

Highway Opening Will Increase Tourist Travel

The highway from Murphy to Atlanta through Blue Ridge, Ellijay, Ballground, Nelson, Jasper, Tate, Canton and Marietta, sections of which have been under construction through 1946 and a part of 1947, is now completed and open for travel, it has been announced. This is the shortest route from Murphy to Atlanta and is a good hardsurfaced road all the way. It is the route traveled by the buses from Murphy to Atlanta. This highway having been blocked all last winter and spring, Florida tourists going north through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, were routed over other highways rather than through this county, consequently, Murphy and Andrews lost a great deal of tourist travel.

U. S. highway 64, from Ringer, seven miles west of Murphy to the Tennessee state line near Ducktown, which has been under construction for almost two years, having been relocated and regraded, has been a rock surfaced and opened for travel. Although the top surface will not be put on until the early spring of 1948, it is now in good condition for year-round travel.

Northern tourists going south to Florida through the Smoky Mountain Park and Asheville, can come through here and have a good hardsurfaced road all the way, through Atlanta to Florida.

Fuel Oil Promises To Be Short In East This Winter

Despite the Federal Government's release of additional tankers and the widespread additional efforts of the oil industry to improve the situation regarding fuel oil and other petroleum products, it is doubtful that the East Coast requirements will be completely met this winter.

The situation will be even more serious should the weather prove severe and should householders, motorists and other users of petroleum products fail to cooperate in spreading the available supply.

There are highlights of a detailed official report on the supply-demand situation regarding oil products which has just been completed by the American Petroleum Institute and technical officials representing the more than 34,000 companies in the industry.

The report was made public locally by Frank J. Whitehurst, Division Manager, Arkansas Fuel Company, Charlotte, in his capacity as State Chairman of the Oil Industry's Public Relations Committee.

The study, one of the most complete ever made on the subject, bristles with figures. It points out that the Eastern area is almost entirely dependent upon outside sources of supply. Much of this supply reaches the Atlantic Coast by water and the prolonged strike at ship-repair yards along the Atlantic seaboard raised havoc with the tanker fleet. Other difficulties in the transportation situation have been caused by the inability of the industry to obtain sufficient amounts of steel, electrical supplies and other essential equipment to construct new facilities, such as tank cars, tank trucks adequate to meet the unprecedented demand.

Miss Fannie Dewesse and Mrs. Ruth Nichols were in Asheville on business Tuesday.

Christmas Seals



1947
MERRY CHRISTMAS
... Your Protection Against Tuberculosis

Junior Red Cross Enrollment To Be Held Next Week

Mrs. H. Bueck, Junior Red Cross chairman of the Cherokee county chapter, announces that the annual junior enrollment will be conducted in the schools Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The most recent activity of the Juniors was to send \$50 worth of Christmas gifts to patients at Moore and Oteen hospitals.

License Plates Are Different Prices This Year

Sale of 1948 license plates for North Carolina commenced on Monday, December 1, at Carolina Motor Club offices throughout the state. For the first time since 1942, two license plates will be carried by vehicles during the coming year and these tags can be obtained now.

"The principle reason," says Carolina Motor Club President Coleman W. Roberts, "for the return to two license tags is to simplify law enforcement on our highways and enable patrolmen to spot tag number on offenders. This benefit, it is believed, will offset the increased cost to the state of having two plates."

Actually for each pair of tags manufactured by North Carolina prison labor, the prison metal shop is charging the State Motor Vehicle Bureau four cents more than they did for single tags during 1947.

Single plates were used from 1944 through 1947 and in 1943 small tabs were used. It is estimated that the total number of tags used per year in North Carolina is 950,000 and tags for 1948, now on order from the Motor Vehicle Bureau total 872,800 pairs to be used on all types of vehicles and 6,100 single plates to be used on trailers of various types.

This year a new license fee law is effective which provides for basic prices instead of a different rate for every passenger car of different weight as in the past. The three basic figures to be used are \$15, \$12 and \$10 for private passenger vehicles and a flat \$60 fee for taxicabs and other service and "for hire" passenger vehicles.

The new rates will mean a small saving to owners of heavier vehicles. Into the \$15 bracket fall Cadillacs, Lincolns and buses and hearses of all makes. The \$12 bracket includes Buick, Chrysler, Lincoln Zephyr and Packard and into the \$10 slot goes Ford, Chevrolet, Kaiser, Plymouth, Dodge and Studebaker.

Penny Announces Methodist Services

The Rev. W. B. Penny, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Who is My Neighbor?" and Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock on "The Trial by Fire". Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. and Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

At the 11 o'clock service members of the American Legion who are also members of the local congregation will sit together as a body. The message will be in keeping with the general theme of the day, "The good neighbor."

The week of December 7-14 is Methodist Education week with emphasis placed on schools and colleges.

The pastor will speak at the Fellowship hour Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. H. F. Williams of Knoxville spent Thanksgiving here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Carringer.



4-H CLUB WINNER — Carolyn Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of Andrews, who has been declared State 4-H Clothing winner and, as a result was awarded an expense-paid trip to National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago this week. There she was awarded a national honor of a \$200 scholarship.

Carolyn has been actively engaged in Club work for 5 years. The 58 projects which she has completed gave her a gross income of \$9,914.

She was accompanied to Chicago by Miss Mary Cornwell and Miss Velma Beam, who are attending the national home demonstration agents' meeting.

Jerry Hall Wins State 4-H Prize

Jerry Hall, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall of Murphy, has been declared the winner of a state prize of a \$25 savings bond for outstanding 4-H club work in Dairy Production. He was one of four winners in the state.

Jerry's demonstration on Dairy Production given at State college in August at the 4-H short course gave him 25 per cent of the total points needed to win the prize.

Doing 4-H club work for the past eight years, this young man has earned approximately \$5,000. The revenue has been mostly from dairy cattle and farm products. He has saved a large portion of his earnings and will use it to go to college. He will graduate from Murphy high school next spring and expects to enter Wake Forest college as a ministerial student in the fall of 1948.

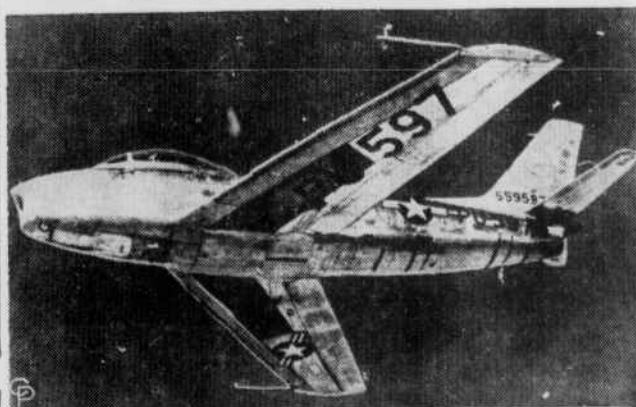
Jerry was district winner in Dairy Production here last summer, therefore representing the district at the 4-H short course. He also won the county award of a gold medal for outstanding Dairy Production.

Included in the projects that he has carried on are: Sheep, poultry, wild life and hybrid corn.

Truett Announces Sermon Topics

The Rev. W. T. Truett, pastor of the Ranger Baptist church, will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "The Gift of God" from John, 4th chapter, 10th verse, and at Old Martins Creek church at 2:30 p.m. on Revelation 22-17, "The Call to Repentance."

NEW JET FIGHTER PLANE IN FLIGHT



THE U. S. AIR FORCE'S new jet-propelled fighter plane XP-86 is shown over the Mojave Desert on its first test flight. The plane, designed to probe the sonic speed realm, features swept-back wings and tail assembly. The craft is expected to exceed 600 miles an hour under actual combat conditions. The XP-86 has wing span of 37 feet and an identical over-all-length. It has a range of more than 1,000 miles. (International)

Carolyn Smith Wins National Clothing Achievement Awards

Good Neighbor Day Is To Be Observed Sunday

Next Sunday, Pearl Harbor day, will be observed at Good Neighbor day, sponsored by the American Legion posts of this county. All veterans are being asked by their American Legion posts to attend the church services of their choice and to sit in a body. Ministers have been requested to emphasize the "Good Neighbor" theme in their sermons.

Carringer Sings With Interracial Singers And Is Church Soloist

Walter Carringer of Murphy, a student at Columbia University, New York City, is doing some extra curricular singing while attending college. He is soloist for the John Hall Memorial Presbyterian church at the Sunday morning services. He will sing there in the Christmas program on the 21st, prior to coming home for the Christmas holidays, to visit his mother, Mrs. Ruth Carringer.

Carringer also is a member of the New York Interracial Singers with whom he has appeared in concerts three times since going to New York. The singers are scheduled to give a concert at Town Hall Thursday (today). On October 19 the group sang at the Freedom House dinner honoring Secretary of State George C. Marshall; on Nov. 15, with the New Rochelle Symphony Orchestra, and on Nov. 26, at Carnegie Hall.

Fred Brendle Chosen To Play In Optimist Bowl

Triplethreat Fred Brendle Murphy's quarterback was the only Cherokee County and Southwestern boy to be chosen to play in the N. C. Optimist Bowl football game in Asheville December 13. Coach Poindexter of Canton High will have charge of the Western squad and Brendle. Fred is an all around athlete as he is a master on the basketball court and an excellent base ball player. Fred also runs the 100 yard dash in 10 seconds.

Against Sylva Fred got loose for a 70-yard run; he completed seven of nine passes against Andrews; and one punt was 60 yards against the same team.

Bessinger To Lead Deacons, Pastors, School

The Rev. C. D. Bessinger, pastor of Grace Baptist church, West Asheville, will teach the book, "Honoring the Deaconship" by P. E. Burroughs, at the Western North Carolina association-wide Deacons' and Pastors' school to be held at First Baptist Church, Murphy, Dec. 8-11. Classes will be held each evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Symphony Drive Starts Next Week

The Cherokee county campaign to raise at least \$750 for the North Carolina Symphony society will be conducted next week. Miss Margaret Fisher of Andrews is county chairman this year. Committees are working with her in various sections of the county.

The orchestra has played in this county for the past two consecutive years and is expected to return next spring for two concerts.



CANDIDATE — Senator W. B. Umstead of Durham, appointed to fill the unexpired term of U. S. Senator J. W. Bailey, who has announced his candidacy to succeed himself in that office. Senator Umstead is being opposed in the campaign by Former Governor J. M. Broughton of Raleigh.

W. N. C. Training Union Meeting Is Friday Night

The Western North Carolina Associational Baptist Training Union quarterly meeting will be held at Little Brasstown Baptist church Friday evening, Dec. 12, starting at 7:30.

Clifford Hall, training union director at Moccasin Creek, will conduct the devotional. Personal testimony on the value of prayer meetings in churches will be given by representatives of various churches. Goals for 1948 will be discussed by Miss Mildred Whitfield, associational missionary.

The closing address will be delivered by the Rev. A. B. Lovell, pastor of Little Brasstown church, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. J. E. Cable, pastor of Mt. Pisgah church.

Mrs. Clay Rogers of Hayesville, associational director, will preside.

J. H. Simonds, Jr. Taken By Death At The Age Of 16

John H. Simonds, Jr., age 16, died at a Copperhill hospital November 25, after an illness of only a few days. Funeral services were held at the Wolf Creek Baptist church November 27, with the Rev. C. W. Cook officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery, with Townson funeral home in charge.

Survivors are: His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simonds of Cherokee county; seven sisters: Mrs. Edith Sessions, Mrs. Arniee Kaylor, Mrs. Annie Hawkins, Mrs. Minnie Moore, Mrs. Marie Chastain of Isabella, Tenn., and Mrs. Mary Kaylor and Mrs. Daisy Sparks, Copperhill, Tenn.; and three brothers, Irvin Simonds of Plant City, Fla., and Everett and Lester Simonds of Cherokee county.

"Christmas In The Home" Is The Theme Of December Club Meetings

"Christmas in the Home" will be the theme of the December home demonstration club meetings in Cherokee county, announces Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Monday, December 8, Brasstown, Mrs. Monroe Wilson, 1 o'clock; Tuesday, December 9, Bellview, Mrs. C. L. Hall & Mrs. Lattie Hughes, hostesses, 1 o'clock; Wednesday, December 10, Postell, Mrs. E. R. Swain, 1 o'clock; Thursday, December 11, Peachtree, Mrs. J. Franklin Smith, 1:30 o'clock; Friday, December 12, Sunny Point, Mrs. Josie Harris 1 o'clock;

Five thousand dollars seems like a huge sum to be placed on the value of the home work done by a 17-year-old girl. But, in five years, Carolyn D. Smith of Andrews, has completed 58 4-H Club projects valued at \$4,957.72.

Her work in clothing is responsible for \$1,585.35. As a result of this outstanding record in sewing, Carolyn has been selected as a winner of one of the 12 college scholarships in the National 4-H Clothing Achievement program. She and the clothing champions from 44 other states and Alaska are enjoying an all-expense educational trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Because of limited space in her home, Carolyn converted their old back porch from a junk place into a convenient sewing room complete with cutting table, pattern file, ironing board, sewing machine and all the other essentials needed for a well-equipped sewing room. Here she spent many happy and profitable hours making clothes for herself and others — to the total of 197 garments.

Her efforts are not concentrated entirely on the making of new articles as she has remodeled 103 garments and mended 461. Carolyn finds it fun to make gifts, too, having already made 377. For last Christmas she made tea towels, dresses, stuffed animals, embroidered pieces, tablecloths, and napkins for her friends and relatives, and a scarf with embroidered initial for her boy friend.

Besides her noteworthy achievements in sewing, she has also done extensive work in food preparation and preservation, poultry projects, health improvement, room improvement, garden and innumerable other 4-H enterprises. Her motto in all is "Make the Best Better".

With new materials plentiful once more, there were more new garments made in 1947 than in previous years. At the same time there was also a definite increase in the number of articles remodeled and repaired. It seems that a girl who has once enjoyed the satisfying sense of achievement that comes from creating "something useful out of something useless" simply can't resist tackling a difficult alteration job. Interest in remodeling was also stimulated by the clothes-for-overseas campaign to which so many contributed.

The winners are selected on the basis of exceptional record books in which the girls include all their clothing achievements from the time they sewed their first stitch until they became eligible for contest honors. These records must demonstrate excellence, not only in clothing construction, but also in buymanship, care of clothing, wardrobe planning, styling, and good grooming.

Besides her skill at sewing and other needlecraft, each winner must have demonstrated qualities which make her a progressive and useful member of her family and community.

IN AKRON

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Crisp and daughter, Joan, and Mrs. John Donley spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crisp in Akron, Ohio. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bill Gentry who visited her mother there.

Saturday, December 13, Upper Peachtree, Mrs. J. W. Curtis, 1 o'clock; Monday, December 15, Violet, Mrs. Fred Graham, 1 o'clock; Tuesday, December 16, Slow Creek, Mrs. Callie Morrison, 1 o'clock; Tuesday, December 16, Martin's Creek, School Building, 1 o'clock; Wednesday, December 17, Unaka, Miss Una Coleman, 1 o'clock; Wednesday, December 17, Valleytown (to be announced); Thursday, December 18, Tomolia, Mrs. C. C. Roberts, 1:30 o'clock; Thursday, December 18, Ranger, Mrs. Ruth Hughes, 1 o'clock; Friday, December 19, Murphy, Mrs. Rhea Moore, 2 o'clock.