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SANTA'S WORK IS DONE -- The Christmas decorations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howell of Murphy won first prize of \$25 in this year's Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Murphy Electric Power Board. The scene shown above finds Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus quietly resting after Santa has completed all his deliveries Christmas Eve.

Santa has had a hard day and is seen dozing in front of the open fireplace while Mama Santa Claus quietly watches. Other winners were Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey, second place, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brumby, third place. The Dickey's was voted second "best all around" by the judges. The Brumby home won the award for the "best door and window" decorations. (Scout Photo)

MURPHY LIONS DISTRIBUTE 120 CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Murphy Lions Club distributed 120 Christmas baskets to needy and deserving families throughout Cherokee County, Saturday and Sunday, December 23 and 24. Members of the club packed the baskets Friday night and all were delivered in time for Christmas.

The distribution of Christmas baskets is an annual event for the Murphy Lions Club. This year's baskets had a retail value of \$10.50 and contained some 30 different items including bread, apples, oranges, chewing gum, candy, flour, cereal, snuff, sugar, coffee, soap, potatoes, canned coffee, soap, potatoes, canned goods of all types, salt, lard, and margarine.

The funds for the Christmas baskets were raised through the efforts of the club and private donations. The total retail value of all the baskets was estimated at \$1,250. Some of the items were donated to the club by the various Murphy wholesale houses and private stores.

Newt Boling, Christmas basket chairman expressed his appreciation to all the club members and citizens who participated in this project.



Lions Frank Ellis and John Savage, president of the Murphy Club, pack Christmas baskets. (Scout Photo)



Newt Boling, chairman of the Christmas Basket committee is assisted by Jay Phillips and Charlie Johnson. (Scout Photo)



Lions Hadley Dickey and Charlie Johnson survey the baskets to make sure they are all complete. (Scout Photo)

Murphy Calendar

Thursday, December 28

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, December 31

6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Chapel.
11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Williams Catholic Church
11:00 a.m. Communion services at First Methodist Church.
5:30 p.m. MYF at First Methodist Church.
6:30 p.m. Training Union at First Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m. Student recognition night at First Baptist Church.
7:30 p.m. Student recognition services at First Methodist Church.

Monday, January 1

7:30 p.m. BWC of First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Boyd Davis
7:30 p.m. Cherokee Lodge No. 146 AF & AM will meet in the Masonic Hall.

Tuesday, January 2

3:15 p.m. Sunbeams will meet at the First Baptist Church
6:30 p.m. Civitan to meet at Family Restaurant.
7:30 Alcoholic Anonymous to meet at New Regal Hotel.
7:30 p.m. Mens Chorus at First Baptist Church.

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 p.m. Family night at First Methodist Church. Circle No. two will be hostess.
7:20 p.m. Midweek services at Presbyterian Church.
7:30 p.m. Hour of Power at First Baptist Church
8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal at Presbyterian Church
8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church
8:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal at First Baptist Church.

Annual Student Night Services

"Christian Vocation" will be the theme of the annual Student Night Service at Murphy Presbyterian Church at 7:30 Sunday evening.

Speakers are to treat of phases of Christian vocation, including one's daily work, leisure time, and in the church. There will be music appropriate for the season.

After the service there will be a social hour for the college and seniors in high school and their families in Westminister dining with the minister, Robert A. Pomeroy, and Mrs. Pomeroy as hosts.

Better than 90% of all brittle "library" reading is done by the individual in his home, according to M. Robert Barnett, Executive Director of the American Foundation for the Blind, with the majority getting the materials on a mail order fee loan basis.

Margaret Cole Maintains 32.3 Average

The most valuable player award last season for Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament play went to Miss Margaret Cole of Murphy who popped in 60 points in the final game to lead her club to the championship.

This 5-11 youngster, regarded as one of the top female performers in Western North Carolina, is off to a flying start this season. In four games she has accumulated 129 points for a sterling 32.3 average. She owns this eye-opening average yet has not played a full game. Miss Cole is dangerous under the boards and hits well there, but most of her points are made on accurate shooting from around the foul line.

She scored a total of 800 points last season as a junior and is expected to top this mark in her final prep campaign.

She began her cage career as a freshman guard. Coach Chuck McConnell moved her to forward, realized her shooting potential and has kept her at this position. She finished her first season with a 20.9 mark.

Of the squad of 35 players, only two seniors will graduate however one will be a huge part of the team.

EDITORIAL Times Have Changed

In the newspaper industry, as in all others, rapid strides have been made. New ideas, new techniques, new equipment have made important contributions in the modernization of newspaper publishing. The "old-time country weekly" has grown up from its "hand-set" youth.

Times have changed in the newspaper field. One fact remains unchanged however... the genuine confidence every newspaper has in the community it serves. We are no exception.

That's why the publisher and management are joined in this message of good will by all members of our staff, news, business, advertising and mechanical department. We are proud of our associations with the fine people of this community and wish for you AN OLD FASHIONED HAPPY NEW YEAR.



"AH JOE, STOP TEASING AND GIVE 'EM THEIR SCOUTS."

Two Clay County Boys Win Atlanta Amateur Contest

Hayesville - Jennings Bristol of Hayesville and his cousin, Ron Millsaps, a student at Raleigh State School for the Blind, won the annual Amateur Contest for 1961 on Saturday, December 23 in the East Point City Auditorium, Atlanta, Ga. The event is sponsored by the Dixie Jubilee Company with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. A monthly contest is held and the winners then come together for the annual contest.

Bristol and Millsaps did five numbers consisting of Rock and Roll duets, with Millsaps at the piano. Bristol played an electric steel guitar. A duet with their instruments entitled "Pocket Full of Rainbows" was their winning number. As a result they were awarded a recording contract with Paramount Recording Co., Nashville, Tenn., all expense paid trip to Nashville to appear on the Grand Ole Opry and also to appear on the Ernest Tubbs Record Shop. In the future if the songs and music they write are good enough, they will have a chance at the top recordings in the nation.

Bristol is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bristol of Hayesville. He graduated from Hayesville High School and is a junior at Western Carolina College in pre-Dental. He made the Alpha Honor Roll last quarter.

Young Millsaps, age 18, is a native of Robbinsville. He lived in Clay County two years and has spent several vacations in Clay. He was blind in one eye at birth and has been totally blind for the past four years. He is a

member of the senior class at the State School for the Blind in Raleigh, where he will graduate in June.

Cooks Celebrate 56th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 24 at their home. They were married, December 24, 1905. There are five children, Edwin Cook of Murphy, Reuben Cook of Marietta, Ga., and Roy Cook of Ellijay, Ga., Mrs. Harold Hatchett and Mrs. John Dickey of Murphy. They have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Jane always talks so thankful when her party's over that I feel like I'm helping to impose on a cripple when she invites me to one.

Padgett Home Scene Of WSCS Christmas Party

Hayesville -- Mrs. Guy Padgett was hostess on Tuesday night December 19, to the W. S. C. S. of First Methodist Church at a Christmas party.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a charming feature was the beautiful background music on records. A covered dish supper preceded the program which was presented by Mrs. Ralph Jacks. St. Luke's Christmas Story was read by Ann Jacks and two Christmas numbers were played on the bells by Miss Rosalynd Jacks.

In presenting "Christmas Symbols" Mrs. Jacks spoke of the Evergreen as representing the enduring love of Christ; the candles as the light of his love, music and flowers as the beauty, and giving as the sacrifice of his love. In bringing together all these facts of Christ's life, beautiful Christmas cards from Missionaries in several foreign and home missions were read, describing the way Christmas is observed in each mission, the cards were later sent to shut-ins.

The symbol of "music" was beautifully expressed in the recorded voice of Miss Rosalynd Wilson, Mezzo-soprano, of Atlanta singing "He Shall Feed His Flocks" excerpt from Handel's oratorio, The Messiah.

The program was closed with carol singing and prayer after which gifts were exchanged.

Rotary Foundation Award Winner Announced

One of 135 Rotary Foundation Fellowships for study in 1962-63 -- distributed among young men and women students in 35 different countries this year -- is going to a western North Carolinian, according to Holland McSwain, of Murphy, Rotary district governor.

The award winner is Jack McMichael Martin, of Davidson College, who will study--perhaps at the University of Basel in Switzerland -- to further his career as a fiction writer. Mr. Martin is the son of Davidson's president, David G. Martin, a 1958 graduate of the college with a Master of Arts from Duke University in 1960. While at Davidson he was a Phi Beta Kappa, member of the elections board, co-captain of the basketball team and a ROTC captain.

The Fellowships awarded by Rotary enable the students to live study and travel in some foreign country as "ambassadors of good will" and develop as potential peace leaders. The average award is \$2,600. Since the program began in 1947 1,598 awards have been made by Rotary, with 70 countries represented among the scholars, and 50 countries visited.

Fellowship winners are active in various professional and business visits. Various Rotary Clubs, of which there are 11,000 in 123 countries, and individual Rotarians, make possible the Foundation.

Attention! All N. C. Vehicle Owners

Attention - All North Carolina Vehicle owners, New 1962 license plates go on sale January 2 at the Carolina Motor Club Branch Office. (In Murphy, this is at the Western

Auto Store) Most of you have already received your 1962 license renewal cards. It is important that you open it and read the information about the new registration law.

On the top of the first section write in your county or residence. On the back of the Fourth Section, sign the insurance declaration.

If you sell your car after you have bought a 1962 plate, make the title over to the new owner but keep your 1962 license plate and registration card. The 1962 license plates stay with the owner.

The new 1962 license plates go on sale January 2, get yours early.

Bank, Power Board, Courthouse, Town Hall To Be Closed

The Murphy Power Board, the City Hall, the Courthouse and the Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed Monday, January 1, 1962.



TV STAR CONNIE STEVENS introduces North Carolina's 1962 auto license plates which go on sale January 2. New regulations concerning the purchase and use of the '62 tags are summed up in a specially prepared leaflet accompanying renewal cards which are already in the mail. Motor Vehicles Department officials strongly urge car owners to read carefully the instructions before applying for new tags. The bright new black-orange '62 tags must be in use by February 15.