

## County Victory Day Program July 4th

### W. E. Matthews Is New Owner Of The Dickey House Here

### Hostelry Has Atmos- phere and Tradition Of Old Colonial Tavern

When William E. Matthews, Murphy attorney, purchased the Dickey Hotel from Mrs. Maude Dickey for an undisclosed sum last week, the famous hostelry entered a new phase in its history. In its earlier years this hotel assumed many of the characteristics of a colonial tavern and patrons from practically every state and several foreign countries returned again and again to partake of Mrs. Nettie Birkett Dickey's bountiful hospitality.

The fame of the Dickey Hotel was largely due to the energy and brains of Miss Nettie Birkett, who married Thomas C. Dickey. They lived on a farm near Ranger, N. C., before coming to Murphy, where Mr. Dickey became postmaster and operated a livery stable and general store. The Dickey Hotel, built about 1884, was first known as the 4-X House, which burned down, and then as the Drummers Home, because many of its early guests were traveling salesmen. In 1921 Mrs. Dickey built the present post office and the brick structure adjoining it. There are 20 rooms in the main Dickey Hotel building, also lobby, parlor, dining room and kitchen.

Mrs. Dickey always set a bountiful table. Judges, lawyers and court officials attending court sessions invariably stopped at the Dickey Hotel whenever they came to Murphy. Mrs. Dickey died in 1936.

Edward Hiltz vividly describes life at the Dickey Hotel in an article appearing in Scribner's Magazine of August, 1931, from which the following excerpt is taken:

"The building before me is a rambling weather-boarded affair built in the shape of a large U, enclosing a flag paved yard on three sides and opening on an unpaved street. Deep porches and their overhanging balconies studded with doors and light-filled windows line the snow-covered court.

"Drummer's Rest brings to mind an old tavern, the arriving coach, champing horses with steaming flanks and swinging of lanterns, of running servants and servant boys. Outlined against the darker background of the deep porches are the snow-covered cages of a miniature zoo. Two great owls chatter and grumble in a large wire-covered box, several boomer squirrels are bedded down in a smaller enclosure, while ground hogs, rabbits and a pair of young bobcats have quarters close by. Tom and Jerry, two large Asiatic monkeys were in winter quarters in the rear.

"There was a dog eared register book in the large living room, the floor of which was made of rough boards, bare and scarred by generations of heavy-shod feet; walls and ceiling stained and marked by age. An eagle with savage glare surveys the room from above the desk. Squirrels peak at us from unexpected places. On the wall hung frames containing letters from prominent people including a president of the United States, governors and judges. The rapid beating of a heavy iron hoop suspended in the court yard announced meals.

"Old Charlie rustled around on my hearth with his basket of fat pine splinters for my fire. He was anxious that I be on time for my breakfast, (Continued on back page)

### Plan Revival And Daily Vacation Bible School At Methodist Church

A daily Vacation Bible School will begin at the Methodist church in Murphy next Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock. The following courses will be given according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Newton:

1. Beginners: "Happy Times in Our Church".
2. Primary Department: "Child Life in Bible Times".
3. Juniors: "Discovering the Lands of the Bible".
4. Intermediates: "O come let us Worship".

A special service for children will be held each morning at 9 o'clock. This service will be under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, who will speak during the series of revival meetings.

During the revival morning services will be held for the public at 10 o'clock each morning with evening service at eight o'clock.

### Quartermaster Rogers Will Seek Coast Guard Recruits At P. O. Sat.

Carl A. Rogers, quartermaster second class, of Raleigh, will open a one-day recruiting station at the Murphy post office on Saturday, June 27 to seek applications for the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve.

Those accepted may take the final medical examination at Charlotte or Raleigh and will be sworn into the service at Baltimore, Md., after which they will be transferred to the Manhattan Beach Training Station, Brooklyn, N. Y., for six weeks of basic training. Then they will be transferred to ships, shore stations and service schools.

Men between ages of 17 and 55 are eligible for enlistment in the Coast Guard Reserve. Term of enlistment is for three years and the duration of the war. Many service schools are now open, among them being radio, gas and diesel engines, aircraft engines, cooks and bakers, yeoman, radio engineering and material, hospital corpsman and gunner's mates.

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### Cover Reports 27 Tons Old Rubber From This County

### Gas Stations Cooperate In Salvage Campaign Running Through June

Giles W. Cover, Jr., of Andrews, chairman of the Cherokee County Petroleum Scrap Rubber Drive Committee, advised The Cherokee Scout that 54,200 pounds, equivalent to 27 plus tons of scrap rubber had been collected through the first six days of the drive.

Mr. Cover wired William H. Boyd, chairman of the Petroleum Industry War Council at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, last Saturday as follows:

"Delighted to report that through today Cherokee county has collected 54,200 pounds scrap rubber, and Clay county 10,000 pounds of scrap rubber. No letup next week." G. W. Cover, Jr.

T. A. Aldridge, chairman of the rubber salvage campaign in North Carolina, stated that every gasoline station on the east coast is now a collection center. The cooperation of every citizen is especially desired to make this drive a big success.

Mr. Cover is working in cooperation with E. L. Shields, chairman of the Cherokee County Salvage Committee, operating under direction of N. E. Edgerton, chairman, and J. B. Vogler, executive secretary, of the State Salvage Committee in Raleigh.

The government has stressed the vital importance of augmenting our supply of raw rubber with this salvaged material. Elsewhere in The Cherokee Scout is printed further details on this subject.

### TO CONTINUE MEETINGS AT FIVE POINTS CHURCH

There will be services Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 8:15 and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at a tent meeting of the Free Methodist church. Friday night will be the last children's meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. M. C. Ballew will preach each night.

### Plan All Day Celebration With Parade And Patriotic Address, Sports, Square Dance

### C. B. Mitchell Opens Piano Store Here

C. B. Mitchell, who recently held a successful piano sale in Robbinsville, has rented quarters on Tennessee street adjoining W. J. Dickey's store for the purpose of displaying and storing pianos.

Various styles of pianos will be carried here, including console, spinets, uprights and grands. Mr. Mitchell will display the Kimball piano among various makes carried in stock.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement pointing out the many attractive offers that Mr. Mitchell has to make to the people of Murphy and Cherokee county. As pianos and other musical instruments are no longer being manufactured, due to the war, there is a brisk demand for pianos available on the market. It is expected that instruments in Mr. Mitchell's display rooms will be snapped up within a short time.

### Dr. Norton Williams New York Physician, Is Opening Murphy Office

Dr. Norton Williams, who studied under the leading surgeons at New York Polyclinic Hospital, has come to Murphy to make his home. He has opened an office adjoining the draft board headquarters over the Mauney drug store. His office equipment will arrive in a few days. Dr. Williams has been thoroughly trained in all branches of surgery, medicine and obstetrics. He will make general calls for the duration of the war by reason of the fact that there is a scarcity of physicians for the work.

Dr. Williams, who married the former Miss Marie Ward, of Andrews, has been in Western North Carolina only a week. He is greatly impressed with the friendliness of

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### Boy Scouts And 4-H Clubs To Participate; Many Prizes Offered

The Fourth of July will be a gala day in Murphy, where an all day sports program, interwoven with the patriotic theme, is being arranged. The Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Lions Club are joint sponsors of the celebration.

In keeping with the Victory Day proclamation by Governor J. Melville Broughton and the suggestion of Ben Douglas, North Carolina Director of Civilian Defense, the occasion will be made Cherokee county's contribution to the Victory Day celebration to be held on Independence Day in each of the 100 counties of the state. This celebration will fit in with recommendations from Washington that community entertainment be encouraged during the war in order to maintain morale.

The program of events will be underwritten by the merchants of Murphy. The festivities will open early on the morning of July 4, with a street parade through the business section with appropriate ceremonies of respect at an improvised tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the public square, where representatives of the Leslie Stillman Post of American Legion of Andrews, and Joe Miller Elkins Post of Murphy will stand while taps are sounded. A prominent Legion official will make a patriotic address to conclude the morning's program. A loud speaker will carry the address so that all may hear plainly.

Following the morning events a continuous round of attractions will be scheduled until late at night. Some of the events will be greased pig and greased pole contests, horse-shoe pitching, a bowling tournament between Lions Clubs of various cities who are urged to send teams here, and a baseball game between two well known teams. The Boy Scouts and 4-H clubs will have their inning in competitive swimming and row boat races and diving contests. The Scouts will give a First Aid demonstration. County Scout troops are organized at Murphy and Andrews. Motor boats will demonstrate their speed over the waters of Hiwassee Lake, the 6,500 acre body of water with 150 miles of shore line formed by Hiwassee Dam. Several merchants are offering prizes for the heaviest black bass caught over the Fourth of July week-end.

Prizes will be given for the outstanding float and decorated motor cars in the morning street parade, as well as for the most appropriately decorated store window in the business section.

Taking an active part in the Cherokee Victory Day celebration are J. B. Gray, president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce; Joe E. Ray, immediate past president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce; Fred O. Christopher, Commander-Elect of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of the Murphy American Legion; Lawrence Hall, retiring Commander of the Murphy Legion; Dr. W. A. Hoover, president of the Murphy Lions Club; Mayor E. L. Shields, of Murphy; "Red" Schuyler, Scoutmaster of the Murphy troop; Ernest Nutting and Rev. Grant Folmesbee, Boy Scout officials; A. G. Kettner, Cherokee county farm agent and 4-H club leader; Carl Whiteside, as-

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### Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, The anniversary of our national independence this year will find our nation engaged in a titanic struggle for survival against the greatest powers ever massed against it, and

WHEREAS, War is no longer confined to battlefronts but reaches into the home of every citizen, jeopardizing, through the danger of air raids or sabotage, civilians far removed from the scene of conflict of armed forces, and

WHEREAS, Conscious of this danger to life and liberty, our citizens are organized for civilian defense in the greatest volunteer movement in history, and that this Civilian Defense organization is now being trained in proved methods of combatting war upon the home front and is ready for action in any emergency, and

WHEREAS, The day of the celebration of the 167th year of our national independence, July 4, 1942, falls this year upon Saturday, a day of customary gathering in our towns and county seats, it presents an opportunity for concerted demonstration to the public the scope and effectiveness of this force organized for its protection, and of recognition for the volunteers therein,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby designate the day of July Fourth as Victory Day and urge upon all the people in all the 100 counties of North Carolina, in full cooperation with the State Office of Civilian Defense and its field forces, to give observance to this occasion in manner most fitting and effective.

Done at the City of Raleigh, the fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-two, in the one hundred and sixty-sixth year of American Independence.

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON  
Governor.