

TRADE WEEK NOW IN PROGRESS



New District Memorial Hospital

At last the hopes and aspirations of the people of Andrews, Hayesville and Robbinsville are realized. A modern thirty-bed hospital is now ready to take care of the needs of the citizens of three counties, including Graham, Clay and that part of Cherokee County embracing Valleytown township and a part of Murphy Township.

The new District Memorial Hospital of Southwestern North Carolina, Inc., located at Andrews, will be open to receive patients on December 3, as announced by H. E.

Shaw, Jr., administrator. Dedication services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Andrews on December 2 at 2 p. m. with pastors of the various denominations of the town in charge.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Marshall L. Pickens of Charlotte, Director of Hospital and Orphan Section, The Duke Endowment. Dr. John A. Ferrell, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, Raleigh; and Congressman George A. Shuford of Asheville are expected to attend, as well as representatives of Mission Memorial Hospital, Asheville, and other hospitals in the area.

From 3 to 6 p. m. and immediately following the dedication, Open House will be held in the hospital. The Ladies Advisory Committee and members of all civic organizations of the district will assist the public in conducting tours of the new plant, followed by refreshments in the staff dining room.

This modern structure was built at a cost exceeding \$380,000. Financed under the Hill-Burton plan, the original estimated cost was to be \$345,000. Contribution by the Federal government was \$172,500 state aid \$98,670 and local subscription \$75,630.

Faced with the loss of hospital facilities when the old hospital quarters were condemned, three years ago interested citizens met to consider the possibilities of building a new plant. With Percy B. Ferebee, president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, at the head of the committee, a new hospital district was set up, and a thirty-bed hospital was approved for it by the N. C. Medical Care Commission.

An intensive drive for necessary local funds resulted in a model of

civic cooperation. Far exceeding the minimum needed, more than \$98,000 was donated by over 820 individuals, clubs and institutions.

A Woman's Advisory Committee composed of members from Andrews, Marble, Clay County and Graham County, has served as an arm of the Board during the construction period. These women planned and supervised the interior decoration of the hospital, chose the furnishings, assisted in money raising drives, and are now carrying on a fund-raising project for beautification of the grounds. Miss Frances Cover of Andrews is chairman of the group.

During the building period several related projects were also under way. These included construction and paving of a new highway from Marble to Hayesville to facilitate travel from Clay County to the hospital. The town of Andrews furnished street lights from downtown to the hospital site, street approaches were widened and paved and an extension to the water main was necessary.

The hospital was incorporated in 1964, but has no capital stock and is a charitable, non-stock, non-profit corporation.

Chairman of the Board, Percy B. Ferebee, has serving with him from Valleytown Township, W. D. Whitaker, W. W. Ashe, L. B. Nichols, R. E. Heaton, H. M. Whitaker, S. J. Gernert, Sam Jones and Jeff Brooks.

Board members from Graham County are J. S. Howell, C. P. Sawyer, Ed Ingram, L. W. Wilson, R. B. Morphew and Tony Ayers. Members from Clay County are J. G. Rutledge, III, Walter Moore, Wilburn Mingus, James H. Walker, W. K. Crawford and R. N. Tiger.

Basketball Season Begins December 1

The Murphy High Bulldogs Basketball season opens Saturday, December 1. This includes both boys and girls. The first game will be against Waynesville at Waynesville with both teams playing.

Tuesday night, December 4 will be the first home game and the first Smoky Mt. Conference game. The girls game will start at 7:30 and the boys will follow.

Special Grange Open Meeting

Glynn Denton, Pomona Master of Cherokee Grange announces an open meeting Tuesday, December 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the court house.

Harry D. Caldwell, state master of grange will speak. All agricultural workers and anyone interested in North Carolina are asked to attend.

There will be twelve conference games. Six will be home games.

Twenty four girls and thirty boys have been trying out for the teams. The girls squad returning lettermen are forwards, Alice Jean Palmer, Laura Bailey and Shirley Stiles, also Shirley Allen, a forward who transferred from Hayesville Dam; and guards, Betty Kate Wilson, Gladys Painter, Patricia Moore, Jane Cook, Mary Lou Cook and Gloria Bowman.

The boys returning lettermen are, Hoyt Zimmerman, Austin Coffey, Don Amos, Edd Gibbs, Burt Birchfield and Johnny Morris.

Last year the Bulldogs were champions of the Western division of the Smoky Mt. Conference. During the next two years they have lost only one conference game. Coach Tom Olson looks forward to another successful season this year.

Coach Olson says a complete schedule will be published in the very near future.

Protestant Hospital Facilities Approved

Murphy Protestant Hospital the former Murphy General receives approval of State Board Health, State Insurance Commission and Medical Care Commission. The Hospital therefore participates with all Hospital Insurance. Mrs. Charles Worthen will be in charge of the Hospital as Manager under the Board of Directors composed of Mr. Joe Hamilton, Mr. Edwin Hyde, Mr. Merle Davis, Mr. Hadley Dickey, Dr. F. V. Taylor and Mr. W. A. Singleton, Mr. Harry Seamon, Mr. E. E. Stiles, James Taylor.

The Facilities of the Hospital have been improved and renovated to match the proposed new twelve rooms to be added in the coming Spring.

Local Doctor's Office Robbed

Dr. George Size's office was broken into Wednesday night Nov. 28. According to Dr. Size the safe was entered, money and other articles were taken.

The Sheriff's Dept. and the City Police Dept. are investigating the robbery.

Santa's Visit To Murphy Draws Many

Under bright but cool skies, hundreds of Cherokee Countians lined the streets of Murphy to see old Santa officially usher in the Yuletide season, Wednesday afternoon. Christmas recordings from the First Methodist Church preceding the parade were heard over the town, adding to the spirit of the occasion.

The expectant crowd didn't have long to wait before music from the bands could be heard and the parade was on.

One element of surprise concerning the event was that it was not known who the Murphy High superlatives would be until they appeared in the parade. The students rode in cars with posters on the sides announcing the names and titles. They are as follows: Most athletic Laura Bailey and Bill Jones; most talented, Ann Parker and Bill Browning; most courteous, Judy Sneed and Bobby Easley, most popular, Patricia Moore and Hoyt Zimmerman; wittiest, Becky Rhodes and Paul Jones, best looking, Patsy Moore and Hugh Hackney, best groomed, Betty Ann Palmer and Harold Barton, most studious, Linda Palmer and Harry Killian; most likely to succeed, Laura Bailey and Charles Smith; most ambitious, Patty Worthen and Harry Killian, and Charles Smith.

Some twenty or more units filed past, including a visiting band from Robbinsville marching and strutting smartly past.

The winning float was sponsored by the Murphy Woman's Club. A recreation scene from their project, Teen Age Center, was portrayed from a beautifully decorated vehicle showing how teen agers in Murphy might enjoy themselves at Christmas and all times. In sharp contrast, as a part of their entry was another way the teen agers could spend their leisure—that of speeding in cars and resulting in highway accidents. This was depicted by a wreck of a car being pulled by a wrecker. They received \$50 given by Golden Bess.

Second place winner was sponsored by the Methodist Church. This scene portrayed a nativity scene, with the slogan KNEEL CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. They received \$15 awarded by the Chamber of Commerce.

Third place went to the American Legion who received \$5 also donated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Judges of the floats were Mr. Dan Woods, and Mrs. R. G. Rogers both of Pylon City.

Mayor Mason Proclaims Trade Week

Trade Week was proclaimed to begin Thursday, November 29th, and end Saturday, December 8th, by Mayor L. L. Mason, as follows:

"Whereas, Santa Claus will arrive in Murphy on Wednesday November 28th, to start a Christmas parade and open up Trade Week;

"Whereas, A special part of the parade will include a team of live reindeer with sleigh;

"Whereas, the main streets of Murphy have been decorated for the Yuletide Season and four Christmas Trees have been erected on the public square;

"Whereas, the shopping period will feature a grand prize each day consisting of \$100.00 (Murphy Cash) given by merchants participating in Trade Week;

"Whereas, all prizes will be given at the square under the Christmas Tree;

"Now, therefore, I, L. L. Mason, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 29th through December 8th to be Trade Week in the Town of Murphy and do urge all citizens to participate in this special Yuletide occasion."

Rummage And White Elephant Sale

Members of the Valleytown Home Demonstration club will sponsor a rummage and white elephant sale on Friday November 30 and Saturday December 1.

The affair will be held in the reception room of Bobbie's Shop on Main street. The hours are from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day.

Coffee, tea, sandwiches, cakes and cookies will be on sale.

Revival Services To Begin At Free Methodist Church

It was announced that revival services will begin December 2 at the Free Methodist Church in Murphy and last until December 9. The services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. L. E. Latham, former pastor will conduct the meetings. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



Two Deer Killed On First Day Of Season

Pictured above are Zeb Conley, of Andrews and E. M. Carter of Canton with two bucks they killed Nov. 19 while on a hunting trip. According to a

report from Bunch A. Nugent, ranger, on that day 15 deer, and 7 hogs were killed by approximately 167 hunters in Fircreek section.

PROVIDENCE DEDICATION ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWD

Providence Hospital, formerly in field, Mass., who attended the Petrie, observed Open House and held formal dedication services Sunday, November 25. The affair was termed a big success.

Approximately five hundred guests attended and were served refreshments by the sisters in the nurses' dining room from the table beautifully decorated with fruit and candles. Scores of floral arrangements were seen throughout the building.

Open house was also held at the convent, and those who wished remained for chapel.

Dedication services were conducted by the Most Rev. Vincent S. Walters, bishop of Raleigh, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Dean and the Rev. Richard Boland.

The Sisters of Providence operate the 42-bed institution and have their mother house in Holyoke, Mass., a part of the diocese under the spiritual direction of Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon of Springfield, Mass.

Since the hospital was purchased last spring from Dr. W. Hoover, several improvements have been added, including a new formula room, children's ward, delivery room, drug room, new paint and furnishings.

Several priests, sisters, laymen and medical leaders throughout the state were present at the ceremony.

Among those attending from Mass. were the Rev. Mother Mary de la Salle, Provincial of the order of the Sisters of Providence at Holyoke; the Rev. Mother Mary Ignatius Superior of the Providence Mother or Holyoke, and the Rt. Rev. House Walter, Connell of South Hadley Falls.

Administrator of the hospital is Sister Mary Anthony. Heads of departments include Sisters Mary Francis Xavier, Mary Fidella, Mary Francina, Marie William and Mary Dosithea.

Murphy Kiwanis Club Honors County 4-H Club Winners

Pictured above are a group of 4-H'ers who received awards last Tuesday night at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Front row, left to right: Brenda Quinn, Lavonne Thompson, Patsy Smith; Back row: James Adams, asst. county agent, Bob Slagle

le, Flora Rae Johnson, Virginia Moss, Mary Ruth Logan, Charlie Mills. With them is Dr. George Stee, president of the Kiwanis Club who presented the awards.

The Cherokee County 4-H club county winners were honored by a dinner given by the Kiwanis Club of Murphy in the Regal Hotel last Tuesday night.

Awards were given winners for different phases of work, they are selected as projects. Miss Ruth Logan and Bob Slagle were recognized for their fine work in leadership. They have been at the head of the club for several years and have been very successful in their work.