



## People Urged To Shop And Mail Christmas Gifts This Month

Public response to the Post Office Department's "Shop Now! Mail In November" campaign is good but needs to be better, according to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

"Extraordinary wartime conditions face us," Mr. Walker said. "Unless more people buy and mail this month the Postal service cannot do its job of delivering all Christmas gifts on time.

"It is not pleasing to us to have to ask the American people to mail packages so far in advance of the delivery date. We do so only because it has to be done. The job is a tremendous one, but we are confident that it will be done because we know from experience that given sound reasons American cooperate magnificently.

"Unprecedented shortages of man power and transportation facilities growing out of the war compel early mailing. The Postal Service has given 50,000 experienced employees to the armed forces and 300,000 railroad workers have gone to war. Equally serious is the fact that rail and other transport facilities are taxed to the limit with the great burden of war traffic which all of us know must take precedence.

"In a great number of our 43,000 post offices the man power situation is critical. The 200,000 extra workers whom we normally recruited to handle the swollen Christmas volume of mail were able to work long hours of overtime and to do heavy work. This cannot be expected from the women and high school boys and girls to whom in large part we must look this year to meet the situation.

"The way in which everyone responded in making it possible for us to handle a volume of 70,000,000 parcels for the armed forces overseas leaves no doubt in my mind that the November Christmas mailing will be equally successful. I ask for the help of the press, radio, business advertisers, civic groups and all Americans in making it possible for the Postal Service to do its work.

"We urge everyone to buy now, mail in November and mark gifts 'Do Not Open Until Christmas!'"

## Chester Farmer Gets Paratroop Wings At Benning

Fort Benning, Georgia. — Pvt. Chester Farmer son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Farmer, of Grandview, N. C. has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroopers. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Jumping at The Parachute School has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. American Paratroopers have been recognized throughout the world for their meritorious actions against the enemy.

In addition to producing jumpers, Parachute Specialist Training is given to qualified men in Communications, Demolition, Riggers and Para-hute Maintenance, vital skills for Airborne troops.

## Workshop To Be Held Wednesday

An elementary workshop will be held by the elementary department of the Murphy city school unit next Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock, in the seventh grade class room. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

The program will be as follows: "Art in Grammar Grades", Miss Margaret Curd; "Art Appreciation - Teaching Masterpieces", Mrs. Evelyn Patton; "Art Program for Rural Schools", Mrs. Porter Axley; "Handicrafts", Mrs. Dare Shields; and roundtable on "Correlation of Art with Other Elementary Subjects", with Miss Emily Sword leading.

## Legion Is To Erect Service Board Here

### Disaster Poster Is On Display

H. Bueck, Disaster Chairman for the local Red Cross Chapter, has on display at the Scout office photographed maps of North Carolina, prepared by the Southeastern Area Red Cross headquarters, showing the disaster data for a period of 20 years — 1924 to 1943 inclusive. The map shows the data by counties and takes into consideration hurricane, tornado, and flood damages.

It is of interest to note that nearly 30,000 people were aided in North Carolina. The map shows more than 13,443 people aided because of floods; more than 14,936 aided because of tornadoes; and 1,090 aided because of hurricanes.

The tornado data shows that there were 30 separate tornadoes; 43 separate hits in counties. Out of the 100 counties in the state, 35 were hit. There were 24 counties hit by floods, and 3 counties affected by hurricanes.

The 1944 data will show a far different story on hurricane damages.

## Hybrid Corn School Planned For January

All farmers who plan to grow hybrid seed corn next year should make plans to attend the two-day Hybrid Corn School at State College on January 23 and 24, says Dr. Landis Bennett, seed improvement man for the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The school will be conducted by the Extension Service and the N. C. Crop Improvement Association. Corn breeding, yields of variety tests, new demonstration plans, seed stocks, and certification will be studied and discussed.

The state seed law, regulations, marketing and sizing, and the treating of seed will also receive consideration. Practical methods of rat control and the latest fertilizer and cultural practices for corn growing will be considered.

Corn hybrids, adapted to the areas in which they are grown, are proving themselves superior to standard varieties of corn both in yields and in quality. Additional supplies of seed are needed and many growers are now going into the production of these seed on a small scale so that they may learn all the details of the business and supply neighboring areas with seed. The demand for hybrid corn is growing each year.

Dr. R. D. Lewis, head of the agronomy department at Ohio State University, who has seen hybrid corn acreage expand in that state from practically nothing to more than 3,000,000 acres, will be one of the chief teachers in the school, which is the first to be held in North Carolina.

## Murphy And Andrews NCEA Units Hold Dinner Meeting Here On Tuesday

Supt. H. Bueck gave a review of Ludwig's STALIN at the meeting of the Murphy and Andrews units of the North Carolina Education association in the home economics building Tuesday evening. Mrs. Martha Adams, president of the Murphy unit, presided, and Miss Mary Lee Pelmet and Mrs. H. Bueck had charge of the program.

Miss Virginia Ann Morgan sang a group of solos, accompanied by Mrs. Duke Whitley; Mrs. Bueck introduced the Murphy faculty with a story, in which the names appeared, and the Andrews faculty with a musical number including their names which she sang. Mrs. J. W. Davidson played the accompaniment.

Billy Fain gave a chalk drawing of the harvest season, with Ann

The American Legion is sponsoring a movement to build a service board in honor of the men and women in military service from this county. The board will cost approximately \$300, and it will be erected in Murphy.

Private contributions are being solicited for the erection of the board. It is thought that all who have sons or daughters or members of their families in the service will want to make a contribution.

Contributions will be received by Mrs. J. L. Hall, Mrs. W. D. King, Mrs. T. J. Mauney, or the Scout office, in Regal hotel building.

## Mailing Deadline For Christmas Is December 1

There are now less than two weeks left to meet the December 1 deadline set by the government for sending all Christmas holiday gift packages.

That reminder came yesterday from L. F. Manneschildt, District Manager of the Charlotte District Office of Defense Transportation.

Cooperation of the public in meeting the December 1 deadline is absolutely essential if over burdened transportation facilities are to be able to handle the tremendous volume of 1944 gift sending, the ODT official declared.

And, the ODT District Manager reminded, you get better selection and better service at local stores when you shop early.

## Andrews School To Have No Holiday 23rd

ANDREWS — In line with most other schools Thanksgiving Day will not be observed by the Andrews schools this year. However, on Friday afternoon, Nov. 24, class work will be suspended, and the school will have a picture show in the school auditorium. The picture will consist of the main feature, "So You Won't Talk", with Joe E. Brown as leading man and three shorts. The picture will be free to all pupils.

School for the Christmas holidays will close on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and resume again on Monday, Jan. 1, 1945. With favorable weather the school will be able to close its 1944-45 session June 1, 1945.

### SERMON SUBJECTS

The subject for the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, November 26, at Calvary Baptist church will be, "Man's Life Planned by God". The evening service at 7:30 subject will be "Christian Character". Public is invited to attend. Preaching at each service will be by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Voyles.

## Murphy Observes Thanksgiving

The bank, post office, library all the offices in the courthouse and most of the stores in Murphy will be closed today (Thursday) in observance of Thanksgiving. The school will observe a half holiday, with a ball game with Franklin, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Hearing in the cases against John Donley, former clerk of Cherokee county superior court, to recover funds totaling approximately \$12,000 alleged by plaintiffs he failed to account for, was concluded Monday, and the referee, Judge E. Frank Watson of Spruce Pine, has it under advisement and will report his findings in 15 days.

Gray and Christopher represent the plaintiffs, and Mallonee and Jenkins the defendant.

### FLORIST RE-OPENS

Mrs. J. Roy Stalcup has re-opened Murphy Florist, in the building adjoining Dickey Chevrolet Company and announces this week that she will keep fresh flowers constantly.

Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Mrs. O. K. Erhart and Mrs. F. V. Taylor spent several days in Atlanta last week.

## Guam Recruit for Marines



(U. S. Marine Corps Photo) Marine 1st Sgt. Charles Gulliford of Atlanta, Ga., and 17-year-old "would-be" Marine Jimmy Guerrero of Arana, Guam, look over enlistment papers at a Leatherneck base in the South Pacific. Jimmy stowed away aboard ship to accompany the Marines who freed his homeland and now is seeking admittance to the Corps. Meanwhile, he's unofficially attached to the first sergeant's unit.

## Junior Red Cross Enrolls Total Of 744

The annual enrollment of the American Junior Red Cross was held November 1-15. Ten rooms in the grammar grades and six in high school had one hundred percent enrollment. The total amount collected in Murphy schools was \$76.15. The total enrollment was 744.

Miss Antoinette Beasley, field worker for American Junior Red Cross, spoke to the grammar grades at chapel, showing articles made by other schools for Junior Red Cross distribution.

High school art classes have already made Christmas menu covers for the army and navy. The grammar grades are planning to make bridge score pads, nut cups, tray favors, mounting crossword puzzles, scrap books, and ice cream spikes.

The schools in the Murphy unit contributed the following amounts to the Junior Red Cross: Murphy high school, \$34.54; Murphy grammar school, \$41.61; Tomotla, \$7.68; Grape Creek, \$2; and Texanna \$1, making a total of \$86.83.

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Recent needs have developed for Nurses, Nurses Aides and Clerical workers in the Asheville area.

Miss Sara H. McClure, Recruiting Representative from the Charlotte, Office, will work on this program in conjunction with Frederick Sheetz, recruiting representative of the Asheville office.

On November 30, December 1st and 2nd, Miss McClure will be at U. S. Employment Service, Murphy. While Mr. Sheetz calls at Shooting Creek, Hayesville, Brass-town, Culberson, Ranger, Marble, Andrews and Topon. Mr. Sheetz will visit Robbinsville and Nantahala on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Interested applicants are urged to contact these Representatives for additional information.

### DISCHARGED

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abernathy and baby, Linda, were visitors in Murphy today (Wednesday). Mr. Abernathy, who has been in service for the past 26 months, located at Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Brown, Texas, as stable sergeant, and mechanized reconnaissance instructor, has been honorably discharged.

## County Makes Good Start In Bond Drive

### Rotarians Hear Letters From Service Men

ANDREWS — The Andrews Rotary club's program at its last meeting was devoted to the reading of letters from service men. Letters read were not confined to former Rotarians who are now in the military service, although nine former members are in service, this being one of the largest percentages throughout the country.

Club members now in service are: Jack Herbert, South Pacific; Gerald Almond, at sea, South Pacific; Robert Heaton, temporary discharge, Clinton, Tenn.; Arthur Watkins, The States; Simeon Chlewich, European theater; T. G. Ellis, India; A. B. Chandler, St. John's, Newfoundland; Alden Coward, France or Germany; Morris Bush, The States.

No meeting will be held Nov. 23, this being a legal holiday.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 30, at Terrace hotel ladies' night will be observed. Honorary guest of the club on this evening will be Miss Ada Mae Pruette, who is now teaching in the Andrews schools for the twenty-seventh consecutive year.

### Fourth Of All Cigarettes Go To Armed Forces

The shortage of cigarettes experienced throughout the country reflects the bad distribution due to war time conditions and the fact that the armed forces are now smoking a fourth of the country's total production, but no rationing of them is contemplated, the Office of Price Administration states. The War Food Administration reports that the number of cigarettes being manufactured for civilian and soldier consumption is the greatest in the history of the tobacco industry. Only a negligible amount of tax-free cigarettes is sent abroad for consumption other than by our armed forces. Black market operations and hoarding are also believed to be factors contributing to the spotty distribution and civilian shortages.

## Delmar Postell Is Promoted

With The Fifth Army, Italy — Private First Class Delmar Postell son of Mrs. Clara D. Postell, who lives on Route 1, Andrews, North Carolina, has been promoted to corporal. He is a tank, gunner with a tank unit of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

## Christmas Seal Sale Starts On Nov. 27

The sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals sponsored by the woman's club begins Monday, the 27th. As usual, the seals will be sold through the school.

Mrs. Mary King Spainhour will supervise the sale in the high school and Mrs. Martha Adams in the elementary school.

Seventy-five per cent of the sales remains in Murphy to be used for the cure or prevention of tuberculosis. The money this year has been used principally for chest X-rays and medicines for tubercular patients, through the health department.

The quota for Murphy is \$125. The John C. Campbell Folk school has purchased \$5 worth, and Hiwassee Dam school asked for \$25 worth, which leaves \$95 worth for Murphy. It is hoped that every seal will be sold this year, says the seal Sale Chairman, Mrs. C. W. Savage.

The Sixth War Loan in Cherokee county got underway this week with much activity in the banks, post offices, among the ladies' groups, and in the schools, announces Chairman P. B. Ferebee.

H. Bueck is Murphy chairman; W. D. Whitaker, Andrews chairman; Miss Frances Cover, women's chairman; Miss Dora Ruth Parks, Murphy women's chairman; and Miss Addie Mae Cooke, publicity chairman. Others are doing definite work on the drive.

The Murphy high and grammar schools have assumed a goal of \$125,000 in bonds, to buy a hospital service plane. Mrs. J. W. Davidson is chairman for grammar school and Mrs. Mary King Spainhour, high school.

For the Women's division of Murphy, Mrs. E. P. Arnold is chairman of booths. Volunteer workers are asked to contact her at the Dickey House for scheduling hours at which they can be at booths. There will be one booth in the Court House every afternoon, and one in Parker's Drug store. Members of the Junior Woman's club are under the direction of Mrs. C. S. Worthen; Members of the Senior Woman's club are under the direction of Mrs. Jerry Davidson. Plans have been made for sale of bonds in offices, stores, hotels and the library.

Bonds will be on sale at the library from 9 to 12 and 2 to 5 daily and 7 to 9 Tuesday and Saturday evenings. There is a special award for libraries selling a certain quota of bonds. "Help your library win an award. Even if you do not have time to find a booth downtown you can buy at the library," says the Women's chairman.

All women whether members of any club or not, are urged to give as much time as possible to the sale of bonds.

## Anderson Made 2nd Lieutenant

Kirkland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. — Aviation cadet Hugh R. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Early L. Anderson of Box 154, Hayesville, North Carolina, a recent graduate of the Army Air Forces bombardier school here has been Commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded the silver "wings" of the aerial bombardier, supplementing previously won aerial gunner's insignia.

Lieut. Anderson is a graduate of Hayesville high school, class of 1940 and before entering military service was employed as a diesel mechanic.

Prior to his successful completion of 18 weeks of flight and combat training in high level precision bombing and navigation at Kirkland Field, Lieut. Anderson was stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada, where he graduated from the Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school as an aerial gunner.

Now ready for active duty, his destination is not disclosed.

## Jas. Ray Suit Arrives In China

Lt. James Ray Suit has arrived in China according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Suit. He has been placed with the famous flying Tigers. Lt. Suit received his wings and promotion in Marianna Islands. He is a graduate of Murphy high school, class of '36, and was president of student body at that time. He entered service in April 1941, served at Orlando, Fla., with the experimental squadron before going overseas.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover were called to Cruise last week by the illness of Dr. Hoover's father. Mr. Hoover was reported to be improved Tuesday.