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Scoutlets

Attention! expectant mothers. Here's your chance for some additional gifts. The first baby contest underway and several local merchants are giving presents to the lucky first born of 1966. We want to say to Cherokee County expectant mothers, "Hurry" but there's really not much they can do. So Mothers, if you don't plan to be in the running, you may as well stay at home and let the ole man watch the football games. See the ad in this weeks Scout for contest rules.

We tip our hat again this year to the Murphy Garden Club for having such a beautiful Christmas tree at the Kiddy Park in east Murphy. The tree was donated to the club by Mrs. Willie Lou Shields of Tomotia.



Happy New Year

IT ENDS WELL. It's been a good year, but like all good things 1966 too must come to an end. The world is one year older, perhaps a little wiser as it prepares for a new start in 1966. - WFS Photo.

Industrial School To Offer New Adult Education Classes

Beginning early in January, classes in general public school education for adults age eighteen and over will be offered in the following communities in the three counties of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham, Holland McSwain, Director of the Tri-County Industrial School, announced this week.

CHEROKEE COUNTY - Hiwassee Dam School, Ranger School, Martins Creek School, Peachtree School, White Church School, Murphy Elementary School, Tomotia Community Building, Martie School, and Andrews School.

CLAY COUNTY - ER School, Ogden School, Shooting Creek School, and Hayesville School.

Taxation Without Representation

The people of the small mountain counties of extreme Western North Carolina are about to be struck a severe blow. It is the case of a three-judge Federal Court Order, directing the North Carolina General Assembly to draft, by January 31, an acceptable plan for reapportionment of the House of Representatives and realignment of our Senate and Congressional Districts.

All in keeping with the "One-Man One-Vote" principle written by Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court, and ordered after Winston Salem Attorney, Rehn Drinn, filed suit in October.

If this is passed by the Legislature, it will mean a loss of three Representatives out of four of our counties and that the people of the mountain will have but a small voice in the State Government.

Food For Thought

Did you know that it's a lot easier to get into the conversation if you aren't there... that most people know how to say nothing... few know when... that if you ever see an editor who pleases everybody, he will be neither sitting nor standing, and there will be a lot of flowers around him... Wonder which is correct... 'a house burns down' or 'a house burns up'... Got any ideas?

Sixth Year Of Boom Ahead. Progress Quickens

Here comes 1966 and one thing is certain: The pace of progress quickens as the country heads deeper into the second half of the 60's. There's almost total agreement on a sixth year of boom. In fact, Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine, reports there is less concern over a possible drop in business than at any time in the past 15 years.

Looking at what this will mean to the individual, Changing Times suggests these for the months ahead:

Taxes will be up. At least you'll pay more -- despite lower levies on income this year. Social security tax is the culprit. Even employees and self-employed in the lower income brackets will feel the higher taxes, though in lesser amounts.

Two Youths Narrowly Miss Fireworks Injury

What might be considered fun for some people could prove a real terror to others. For only a few minutes ago, in North Carolina, two youths narrowly missed being injured by fireworks. It is also against the law to possess them, but even so, some people defy the law and continue to buy and explode them.

There have been instances where fireworks "blow" have been fatally injured. Some have lost their eyesight. Some have suffered loss of hearing, even lost an arm or several fingers. But even with these potential existing dangers, there are always some people willing to take a chance or just don't care. Maybe they take the attitude that what has happened to other people can't happen to them.

Friday Night Folks

Friday night folks will be singing out the old and ringing in the new with sounds of 'Auld Lang Syne'. Talk around the coffee tables have already turned to New Year's Resolutions and we even muttered a few which probably won't be kept. There is one that we will try to keep and anyone can use it. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". May the New Year be prosperous to each of you. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Stores To Close

Upon checking with the merchants in Murphy, the Scout was informed that some of the stores in Murphy will be closed Saturday, New Year's Day.

Lions, Jaycees Brighten Christmas

The Murphy Lions Club and the Murphy Jaycees brightened Christmas this year for the 140 Cherokee County families.

The forty-year-old Lions Club has been delivering food baskets to the elderly Cherokee County for a long time. It is the president, Walter R. Robertson, who has the responsibility of remembering.

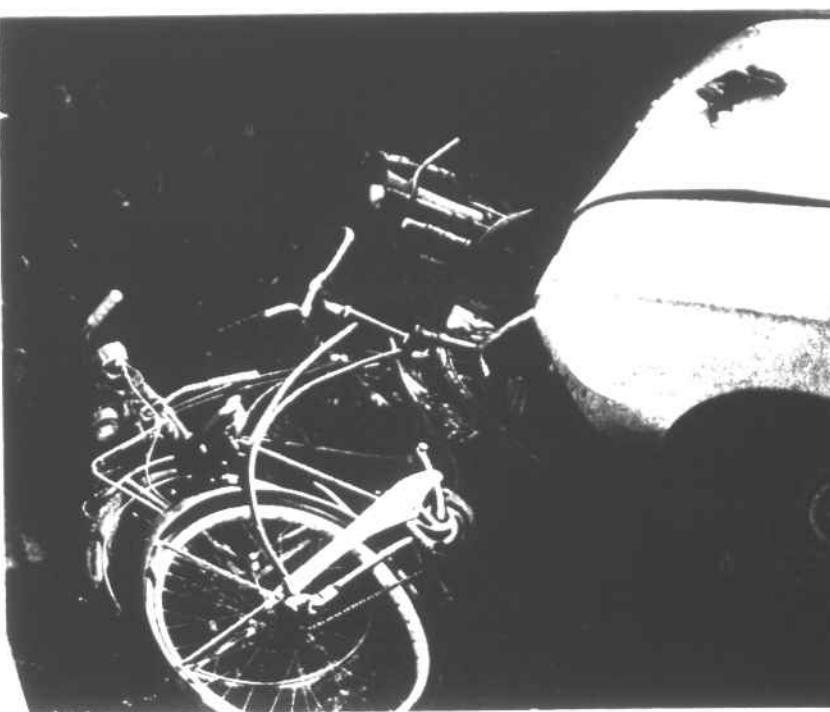
The Lions and Jaycees were also busy delivering 22 toy boxes to children of Cherokee County. All the toys were new or usable toys in good condition.

One Youth Dies, Three Injured As Car Strikes Four Cyclist

A 13-year-old boy and three other youth were injured when a car struck four cyclists on the highway at four miles north of Murphy, along rural Whitfield Road about 1 1/2 miles east of Murphy, Sunday, December 25.

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Fatal Crash

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State Trooper Fined For Speeding

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