

Over \$16,000 Pledged Thus Far In United Fund

The half way mark of the \$30,000 United Fund goal was passed this week when a total of \$16,245.31 was pledged. This represents a total of 237 donors that have participated in reaching the goal. For the next several weeks two or three of the charities and organizations involved in the drive will be listed & a brief summary of the purpose of the organization along with the amount they will receive will be given to enable you to see where your pledges are going.

Apparent Suicide Shotgun Blast Fatal For Charlotte Woman

A 30 year-old Charlotte woman was found shot to death in the home of John Waitzell Walker in the Panther Top section of Cherokee County Monday afternoon. Miss Mary Alice Alexander, whose address was given as Charlotte, N. C., died from a blast in the chest from a 12 gauge shotgun that was apparently self-inflicted, Cherokee County Coroner J. C. Townson said at the scene. Found in the room with Miss Alexander was a 12 gauge single-barrel shotgun, which was presumably the one used by Miss Alexander, and several notes. The content of the notes was not revealed to the Scout. According to Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson, Walker and Elmer Collins left Walker's home early Monday morning to go hunting. When they returned to the Walker residence around 5 p.m. Walker found the body and had Lee Beavers call the Sheriff's office. Miss Alexander was found lying on a bed with powder burns on her clothing. Sheriff Anderson said that although Miss Alexander died from apparently self-inflicted wounds, an investigation would continue.

Mallonee To Visit Area

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor will be in Cherokee and Clay Counties on Friday, December 6 as part of a visit to each one of Taylor's 16-County district. Mallonee will be at the Town Hall, Andrews from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.; at the City Hall, Murphy, from 11:30 to 12:00; and at the Clay County Courthouse, Hayesville from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Any person who has plans of official business pertaining to Congressional matters they wish to discuss is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above-specified times.

Scout Leaders Are Honored

Scouters from Cherokee, Daniel Boone Council. Mr. Conley a Scoutmaster of 35 years has served over 1300 boys in his many years as a volunteer leader in Boy Scouts. Mr. Cannon, manager of Levi-Strauss having seen the need for more financial support for the Scouting program in Cherokee County served as District Finance Chairman for the Nantahala District. He also is the man responsible for the first United Fund in Cherokee County which will be of great help to the overall Scouting program. Other volunteer leaders were recognized for their leadership in the Scouting program and they are: Outstanding Den Mother and (See SCOUTS page 5)

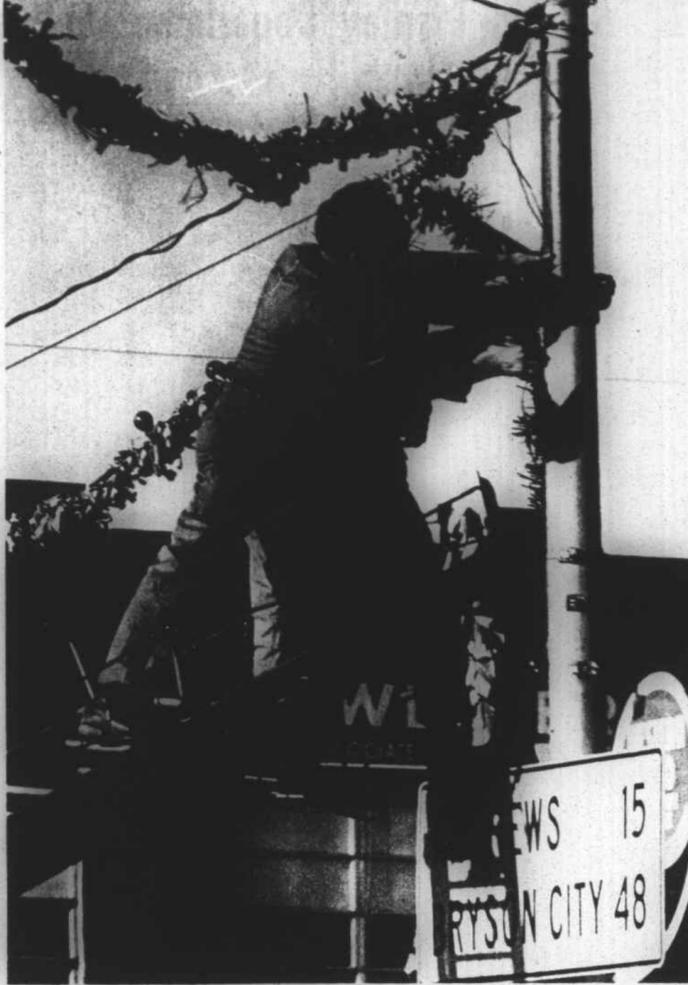
Fruitcakes Now On Sale

The Murphy Civitan Club is now selling the world famous Claxton fruit cakes in an effort to raise money for the club's many projects. The price of the three pounds of individually wrapped cakes remains \$3, the same as in the past. The cost to the club, like most everything else, has gone up and in order to keep the price down the club will have to sell more cakes than in the past to experience a profit, a club spokesman noted. In case you are not called on by a Club member and would like a cake they will be on sale on Saturdays on the square in Murphy. One of the projects that this money will be used for is completing the payment for the activity bus purchased for the Murphy City Schools by the Civitans.



Junior Civitans Officers

The Murphy High Junior Civitan Club has been recently organized by the Murphy Civitan Club and is to be chartered on December 3. The officers of the club are, left to right, Lonnie Britton, reporter and sergeant-at-arms, Bobbie Beavers, vice-president; and Eddie Ledford, Second row, Sam Elliott, president; Daryl Gossett, Secretary; and Grier Ivie, treasurer. Membership is restricted to those between 15 and 19, at least a sophomore in high school and must be approved by the faculty sponsor.



Christmas Season Begins...

A sure sign that Christmas is on its way is the addition of the Christmas lights strung over Murphy's main streets. The \$5,000 worth of lights and decorations were installed the latter part of last week, and the Christmas tree was put up Tuesday afternoon. The decorations were put up in time for the Christmas parade which will be Friday afternoon. (Scout photo by Bill Gray)

Shriners Honor W.D. Whitaker

W. D. Whitaker of Andrews, a Shriner for 47 years will be honored with a "W.D. Whitaker Night" by the Asheville Shrine Club Saturday, November 30. The affair will feature a dinner and dance in tribute to Mr. Whitaker who has devoted much to further Shrinism and the Masonic Order in Western North Carolina. Noble Whitaker is the first man to be appointed to the Divan of the Oasis Temple west of Asheville. In addition to holding the office of Oriental Guide, one of the highest offices in the Oasis Temple, he has served as Temple Ambassador, served as president of the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, and is a Past Master of the Andrews Masonic Lodge. Mr. Whitaker is also well known for his civic activities including serving as Mayor of Andrews and his work in supporting associations that work with crippled children. He is presently vice-president of the North Carolina Crippled Children's Association and a trustee of the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital. Mr. Whitaker is a Senior Vice-President and Secretary of Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Andrews. Among various dignitaries expected for the celebration will be Mr. Sam Holbrooks, Potentate of Oasis Temple and members of the Temple's Divan.



W. D. Whitaker

Christmas Parade Is Day After Thanksgiving

Seven floats and three bands will lead the fourth annual Jaycee Christmas Parade scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. The parade will kick off the Christmas season for the merchants in town as many of them are planning to stay open until 9:00 Friday night. Starting at the ball park, the parade will travel into town, turn right at the traffic light down Tennessee Street where it will turn left onto Willow Street. From here the parade will come by the bus station and turn back towards town on Hiwassee Street. At the traffic light the parade will turn right on Peachtree Street, and then turn left by the courthouse. Floats entering the parade will be the Cherokee County 4-H Club, Clifton Precision, O'Dells, Nelson's Lumber Co., Tri-County Technical Institute, Jaycee's Santa Float and activity bus. Cars carrying the president of the Jaycees and the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Murphy and P.T.A.'s Christmas Belle will also travel the parade route.

Scout Office To Be Closed

The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. The office will return to its regular hours, which are 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, Monday morning.

Agricultural Problems To Be Discussed With Officials

An area meeting has been scheduled for Robbinsville on Tuesday, December 3, to give local people an opportunity to discuss agricultural matters with several administrators from North Carolina State University. Jack Earley, Cherokee County extension chairman, said the Robbinsville meeting has been planned for the people of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain and Jackson counties. Nineteen such meetings are planned across the state in an effort to improve communications between local citizens and the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University. "The NCSU officials will report on what the University is doing in the way of agricultural teaching, research and extension. Local people will have an opportunity to discuss their problems and needs," says Mr. Earley. Farmers, agri-businessmen and other people with an interest in agriculture are invited. Starting time is 2:00 p.m. and the place is the auditorium of the Robbinsville Elementary School. Scheduled to represent NUSU at the meeting are: Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, acting dean of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Dr. E. W. Glazener, director of instruction for the school; Dr. George Hyatt, director of the Agricultural Extension Service; and Miss Lorna Langley state home economics leader for the Extension Service. Also, participating will be W. T. Brown, who is a member of the N. C. Agricultural Foundation from Cherokee County.

Football Contest Results Close As End Approaches

As the football contest goes into its final two weeks (Contest closes on Dec 8th) the standings are beginning to get a little bit closer between first and second place. By taking first place honors last week and five points, Lyn James now has a total of 8 points. High point contestant at the present time is Frank Sudderth with 12 points. The two tickets to the Atlanta Falcon-San Francisco game on December 15th plus \$25.00 in expense money is still any body's. There are still twenty points to be awarded. Sudderth or James could just about wrap it up with a first place winner this week. The contestants are getting better on their predictions. Last week eight contestants missed only two games. Would you believe that the contestants all missed the same two games. These two games were all considered to be upsets unless you were a University of North Carolina or a University of S. C. fan. Had these games gone along according to form, the eight would have had perfect scores. Actually there were nine that had two wrong guesses, but one of these was declared ineligible and this contestant had the best prediction for the tie-breaker and would have been awarded 5 points and (See FOOTBALL page 5)

Christmas Club Checks Mailed

W. Frank Forsyth, President of Citizens Bank and Trust Company, announced today that \$230,794.50 in Christmas Club checks were distributed to 1193 persons. This amount is the largest amount ever distributed by Citizens Bank and Trust Company from its Christmas Club plan. Sending the checks out early will mean that a large portion will remain in Western North Carolina and the participants in this Christmas Club program will have plenty of time to shop early.

Nine Murphy High Players Rate All-SMC Terry Postell Named 'Coach Of The Year'

Nine players from Murphy High School's championship team were selected to All-Conference honors and Coach Terry Postell, who paced his team through ten straight victories was named 'Coach of the Year' for the 1968 season. Heading the list of outstanding players in the conference were Bennie Scott, Charles Trantham, Boyd Smith, Jeff Jackson, Wayne Holland, Ben Crisp, Doug Stevens, Harold Kephart, and Mike Kephart. All of the boys were seniors, except for Smith and Jackson, who are Juniors. The Bulldogs finished 7-0-0 in conference play, and were 10-0-0 until they were defeated by Hendersonville in the first round of the Class AA Playoffs. Postell, a graduate of Andrews High School, attended Lees McRae and Mars Hill Colleges. He taught and was assistant coach at Sylva for one year, then moved to Murphy where he moved to the Head coaching position after one year as assistant coach. The rest of the Smoky Mountain All-Conference stars are as follows: OFFENSE End Roger Millsaps, Robbinston; tackles Keith Shuler, Sylva-Webster; Dennis Neims, Robbinston, Charles McClure, Franklin; guard Phillip Payne, Hayesville; halfback Jimmy Nelson, Hayesville; quarterback Donnie Lequire, Franklin; offensive specialist Keith Corbin, Franklin. DEFENSE End Wayne Partin, Swain; tackles Charles Underwood, Swain and Tom Cabe, Andrews; guards James Davis, Sylva-Webster, Jimmy Garner, Franklin, and Huey Jones, Swain; linebackers Gilliam Jackson, Robbinston; halfback Ronnie Ledford, Swain; safety Bruce Adams, Franklin; return specialist Dale Walsh, Robbinston.



Terry Postell



All-Smoky Mountain Conference players from Murphy are, front row left to right, guard Charles Trantham, fullback Jeff Jackson, linebacker Doug Stevens and Mike Kephart. Back row, center Boyd Smith, end Wayne Holland, end Benny Scott, halfback Harold Kephart and tackle Ben Crisp. (Scout photo by Jim Morgan)