

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Editor's Note-Book

Christmas is almost here, but many people are still scurrying for last minute gifts and the mad rush will last right up to the final minute. Most of those coming home for the holidays are here, and everyone seems ready for a day at home, with family, friends, and the Christmas spirits.

Wintry weather during the past week has kept things frozen solid. Cut off the refrigerator, mom, and hang the hams on the back porch.

Lura Ledford sent us a list of Shooting Creek shooters who killed a deer there this year. The list includes Gene Freeman, Robert Hogsed, Arbe Ashe, Cline Moss, Narvell McClure, Cline Ledford, Perry Anderson, Jack Anderson, Robert Ledford, Jack Davenport, Jimmy Ledford, Lura Ledford, Dave Hogsed, T. J. Anderson, Robert Holden and Jack Ledford. Seems they live up to the name of the community.

Pre-Christmas holidays basketball wound up Friday night with Murphy's girls losing their first game in years, with Franklin's lassies handing out the defeat, by a 45-41 score. Franklin's boys beat Murphy's lads, 77-31; Andrews boys beat Cherokee 71-31, and Hayesville's lads lost a close one to Copper Basin, 55-54. Best performances thus far were given by Andrews' Butch Sursavage, who sacked a record 40 points against Stecoah last Tuesday, and Hayesville's Bill Gray (part-time Scout photographer in Clay), who hit with 29 points in the loss to Copper Basin.

Next week's Scout is scheduled to come out on Tuesday, and the office will be closed New Year's Day. The Scout office will be closed the remainder of this week for Christmas vacation.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight Communion service will be held at Murphy Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m.

The local Draft Board office will be closed from last Monday until January 3.

The speaker failed to show up for the Lions Club's football banquet at Andrews last Thursday night, but with Lion President Joe El Khouri presiding, the event lasted two hours anyway.

And last but not least, a Merry Mountain Christmas from Weuns and Ourn to Youens and Youen.

Mrs. Dewese, Bookmobile Driver, Dies Sunday

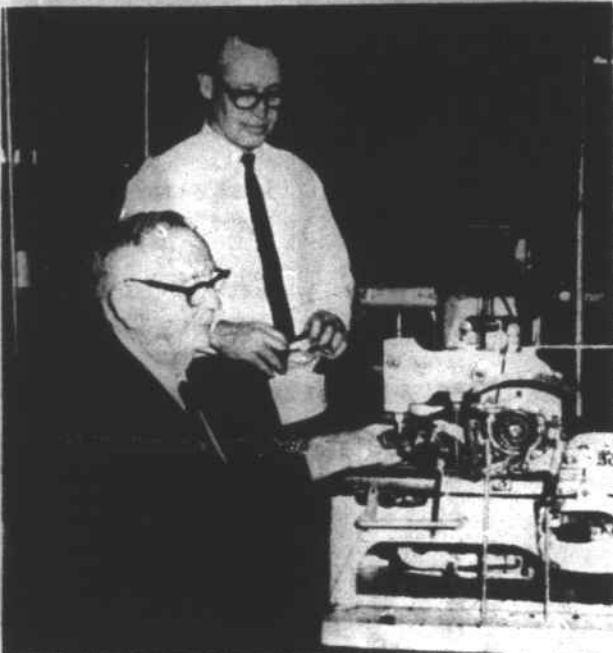
MURPHY - Mrs. Nancy Sneed Dewese, 56, assistant librarian and bookmobile driver for the past 12 years, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, in her home at Marble, Rt. 1.

She was a native of Cherokee County, daughter of the late W. B. and Nancy Dockery Sneed, and wife of Burley Dewese.

Surviving besides the husband are three sisters, Mrs. Bill Dockery of Marble, Mrs. Kate McDonald of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Mary Birchfield of Marble, Rt. 1. Services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Tomoda Baptist Church.

The Rev. Marvin Hampton, the Rev. Jack Palmer, and the Rev. C. A. Smith officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.



AS THE NEW LEVI STRAUSS PILOT PLANT in Murphy started operations two local people were on hand to make it official. Shown in the upper photo is Mrs. C. L. Alverson, wife of the President of the Cherokee County Development Corp., who also owns the building housing the pilot plant, who sewed the first button on the first pair of trousers manufactured here. In the lower photo, W. D. Townson, Chairman of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, who played a major role in enticing the plant to come here, cut the first button hole on the first pair of trousers. Shown looking over Mr. Townson's shoulder is George Vest, Superintendent of the plant.



Mrs. Robert Easley, Mrs. F. V. Taylor and Mrs. W. A. Hoover, (L-R) members of the Murphy Garden Club, helped to bring the spirit of Christmas to the patients of both local hospitals by presenting them with decorative arrangements for their rooms. The project was called "An important phase of garden therapy carried on by the Murphy Garden Club," by the ladies.



A FRAME HOUSE owned by Miss Tommy Reese of Murphy was destroyed by fire about 4:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The owner said the house was occupied by J. C. Heron and his family, and that all their belongings were lost. No one was injured, however. The home was located off Parker Avenue.

Snowfall Monday Promises White Christmas

MURPHY - Folks in Cherokee and Clay Counties appeared all set for the big day as the Scout went to press Monday, and a steady snowfall offered an almost sure promise of a White Christmas.

Snow began drifting down about dark Sunday night, and local residents got up Monday to find the ground white.

Andrews received the heaviest snowfall, with around two inches on the ground Monday, while Murphy and Hayesville had snow and ice about an inch deep.

While the snow made for a pretty Christmas scene, travelers on roads in the two counties found things a little rough.

Most of the local area got about as much sleet as snow, and State Highway Dept. crews were out with motor graders and snow-plow trucks to try and keep traffic moving.

Areas a few hundred miles West of here were hit with deep snows. Nashville, Tenn., had 16 inches Monday, and the forecasters said the blizzard was due to move East, which could bring four inches or more to this area by Tuesday.

Most people in the area Monday were able to travel on the main highways without chains, but on all secondary roads, snow tires or chains were recommended.

No major accidents due to the snow had been reported as the Scout went to press Monday, but two autos were seen off the road above Andrews Monday morning and a Roadway tractor-trailer rig slid across the road and

crashed into a rock wall on the west end of Andrews beside the pure Oil Service station early Monday morning. No one was injured and damage to the truck was slight.

Trips out of the local area to such places as Asheville, Chattanooga, and Atlanta were cancelled by many people in the face of the snow.

One of the biggest worries brought on by the snow as far as local people are concerned is that many people are expecting kinfolks and visitors home for Christmas, and the weather could make travel almost impossible.

Bus lines into the area continued on schedule, but airlines in some parts of the country were forced to cancel some flights, and servicemen and others planning to fly home for the holidays may have to make other arrangements.

No interruption of phone or electric services had been reported in the area Monday, but utility officials were keeping a close watch on the weather, since sub-freezing temperatures and sleet and ice can do plenty of damage to lines in a hurry.

Business was continuing as usual in the area Monday, but the weather probably kept some last-minute Christmas shoppers home.

As usual, those least worried by the snow were the kids, who were out early Monday to try out sleds and homemade skis, with snowball fights the order of the day.

And above all, everyone seemed enchanted as always by the magic, oft sung beauty of a White Christmas.



THIS SNOWY SCENE AT CANEY CREEK Monday morning provided an appropriate setting for Christmas, which is just around the corner.



THE STREETS OF MURPHY were clogged with slush Monday morning, making for slippery driving and walking but most people just trudged on through.

County Symphony Chapter Starts Membership Drive

The Cherokee County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society has begun its annual membership drive.

Chapter President Edward J. Reynolds and Membership Chairman stated that plans for the campaign are as complete as possible, but success will depend upon the active interest of the workers and the support of the entire County.

Membership chairmen are John Gill and Ron Ressel for the Murphy area and Mrs. Rosalyn Hawk and Mrs. Herman Brauer for Andrews. Other officers of the County Chapter are Robert Potter, vice-president; Mrs. Bob Bault, second vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Carringer, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Opie McKeever, publicity chairman.

Two concerts will be given here by the Little Symphony on February 27, during its forthcoming 19th annual tour -- an evening performance for adults and a concert for school children.

Though free to the children who attend, the educational matinee must be supported through the sale of adult memberships. Membership in the Symphony Society permits the holder to hear an inspir-

ing evening concert, by a fully professional orchestra, not only here but in some 40 other communities throughout North Carolina. Complete tour schedules and membership cards are mailed to each subscriber in January.

The North Carolina Symphony is comparable in quality with the nation's finest orchestra. In 1963 locally purchased memberships throughout the State helped bring the best in music to some 149,917 Tar Heel school children. In addition, approximately 52,278 adults enjoyed the Orchestra's evening concerts.

To carry out this ambitious program of taking music to the people, the Orchestra traveled 10,963 miles around the Old North State -- including excursions to Hagerstown, Md., and Decatur, Ala., with each giving the Orchestra a most enthusiastic reception.

Membership prices are as follows: \$1 student (to attend evening concerts), \$3 single, \$5 joint (2 adults at same address), \$10 active (four adult or ten student cards). Donor memberships begin at \$25 and Patrons start at \$100. Donor and Patron members receive 10 adult or 25 student cards for each \$25.



MEMBERS OF THE MURPHY LIONS CLUB had Christmas baskets ready to go out this week, to put something extra on the tables in homes in the area where things are a bit slim this year. Lions shown here as they wound up packing this year's baskets are (L-R) Doyle Burch, Hadley Dickey, Clifton Kephart, Dave Moody and Newt Bolling.



FIVE TROPHIES WERE AWARDED last Thursday night at the annual Lions Club Football Banquet for the Andrews Wildcats. Awards went to (L-R) Larry Allen, most improved player; Eddie Adams, who received two trophies, outstanding Lineman and the Gordon Cathey Memorial Sportsmanship award; Jimmy Watkins, outstanding back; and John Gernert, who received the Rotary Club's Most Valuable Player award.

Mrs. Rozier, Mr. Alverson Elected Council Directors

ASHEVILLE - Mrs. Justine Rozier of Hayesville and C. L. Alverson of Murphy, have been re-elected as Directors of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council for 1964 representing Clay and Cherokee counties. The election took place at the Council's annual meeting earlier this month.

The Agricultural Development Council embraces an 18 county area of Western North Carolina, promoting agricultural progress and rural community development. It is operated by a board of directors representing all counties in the area. Aim of the program is to help develop opportunities for increased farm income and to help stimulate rural progress through close cooperation of business and civic leaders and the agricultural agencies.

The Council is financed by business, industry, and farmers over the area. Started 14 years ago, it has compiled an impressive record and has been widely publicized as one of the pioneer programs of its type in the nation. A major activity has been sponsorship with the agricultural agencies of the Western North Carolina Community Development Program, in which 133 organized communities took part during 1963.

Elected as officers of the Agricultural Council for the coming year were Mayor Earl W. Eller of Asheville, president; Frank H. Brown, Jr., of Cullowhee and Keith Arledge of Asheville, secretary; Burwell Smith, Asheville, secretary; and Loyd Leonard of Asheville, treasurer.

Court Says Pay Up Or Face Arrest

MURPHY - In Cherokee County Recorder's Courthouse Monday, Dec. 16, Judge C. E. Hyde noted that a number of defendants who have been ordered to make payments of

fines and cost to the Court have not kept the payments up to date.

An order was issued to the Clerk of Court to notify all defendants who have not kept

their payments of fines up to date that unless payments are brought up to date by January 1, capias will be issued for the arrest of those who are behind with payments.