



HAZARDS: Two traffic hazards called to the attention of the State Highway Department by City Board of Commissioners are shown in the above photos. The two photos at the left show narrow Hiwassee Bridge and the hazardous condition that exist when a school bus and truck pass on the bridge. Note in both photos that the truck's wheels are partially on the bridge sidewalk endangering the lives of children walking across. The State Highway Department has agreed to study the bridge needs in its overall highway improvement program. The two photos at the right show a group of high school students walking toward town from the high school. The Highway Department said it is not the policy to build sidewalks in the school area as requested by Commissioners but last week workers improved and widened the road shoulder used by the high school children.

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Dr. Harold Bixler To Teach Extension Classes

The winter quarter schedule of extension classes from Western Carolina College will include one to be taught in Murphy, according to an announcement from the office of Dr. C. D. Killian, director of extension.

"Reading in the School Program" will be conducted by Dr. Harold Bixler, with the first meeting to be held in the elementary school library Friday, January 3. The class will meet for ten consecutive weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 each Friday evening, and is open to both graduate students and advanced undergraduates.

Dr. Bixler is nationally recognized as an authority in the field of testing as well as childhood education. He is the author of a number of works dealing with the subjects of testing and classroom procedures.

N.C.E.A. Dinner Held Thursday At Regal Hotel

Santa Claus was a special guest and general hilarity reigned at the annual Murphy NCEA Christmas dinner Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Regal Hotel.

Mrs. Constance West, president, presided over the festivities which were attended by the school faculty, their wives and husbands, members of the school board and their wives and by other invited guests.

Miss Maria Travis was chairman of the decorations committee with Mrs. Jim Gibbs as co-chairman. An old fashioned Christmas with garlands of greenery and poinsettias and large red snow-capped bells pealing out "Noel, Noel" were chief decorations. The tables contained dozens of red candles with holly and pine all adrift in snow. Place cards were decorated with red Santa Clauses, snowmen, and silver angels.

Other members of the decorating committee were Misses Kate and Leila Hayes, Mrs. Christine Ingle and John Jordan.

Mrs. Lynn Gault and Mrs. Duke Whitley were in charge of the program which included a skit satirizing a few of the teachers. Walter Puett, John Jordan and Felix Palmer took part. The group also sang Christmas songs.

The refreshments committee was headed by Mrs. Dolly Smart.

Santa Claus To Visit Andrews Saturday

ANDREWS—Jolly Old Santa Claus will arrive in Andrews for a personal visit this Saturday.

All children and their parents and interested persons are invited to greet Santa on Main St. from 1-3 p. m.

Two traffic accidents in this county last week claimed the life of one man and injured five other persons.

Killed was Jack Garrett, 31, of Hayesville, Route 4.

Garrett, his father, Homer Garrett, 55, and James Bristol, about 42, both of Hayesville Route 4 were occupants of a pickup truck that wrecked on Highway 60 about 6½ miles west of here early Thursday night.

All were thrown from the truck, investigating patrolmen said. Coroner J. C. Townson said no inquest will be held. This was the eighth traffic death in Cherokee County this year.

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Roy A. Cook Jr. Takes Part In Training Exercise

Specialist Third Class Roy A. Cook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook Sr., of Peachtree St., recently participated in "Autumn Rain", a week-long Seventh Army field communications training exercise in southern Germany.

The exercise tested the proficiency of personnel and equipment of the 169th Signal Group located at Boblingen.

Specialist Cook, assigned to Wire Operations Company the group's 97th Signal Battalion, entered the Army in May 1956 and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Tex. He arrived in Germany last April.

The 20-year old soldier is a 1955 graduate of Dalton, Ga., High School and attended Gordon Military College in Barnsville, Ga.

Little Leaguers Honored With Banquet

ANDREWS—The Andrews Little League football boys and their coach, Harry Hawk, were honored with a banquet Monday evening in the Shell Dining Room.

Other guests included Mrs. Hawk, Rev. Joseph Dean of Murphy, Supt. J. E. Ruffy, C. O. Frazier, Rev. J. E. Carter, Rev. Vitolds Gobins, Joe El Khouri, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford, J. A. Watkins, Tyrone Burnett and Mrs. Agnes Price.

Mr. Ruffy spoke on "Sportsmanship". Mr. Frazier also commended the boys for their work. Carl Myers, team captain, expressed thanks on behalf of the team sponsors.

A special appreciation was extended to Mr. Arthur Watkins' fine support of the Little League baseball teams, as well as the football team.

After a team pep talk by Paul Crawford, the Rev. Gobins dismissed the group with prayer.

Plans are in the making for a midget basketball team.

Marble Youths To Present Program

The Young People of Marble Baptist Church are sponsoring a pageant "Song Over the World", Sunday night Dec. 22 at 7 at the church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



ALTHOUGH A GREAT CONTRAST in damage to the vehicles can readily be seen in the above photos, the pickup truck in the upper photo claimed the life of a Hayesville Route 4 man near here last week. Two other persons were critically injured when the truck overturned, threw its occupants out and plumed them beneath the vehicle. The lower photo shows a 1948 Ford that collided into the side of a locomotive at Andrews. Two persons were seriously injured in that accident while a four-year-old boy escaped less seriously hurt.

Murphy Splits Double Header With Stecoah In First Game Of Season

By BETTY WEAVER

In the first game of the 1957-58 cage season Friday, Murphy split a double-header with Stecoah at Stecoah. The Murphy girls fell 37-63 in the opener. The Murphy boys galloped to a 72-40 victory.

The Murphy girls led 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. They trailed 18-22 at the half. Only once during the second half did the Murphy sextette lead. Final score was 63-37.

Shirley Stiles made 21 points. Alice Jean Palmer scored 8. Joan English shot 6. Starting guards were Betty Kate Wilson, Gloria Bowman, and Jane Cook. Subs were Betty Postell, who scored 2 points, Helen Stiles, Jane Van Horn, and Girene Taylor.

The Murphy girls made 14 field goals, 8 free throws, and 11 fouls. The percentage of free throws completed was 14.

All in all, the Murphy girls played well. They entered the game without any competitive experience and comparatively little practice. Stecoah had played seven practice games. They defeated Cullowhee 70-59; Webster 84-35 and 112-49; Cherokee 54-24; Nantahala 60-49 and 65-38; and they lost to Cullowhee 46-48. The Murphy girls show much promise and will undoubtedly improve as the season progresses.

The boys romped to a 72-40 victory. They led from the beginning. First Quarter score was 19-7. By halftime they had increased

their lead 31-18. The third quarter showed a 55-31 score. The boys were fast and their teamwork good. This first performance indicates another outstanding basketball season for the Murphy quintet.

Don Amas was high scorer with 24 points. Burt Birchfield made 18. Emanuel McDonald racked up 9. John Morris contributed 8. Jimmy Carringer and Lonnie Hoover added 4 each. Frank McSwain and Billy Carringer each scored 2. Roy Dockery threw in 1. Bobby Weaver and Harry Duncan were the other substitutes.

The boys hit 31 field goals and 10 free throws out of the 17 attempted for a percentage of 59. They made 9 fouls.

Legion To Discuss Plans To Help Needy Children

Joe Miller Elkin Post 96, American Legion, will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at County Courthouse.

Plans for helping needy children at Christmas time will be discussed.

School Holidays Begins Thursday

The Murphy City Schools will close Thursday at noon for the Christmas holidays.

Supr. McSwain said that school will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2.

Area Churches Plan Special Services

The pastors of the various churches of Murphy have announced their sermon topics, special services and music for the Christmas services to be held during Christmas.

FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday morning Dec. 22, the Rev. J. Alton Morris will use for the topic of his sermon at 11 o'clock "The Spirit of Christmas All The Year."

At the evening service at 7:30 the five combined choirs of the

church will present a program of Christmas music.

The candlelight program will include reading of Scripture and inspirational poetry and carol singing by the audience.

The adult and youth choirs will sing "The Light of Bethlehem", "Come to the Manger", "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain".

The Youth Choir, composed of high school girls, will sing, "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming", "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella", and "For Unto Us a Child Is Born."

The other choirs to sing are the Junior Girls', Mrs. George Dunn, director; Junior Boys, Mrs. Don Ramsey; Primary, Miss Linda English; Beginners', Miss Judy Davis.

FIRST METHODIST

The Senior Choir of the First Methodist Church will present a Christmas cantata, "An Appalachian Nativity", at the morning worship service Sunday, Dec. 22. The work which they will present is one of unusual interest.

Edited and arranged by Lewis Henry Horton, it is based upon the melodies found in the old shaped-note song books of the 19th century. This fact gives the music an authentic atmosphere of a native folk cantata from our own mountain region.

Soloists for the cantata will be Mrs. Glenn Bates, Soprano; Mrs. R. T. Houts Jr., Mezzo-Soprano and Ronnie Brittain, Baritone. Mrs. Duke Whitley will be the organist and the choir will be under the direction of the Rev. R. T. Houts. Miss Betty Weaver will assist with the instrumental accompaniment.

The young people of the church will be in charge of the candlelight Christmas Carol Service at the evening service at 7:30. The service will feature numbers by the Young People's Choir and the Junior Choir.

The scripture readings and other parts of the service will also be led by the young people.

In a closing service of dedication, the congregation will light their candles and gather at the altar of the church where they will place their White Christmas gifts of food or money.

PRESBYTERIAN

"The Wise Carolers", a Christmas play written by the Rev. Robert A. Potter, will be presented at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, by children of the Sunday School and others.

Those taking part will be Mrs. C. H. Townson, Mrs. Susan Powell, Mrs. W. M. Fain, John Thompson, Chuck Barrett, Sandra, Frances and Judy Fain, Jimmy Rose, Bobby Potter, Knox Singleton, Vicki and Libby Townson, and some members of the Kindergarten and primary department will be included.

Other activities of the week will be the annual Christmas tree, party and treat for all the Sunday School and families on Friday night in the assembly room.

Mr. Potter's sermon subject (Continued On Back Page)

Christmas Program Slated At Martin's Creek

Members of Martin's Creek Methodist Church will have their Christmas program Saturday night at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Frank Stalcup, teacher of the Young People's Sunday School, extends a special invitation to the young people of the community to come to Sunday School.

Deputy Sheriff Destroys Small Still

A ten gallon still on Holland Creek in the Andrews vicinity was destroyed Friday by Deputy Sheriff Lofton West.

Mr. West said the still was not in operation at the time, but that he destroyed 55 gallons of mash. No arrest was made.

Annual Christmas Party To Be Held At Folk School

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Folk School Friday night, at 8.

Besides folk games and country dancing for all ages, two teams of small boys, one from Ranger School and one from Brassstown, will do the Kirby Snow Dance. This is the right season for such a ceremonial dance which traditionally was danced by men at the time of the winter solstice. It was thought that on the shortest day of the year the sun changed its course toward the earth; the sun was all important for the growing of food.

Miss Judy Richardson, a renowned tale teller from Chattanooga, will tell a story and there will be carols and a tree.

There will be a charge of fifteen cents for children under twelve years of age, and twenty-five cents for those over twelve. Refreshments will be served as a party. This is an opportunity for all the family to share in a Christmas party together.

Bobby L. O'Dell Participating In Field Training

Army Pfc Bobby L. O'Dell, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O'Dell, Route 3, Murphy, N. C., is participating with members of the Third Army Missile Command in a 15-day field training exercise ending Dec. 18 at Fort Bragg.

A mechanic in the command's Supply Company, O'Dell entered the Army in October 1955. He was last stationed in Korea.

O'Dell is a 1954 graduate of Murphy High School.