the grocery bag in the kitchen and the photographic film in our camera. Keep Green will then be easy. Safety with campfires, reporting of wildfire, the deadened cigarette and the dampened match will be second nature.

Dalton, Ga., Citizen

He'll Go Down Fighting



Bible C... Jesus, Truly God, Was Also Truly Human

THE New Testament is clear in its claims and teaching concerning the divine character of Jesus of Nazareth. An entire Gospel, the Gospel of John, is devoted to evidence concerning that divinity as stated in the prologue in its first chapter—the identification of Jesus with the eternal Word—"the Word that was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Just when did the consciousness of this divine nature and mission come to Jesus? We do not know. In what glimpses we have of His life before He began His ministry, we see a boy and young man growing up in Nazareth normally, increasing "in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

Jesus himself emphasizes the normal nature of His life. "The Son of Man came eating and drinking." Here on earth He needed rest and sleep. He was, like all mortals, subject to temptation.

His own emphasis highlights what many people tend to underemphasize, or neglect, in their eagerness to affirm their belief in His divinity.

This is the fact of the true humanity of Jesus. What so often is forgotten is that it was as a man and in the framework of human life and experience that Jesus embodied the divine nature and character of God.

Thus, in Jesus, God and man meet. God comes down to man, and man is lifted up toward God.

STRICTLY FRESH

YOUTH today is so impatient. Young woman in Houston, Tex., bopped hubby on the head with a hammer on morning of their second wedding anniversary. Grandma waited until the ninth, or pottery, anniversary to bust the old man's crock.

Patrolman in Muscatine, Ia., ticketed a car three times before realizing it was his own auto. Don't laugh. Can you remember your own license number without checking your car's papers?

Now that Halloween is past, the trick's to treat the kids so that they'll recover from the effects of those pounds and pounds of stale candy.

Judging by the size of their sandwiches, the coffee shop



around the corner is still ailing away on last Thanksgiving's turkey.

Fellow across the desk from us says that his wife thinks a "by-line" on one of his stories means both a raise and the green light to go out and buy everything she sees in the stores.

and everyone must register during this period before they can vote in this election. That makes it just a little harder to win this water bond election.

It means that those who favor the bond and who want a better water system for the sake of health and for the sake of industrial and business growth in Murphy must be sure to register before election time.

The books are open for the last time before election at the Courthouse Saturday, Nov. 12.

During the week, voters can register at the home of the Registrar, MRS. JENNIE LEE SNEED, near the Murphy High School gym.

A Backward Glance

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1950

Mrs. J. L. Savage and Mrs. Fred Starr visited Miss Peggy Savage at Mars Hill College a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jordan of Atlanta, Ga., were the week end guests of Mr. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ellis in Andrews.

Robert Wilson of Asheville spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Wilson in Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Ivie and daughter, Glenda, and Mrs. J. B. Gray went to Atlanta Tuesday to hear Billy Graham.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Nov. 8, 1945

Miss Jayne Ricks returned Tuesday from a week's vacation spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ricks in Akron, O.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wright and son, Kenny, of Morganton, spent the week end with friends here. Mr. Wright attended the ball game in Atlanta Saturday.

Mrs. A. N. Hinton of Brevard is visiting her son, Hubert Hinton, and family this week.

Mrs. R. W. Petrie of Charlotte spent a few days here this week as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Nov. 14, 1935

Tom Axley, Jr., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Axley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Price will leave this week for an extended visit to friends in Mexico.

Mrs. J. N. Moody has as her guest, Mrs. H. J. English of Washington, D. C.

Miss Sara Ruth Posey of Andrews, has accepted a position here with the Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

Mrs. Myrtle Moore and Mrs. Neva White of Hayesville were visitors in town Saturday.

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, Nov. 13, 1925

We are having lots of rain at Marble, but our wells remain dry. Waldo Henson made a trip to Gainesville the first part of the week.

Frank Ham of Gainesville was a visitor in our town Sunday.

Edwin Wells Brown spent Halloween with Billy Ivey in Asheville.

Do not fail to have pancakes, syrup, sausage, coffee and dessert for 35 cents in the social rooms of the Methodist Church Friday night, Nov. 20 beginning at 8 o'clock.

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TALK O' THE TOWN

By Emily Costello

I touched two 'coon feet last week, but the 'coons weren't in them. This came about when FRED KILPATRICK, JR. came in the office looking for the wildlife editor, and I was the nearest thing to a wildlife editor available at the time.

Anyhow, Fred a real outdoorsman if I ever saw one. was telling me about an interesting 'coon hunt he and some companions went on last week out about Ranger way. The six hunters took along Fred's four 'coon dogs, black and tan hounds, of which two were just pups. And these dogs really turned in a fine night's work and made life easy for the hunters.

The way it was explained to me, a 'coon hunt goes something like this: (I realize this is probably elementary to you men readers) but the hunters take their dogs out at night and turn them loose at the place they want to start the hunt. The dogs then sniff around until they get on a 'coon's trail, and then take off along it. (Don't ask me how they know the difference between a 'coon and a 'possum because both smell loud to me.)

By the howling of the dogs, the hunters can tell when they have treed a 'coon and when this happens the hunters take off on a long hike to the tree and shoot the 'coon down. (I hope this is an accurate picture. I've only been snipe hunting, myself.)

But this hunt Fred and his party were on didn't work out like that. Almost immediately when they turned the dogs loose they got on a 'coon scent and ran through the woods yelping. Soon the dogs were completely out of hearing distance, so the hunters built a fire in the road to keep warm while they waited for the dogs.

After a couple of hours the dogs came back into hearing and their howls got louder and louder, until the dogs were back at the campfire, and stopped. The hunters walked over to the tree where the dogs had stopped, and RAY HAWKINS shot out not one, but two great big 'coons weighing about 12 pounds each.

The hunting party was made up, beside Fred and Ray, BOBBY HAWKINS, JACK WATKINS, TOMMY KILPATRICK, and WAYNE LEFEVERS.

CHILLY WEATHER

The temperature went down to 20 degrees a couple of mornings last week, for the coldest weather we've had so far this year. But they say we've got some colder weather in store and lots of it later on.

GOSPEL SINGING

The ED HYDES and the PEYTON IVIES went to the all night gospel singing in Atlanta a couple of weeks ago. I understand Ed is a real fan of gospel singing — in fact, he's not a bad singer himself along those lines.

MOVING SOON

I think the DR. GEORGE SIZES are going to move into the Brandon house on Cherry St. soon.

SCARY PARADE

If you saw a parade of black cats and witches going through town last week on Monday it was just CLARA MCCOMBS' first graders out for a long stroll in the ingenious costumes they made for themselves out of laundry bags painted all orange and black.

I RECOMMEND

Some books I've read lately I recommend for quick, light reading: "No Time for Sergeants", "Bonjour Tristesse" and "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit."

AN OUTING

PEYTON IVIE, superintendent of the young people's Sunday School department at the First Baptist Church Saturday night treated the young people and their teachers to a dinner at Blue Ridge, Ga.

The group was made up of, in addition to the host, Mrs. Ivie, Esther and Alvin Buchanan, Lucille Watson, Geraldine O'Dell, Alice Lovin-good, Sonny Hughes, Roger Baugh, Norris West, Buddy Ramsey and Annette White, and Bill and me. Esther had baked a wonderful cake for dessert, which led us to a discussion of cake baking with Edith and me coming out on the short end of the stick.

IDEAL TRIP

MARGUERITE BIDSTRUP's description of the nine weeks which she and Georg spent in Denmark and other parts of Europe this summer, sounds like an ideal vacation. They took their own car with them and drove from Denmark down through Germany, Austria and into Italy as far down as Rome, and back up to Denmark, not retracing their steps at all. They had no reservations, no planned tour, just stopped when they wanted to and never had trouble getting accommodations. Really sounds like a wonderful way to see European life.

The AAUW in a meeting last week, was the first group to hear Mrs. Bidstrup since her return from Europe week before last. She had brought quite a display of handmade articles from Europe — with a big peasant basket almost stealing the show. She also had some fine pottery from Denmark as well as weaving, needlework and jewelry all hand made.

A large part of their vacation was spent with Georg's brother and other relatives in Denmark, where the children raved over the Bidstrup's car — a Plymouth — which seemed enormous to them. It seemed unbelievable to the children that the Plymouth was one of the smaller U. S. models.

SYMPHONY SOLOIST

Murphy's WALTER CARRINGER will be soloist with the N. C. Symphony this season, and it would be wonderful if the little symphony group could play in this county. It would be a boost, not only to our artist, but to the children of our county who would get maybe their only opportunity to hear a live orchestra. I would certainly like to see a concert by this group staged in our county.

COMING UP

The Christmas events planned by Murphy's two garden clubs should be marked "must" on your calendar right now. I'm not sure of the date, but I think it will be Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3, when the Cherokee Rose Garden Club stages a coffee Bazaar. They will have a lot of handmade articles for sale to make ideal Christmas gifts. I've already heard about some mighty nifty things, and I'm looking forward to the day.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Murphy Garden Club will have its second annual holiday house and silver tea, this year at the home of Mrs. B. W. Whitfield and Mrs. T. A. Case (right across the street from each other). Of course the decorating scheme will be a secret, but I can tell you now, it will be very beautiful, with Mrs. W's house in a modern motif and Mrs. Case's in traditional green and red.

BIG DEAL

FRANKIE MARTIN (promotional secretary at the Baptist Church) drinks nothing stronger than water — except for an occasional fling at hot chocolate. Last week, in making one cup of hot chocolate for herself she dirtied up three mixing bowls and two stew pans, just trying to follow the directions for hot chocolate on the back of a coca box. Somebody should tell her about instant cocoa.

NEW MANAGEMENT

MR. and MRS. J. L. HALL are the new managers for the Henry House, after Mrs. Cora Davis moved to Andrews. They will start up their Sunday dinner next Sunday, Nov. 13, Mr. Hall said.

ATTRACTIVE PLACE

EDWIN LIDSEEN and his sister and mother, I believe, are spending some time at their home near Hayesville. They have made the house themselves, building it around an old mill — Johnson's Mill — and I have heard that it's most attractive. They're nice folks, too.

HANDY GIRLS

I dropped in on DOLLY SMART's home ec class one afternoon last week and found them hard at work on canvas covers for the band's new drums. The home ec girls come in mighty handy, I understand, when it comes to mending football uniforms, making holding slaw for the games, and other jobs.

CHEROKEE CHATTER

BY BILL COSTELLO

WATER BOND

In an effort to clear up some misunderstandings that have apparently come up about the Murphy water bond election, I'm using this column this week to go into it a little further.

To begin with I feel that there are enough people in Murphy who want to see a healthful water system in the town and who want to see the town grow to pass the water bond.

But there does seem to be some opposition to the bond springing up. Some of the opposition seems to be aimed at the fact that the present Murphy water system will be torn out and a new one put in.

That is not the case at all. All of the present water system will be used and the money obtained from

the water bond will pay for needed additions to the system.

THE ADDITIONS

Additions that will be purchased with the \$190,000—from the bonds will include another filter bed installed beside the present one — the present one will continue in use, another storage tank that will hold 500,000 gallons of water — the present one holds only 80,000, and improved filtering and disinfecting will be incorporated into all the system — both old and new.

The Fain Mountain reservoir will continue in use. In short, all the present system will continue in use. The difficulty with the present system is that it is processing more water than it was built to handle. The present system has given 30 years of good service but the Murphy population is making

more demands on the plant than it was built to handle.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

The additions to Murphy's water system are sorely needed. A representative from the State Health Department has pointed out that the amount of water used in Murphy is such a strain on the filter bed that the raw water rushes through gullies and holes in the filter sand. The storage tank is too small; therefore, enough water cannot be stored to take the strain of the system. Murphy needs this improved water system and I repeat that I believe there are enough clear-thinking people who will out-vote those who oppose the bond issue.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION

Registration for the Town of Murphy voters is now going on