

Andrews Clubs And Berkshire Plan Big Christmas Celebration

Homes Decoration Contest Extends Date

The deadline for entering the home Christmas decoration contest sponsored by local merchants has been extended until midnight Saturday, Dec. 20.

The extension will enable homes not decorated until Saturday to be included in the contest.

Prizes for winners in the two divisions total \$100. First award for the lawn or roof decoration will be a \$50 Savings Bond. Second prize in that division will be a \$25 bond.

In the window or door decoration division the prize will be a \$25 bond.

CONTEST RULES

The contest is open to homes only, including houses, apartments, duplex houses and house trailers. Business establishments, schools and churches are not eligible to enter.

To enter the contest the decorations must be up no later than Dec. 18. Those interested in entering either or both divisions are asked to mail applications to the Scout office.

An application blank appears on page 4. 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 residences inside the town limits of Murphy.

Christmas Holidays

One of the real joys of Christmas will start tomorrow for Cherokee County school children when holidays for the season begin, L. W. Hendrix, county superintendent of education, said today.

The children will report back to their classrooms Monday, Dec. 29, Mr. Hendrix said.

Scout To Come Out Next Wed.

So that the staff can enjoy a Christmas holiday, your Christmas edition of the Cherokee Scout will be published Wednesday.

Deadline on all news and advertisement will be 5 p. m. Monday. By using the earlier deadline, the Scout can be delivered to the readers Wednesday morning before the Christmas holidays start.

Jack R. Stewart Takes Honors At U. Of Tennessee Graduation

Jack R. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Stewart of Andrews, is valedictorian of the pharmacy class of University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Stewart graduated at commencement exercises there Monday night, Dec. 15. A graduate of Andrews High School, he received a bachelor of science in pharmacy at the University.

He is a member of Phi Delta Chi, pharmaceutical fraternity, and Rho Chi, honorary society.

He is the husband of the former Mary Francis Robinson of Andrews.



JACK R. STEWART

Planting Stock For Quail Is Offered Free To Farmers

Cherokee County farmers interested in increasing North Carolina's quail population, are being offered free planting stock for quail food and cover by the Wildlife Resources Commission. This planting stock is being distributed to help make the necessary improvements in the steady disappearance of natural food and cover, which is bringing about a decline in the state's quail population.

G. H. Farley, County Farm Agent, said that applications for the stock are available at his office and anyone interested in planting will be aided in filling out the application.

Application blanks and complete information on all species may also be obtained from the district biologist, Rex L. Bird, 1619 Kensington Rd., Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. Bird said that three perennials are being utilized in the planting stock. They are bicolor and sericea lespedeza, and multiflora rose.

According to Bird annual food patches of soybeans and cowpeas provide abundance of food during the fall and early winter months, but by late winter their seed is frequently either gone or unfit for consumption. In addition, there is an unnecessary expenditure involved because they must be replanted each year. On the other hand, bicolor lespedeza produces an abundance of seed each year without the necessity of re-seeding.

Since clean farming has resulted in the elimination of wildlife cover lanes along fence rows and ditches, and farmers cannot be expected to again permit such areas to grow up in weeds and brush, it is quite obvious that we need wildlife food and cover plants that can be planted on parts of the farm where they will not interfere with the landowner's normal activities.

The three species being distributed also provide benefits to the landowners over and above their wildlife value. When planted along woodland borders, bicolor lespedeza erodes, and since it is shade tolerant, it may be so placed that there is no loss of productive crop. Such a strip also pre-

vents the invasion of the field by trees. In addition, it is attractive to bees, that produce a light colored honey from bicolor flowers. Its abundant seed crop provides a great quantity of food for quail.

In addition to being valuable as game cover, sericea lespedeza controls erosion, provides a turnrow on cropland edges, is a valuable hay crop particularly during dry

years, and when planted as a border, keeps obnoxious weeds out of cropland.

A thorny hedge of multiflora rose has several advantages, the most important being that it is successfully replacing the conventional wire fence for livestock. Its original cost is much lower and there are no maintenance costs.

Local Bank Uses Mechanical Brain

Ferebee Says Shows Growth Of Business Here

A \$6,000 "mechanical brain" has been added to the staff of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company here to save countless man-hours and speed customer service, Percy B. Ferebee, president of the bank, said today.

The mechanism, known as a "proof machine," is being operated to maintain a continuous balance of checks, deposit tickets and credit memos.

During business hours figures are entered into the machine through an elaborate keyboard. The machine, in addition to checking balances, carries through the day some 20 different totals, representing various bank records.

The proof machine, a product of the National Cash Register Co., is used to simplify the bank's accounting system, Mr. Ferebee pointed out.

The machine, he said, added to



MRS. HALL

This mastermind machine, doing the work of 20 adding machines, lightens the drudgery of a day's work for Mrs. Don Hall at Murphy's Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

the already modern equipment of the institution as a further step in keeping abreast of the commercial

growth of Murphy and the surrounding area.

Beauty And Yule Buying



MISS STALCUP

A gleam in her eye, a smile on her face and a lilt in her heart make pretty Rosalind Stalcup's load of packages seem light—for Christmas shopping in the brisk air is a feeling all its own. Since the first of the month laden shoppers have been hurrying around Murphy's stores buying gifts to supplement Santa's already heavy pack. The next few days will probably bring a townful of frantic last minute buyers and some stores have indicated that they will be open later than usual on Christmas Eve to take care of the rush. (SCOUT PHOTO)

Property Listings Wanted By County

Cherokee County merchants and business men must start facing the tax music before Jan. 31, 1953, E. L. Shields, tax supervisor, said.

Mr. Shields said every merchant and business man, whether company partnership, proprietorship or corporation must list all real and personal property for taxes before Jan. 31, 1953.

A listing of personal property must be accompanied by a written inventory, he said. The inventory is to be handed to tax lists to be turned over to the county, Mr. Shields said.

Failure to list taxes prior to the deadline date or failure to present the personal property inventory at the time of listing can bring action by the Grand Jury on the recommendation of the County Commissioners, Mr. Shields warned.

Close For Yule

The Cherokee County Courthouse will close noon Wednesday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holidays, W. E. Moore, County Commission chairman, said today.

Mr. Moore said the building will open again for regular business hours, Monday, Dec. 29.

Tax lists named for 1953 are J. A. Richardson and Miss Bessie Mallonee, Murphy Township; Victor Raxter, Valleytown Township; J. W. Hatchett, Notia Township; C. C. Foster, Hot House Township; Don Taylor, Shoal Creek Township, and George Crawford, Beaverdam Township.

Community Gather Will Feature Santa, Gifts For Children, Giant Tree, Singing

ANDREWS—Santa Claus, loaded with treats for the children, will arrive here around 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 23, during a community gathering on the Berkshire Knitting Mill lawn.

The celebration was planned when representatives of local civic clubs met with S. J. Gernert, superintendent of Berkshire.

Mrs. Edwin Bristol will lead the group singing which will include old familiar carols. Everyone attending the Christmas celebration will join in the singing.

The community gathering will include a giant size Christmas tree with all the trimmings plus the carol singing and Santa's visit to the children.

Families from the entire area are expected to attend the big affair and Mrs. Bristol asked that church choirs attend and offer special selections. Special singing groups are asked to contact Mrs. Bristol.

Refreshments of cookies, coffee and cocoa will be offered as compliments of the Berkshire plant plus Santa's special treats for the children.

Participating in the community celebration planning are the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, American Legion, Junior Woman's Club and Konaheeta Club.

The planning committee said they hoped to make the community Christmas celebration an annual tradition.

HEALTH DEPT. BE CLOSED

The Cherokee County Health Department will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through the week end and will open Dec. 29.

City Offices Close

Noon Christmas Day

The city offices will be closed for Christmas holidays from noon Christmas Eve through Christmas Day and employees will return for work Dec. 26, L. L. Mason, mayor said.

The City Hall is gaily decorated for Christmas with evergreens and Christmas lights bordering the door and a lighted Santa's face in the door. Inside there is a Christmas tree erected by TVA with a homey scene of two happy children peering out a window.

Season's Coldest Day Reported Mon.

Murphy's coldest day of the season came Monday when the maximum temperature was only a scant 27 degrees. The coldest temperature reading was at 7 a. m. Tuesday when 10 degrees was seen.

Other temperature readings for the week were consistently low and went like this: Minimums, Thursday, 32 degrees; Friday, 19 degrees; Saturday, 21 degrees; Sunday, 12 degrees; Monday, 19 degrees.

The rainfall thus far in December is 3.13 inches.

No Tues. Sale At King's

Area farmers today were reminded that there will not be a stock sale at King's Barn this Tuesday.

Ed King said the regular sale was called off for this Tuesday because of the Christmas holidays. The regular Tuesday sales will continue starting Dec. 30, he said.

Regal Club Holds Christmas Dinner Fri.

The annual Christmas dinner of the Murphy Regal Club was held Friday, Dec. 12, at the Henry House.

The Christmas motif was carried out in dining room decorations and a turkey dinner was enjoyed by the 20 members and one guest present.

At the meeting the club decided to send a Christmas box of toys, food and clothing to a needy family.

During the social hour gifts were exchanged.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Service Guild Has Christmas Dinner

The Wesleyan Service Guild Christmas dinner party was held Monday at 7 p. m. at the Regal Hotel.

Twenty guests were present and tables were decorated to represent the heavens, with a strip of blue paper down the center with silver stars scattered over the table, along with blue candles and silver angels.

Miss Emily Sword and Mrs. Edna Whitley were in charge of the program in which each person on the program was given a silver star and told the story of a famous Bible woman and placed the star on the table, making another star in the heaven.

Mrs. R. Delbert Byrum sang a solo.

Hostesses were Mrs. Tom Mauney, Miss Clara McCombs and Miss Adella Meroney.

Each member took a gift and all gifts were to be sent to Vashli school for girls in Thomasville, Ga.

Principals At Lodge Celebration



MR. CAPPS, MR. VANCE, MR. HEMMICK

John C. Vance, center above, an officer of the Masonic Grand Lodge, of Hendersonville, was speaker last week at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the charter of the Cherokee Masonic Lodge. Pictured with Mr. Vance are Sam Capps, worshipful master, and Jim Hemmick, secretary, who gave a review of the history of the lodge. The celebration included a banquet and entertainment and took place at the lodge hall.