

## Lions Feature Boy Scout Week

In connection with Boy Scout week, Murphy Lions club, meeting Tuesday evening at Henry House, heard a discussion of local Scout work by Dale Lee, troop committeeman. He announced that Murphy and community has been asked for \$500 in the adult membership drive that is to be conducted this month.

Dr. George Plonk announced that a total of \$1,240 has been raised in Murphy in the Infantile Paralysis campaign.

Howard Adair, chairman of the 1948 fund campaign of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross, announced that the drive will start here March 1 and that the quota is \$2,160. He urged the cooperation of the Lions.

Members of the club made contributions totalling \$115 for the treasury of the local Boy Scouts.

The following men were introduced: Felix Inglis, scoutmaster of the local troop, guest of Frank Forsyth; Hugh Roberts, guest of Edward Brumby; and Steve Carlyle, guest of John Davidson.

## Club Schedule For February Is Announced

The Home Demonstration club schedule for February 10-26 is as follows:

Tuesday, February 10, Bellview, Mrs. Willie Givins, 1:00 o'clock; Wednesday, February 11, Postell, Mrs. G. W. Young, 1:30 o'clock; Thursday, February 12, Slow Creek, Mrs. Jim Donley, 1:30 o'clock; Friday, February 13, Sunny Point, Mrs. J. M. Payne, 1:30 o'clock; Tuesday, February 17, Upper Peachtree, Mrs. Dewell Curtis, 1:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, February 18, Unaka, Mrs. U. S. G. Phillips, 1:30 o'clock; Thursday, February 19, Tomolia, (to be announced), 2:00 o'clock; Friday, February 20, Murphy, Mrs. Carrie Davis, 2:00 o'clock; Tuesday, February 24, Martin's Creek, School Building, 1:30 o'clock; Wednesday, February 25, Valleytown, Mrs. Marion Early, 2:00 o'clock; Thursday, February 26, Ranger, Mrs. Hampton Monteith, 1:30 o'clock.

## Andrews To Be Host To WNCAC Feb. 24

The Western North Carolina Associated Communities, of which Percy B. Ferebee, is president, will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 24, at Terrace Hotel, Andrews, beginning with luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

Among the matters to be discussed at this meeting will be: The Industrial Survey which has

## Scout Adult Membership Drive Quota Set At \$1,685 In District

The adult membership drive for the Boy Scouts of America gets into full swing in Cherokee county and all over the nation on the 16th of February. Contributions made toward this drive help bring Scouting to more boys in the Nantahala District of the Daniel Boone Council. The quota for the Nantahala District is \$1,685. This sum has been proportionately divided among the towns of the three counties Cherokee, Clay, and Graham, comprising this district.

Much prominence has been given to the Boy Scouts of America in recent days, James Osborne, chairman of this district, says: "That is as it should be. The Boys deserve much credit for the work that they have done and will continue to do. They need more than our good wishes. The boys that are to be the Citizens of Tomorrow need the "boosts" that we as adults can give them through our good turns toward them and with

## Farm Dwellings In Improved State Of Repair

Farm property in Cherokee county is now worth more than \$3,825,000, and rural homes here and throughout the state are in the best condition in history, according to a report just released by the Tile Council of America.

More than 75 per cent of farm dwellings in North Carolina and the South are in excellent condition or need only such minor repairs as painting or general maintenance, the report revealed. Only 61.1 per cent were in good repair in 1940. The report was based on Bureau of the Census surveys.

"The rise in farm incomes and property values since 1940 has been accompanied by a great increase in the number of rural homes equipped with such modern conveniences as electric lights, tiled baths and showers and running water," said F. B. Ortman, chairman of the Council's residential construction committee.

Electricity, for instance, has gone into hundreds of thousands of the nation's rural dwellings since 1940. Ortman noted. More than 59 per cent of all farm homes now have electric lights, in contrast to 31.3 per cent in 1940.

More than 32 per cent of rural dwellings in the United States today have running water, and 20.1 per cent have private baths, according to the Tile Council report. In 1940, 17.7 per cent had running water and only 10.6 per cent private baths.

## B. D. Swanson

Funeral services for B. D. Swanson, age 72, were held at Swanson Baptist Church Thursday, February 5, at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Hankins officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with Pack and Brewer funeral home in charge.

Bill Bayless of Asheville spent several days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bayless.



SHOES THAT FIT are something new to these Greek boys. Though American gifts these necessities have arrived. The overseas relief drive held in Cherokee County on Feb. 15-22 will make possible scenes like this in Europe and Asia.

## Tourney Finals Slated For Friday Night

Favorites in all divisions advanced in the first round of play in the Western North Carolina basketball tournament here Tuesday except for one big upset when the Cullowhee boys bowled over a favored Robbinsville five by the count of 25 to 21.

In another hotly contested game the top-seeded Cherokee Indians took the Andrews boys into camp 34 to 33.

In the other boys' game Nantahala beat Stecoah 39 to 17.

In girls games everything went according to pre-tourney predictions with Swain high of Bryson City topping Stecoah 21 to 10, Murphy nosing out Cherokee 24 to 18, Cullowhee beating Franklin 21 to 10, and Hiwassee Dam beating Sylva 21 to 19.

Wednesday, the second round of the Western Carolina cage tourney produced one of the wildest nights of basketball seen in many a moon at the Murphy high school court before a jammed and overflowing house which saw a whole batch of upsets and thrilling ball games.

In the wildest clash of the evening it took an overtime period for the Swain high school basketballers of Bryson City to defeat Murphy high boys 29 to 28. Ed Watson of Swain high took the scoring honors with 13 points. For the favored Murphy quint Brendle with 11 markers was high.

In the other games the Hiwassee Dam girls defeated Robbinsville 28 to 26 in an upset. The Murphy girls edged the Nantahala lassies 17 to 15, also a thrilling upset. The Hayesville girls whipped the Cullowhee ladies 24 to 14 in a hard fought ball game. The Franklin high school boys took a 31-26 defeat from a high flying Sylva quint. The underdog Cullowhee high boys upset the Cherokee high Indians 35 to 30 in another thriller of the evening. The Andrews high lassies overwhelmed the Swain high girls 34 to 23, while in the last clash of the evening the Hiwassee Dam boys roared over the Hayesville high quint 27 to 17 in a bitterly contested tilt.

Thursday night (tonight) will mark the semi-final pairings which are as follows: At 7:00 o'clock the Hiwassee Dam girls will tangle with the Andrews lassies; the Murphy girls will square off against the highly touted Hayesville girls at eight o'clock, and at nine o'clock the Nantahala high boys will stack up against the Hiwassee Dam boys.

Finals will be played Friday night.

### MORE TRAFFIC

There are a million more passenger cars, 1,633,000 more trucks and 38,600 more busses on the road today than in 1941. The volume of travel has increased considerably—roughly twelve to fifteen per cent.

### SINGING

The Third Sunday singing will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Maltby Baptist church, announces John Donley, chairman.

## Judge Alley Retires And Is Succeeded By Dan K. Moore; Baxter C. Jones Is Solicitor

### Deputies Will Help Taxpayers To File Returns

The following is the schedule which has been set up for the deputy collectors who will assist taxpayers to file their 1947 income tax returns:

Murphy, Court House, February 19 and 20;

Hayesville, Post Office, February 20;

Andrews, Post Office, February 18;

Robbinsville, Court House, February 18.

The hours to be observed will be from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., subject to weather conditions.



JUDGE FELIX ALLEY

### Miss Crayne Is Found Dead In Augusta, Ga.

Funeral services were held Monday at 10:30 a. m. at Old Mother church in Robbinsville for Miss Birdelle Crayne who was found dead in her room in a boarding house in Augusta, Ga., Friday apparently overcome by fumes from a gas heater, according to reports from that city. The Rev. Ronald Holland officiated and burial was in the Old Mother church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Survivors include the mother, Mrs. Nettie Crayne; three sisters, Mrs. Rosie Gregory, Mrs. Pansy Gregory, and Mrs. Lilly Boring.

Miss Crayne, who was 29 years old, was working as a waitress in an Augusta cafe. Her dead body and that of her roommate, Mrs. Margaret Virginia Dodson Slight of Duncane, S. C., were discovered when the operator of the rooming house smelled gas and broke into the room about 11:30 a. m. Friday. Both were in street clothes. One was across a bed and the other on the floor as if she had tumbled from a chair. An unfinished personal letter lay on a dresser.

### Citizenship Program To Be Given At Club

The February dinner meeting of the Murphy Woman's club will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist church.

The program will be presented by the department of American Citizenship with Mrs. T. S. Evans, chairman, Mrs. Robert Bault, Mrs. S. P. Horowitz and Miss Kate Hayes, members of the committee.

Patrolman Charles Galloway will talk on the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Inspection program, and Porter Raper will sing.



HEADS CAMPAIGN—Howard Adair, member of the jewelry firm, Davis' Jewelers, has been appointed chairman of the 1948 fund campaign of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross. Appointment was made recently by the chapter chairman, Miss Addie Mae Cooke. The campaign starts March 1, with the advance gifts committee working the last week in February. The chapter's quota this year is \$2,160.



ON BAPTIST HOUR—"Youth's Great Investment" is the subject of "The Baptist Hour" for February 15, with Charles Wellborn of Fort Worth, Texas as speaker. It was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. E. Lowe, Director. Heard over Station WSB at 9:30 A. M. "The Baptist Hour" is considering "Church, Youth and the Home" in February, under the general theme, "Divine Light For Daily Living."

Mr. Wellborn, a first year student at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, was formerly a teacher of Political Science at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and has been with the Department of Student Work in Texas Youth Revivals the past two years.

A feature of the February 15 program will be the seventh favorite hymn, as determined by a poll among six and a half million Southern Baptists, and other interested listeners.

### Penny Announces Sunday Services

The Rev. W. B. Penny, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning at 11:00 on "Such As I Have, Give I Thee" and Sunday evening at 7:30 on "The Trial of John Mark." Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m., and Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p. m.

At both services Sunday the congregation will be given the opportunity to sign pledges, thus, committing themselves to the practice of total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic beverages on a permanent basis.

Wednesday, February 18, the Youth Choir practice will be held at 6:30 p. m. and the Fellowship Hour at 7:30. At this hour chapter three of the book of James will be discussed. The Adult Choir practice will follow immediately at 8:30 p. m.

### Mrs. Candler And Mrs. Lee To Go To Buenos Aires

Mrs. G. W. Candler and Mrs. Dale Lee will leave Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ward in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They will leave Atlanta over Eastern Air lines for Miami, Fla., where they will spend two days, leaving there Sunday will stop at San Juan, Puerto Rico for a short time, then to Rio de Janeiro for where they will spend two days sight-seeing, and will arrive in Buenos Aires Thursday. Mrs. Lee plans to spend two months there, and Mrs. Candler possibly will remain there till July.

### TOLL AVOIDED

The proposal to impose a 25c per day (\$1 per season) toll on the Blue Ridge Parkway has been abandoned, at least temporarily, after many protests from Virginia and North Carolina.

Judge Felix E. Alley of Waynesville retired Tuesday as a regular Superior court judge after 15 years' service. In a special ceremony in the office of Governor Cherry Tuesday, he was sworn in as an emergency judge. Dan K. Moore of Sylva, who has served the district as solicitor during the present term, was sworn in as judge of the 20th judicial district to succeed Judge Alley. Baxter C. Jones of Bryson City was sworn in as solicitor to fill the vacancy.

Both Judge Moore and Solicitor Jones immediately filed for reelection. Their appointment cannot extend beyond the general election.

Judge Alley was born in Jackson county, July 5, 1873, the son of Col. John H. Alley, a Mexican War veteran, and Mary Norton Alley, early settlers in Whiteside cove, near Whiteside mountain. He was their tenth child and was an invalid until he was 16, having suffered with asthma, which he says was cured by a case of whooping cough.

In 1904 he was elected to the state legislature from Jackson county. In 1910 he was elected solicitor of the 20th judicial district and served for four years. Three years later he moved his family from Webster to Waynesville, where he has continued to make his home.

He served as presidential elector for Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and for James M. Cox in 1920. In 1926 he was the unsuccessful candidate for congress against Zebulon Weaver, but when defeated he turned his talents to the campaign in behalf of his former opponent. In 1932 he was a delegate to the National Democratic convention in Chicago and in the following campaign delivered 34 speeches. He began his judgeship on Jan. 26, 1933, when he was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Walter Moore. The next year he was elected to an eight year term and has served until his retirement.

The judge has been a student since early childhood. He is the author of two widely read books, "Random Thoughts and Musings of a Mountaineer" and "What Think Ye of Christ?"

### Services To Be Held Sunday

Services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by a student from Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

A congregational meeting has been called at the close of the service for the purpose of transacting matters of business, and all members are urged to be present. A foreign mission offering will be taken at this service.

Mrs. W. Christopher is visiting her son, Spurge Christopher, and Mrs. Christopher in Atlanta this week.

## "Fill A Ship With Friendship" Drive Starts Here Next Monday

A pre-drive meeting was called by Rev. W. B. Penny Tuesday night for the making of final arrangements for the coming "Fill A Ship with Friendship" drive week of February 15-22.

Transportation Chairman W. M. Fain reported that arrangements were being made for prompt shipment of material collected in the drive to port of embarkation.

Mayor Neil Sneed, chairman of the collecting committee, reported that solicitation of needed materials would start promptly Monday, February 15. It was suggested that everyone should start gathering up all materials Monday and place them in cardboard boxes if available, and if not, wrap in heavy wrapping paper to insure their being shipped undamaged. Friday afternoon, February 20, at 2:00 P. M. actual picking up of materials will begin and material should be placed on the front porch not later than 1:00 o'clock to insure the Boy Scouts pick up committee getting them.

The actual benefit derived from materials shipped overseas by the "Fill A Ship with Friendship" drives conducted in other towns was proven by the reading of several letters written by overseas organizations receiving shipments in Siane and other places.

Items on the list of needed materials are: clothing of all kind and for all ages, bedding, shoes (tied in pairs), children's books, Bibles, toys, games, dolls, school supplies, seeds, cotton seed bags, tableware but no china, kitchen utensils, linens, candles and stubs, stockings and socks, felt hats, soap, sewing supplies, overshoes, farm tools and harness, and hand tools.

Representatives present for this meeting were: Rev. W. B. Penny, Dale Lee, W. D. King, Mayor Neil Sneed, J. B. Gray, W. M. Fain, D. D. Whitley, Harve Elkins, Felix B. Inglis, Sister Virginia Heatherington, and Mrs. R. H. Ford.