



**TO GIVE CAROL SERVICE**—Andrews—Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Choir, will sing its annual Christmas Carol Service at the church on Sunday afternoon, December 17 at 5 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. Members of the choir are: left to right, front row: Mrs. Richard M. Patten, Mrs. L. L. Ezzell, Mrs. Harold Adams, Mrs. Tom R. Hay; second row: Mrs. J. G. Carrier, organist, Mrs. C. R. Tarkington, Miss Mable Almond, Miss Phyllis Snyder; back row: Miss Margaret Fisher, director, Miss Christine Barber, Mrs. Glenn Love, Miss Lorene Barber. Not present when picture was made are Mrs. Boyd Cooper and Miss Frances Cover.

## Four And Half Miles Roads Completed

Four and one-half additional miles of new road improvements have been finished in Cherokee County during November, the State Highway Commission announced today.

(1) Grading and surfacing with traffic bound macadam were completed on the following roads: Friendship Church Road, 1 mile; Morrow Road, 0.2.

(2) Stabilizing and strengthening were completed on the Owl Creek Road for 1.2 miles.

In addition during November the Commission completed surfacing 1.9 miles in Andrews and \$1 mile in Murphy and completed surfacing the school drives to Peachtree, Martin's Creek and Murphy schools.

By the end of 1950 the Commission estimates that from 45 to 50 per cent of the 12,000-mile bond issue program will be finished. Unless war conditions intervene, the remainder of the paving and stabilization program should be completed within the next two years.

As of November 1, the Highway Commission had spent \$57,998,374 of the \$200,000,000 bond issue fund. An additional \$64,000,000 is either allocated to specific road projects or will be allocated shortly.

Four additional miles of new road improvements have been finished in Clay County during November under the Highway Commission's \$200,000,000 bond issue program.

(1) Grading and surfacing with traffic bound macadam were completed on the following roads: Dog Branch Road, 0.45 mile; McCrory Road, 0.4.

(2) Stabilizing and strengthening were completed on the Mission Road for one mile.

## Prominent Men's Baby Pictures Are On Display

"Men of Today—Children of Yesterday" is the theme of the baby picture exhibit at Murphy Library. Baby pictures of many prominent citizens of Murphy are on display, and those who see them are asked to identify them.

Although more are expected to be added, pictures of the following are among the collection: H. Bueck, Roy Delbert Byrum, H. A. Mattox, E. C. Van Horn, Howard Moody, Guy Brittain, W. A. Hoover, W. C. Kinney, J. A. Morris, Robert Cheney, Frank Crawford, Robert Easley, Harry Bishop, John Davidson, and John Bayless.



**PRIZE WINNERS**—In the baby contest recently conducted by Crisp Studio, these youngsters were prize winners. Marilyn Coleen Curtis, 10 months; old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curtis of Robbinsville, top left, took first prize, and Carl Bryan Townson, 10 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Townson of Murphy, top right, took second prize. Below are: Jackie Dockery, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Dockery of Murphy, who took third place, and Sheryl Ann O'Dell, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. O'Dell of Murphy, who took fourth place. Judges were from out of town and did not know the children. Sixty-seven contestants entered.

## Gossiping Is Deplored By Lions Club Official

"It used to be true that barber shops and beauty parlors were the principal places for getting all the gossip, but now nearly ever time you see two or three men or women together you can get the gossip," declared Hugh Montieth, District Governor of 31-A of Lions International as he spoke Tuesday evening to Murphy Lions Club members on the Lions Code of Ethics, using as his subject, "Am I a Lion?" "Lions have pledged themselves to be careful with criticism and liberal with praise—to build up and not destroy, and yet too often we are guilty of destroying a person by gossiping. When you hear malicious gossip, don't repeat it unless you know it is so, unless you know it will help somebody, and unless you know it will not hurt anybody. It is too often true that if a man lives in a community a long number of years and is an upright, honest, useful citizen all that time, no person ever comes to him and puts his hand on his shoulder and tells him how much he means to the community, but let him make one mistake, and the gossips set out to destroy him, instead of going to him and helping him."

He quoted the following poem:

Many a good man is ruined,  
And many a good woman, too  
By someone starting a rumor,  
And nix one word of it true.

So when you hear someone knocking  
A man or a woman's good name,  
Bet it's a lie—forget it,  
Never repeat it again.

The district governor urged the Lions to be god citizens by assuming their responsibility of serving on jury duty. He said that dissatisfaction with courts of today will never be remedied until good citizens such as the Lions are willing to give some of their time and talent to this cause.

He told the Lions that giving Christmas gifts with the idea of getting as much or better in return is not true friendship. "Go across the tracks", he said, "and help the unfortunate person who cannot possibly give you anything in return. That is true friendship for your fellow man."

President Dale Lee presented

District Governor Montieth. He also presented other visitors, Dr. Dan Hoover, Lincolnton, guest of Dr. W. A. Hoover; G. E. Warren, Charlotte, guest of Bob White; and Lion Dan Bryson Hooper of Sylva.

Edwin Hyde, who has a new daughter, had his necktie severed by Merle Davis and Bob Easley. He also passed around cigars.

The Methodist ladies who served the dinner had decorated the tables with holly and red candles, making an attractive Christmas setting for the visit of the district governor.

President Lee reminded the Lions that bushel baskets are needed for the Christmas cheer baskets the club will provide for needy families at Christmas.

## First Methodist Services Announced

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastor of First Methodist Church, has announced that his sermon subject for Sunday morning, will be, "The Glorious Promise".

At the worship service on Sunday evening at 7:30, the young people of the church will present "A Christmas Pageant", by Marie Elliot Gardiner. Participants are as follows: pilgrims, Roy Fuller, Sherman Hampton and Larry Posey; the choir, Judy Cook, Emily Mauney, H. C. Bueck, Harry Mattox, Clara Hughes, Mildred Taylor, Elmer Taylor, Dolores McGuire, Gene Bates, Ann Forrester, Rosalind Stalcup, Barbara Rose, Nancy Sales, Billy Brandon, Jane Brendle, Maudie B. Witt, Jane Sneed. The pageant is being directed by Mrs. Edwina Hagaman. Mrs. T. W. Axley is the organist. A White Christmas offering will be presented during the service.

A Children's Christmas party will be held at the church on Friday afternoon, December 22, at 4 o'clock. The children's workers of the Sunday School will be in charge of the party.

The Methodist Young people of the Cherokee-Graham-Clay County subdistrict will have their annual Christmas banquet at Junaluska Terrace Hotel on Thursday, December 21, at 7 p. m.

## "Blight Of Envy" Is Sermon Topic

"The Blight of Envy" will be the sermon topic at Murphy Presbyterian Church 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. This is the last in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, by the pastor, the Rev. James R. Crook.

Christmas activities at the church begin December 20, when the Youth Fellowship will present a one-act Christmas play, entitled "The River Jordan Flows". The hour will be 7:30 p. m. and the Choir will rehearse immediately following the play and worship service.

The annual Sunday School Christmas party will be held at the church the night of Friday, December 22, at 7:30 and the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will entertain with a caroling party the following night, December 23, at 7:00.

The Christmas Eve service on Sunday week at 11 o'clock will feature Christmas music by the choir, a solo by Ted Ploeger, carols by the congregation and the Christmas story.

Because of the interior work going on in the Sanctuary, the congregation has been worshipping in the Sunday School annex. The auditorium will be ready for occupancy, however, before the Christmas Eve service.

## Christmas Party On Saturday

Miss Josephine Heighway librarian, invites boys and girls to attend the annual Christmas party at Murphy Library Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when a special program is planned.

The library is decorated for Christmas, a lovely white pine Christmas tree standing in the boys and girls' room.

Miss Heighway says, "With Christmas season approaching, why not think and plan for the holidays? Visit your library and see the Christmas suggestions for gifts and home decorating. Maybe the pretty Christmas tree will inspire you to have one in your home, or perhaps you will prefer the sugar plum tree that is so simple and pretty."

## \$326.50 Received From Seal Sale

Mrs. C. W. Savage, chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, announced that if any one has failed to get seals, she has additional seals at home, and they can be had until Christmas day. It was the intention to mail seals to every one, and if any were overlooked, it was an oversight. Returns have been coming in well. Up to date, \$326.50 has been received.

**SINGING**

The third Sunday singing will be held at Upper Peachtree Baptist Church, Sunday, December 17, at 2 p. m.

## Civilians To Have Ladies' Night 18th

The Murphy Civitan Club will meet in the Methodist Church dining room Monday night at 6:30 o'clock, when Ladies' Night will be observed, and a Christmas program presented. Tables will be decorated in the Christmas motif, and lighted by candles.

The Rev. James R. Crook will bring a Christmas message, and Christmas carols will be sung by the group. Music will be furnished during the dinner hour.

Raphael Deegan is chairman of the program, and Civitan ladies and friends will be guests of the club.

## Morris' Sermon Topics Announced

The Rev. J. Alton Morris announces that his sermon topic for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Baptist Church will be, "God's Word for Today's World".

At the mid-week Hour of Power service Wednesday at 7:30 theme will be "The Christ Child", and a film strip in color by that title will be shown.

## 36 Donate Blood At The Prison Camp

### Lions To Operate The Dime Board

Murphy Lions Club will operate its dime board for giving Christmas cheer to blind and needy December 18-23, with W. D. Townson in charge. Captains who will be responsible for the operation each day are: The Rev. Delbert Byrum, Monday; Bob Bault, Tuesday; Dr. J. R. Bell, Wednesday; Harold Wells, Thursday; Arthur Heinrich, Friday; and Bob Easley, Saturday.

### \$667,942 Spent On Local Roads

W. M. Corkill, division engineer of the State Highway Commission, reports that through October 31 a total of \$667,942.51 had been expended out of the bond money for road in this county.

### 23 Men Leave 18th For Army

The following Cherokee County men are scheduled to leave for physical examination for induction into the armed services on December 18: Ward Curtis Derberry, William Lawrence Holbrooks, Crede Kenneth Johnson, Hadley Plemmons, John Hoyt Rowland, Richard Wilson, Lester Roy Floyd, Max Morrow, Edgar Glenn Garrett, Jack Stewart Loudermilk, John Dockery, Clifford Hunsucker, Paul William Bryson, William Edgar Payne, Lloyd Robert Robinson, Gene Brownlow Clayton, Wesley Palmer, Jr., Grady Whitener, Clyde Cecil Stiles, Hershall Hughes, Hubert Marshall Holloway, Howard Graves, One man, Paul Jarvis McAfee, who was transferred from another board, will leave with the Cherokee County boys.

### Methodist Men To Meet Here

A subdistrict meeting of Methodist men, from Clay-Graham-Cherokee counties, will be held at Duke's Lodge on Tuesday evening, December 19, at 7 o'clock. Superintendent of the Waynesville District of the Methodist Church, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, will be the speaker for the occasion. Lee Penland, Associate District Lay Leader of Hayesville, will preside at the meeting.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE	
ON N. C. HIGHWAYS	
Killed December 5 through December 7	9
Injured December 5 through December 7	51
Killed through December 7 this year	890
Killed through December 7, 1949	781
Injured through December 7 this year	11,256
Injured through December 7, 1949	8,974



**COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE INSTALLED**—Pictured here are Cherokee County officers who took the oath of office December 4, and assumed their duties. J. L. Hall, Clerk of Court, was sworn in by A. J. Hembree, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections. The Clerk of Court Hall administered the oath of office to all the others. They are, left to right: Mr. Hall, Mr. Hembree; Sam W. Jones, W. E. Moore and Gay Hawkins County Commissioners; Frank Crawford, Sheriff; Joe Higdon, Register of Deeds; Dr. Harry Miller, Coroner; and O. G. Anderson, Surveyor. (Photo by Crisp)