



The Cherokee Scout

PROMOTING MURPHY AND ANDREWS
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TWELVE PAGES THIS WEEK

Murphy Trade Week Is Big Success At Mid-Mark

Merchants To Hold Christmas Decoration Contest For Homes

Prizes Totaling \$100 Will Be Awarded; Judging Starts Dec. 18.

Murphy Trade Week merchants today announced they will extend their Trade Week program to include a residence Christmas decoration contest with prizes totaling \$100.

A first prize of a \$50 Savings Bond will go to the best Christmas decorated lawn or roof in a home, duplex or apartment.

A \$25 Savings Bond will be awarded as second prize in the roof or lawn contest.

Another \$25 Savings Bond will be given as first prize in the door or window decoration division.

To enter the contest the decorations must be up no later than Dec. 18 and those interested in participating are asked to mail their applications to the Scout office.

An application blank is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Scout. More blanks are available at the Scout office.

After an application is received, judges will be notified to go by the house to inspect the decoration. All decorations must be visible from the street to be eligible for judging.

The decorations must be lighted from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m. Judging will be made by three disinterested persons.

The contest is open to all residents inside the town limits of Murphy. That includes duplex houses and apartments. Application forms must be submitted before a house is judged.

Mrs. Hensley Attends Deeds Convention

Mrs. Kate Hensley, register of deeds, will be sent to the Registrars of Deeds Convention in Chapel Hill, Dec. 9, 10 and 11, sponsored by the Institute of Government of the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Hensley was elected to go to the meeting at the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday night.

County Tax Listers For 1953 Named

A rough reminder that the New Year is just around the corner was given Cherokee County citizens today when county officials named the 1953 tax listers.

Listers approved for next year and their territories are A. Richardson and Miss Bessie Maloney, Murphy Township; Victor Raxter, Valleytown Township; J. W. Harshaw, Notla Township; C. C. Foster, Hot House Township; Don Taylor, Shoal Creek Township; and George Crawford, Beaverdam Township.

The listers will start work Jan. 1, 1953, and posters will be placed on public buildings in each township listing the place and number of days the listers will be in the township.

Fred Brendle Gets Highest Corn Yield

The top corn yield in Cherokee County for this season, checked to date, is 123.1 bushels per acre, grown by Fred Brendle of Suit.

This is an excellent yield considering the growing conditions in the county last summer.

Mr. Brendle not only had a high yield, but he did it very economically. He first picked a field that had built-in fertility. He used recommended hybrid U. S. 282 and applied 6-9-6 fertilizer at planting and side-dressed with 300 lbs. of ammonium nitrate. Total cost for fertilizer amounted to 18 1/2 cents per bushel.

The next highest yield checked, was 120 bushels per acre on the farm of W. D. Townsend in the

Cherokee Auto Driver Can Now Get 1953 Tags

Cherokee County motorists this week are receiving their license renewal cards for the 1953 license plates.

The tags went on sale Monday and the cards are necessary to purchase a license, the Department of Motor Vehicles said. Owners who failed to receive a card are asked to request one from the department.

Next year's color scheme will be black with orange numerals and letters. The 1953 plate will have a tiny slot cut into the lower right hand corner. Officials explain it was put there so that a date tab, like those used during World War II, may be attached to the plate in the event of a steel shortage or other emergency.

Current plates are valid until midnight January 31, 1953, but officials urge owners to buy early and avoid the usual last minute rush. Truck and trailer owners again will be asked to check their vehicle's body type, tank capacity and fuel used. This information is requested for the Department of Defense, which seeks a reliable estimate on the nation's total motor transport capabilities.

New plates may be purchased, either by mail or in person from DMV's Raleigh office, the Winston-Salem Auto Club, and from the Murphy branch of the Carolina Motor Club at the Western Auto Store.

Low Temperatures, Santa Arrive Here

A low North Pole temperature of 17 degrees beat Santa Claus to Murphy Friday. The jolly old man himself arrived here Monday in the parade.

This lowest temperature of last week was reported at 6 a. m. Friday, according to John Manthey of the Hydraulic Data Branch of TVA.

The week's high of 60 degrees was reported, oddly enough, at about 2 a. m. Wednesday.

The total rainfall of the week was .82, Mr. Manthey said.

Heaton Elected Chamber President At Andrews

BY RUTH SURSAVAGE

The Andrews Chamber of Commerce met at the City Hall Tuesday night for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

Elected were, president, Bob Heaton; vice-president, W. D. Whitaker; secretary, Sam Jones; treasurer, Ty Burnette.

Also elected were the following members of the executive committee, William Walker, Harold Gee, Jeff Brooks, Mrs. Joe Sursavage and Mrs. Luke Ellis. Gordon Butler will remain on the executive committee as will also, Tom Day, retiring president.

Bill Whitaker made a report on Christmas Decoration plans. Much enthusiasm was shown by members present concerning the street decoration plans, and the two contests, one for the most attractive business window; the other for the most attractive outdoor home display.

President Day announced that the main project for the past year had been to completely pay for the lighting of the Athletic Field. This, he stated, had been accomplished.

It was voted to extend to the local Power and Light company, a thank you for their cooperation in the annual Christmas decorating efforts.

A rising vote of thanks was given the outgoing officers.

Lions Bowl Queen



MISS MILDRED TAYLOR

Murphy's Mildred Taylor was crowned Queen of the 1952 Lions Bowl football game Thanksgiving Day in Bryson City. The pretty brunette is a senior at Murphy High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Taylor. The story is on Sports Page 6.

BROWN IN SCHOOL

James Brown, Rt. 1, Murphy, is enrolled in the diesel mechanics department of the Greer Shop Training school at Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Harshaw, 98, Dies Last Week; Burial Here

BY MRS. C. W. SAVAGE

Funeral services for Mrs. Abram McDowell Harshaw who died at her residence, 24 Grove Street in Asheville Wednesday at 4 p. m. were held at 11 a. m. Saturday in the First Methodist Church of Murphy. The Rev. E. L. Kirk officiated and burial was in the family cemetery on the Harshaw farm near Murphy. The body lay in state in the church one hour before service.

Pallbearers were T. A. Case, Frank Mauney, W. M. Fain, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Sammy Weaver, L. L. Mason, W. S. Dickey, and W. G. Darnell.

Had Mrs. Harshaw lived until February 28, she would have been 99 years of age.

She was Florence Lavinia Fain, daughter of the late Mercer and Caroline Fain, and was born, February 28, 1854, in the old Fain house which was situated on the lot where the Regal Hotel now stands. Her father was a merchant and a large land owner.

She was married to Abram McDowell Harshaw on October 30, 1873, at the age of 19. To this union were born ten children: Annie Elizabeth, who married J. A. Richardson; Caroline Cordelia who married J. H. Hall; Mary Danforth who married S. S. Williams, all three deceased. Two boys died in infancy and one little girl, Fannie, died at the age of six. Those surviving are Florence Ada, Henry Mercer, Abram Edgar, and Helen Fain Harshaw. There are two grandchildren, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson Brittain of Black Mountain, and Mrs. Allie Richardson King of Lenoir; three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

In 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Harshaw began housekeeping in a double log cabin on a large farm four miles southeast of Murphy which lies along the south side of Hiwassee River. He inherited this farm from his father, Abram Harshaw.

Johny Gibson Be Ordained Dec. 7

Johny Gibson will be ordained into the ministry in a service at Shady Grove Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p. m.

The presbytery ministers are called and include the pastor, the Rev. Ledford, Rev. W. T. Truett, former pastor; Alton Towd, of Blainville, Ga.; Luther B. Clark and Lester Stowe.

The message will be delivered by the Rev. Truett by request.

Local Stores Suggest Gifts For Whole Family

Whether it's a fleecy topper for sis, a dressing robe for dad, a new nightgown for mom or tricycle for little brother, Murphy has what the Christmas shopper needs.

A quick trip through about four of the town's stores revealed a wide selection of Christmas items plus numerous gift suggestions for the undecided buyer.

But, since Christmas is for children, toys for the little ones make up a large part of the season's buying. Dolls rate along with guns as the most popular items in the toy line.

Bonnie Braids, the toni doll whose hair can be shampooed and curled, and walking dolls are best sellers in Murphy's doll-dom.

Little girls would also thrill to the metal doll house with six rooms of plastic furniture (note to Santa, \$5.95) or the Doll-E-Do-Dish set (\$1.98) including plastic apron, dish towel, dish cloth, dishdrainer, dishpan, sink strainer, sponge, brillo, soap powder, cleanser, dishmop and bottle brush. There is also a large teaset, complete with "silver service" for \$3.95.

A play kitchen can be furnished with play sinks, stoves, and refrigerators, the latter with the new look of separate freezing compartments.

Little boys like guns, footballs, basketballs and basketball goals, boxing gloves, trains and cars. And for the little boy toddler there's a bright red station wagon for him to take his tiny girl friend to ride.

One of the newest toys for the hep child is a "one man band", a bass drum with foot pedal, snare drum, cymbals, triangle and bells.

Boys and girls will be pleased with their own phonograph players, which can be bought from \$11.95.

The teenage daughter's best gifts are clothes. Bright new sweaters, a pretty pastel frock to take her on into spring, a new skirt that can be worn with everything.

She also likes jewelry, especially pearls, snake chains and bangle bracelets or a gold or silver barrette.

Gifts for brother could include sleeveless sweaters, cufflinks, ties and socks, or maybe a new radio.

Mom will love anything for the house—maybe some pretty colored sheets and pillow cases, but remember she likes to get things for herself too. How about a new pocketbook or some frilly lingerie to make her feel like a bride again?

Dad, who in the long run will foot the bills for Christmas, had better be remembered pretty well. He'd like a new dressing robe, slippers, pajamas, some fishing equipment, shoe brushes, or even some nice smelling men's cologne.

But, remember, it's not the price of the gift, but the thought behind it. An inexpensive gift that suits a personality is always more appreciated than a costly white elephant.

RANGER PIE SUPPER

The Ranger Grange is sponsoring a pie supper at the Ranger School Friday night, Dec. 5. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Grange and community improvement.

Christmas Buying And Decorations Hit Main Streets

A spot check survey of retail stores on the main streets proved Murphy Trade Week got off to a big start and merchants predicted a heavy week end shopping spree.

Only two retail salesmen questioned said they had noticed little or no change in buying. One store manager said buying was heavier just before and just after the prize drawings on the Square. Customers are demanding their Trade Week tickets, he said.

One of the managers that predicted the heavy week end said his store had not felt any effects from Trade Week so far.

But another manager said he had so many customers Monday that he couldn't move around in the store. He said he has sold out of several items and had to put in rush re-orders.

Most of the clerks said that buying now is confined to the lay-away plan. One clerk pointed out that gift buying was not especially heavier in her shop but Christmas tree lights and other decorations were going fast.

But a clerk in another store said gift buying on all items was going strong. Most stores have articles arranged as gift suggestions with a combination of articles wrapped together.

Many stores took advantage of Trade Week to put up Christmas decorations. Windows are attractive with snow scenes, stockings are hanging and Santa Claus' picture is smiling from several store fronts.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company has holiday decorations and Christmas music is played during business hours.

The Methodist Church today started playing Christmas music with its chimes loud speaker. The music will continue from 3:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. each day.

A few stores in town failed to put up Christmas decorations but on the whole the holiday spirit has hit the business district.

School Children Listed For Work

Some 100 high school students, both boys and girls in Cherokee County have registered for work during the holidays, and for after school hours, Jack Burriss of the N. C. State Employment office, said today.

Some of the students have had experience, Mr. Burriss said. He explained that any employers wanting to hire students can call the employment office.

A list of students will be furnished the employer to look through, Mr. Burriss said. The roster will be maintained throughout the year, he concluded.

On the domestic side, the list includes baby sitters, Mr. Burriss said.

Cherokee County Named FHA Model

Approximately 20 persons interested in the Farmers' Home Administration, including Harold Williams, Farm Management specialist from Washington, D. C., Monday will make a tour of county farms taking part on the FHA program.

The county was selected as a model to be studied by Mr. Williams, six specialists from Raleigh and five state field representatives. The group will observe planning and progress made with farm families through the assistance of the local FHA office.

Siles S. Williams is the Cherokee County FHA supervisor. He is assisted by Vernon H. Rankin.

Those who will be in the group to meet for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in Murphy poured into town Monday to see the Christmas Parade and crowds kept returning for the afternoon drawings on the Square where prizes worth over \$200 are given each day.

Winners of the \$100 Savings Bonds so far are Mrs. Virginia Scroggs, Monday; "Red" Savage, Tuesday, and Edward Townsend, yesterday.

Jackpot drawings are made each day in which the holder of the lucky tickets divide the prizes that were not claimed the day before.

The drawings will be held each day at 4 p. m. through Saturday. A \$100 bond will be given away at each drawing until Saturday.

GRAND PRIZE

At the Saturday drawing a grand prize of a \$500 Savings Bond will be awarded.

Extra prizes from local merchants participating in Trade Week swelled the value of the goods being given away to well over \$200 per day.

In the child-pet contest of the parade, Larry (Hop-Along Cassidy) Hughes and Jimmy Gibbs split the \$5 prize.

Each child will receive \$2.50 as his share of the prize.

Murphy City School children lined the streets for the parade and fell in behind the Fire Truck which served as Santa Claus' float.

BIG PARADE

Floated from the Boy Scouts, Hiwassee Dam School, several retail merchants and a school bus from Murphy School and a marching unit of the local School bus patrol added to the parade.

New autos, tractors and trucks were included in the line-up. The lovely Miss Mildred Taylor, crowned Queen at the Senior Bowl rode in a convertible.

The parade was headed by Police Chief Neil Sneed followed by a Highway Patrol car.

A Christmas Seal car also participated.

The children of Cherokee County were on hand to greet Santa and he expressed pleasure at seeing so many young friends in town.

The Western North Carolina Teachers College Band was a favored attraction of the parade along with the Murphy School Band.

Of the islands on the Square and the local band stopped at one played while the rest of the parade continued.

Still larger crowds are expected to arrive in Murphy as the trade week continues. The special period is expected to reach its peak this Saturday.

ON DEAN'S LIST

John Benjamin Gentry of Murphy made the Dean's List for the first quarter at Lees-McRae College, according to Dean Creed F. Gilley.

in the Henry House before making the tour are:

Mr. Harold Williams, J. B. Slack, state FHA director, Vance E. Swift, chief of the Farm Ownership Operations; A. E. Romar, chief of Production Loan Operations; Ralph W. Turner Farm-Market specialist; H. B. Riggle, Production Loan specialist, and Charlie Jeffrey, Farm Ownership specialist at from Raleigh.

Also, FHA state field representatives Paul Laughran, W. B. Oliver, J. E. Hull, Dennis H. Sutton and Marion C. Holland.

And Frank Pennington of the Murphy Citizens Bank and Trust Co., G. H. Farley, county agent, and M. B. Wright, assistant county agent.