

Economic Outlook For Cherokee County Is Good

Yule Contest Winners For Murphy And Andrews Announced

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The Whites' first prize winner was a collection of decorations featuring two lighted trees in the yard, a red Merry Christmas door, the porch decorated with green all the way to the roof and green-trimmed windows. Evergreens were used to hide flood lights trained on the front and greens lined the foundation of the house.

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Same Location; New Building



BOB EASLEY

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FRANK TAYLOR

Frank Taylor talks over last minute plans for completion of his new shop with Lions Bob Bault and Bob Easley. The Lions Club built the shop for Taylor to replace the old one that was torn down. The building needs just a few finishing touches to be completed.

Murphy Lions Build Taylor New Store

Frank Taylor is back in his old location, doing business as usual after the Murphy Lions Club, with the help of some local business firms, erected him a new store at the side of the courthouse.

The eight by twenty foot building is almost completed and Frank has already moved in and started serving his customers.

He sells such things as soft drinks, candy, crackers, tobacco, chewing gum and other items.

The building was built to be occupied by Frank as long as he wants it. When Frank moves out the structure will become the property of the local Lions Club.

Finishing touches will be added to the store within the next 10

days or two weeks, Bob Easley and Bob Bault, in charge of construction, said.

The outside front still needs painting, a sign is to be erected on the front and another cement step is to be poured.

The building stands where Frank carried on his business in what he termed "the old shack." The building was in bad shape he said, but it turned out to be even worse than he thought when it was torn down.

Frank moved into a room in the Courthouse while the new store was being built.

The building was put up as another project by the local Lions Club to assist the blind, Mr. Easley said.

Standard Of Living Is Highest; Dairying To Bring Half Million

Beef Cattle And Poultry Will Rank Second In Farm Income. Lumbering And Wood Products Will Continue To Play Large Part In County's Economic Life.

BY FRANK LOKSATH
Vice President, Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

Threat Of Rabid Dogs Is Growing

Murphy dog owners today were warned of the danger of rabid dogs in the area.

Mayor J. J. Mason said there has been at least 12 reported dogs in the town and the threat is getting worse.

He warned that all dogs that have not been inoculated should be put up for 30 days, according to law.

Any dog that has been bitten by a rabid dog must be killed immediately, the mayor pointed out.

Even if the owner suspects his dog has been bitten, the law requires the owner to kill the animal, Mayor Mason pointed out.

Chadwick Speaks At Civitan Ladies Night Here

The Rev. Howard Chadwick, International Civitan chaplain for the year 1952-53 will be guest speaker at the Civitan Club Monday at 6:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church.

This will be the annual Ladies Night for the club.

Rev. Chadwick is minister of the Fairview Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, and will be accompanied to Murphy by Mrs. Chadwick, who will also be a guest at the meeting.

Lovingood Gets High Corn Yield

Soil fertility today was credited with helping Ralph L. Lovingood of Rt. 1, Marble, to maintain his corn yield at a high level during the summer's drought, County Agent G. H. Farley said.

His average yield for 14 acres was 65 bushels. On two acres he produced 190 bushels.

Lovingood said he used 300 lbs. 16-6 per acre plus 150 lbs. Ammonium Nitrate on the 14 acres. On the high yielding two acres he used a good covering of poultry manure plus 300 lbs. 16-6. A. Lovingood said.

Mr. Farley pointed out that if sufficient plant nutrients are supplied to the soil in organic or inorganic form a better yield will be obtained.

"Butch" Lowe, young son of Lester Lowe of Andrews, has been appointed as a page for the State Senate beginning Jan. 7 at Raleigh, according to a letter to Butch from Luther H. Hodges, lieutenant governor elect.

Dr. J. H. Crawford of Robbinville, state senator elect and father of Cherokee County Sheriff Frank Crawford, secured the appointment for Butch.

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Gill Heads 1953 March Of Dimes In County

The 1953 March of Dimes was launched in Cherokee County by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis today as volunteer workers prepared to wipe out the debt incurred by last year's record polio epidemic and to grid against the expected financial demands of the coming months.

With more persons stricken with infantile paralysis in 1952 than ever before, and with the prospect of a staggering patient care bill, the 3,100 county chapters of the March of Dimes organization were preparing today to match the record polio onslaught with a record 1953 March of Dimes.

In 1952, John Gill, county campaign director said today, the National Foundation had:

1. Supplied more iron lungs and other lifesaving equipment than in the previous three

years combined.

2. Met the costs of transportation, salaries and maintenance for hundreds of recruited polio nurses.
3. Spent \$28,000,000 for patient care, a figure over \$5,000,000 more than was ever expended for this purpose in any one year.
4. Allocated vast sums to scientific research.
5. Awarded more than 200 scholarships and fellowships in its professional education program.

"In addition to assisting four out of five of the record number of polio patients reported in 1952, we continued to aid 46,000 patients stricken in previous years," the campaign director added.

"And all of this at a time when science is poised on the threshold of epochmaking discoveries in the field of the prevention of paralytic polio."

The campaign will continue through January 31.

Road Program Be Told At Four-County Meet

County commissioners of four counties will meet with L. D. Thrash, 10th Division road commissioner in the Court House here from 11 a. m. to noon, Friday, Jan. 9, Mr. Thrash said today.

Division engineers will be with Mr. Thrash to discuss road matters with the commissioners.

Commissioners from Cherokee, Macon, Clay and Graham Counties will attend the meeting.

Additional road paving with county bond money will not be announced at the meeting, Mr. Thrash said, but the commissioners will be brought up to date on the road program.

Registration Of Aliens Set

Each alien living in the United States must register his address between today and Jan. 31, Postmaster Joe Ray said today.

The address cards are available at the Post Office and should be returned to the office after they are filled out, Mr. Ray said.

Failure to file the address cards will mean a fine not over \$200 or 30 days in jail or both the postmaster said.

Production of hickory wood products has been a steady increase and most hickory products are pointing to the best of 1953. Good second crop hickory is down. We have had these forecasts for the past seven years, all boom years, and when we fail to bust, they bust the next quarter next year. These reassuring facts remain for Cherokee Counties, it has so many one-family farms, individual savings are the highest in history and its record of indebtedness is not in excess of individual limitations to pay.

With the know-how to grow year-round pastures and with farmers putting in more acreage of this type feed every year, it will certainly make a more attractive farm income arrangement.

Our soil and climate is very well suited for dairy, beef and poultry farming and I believe that 1953 will bring a good profit for this type farming.

Lumbering and wood products continues to play a large part in the economic life of Cherokee County. We have one plant that is one of the largest manufacturers of wood pallets in the United States. These pallets are used principally by the armed forces in shipping and storage of supplies.

One plant manufactures some very fine oak flooring and still another manufactures veneers, principally out of poplar trees. The newest plant of this kind manufactures hickory fibers used for industrial sweepers. Thousands of cords of pulp wood are shipped out each year which will be used in the manufacture of paper.

We have several large take mining operations which are being conducted by excellent companies and employ a large number of people.

One company is one of the largest producers of crayon talc in the United States. They also pulverize talc for the textile, cosmetic, paint, rice, and rubber trades. Our county has several marble quarries and one processing plant which is located at Marble, N. C.

Two new textile plants started operation during 1952 in Cherokee County. Both should keep in production, although it is thought textiles will drop somewhat in the second half of 1953.

Estimates show that approximately 4900 men and 1900 women are now employed in Cherokee County with an average wage increase of approximately \$2.00 per week over 1951. This is above the national average of \$1.50.

TRADE WEEK
Murphy, being the county seat and serving the large trading area which includes part of North Georgia and East Tennessee has a bright outlook for its merchants if they continue to keep their stores up to date.

The merchants have recently shown in their December Trade Week what cooperation and working together can do, but unless

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Yule Brings A \$2 Confession

Around Christmas time there is always that feeling of good will toward men and as H. Bueck, superintendent of City Schools, can tell you, that certain Yule air can sometimes work of your conscience.

The school library got a Christmas card with a \$2 bill enclosed.

The written message said the money was to pay for a book the sender had borrowed and never returned.

"I'm sorry," the card concluded.

The card, sent from Atlanta, Ga., was dated, of course, December 24.