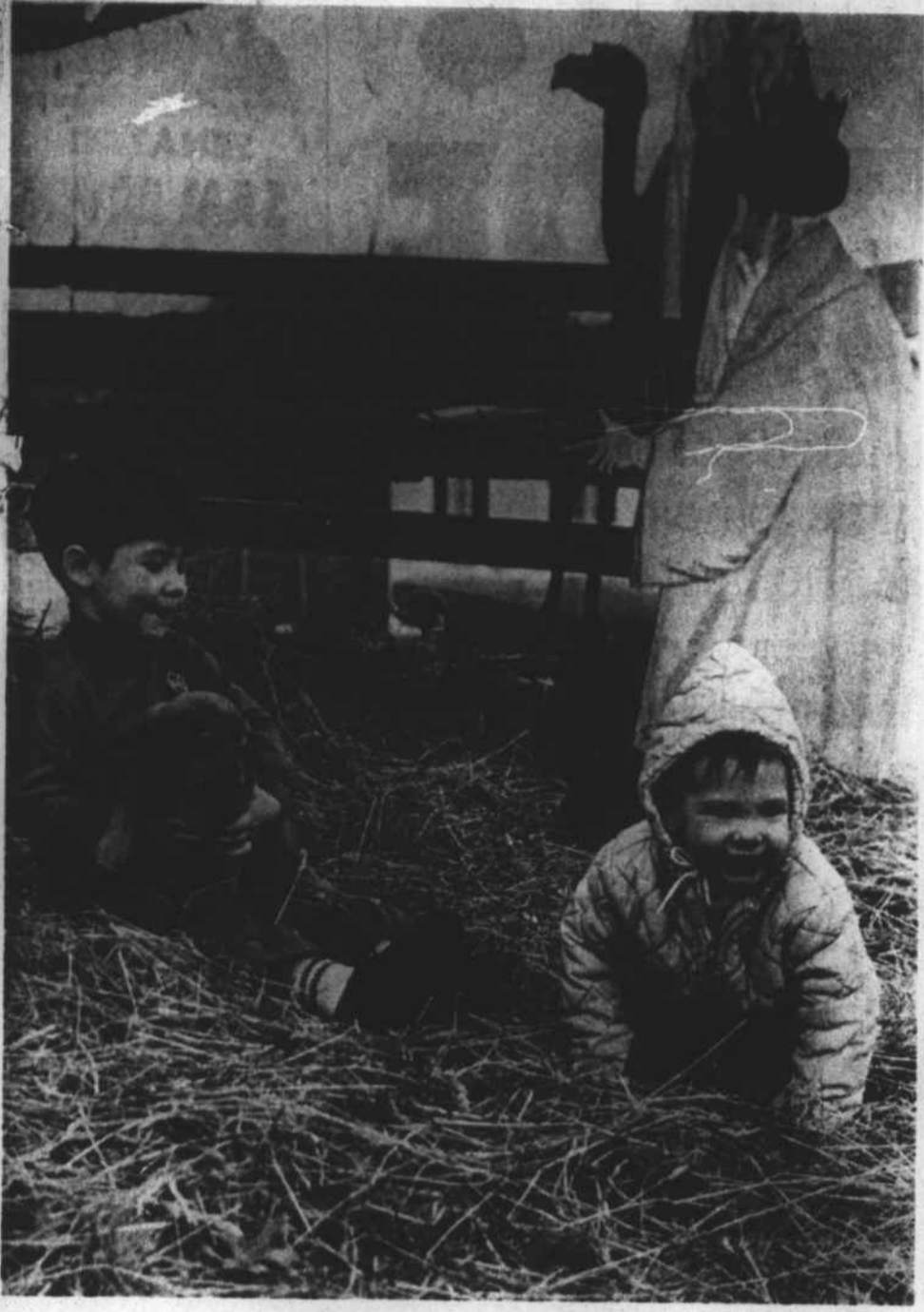


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Nativity Scene

Chris, 2, and Mark Dickey, 11 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dickey of Peachtree, frolicked with a litter of puppies in the straw of a colorful Nativity scene in the Dickey yard Tuesday. The traditional outdoor Christmas scene was produced by Mrs. Dickey, Bernice Roberts and Horace Ingle. (Avett Photo)

Park Is Proposed For Fort Butler

The Cherokee County Historical Society has temporarily dropped its dream of rebuilding Ft. Butler and would now like to arrange for a historic recreation park on the fort site. Mrs. Eric Townson, who heads the Ft. Butler section of the county historical society, says application has been made to the Smith-Richardson Foundation for a \$5,000 grant, which would be matched with \$10,000 of local money. A decision from the foundation on the application is expected by the first of the new year. This will be used, she says, to purchase 22 acres adjacent to the one-acre fort site now owned by the Town of Murphy. No restoration of the fort is

proposed, she said, but the land would become a historic park, complete with nature trails and sanitary facilities. A recent letter from the North Carolina Department of Archives and History has dampened the restoration dreams, she added since the state historical officials said that "there is nothing to restore" at the site worthy of state money. Ft. Butler was used only temporarily during the removal of the Cherokee Indians in 1838, the state officials say, and is no more historically important than dozens of other similar stockades in this state, North Georgia and East Tennessee the Indians were banded together before beginning the "Trail of Tears" to Oklahoma.

The state officials have also squelched the idea of a tourist-attracting historical outdoor drama in Murphy, based on the Indian removal, Mrs. Townson added. They told members of the Cherokee County Historical Society that the "Unto These Hills" pageant at Cherokee goes into the red every year and could not continue without the support of various foundations. Mrs. Townson said that although the fort apparently will not be restored, there is a possibility that a museum of Indian relics may be established sometime within the Ft. Butler park. The state Department of Archives and History has provided Mrs. Townson with 30 copies of a recent study of Ft. Butler, which are now available to interested citizens at no cost.

Council Writes Law On Cable TV

In its meeting Monday night the Murphy Town Council laid down the legal ground rules for anyone seeking a franchise to operate a cable television system here. Mayor Cloe Moore and the four council members attending, John Carringer, Joe Fowler, Ken Godfrey and W.A. Singleton, adopted a 14-page ordinance covering all aspects of the franchise, complete with procedure to be followed by the grantee in paying the town five percent of the gross monthly receipts. Harold Shook, who has been attending the Town Council meetings and prodding for the franchise, said he didn't like the

idea of paying the town part of the profits but would go along with it if that was the only way. Town Attorney Herman Edwards, who drew up the ordinance, said he contacted a number of towns and cities in North Carolina which have cable television and the general rule was that the firm which got the franchise paid five percent to the town. Shook indicated that he will make application very soon for the franchise. He said only after the Town Council grants him the franchise can he go to the Federal Communications Commission to get approval to build the system.

The ordinance calls for a cable system in Murphy to supply subscribers with programs from all three major networks, reception of good quality with rates to be controlled by the Town Council. The ordinance requires that the system, its antenna or cables to subscribers not interfere in any way with TV reception in homes which do not subscribe to the service. In other action, the situation at the traffic light on Valley River Avenue near the elementary school was discussed. Several council members told of seeing cars run through the red light at times when school children were using the crossing. Major Moore instructed Police Chief Pete Stalcup to station an officer near the crossing when children are using it and ticket motorists for violations of the light. Chief Stalcup said a number of complaints have been received concerning the establishment on Tennessee Street known as the "upper poolroom," a combination poolroom and grill. He said apparently much illegal drinking and fighting goes on at the poolroom but his officers get little cooperation from the management in stopping it. Some of the council members said they had also received complaints about the place and agreed to inspect it this week, with an eye toward revoking its license if necessary.



Medieval Instruments Displayed

Visitors at the Kelischek Workshop opening last Saturday are shown looking over some of the medieval instruments produced and sold through the new Brasstown

establishment. George Kelischek, originally from Germany and a resident of Atlanta for the past 10 years, owns and operates the workshop. (Staff Photo)

Tri-Tech Students Fill Available Space

The student body continues to grow at Tri-County Tech, scheduled to get a badly-needed new building soon. "We can't offer any additional courses now," Tri-Tech President Holland McSwain said Tuesday. "We just don't have the room." Many of the state's vocational schools experience a slight drop in enrollment during the winter quarter, he said, but Tri-Tech saw an increase. There are 193 students now enrolled in the regular classes for the winter quarter, which continues through February. McSwain said the Fall quarter had about 175-180 students and the winter quarter of last year had only 71 students. Some courses (welding, carpentry and radio-TV repairs) are offering both day and night classes to

accommodate the students. The school, housed in what used to be the Peachtree prison camp, has made all the necessary formal applications, McSwain said, for more than \$350,000 to begin a new building program. There is \$50,000 of state money which will be used, he said, and Cherokee County will put up \$25,000, to be borrowed at low interest from the state Literary Fund. The federal Appalachian grant of \$289,000 is expected to be approved in Washington in January or February. McSwain said the building program is planned to completely do away with "the prison look the school has now," with a large new structure at the front of the school and additions and renovation of present buildings.

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Christmas Music Festival Slated

The Clay County Christmas Music Festival will be held on Thursday night, Dec. 17, at 7:30 at the Hayesville High School auditorium. A number of musical groups and talented individuals, representing various Clay County churches, are scheduled to perform and the public is encouraged to attend.

Bulldog Photos

The color photos of the 1970 Bulldog football team, Western AA champions of North Carolina, are expected to be ready at The Scout office next Wednesday. Those who have placed orders for the pictures may pick them up at that time.

Groundbreaking Set For Memorial

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Murphy High School Seniors' memorial project Friday morning at 10:15 at the high school. This project is a permanent memorial in memory of Debbie Dockery, who was killed in an automobile accident last March; Alan Godfrey, who was killed in a Peruvian plane crash

in August; and Suzanne Cook, who was killed in an automobile accident recently. All three were members of the Senior Class. Most of the work for this project is being done by the Seniors with the help of John Smith, contractor. A memorial plaza with benches is planned. The public is invited to attend this ceremony.

George Kelischek, extreme left, is shown playing a Renaissance instrument along with a musical group for the entertainment of those who attended the opening Saturday of his new workshop at Brasstown.

Instrument Workshop Opened At Brasstown

The Kelischek Workshop for Historical Instruments at Brasstown held its grand opening last Saturday afternoon, showing those who attended how medieval instruments are produced and played. George Kelischek, who owns and operates the workshop says he has hired two Brasstown craftsmen who are now being retrained to make the Renaissance musical instruments Kelischek is known for.

"We're looking for fine instrument makers now," Kelischek said. "We have room here to eventually employ about 24 people." He said the workshop also will probably employ apprentice instrument makers. Originally from German, Kelischek has lived and worked in Atlanta for the past 10 years. Approved as a master violin-maker in Germany after years of apprenticeship, he admits he "was never particularly interested in modern violins." Instead, Kelischek has built quite a reputation for himself in the precise craft of making musical instruments which were used in the period between 900 and 1750, the European Renaissance.

Kelischek supervised the building of his 4800 square foot workshop and worked as a carpenter and painter during its construction, which began in June. The workshop is situated on a 32-acre site near the John Campbell Folk School and the Kelischek family is living in the building until their home, under construction nearby, is complete. Kelischek said he plans to offer courses in playing Renaissance instruments at this workshop in the future and may also offer a short course in amateur instrument making.

Yule Recess Announced

All Cherokee County schools will break for the Christmas holidays at the end of classes on next Tuesday, according to Superintendent John Jordan. Classes will resume in all schools on Jan. 4, he said, providing that the hoped-for white Christmas comes on schedule and leaves no large amount of snow on the ground after the New Year weekend.

Serious students of medieval music and the music departments of large universities are Kelischek's customers and he has a large backlog of orders. Delivery time of more than a year is often involved, he said, pointing out an instrument destined for the University of Hawaii music department. In addition to being a master instrument maker,

Arson Suspected In Tomotla Fires

Arson is strongly suspected in fires which completely destroyed two unoccupied houses at Tomotla on Sunday night. Cherokee County Sheriff Blaine Stalcup said an investigator from the state Fire Marshal's office has been called into the case but so far no arrests have been made. Murphy volunteer firemen were called out first about 8:30 Sunday night to a frame house

owned by W.S. Dickey and while they were fighting that fire, the second was reported. Damages amounted to several thousand dollars at the second fire, Sheriff Stalcup said, as the house was full of furniture, owned by Lexy Walls. Firemen discounted an electrical shortage as cause of the fires, finding both houses disconnected from electrical service.

UF Drive Falls Short

The Cherokee County United Fund drive probably won't reach its goal this year. That was the glum word Tuesday from Hobart McKeever, president of United Fund. The goal this year is \$32,000, he said, and the drive will wind up by Christmas; at present \$30,500 has been collected in cash and pledges. "For the past two years we've met our goal without any trouble," he said. "But this year it looks like we won't make it." He pointed out that last year the goal was \$30,000 and the drive brought in almost \$34,000, winning the local United Fund organization a trophy for its 100 percent effort, highest in the state. McKeever said this year's goal, increased to \$32,000 over last year's, may be "a little too high," but added that it is based on what the United Fund agencies say they need. He said general economic trends are to blame for the decrease in pledges and cash contributions, pointing out that many Cherokee County residents have not been working fulltime for the past several months.



New Baptist Church Construction

Attorney Hobart McKeever, standing, and Wachovia Bank's Jack Isaacs were all grins last week as the bank made the first payment to the First Baptist Church for the church property on Peachtree Street. The church pastor, the Rev. Woodrow Flynn, however, couldn't take his eyes off the \$14,000 check and jokingly said he would be glad to pose for similar pictures if the bank would

provide additional similar checks. Workmen meanwhile, blessed with suitable weather, have poured most of the footings and are raising the walls for the half-million-dollar church plant just off US-64 West. Buncombe Construction Co. of Asheville has the general contract for \$452,000 and construction is expected to be finished by early 1972. (Staff Photos)