

## Town Dons Christmas Raiment for Season

### Social Activity Gets Underway Locally; Decorations Out

Murphy and all its inhabitants began to get in the Xmas "spirit" this week as gay decorations blossomed out in windows and doorways of homes and business places, and the annual yule ornaments were arranged through the streets.

An absolutely new and original idea is being carried out by the local schools this year, in the form of a huge lighted Christmas display atop the new Home Economics building.

A scene depicting the journey of the three wise men seeking the Christ child has been displayed in large figures on the roof of the building and brilliantly lighted with huge flood lights from all sides.

Tall palm trees, and the three wise men on their camels may be seen as though traveling toward the star that guided them. The star is placed in the top of a tall hickory tree directly by the building to the east.

On each of the four corners of the building small brilliantly lighted trees have been placed, and an array of holly and lights have been wreathed around the main front entrance of the building. On either side of the door there stand large red candles.

The entire scene may be easily described from the streets of the business section of town or from any point in East Murphy.

The annual Christmas tree has been raised in the bull moose pen on the square and long tentacles of lights stretched to the eight corners of building surrounding the square.

Store windows, cafes, filling stations, and all business places have beautiful displays in their windows, with even more elaborate decorations on the interiors.

In connection with the current contest being sponsored by the local Lions Club, homes have blossomed

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## W. N. C. Association Sunday Schools To Meet December 15

A meeting of the Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Association will be held at the First Baptist church in Murphy December 15 at 2 o'clock CST. J. F. Ballew, associated Sunday school superintendent will preside.

Cyrus White will be in charge of devotional exercises. The principal address will be delivered by Rev. Norman Kilpatrick, Sunday school worker of the West Liberty Association.

Other features on the program include the following talks: "Teachers Who Really Teach" by M. I. Hall and "Our Sunday School Needs" by W. A. Adams. Music will be rendered by the various church choirs attending.

The purpose of the meeting is to recognize the Associational Sunday School Convention, which under the leadership of W. A. Adams was a boon to the Sunday school of the association several years ago but has not been active for some time.

Officers will be elected at this meeting and plans will be made to hold regular sessions in the future. All Sunday School workers in the Association, and especially the officers and teachers, are urged to attend.

### Hi School Glee Clubs To Sing Xmas Carols

The Glee clubs of the Murphy high school will give an open-air program of Christmas Carols on Thursday night, December 19, in front of the Home Economics building on the local school campus.

Caroling will begin at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

### RED CROSS DRIVE NETS 255 MEMBERS; WORK CONTINUES

Mrs. C. W. Savage, chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call in this area, announced today that 255 members had been listed in this year's drive, with possibility of many more to come in before the campaign is finished.

No quota was set for Murphy this year, Mrs. Savage said, due to the fact that so much was needed for Red Cross support at this time, and this chapter has been asked to raise as much money as possible without any limit.

The drive will continue through this week under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club. All persons who have not yet joined are urged to join when called upon by some worker in the campaign. In case anyone is missed, it was pointed out, that person should contact either Mrs. Savage or Mrs. T. A. Case to place his membership.

### Achievement Test Will Be Given 6th Graders Wednesday, Dec. 18th

County-wide sixth grade examinations will be given in the Murphy schools by members of the Murphy faculty all day Wednesday, December 18, according to an announcement by H. Bueck this week.

The examination to be given is the Stanford Achievement test, gradings from which will classify all students taking the test and will also designate teaching weaknesses. For this latter reason, the tests are being given in the middle of the year rather than at the last as is the custom; teachers then will have an opportunity to overcome weaknesses in the various subjects.

The sixth grade tests have been taken up as a substitute for the seventh grade tests formerly given annually.

### Additions to be Built On School Workshop

Members of the woodworking classes of Murphy high school are this week tearing down and moving material from one of the old buildings at Hiwassee Dam to the local campus. The material will be used in extending the present wood working shop.

Shortly before the present term of school opened this year, the buildings, deserted by the TVA when Hiwassee Dam was completed, were turned over to the schools for use in rural and city schools improvements.

Miss Kate Padgett returned Saturday from a six weeks visit in Jersey City with her sister, Mrs. Dean Wakefield.

## HIWASSEE DAM GROUP SEEKS ROAD REPAIRS

### School Busses Are Unable to Travel Muddy Stretches

A concerted drive was started last week by residents of Hiwassee Dam and vicinity to obtain repairs on two links of road in that section which are impassable during winter weather.

Led by the Hiwassee Dam Parent Teachers association, these people have contacted various state officials both in the administrative and highway departments. Although no actual results have been obtained, promising letters have been received both from Governor Roey and highway commissioner McKee.

The road in question is a one-mile stretch in the vicinity of Postell postoffice and a three-mile stretch in the Bearpaw district.

Practically 60 school children must pass over this road in order to reach school at Hiwassee Dam. If, however, the busses cannot be driven over these two stretches, these children will be denied the opportunity to attend school, it was pointed out.

A committee composed of Mrs. Edna Gschwind, president of the P. T. A., Mrs. Tullos and Mr. Howard Hickey, have interviewed several of the highway officials in this area, including McKee and Grover Mauney, but as yet have not received promise of immediate help.

A letter received by Mrs. Gschwind from Mr. McKee states that this and other repairs will be made on county roads from the new appropriations after the first of the year. This, Mrs. Gschwind pointed out, would help very little as the roads are traversable in pleasant weather, but it is during the worst months of winter that they become so bad.

### THREE MEN STAGE ST. PATRICK ACT; KILL 15 SNAKES

Our good friend, Mr. Luther Hunsucker of Grape Creek, was in the office the other day and left us awestricken with the story of cleaning out the poisonous snakes around his home a few weeks ago.

Remembering that several rattlesnakes and copperheads had been killed near his home the year before, Mr. Hunsucker says, he and his son, Clifford, decided to take a look at the spot recently. Upon turning over a big rock, the two found 11 rattlesnakes and 4 copperheads, all measuring from 3 to 4 feet long. After battling for about two hours, the two of them managed to kill all the snakes.

Mr. Hunsucker says he became violently ill from the stench of the snake den. "So ill," he avows, "that I doubt that I could have held my head up long enough to kill another snake."

### D. Hampton Suffers Broken Back in Fall

Word was received here this week of serious injuries sustained by Delma Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hampton of Murphy, in a fall while working in Charlotte a few days ago.

Hampton suffered a broken back and a broken ankle and is now in Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. Physicians attending him say he will be unable to leave the hospital for 90 days.

## One Killed, Six Hurt In Auto Crash Friday

### Navy to Recruit Men Here December 16-18

A representative of the United States Navy Recruiting station, Asheville, will be in Murphy for three days, December 16-17-18, for the purpose of interviewing and examining young men of this county who wish to enter naval service.

The local station for the three days will be in room 54 of the post-office building each day from 9 o'clock each morning until 4:30 o'clock in the afternoons.

### THREE BOUND OVER TO FEDERAL COURT IN ROBBERY CASE

\$500 bond was set for each of Ed Gurthrie, Vernon Hartness and Hugh Sneed, all of Cherokee county, in a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. O. Calhoun in Bryson City Tuesday on charges of robbery. Unable to make bond they are being held in Swain county jail.

The three men are charged with robbing the postoffice at Rmger, about 10 miles west of Murphy, on the night of November 29.

Sheriff Carl Townson trailed the men on the day following the robbery with bloodhounds and placed them under arrest. Federal officers came for them later and transferred them to Bryson City where they were bound over to Federal court.

### Registrar of Statistics Urges Prompt Death And Birth Registration

Cooperation of all persons in this county is being sought by Dr. W. C. Morrow, registrar of vital statistics, in an effort to get more complete registration of births and deaths. In trying to effect this cooperation, Dr. Morrow cites the law, the requirements of which are as follows:

The law imposes a \$500 fine for the failure to report a birth or a death that occurs in North Carolina or to remove a dead body, either for burial at the place of death or elsewhere. All deaths or births must be reported within five days. If midwife or doctor is employed in the case of a birth, either he or she will report; in case no doctor or midwife is employed, then it is the duty of some member of the family to report the birth within five days.

In the case of death the report, a full death certificate, must be filed with the undertaker or Registrar of Vital Statistics for the district in which the death occurred. The registration of both births and deaths must be made by the registrar of the district. In the case of death some member of the family must fill in the side of the death certificate relative to the family history. The doctor only fills in the cause of death, etc.

### Lunchroom Opened In Kinsey School Friday

The lunchroom at Kinsey school opened last Friday. Under the supervision of H. Bueck, superintendent, the N. Y. A. boys in the Murphy school converted the back room of the building into a kitchen. New cabinets have been built in, a new table built and a cook stove put in.

Hot lunch is served every day to the children. They may exchange commodities or pay for the meal.

### Funeral Services Held Sunday For Cecil Jenkins, 23

A head-on collision of two automobiles on highway No. 64, about two miles west of Murphy, Friday night proved fatal to one person, while five others sustained very serious injuries.

The dead man is Cecil Jenkins, 23, son of Mr. Jerry Jenkins of Unaka.

The injured are: Ross Adams, Ralph Ramsey and Wiley Brooks, all of Murphy; Otis Kilby and Herbert Ramsey, of Unaka.

Kilby was released from Petrie hospital Monday, but the other four are still undergoing treatment.

The accident occurred on a long curve on highway No. 64 just outside of Murphy around 11 o'clock Friday night. The two cars struck directly head on at about the center of the curve, completely wrecking them both.

Jenkins, Kilby and Herbert Ramsey were in the car traveling toward Murphy, and Ralph Ramsey, Adams and Brooks were in a taxi cab travelling west from the town. According to reports the three boys in the first car had been working with the TVA at Jefferson City and were returning to spend the weekend with their folks.

A passing truck came upon the wreck and immediately summoned an ambulance. With the aid of several taxis all the men were carried to the Petrie hospital, where Jenkins died within less than an hour. The others were given medical aid as soon as possible and their condition is reported as satisfactory.

Funeral services for Cecil Jenkins were conducted from the Unaka Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery. Townson funeral home had charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his father, three sisters and three brothers.

### Final Tribute Paid To Margaret Lance, Age 101, Sunday

Mrs. Margaret Adaline Lance, 101 year old resident of Blairsville, and wife of the late Russel Lance who died 30 years ago, died Saturday, December 7, at 6:45 p. m. Funeral services were held in the home, Sunday, December 8, at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Lum Conley officiating. Burial was in the Ivy Log cemetery.

Mrs. Lance was probably the oldest person living in Union county, Georgia. At present there are six living generations in her family.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Della Collins, Blairsville, Mrs. Julia Cook, Locust Grove, Okla.; and Mrs. Augusta Young, Guania, Texas. She is also survived by a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ivle Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

### VAUGHN QUARTET

The Vaughn-Abner quartet will give a program at the court house Saturday, December 14th at 7:30 o'clock CST. This program is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper of Washington will arrive this weekend for a visit here with their daughter, Mrs. H. A. Mattox.