



Big Christmas Parade On Main Streets Will Start Trade Week

County Will Pay Off \$75,000 In Bonds

Cherokee County will make a large move toward getting out of debt Jan. 1, 1953 when it pays off refunding bonds totaling \$75,000, the Board of County Commissioners said today.

The bonds, used to refinance bonds that fell due in 1940, include those of the county and its subdivisions and totaled some \$1 million when first issued. Approximately \$400,000 has already been paid off.

Bonds to be paid off are 55 for Murphy Township, totaling \$47,000; 13 for Valleytown Township, totaling \$14,000; one for Hothouse Township, \$1,000; five for Nolita Township, totaling \$5,000, and eight for Shoal Creek Township, totaling \$8,000.

The bonds will be presented for payment Jan. 1, 1953, at Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, New York.

Interest on the bonds will cease after that day, the Board of Commissioners said.

5 To 7 Inches Of Snow Falls Friday

An estimated five to seven inches of snow fell here Friday in the first snowfall of the season for Cherokee County, according to area engineer, John Manthey of the Hydraulic Data Branch of the TVA.

However, Mr. Manthey explained that his report on Saturday morning indicated an average of only one inch of snow on the ground at that time. He said that the snow began to fall at about 11 a. m. Friday and ended late that night.

The snowfall, Mr. Manthey said, was equivalent to about .73 inches of rain, derived from a working formula of 10 to 1 (10 inches of snow equals about 1 inch of rain).

Mr. Manthey stated that it was difficult to tell the exact amount of the snow since so much of it melted.

Herman Edwards Opens New Law Office In Townson Building

Herman Edwards, son of McKinley and Annie Mae Edwards of Bryson City, has moved to Murphy and opened a law office in the Townson Building for the general practice of law, McKinley Edwards will be associated with him.

Mr. Edwards attended the public schools of Swain County, Mars Hill College, Duke University and Wake Forest College.

He received his LL. B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1945 and has been engaged in the practice of law in Bryson City with the law firm of Edwards & Leatherwood since 1946.

Mr. Edwards represented Swain County in the 1951 session of the North Carolina General Assembly; served as commander of the American Legion Post in Swain County 1946-47; member of Bryson City School Board 1949-51; government appeal agent for the Swain County draft board 1946-52; attorney for the Town of Bryson City 1946-51; secretary 30th Judicial District Bar Association 1947-51; and president of Swain County Young Democrats Club 1949-52.

In June of 1951 he was appointed general and trial attorney for the Enforcement Branch of the Charlotte District Office of the Office of Price Stabilization, which includes one-half of North Carolina and a portion of Tennessee, and served in this capacity until September 1, 1951, when he resigned to return to his private law practice.

An Evangelism Plan

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, Methodist minister of Murphy, is one of 400 clergymen across the nation selected to help conduct a new experiment in evangelism to be tested in Washington, D. C. November 29-December 5.

School Holidays Are Announced For Local Pupils

The Murphy City School pupils started their Thanksgiving holidays at 3 p. m. yesterday. They will return to classes Monday morning, Superintendent H. Bueck said.

Mr. Bueck announced the 10-day Christmas holidays will start noon Friday, Dec. 19. School will start again Monday morning, Dec. 29, he said.

Murphy school teachers expected to go home during the holidays and their home towns are Miss Wilma Tate, Pennington Gap, Va.; Miss Kate Hayes, Marble; Mrs. Otilie P. de Calongne, Senatobia, Miss.; and Miss Willie Kephart, Canton.

Also, Billy M. McFalls, Andrews; Miss Roberta Splers, Richmond, Va.; Irvin A. Green, Cliffside; Miss Ruth Ellen Hyatt, Whittier; Miss Juliet Pegues, Oxford, Miss.; Harry Rogers, Andrews; Miss Marie L. Travis, Readyville, Tenn.; and Garland E. Denning, Raleigh.

Also, Miss Elma Rai Dennis, Mrs. Eleanor B. Carpenter, Mrs. Ella Beaty Ragsdale and Charles E. Holt, all of Asheville.

Beerkens To Talk At NCEA Meeting

The Murphy chapter of the North Carolina Educational Association will hold a dinner meeting at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Regal Hotel dining room. Speaker will be Arnold Beerkens of Holland who will talk on International Education.

A bridge party will be held by the association after the meeting. Mrs. Buel Adams and Mrs. Ann Ward are in charge of the program.

Primary Children In "Live Window"



Murphy Shoppers paused last week in front of the "live window" at Candler's to watch the cute first, second and third graders perched atop a step ladder reading. This display was one of the features of National Book Week and was staged by Miss Josephine Heighway, Murphy Carnegie Librarian. Pictured above is Billy Forsyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forsyth. Mr. Forsyth is chairman of the library board.

Special Features Held Book Week

National Book Week was observed by the Murphy Carnegie Library last week with a number of special features, including a "live window" display at Candler's.

The "live window" was staged to represent the Book Week poster of a child sitting among books atop a step ladder, and during the afternoon Wednesday, children of the Murphy first, second and third grades, took turns "reading" in store window.

The following children participated:

Jerry Arnold, Sally Bault, Jimmy Sherrill, Tommy Adams, Conler Bates, Kenny English, Linda Helms, Linda Schuyler, Patricia McClure, Dorothy Ann Mull, Jimmy Kinsey, Billy Forsyth, Mary Linda Hyatt, Sara Singleton, Virginia Wells, Joyce Ann Hembree, Maxine O'Dell, Linda Mulkey, Billy Gaddis, Walter Bailey and Marcia Kay Olson.

Also during Book Week, an exhibit of old books, loaned by Mrs. Howard Moody, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. John Bayless and Mrs. Edwin Hyde, was staged.

On Tuesday, at open house at the library, the film "Japan and Democracy" was shown and a discussion was led by H. Bueck.

Andrews Decoration Plans Are Explained

Plans have been announced by W. D. Whitaker, General Chairman, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, for the annual Christmas decoration of the streets of Andrews.

Mr. Whitaker stated that the decorations this year will be more complete than ever before and he asks for the interest and cooperation of all the citizens of Andrews.

A first prize of \$10.00 and a second prize of \$5.00 will be awarded to the best decorated business window, as selected by a group of judges.

A similar prize of \$10.00 and of \$5.00 will be awarded to the owner of the best decorated home and lawn (exterior decorations). This includes the homes of all citizens of Andrews proper, not just within the town limits.

Committees have been appointed as follows: Advertising manager, Mrs. Ruth Sursavage; Evergreens, Claude Watson, chairman, Baxter Lay and Mickey Hawk; Decorations of Lawns and Business Windows, L. B. Nichols, chairman, Luke Ellis and Tom C. Day; Decorations of Streets, including lights, Sam W. Jones chairman, Margaret Ann Westry.

School Bus Patrolmen Named

Another step to keep Murphy City School buses safe was made this week when 18 pupils were installed in the School Bus Safety Patrol along with 15 alternates during chapel exercises.

Patrolmen are Billy Barton, Donald Hancock, Lorene Gaddis, Giles Coffee, Marvin Hall and Lucile Hall.

Also, Jimmy Evans, Don Pike, Jimmy Givena, Thelma Dockery, Dee Bryson, Roy Graves, Lyle Carringer, Cyrus Rich, Joyce Kep-

hart, Wendell Sneed, Edward Helton and Jimmy McCombs.

Alternates are Cathlene Zimmerman, Herbert O'Neil, Arlene Hall, Dorothy Worley, Vivian Ledford and Joe Swain.

Also, Dolly Ruth Davidson, Betty Sue Rose, Furman McLemore, Elaine Lance, Loreita Taylor, Ruby Shields and Virginia Mills.

W. A. Singleton, chairman of the Carolina AAA here, gave a talk on highway safety. Also at-

Santa Claus Will Come To Murphy And Reign Over First Day Of Special Week Asks Kids Be In Town

A gigantic Christmas Parade featuring Santa Claus and the Western North Carolina Teachers College Band will kick-off Trade Week at 1:30 p. m. Monday.

The parade, containing many floats, the Murphy City School Band, several marching units and a child and pet section, will start at the Murphy Fairgrounds.

All units taking part in the parade must be at the grounds and in their parade position by 1 p. m., Irvin Greene, parade marshal, said.

Santa Claus will reign over the entire activities from the Murphy Fire Truck. Parade Marshal Greene said Santa made known his desire to ride the truck when he promised to arrive in Murphy for the parade.

The jolly old gentleman especially asked that all Cherokee County children be in town for the parade.

At 4:30 p. m. Monday, the first drawing for Trade Week will be made at the Christmas trees on the Square. At that time a \$100 Defense Bond and many other prizes donated by local merchants will be given to the holders of lucky numbers.

The prize tickets can be secured from merchants participating in the special week. Each store in the Trade Week has a sign on its window. A chance for prizes will be handed each customer for every \$1 purchase made.

A grand prize of a \$500 Defense Bond will end the Trade Week Saturday.

Frank Forsyth was elected chairman of the special trade week committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Noah Lovingood was named vice-chairman.

Other committees and chairmen are prize drawings, Richard Howell; advertising, Joe Ray and Bob White; prizes, Dale Lee; street decoration, Mayor L. L. Mason and Mrs. H. Bueck, women's division, and tickets, Jim Franklin.

Mr. Franklin said all merchants participating in Trade Week should call by his office for their tickets.

More tickets will be kept for the stores that run out during the week, Mr. Franklin said.

Mr. Howell pointed out that tickets winning prizes other than the \$100 bonds during the week will go back into the box for the \$500 grand prize Saturday.

He said all tickets to go into the big box on the Square should be in Howell's Market by 4 p. m. each day.

DECORATIONS

Mrs. Bueck and Mayor Mason said each light pole on the main streets will be decorated with Christmas wreaths and ribbons. Four Christmas trees will be erected in the islands on the Square, the Mayor announced in a Trade Week proclamation.

Mr. Lee said merchants are giving many valuable prizes to be awarded each day along with the bonds. Members of the prizes committee who called on merchants for donations were Allen Lovingood, Mrs. Gertrude Hatchett, Noah Lovingood, Doug Singleton, W. M. Fain, Roy Lovingood, Cloc Moore, Alden Coward, Glen Hembree, Ross Lovingood and Loren Davis.

Murphy FFA Wins Shop Tool Test

Murphy School's Future Farmers of American team won first place in the Nantahala Federation's shop tool identification contest held at Bryson City, Nov. 19. Fifteen schools in western North Carolina competed in the contest.

Murphy's team members were Howard, Mingus, Harold Queet, Charles Stiles and Earl Queen. By playing first these FFA members are entitled to represent the Federation in the State-wide contest to be held during FFA Week in Raleigh next August.

Proclamation...

"Whereas, Santa Claus will arrive in Murphy on Monday, December 1, to open up Trade Week and start a Christmas parade; "Whereas, a special section of the parade will include a child and pet contest in which the child and pet showing the best combination will be given a prize;

"Whereas, special two hour parking privileges have been granted by the Town Governing Body during Trade Week;

"Whereas, the main streets in Murphy will be decorated for the Yuletide Season and four Christmas trees erected on the public square;

"Whereas, merchants will give customers a Trade Week ticket with each \$1 purchase made during the week for the purpose of daily prize drawings and a grand prize drawing on Saturday, the last day of the shopping week;

"Whereas, the week will feature a \$500 defense bond as a grand prize to be awarded December 6, and a daily prize drawing of a \$100 bond will be given each day along with other prizes donated by the merchants;

"Whereas, all prizes will be given at the Square under the Christmas trees;

"Now, therefore, I, L. L. Mason, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1 through December 6 to be Trade Week in the Town of Murphy and do urge all citizens to participate in this special Yuletide occasion."

Marble School Site Purchase Is Told

The purchase of a \$6,000 site for a proposed Marble School was announced this week by the Andrews School Board.

Ten acres fronting Highway 19 in Marble was bought from Mrs. Millie McHan. In making the purchase announcement, the board said it felt the land was a "very desirable location and hopes that in the near future plans can be worked out whereby a new school building for the Marble students can be built."

The site extends some 550 feet from the main highway, according to the School Board.

Lions To Put Out Dime Board

The Murphy Lions Club next week will put out their Dime Board, a tradition with the local club, to collect money for Christmas packages for needy families.

Harold Wells was appointed to get the board in good condition by Monday, first day of Murphy Trade Week. The board will be in town from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m. each day until Saturday.

The board will be used again to get donations just before Christmas, Mr. Wells said.

Team captains to be in charge of the board next week are Hobart McKeever, Loren Davis, Doyle Burch, John Davidson, G. H. Farley and A. Q. Ketner.

Andrews Red Cross To Send Greetings

The Rev. John Neville, J. E. Ruffy, W. D. Whitaker, Joe Sursavage, Mrs. Tom Hay and Mrs. S. J. Genert, Executive Committee, of the Andrews Chapter, American Red Cross, met at the home of the Chairman, Mrs. Genert, Thursday, to discuss the proposed budget for the coming year.

It was decided to try to send a Christmas message to all local servicemen.

The next visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile was discussed, with an announcement concerning the visit to be made at a later date.

Mrs. Genert stated that she would like very much for all local people who have benefitted from any Red Cross services to call her. Data is being gathered concerning local services and the cooperation of the public will be appreciated.

Subscriptions To Scout Be Sold By HS Students

Students of the ninth and tenth grades at Murphy High School will sell subscriptions for the Cherokee Scout for two weeks starting Monday, Dec. 1.

Money raised by the students in this project will be put on the school annual. Cash prizes will be awarded to each pupil getting the most subscriptions in each home room.

A five-pound box of candy will go to the home room selling the largest number of subscriptions. The contest will open Monday and close Sat., Dec. 13.

College Day Set At Murphy School December 4

BY CAROLYN ALEXANDER "College Day" will be held at Murphy High School Dec. 4, with representatives of many colleges in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia taking part on the program.

The seniors of Murphy will be hosts to those from Hayesville, Hiwassee Dam, Andrews and Robbinsville, when they gather on the Murphy campus to meet the college representatives.

These representatives will tell the seniors what is offered in each of their schools and will speak of the different vocations.

John E. Jones of the Asheville Citizen-Times will be the main speaker at the morning assembly and many seniors of Murphy will have an active part in the program.

Representatives from the following institutions will be on hand for group conferences: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.; McKenna College, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Blanton's Business College, Asheville; recruiting sergeants from the US Army, the US Air Force and the WACS and WAVES; Lee McRae, Banner Elk, N. C.; The Baroness Erlanger Hospital School of Nursing, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga.; Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, N. C.; Montreat College, Montreat, N. C.; Draughton's Business College, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.