



Scoutlets

Mr. G. A. White, a resident of South Carolina says we should all be proud to live in this "modern" age. To prove his point, Mr. White offers this gem: "The Ten Commandments contain 297 words, The Bill of Rights is stated in 463 words, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address contains 286 words. A recent federal directive to regulate the price of cabbage contains 26,911 words."

Funny thing about women. They may not always be right, but they are NEVER wrong. Don't know who said it, but we agree.

Speaking of the "modern" age, Dave Townson was seen this morning at the traffic light shaving with a cordless electric shaver. We admit this is progress, but it seems like a fellow should get up in time to shave before going to work. Really, I'm just jealous, 'cause I don't have one of these new-fangled gadgets.

With Christmas shopping getting down to the wire, people are pushing and shoving hurrying to finish up. We overheard a lady carrying a large package in a crowded store exclaim to another: "I feel much better now that I've bought something, I have something to protect myself with."

With Christmas being more and more commercialized nowadays, some of us tend to get away from the true meaning of Christmas. Mrs. Nelle June Reid of Andrews brings us back to this true meaning in a poem entitled CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:

Lord, at this happy season,
In the rush of the hurrying
through,
Let me pause to meditate;
Teach me the right from the wrong.

Tho' I may make others happy
With the simple gift I buy,
Let me not forget the meaning
Of the Christ who came to die.

My first obligation to my Lord
Is to celebrate His birth;
Help me put Christ in Christmas
As long as I walk this earth.

Of course I like the tinsel,
The glowing Christmas tree,
The traditional turkey with trimmings,
And all the joviality.

But, Lord, let me not forget
The true meaning of Christmas day,
The story of the Christ child,
The babe who in a manger lay.

May I treasure the meaning always,
Hiding it in my heart,
The really true meaning of Christmas,
Lord, let it never depart.

And last but not least, from all of us here at The Scout,
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.



HIWASSEE DAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS whose essays are to appear in the National Anthology of High School Essays are: back row, L-R, Patricia Dillard, Judy Clonts, Brenda Hawkins, Mike Hogan, Ernest Boring, Harold Helton, Tim Floyd, and Joan Bandy; middle row, L-R, Phoebe Craig, Jane Walls, Janet Wright, Frances Curtis, Linda Verner, and Patricia Hamby; front row, L-R, Joan Satterfield, Sue Allison, Sue Gladson, Sibyl Starks, Myrna Helton, Elizabeth Hawkins, and Margaret Keenum. Mrs. Barbara R. Sampson is sponsoring teacher for the class.

Essays By 21 Hiwassee Dam Students To Appear In National Anthology

HIWASSEE DAM - Hiwassee Dam High School this week received notice that 21 juniors and seniors will have essays included in the National Anthology of High School

Essays, to be published early in 1965. The essays began as a routine English assignment, from which 30 of the best essays were chosen and submitted to

the National Essay Press of Los Angeles.

Rules limited the essays to 150 words, and complete originality of work was essential.

No restrictions were placed on subject matter, each student being urged to choose a subject of interest to him and his age group.

The anthology, entitled YOUNG AMERICA SPEAKS, is designed to make possible scholarly competition in an intellectual effort with students throughout the 50 states. Such effort tends to create spontaneous interest among students, as well as encouraging logical thinking and clear, concise writing, which are necessarily essential in essays of this restricted length.

Hiwassee Dam was represented last year in a National Press Anthology of Poetry by Barbara Andrea Sampson and Ozell Long.

rainbow after a summer shower.

You, too, will be aware of Santa's invisible presence this Christmas. He will be with you forever in this season if, as children do, you look for the best in people and in life."

Santa Answers A Letter

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is by David R. Trethick, President of the National Postmasters Association.)

Several years ago we found among the many letters that come addressed to Santa Claus a request from a little girl for written assurance from Santa himself that he was real. Though she still had faith, some of her friends at school had begun to infect her with disbelief. I replied to her in part as follows:

Dear Elsie:
"I wish you would tell your skeptical friends for me that there is a Santa Claus. He is not exactly like anyone you know, but I can assure you from personal experience that he does exist. He is composed of all the good things that God put into the hearts and minds of people everywhere.

If you could study him closely, you would discover in his makeup some of your mother's love, some of your father's strength, and some of the many virtues which you have found in other persons whose lives have thus far touched your own. And, if you could talk to him, you would learn that he was created especially for children, for it is in their makeup that he finds the sort of faith needed to sustain his life.

"Yes, Elsie, there is a Santa Claus. I have known him always. When I was a boy, he sometimes didn't leave me many toys. As he had to bring food and clothing and medical care for the whole family. Never once did I see him come during the night, but when I entered the living room next morning and sat with the rest of the family around the Christmas tree, I found his spirit there.... just as surely as one finds

\$150 Check Goes To H.D. School For Use Of Chairs

MURPHY - A donation in the amount of \$150 was given to Hiwassee Dam School by the Murphy Junior Chamber of Commerce to help pay for a new duplicating machine the school was badly in need of.

The gift was a token of appreciation to Harest King, principal of Hiwassee Dam School, and the school, for allowing the Jaycees to use their chairs for the club's wrestling program.

Mr. King stated that the old duplicator the school was using was so slow that teachers and students alike, sometimes had to stand in line to use the machine. With the new duplicator production of school forms, test papers, and similar printed materials, will be greatly speeded up.

Mr. King expressed his appreciation to the Jaycees at their last dinner meeting for helping make the purchase of this late model machine possible.

He was also quick to add that he and the staff at Hiwassee Dam School were always happy to assist the civic clubs in this area in any way possible.



RECEIVES \$150 CHECK- Harest King, (R), Principal of Hiwassee Dam School, receives a check in the amount of \$150 from W. L. Christy, president of the Murphy Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Tax Listing To Begin

MURPHY - It was announced this week by Cherokee County Tax office that tax listings for 1965 will begin Monday, January 4, 1965.

John Donley, Cherokee County Tax Supervisor said, "If you wait and come to the courthouse, several people will have to be employed to take the lists. This will be an additional cost to you as tax payers. This expense can be eliminated if you will make an effort to list locally. You will also save the 10% penalty imposed when you fail to list. We try to place list takers at places convenient to most all the people in the community. We appreciate your cooperation during the past two years and feel assured that the same will continue."

For information concerning the tax listing locations and dates, consult the ad appearing in this week's Scout.

Tobacco Variety Demonstration Results Told

MURPHY - It was announced today by James Stewart, County Extension Chairman, that final results have been obtained on the results of a tobacco variety demonstration.

The demonstration grown and handled by C. B. Newton of Slow Creek was designed to show the ten top Burley Tobacco varieties grown under local conditions.

The varieties and their yields per acre are: Kentucky 19, crossed with Burley 21, 2240 pounds; Burley 37, 2300 pounds; Kentucky 10, 2690 pounds; Kentucky 12, 2680 pounds; Kentucky 16, crossed with Burley 21, 2150 pounds; Kentucky 16, 2265 pounds; Kentucky 12, crossed with Burley 21, 2950 pounds; Kentucky 9, 2815 pounds; Kentucky 9 crossed with Burley 21, 2480 pounds, and Burley 21, 2530 pounds.

Newton says, "Burley 21 was one of the best all around

varieties in the field and in quality of tobacco. Kentucky 12 crossed with Burley 21, Kentucky 9, 10, and 12 also look real good."

T. L. McNabb, Jr.

Selected For Farmer's Course

MURPHY - It has been announced jointly by John Gill of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and James Stewart, County Extension Chairman, that T. L. McNabb, Jr., has been selected to attend the Farmers Short Course in Raleigh from January 25 to February 5.

The Short Course is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and North Carolina State College.

The local Citizens Bank and Trust Company provides financial assistance to those attending the short course.

Rev. Potter Ends Murphy Pastorate After 9 1/2 Years

MURPHY - Closing services of the nine and one-half year pastorate of Robert A. Potter, minister at Murphy Presbyterian Church, are being conducted Thursday night in the annual Christmas Eve candlelight Communion, and Sunday morning and evening.

At the communion service there will also be baptism and reception of members.

Mr. Potter's meditation theme is: "Love's Highest Gift." The choir is to sing Nyquist's "Christ Is Born Today," with Mrs. Duke Whitley serving as guest organist in the absence of Mrs. R. H. Foard.

The session of the church will meet at 7:30 Saturday night to receive members.

At the morning worship hour Sunday, the minister's theme is "The Greatest Commandment."

At the evening hour, other congregations of Murphy will join with the Presbyterians, with ministers taking part in the worship.

Mr. Potter and family are to leave Murphy next week for Lenoir City, Tenn., to enter upon ministry in the First Presbyterian Church there.



"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." In the hush of a Holy Night, He was born, bringing to earth a joyous promise of Peace and Good Will to all mankind. And now, as the bells ring out the glad tidings, age-old yet ever new, another Christmas dawns. Hope is strengthened, courage fortified, faith renewed. Hearts and spirits are bright with the shining wonder of the Day.

To all our friends, our greetings and good wishes! May you hear the wonder of Christmas in each dearly cherished carol... see its magic in each gaily decked tree... feel its infinite joy deeply in your heart. And, as you hark to the words of the sacred story, may the blessings of His message surround you and those you hold dear, at Christmastide and through all the days to come.