

Scoutlets

Walter Dockery, owner of Dockery's Store near Hiwassee Dam, says he recently wrote a hunting license to probably the oldest man still hunting in the county. The license was issued to Dub Morrow on his birthday. He was 94 years young.

How would you like to tour Europe absolutely free? You can do so and not leave the county by attending the Peachtree PTA meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19. The meeting gets underway at 7:30 p.m. with color slides of Europe to be shown.

It's tax listing and tax paying time again and although Uncle Sam will give you until April 15 to pay, the County of Cherokee says you must list your personal property taxes by the end of this month. Failure to do so will result in a 10% penalty.

We notice that Joe El Khouri of Andrews received a personal invitation from Vice-President - elect Hubert Humphrey to attend the inauguration in Washington, D. C. Joe says that anyone from this area planning to attend who would like to accompany him and his wife on the trip should give him a ring before Saturday.

Sometimes it just doesn't pay to go on a vacation. Jim Ed Hughes took off to Hollywood, Fla., for a few days of fun and frolic and wound up in the hospital with pneumonia. Pete McKeon, vacationing just north of Jim Ed in Ft. Lauderdale, came down with some kind of a virus bug and was laid up for three days. To top it off Pete says he also wrenched his back. How was it you said that happened Pete?

Former Scout publisher Jerue Babb was in town last week minding the store while I was in the hospital. With the Scout's fine staff to look after things we figured good ole Jerue was wanting to vacate here for a few days and look over his old stomping grounds. Only today we find out he's down in New Orleans. Says he has much work to do. Now you and I both know anyone going to New Orleans ain't going to get much work done.

We sure do appreciate the cards we received while at Emory Hospital and a special thanks to "Cuz" Bagley for some very funny letters and a box of toys to keep us occupied. We are very sorry to hear that while Cuz was trying to cheer us up his mother suffered a fatal stroke in a Florida hospital.

We also appreciate the concern of some of you folks about our health but Sheriff Claude Anderson has us a little worried. The Sheriff says he understands that we need a little rest and if he catches us on the street after 8:00 p.m. he's gonna lock us up. For our own good, of course.

It comes to our attention that the late Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, was the first man to give his salary back to the U. S. government. Seems like ever since then the government has been trying to get everybody else's back too, don't it?

With no discredit to our own two fine hospitals here in Murphy, I must say that Emory, a hospital with over 300 patients to look after, is a fine place to go if one must go. The doctors and staff, especially those of the 4th floor, east wing, are so pleasant and courteous you almost feel you are in the wrong place. This impression they give while ringing you out, beating on you with little rubber hammers and poking needles at you. After all the X-rays were read and much consultation by the 4th floor staff, all agreed that NOTHING was inside me (?), and that I should again be turned loose on society. One word of advice: Since doctors and nurses are a tight lipped group, and are stingy with information, this may come in handy if you find yourself in the hospital. Buy yourself a paper every day and look in the obit column. If your name isn't there you will know you're doing fine.

Two Convicts Escape Near Tennessee Line

MURPHY Two prisoners escaped from a highway work crew Monday, January 11, on Highway #294 in the Liberty, N. C. community. The escape of the prisoners occurred within 500 yards of the Tennessee-North Carolina state line.

According to authorities of Cherokee Prison Camp at Peachtree, the two were working under a work foreman out away from the regular work squad. Captain McCall of the Cherokee Prison unit stated that it is a customary procedure for a foreman to work one or two inmates in this manner.

The escapees are listed as Charles Worley, age 24, and William Duggers, age 22.

Worley, a native of Route 4, Asheville, is 6'-1", weighs 170 pounds, has brown hair and eyes and a ruddy complexion. An honor grade prisoner, he was serving time for breaking and entering and would have been released in three months.

Duggers, a native of Route 3, Hickory, is 6' tall, weighs 160 pounds, has brown hair and eyes with ruddy complexion. Duggers was originally serving time for a misdemeanor, but after escaping twice from Cumberland County Prison, he was automatically classed as a felon and transferred to the Cherokee Prison Camp.

Captain McCall said that the last lead they had of the two

escapees was in Ducktown. A car was stolen in Ducktown early Tuesday morning, January 12, and was found Wednesday in Sweetwater, Tennessee, approximately 40 miles from Ducktown. Another car was stolen in Sweetwater.

Although there may be no connection between the car thefts and the prisoners' escape, Captain McCall said that every lead is being checked out in an effort to apprehend the two men.

Calendar Of Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:30 p.m. - Murphy Chapter No. 10, Order of Eastern Star, will meet in the Masonic Hall. All members are urged to attend.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 10:00 a.m. - Circle No. 4 of First Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Walter King with a covered dish dinner.

2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 3 of First Methodist Church will meet in the Men's Bible Classroom of the church.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1:30 p.m. - Murphy Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. C. L. Alverson.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 7:30 p.m. - Circle No. 2 of First Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Bunch Nugent with Mrs. Hugh Howard as co-hostess.



JIM MORGAN
Production Supervisor

Morgan Named As Scout Production Supervisor

MURPHY - Jim Morgan, 28, a native of Bristol, Va., was named this week by Publisher Jack Owens as production supervisor of The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress.

Mr. Morgan assumed the duties of his new post Monday, Jan. 4, and will be in charge of production of the Scout-Progress and the Company's commercial printing plant. He will also handle outside sales of commercial printing.

He is a graduate of Bristol High School, Bristol, Va., and Emory and Henry College at Emory, Va.

His previous experience in-

cludes three and a half years at the Trade Printing Company in Charlotte, N. C., and two years with Hilton Business Equipment Co. here in Murphy.

Mr. Morgan is a member of the Murphy First Baptist Church and past treasurer of the Murphy Civitan Club.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan of Bristol, Va., the new Scout-Progress production supervisor served with the U. S. Army in Korea and France from 1949 to 1954. He received his honorable discharge in 1954 with a Sergeant First Class rating.

Commissioners Adopt Liberal Scale For Surplus Commodities

MURPHY - At the January 4 meeting, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners adopted the use of a more liberal scale in determining the eligibility of various

size households for surplus commodities, V. O. Ayers of the Cherokee County Department of Public Welfare announced this week.

The new scale recommended by the Commodity Distribution Program, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture is as follows:

No. In Household	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$85.00
2	110.00
3	125.00
4	140.00
5	155.00
6	170.00
7	185.00
8	195.00
9	205.00
10	215.00

Any individual or family who is not currently receiving food assistance and whose income is within the limits specified in the liberalized scale above, should apply to the Welfare Department for certification.

Commodities are distributed each Wednesday from the Cherokee County Distribution Warehouse in the Stiles Building on Tennessee Street.

The Welfare Department has designated Wednesday of each week for certification and recertification of food recipients applications.

Caseworkers responsible for the three geographical divisions of the county are available in the office all day on Wednesday for the purpose of receiving and processing food applications.

Clay County Progresses During The Past Year

By: Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens

CLAY COUNTY - With a lack of industry here, a majority of people in Clay County derive their living from agriculture. Farmers were hard hit in 1964 with the drought, yet the county made progress in a number of projects.

As a hungry child reaches out a hand to a parent, Clay made its appeal to the Federal Government. Funds were made available which made some of the major projects possible, with the Town of Hayesville and Clay County sharing a part of the cost of a new water and sewerage system and a Health Center.

The new water and sewerage system at the cost of \$115,000.00 was completed in the Town of Hayesville, a new county Health Center, \$35,000.00; new post office building, \$45,000.00; U. S. Forest Service on Jack Rabbit Mountain camp, \$170,000.00, with 50 units ready for camping April 1, 1965; Shooting Creek Campground, approximately \$100,000.00 constructed by Frank Parker of Florida; Jim Armstrong completed 3 units at Tanglewood Cabins with plans to construct 4 more in the spring; Wiley Penland constructed another lakeside cabin; approximately 20 new homes were constructed at a cost of \$200,000.00; home repair, installation of bathrooms and modernization of present homes was approximately \$100,000.00, two new churches were built, Sweetwater Methodist Church, \$12,500.00 and Mt. Pleasant Baptist, \$25,000.00, with construction now underway at the new Church of Christ.

Some churches installed new heating systems and made other improvements in the churches and parsonages. One of the most complete Labor Surveys in the U. S. was made in Clay in the fall of 1964. Clay County had a revaluation in 1961, the first revaluation since 1947. During the year of 1964 the County Board of Commissioners paid all of the current debts, paid \$14,800.00 on the bond indebtedness and paid the bond interest which was \$4,912.00. This definitely is a forward step for a county as small as Clay.

Approximately 206 are employed in industry. Hayesville Manufacturing employs 115; Lidseen's, 25; Neal R. Kitchens Lumber Co, 17; Clay Milling, 11; Hayesville Farm and Egg Corp, 13; Moore's Feed and Poultry, 6; Danielson Lumber, 3; Woodard Electric, 6, and two sawmills with approximately 8 employees.

Because of the lack of industry Clay is still losing its youth, the cream of the county, to other cities. Many families are separated except on week-ends or holidays because the father has to seek employment away from home.

In the school system 40% of the teachers hold Masters Degrees and the North Carolina State average is 18%. With Clay in the low income bracket, the need of education is felt more deeply. A good number of students go on to college each year. The school rolls are decreasing because the child bearing age has moved out, while many retired newcomers are moving in. Real estate is changing hands at a rapid rate. Many summer cottages are found in the nooks and coves of mountainous Clay. These people have found accessible isolation and are enjoying it. The newcomers have added some to the financial situation.

The Federal Home Administration and Federal Grants have played a major part in Clay's progress for 1964, yet the crying need is for industry, especially for men/ and for roads to unbottle this little mountain paradise.

Windstorm Destroys Shed

HAYESVILLE - A freak wind with tornado force hit the corn crib and tool shed of Mr. and Mrs. Henson Chambers Sunday morning, Jan. 10, about 9:15, demolishing the building. The Chambers family live in the Ledford's Chapel section, just across from the Ledford's Chapel Church.

Mrs. Chambers said the children were dressing to go to church when they heard a loud noise and felt the house shake. A deluge of water hit the house and the family saw the roof of the corn-crib and tool shed flying through the air. All the walls except one corner of the shed went down. The building was on a solid concrete foundation with large posts tied into the concrete by steel bolts.

A small calf chained to the building was hurled 10 feet into the air, breaking the chain. A tractor, with plows, was moved about three feet in the Chambers yard. Mrs. Chambers said that a work bench in the corner of the shed had some papers on it that were not even ruffled by the wind.

Football Banquet To Be January 23

MURPHY - The 1964 Murphy Bulldog football banquet will be held at the grammar school lunchroom on Saturday night, January 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be George Sexton of the coaching staff at Wake Forest College, who will present trophies to the best back and best lineman for the 1964 season.

The Peachtree Development Club will serve at the banquet.

All football fans who are interested in attending may call 837-2795 or 837-2885 for reservations. The price is \$3.00 per couple.

DAR & Historical Society To Hold Joint Meet Jan. 14

MURPHY - There will be a joint meeting of the D. A. R. and Cherokee County Historical Society at the Murphy Power Board building Thursday evening, Jan. 14, at 7:30.

All persons interested in the restoration of the Harshaw Chapel have been urged to be present. Reports from the meeting with State Historical officials will be made by Mrs. Robert Easley, Joe Ray, and Larry Thomas Black.

THE SCOUT - PROGRESS welcomes "Letters To The Editor". Names will be withheld on request. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters that are published.

Horton Produce Co. To Package Tomatoes Here

MURPHY - The Horton Produce Company of Louisville, Ky. will grade, package and market vine ripe tomatoes in Murphy this summer. This company has large packing operations in Lake View, Fla., Louisville, Ky., and in South Carolina. In addition to packing vine ripe tomatoes, the company handles cucumbers, apples and cauliflower in other areas.

On January 7, growers from the five counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Fannin and Towns Counties voted unanimously to allow the Horton Produce Company to handle their tomatoes.

"We are convinced that this area can produce a quality tomato and that it has potential to grow," says Al Horton of the Horton Produce Company.

J. P. Jennerette and Joe Courlay of the N. C. Department of Agriculture said this area is extremely fortunate to obtain this large produce company.

James Stewart, County Ex-

tension Chairman points out that for the first time fresh vine ripe tomatoes will be marketed locally. This is an important step in the area to have a local market for fresh, high income per acre vegetable crops.

During the year, this market is expected to handle nearly 100 acres of trellised tomatoes with an income of a quarter of a million dollars. In addition to some 200 people being employed in the field, twenty to twenty-five will be needed in the packing house operation.

This year the Smoky Mountain Fiber Plant Building will be used for packing tomatoes.

Growers in the six-county area of Union, Fannin, Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties will need to sign up their acreage now if they intend to grow tomatoes.

Prentiss England, County Extension Chairman of Clay County pointed out the necessity of all the counties pulling together in a unified effort to successfully market their tomatoes.

Mrs. L. M. Shields, Murphy Business Woman, Dies

MURPHY - Mrs. L. M. Shields died unexpectedly on Wednesday morning, January 13, at her home on Hiwassee Street in Murphy.

Mrs. Shields, wife of L. M. (Lee) Shields, is a native of Cherokee County and a daughter of the late Henry and Laura Anderson Kisselburg. She is a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Shields had been very active in business affairs in Murphy and Cherokee County from 1922 until their retirement a few years ago.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert of Vista, California, Mrs. Paul Lambert of Charlevoix, Mich., and Miss Eunice Shields of Murphy; three sons, J. L. of Smyrna, Ga., James of Atlanta, and David of Murphy; seventeen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Everett Rice of Culberson; and three brothers, Homer and Luther R.



MRS. L. M. SHIELDS

Kisselburg of Culberson and T. L. Kisselburg of Copperhill, Tenn.

At press time, final arrangements, under the direction of Ivie Funeral Home, were incomplete.

Mrs. W. D. Simpson Dies

MURPHY - Mrs. W. D. Simpson, Sr., of the Hiwassee Dam section died Thursday, January 7, in a Murphy hospital.

A native of Macon County, she was a daughter of the late D. A. and Lena Angel Myers. She came to Murphy in 1936 with her husband, who was TVA superintendent of construction of Hiwassee Dam.

Mrs. Simpson received national attention in 1949 when she pulled the switch that set off the largest blast of dynamite ever discharged in the world at that time. This historic blast at TVA's South Holston, Tenn., project near Bristol, contained over a million pounds of explosives. The setting off of the blast was carried in theatres all over the nation on news reels.

Preceding this blast were six others Mrs. Simpson triggered, all of which at the time were the largest commercial blasts in the world.

Mrs. Simpson was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter 246.

Surviving are the husband; a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Graves of Murphy, Rt. 4; three sons, W. D., Jr., of Franklin, Thomas Joe of Hickory, and Willey H. of Murphy, Rt. 4; two sisters, Mrs. George Conley of Franklin and Mrs.



MRS. SIMPSON

W. W. Mitchell of Canton; a brother, James Alex Myers of Atlanta; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

The Rev. Fred Satterfield and the Rev. J. W. Newman officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were David, Jim, Howard and Bob Simpson, Eddie Dean Spivia, James Kephart, Kenneth Swanson and Burt Graves.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

Larry Groves Wins FFA Public Speaking Contest

HAYESVILLE - Larry Groves, Hayesville High FFA student, won the public speaking contest held at Murphy High School on Monday, Jan. 11. Four other schools competed in this contest.

Larry is a sophomore at Hayesville High and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Groves. He lives in the Myers Chapel Community.

Larry will represent the Nantahala Federation at the district contest held in Asheville on May 8.

YHC President To Speak To PTA

MURPHY - Murphy PTA will meet Monday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphy elementary school lunchroom.

Dr. Raymond A. Cook, president of Young Harris College, will be guest speaker for the meeting.

Don Ramsey, president of the local PTA, urges all parents of both elementary and high school children and all teachers to attend this meeting.

County Singing To Be Sunday

MURPHY - The Cherokee County third Sunday singing will be held Sunday, Jan. 17, at 2:00 p.m. in Valleytown Baptist Church.

The singing has previously been held at the Peachtree School auditorium, but beginning this Sunday, it will be held in various churches in the county.

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MISS JANUARY

Miss Glenda Farmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Farmer

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