



Cherokee County's first baby of the New Year arrived at District Memorial Hospital in Andrews. Jeffery Hugh Blaslock, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Blaslock, weighed in at 8 lbs 1 oz. Jeffery Hugh arrived at 4:10 p.m. New Year's day and has a big brother, age 4. Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder brought the little fellow into the world.

Placing second in the Baby Race was baby David Stewart, arriving at 2:51 a.m. Jan. 2, at District Memorial Hospital. Little Miss Stewart was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arville Stewart of Robbinsville. Mrs. Stewart said that the little one had not been named and as Mrs. Stewart did not know the name of the baby, she has a daughter, age 4. Dr. Van Gorder was the attending physician.

Third arrival was Thomas Edward Kephart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kephart of Andrews. The 8 1/2 pound boy was born at District Memorial Hospital in Murphy and was delivered by Dr. Helen Welles. He was born at 3:55 a.m. January 2. The Kepharts

# THE CHEROKEE SCOUT

And Clay County Progress

Volume 72 - Number 23      Murphy, N. C., January 4, 1962      8 Pages This Week      Published Weekly

- ### Murphy Calendar
- Thursday, January 4
- 7:00 p.m. Friendship Evangelistic visitation night at Presbyterian Church
  - 7:30 p.m. Deacon meeting at Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, January 7
- 6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Chapel
  - 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Williams Catholic Church
  - 5:30 p.m. MYF at First Methodist Church
  - 6:30 p.m. Training Un on at First Baptist Church
  - 7:00 p.m. Concord Choir at First Baptist Church
- Monday, January 8
- 6:30 p.m. Rotary Club to meet at Family Restaurant
  - 6:30 p.m. B & FWC to meet at New Regal Hotel
  - 7:30 p.m. Evening Circle of Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Holland McSwain.
  - 7:30 p.m. January bible study begins at First Baptist Church
  - 7:30 p.m. Town Council meets at Murphy Power Board Building.
  - 7:30 p.m. St. Williams Catholic Church confraternity of Christian doctrine officers and committee meeting.
- Tuesday, January 9
- 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Circle of Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. S. C. Burgess.
  - 6:30 p.m. Lions Club meeting at recreation hall of First Methodist Church
  - 7:30 p.m. January Bible Study at First Baptist Church
  - 8 p.m. Alcoholic Anonymous at Regal Hotel
- Wednesday, January 10
- 4:15 p.m. Carol Choir at First Baptist Church
  - 6:00 p.m. Brotherhood supper at First Baptist Church
  - 6:30 p.m. WMU meet at First Baptist Church
  - 7:20 p.m. Midweek service at Presbyterian Church
  - 7:30 p.m. Midweek services at First Methodist Church
  - 7:30 p.m. January Bible Study at First Baptist Church
  - 8:00 p.m. Choir practice at Presbyterian Church
  - 8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church
  - 8:40 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal at First Baptist Church
- Thursday, January 11
- 1:00 p.m. Cancer clinic at Health Department

## Ice, Snow Bring Fires, Accidents

Old Man Winter jumped two to five inches of snow on Cherokee and Clay County during the past week and the temperature dipped to 11 degrees Friday, Dec. 29 and to 12 degrees Saturday, Dec. 30.

As a result of the extreme weather, Cherokee County schools did not open as scheduled on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The return from Christmas holidays was postponed until Thursday, Jan. 4.

Several minor accidents involving property damage were reported, apparently a result of ice and snow on the roads and highways. A Roadway Express tractor trailer collided with two stranded vehicles on U. S. 64 west of Murphy on Franklin Mountain totally demolishing a 1953 GMC truck owned by Winston Westmoreland of Route 1, Copperhill. The other vehicle was a 1962 Chevrolet driven by an unidentified man from Charlotte. The accident occurred around 5 a.m. Monday, January 1.

A pickup truck belonging to Davis Esso Servicenter went out of control coming down Texana Hill about 10:30 a.m. Friday morning and overturned. Neal Colbert, driver of the truck, was unhurt.

Patrolman Don Moran reported several "rebel bender" accidents as did Patrolman E. N. Hooper of Andrews. Moran also reported seven arrests on drunk driving charge.

Several fires struck during this period of cold weather. The home of Everett Nichols on Sycamore Street in Murphy caught fire shortly after 9 a.m. Saturday morning Dec. 30. Murphy firemen were able to save the house. Damage was estimated at \$1,500. Fizz Nichols, son of Everett Nichols, told The Scout that his father has carried fire insurance for 20 years with the same company and that the premium is due again Jan. 10, 1962. The insurance was adequate to cover the damage to the house.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor of Grape Creek section burned to the ground shortly before dawn Tuesday, Jan. 2. The Taylors were out of town on vacation at the time. See other story on this page.



The Everett Nichols home on Sycamore Street in Murphy is shown with smoke boiling out from under the roof shortly after firemen arrived on the scene.



Neal Colbert was unhurt as the pickup he was driving went out of control on Texana Hill about 10:30 Friday morning. The pickup belongs to Davis Esso



1962 TAGS GO ON SALE - 1962 North Carolina automobile tags went on sale in Murphy Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m. Many residents of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties flocked to the Carolina Motor Club office at the Western Auto to buy their tags. Here Ben Ragdale of Murphy purchases his 1962 tag from Max Johnson, left. Automobile owners are urged to follow directions outlined on the reverse side of their renewal cards. (Scout Photo)

CHECK YOUR LABEL RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EARLY

### Andrews Lodge Installs New Officers

Andrews - Andrews Lodge 529 of AF & AM held installation service at the regular monthly meeting at Mason Hall, Monday January 1, at 7:00 p.m.

The following officers were installed for 1962: Worshipful Master, S. J. Gernert; Sr. Warden, John Ellis; Jr. Warden, Norman Hartman; Sr. Deacon, Herbert Sheidy; Jr. Deacon, Charles Frazier; Treasurer, Dilly Raxter; Secretary, Galusna Fullum; Sr. Steward, Vincent Hardin; Chaplin, Harve Mulkey; Tyler, John Belman; Educational Committee, chairman Harve Mulkey, Clyde Rector, Dilly Raxter; Oxford Orphanage Committee, John Ellis; Chairman, Kelly Hooper; Lottor West.

### Letter To The Editor

The Editor:

Would Murder be a crime in Murphy?

It is gratifying to learn that the police are going to enforce the North Carolina fireworks law. The town of Murphy Board of Commissioners has directed the Police to do so.

All this brings a disturbing thought to mind, though. Is it possible that the police had previously been told to ignore this same law? If this is true, have the police been instructed to overlook other laws which are openly and flagrantly violated, such as the 35 mile per-hour speed limit inside the Town Limits?

E. B. Armstrong  
Murphy, N. C.

### 1961 Auto Deaths Below 1960 Figure

Highway Patrolman R. H. Ensley reports a reduction in automobile accident fatalities in Cherokee County in 1961 compared to 1960. Three motor vehicle accidents resulted in death during 1961. There were seven fatalities in 1960.

Two of the fatalities involved school buses. The other involved a car overturning.

## Another Good Year For Area

The year 1962 will be another good business year for Murphy, Cherokee County and this section.

The business year ahead will find Murphy again in a most favored category among all the towns of Western North Carolina. It may be well for us to take a look at the favorable factors. As we do so, however, it is also well for us to resolve that we will do our part to extend and promote the business growth, particularly will we look alive, alert, plan and execute diligently to bring to our own business our share of the whole.

The business which waits with folded hands and lethargic disinterest for business to come to it is going to suffer. Now to the facts which give good promise for good employment and increase consumer buying power.

### HIGHWAYS

The year should bring the expenditure of thousands of dollars in highway building improvements and modernization. It is reasonable to expect that the plans for the improvement of U. S. Highway from Murphy to Manteo will get going. The completion of the improvement project now in progress west of Murphy will be completed this year giving Murphy a new attractive, modern westerly approach.

### AGRICULTURE

The agricultural outlook is bright. Tobacco will be maintained at the past year's support price. The price of wheat will be a little higher than the same for the individual farmer as the past year. Cherokee County farmers experienced a banner year in 1961.

Corn, Cherokee's biggest crop as to acreage in 1961, is expected to decline in acreage in 1962 due to the Feed Grain program. Income to the farmer is expected to rise.

Hay, another Cherokee County crop, is expected to increase in acreage and thus bring in more revenue. With the increased sowing of hay, the county's already expanded cattle herds will continue to grow.

The broiler and poultry industry faces hard going, but even here there are signs that things will brighten up. It now appears definite that some plan for turkey price support will be worked out. For the poultry industry that is not so definite. Opposition to any government program for poultry continues high.

### INDUSTRY

Murphy's old and well established industries will see a year of high demand. All the records and predictions and studies indicate that business demands for products such as are turned out by Brumby Textile Mills, W. D. Townson Lumber Co., Timber Products Co., The Hitchcock Corp., Commonwealth Lumber Co. and others will be high.

Newly established industries such as Margaret's Studio, Inc. and Rimco Mfg. Corp. can also be included in this category.

The establishment of a new industry, Textured Yarns Co., Inc., at the old Hemmrich Corp. plant at Peachtree, and the expansion of three others, will surely increase employment.

The Textured Yarn plant is expected to be in operation by late spring. Brumby Textile Mills will complete construction of their new building sometime in February. W. D. Townson Lumber Co. is in the process of installing wood shipping equipment which will eventually quadruple the consumption of wood. Rimco Mfg. Corp. has announced expansion plans for 1962. Expansion of our industry, plus establishment of a new plant is a development which offers of the most promise.

A good business year is upon us. Plan to get your share.

### RETAIL SALES

Murphy has a firm reputation as a good shopping center and men like to spend their money here. Or should we also add the women. For it is the Little Women who spend most of the family money for food, clothing and household necessities.

### Geology, Ground-Water Survey Now Underway

A two-year reconnaissance study of the geology and ground-water resources of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties was recently begun by the U. S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Water Resources. Col. Harry E. Brown, Director of the project, financed jointly by the State and Federal Governments, is part of a State-wide program to provide a general picture of the water resources throughout the entire State by 1963. Chester E. Dodson, geologist with the Ground Water Branch of the U. S. Geological Survey, is in charge of the local project. The project office is in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The study will consist of five main parts: collection of information on wells and springs, maintenance of a network of observation wells and springs, study of geology and compilation of a geologic map of the area, chemical analysis of selected water samples and preparation of a report. The report will describe the types of rock in the area, the relationship of the underground water, the fluctuations of the water table, and other factors concerning the occurrence and use of ground water. The report will be published by the North Carolina Department of Water Resources and will be helpful to communities, industries, and others interested in developing water supplies and in locating sources of underground water for future needs.

Mr. Dodson, a native Tennessee, received his B. S. and M. S. degree in geology at West Virginia University and joined the U. S. Geological Survey in 1952. Previously he has prepared reports on the mineral resources of New York

### Tax Listers Start Annual Task

Tax listing began in Cherokee County Tuesday.

The ten listers for the six townships with all their instructions and supplies began the annual task of listing every piece of property within the county, as well as personal property, including cars and trucks.

Many property owners who forgot to list their property last January are now faced with additional penalties and costs for the oversight.

H. W. Hughes, Cherokee County Tax Supervisor, emphasized that the failure to list subjects the property owner to a penalty of 10% which cannot be removed from the tax. This penalty is the result of a legislative act.

### Want Ads, Card Of Thanks Sold On Cash Basis

All "Want Ads" and "Card of Thanks" appearing in The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress are sold on a strictly cash basis. This includes all want ads and cards of thanks that are given to correspondents in Hayesville and Andrews, all those given by telephone and those received through the mails.

Want Ads and Cards of Thanks are charged at the rate of \$0.2 per word, 50¢ minimum. This means that the charge for 25 words or less is only 50¢.

### Baptist Church Training Union Holds Watch Party

The Workers Training Union of the First Baptist Church held a Watch party on Sunday evening, December 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes.

Mrs. Velma Burch and Mrs. Carrie Davis were in charge of the games and contests.

### Officers Elected For 1st Sunday Singings

Hayesville - New Officers for Clay County 1st Sunday Afternoon Singing of 1962 are: President - Cline McClure; Vice President - Ralph Myers; Secretary and Treasurer - Vera Ledford.

The 1st Sunday Afternoon Singing of Clay County for January will be held at Shady Grove Church, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1962.

The church is located on Old 64 between Wares and Hayesville. We extend a cordial invitation for everyone especially singers to attend.

## W.D. Townson Elected Murphy Chamber Of Commerce President



W. D. Townson, Murphy manufacturer and funeral director, has been elected president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce for the fourth time. Mr. Townson returns to head the group after an absence of only one year. He succeeds Doyle Burch.

president for the past year. Townson served as president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce for three straight terms prior to the election of Burch last year.

The election of new officers was held at a special meeting Thursday, December 28.

Other officers that will serve with Mr. Townson are Dr. W. A. Hoover, vice-president; Merle Davis, secretary; John Gill, treasurer; and Herman Edwards, attorney.

New directors elected to serve three year terms are Kenneth Godfrey, W. D. Townson, J. H. Duncan, and N. J. Babb.

A dinner meeting of the new officers and directors will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Family Restaurant.

Mr. Townson is a past president of the North Carolina Funeral and Burial Association; past district governor of the National Funeral Directors Association; vice president of the Cherokee County Fair Association; charter member of National

Wooden Pallet Association of Washington, D. C. He is the owner of Townson Funeral Home and W. D. Townson Lumber Co. is the oldest manufacturing plant still operating in Cherokee County.

### Andrews Lodge Installs New Officers

Andrews - Andrews Lodge 529 of AF & AM held installation service at the regular monthly meeting at Mason Hall, Monday January 1, at 7:00 p.m.

The following officers were installed for 1962: Worshipful Master, S. J. Gernert; Sr. Warden, John Ellis; Jr. Warden, Norman Hartman; Sr. Deacon, Herbert Sheidy; Jr. Deacon, Charles Frazier; Treasurer, Dilly Raxter; Secretary, Galusna Fullum; Sr. Steward, Vincent Hardin; Chaplin, Harve Mulkey; Tyler, John Belman; Educational Committee, chairman Harve Mulkey, Clyde Rector, Dilly Raxter; Oxford Orphanage Committee, John Ellis; Chairman, Kelly Hooper; Lottor West.

### 1961 Auto Deaths Below 1960 Figure

Highway Patrolman R. H. Ensley reports a reduction in automobile accident fatalities in Cherokee County in 1961 compared to 1960. Three motor vehicle accidents resulted in death during 1961. There were seven fatalities in 1960.

Two of the fatalities involved school buses. The other involved a car overturning.

### D.M. Hendrix Earns Honors At Tennessee

David M. Hendrix a student at the University of Tennessee has made the cum laude honor roll for two consecutive quarters, summer and fall. It has been announced by the University.

In order to make this honor group, a student must maintain a 85 or higher average on all work carried during the quarter.

Hendrix is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Hendrix, Route 1, Murphy.

### Peyton G. Ivie Wins Trip

Mr. Peyton G. Ivie left Saturday to attend the Sugar Bowl Game in New Orleans on New Year's day. Mr. Ivie won the trip by selling the most Westinghouse appliances in this district. Others with Mr. Ivie on the trip were 36 other distributors and officials of the Company.

While in New Orleans they toured the city and the French quarters and also took a six hour cruise. The trip was sponsored by the Westinghouse Co., of Chattanooga.



### Fire Claims Home Of The Elmer Taylors

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.

The Elmer Taylor's parents of Elmer Taylor were the first to discover the fire shortly before 6 a.m. By the time that the Town of Murphy Fire Equipment arrived there the house was nearly burned to the ground.

Mr. Olen Taylor stated that the house was built of white cedar and that once the fire got started there was no stopping it.

An attempt to extinguish the fire which was confined around a picture window, with a fire extinguisher proved futile.

Only a freezer was saved from the six room dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor were in Phenix City, Ala. where Mr. Taylor's father contacted them. They had left Murphy Monday to go to Florida on a vacation.

### Officers Elected For 1st Sunday Singings

Hayesville - New Officers for Clay County 1st Sunday Afternoon Singing of 1962 are: President - Cline McClure; Vice President - Ralph Myers; Secretary and Treasurer - Vera Ledford.

The 1st Sunday Afternoon Singing of Clay County for January will be held at Shady Grove Church, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1962.

The church is located on Old 64 between Wares and Hayesville. We extend a cordial invitation for everyone especially singers to attend.

**LITTLE ADS... BIG RESULTS**