

Homes Decoration Contest Rules Are Announced



FLOAT WINNER: The float entered by the Murphy Junior Woman's Club last week took top honors in the float division of the Santa Claus parade. The Cherub Choir of the First Methodist Church sang carols from the float's loft backed by a stained glass window. (Scout Photo)

\$50 Bond Set As First Prize

Hard on the heels of the Second Annual Murphy Christmas Trade Week, local merchants are sponsoring a home Christmas decoration contest with a first prize of a \$50 bond to be given.

Two other valuable prizes, to be announced next week, are also planned.

Residences only are eligible for entrance in the contest.

The first prize will be awarded for the best overall decorations of lawn or roof house front, and a second prize will also be given in this division. A prize will also be given for the best window or door decoration.

The decorations must be up and applications filed at the Scout office by Dec. 21 in order for the entry to be eligible.

Decorations must be visible from the street and all entries must be residences inside the town limits.

Judging will be by persons from out of town.

The decorations must be lighted from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.

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

An application form is printed on page five of this issue of The Scout and other forms are available at the Scout office.

Meanwhile, Trade Week came to an end Saturday when an estimated 2,500 persons attended the final drawing. Willie Ledford, Jr. was winner of the \$500 bond.

Winners of the \$100 bonds were Tommy Moore, Jo Garrett, George Leatherwood, and Malcolm Arrant.



... AND I WANT A DOLL. Hilda Decker, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Decker of Murphy gets in a personal word with Santa as he offers her a stick of candy. Santa was honored last week at a Christmas parade in Murphy, and the old gent said he expects to be in Murphy for the next two Saturdays preceeding Christmas. (Scout Photo)

AT SCHOOL



JONES
Leonard Jones, Cherokee County jailer, recently was presented a certificate after attending the fifth annual Jail Management Class at Chapel Hill, Nov. 17-19 conducted by the N. C. Institute of Government. Sheriff M. G. Crawford attended a similar short course for sheriffs some months ago at Chapel Hill.

Small Still Taken At Hanging Dog

Deputies Leonard Jones and Guy Roberts last week brought in a small copper whiskey still captured in the Hanging Dog section.

Some 1,500 gallons of beer were poured out, but no arrests were made.

State Education Leaders



MR. BUECK MISS TRIPP MRS. OLSON DR. HURLBURT
MURPHY SCHOOL was host last week to Dr. A. S. Hurlburt, new head of the Division of Instructional Service of the State Department of Education; and Miss Madeline Tripp, State Supervisor of Elementary Education. Dr. Hurlburt addressed teachers from the Andrews, Murphy and County School units at a gathering following a tea Wednesday.

Pictured with the guests are H. Bueck, Murphy School Superintendent and Mrs. C. K. Olson, Murphy and Andrews units elementary supervisor. (Scout Photo)

Cherokee Dairy Farmers Organize Assn. This Week

Nantahala District Boy Scouts Get Court Awards

Ga. Convict Is Apprehended Here

Fifteen months of freedom for an escaped convict from a Georgia prison camp came to an end last week when the escapee was arrested at Peachtree where he was working on a farm.

J. B. Brewster, about 28, was brought to the Cherokee County Jail Monday after his arrest by Deputy Guy Roberts. Brewster had lived for some three months at Peachtree.

Sheriff M. G. Crawford said Georgia authorities were notified and came for the prisoner early this week.

Brewster was serving a five year sentence for car theft and violation of the prohibition law, when he broke away from the chain gang at Jasper, Ga.

Four Baptist Youth Choirs To Sing Christmas Music

The Birth of Christ in Prophecy, Gospel and Song will be presented by the four Youth Choirs of the First Baptist Church at the evening service next Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7:30.

The entire service will be devoted to the program of Christmas music and scripture.

Traditional carols from many countries and other Christmas songs will be used.

Choirs participating will be the Cherub Choir, directed by Miss Jo Garrett; Primary Choir and Junior Choir, directed by Miss Sarah Perry; and Youth Choir, directed by Mrs. Velma Burch.

Lowell Scruggs will accompany the groups at the piano.

The Adult Choir's Christmas Cantata will be sung Sunday night, Dec. 20.

Murphy Band And Chorus Christmas Program Be Mon.

Murphy School Bands and the Girls' Chorus will be presented in a Christmas concert Monday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. The program will be under the direction of Edwards Reynolds, director of music in the school.

The program was originally set for Friday, Dec. 11, but was postponed due to conflict with a basketball game on Friday.

Wells Named Head Of Dairy Group

Cherokee County dairy farmers this week banded together into a Cherokee County Milk Producers Association, with H. N. Wells elected as the first president.

F. R. Farman and M. E. Senger, dairy specialists from N. C. State College assisted at the organizational meet which was held Tuesday at the Courthouse.

County Agent G. H. Farley presided at the meeting and the following other officers were elected: J. Franklin Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Kate Shields, secretary-treasurer; directors J. B. Hall, A. Q. Ketter, L. L. Lockaby, Wilburn McCombs, Dillard Stiles, Bill Russell, Charles Walker, C. H. Townsend and Frank Geringhelli.

The six aims listed for the new organization were:

- 1 To promote the dairy farming industry in Cherokee County.
- 2 To promote the production and sale of Cherokee County produced milk and dairy products.
- 3 To promote the education of dairymen in the latest research and development from N. C. State College and other sources.
- 4 To promote and publicize the development of dairying as an economic factor in the economy of Cherokee County.
- 5 To act as a bargaining agency for member-producers with processors and distributors of milk and dairy products.
- 6 To cooperate with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Artificial Breeders' Association and breed associations in educational and promotional work.

'54 License Tag



Mrs. Alexander Mr. Singleton Mr. Hughes
Jim Ed Hughes became the first 1954 auto tag buyer recently when he purchased his license from the Carolina Motor Club office in the Western Auto Store here. Mrs. W. H. Alexander makes the sale to Mr. Hughes while W. A. Singleton, office manager checks out the first tag. Mr. Singleton asked county motorists to purchase tags well in advance of the January 31 deadline to avoid the last minute rush.

New Safety Law Not Compulsory Insurance

RALEIGH: Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt explained in an official statement today the insurance features of North Carolina's new safety Responsibility Law, which goes into effect January 1 has sometimes been misinterpreted as a compulsory insurance act.

Commissioner Scheidt pointed out that 43 states now have the same type of law in effect and that in each the same public misunderstanding occurred that now exists in North Carolina. The most commonly misinterpreted section of the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law is the one that exempts insured motorists from the security requirements, which he

explained as follows:
"It cannot be repeated too often that our Safety Responsibility Law is not a compulsory insurance law. Certainly it is true that the only section of the new law that applies to insured motorists is the one requiring reports after an accident. But it contains nothing whatever that requires a motorist to carry insurance under any condition or circumstance. Now a motorist meets his financial obligations after an accident if he has no concern to the law, just as long as he meets them."
"Neither can it be repeated too often that just any kind of insurance will not satisfy the safety requirements, which he

Young Harris Choir To Sing 'The Messiah' Sunday

The Young Harris College Choir will present Handel's Christmas Messiah Sunday evening, Dec. 13. The performance is to be held in Sharp Memorial Methodist Church at eight o'clock under the direction of Mr. William Fox. Organist for the choir is to be Miss Kathy Williams of Avondale Estates, Georgia.

Presenting solos are Miss Margie Huskey of Ringgold with "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"; Miss Patricia Henry, Blairsville, with "Come Unto Him"; Gene Gee, Richmond, will sing "Comfort Ye My People"; Jack Johnson of Americus, "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?"; and Miss Marjorie Doak Claxton, the Recitative and "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion". Henry Flowers, of Spartanburg, will present "Why Do the Nations Rage?"

Young Harris College President, Charles R. Clegg, will preside. Dr. W. Thomas Smith, pastor, Sharp Memorial Methodist Church will announce the invocation and the Rev. Jack Waldrep, the benediction.

The Christmas Messiah is an annual presentation of the Young Harris College Choir.

Mrs. Cobb's Grade Has PTA Program

The fifth and sixth grades in Murphy School taught by Mrs. Rosyna S. Cobb, presented a special Christmas program at the meeting of PTA Monday night in the primary school auditorium.

The Christmas Story from Luke was read, after which a number of Choral readings and Christmas songs were given.

The closing number was a Christmas poem, "School Days", written by Mrs. Nora Cobb Spencer.

Mrs. Bob Cheney, presided over a short business session at which time plans for a Christmas tree and treat to be held in the primary auditorium on Dec. 18, were discussed.

Mrs. Cobb's room received the banner for the largest number of parents present.

Local Employment Office To Close

The Murphy State Employment office will close Dec. 14, 1953, Jack Burrus, office manager, announced today.

The area served by the Murphy office will come under the office in Bryson City, he said.

Office hours in the Murphy section after December 14 will be Murphy, first and third Wednesdays, from 10 a. m. to noon; Andrews, second and fourth Tuesdays, 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., and Hayesville, first and third Wednesdays, 10:30 a. m. to noon.

Marble Station Robbed of Goods

A Sinclair station, owned by James and Vernon Bryson at Marble was broken into and robbed of some \$200 in merchandise last week, Sheriff M. G. Crawford said.

Crawford said the thieves apparently knocked glass out with a Coke bottle and entered through a window.

Stolen goods were listed as three cartons of cigarettes, three men's watches, two ladies' watches, and a dozen cigarette lighters.

Sheriff Crawford and Deputy Guy Roberts made the investigation and lifted fingerprints which are now being checked.

On the same evening an unsuccessful attempt was made to enter Palmer's station, just up the road from the Sinclair station.

Some two months ago the Andrews Sinclair station suffered the loss of its cash register, but no cash, after a break-in.

Home Ec Girls Have Fashion Showing

Mrs. Doille Smart's home economics students presented a fashion show in the school auditorium Wednesday at 10 a. m.

The first, second, third and fourth year girls in her class modeled clothing for every season.

The theme of the show was "White Christmas."

Local Tourist People Are Told To Organize

Cherokee County men and women interested in tourist business Tuesday heard the State Tourist Bureau director say they needed a functioning organization before the county can benefit from money the state plans to spend on tourist promotion.

Those attending the meeting in Regal Hotel immediately appointed a committee to investigate the local branch of the Western Carolina North Carolina Tourist Association with the idea of renewing interest in the association or of forming a new organization.

C. R. Freed was appointed temporary chairman of the committee and Mrs. Inez Kahn of Hayesville

was named secretary.

Other members of the committee are Harry Seamon, L. W. Shields and Steve Owens. The committee will also look into the possibility of Clay County joining with the Cherokee County organization.

Speakers for the meeting were Fred Whitaker of Raleigh, head of the State Tourist Bureau of the Development and Conservation Board, and Major O. A. Fetch, president of WNC Highlanders and manager of Fontana Dam.

Major Fetch predicted that 1954 will see a "hardening of the tourist dollar." The tourist business will still be obtainable, he said,

but visitors will be looking for ways to save money.

Tourists are not spending as freely as before, he warned. "However, he said, "business will be good in 1954." People will not be going on trips just to sleep in a hotel or motel or just to eat in a different restaurant he said. The tourist in 1954 will want to see sights when he stops at a town, Mr. Whitaker pointed out.

He told the group that anything can be sold one time but it is selling again and again that pays off. He advised Cherokee County to build up their natural Indian history and to develop sight seeing sites for future tourists. He touched on the "Trail of Tears" and

Fort Butler as possible tourist attractions.

He warned the group that they must organize to raise money to set up the attractions. The primary object, he asserted, is to keep tourists in the area once they stop here.

In outlining the 1954 tourist season, Mr. Whitaker said the state bureau will advertise the state as a whole, but it is up to Cherokee County to advertise its own location as a tie-in with the advertisement.

Mr. Whitaker pointed out that a tourist unit, estimated at two and four-tenths persons, spends from \$12 to \$25 every day it is kept in a section.

West Liberty Quarterly Meet

The quarterly meeting of the West Liberty Baptist Association will be held at Ranger Baptist Church Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p. m. The Rev. Calvin Thompson will give the devotional, which will be followed by the business session.

The Rev. E. G. Aikland of Suit will give the inspirational address. Fred Stiles, moderator said that all pastors and associational offices are especially urged to attend the meeting.