



## Scoutlets

**Santa almost turned into a strip teaser last Wednesday** down at Collins-Crain Department Store. As he was strolling about dishing out candies to the kids, an employee at Collins-Crain dashed up to him and informed him that his pants were falling down. She "nuffi," they were down to his knees, but thank heavens Santa was dressed for winter and had on two pairs of pants.

Here's one for you ladies who just want to pretend to be on a diet: A lady came into Mauney's Drug Store and asked for a milk shake made out of Metracal and while the girl behind the counter was preparing it, the customer decided to have a couple of scoops of ice cream in the shake. After being served the shake, she helped herself to a moon pie and two fig bars to go along with it. That's what we call mentally going on a diet.

Sometimes it just doesn't pay to drink coffee. Recently while a group of our hard working businessmen were having their morning eye opener at the Cherokee Restaurant, Sheriff Claude Anderson came through the door and announced that he needed some jurymen, and took most of them to the courthouse with him.

Wanta buy a tree? The Vocational Agriculture boys at Murphy High School are peddling pine trees these days. The going rate is \$2.00 each. If you'd like one you may contact Mr. Ramsey at MHS or any of the agriculture boys.

Election hum-drum is all over with but while in South Carolina last week we noticed some cars with stickers on them reading "Don't Blame Me - I Voted GOP." Republicans in S. C. must save these for future use, for we saw a lot of them in 1960.

This tidbit comes to us about a preacher who spoke before a Sunday School class. The preacher prefaced his talk with these remarks: "I'm here to speak to you and you're here to listen to me. If you get through before I do, please don't get up and leave."

With temperatures dipping and snow flurries, we're sure everyone in these parts realizes winter's coming. Daily newspapers, radio and T.V. weather men blared the first of the week that a "hard" freeze was coming. We've never seen a "soft" one, wonder what the difference is.

The Campbell Folk School at Brasstown invites its many friends to a "Jul-Nisse" sale on December 10, 11, and 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Christmas Elves, or "Jul-Nisse" will have Christmas trees, living and cut, Christmas greens, and decorations Christmas cookies and breads as well as the pottery of Lynn Gault, the wood trays of Fred Smith, and the crafts regularly found at the Folk School, wood-carvings, wrought iron, weaving, and jewelry of native stones.

## Jaycees Receive Awards At Annual Banquet

MURPHY - Three members of the Murphy Junior Chamber of Commerce received awards Saturday night, November 28, at the club's first annual banquet. The party marked the first birthday of the Jaycees here in Murphy. Helton Carmichael, first vice-president of the club, was presented an engraved plaque for being voted the club's "Most Outstanding Jaycee of the Year." Max Johnson was presented with a framed certificate for his achievements in promoting the Jaycee wrestling program. Bud Penland was also presented with a framed certificate for bringing in the most new members during a recent thirty-day membership drive. The awards were presented by Jaycee Club President Bill Christy. The O. J. Bailey Orchestra of Chattanooga, Tennessee provided music for dancing following dinner and the presentation of awards.

## Dec. 5 Suggested Deadline For Christmas Mailing

"Please pack parcels solidly," was the plea of Postmaster Joe Ray. The head of the Murphy Post Office also reminded his patrons that the use of free "local" and "out of town" separation bands will help move the mails faster. The bands are available at the post office or from most letter carriers. December 5 is the suggested deadline for mailing out - of - town packages. "Don't worry about the parcels being delivered too early, just mark 'Don't Open Until Christmas' on the front," Mr. Ray said. A tightly stuffed package, with nothing rattling around inside, will have less chance of being damaged in transit, he noted.

"When packing a gift, remember that the package you

send may be shipped on the bottom of a mail sack and there may be heavier packages on top. Among the relatively few packages that are damaged in transit, improper packaging is the greatest factor," the postmaster cautioned.

Just to be on the safe side, the postmaster suggests that all packages be insured.

He noted that poor packaging and addresses which are either incorrect or not legible are responsible for the non-delivery of about half a million parcels each year. If the return address is incorrect or illegible and the package cannot be returned, it will be saved for 90 days. If unclaimed, the parcel is usually lost to the sender or intended recipient. Such parcels wind up in public auctions held at 15 major post offices across the nation.

All parcels should be addressed on only one side and should also have the address written on the inside of the package in case the exterior wrapping should come off.

Mr. Ray emphasized that ZIP Coding the addresses on parcels and letters helps insure against loss due to improper addressing. Since each area of the country has an individual ZIP Code, there is little chance of a piece of mail destined for one city being directed to a city which may have a similar name. For example, there are at least 26 possible areas around the country which would have Springfield in the address. Use of the proper ZIP Code would send the mail to the right post office.

"We are asking everyone to be especially cooperative this holiday season. During the peak of the 'rush' we expect that seven billion pieces of mail will flow through the system and it looks as if 12 billion pieces will be delivered during the entire month of December. That's quite a bit of mail," the postmaster said.

## Textured Yarn Announces Wage Increase

MURPHY - Ronald Ressel, plant manager of Textured Yarn Company, Inc., announced this week that a five per cent increase in wages to all company employees became effective Monday, November 30. Mr. Ressel stated that the increase is in keeping with the company's policy to provide the best possible working conditions.

## Bullet Aimed At Date Kills N. C. Woman

DETROIT - The bullet that killed a former Murphy, N.C. woman here early Sunday morning was fired at her male companion as the two were seated in an automobile, and the assailant has been charged with first degree murder.

Mrs. Robbie Lee Hughes, 27, of Warren Michigan, died of a bullet through the head, fired from a .357 Magnum pistol, according to Detroit police. Det. Alexander Harris said James D. Watson, 23, formerly of Jamestown, Tenn., was charged with first degree murder. Harris did not identify Mrs. Hughes' companion, but he said there had been an argument previously between him and Watson.

The argument started in a bar and carried over into the street, erupting into gunfire when the couple was about to drive away. Harris said Mrs. Hughes was not involved in the argument as far as police could determine. The incident took place about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Bellview Methodist Church. The Rev. Harry Ragan officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were A.J. and Ernest Morris, Alvin and Buell Hyde, William Hyde and Bynum Helton. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

## LODGE NOTICE

Andrews Lodge #629 AF & AM will hold their regular meeting in the Lodge Hall Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend.



NO ONE INJURED when this 1964 Nash Ambassador crashed through a garage owned by John Bayless on Campbell Street Saturday afternoon, November 28.

## Garage Damaged Extensively When Brakes Fail On Auto.

MURPHY - The brakes failed on a 1964 Nash Ambassador, driven by Mr. J. S. Eubank of Jacksonville, Florida, Saturday afternoon, November 28, at 3:15 p.m., causing the

automobile to crash through a garage owned by John H. Bayless, of Campbell Street. Mr. Eubank, accompanied by his wife, had been visiting friends in Murphy and had

just left the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murray on Bayless Street. Mr. Eubank stated that as he was coming down the steep hill of Bayless Street the power brakes on his automobile failed to hold and before he could apply the emergency brake, the car crashed through the garage.

## Farm Census Up To Date For Cherokee And Clay

MURPHY - The 1964 Census of Agriculture, now being conducted by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce in Cherokee and Clay Counties, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1959.

all livestock and livestock products sold was \$1,388,043. The value of products sold by the Clay County farmers in 1959 was \$1,710,320. The value of all crops sold was \$191,655. The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$1,518,665.

Here are a few of the facts recorded in the 1959 farm census for this County: In Cherokee County there were 825 farms in 1959, compared with 1,638 in 1954. The average size of farm was 96.6 acres in 1959, compared with 71.1 acres in 1954. In Clay County there were 629 farms in 1959, compared with 864 in 1954. The average size of farm was 68.4 acres in 1959, compared with 55.9 acres in 1954.

The value of products sold by the Cherokee County farmers in 1959 was \$1,654,661. The value of all crops sold was \$266,618. The value of

## Junaluska Man Named As Welfare Consultant

MURPHY - Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Swain counties have been selected by the State Board of Public Welfare to participate in the Community Services Demonstration Project, announced Holland McSwain, Superintendent of Murphy Public Schools, today.

Mr. Edwards received his Bachelor's degree at Duke University and did graduate work there, also. He served as an officer in the armed services during World War II in Europe. While managing his dairy farm and apple orchard, he participated with the TVA and Agriculture Extension Service in the introduction of improved agriculture practices.

The Community Services Project is designed to meet more effectively the overall needs of the community and to prevent or reduce dependency and other socio-economic problems. Under the direction of the State Board of Public Welfare's Community Services Division, the project will be assigned a Community Services Consultant.

Mr. Edwards received his Master's degree from the University of North Carolina and has served as a clinical social worker with the Veterans' Administration. He has also been very active in civic and church affairs in his home community.

Mr. McSwain announced that Charles William Edwards, Jr. of Lake Junaluska, N. C. will be the consultant for the four counties.

As consultant of the Community Services Project in the four-county area, he will work with the Committee toward the goals set out in the original submission of the project to the North Carolina Fund.

The Clay - Cherokee - Graham - Swain project was not selected by the Fund, but was chosen by the State Board of Public Welfare, along with 24 other North Carolina proposals, for the Community Services Demonstration Project. The project will be an all-out effort to help people help themselves with resources already available and the development of other resources needed in an effort to help to break the cycle of poverty.

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## Condition Listed Good Following Shotgun Attack

MURPHY - Clinton Gragg, of the Peachtree section is listed in good condition at Providence Hospital following a shotgun attack Sunday night, November 29.

of here. Another voice answered, 'I'm not leaving until I'm sure he's dead,' Gragg continued.

Also wounded in the attack was Etta Ruth Flowers of Rt. 1, Culberson, who was released from the hospital Wednesday morning.

According to Gragg, at this point another shot was fired into the car through the already shot out window but the pellets missed Gragg, because he was lying in the seat.

The attack occurred around 9:00 p.m. just across the North Carolina state line in Fannin County, Georgia.

Realizing that he must do something, Gragg sat up on the seat to find the barrel of the shotgun pointed through the car window at him. He struggled for the gun, but was unable to gain control.

Gragg stated that he and Miss Flowers had been out for a Sunday afternoon drive and had just returned to Miss Flower's father's home when a man walked up to the left side of his automobile and fired a shotgun blast through the window.

Realizing that he must do something, Gragg sat up on the seat to find the barrel of the shotgun pointed through the car window at him. He struggled for the gun, but was unable to gain control. Gragg said that the man seemed to be reloading so he started his car and began trying to turn around in the yard. At this time the man fled.

The shot struck Gragg in the upper left chest just above the heart and some of the pellets struck Miss Flowers in the back.

Mr. Flowers came to the car with his daughter and brought her and Gragg to Providence Hospital in Gragg's automobile.

"I slumped over to my right in the seat, as Miss Flowers got out of the car and made her way to her father's home," Gragg said.

At presstime, the Scout was unable to get identification of the assailant from the Fannin County Sheriff's Department, or if an arrest had been made.

"I lay in the seat for a few minutes trying to figure out what to do when I heard a voice saying, 'You had better get out

WCC To Offer Graduate Course

## YH College To Present Annual Christmas Program

YOUNG HARRIS - The Young Harris College choir will present its annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Sharp Memorial Church.

CULLOWHEE - Western Carolina College will offer a course in Advanced Children's Literature as an area institute at Murphy during the winter quarter, beginning on December 3. Mrs. C. A. Hoyle will conduct the course, which meets from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday except for the period December 18-January 6.

The program will include chorales from J. S. Bach. Excerpts from Handel's Messiah will be the second part of the concert.

Advanced Children's Literature is strictly a graduate course. It will meet the needs of elementary teachers pursuing a master's program in both Georgia and North Carolina. The Georgia State Department of Public Instruction will accept it as a subject matter course in Area C.

The well-known and loved Hallelujah chorus will climax the concert.

The North Carolina State Board of Education will pay the tuition for any teacher currently under contract in a North Carolina Public School who has the approval of his superintendent to enroll in the institute.

The forty-voice choir is directed by William H. Fox, accompanied on the organ by Douglas Moore, and on the piano by Mrs. William H. Fox. Young Harris College and Sharp Memorial Church extends a cordial welcome to the public.



FREEZING WEATHER IS BLAMED for a fire that broke out in the home of Bub Jones on Ridge Street about 12:30 Tuesday, December 1. Mr. Jones said that his water pipes were frozen and that he had been under the house trying to thaw them out with burning newspapers. He didn't discover the fire until after he had gone back upstairs into the house. The fire was confined between a bathroom and bedroom wall. Murphy Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the blaze.



RECEIVING AWARDS at the First Annual Jaycee banquet Saturday night November 8 were (L to R) Max Johnson, Helton Carmichael, club president Bill Christy, presenting the awards, and Bud Penland.

**DECEMBER**

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Miss Laurie Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hardin

## Santa's Waiting

Hey kids, Santa is anxious to here from you and we will be happy to print your letters in the Scout. Just address your letter to Santa Clause, c/o The Cherokee Scout, Murphy, North Carolina.