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Murphy Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER [illegible]

[illegible] a.m.

The Grape Creek Home Demonstration Club will have their annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Duncan.

[illegible] a.m.

Circle No. Four of the First Methodist Church will have their annual covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Merle Davis.

[illegible] p.m.

The 4th and 5th grades' Christmas program will be held at the School Auditorium.

2:00 p.m.

The U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service will be at courthouse.

7:00 p.m.

The Woman's Club Christmas dinner will be held at Duke's Lodge.

7:30 p.m.

Community Prayer Services will be held at Free Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

[illegible] p.m.

The 4th and 5th grade A have their Christmas program at the school auditorium. Parents of the children are invited to attend.

2:00 p.m.

The U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service will be at courthouse.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church will meet with the Senior Pioneers of the Presbyterian Church at the Presbyterian Church.

6:30 p.m.

Training Union at First Baptist Church.

7:30 p.m.

The combined choirs of the First Methodist Church will present special Christmas music and anthems at the First Methodist Church.

The Youth Christmas program will be held at the Presbyterian Church.

A Christmas program will be held at the First Baptist Church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 p.m.

Circle No. One of the First Methodist Church will have their annual Christmas party in the recreation room of the church.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will have their annual Christmas Dinner at the Henry House.

The Civitan Club will meet at the New Regal Hotel.

The Rotary Club will meet at the Family Restaurant.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00 a.m.

Circle No. Three of the First Methodist will have their annual Christmas dinner in the recreation hall of the church.

3:00 p.m.

The Junior Fellowship will meet at the Presbyterian Ch.

4:15 p.m.

The Celestial Choir will meet at the First Baptist Church.

The Cherub Choir will meet at the First Baptist Church.

6:30 p.m.

Circle No. Two of the First Methodist Church will have their Christmas party at the First Methodist Church in the recreation room.

8:00 p.m.

The Cherokee Rose Garden Club will have their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Merle Davis.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:00 p.m.

Training Union Workers Coun- Training Union Workers Council supper at First Baptist Church.

7:20 p.m.

Mid-week services at Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.

Mid-week services at First Methodist Church.

Hour of Power at First Methodist Church.

8:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsal at Presbyterian Church.

8:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.

Choir rehearsal at First Baptist Church.

AUNT HET

I reckon it's natural for Sallie to feel snooty about their money, but I'd hate to feel like a somebody and know I'd be a nobody if the stock market went the wrong way.

New Tarheel Tag

Miss Diane McBain, a Warner Bros. player currently appearing in the "SurfSide 6" television series, flashes a new Tar Heel tag, required equipment on all vehicles after February 15.

1961 NC Tags To Go On Sale January 3

RALEIGH - Christmas spending may have many a weary Tar Heel on the ropes, but old thrifty is in his plans for 1961. He'll save a few bucks for a new license tag.

They go on sale January 3 in Raleigh and around the state January 2 or 3 depending on branch outlets' observance of the New Year's holiday.

The 1961, yellow-on-black tags must be in use after February 15, the final expiration date for current plates.

Miss Foy Ingram, director of the Motor Vehicles Department's registration division, envisions sales of close to two million 1961 tags. She had listed late in November of this year about 1.9 million registered vehicles and the count next year isn't expected to fall off any.

North Carolina cars and trucks have been required to be tagged since 1909, the year the Legislature authorized the state's first auto census and subsequent registration.

Early day owners made their own tags of wood, tin and similar material, painting on numbers issued by the Secretary of State. The "Do-it-yourself" trend continued until 1913 when the state began supplying tags.

Since 1930 prison labor has hammered out new plates which in past years have been yellow-and-blue, maroon-and silver, green and white, black and white, red and white, and silver and blue.

They've ranged in size from a real slim-Jim tag measuring a scant four and one-half inches by 15 inches issued in 1927 to the current standardized six by twelve plate.

Martins Creek School Basketball

Martins Creek Elementary School Basketball team played White Church School on December 6 at the Rock Gym in Murphy.

Martins Creek School won the double-header game with girls score being 15-9, Boys won with a score of 26-14.

Referees were Weaver Carringer and Tommy Arms. R. C. Pipes is principal of Martins Creek School.

Methodist Choir To Present Christmas Program

A Christmas concert of choral music will be presented by the choirs of the First Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. The service will be a candlelight Christmas service with the congregation participating in the Christmas scripture and well-known carols.

Members of the Junior Choir the Youth Choir and the Senior Choir will participate in the program. The program will also include a sextet of women's voices composed of Mrs. George Size, Miss Nancy Sales, Miss Charlene Davidson, Miss Kay Davidson, Mrs. Zeb Chastain and Mrs. Max Blakemore.

Mrs. Duke Whitley will be organist for the program and the choirs will be under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Bates and Reverend R. T. Houts. A cordial invitation is extended to all people in the community to attend the service.

Postmaster Ray Thanks People For Cooperation

With the Christmas mail load hitting its peak within the next few days, Postmaster Joe Ray expressed his appreciation today for your cooperation on his annual "Mail Early For Christmas" Campaign.

"While it's too late to talk about early mailing of Christmas gifts and cards," the Postmaster said, "you can avoid disappointing your friends and loved ones on Christmas Day by using Air Mail. There's still time for local deliveries, but be sure to send all Christmas cards by First Class mail, and do include your return address on all Christmas card envelopes and package labels."

Postal employees are digging in for the final drive to get everything delivered by Christmas Eve. The Post Office will remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., including Saturday.

"Now that the end of the big rush is in sight," the Postmaster said, "I want to express my thanks for the fine cooperation from our patrons. The 1960 "Mail Early For Christmas" Campaign will be a rousing success if you'll just keep up the good work. On Christmas Eve this year, I'd like to see every mail bag empty and every Post Office employee relaxing at home."

Local Draft Board

The Local Board Office will be closed December 19, 1960 until January 5, 1961.

Gospel Concert To Be Held

The Cherokee County Quartet consisting of Bert Killian, Wayne Abernathy, Jerry Ruth Smith and Ralph Killian, with Glenn Ellis at the piano, along with the Smoky Mountain Quartet of Bryson City and Asheville will be featured in a Gospel Concert this Saturday December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bryson City school auditorium sponsored by the Bryson City Lions Club.

The Cherokee County Quartet, The Power's Trio, and Quartet from Clay county, the Deats Trio, The Jameson Family, and the Smoky Mountain Boys were featured in a Gospel Concert Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 in a Bryson City Church.

The above groups will be heard this Sunday December 18 at 2:00 at the Third Sunday Singing to be held in Cherokee County.

Mrs. Ralph Rhodes Honored

The Fourth Grade Children of Murphy Grammer School entertained with a birthday party in their class room honoring their teacher, Mrs. Ralph Rhodes on her birthday last Friday afternoon, Dec. 9.

Mrs. Rhodes was presented a gift.

Mothers helping the children were: Mrs. C. E. Hyde, Mrs. Ruth Cheney, Mrs. A. J. Headrick, Mrs. Wayne Holland, Mrs. John Bayless and Mrs. R. L. Wilkins.

Cup cakes, pepsi and candy canes were served as refreshments.

Folk School Plans Annual Christmas Country Dance

Gault To Read 'Christmas Carol'

The annual Christmas Country Dance Party will be held at the John C. Campbell Folk School Friday night, December 16, at eight o'clock. All ages are welcome. There will be dances for children, and dances for older folks, for the inexperienced and for the experienced.

Tuesday night, December 20, at eight o'clock, in the living of Heith House, Lynn Gault will read Dickens' CHRISTMAS CAROL. Mr. Gault's reading, which has been enjoyed by many, has been an annual event here for a number of years. The readings are open to the public and all are cordially invited to come and enjoy the reading of the CHRISTMAS CAROL.

This year, Lynn is with the Carolina Playmakers at Chapel Hill while his wife Lucille is teaching at Duke. The Gaults will spend only a few days here as thy are on their way to Florida for Christmas.

A carol sing will be part of the program Friday night. Refreshments will be served. A charge of 25¢ will be made for children twelve and under - 50¢ for everyone else.

Wayne and Gladys Holland are chairman of this party; Ruby Kate Watson is in charge of making the Christmas badges for children and older folks, which will be pinned on everyone as they enter. Ruth Smith is chairman of the refreshment committee, and Marguerite Bidstrup will be in charge of the program. Jerry Ruth Smith of Martins Creek will play her accordian, and the piano for some of the dances and the grand march. Mrs. Florence Smith and Eva Hensley will serve at the door.

Shoplifters Beware

Several merchants in the Murphy area have hired extra help to try and curb the current shoplifting breakout.

One merchant told this newspaper that in his store alone there are two "clerks" who do nothing but watch for shoplifters.

One store manager reported catching several teen-age girls in the act of stealing last week. Shoplifting is an offense punishable by imprisonment.

Seniors Sell Cherokee Scout Subscriptions

Robbinsville - The Robbinsville Senior Class is selling subscriptions to The Cherokee Scout as another fund raising project.

The subscription price of the Scout is $3.00 per year. The seniors will receive 30¢ of each subscription they sell. Renewals will also count the full 30¢.

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110 Attend Andrews Football Banquet

ANDREWS - The annual Lions' Club football banquet was held at the Andrews School cafeteria on Thursday night, December 8. The banquet is held every year, under the sponsorship of the Andrews Lions Club, to honor the Andrews High School football squad.

Lions Club President Herb Sheidy presided. The featured speaker of the evening was Norman Gilbert, assistant superintendent of Van Raalto Knitting Mills of Blue Ridge, Ga. Mr. Gilbert, a quarterback on the Piedmont College football team during his college days and a former high school football coach, stressed the importance of sportmanship in all athletic contests. He was introduced by Cliff Huls.

Coach Bob Cooper recognized the boys on the Varsity squad who lettered this year, and Coach Cecil Mashburn recognized the lettermen on the Junior Varsity squad.

A film, "Highlights of Ga. Tech Football Games of 1959" was shown by Dr. C. O. Van Gorder.

One hundred ten students and adults were present.

Warners Return

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warner and children who have been spending the past two weeks in Ahead, Italy returned the past week.

Mr. Warner has been employed with the Development at Oak Ridge.

Duke Power Still Wants To Buy Nantahala Power

Robbinsville - The following letter was received by Leonard Lloyd concerning the purchase of the Nantahala Power and Light Co. by Duke Power Co. The news release enclosed in the letter is printed below.

Honorable Leonard W. Lloyd
Attorney At Law
Robbinsville, North Carolina

Dear Len:

As you know, Nantahala Power and Light Company has applied to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for an increase in its electric rates. Apparently as a result of this, we are receiving some inquiries from your area as to whether Duke Power Company still plans to purchase the Nantahala distribution system. I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copy of a press release which we have issued in response to these inquiries.

I may be over in the western part of the State in the next couple weeks, and if so, I certainly hope that I will get to see you.

Sincerely yours,
John D. Hicks
Attorney for Duke Power Co.

In reply to an inquiry as to whether Duke Power Company still planned to purchase the Nantahala system in view of Nantahala's application for an increase in rates, Duke Power President W. B. McGuire made the following statement.

"When the first announcement of the proposed purchase of the Nantahala system by Duke Power Company was made, we pointed out that we had undertaken this purchase because of our ready access to the bordering Nantahala area and the confidence and ability of Duke Power Company to provide excellent service to the Nantahala customers. Our position has not changed. Duke Power Company still wishes to purchase the Nantahala system.

"We have been asked why Nantahala applied for a rate increase instead of going ahead with the transfer to Duke. The answer to this question should properly come from Nantahala Power and Light Company.

"However, we would like to point out that those opposed to the transfer have raised the issue that the transfer will ultimately result in increasing the rates paid by Nantahala customers. Both the Nantahala and Duke officials have pointed out that Nantahala's rates are now inadequate to produce a fair return on its investment in electric property and that if Nantahala continues in business, its rates have to be raised.

"Nantahala's application for a rate increase will make possible a fair determination by the Utilities Commission of whether Nantahala's present rates are proper or whether they should be higher. It seems to us that the proper time and place to determine this question is in a rate case and not in a case seeking Commission approval of transfer of the properties. The hearing on the rate increase will provide an opportunity for full consideration to be given to the public interest."

Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was held in the Educational Building of the Presbyterian Church by the Evening Circle and the Women of the Church on Monday evening, Dec. 12.

The recreation room was decorated within keeping of the yule season. A large, lighted Christmas tree was in the corner of the room where the gifts were placed.

The meeting opened by singing Christmas carols and prayer by Mrs. R. A. Porter.

Mrs. J. Franklin Smith gave the Christmas Story. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

During the social hour, gifts were exchanged. The hostesses served Russian tea, fruit cake, whipped cream, and cream mints to the twenty members present.

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