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Lions Entertain Football Players

Murphy high school football team and representatives of Robbinsville and Hayesville Lions clubs were guests of Murphy Lions club at a Christmas banquet Tuesday evening.

The dining room of First Methodist church was decorated with Christmas evergreens and white and blue candles.

Dr. W. A. Hoover made a report for the blind committee; H. A. Mattox made a treasury report; Rev. A. B. Cash reported that the Boy Scouts have a goal of "every Scout in uniform" before the next zone meeting and requested Lions club members to give the boys employments for them to earn some money during the holidays.

The following visitors were introduced: J. B. Gray, Murphy; V. W. Harvey, Hendersonville; J. B. Smith and Wm. O. Soderquist, Robbinsville.

H. Bueck, stating that he is proud of the Murphy football team because of their sportsmanship, presented Assistant Coach Al Smith, who introduced Coach J. H. Pitzer. The members of the team were presented by Mr. Pitzer.

Rev. Ralph Taylor read a letter that he had written to a young man in the army who had received a box of cigarettes from the Lions club and written a note of thanks. The letter was one of high praise for Murphy and the club. The club gave Lion Taylor a vote of thanks.

Herbert McMillan Graduates As Torpedo Man

Herbert McMillan has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of Unaka, the past week. Herbert has graduated as torpedo man at Newport, R. I., and has been sent to the west coast for further advanced training. He also visited his sister, Pfc. Beecher McMillan, at Washington, D. C., and two brothers, John McMillan, Jr., S-2-c, who is now at the U. S. Naval Air Training Station, Jacksonville, Fla., and MOMM-C Russell K. McMillan, who is on a Submarine in the southwest Pacific. Russell has been in the service since February, 1941.

Gerald Wilson Awarded A Medal

Sgt. Gerald J. Wilson, who is at Fort Meade, Md., has been awarded a good conduct medal in recognition of exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity as an enlisted man in the U. S. Army. Gerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Wilson of Peachtree.

Students To Come Home Christmas

MARS HILL, (Special) — The following students from Cherokee county will return home from Mars Hill college this week to spend the Christmas holidays: Eloise Jacqueline Davis, Grandview; Edith Aileen Hawkins, Lewis Castell Hawkins, Suit; E. Maureen Lovingood, Foster Lee Mason, Jr., Mary Frances Shields, Murphy.

Christmas holidays will begin at the college at one o'clock Thursday, December 16, and will close at one o'clock Tuesday, January 17.

Hawkins Opens Shuttle Mill Here

E. P. Hawkins has opened a shuttle mill at the fair grounds in Murphy and is equipped to make approximately 400 shuttles a day. He has a heavy demand for shuttles for war production.

Mr. Hawkins has been operating a mill at Blue Ridge and will continue there, as well as operating the new mill at Murphy. He is advertising for dogwood logs, dogwood being the only wood which can be used for making the shuttles.

Hiwassee Lake Freezes Over

Thermometers dropped to low degrees in this section Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, going to four above zero Thursday morning. Hiwassee Lake was frozen over in two or more years. Fair weather has prevailed.

Capt. E. S. Miller Writes Sister From Jap Prison In Philippines

Mrs. F. K. Justice has received a card from her brother, Capt. E. S. Miller, who is interned at a military prison camp in the Philippines. Capt. Miller is in the Medical Corps. He was reported missing after the fall of Corregidor, but was later reported to be a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines. The card reads as follows:

"I am interned at Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 3. My health is excellent; I am well and working in a hospital. I miss you all and think of you constantly. Please thank the American Red Cross for the package we received in December 1942.

Give all my friends my regards. Love to every one, especially the children." Bill.

E. S. Miller.

Most Teachers To Spend Holidays At Their Homes

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck and son, H. C. will spend a few days in Salisbury this week with Mr. Bueck's parents.

Mrs. Jack Houts will spend the holidays with her husband at Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Buel Adams and Miss Frances Dickson will go to Gulfport, Miss., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Adams' husband.

Miss Mary Lee Felmet and Miss Virginia Ann Morran will spend Christmas at their homes in Asheville.

Miss Ruth Emory will spend the holidays at her home in Pigeon Ford, Tenn.

Mrs. Joe E. Ray will go to Petersburg, Va., to spend the holidays with her husband who is at Camp Lee.

Miss Emma Louise Jenkins and Miss Elizabeth Reid will go to Young Harris for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Mildred Farrow will spend the holidays at her home in Black Mountain.

Miss Mary Folger will go to her home in Nashville, Tennessee for the holidays.

Mrs. Jack Spainhour will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour and other relatives at North Wilkesboro.

Two Liquor Stills Are Captured

Two liquor stills recently were captured by Sheriff L. L. Mason and deputies. A 40-gallon copper still and 180 gallons of still beer were captured near Andrews on McClelland Creek by Mason and Deputy Toby Pain. The still was in operation and had run off one gallon of whiskey. Officers met a party coming from the direction of the still. No one has been arrested thus far for operating.

On December 7 Deputies Toby Pain and Ezra Price captured a copper outfit and destroyed about 200-gallons of still beer, in the Gold Branch section, near C. C. Mull's home. Emory Anderson and C. C. Mull were arrested. This still was just beginning to operate, as Emory Anderson was kindling a fire when the officers arrived, the officers said. The two men arrested posted bond.

John E. Keener, Deputy Clerk Of Court, Dies Here

John Elisha Keener, 71, deputy clerk of the Superior court, died suddenly at his home here Wednesday morning at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Keener had been in failing health for the past year, but was able to attend to his duties and was at his office last Thursday. He was clerk of the court for four years, and had been deputy clerk for the past 25 years.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at First Methodist church, with the Rev. Alfred Smith, the Rev. Ralph Taylor and the Rev. A. B. Cash officiating. A second service will be held at Hampton Memorial church, with interment in the church cemetery. Ivie funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Martha Clodfelter; one son, Lloyd, of Elizabeth City; two daughters, Mrs. V. M. Johnson and Mrs. William King of Murphy, and four grandchildren.

Hotel Salvage Drive Started Here Wednesday

James W. Wright, State chairman of the AHA Salvage committee, and manager of the George Vanderbilt hotel, Asheville, has appointed Mrs. Thelma Dickey manager of the Regal hotel, chairman of the drive in Murphy. Mrs. Dickey makes the following announcement:

"The War Production Board's new 'Salvage All Four for Victory' campaign was opened by the hotels of Murphy Wednesday. This campaign emphasizes the need of collecting all available scrap metals, used fats, tin cans and waste paper instead of concentrating on just one material at a time as heretofore.

"The time has passed," stated Mrs. Dickey, "when emphasis can be placed on salvaging just one of the four vitally needed scrap materials. It is imperative that we concentrate on collecting all four for victory."

Every hotel employee in Murphy will be enlisted in the campaign. One of the many events planned by the hotels is a cellar-to-roof search to salvage every possible item of metal that no longer is usable, is worn out or outmoded. The type of metal most desired is scrap iron and steel.

Each hotel has received a special salvage poster, approved by the WPB, which will be certified by the local salvage chairman when the scrap is turned over to the WPB salvage chairman.

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the WPB believes the hotel salvage day will prove very productive. "The War Production Board appreciates the cooperation of the American Hotel Association in organizing state and local hotel salvage committees," he said, "and I believe the results of the hotel salvage day will be extremely helpful to the nation's salvage drive."

Pulpit Committee Is Appointed

The resignation of the Rev. Dr. H. L. Paisley as pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian church was read to the congregation at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, and the members voted to accept it.

M. W. Bell, J. W. Bailey and C. W. Savage were appointed as a pulpit committee to secure a pastor to fill the vacancy.

Repairing Is Done At School

A number of boys are at present employed in washing windows and doing minor repairs in the High School building under the supervision of Mr. Wright. Already the building is taking on a spring-like appearance in spite of the approach of winter's chilling blasts. Other crew of boys, volunteers and otherwise, have been policing the campus; and most of the litter has disappeared.



AMERICAN M.P.'S 'ON GUARD' IN ANCIENT LONDON—Military Police of the United States Army have introduced many techniques of American police procedure—including two-way radio cars—into London. Here, a corporal checks up on two members of the guard. He is Corporal Daniel Glenn, 25, of Andrews, North Carolina, and the guards are, left to right, Private Alvin J. McKee, 22, of 108 West Beech Street, Durant, Oklahoma, and Private Orville Carnahan, 26, of 421 Eighth Street, Rochelle, Illinois.

Two Christmas Programs To Be Given At School Friday Morning

The Murphy School children, under the direction of Miss Virginia Anne Morgan, will present two programs of Christmas music on Friday morning, December 17, in the school auditorium. The first program of songs sung by the children of the Grammar School will be given at ten o'clock. This program consists of the following numbers:

Little Jack Horner; Up On the Housetop, First grade; I Saw Three Ships; Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Second grade; Every Year On Christmas Eve; Away In A Manger, Second and Third grade; Father Christmas, Third grade; Shoe or Stocking; Jingle Bells, Fourth grade; Good King Wenceslas; There's A Song In the Air; Ann Taylor; Fifth grade; Deck the Halls; O, Little Town of Bethlehem, Sixth grade; God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; Joy To the World, Seventh grade; Christmas story of "Song From Heaven"

The second program at eleven o'clock will be composed of carols sung by the high school chorus, augmented by paintings contributed by the art classes of Miss Margaret Curd. This program will consist of the following numbers: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear; Richard Willis; The First Noel, Traditional; While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night, Handel; O Little Town of Bethlehem, Redner; We Three Kings of Orient Are, Hopkins; Bring A Torch Jeannette Isabella, Traditional; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Mendelssohn; O Holy Night, solo, Mary Lou Hatchett, Adams; Silent Night, Gruber; A Joyful Christmas Song; Coventry Carol, Traditional; Adeste Fideles, Reading; Joy To the World, Handel.

The parents and friends of the students are invited to attend one or both of these programs.

Ross Moore Is At Great Lakes

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, is Ross Moore, age 32, son of Mrs. Charlie Moore, General Delivery, Murphy, North Carolina.

Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy Life, and is being instructed in Seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea.

Upon completion of his recruit training, he will be granted a nine-day leave.

Harford Hughes Given Medal

CAMP POLK, La.—(Special)—Private Harford M. Hughes has been presented a good conduct medal, it was announced today by his commanding officer, 2nd Lt. Garland D. Grant. Private Hughes is a member of Sub Section A-1 1880th Service Unit.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aster Hughes, Murphy, N. C.



PFC. DILLARD TAYLOR, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Taylor of Letitia, who is in the Infantry at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. He was employed by the Wilmington Shipbuilding company prior to entering the army last September.

Dr. J. W. Thompson Dies Suddenly Mon.

Scout Offices To Be Closed From Dec. 22 to 28

The Cherokee Scout will be printed a day early next week. All correspondents are asked to have their copy in the office by Monday. The paper will appreciate the cooperation of advertisers and those who make regular contributions of news and features in having copy in the office early. Those who wish to subscribe to the paper or purchase supplies are asked to do so before Wednesday night. The office and printing plant will be closed from Wednesday night, December 22, until Tuesday morning, December 28, for the employees to have a holiday.

Dr. Arnold Speaks On Twelve Year School Program

The local teachers had as their speaker, Dr. Arnold H. Perry, of the State Department of Instruction Service of Raleigh at a Tuesday afternoon meeting December 7. His subject was "The Twelve Year Program." He mentioned the handicapped North Carolina boys and girls had been under in competition with students from States in which this program is already in force.

He spoke of the significant contributions to the Curriculum from this plan as "Readiness to learn the subject; Integration, Democratic Participation." He suggested using the local Community as a starting point.

Mrs. Benderman Is Buried Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Mamie Carson Benderman, 58, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Ivie funeral home here, with the Rev. Dr. H. L. Paisley, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating. Burial was in Sunset cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Noland Wells, Paul McClure, Leonard McClure, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Jim Green, and Virgil Johnson.

Mrs. Benderman who formerly lived in Murphy died at 5 o'clock Monday morning in an Asheville nursing home after an illness of three and one-half months.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Bettie Jane McLaird, of Newton, her mother, Mrs. E. Sturgeon, three sisters and two brothers, all of Scotland.

Mrs. Benderman was an industrial teacher in the Indian service before her illness. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

E. F. Arnold and Mrs. R. H. Ford attended a meeting of the F. S. A. in Asheville this week.

Sanitary Engineers Make Inspection Of Murphy's Two Water Supplies

A. C. Hubbard and F. G. Doggett, sanitary engineers with the State Health department, Raleigh, spent several days here last week to make an inspection of the water supply in the city. At a call meeting of the town council Thursday night they made recommendations for repairs and improvements that will make the system more efficient.

The engineers could not determine whether waters of Hiwassee Lake would cause a lowering of the quality of the water supply because the lake is up only in the summer months. Sanitarian A. M. Brown will make weekly tests of the Hiwassee supply, and if the quality of the water is lowered the state engineers will return here with equipment to make a complete inspection.

Dr. J. W. Thompson, 73, prominent Murphy dentist, suffered a heart attack at his office at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning while filling a tooth for a patient and died instantly.

He had suffered a stroke about two years ago and was ill several weeks, but recovered and since that time had worked regularly at his office. His health had failed during the past month.

Born in Clay county, he was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Thompson. He had practiced dentistry 40 years, locating in Murphy in 1910. He came to Murphy from Andrews, where he had moved from Hayesville eight years before. He was Murphy's only dentist for a number of years and could be found at his office every day early and late.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Grace Brown; two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Barclay, of Copperhill, Tenn., Mrs. Harry Bishop of Murphy; one son Dr. J. W. Thompson, Jr., who is in the medical service of the army in England; five grandsons, Bobby John and Freddy Barclay, of Copperhill, Harry Bishop, Jr., of Murphy, and J. W. Thompson, III, of Pickens, S. C., and one brother, Robert Thompson, of Hayesville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church, of which he was a member, with the Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Cash and the Rev. H. L. Paisley. Burial followed in Sunset cemetery, with Townsend funeral home in charge.

The body lay in state at the church from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock.

Active pallbearers were: H. A. Mattox, Dale Lee, Frank Forsyth, Walter Mauney, Peyton G. Ivie, Dave Carringer, Jerry Davidson and Wade Massey.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. R. S. Parker, E. C. Moore, R. C. Mattox, C. W. Savage, Dr. J. R. Bell, E. B. Norvell, Dr. S. C. Highway, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, H. E. Dickey, P. O. Christopher, W. A. Savage, Dr. Harry Miller, J. B. Gray, Neil Davidson, J. A. Richardson, T. S. Evans, Joe Axley, and E. P. Hawkins.

League To Open Season January 7 With Game Here

A basketball league recently organized is composed of Hayesville, Hiwassee Dam, Murphy, Robbinsville, Fontana Dam, and Nantahala.

The season will open January 7, with Murphy vs. Hiwassee Dam, here. Ten games are scheduled for the Murphy team.

The league tournament at the end of the season may be in Murphy, but that has not been definitely decided upon.

The Murphy teams are as follows: Gut'rie, Kepear, J. Ferguson, Mauney, Hendrix, Crawford, Taylor, Jr., Ferguson, R. Ferguson, Hatchett, Beavers, Keener, McDonald, O'Dell, Picklesimer, Rogers.

Lovingood Store Bought By Graves

Mrs. Roy V. Lovingood has sold her store to Ed Graves, owner of Graves' Rolling Stores. The name of the store will be changed from Lovingood's Store to Graves' Bros. Store. Maynard Palmer will be the manager of the new concern.

Mrs. Lovingood has accepted a job with Jerry Davidson at The Ladies and Man Shop.

Schools To Close Here On Friday

Murphy schools will close Friday, the 17th, for Christmas holidays. Work will be resumed on Wednesday, December 29, Supt. H. Bueck announced this week.