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Scoutlets

The Helton Carmichaels were out riding last week, looking at the Christmas decorations. As they went by the Power Board Building, their four year old son Scott noticed the Three Wise Men scene atop of the building. Quirped Scott, "Look, Daddy, there are those three wise guys."

Here's a story of a real Scrooge for you: The ladies of the Murphy Garden Club spent considerable time and money to decorate a Christmas tree down at the Kiddie Park on Valley River Avenue this year. Then someone comes along and breaks quite a few of the Christmas lights. If anyone should be classified as a Scrooge, whoever did this should be.

It happened at a checkout counter in a grocery store. A small boy helped himself to a candy bar at the counter and the girl at the register told him: "That will be five cents, please." "Well, I know I ain't got it," the little boy hesitatingly replied, "but I'll look and see anyhow."

Why can't folks be as nice and pleasant and jolly the other 51 weeks of the year as they are during Christmas? It's all sugar and honey during this, the 52nd week, and then when January 1 comes around, the usual rat race begins.

We at the Scout held our annual Christmas party Wednesday, December 23. And I will say this much. From the employees I received a beautiful blue blazer with a gold and blue Jaycee emblem, already sewn on. As for the rest of the party. . . No comment.

Jo El Khouri, who has been operating Jabaley's Department Store in Andrews for the past ten years, is changing the name of the store. Although the story is on this week's front page, here's the real inside reason for the change of name: Joe says ever since he's been in Andrews, people see him on the streets and address him as Mr. Jabaley. So, ses Joe, "I'm proud of my name so I'm gonna put it on the front of the store."

Attention members of the Cherokee County Crafters: You will have a meeting at the Murphy Power Board Building, Tuesday, January 5, at 10:00 a.m. Come early and get a good seat.

Okay, expectant mothers. Here's your chance for some additional gifts. The first baby contest is underway and several local merchants are giving presents to the lucky first-born of 1965. I would say for you to get on the ball, if you expect to win. But, really, I don't know much you can do about it. See the ad in this week's Scout for rules of the contest.

We noticed over in Cuz's column that he had made a few New Year's resolutions and we're gonna leave the resolutions to you folks and Cuz. Oh, we've made a few in past years, but this year we're gonna be different. Not gonna make a single one cause we can't think of any we would keep.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



HOME DECORATION FIRST PLACE WINNER - This gigantic wreath decorating the home of Dr. and Mrs. Doyle Burch took first place in the home decoration lighting contest this year. The contest was sponsored jointly by the Murphy Electric Power Board and Radio Station WKRK.

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners Are Announced

MURPHY - The Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Town of Murphy Electric Power Board and Radio Station WKRK, this year proved most successful.

The judges stated that they were confronted with so many beautiful and original displays that a final decision was most difficult.

The winners were first, Dr. and Mrs. Doyle C. Burch; second, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox; and third, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gentry.

Winners in the religious category, was the Presbyterian Church, first prize; Methodist Church, second; and

Mrs. Thelma Axley's angel appearing to the shepherds won third.

The value of decorative Christmas lighting has been recognized for many years, and this year more people than ever before in Murphy used lighting to express the sentiment and symbolism of the season.

The Murphy Presbyterian Church, first place winner for the best religious scene, is not pictured because the church's decorations were already removed before Scout Photo-grapher Davis made the pictures.



17 Point Buck Taken Without A Shot Fired

HAYESVILLE - Frank Moore and Walter Johnson of the Tusquitee section created a big commotion in Hayesville Monday afternoon, when they drove in with a 17 point buck deer that seems to be the granddaddy.

The deer season has closed. Moore says this big buck was being chased by a dog as it came through his field. Moore ran the dog off. The deer ran about a half mile up the mountain and back to the Moore field. It then ran into a deep ditch where it died soon after hitting the water. Moore says that it possibly died from a broken neck.

Moore, who has lived in the Tusquitee section all his life says the first deer that was turned loose in that area has been at least twenty years ago or longer. He estimated this deer to be around twenty years old. It was marked in both ears, and had a swallow fork in the right ear with an underbit in the left ear.

Another evidence of its age was all the teeth but two were gone. It weighed approximately 175 pounds.

Years ago, all the cattle men had individual marks for their cattle. They cut the mark in the ears then turned them out in the mountains to range.

Levi Strauss Plant To Add Second Shift

MURPHY - Jerry Melton, area manager and Lewis Bishop, plant manager, at Levi Strauss here in Murphy, announced today that second shift production will begin at the plant some time during the month of January.

Employment has already begun and within the next ninety days an additional 215 people are expected to be employed to operate the second shift. At present the plant now has 215 employees on the day shift.

The second shift addition will step up requirement needs in the pressing department, which now requires

eighteen people. After the addition of the second shift, eighteen to twenty people will be employed on a third shift basis to cover pressing requirements for the second shift.

Sufficient management and supervisory personnel have been trained to accommodate the addition of these new people, with L. D. Harrill named night manager, Mr. Bishop stated.

Mr. Bishop stated further that people seeking employment should inquire at the Employment Security Commission here in Murphy.

Andrews Store To Change Name Effective Jan. 1

ANDREWS - After almost ten years of service to the people of Andrews and western North Carolina, the Jabaley's Department Store will operate under the new name of Khouri's, The Family Department Store.

Joe El Khouri, who opened Jabaley's Department Store of Andrews in 1955, will take full control of the store and operate it under the name

Khouri's, effective January 1, 1965.

The Jabaley's Store was originally purchased by the Jabaley brothers of Copperhill, Tenn., and Joe El Khouri from the Whitaker Brothers of Andrews in 1955.

Mr. El Khouri is married to the former Miss Rose Isaac of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. They have seven children, George, 13, Thresa, 11, Marjiam, 9, Marsha, 7, Barbara, 6, Anthony, 5, and Kathern, 3.

They are members of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church of Andrews.

Mr. El Khouri, who is very active in civic clubs is Past President of Andrews Lions Club, Past Zone Chairman, and Past Deputy District Governor of the club. At present, Mr. El Khouri is District Chairman of District 31-A of Lions International of the International Youth Exchange. He is president of the Andrews Parent-Teacher Association, Past President of the Cherokee County Cancer Society, and Past President of Nantahala District Boy Scout Council.

Mr. El Khouri stated that store operations will remain the same, except that the name will be changed to Khouri's.

"I am appreciative and thankful to the people of Western North Carolina, for as an outsider, I have made as many friends as anyone could have anywhere.

"This makes me an example of the kindness shown by you, the people of Western North Carolina," Mr. El Khouri said.

Jaycees Say Thanks For Toys For Tots

MURPHY - The Murphy Junior Chamber of Commerce announced that the Christmas "Toys for Tots" project was a huge success.

Toys donated prior to Christmas by good hearted Samaritans were distributed to the needy on Sunday, December 20. Toys were delivered to over 200 needy children who might otherwise not have received a visit from Santa.

Through the efforts of the Murphy Jaycees and all who contributed, there was much joy in places where otherwise there would have been sadness and loneliness.

To all who contributed, the Murphy Jaycees would like to say, "Thanks", and may your holiday season be a little brighter for your thoughtfulness.



ASCS CORN - Billy Wells of Wells Mobile Milling is shown atop a 750 bushel trailer load of corn being unloaded at a warehouse near Factory Town, in the old Sinclair Bulk Plant.

Cherokee and Clay Feed Grain Program Underway

MURPHY - The livestock feed program is well underway in both Clay and Cherokee Counties. This program is to

supplement the shortage of feed which resulted from a bad growing season in 1964.

Corn is hauled from Greenville, N. C., in 750 bushel trailer loads to a warehouse near Factory Town.

Billy Wells of Wells Mobile Milling is handling the corn. Protein supplement and grinding services are available at the warehouse.

Farmers that have made an

application for this corn can pick it up any Wednesday or Thursday. The corn will be in 100 pound sacks. Mr. Wells will exchange sacks with any farmer who has a supply on hand.

Any farmer who is out of feed and has a family milk cow or a beef or dairy herd can file an application for this feed at the Cherokee or Clay ASCS County offices.

Auto Tags Go On Sale Jan. 2

It's license re-plate time again in North Carolina. Department of Motor Vehicle officials say 2,225,000 application cards were mailed in mid-December to motor vehicle owners who had their motor vehicle registered at that time.

Miss Foy Ingram, Director of the Department's Registration Division says, "If by January 1, you haven't received the all-important registration renewal card, let us know at once."

The proper procedure is to write the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh. Give the make and identification number of the vehicle, your last year's tag number and your full name and address.

1964 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the department have until February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain their 65 plates at Murphy, N. C., beginning January 2, 1965. Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesdays.

The local license agent's Dub Singleton and Max Johnson and Miss Ingram urge that you "open your application cards and complete them in accordance with instructions before presenting for a new plate." They say this will greatly expedite the issuance and keep long lines from forming.

Local Red Cross Fund Drive Termed Success

MURPHY - Local Red Cross officials have termed the 1964 Red Cross Fund Campaign a qualified success.

Dave Moody, chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, reports that the fund drive is approximately 75% complete.

The announced goal of \$1,900 is required to pay for services rendered to the local chapter, and to local citizens during the past year.

Mr. Moody pointed out that several contributors have expressed intentions to support the fund drive and it is hoped that their contributions will carry the fund drive over the top.

Achievement of the goal, according to Mr. Moody will assure the continuation of the Bloodmobile program in Cherokee County, as well as the Red Cross service to military families in the local area.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Fund Campaign may do so by contacting Dave Moody or Larry Thomas Black.

Contributions made to the American Red Cross or the local Red Cross Chapter during this year are tax deductible.

El Khouris Honor Employees With Dinner

ANDREWS - Thirteen employees of Jabaley's were honored by Joe El Khouri with a steak supper at the Shell Dining Room during the Christmas season.

After the dinner, guests went to the El Khouri home where gifts were exchanged and presented to the employees by Mr. El Khouri.

The children entertained with a short piano recital and films of Lebanon were shown before refreshments were served.

Those attending were Oleta Truett, Lella Mae McEldrey, Shirley Jones, Janice Bryant, Carol Bryant, Mary Ann Pulliam, Linda Wooten, Kaye Leming, Delores Moore, Judy Jacobs, Penny Creasman, Helen Axley and Donald Hogan.

Lodge Notice

ANDREWS - Andrews Lodge #529 AF & AM will hold their regular meeting in the Lodge Hall Monday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Installation of officers, which is open to the public, will be held at 8:00 p.m. Women of the Eastern Star will serve dinner.

