

Cherokee County March Of Dimes Starts This Week

Parking Meter Poll Is Ordered

Town Council, during a rather quiet meeting, Monday night took up four items of business including a stirring up of the embers of the parking meter question.

Another group of citizens asked council to investigate the possibility of a three-way traffic light in West Murphy at Shields Service station.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



MR. SEAMON MISS PALMER MR. PALMER

RE-ELECTED OFFICERS of the Cherokee County Tourist Association, above talk over new plans for an active year.

Nutritionist To Lead HD And 4-H Training Courses

Mrs. Jewell Fessenden, extension nutritionist from N. C. State College, will be in charge of a leader training course in Cherokee County next week.

On Friday, Jan. 22 at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Fessenden will hold a training period at the Court House for home demonstration health leaders and community Home Demonstration Club presidents.



MRS. JEWELL FESSENDEN

Mrs. Nunn Is Regal Club Head

Installation of officers featured the meeting of the Regal Club held Friday night, Dec. 8, in the home of Mrs. Dixie Palmer and Miss Hattie Palmer.

Mrs. Ruby Hill, outgoing president, presided and installed the following officers: Mrs. Johnnie Nunn president, Mrs. Nina Hubble secretary and Miss Marvle Walker, treasurer.

Following the meeting, the hostesses served refreshments during the social hour.

'NO JOKE-THIS IS FOR REAL



SNOW WAS STILL FALLING Monday when the above battle took place on Peachtree St. in Murphy. Whether Hugh Hensley, right, threw the first snowball or not wasn't disclosed, but the three pretty teen age misses seem to have him on the run.

Andrews Beats Two Nantahala Teams

The Andrews Boys and Girls basketball teams won a twin victory over the Nantahala basketball teams Friday night with the girls' score 69-31 and the boys' 59-41.

Sue Crawford of Andrews was high scorer with 32 points, with Dorcas McGuire in second place with 21 points.

Carolyn Gregory had high score of 12 points for the Nantahala lassies.

In the boys' game Dean Truett led with high score of 23 points and Gerald Wheeler was second with 12.

Jimmy Day was Nantahala's high scorer.

Texana Meets Franklin Again Tomorrow Here

The Texana Bearcats continued their winning streak last week by defeating Chapel High School of Franklin 48-2v.

Franklin will play a return game with the cats in Murphy tomorrow at 8 p. m., Friday.

The Bearcats are sparked with the accurate shooting of John Fair.

Raxter Baby Dies In Andrews

Phyllis Debra Raxter, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Dennis Raxter, of Andrews died at 10 a. m. Friday in an Andrews hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Andrews Baptist Church. The Rev. John Corbitt and the Rev. James Hornbuckle officiated and burial was in Valleytown Cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are the paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dillie C. Raxter, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Conley of Andrews.

Divine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Axley's Art Work Be Displayed

Miss Mary Frances Axley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Axley of Murphy, North Carolina, is having some of her original art work represented in the student art exhibit at Wesleyan College January 9 through 16.

The art exhibit as a whole emphasizes design as is apparent in every field. There are life drawings, paintings, ceramics, fashions and interiors displayed.

Forsyth Named Chairman; Elliott Heads Andrews



FRANK FORSYTH DRIVE CHAIRMAN

Cherokee County's 1954 March of Dimes campaign started this week with Frank Forsyth as general chairman and Mark Elliott heading the drive in Andrews.

This week an initial gifts committee, headed by William H. Cornwell, will call on stores and mills with an aim of getting 100 per cent participation from the concerns.

On the week of Jan. 18, the schools in the county will be solicited with prizes going to the children bringing in the most filled March of Dimes Cards.

The Mothers March on Polio will be held Friday, Jan. 29.

Mr. Cornwell, whose wife, Jane Moore Cornwell, died of polio last month, pointed out that there is now a chance through research to beat polio. He said that with enough finance polio could be controlled so that it will no longer be the dreaded sickness it is today.

He said the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital—where Cherokee County patients are sent—"is a wonderful place." "People would have to visit the hospital to appreciate it," he added.

Mr. Cornwell pointed out that the March of Dimes accounts for every dime it takes in. "There is no such thing as giving until it hurts as far as the March of Dimes is concerned—I don't believe people can give enough to the organization," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Mr. Elliott was busy in Andrews drawing up committees to work his section. And at the John C. Campbell Folk School plans were being drawn up for its annual Folk Dance with proposals to go to the March of Dimes. Time of the dance will be announced later.

Cherokee County goes into its 1954 campaign with a debt of some \$4,500 after spending almost \$10,000 on 14 polio cases that hit the county from July to December. Two of the 14 cases, however, were covered by insurance, it is believed.

On Jan. 1, 1953, the county organization started the year with \$4,412.35 and \$1,690.90 was raised during the 1953 campaign. During the year all the funds were spent and the \$4,500 was borrowed from the National Emergency Fund to help meet hospital and doctors' bills. There are still bills outstanding from 1953, Mr. Forsyth said.

Livestock Producers To Hear Dr. Grinnells

Dr. C. D. Grinnells, livestock specialist from the extension department of N. C. State College, Raleigh will speak to Cherokee County livestock producers this morning at 10 o'clock at the County Courthouse.

Dr. Grinnells will speak on mastitis control, milking procedures and the prevention and control of livestock diseases.

All producers, especially dairymen, are invited to attend.

3rd SUNDAY SINGING

The third Sunday singing will be held at Vegeance Creek Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 17.

Boy Scout Honor Court Held Here

The Nantahala District Court of Honor for Boy Scouts was held in the Murphy Courthouse on January 5, with Hobart McKeever, district chairman, presiding.

Tenderfoot awards were made to Norman Kaye and Tommy Honaker of Murphy, Troop No. 2. James Bristol and Boyce Mathis of Troop 1, Andrews, received the second class award from Thomas

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Adventists Conduct Day School Near Wehuty

Six Pupils Are Enrolled In One Room School

To the passer-by the white frame building that houses the Postell Seventh Day Adventist Church might seem as inactive as most churches on a week day. But inside its board the building harbors six busy school pupils and their teacher who are in a regular beehive of activity in their private one room school.

Located in the far western end of Cherokee County, near Wehuty the Postell School, operated in a separate room of the church, has been going on intermittently for some 25 years since the organization of the Postell SDA Church in 1929. It is the county's only parochial school.

This year there are six pupils in the school, taught by Mrs. Joe Barnes. The pupils who are financially able pay tuition and some church members who do not have children in the school, also help with the finances. No state funds are used for the school.

The building used by the church and school was originally an old public school and then a Masonic lodge hall. When the Masons owned the building, and when the Seventh Day Adventists purchased it, there was an upper story. In 1940 the old building was remodeled and the second floor "eye sore" was torn down.

The building was dedicated free from debt March 8, 1941. The little pupils study all the subjects studied in public school.

Mrs. Barnes said, in addition to a graded course in Bible for the various age and class levels.

The school is scaled to complete the eighth grade, on graduation of which, the pupils enter one of the SDA academies (high schools).

THE PUPILS

The six pupils at the school at present are Leah Ruth Collins, 13, Sharon Collins, 7 and O. P. Collins, 11, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Collins of Wehuty; Martha Loretta (Flossie) Young, 11 daughter of Mrs. Florence Young and the former Dr. G. M. Young of Shoal Creek; Alene Baker, 14 daughter of Mr. Will Baker of Shoal Creek; and Carolyn Marie Swain, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Swain of Shoal Creek.

Two pupils are in the second grade, one is in the fifth, one the sixth and two the seventh.

Mrs. Barnes said she emphasizes music, handicrafts and art, and each year the pupils learn 50 famous paintings by title and artists. Records are used in connection with music appreciation classes.

In the seventh and eighth grades tests are sent by the conference, so that the pupils from the Postell School will have standardized education to be on equal footing with other pupils at the academies.

Mrs. Barnes also said the visits each month from the library's book mobile are very much enjoyed and appreciated. She said the librarians always bring their interesting biographies, nature books and other books which they can use. The school uses no fiction, she said.

The pupils are given I. Q. tests and have thorough health examinations. A trip to Atlanta is planned for this spring as the annual



LITTLE KNOWN TO MANY Cherokee County residents, a busy one-room school with six pupils and a teacher operates daily at the Postell Seventh Day Adventist Church near Wehuty, in the far western section of the county. Pictured above are four of the students and the teacher, left to right, Alene Brown, 7th grade; Flossie Young, 6th grade; Mrs. Joe Barnes, teacher, Carolyn Swain, second grade and Leah Ruth Collins, seventh grade. Two other pupils are O. P. Collins, 5th grade and Sharon Collins, second grade. (Scout Photo)

excursion. In other years the pupils have been to Atlanta to the Joyce Kilmer Forest, the fish hatchery and other places of interest.

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is stressed and the Star Spangled Banner and pledge to the flag are learned and repeated often. Mrs. Barnes said she tells her pupils that Seventh Day Adventist school children should be the best citizens since they can study the Bible as well as citizenship. (The King James Version of the Bible is used).

The cheerful school room is painted bright green and is usually

decorated with colorful art work corresponding to the subjects being studied. At present the pupils are working on a frieze of animals of Africa. The room is well lighted by windows along one length of the room.

Furniture consists of traditional brown school desks and two handmade tables, with chairs to match, painted light yellow. The teachers desk is also light yellow.

School lasts from 8:15 a. m. until 3 p. m.

The school is well heated with a wood burning stove. The school pupils are members

Dry Forces Start 1955 Assembly Plans

The Citizens Committee for Good Government, affiliated with the Allied Church League for the Abolition of Beverage Alcohol, is already laying plans for the 1955 General Assembly.

Eight district meetings will be held in the next week, according to the state chairman, Rev. T. L. Cashwell of Gastonia. District 1 includes Cherokee County and this meeting is scheduled January 15 at 10:00 A. M. in the First Baptist Church in Bryson City.

Organizational plans call for representatives from each county in the district which is composed of Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Graham, Swain, and Jackson Counties.

Working closely with the Allied Church League its aim is to elect men on a county level who are sympathetic to the dry cause. Rev. Cashwell explained. The League is supported by a number of leading denominations in the state and maintains offices in Shelby and Raleigh. The Rev. R. M. Haus of Shelby is executive director, assisted by the Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff of Raleigh.

INDUCTED IN ARMY

The following men were forwarded for induction into the Army this week: Walter Thomas Palmer, Harry Grant Rogers, David Amos Robinson, Felix Edward Palmer, James Clyde Helton and James Robert Bolling.

Four registrars were forwarded for pre-induction physical examinations.