

EDUCATION . . . . .  
To know the laws of God in nature and revelation, and then to fashion the affections and will into harmony with those laws—this is education.—Sevel.

# The Cherokee Scout

"Be Thankful  
You Can See"

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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

## Symphony Drive Is In Progress Here

With a quota of \$750 for the 1950 visit of the North Carolina Symphony orchestra to this county, only one third, or \$250, has thus far been raised in the current drive, announces Miss Hildred Heaton, county chairman.

Those desiring memberships are asked to contact one of the following workers:

Andrews: Miss Heaton, Mrs. Wade Reate, Mrs. W. T. Teas, Miss Polly Decks, Mrs. Tom Hay, Mrs. W. T. Habitzell, Mrs. E. J. Watry, Mrs. Starr Pullum, Miss Margaret Fisher.

Marble: Mrs. Grant Phillips, Murphy: Mrs. Hobart McKeever, Clifton: Mrs. Mack Patton, Mrs. Harvey Wilson, Mrs. Wade Massey, Mrs. Lewis Hodges, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Mrs. Bob Easley, Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. B. W. Whitfield.

Dr. Harry Bishop, Mrs. Jim Cook, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. Cloe Moore, Mrs. A. Q. Ketner, Mrs. John Bayless, Miss Toots Cook, Mrs. Bob White, Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Mrs. Dale Lee, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. Willard Cooper, R. S. Baul.

Brasstown: Mrs. Wayne Holland, Hiwassee Dam: Mrs. Glenn Rappe.

## "Creative Arts" Subject Woman's Club Program

Mrs. Florence Brewer, public relations secretary, and Miss Evelyn Haynes executive director of the Huckleberry Workshop Camp of Hendersonville, presented a program on "Creative Arts" at the Murphy Woman's Club meeting held at Carnegie Library Wednesday afternoon. They told of the work at the camp and had on display specimens of the work.

Mrs. James R. Crook gave a monologue, "Audible Punctuation."

Mrs. H. Bueck, president, presided over the business session.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson chairman of the December program, announced that the club would cooperate with the PTA financially and with work in giving a Christmas tree to the gymnasium for all the children.

A collection for the ten-penny art fund was taken.

Mrs. Bob Easley was appointed chairman of a food sale to be held to secure funds for use at the Christmas meeting.

At the conclusion of the program, refreshments were served by Mrs. W. M. Axley and Mrs. Harry Miller, hostesses, and the group was invited to examine the Huckleberry Camp exhibit.

## Barbara Reid Hostess To Y. W. A.

The Y. W. A. of First Baptist Church met Monday evening with Barbara Reid, with Sally Barton presiding. Community missions for November will be the preparation of a Thanksgiving basket for some needy person. Barbara Arnold presented the program on "Near East Afar". Miss Moselle Moore, leader read the scripture. Others taking part on the program were: Peggy Bugh, Peggy Savage, Mary Lou Gordon, and Sally Barton.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Dickey Building Chevrolet Place

ANDREWS—A new 60 x 100 foot modern brick and tile building is under construction on main street. This building is to be the new home of Dickey Chevrolet and H. E. Dickey states that he expects to be operating business in it by January 1.

**SQUARE DANCE**  
ANDREWS—There will be a Thanksgiving Day square dance at the Andrews gymnasium, Thursday, November 24, starting at 8:00 P. M.

The hostess boys will provide the music. Proceeds from the dance will go toward the Athletic Field Lighting Fund.

## Carolyn Smith Speaks To Lions

Miss Carolyn Smith, who recently returned to her home in Andrews after spending several months in Norway on the International Farm Youth Exchange plan, spoke of her experiences in Norway at the meeting of Murphy Lions Club Tuesday evening at First Methodist Church. She told of the living conditions, foods, customs, habits, language and economic conditions of Norway. At the conclusion of her talk, she showed slides taken at the places she lived and visited.

Mack Patton, president, presided and introduced Miss Smith. The program opened with the singing of "Song of the Lion" and "We Gather Together". The Lions quartet composed of James Crook, Edwin Hyde, C. R. Freed, and Hobart McKeever sang parts of the latter. Miss Estelene Gibson accompanied at the piano.

Wm. P. Craig and Bill Auber of Atlanta were guests of Doyle Burch.

Harry Dickey was appointed assistant Boy Scoutmaster, to work with Scoutmaster Hobart McKeever.

## Miss Lucy Morgan To Speak Friday On Recent Trip

The public is invited to hear Miss Lucy Morgan of Penland Pottery and Weavers, Penland, at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah Friday at 3:30 p. m. Miss Morgan will tell of her recent trip through the Scandinavian countries in the interest of handicrafts and will show some crafts brought back from her trip.

## Whitfields Attend Southern Medical Association Meet

The 43rd Annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association was held at the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio November 14 thru the 17th. It was attended by Dr. and Mrs. Bryan W. Whitfield of Murphy.

One of the highlights of the meeting was Dr. Ernest E. Irons' report on the subject of nationalized medicine and its effect on organized labor. Dr. Irons, President of the American Medical Association stated that "... among the first victims of nationalized medicine will be the unions' own health services. Later the unions themselves will be destroyed along with business firms in the progressive strangling of free enterprise ..."

Dr. Leona Baumgartner and Dr. Eleanor P. Hunt of the Social Security Administration Federal Security Agency, covered the progress and reduction of infant mortality and the tasks ahead. They pointed out that infant mortality since 1915 has been reduced by two thirds, reflecting the developments and improvements in pediatrics and obstetric practice, and better control of communicable and respiratory diseases.

Louis Cullick, M. D. and Henry E. Ogden, M. D., Charity Hospital of Louisiana at New Orleans, reported on their clinical studies of Chloroquine and the results secured with this new drug in the relief of Hay Fever, which should be on the retail market in six months.

## Morris Lists Sermon Topics

The Rev. J. Alton Morris will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Baptist Church on "Christ the Restorer", and Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock on "Watch". At the Hour of Power service Wednesday evening at 7:30, Miss Ruth Bagwell will teach the book, "God's Hurry" by Duke McCall.



**SEAL SALE CHAIRMAN**—Mrs. C. W. Savage who for 20 years has been chairman of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale. The sale starts this week. A goal of \$500 has been set by the committee for the sale this year. She calls upon the whole county to help us to reach that goal.

## Joyce Coleman Is Attendant In Festivities

Miss Joyce Coleman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman of Murphy, was selected as attendant from the sophomore class, to the queen of the 1949 Homecoming festivities of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., last Saturday. She was also chosen sophomore of the week.

"The Hornet", Furman University paper, has this to say of the sophomore attendant: "Joyce Coleman, attractive blonde sophomore from Murphy, N. C., was named sophomore-of-the-week for the second selection of an outstanding Woman's College student by the Social Standards Board."

In making the selection this week Social Standards Board members considered such qualities as neatness, attractiveness, social poise and personality. It was felt by Board members that Woman's College girls meeting these requirements should be recognized as outstanding and should be honored in some way. Therefore a girl from one of the classes will be selected each week for the title.

"Joyce is a graduate of the Murphy High School. There she was a member of the Glee Club, manager of the basketball team, a member of the school paper staff, and joined the Twenty-Ten club, a group of leading high school girls. She was selected football queen her junior year."

"Naming the collecting of records and snapshots as her favorite hobbies, Joyce also expressed interest in several sports. She enjoys swimming, horseback riding and such spectator sports as football and basketball.

"Steaks, fried chicken and devil's food cake are her favorite foods, with grits the food she particularly dislikes.

"Tacky hats are Joyce's pet dislike from a standpoint of fashions. She doesn't like to wear a hat on any occasion, no matter how attractive—and hats which are not extremely chic are just out of the question as far as she is concerned."

## E. L. Chastain Taken By Death

Edward LaFayette Chastain, 76, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Gray, Blairsville, Route 3, at 5:45 p. m. Monday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Bethlehem Baptist Church near Blairsville, with the Rev. Gus Hunt of Morganton, Ga., officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Irie Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are four sons, Opie R. of Akron, Ohio, J. Burl of Kansas City, Mo., Aud B. and Edward W. of Blairsville, Route 3, and two daughters, Mrs. Etta Lee Gray and Mrs. Dale McGlammy of Blairsville, Route 4; one sister, Mrs. Lana Christopher of Murphy, one brother Melvin J. of Blairsville, Route 3, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

# Electric Department Celebrates Tenth Anniversary Of TVA Power

## Murphy People Use More Than Double The Power Of Average U. S. Resident

A remarkable increase in home use of electricity has featured Murphy Electric Department's growth since November 1939.

In 1940, the average home here used 75 kilowatt-hours a month. In 1949, the average home use has skyrocketed to 340 kilowatt-hours a month—more than four times the average just nine years ago.

Here's a comparison of Murphy and the nation as a whole:

Average residential use of electricity in Murphy: 4081 kilowatt-hours a year; average residential use in the United States: 1,625 kilowatt-hours a year.

In other words, people in Murphy use two and one-half times more electricity in their homes every year than the average United States resident.

"We are proud of this widespread use of electric power in the homes of Murphy," City Clerk J. H. Bayless said this week. "It indicates that our consumers are taking full advantage of our low rates to use electricity for lots of time-saving, labor-saving jobs."

He revealed that most of this amazing jump in use of electricity has come in the postwar period.

"In June 1945, average residential use stood at 2055 kilowatt-hours a year. Four years later—in June 1949—it had almost doubled."

"We want our consumers to keep on using low-cost electricity for more tasks to bring better living," Bayless stated.

## District Masonic Meeting To Be Held Saturday

Gordon L. Butler, district Deputy Grand Master of the 43rd Masonic district will be a speaker at the district meeting to be held at Cherokee Lodge No. 146 in Murphy on Saturday evening. Supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock, and business transacted following that. At least 100 members of lodges of the district, from Andrews, Murphy, Ranger, Marble, Robbinsville, and Hayesville, are expected, announces Harrest King, secretary of the local lodge.

## Family Night Features Listed

F. T. A. Family Night will be held in the gymnasium Saturday beginning at 7 o'clock.

Clair Olson and John Gill will be in charge of a group of athletic contests. There will be prizes for winners in all events.

Miss Kate Hayes' fifth grade will sing a group of Thanksgiving songs. Mrs. Buel Adams' pupils will do the Virginia Reel, and John Jordan's group will square dance with Gertrude Cook calling.

Boys from Mrs. Emily Davidson's eighth grade class will do a stunt, and a group from all eighth graders will square dance.

After the children finish any one who wishes may square dance. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold.

## Fidelis Class Is Guest Of Mrs. L. W. Shields

The Fidelis Sunday School class met at the home of Mrs. L. W. Shields Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Programs for the coming year were planned. It was decided that each member would contribute toward making a fruit basket for special service.

The home was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves. Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames J. W. Davidson, Bill Gentry, R. D. Chandler, Peyton Ivie, John Donley, Lillard Walker, Joe Ray Rae Moore, Allen W. Lovingsood, Alvin Buchanan, L. R. Harding, Kate Dickey and F. M. Higgs.

## Only Small Indebtedness Remains On Town of Murphy Electric Department

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## Electric System Is Now Valued At \$174,000

The value of Murphy's electric system has tripled since 1940, it was announced this week.

In 1940, the system's depreciated value stood at \$60,000. Today it is worth \$174,000.

This growth in value is a part of a general expansion of the system since its early days.

In 1940, the number of consumers served was 652. Today it is 1,091.

## L And M Drivers Should Renew Licenses Now

Although only six more weeks remain for reissuance of drivers' licenses to persons whose last names begin with L and M, Drivers' Licenses Examiner R. W. Reesor reports that drivers in this category in Cherokee County have been slow in reporting for their tests.

Recalling the long lines when deadlines approached, Examiner Reesor urged all persons whose surnames begin with L and M and who have not had their licenses renewed to report immediately to his station at Murphy to avoid the last minute rush.

Any L or M driver apprehended without a renewed license after December 31 will be subject to prosecution.

Drivers' Licenses Examiners compose a unit of the Highway safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

## Burley Tobacco Referendum Is Saturday

On Saturday, the Burley tobacco farmers who grew tobacco this year will go to their polling places and vote in the Tobacco Referendum. They can vote for one year or three year marketing quotas or annual quotas.

Farmers in the Andrews and Marble sections will vote at Andrews city hall, and farmers in the Murphy, Peachtree, Hangingdog, Shoal Creek Notla and Beverdam sections will vote at the AAA office in Murphy.

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**NINE YEARS OLD AND HOMELESS**—Keete Meyer, a Silesian expellee waits to receive CROP food at a church home in Germany. The food, contributed by American farmers through the Christian Rural Overseas Program, was shipped abroad for free distribution to such needy folk as Keete. During November, farm people in the majority of North Carolina's 100 counties will have opportunity to make their pledge to the 1949 N. C. CROP Friendship Food Train.

In Cherokee County, canvassing will be done December 1 and 2, announces Rev. Alfred Smith commodity chairman. Corn will be received at the old fair building in Murphy or by trucks going through the county. Anyone who is not visited by a truck and has corn to donate may take it to the fair building.

Sunday School will be held at 9:45 Sunday morning at First Methodist Church. Morning worship will be at 11 o'clock. The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastor of the church will preach on "This Is My Church". At the evening service at 7:30 Mr. Byrum will preach on "Religious Enthusiasm".

The youth meeting will be at 7 o'clock.

Junior Choir rehearsal will be held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday and mid-week prayer service at 7:30. Choir practice will be held at 8:15.

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## First Methodist Services Listed

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## Carolyn Smith To Speak Sunday

The evening meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held at First Methodist Church at 6 o'clock on Sunday.

Following the fellowship supper Miss Carolyn Smith of Andrews will speak of her experiences in Europe during the past summer. The program will be in keeping with the emphasis of recent weeks on world brotherhood.

## Mrs. Roy Wells' Brother Dies

Funeral services were held Nov. 17 for J. Van Davis vice-president of the Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Charlotte. Mr. Davis died Nov. 16 at his home, 2401 Belvedere Ave., after an illness extending over the past three years.

Services were conducted at the Amity Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Davis was a member, by the Rev. W. H. Johnson, pastor of the church.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Margaret Smith Davis; one daughter, Miss Ella Jane Davis; one son, J. Van Davis; three sisters, Mrs. Lester M. Hancock of Charlotte, Mrs. Roy H. Wells of Murphy and Mrs. J. R. Bryson of Cullowhee; and two brothers Benjamin D. Davis of Charlotte and Robert Davis of Franklin.

Murphy Electric Department this month is celebrating completion of its tenth year as a distributor of low-cost TVA power.

It was in November 1939, that TVA electricity began flowing into Murphy for the first time.

City officials at that time were Mayor J. B. Gray, Clerk E. O. Christopher and City Councilmen T. W. Axley, Noah Lovingsood, W. M. Mauney, C. D. Mayfield, E. C. Moore and W. P. Odom.

During the past ten years the electric system has shown great growth. Its present manager is J. H. Bayless, City Clerk.

An important part of its growth came in the postwar period, when an extensive rehabilitation program was started. Begun in January 1946, this \$42,000 improvement plan was completed this year.

The system is now in a condition to handle any foreseeable use of electricity by its consumers.

Use of electricity has shot up here at an amazing rate during this ten-year period of low rates. The value of the electric system has tripled, bonded indebtedness has been virtually wiped out, and the system is operating on a sound basis.

Present Board includes Mayor C. N. Sneed, and Councilmen J. W. Franklin, Dr. J. N. Hill, Richard Howell, Cloe Moore and Tom Palmer.

## Local Consumers Pay Less Than Half U. S. Average

Murphy electric consumers, pay less than half as much for the electricity which they use in their homes as does the average U. S. consumer.

City Clerk J. H. Bayless, explained this week that the Electric Department's low rates are aimed at encouraging widespread use of electricity.

"We believe that our low rates give people a chance to make use of electricity for a lot of things that would otherwise be too expensive for them to do with electricity."

"And our records show that our consumers are using electric power for more and more uses."

"The all-electric home unheard of a few years ago, is being seen in increasing numbers here," Bayless explained.

## Miniature Train Is On Display

A miniature Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) train symbolizing the farm products to be sent to overseas needy from Cherokee County has been assembled at Franklin Motor Company in Murphy.

"A boxcar from this miniature train will be sent to the state CROP office, Raleigh, as our county fills each railroad car with commodities for CROP," said the Rev. J. Alton Morris, County CROP Chairman. Murphy. Mr. Morris went on to explain that there the tiny boxcars, carrying the County's name, will be joined with other miniature boxcars from counties all over the state, making one great state CROP Friendship Train, representing North Carolina's goal of 150 carloads.

"Later," Mr. Morris added, "the symbolic trains from states all over America will be joined into one spectacularly long National CROP Friendship Train. Then the National Train will be re-assembled into shorter trains."

The Cherokee County's farm commodities will be distributed to the hungry, aged, orphaned and refugees in Europe, Asia and Middle East. It is distributed under church supervision and without regard to race, creed or nationality.

## PIE SUPPER

A pie supper will be held at Hampton Memorial Church at 7:30 Saturday night. The public is invited.