

Murphy's School Lunchroom: Are You Proud Of It?



YOUR CHILDREN ...

Yours to love, to guide, to educate, to nourish. Here they are, an active crowd of fun-loving boys and

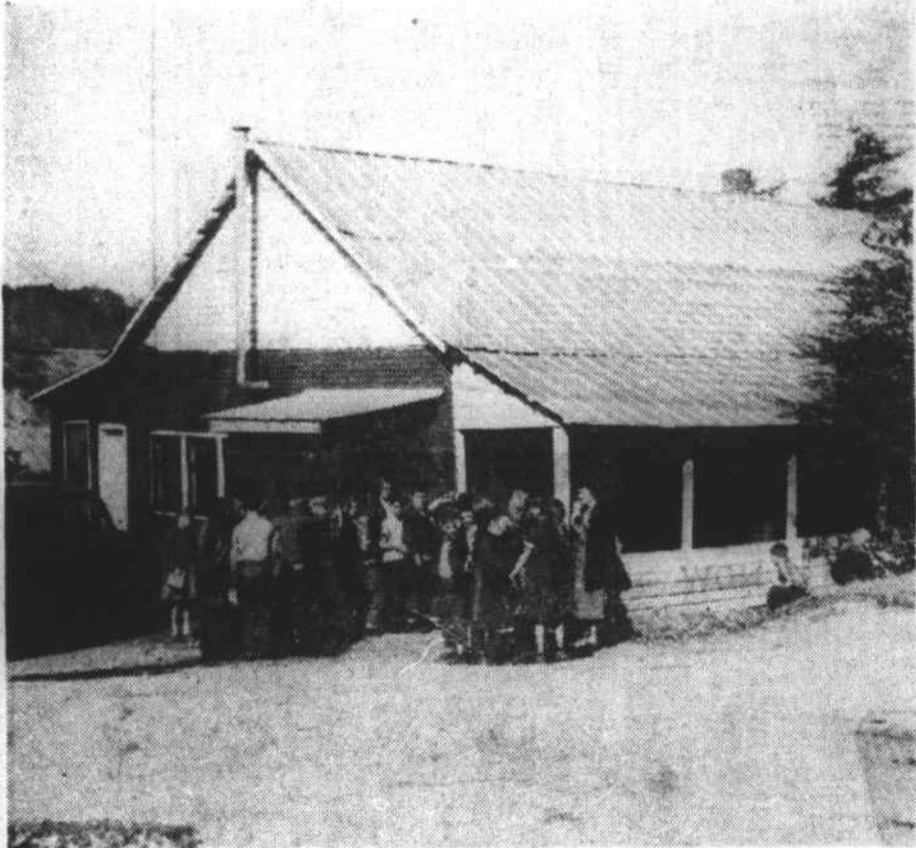
dainty girls. They're having lunch in the lunchroom of Murphy Elementary School.



NICE STROLL IN THE SUN ...

The walk from the classroom to the lunchroom (the white building in the far right background) is pleasant for the little ones. It's only a few hundred

yards under the trees and around another classroom building.



BUT WHEN IT'S SIX DEGREES ...

The stroll becomes bone-chilling. The waiting is worse, because all can't get in the fragile frame building at one time. Of course, the classes are scheduled, but unexpected delays can't always be helped.

The Challenge For Cherokee

The future of Cherokee County is in its schools, just as surely as tomorrow follows today. For whatever this county and every community in it is to be, will be determined by the men and women who today are the children in the classrooms.

In a real sense, a people's hope for the future may be seen in the schools it provides today for its children.

The Scout, in a series of picture features, will show the people of Cherokee County the face of their schools.

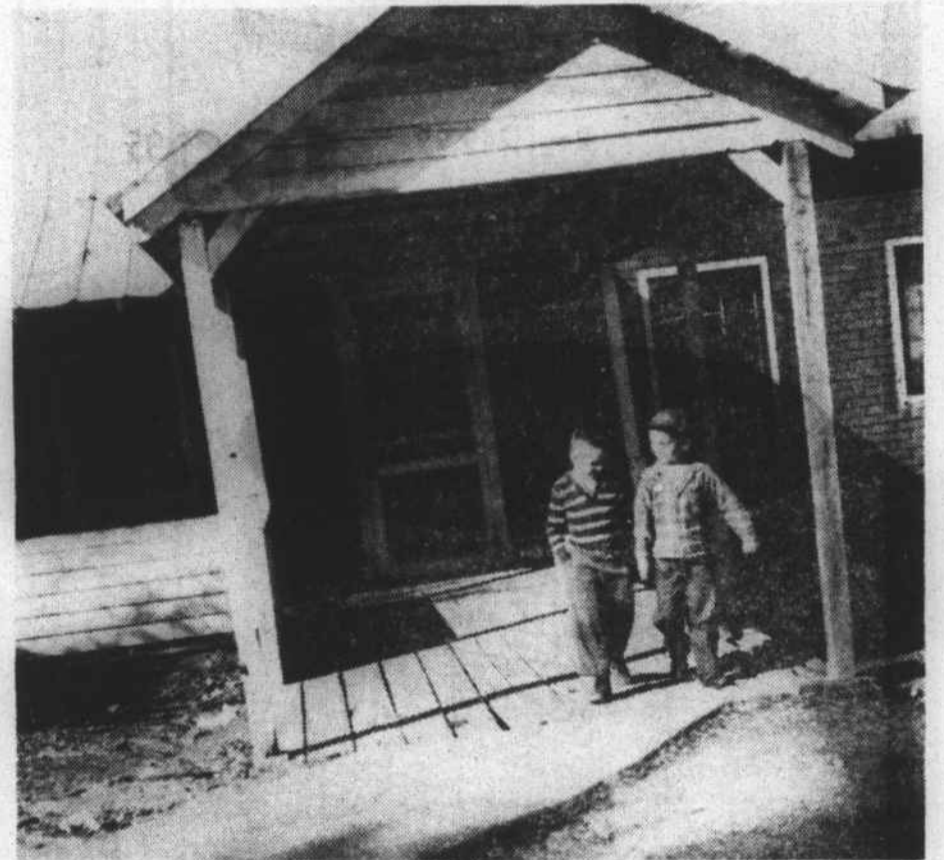
Today, we look at one facet of the Murphy Elementary School, its lunchroom. Murphy schools have an enviable record for scholastic quality and competent instruction.

But what about the physical plant?

Are they schools of which you may be proud? Or do they cry for improvement and expansion?

The judgment must be yours. For the credit will be yours if the young men and women of Cherokee County can stand with any others and say "We're proud of the kind of opportunity our schools gave to us."

The blame will be yours if one day they can point a finger and say, "You failed to give us the proper facilities to help prepare us for a better life."



YOUR BOYS...YOUR LUNCHROOM ...

Yes, these two youngsters happy and eager to learn, are at school. They are leaving the lunchroom which you, the people of Murphy and Cherokee County, provide for them. A wholesome place to be proud of? Certainly not, as you can see for yourself.



AND INSIDE... A HOLE ...

Principal John Jordan points out one of several holes in the lunchroom. A hole for what? Not for ventilation, although it does offer frigid air in the winter. But for rats or insects, if they've the mind to use it. Not very healthful for a lunchroom where the nourishment for grammar school children is stored and prepared.



LOOK, MOM, NO TRAYS ...

A hot bowl of soup, an apple, crackers, and milk can become quite a handful for a little boy or girl. Here, one boy goes through the line and finds an effective, if awkward, way to carry his apple.



A KITCHEN FOR HUNDREDS ...

Primitive and crowded, where cooks bump elbows as they prepare lunch for the hundreds of pupils at Murphy Elementary School. This is the only cooking area in the lunchroom, and when the stoves are fired up it can get both crowded and stuffy.