

THANKSGIVING

FOR MANY BLESSINGS...

THE CHEROKEE SCOUT

And Clay County Progress

Volume 72, Number 17

Murphy, N. C., Thursday, November 23, 1961

8 Pages This Week

Published Weekly



Long Time Civic Leader Dies At 70

Harvey Gaines Elkins, 70, prominent Murphy civic leader and former businessman died at 4:15 p.m. Friday November 17 in a Murphy hospital after a long illness. Mr. Elkins was a native of Rogersville, Tenn., and the wife of Joseph Miller Miner Webb Elkins. He came to Murphy in 1906 and

Murphy Calendar

Thursday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving celebration at First Baptist Church at Church of Messiah.
3:15 p.m. Childrens Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.
7:30 p.m. Murphy Chapter No 10 Order of the Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic Hall.
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad to meet in the Murphy Power Board Building.

Sunday, November 26

6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Hospital Chapel.
11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Andrews Catholic Chapel.
5:30 p.m. MYF at First Methodist Church.
6:30 p.m. Training Union at First Baptist Church.

Monday, November 27

2:30 p.m. Through Dec. 1st Week of Prayer at First Baptist Church for Foreign Mission. Topic "Tidings of Great Joy" by Mae Perry Circle.
6:30 p.m. Rotary Club at Family Restaurant.
7:30 p.m. Women of the Presbyterian Church will meet in the Westminster Hall.
7:30 p.m. Frankie Martin Circle of First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. R. S. Bault.
7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Service Guild to meet with Miss Emily Sword with Miss Fannie McClelland as joint hostess.

Tuesday, November 28

11:00 a.m. Murphy Home Demonstration Club to meet with Mrs. Helen Moody.
2:30 p.m. Week of Prayer at First Baptist Church. Topic "Tidings of Peace" by Lottie Moon Circle.
6:30 p.m. Lions Club to meet in the recreation hall of First Methodist Church.
7:30 p.m. Mens Chorus at First Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m. Alcoholic Anonymous at New Regal Hotel.

Wednesday, November 29

All Day: Ranger Home Demonstration Club to meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Kilpatrick.
2:00 p.m. Mrs. Chastain of Rest Haven Florist of Blue Ridge, Ga. will conduct a Christmas work shop for the Cherokee Rose Garden Club at the Murphy Power Board Building.
7:20 p.m. Mid-week service at Presbyterian Church.
7:30 p.m. Hour of Power at First Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m. Mid-week services at First Methodist Church.
8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal at Presbyterian Church.
8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at First Baptist Church.
8:30 Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.

Tribute To A Team

Special To The Scout
by Morris Newton

The town of Murphy has a team -- a proud team -- a team to be proud of. A team which began to take shape in September and reached its apex last Friday night in Asheville.

It is a team built on pride and determination, on sweat and toil, time and patience and molded into shape through hours on practice fields and hours in the locker room in skull practice and blackboard drills. It is eleven men receiving an opening kickoff and an eager dench which jumps at a call. It is a team of second line men who spell the regulars and show moments of greatness before returning to the side lines to watch the first unit put on a goal line stand.

It is a group of boys who take their lumps to play the one minute left in the game with the home team four touchdowns ahead. It is the Jayvees who sharpen the first team's attack as they run the plays of Andrews and Hayesville and Sylva and return to the showers each afternoon with tired but proud bodies.

It is a coach who knows what physical fitness means and spends that extra hour each afternoon in order to win the close ones as the other team tires. It is a story of assistant coaches who watch for signs of promise in the young players and groan when an assignment is missed or a back is in motion or a clipping penalty is called from overeagerness with the play twenty yards down the field.

Yes, this is the team, the most important part, the part that everyone sees and cheers and talks about but it is not the whole team. The team from our town includes some strange uniforms and no uniforms -- for a football team, you see, is many things.

It is nine spirited, white sweatered girls in swirling skirts who cheer a one yard plunge or a touchdown gallop with equal voracity. It is a team of baton twirlers with smiling faces and freezing legs who twirl and prance and flip skirts for hours in order to be a precisioned part of the whole pageantry.

It is a marching line of music makers who punctuate afternoon classes with sounds of martial music as they practice to fill the half-time void on Friday nights with precision marching and spirited tunes, resplendent in their dressof braided gold and black that still smells of first drycleaning.

It is a group of townspeople, businessmen who formed booster clubs and quarterback clubs and dressed these budding bandmen time and time again -- in their talk -- as they sought ways to raise the price of such raiment. It is a story of men, and women, too, who flipped flapjacks and sizzled sausages and raised enough money to clothe the slide-horn players. A memory of canvassing band members in new uniforms on a rainy Saturday morning asking politely for donations so that they might wed the coats they owned to the pants they owed for.

It is this, and much more... A teacher explaining slide-rules and obtuse triangles during the week and turning concessionaire on Friday nights or abandoning the writings of Mark Twain and Ernest Hemingway to stand by the bridge at the Valley River entrance, struggling with change and stamping feet against the penetrating cold.

It is a team that has a "Scout" for a press agent, inking the losing season somberly and the winning season gleefully and a radio voice which echoes each Saturday morning the play by play of the night before -- 34 games without a miss... win or lose, far and near -- in balmy or freezing weather.

This, then is our team, lined up behind our charging eleven, six, eleven, twenty deep -- every age, every type, every walk of life, every one a cog in our machine... every one a credit to our team, our town and the people of Murphy in western North Carolina.

Murphy Boys On WNC All-Scholastic Team



BULLDOG DEFENDERS Sammy Duncan, No. 20, Charles Smith, No. 62, Kenny English No. 10, and John Snow, No. 57 break up a Boone pass in the Western North Carolina Class AA Championship game Friday night at Asheville. (Scout Photo)

Two Murphy Boys placed on the Western North Carolina All-Scholastic Football Team were Charlie Smith, Murphy Tackle... McConnell's pride and joy... he asserts... "Smitty is developed to college heights at 16 years old... Dependable... rough... good defender and strong offense... need seven more like him."

John Snow, Murphy, End -- Chuck McConnell, Bulldog coach, says... Snow does the job well for us... he's alert both on offense and defense and gives 100 per cent effort strives to do the job we want all for the team... a good receiver and analyzes plays well."

The players selected are picked on the basis of individual play, team play, leadership ability, their ability to keep improving performances against the better teams they've played and as important or more important than any other, their scholastic standing in school.

These are chosen with the purpose not being simply to put a number of youngsters in the spotlight but to help the most promising players get to college on athletic scholarships.

Honorable mention went to Quarterback John Van Horn, and backs, Ken English, Bobby Roberson and Sammy Duncan.

Fullback Randolph Cunningham, Bulldog co-captain, was picked on the second team, Cunningham, always good for yardage when the team needed it was noted for his leadership on the field. It was often said "as goes Cunningham so goes the Bulldogs."

Bulldogs Finish Second As Boone Wins 20-13

Murphy's hopes for the Western District Class AA football championship perished with only seconds remaining when John Van Horn's pass was intercepted by Appalachian High of Boone on the six yard line in last Friday's tilt in Asheville. Murphy, behind 7 points in the closing minutes of the hard fought battle for the title, staged a comeback drive that will long be remembered in an effort to tie the score. Appalachian long a thorn in Murphy's side in post season playoffs, capitalized on Bulldog miscues to set the stage for their third straight win over Murphy in playoff competition.

Murphy drew first blood driving 64 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. Bobby Roberson scored from one yard out. The extra point attempt failed.

Appalachian, recovering a Bulldog fumble near midfield punched holes in Murphy's pass defense scoring on an eight yard TD pass in the second quarter. Appalachian fullback Robert Matheson scored the first of his two touchdowns on a five yard run several minutes later in the same period, Appalachian led 13-6 at halftime.

Midway in the third Matheson bulled over for his second TD to put Appalachian ahead 20-6.



Hayesville -- Janice and Michael Martin, children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Hayesville don't plan to have Thanksgiving without Turkey. They have taken the situation in hand by heading for the chopping block with Mr. Turkey and their hatchet. (Scout Photo by Mrs. Neal Kitchens.)

County Reaches 87.8% Of Quota

Cherokee County sales for Savings Bonds for October were \$12,493.00. For the year County sales totaled \$235,504.00, which is 87.8% of the County's quota for 1961, according to W. D. Whitaker County Volunteer Chairman. Series H, Bond sales took a spectacular jump during October, according to W. H. Neal, National Director of the Treasury's Savings Bonds Division. "The 24% increase in the purchases of Series H Bonds last month is a tribute to the volunteers and bankers who serve the bonds program so faithfully and to the thousands of patriotic Americans who see in Savings Bonds an important way to serve their country in time of need."

Cherokee - Clay Counties Receive Money

Cherokee County received \$10,462 and Clay \$7,705 as their share of Nantahala National Forest receipts for fiscal year 1961. Payments are made from 25 percent of the gross receipts of the forest distributed in proportion to national forest acreage. These payments, made annually, are to be used for school or road purposes. In addition to these payments 10 percent of gross receipts is used by the Forest Service for maintenance of forest roads and trails.

Citizens Bank Mails \$100,304.50 In Xmas Club Checks

Citizens Bank & Trust Company mailed out Wednesday, November 15 checks to 775 members of its 1961 Christmas Savings Club, totaling \$100,304.50. This is the largest number and largest amount saved by members of the Club in the ten years it has been conducted by Citizens Bank & Trust Company. This is a sizeable savings that the members have, through their foresight, provided to be available now for their 1961 Christmas shopping.

The 1962 Club opens at all four Citizens Bank & Trust Company banks Monday, November 27 and a person may join by depositing \$1 to \$10 per week. The Club runs for 50 weeks and checks will be mailed next year to the 1962 members the later part of November to be available for Christmas shopping. Many industries, upon instruction of their employees, will deduct from the weekly pay check of the employee, whatever the employee directs and pay the amount direct to Citizens Bank & Trust Company, thereby relieving the employee from having to visit the bank.

Bob Slagle Elected King Of King College

Andrews -- Bob Slagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Slagle was recently elected king of the King College Bristol, Tenn., 1962 Dogwood Festival to be held in late April.

Presbyterian Notes

Going-to-College Handbooks are to be represented at morning worship next Sunday at Murphy Presbyterian Church to college students and high school seniors and juniors. The theme of the sermon of Robert A. Potter, minister, is "Christ, The Voice Of Truth." Offering envelopes are to be brought for the Presbyterian Children's Home at Black Mountain, and all who will be requested to bring canned goods or staple foods also for this institution which is especially remembered at Thanksgiving.

Churches Join For Thanksgiving Union Services

Union services on successive Wednesdays are being held this week by Murphy mid-town churches.

Rimco Mfg. Corp. Appoints General Manager

Rimco Mfg. Corp. announced Tuesday the appointment of Peter J. McKeon of Providence, R. I. as general manager of the Murphy plant. Mr. McKeon who arrived in Murphy Tuesday, has over 23 years experience in the lace manufacturing business. He started in the industry when he was 16 years old as an utility man.

Charles Hobbs Named To Board

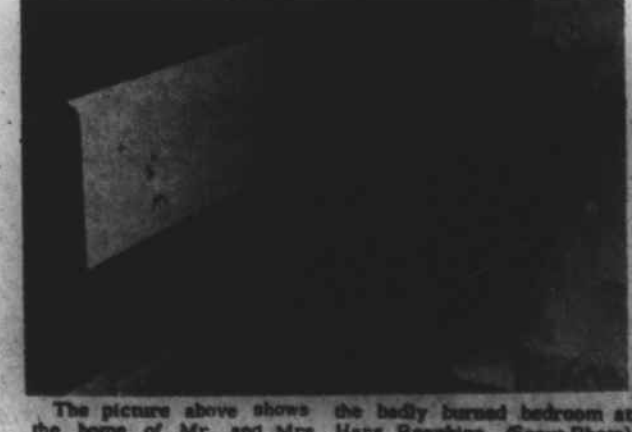
Mr. Charles Hobbs, Purina Chow salesman of this area, has received Purina's highest sales honor, - membership on the General Salesmanager's Advisory Board - it has been announced at the company's headquarters in St. Louis.

Football Winners

The football contest last week was very close. Many of our entrants missed only one and the tie breaker had to be used. First place winner went to Mr. Bobby Jones of Andrews. Second place had a tie between Gordon Bates of Murphy and Jimmy Matheson of Hayesville. Because of the two way tie for second place there was no third place winner. Winners are requested to stop by the Scout office for their check.

Alice Davis Hyatt Given Certificate Fire Damages Beerkins Home

Mrs. Alice Davis Hyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis, Route 3, Murphy, was recently presented a certificate for outstanding performance of duty and was awarded \$100, for sustained superior performance at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Alice is secretary in the Air Force Logistics Command Headquarters, Statistical Services. She was commended for her consistently outstanding performance in the production of error free copy and her unique ability as a management assistant. She has displayed such exceptional talent in problem solving ability that she is now undergoing training as an Electronic Computer Programmer.



The picture above shows the badly burned bedroom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Beerkins. (Scout Photo)

In observance of the open house held for the PTA Monday evening at Murphy Elementary School, Mrs. Ella Faye Byers'

sixth grade made self portraits of themselves and placed them in their desks.