

## Scoutlets

A tip of our bonnet to the Cherokee County Commissioners for appropriating money to make badly needed repairs to our courthouse. Although our residence here in Murphy has been short, its home to us and we like to brag to our flatland visitors about our resources: cool summer nights, good hunting in the mountains, and fish in abundance in our lakes. And we never fail to point out that we have the only all marble courthouse in the United States. When the face lifting is completed it will then be a pleasure to say to a visitor, "There it is, the only marble courthouse in the U. S. Let's go inside and I'll show you around."

## Courthouse Undergoing Internal Face Lifting

MURPHY - The Cherokee County Courthouse is now undergoing its first internal face lifting since its construction in 1926. Minor repairs on the courtroom were made in 1958. Cracked and fallen plaster has already been replaced in the welfare office, register of deeds office, tax collector's office, courtroom, and hall. Woodwork around the windows in the courtroom is to be repaired and complete paint

job is to follow. Bids are now being taken by the Cherokee County board of commissioners for the painting contract. Other major repairs to the 39-year old building include replacing and repairing rusted out steam pipes, and extending the shelving space in the law library. Cherokee County Courthouse is of gray marble construction, mined at Regal, N. C., several miles east of Murphy.

## Conway To Speak At Planning Meeting For Fort Butler Project

MURPHY - At the regular monthly meeting of the Archibald D. Murphey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Thursday, February 11, at 8:00 p.m., Bob Conway, Historical Sites Specialist with the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, has scheduled a planning meeting to formulate a plan of development for the

Ft. Butler project. Ft. Butler has been described as an excellent tourist attraction for this area.

Mr. Conway will also discuss the restoration of Harshaw Chapel and will give his historic sites slide program at the meeting which will be held at the Murphy Electric Power Board Building.

## Escapee Captured In Buncombe County

MURPHY - The man believed responsible for the theft of two vehicles during the week of January 21, has been apprehended in Buncombe County according to S. B. I. Agent M. G. Crawford. Charles Ray Worley, 24, of Route 4, Asheville, who was serving time for breaking and entering at the Cherokee Prison Camp, escaped from a work crew January 11, in the Liberty, N. C. community.

Members of the Cherokee County Historical Society and all others interested in the restoration of Ft. Butler and Harshaw Chapel are invited to attend this meeting with Mr. Conway and the D. A. R. Thursday night.

On Friday at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Conway will give a presentation on historic sites at the Murphy Elementary School and will be at the Andrews Elementary School around 11:00 a.m. of the same day for another presentation.

## U. S. 64 Blocked By 3-Car Accident

MURPHY - A three car collision on U. S. 64 on the Ranger Bridge seven miles west of Murphy had traffic stalled for over two hours Monday, February 1.

He has given this same program in 67 other schools in nine Western North Carolina Counties.

Upon request Mr. Conway will give this program to adult groups, civic clubs, and historical societies.

The accident occurred when William F. Roberson, 63, of Route 4, Murphy, driving a 1952 Ford was forced to stop on the bridge, as the road ahead was blocked by a truck stalled on the icy pavement.

## Concert Pianist To Perform At Y.H. College

YOUNG HARRIS - On Wednesday evening at 8:00, February 10, the Fine Arts Series of Young Harris College will feature, Theodore Ullmann, pianist, in the first concert program to be held in the new Fine Arts Auditorium on the Young Harris College campus.

After Worley's capture in Asheville, S. B. I. Agent M. G. Crawford swore out warrants before Justice of the Peace Hugh Brittain charging him with larceny of the automobiles.

While the audience seating has not been installed as yet, adequate temporary seats are being provided for this program. Members of the Spat Club and the Music Club will join forces to bring in chairs for the evening.

He is being held by North Carolina State Prison Authorities.

## Tomato Producers Will Meet Tuesday

MURPHY - Cherokee County farmers interested in the production of vine ripe trellised tomatoes will meet on Tuesday night, February 9, at the Murphy Power Board Building at 7:00 p.m., according to James Stewart, County Extension Chairman. This meeting will be for the purpose of discussing 1965 production practices. Emphasis will be placed on plant production, plant bed preparation, field site selection, and needed field fertilization. Growers will have an opportunity to obtain seed at this meeting and will receive a new booklet prepared for the six-county area on the latest production and practices of vine ripened tomatoes.

Literally, here's a treat for you: Burch Drug Store in Andrews is having a grand opening sale in their new location. Among other things, they are featuring large coca colas for a nickel and big thick milk shakes for 15¢.

We have decided to go along with Scout employees and give our whole hearted support to Fast Freddy, our staff photographer, and his wife, Joyce, in the "King and Queen of Hearts" contest. Oh, we had planned to all along, and although nothing was said, when Fred came to work this morning with blood in his eye, and carrying a big stick, we knew right then who our candidate was gonna be. That's politics for you.



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## Don't Touch That Snowball!

SECOND SNOWFALL OF THE YEAR brings out Tinkler Winkler to stand guard over a lone snowball as if to say, "Touch it and I'll bite your leg off." This Boston bulldog is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Winkler of Route 3, Murphy.

## King & Queen Of Hearts To Be Crowned



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## Who Will They Be?

MURPHY - A "King and Queen of Hearts" will be crowned Saturday night, Feb. 6 at the Heart Fund Dance.

The dance, sponsored by the Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club, will be held in the Rock Gym here in Murphy beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the dance are now on sale by members of the B & PW Club.

Contestants in the king and queen contest are sponsored by local industries, however, anyone is eligible to vote. To vote, send your contribution to the industry listed below sponsoring the candidates of your choice, or place your contribution in the ballot box at the Citizens Bank & Trust Company. Envelopes will be furnished for marking your choice of candidates.

The couple having the most money Saturday night will be crowned "King and Queen of Hearts".

All proceeds from the B & PW sponsored dance and the king and queen contest will go to the Heart Fund.

Candidates and sponsors are as follows: Bill and Louise Christy, Rimco Manufacturing Company; Blaine and Bobbie Stalcup, Brumby Textile Mills; Paul and Eunice Ledford, Levi Strauss; Fred and Joyce Davis, Clifton Precision; Lawrence and Frankie Beal, Chieftain Clothing Corporation.

Be sure to vote. Ballot boxes close at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, February 6.



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## David Shields Is Agent For Security Insurance

WINSTON-SALEM - David E. Shields has been appointed an agent for the Security Insurance Companies of Winston-Salem in the Murphy, N. C., area.

As a representative of the Murphy multiline agency, he will sell all forms of life, health, automobile, fire and allied lines of insurance underwritten by Security.

Prior to joining the Security organization he was associated with his father, in the

L. M. Shields, Co., of Cherokee, dealers in handicrafts and souvenirs.

He is a native of Culberson but graduated from the Oakdale (Ky.) Vocational School. He later attended North Georgia College in Dahlonega where he studied business education.

Shields and his wife, Doris, have three children: Markus, 9, Sabrina, 8, and Sandra, 2. The family makes their home in Murphy.

## \$1300 Is Goal For Heart Fund Drive

MURPHY - Hope for Hearts is the theme of North Carolina's 1965 Heart Fund campaign, and the goal for West Cherokee County is \$1300.00. This money will go into research and community programs against the number one killer in the state and in the United States.

Heart Fund dollars help fight heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, rheumatic fever and inborn cardiac defects.

Among the 90,000 people in North Carolina who are volunteering their time and effort to the 1965 Heart Drive are the following chairmen in Murphy. A complete list of volunteer workers in Murphy and workers and events for the county will be published when the drive is ended.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Fornea, city co-chairmen; Mrs. H. W. Alexander, publicity chairman; Mrs. D. H. Carmichael, coffee day chairman; Mrs. W. L. Christy, business days chairman; Mrs. W. R. Gossett, city Heart Sunday chairman; Mrs. W. A. Singleton, coin container chairman; Mrs. Charles Hyatt, president, balloon day chairman; W. G. Fornea, motorist canvass chairman; Mrs. Cloe Moore, memorial gifts chairman; and Mrs.

Glenn Patton, president of Heart Fund benefit dance.

February 1 was kick-off day for Murphy and began with coffee day. Through the efforts of Mrs. Carmichael and co-operation of the businesses involved, all proceeds from the sale of coffee Monday were contributed to the Heart Fund.

Businesses donating proceeds from coffee were Busy Burger, 64 Truck Stop, Henry House, Trailways Bus Station, Family Restaurant, Tar Heel Restaurant; Cherokee Cafe, Parkers Drug Store, and Mauney Drug Store.

Events scheduled for this month are Business Days for Hearts, February 2 through 6; Motorist Canvass, February 6; Heart Fund Benefit Dance, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club, February 6; Balloon Day, sponsored by Cherokee County Rescue Squad Auxiliary; and February 21 will be Heart Sunday.

Mrs. Alexander, publicity chairman, said "We ask your cooperation in these events to raise our quota for the 1965 Heart Drive, because heart matters to you, your families, friends and neighbors. Research is saving many lives, and it could be yours - so give - so more will live."

## A Brief History Of The Harshaw Chapel

By Fred O. Scroggs

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written by Fred Scroggs of Brasstown on December 10. When Mr. Scroggs read of the plans by the DAR and Cherokee County Historical Society to restore Harshaw Chapel, he sent the article on to us.)

I am writing this in the hope of interesting someone in starting a move to save our old Methodist Church Building in Murphy, known as the Harshaw Memorial Chapel.

This church was built by Joshua Harshaw in 1844. The building, cemetery plot, and surrounding land was donated to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and dedicated May 1, 1869.

At a time when church buildings were scarce and built of cheap material, Mr. Harshaw had the interest and energy to erect this building with material and workmanship to make it last indefinitely if taken care of. A roof, windows, and other proper repairs should not cost much.

The history of this entire section evolves around this historic building and cemetery. It should be kept as a shrine, not only to Mr. Harshaw but also to the many earlier pioneers and builders of our section who now lie buried on all sides of this chapel. Some of these early settlers were famous in their day, and many of them immediate ancestors of the present citizens of Murphy and our area. I am sure all of these citizens would be glad to aid in a move to save this landmark.

We owe this to the memory of Mr. Harshaw, to all who are proud of our history,

as well as to the future generations for whom Mr. Harshaw built so well.

Joshua Harshaw, along with his brother, Abram, owned a large acreage of land in Cherokee and in what is known now as Clay County. They once also owned many slaves.

Mr. Joshua Harshaw, having no immediate heirs and being old and rather feeble (he died in 1876) disposed of his lands by gifts, grants, etc., in consideration of services to be rendered to him in his last days.

He was then living in his home at Brasstown. To two of his nearby neighbors and their wives he gave good sized farms. They were to live with and take care of him the remainder of his life. The transactions were in the form of signed contracts. So far as I know, he made no will.

To the Methodist Church of Murphy, he gave some large tracts of several hundred acres in Brasstown and Sweetwater Township, Clay County. This included the Suttawig Farm at Brasstown, the present Frank Hill Farm at Sweetwater, and the farmlands on Greasy Creek, Brasstown.

The Murphy Church was to have the income, rentals, sale of timber, etc., forever. The income must have been pretty substantial as there were several tenant farmers who paid rent in grain and other feed stuffs to the agent in Murphy who was Bob Fair. The lands were known for years as "The Church Property" and was not taxable.

The church and county records will show the facts. Some time ago, I believe in the 1930's, the church decided (Cont'd On Back Page)

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**MISS FEBRUARY**  
Miss Becky Farmer, daughter of Mrs. Vivadou Farmer.

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Sometimes you must take a "high jump" to surmount an obstacle... some major emergency in your life. Other times, your "jump" is to better living... in a home of your own, for instance. In either case, a healthy bank account will give you the "lift" you need.



SENIOR COLLEGE BOWL - On Tuesday, Jan. 26, a Senior College Bowl was held in the gymnasium at Murphy High School between Bryson City High School and Murphy. Students representing each school were chosen on academic achievement during their four years in high school. The students representing Murphy were Missy Wilson, Becky Jo Ray, Larry Davis, Robert Smith, with Mary Smith as alternate. The students representing Bryson City were Don Peterson, Norman Clappitt, Jr., Samuel Lee, Marcia Winchester, and Jim Long. Murphy was the victor with a score of 680-310.