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New Campaign Begins As Prizes Are Awarded

LOCAL BUILDING PROGRAM GOING STEADILY AHEAD

New Firms, Increased Building Show Upward Trend In Business

With the establishment of seven new business firms here during the past year, Murphy has experienced the largest building and remodeling program in its history.

Six other firms during the past 12 months have either increased their floor space or moved to new and larger locations and at present the building program calls for the addition of another industry and a remodeling garage.

The past year has also witnessed the building of six new residences in Murphy.

With substantial reductions in both city and county debts and with a comparatively large percentage of taxes collected during the fiscal year as a sign of rising prosperity in conjunction with the intensified Tennessee Valley Authority surveys in the region of the Coleman dam site 12 miles from here, local citizens are looking forward to a period of increased business unparalleled since the founding of the town.

Having been blockaded to some extent by the lean years of the depression, business all over the county suddenly took a surge forward last February that bids fair to put Murphy and Cherokee county on a pre-war purchasing basis inside the next few months.

Coincident with the beginning of the local boom last January was the manifest encouragement of the decision of the TVA to build a \$13,000,000 dam on the Hiwassee river with several of the sites being considered in the immediate vicinity of Murphy. A corps of approximately 50 government workers made residence here and regular work has been given to a number of local persons.

The establishment of the Petrie
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TWO BOYS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL EARLY WEDNESDAY

Warren Berrong, of Andrews, was back in the Cherokee county jail Thursday following his escape with Jake Rogers when the two boys picked bricks from around the iron barred window of their second story cell late Tuesday night. Rogers has not been located.

Both boys were bound over to the next term of Superior court, Berrong charged with stealing chickens, and Rogers held on two charges of trespass and assault with deadly weapon and drunkenness and assault. Rogers was one of five men who escaped from the local jail by picking the locks on their cells and front doors four months ago.

Both men were moved to a front cell in the building Tuesday, according to B. D. Morrow, jailer, and evidence showed that they picked the plaster from between the bricks at the edge of the iron-barred window with nails and a window-weight wrapped in blanket cloth. They squeezed through a small hole and dropped to the ground with the aid of blankets tied to windows, the evidence showed.

Mrs. Virgil Johnson

After an extremely serious spell of sickness with pneumonia, Mrs. Virgil Johnson Thursday night was said to be much improved.

Mrs. Johnson is one of the most popular members of the social set of Murphy and her improvement will be of much interest to her many friends.

TVA SURVEYS ARE BEING CONTINUED ALL OVER COUNTY

A check up on the activities of the Tennessee Valley authority shows that surveys and study in the vicinity of the Coleman dam site is going steadily forward.

All departments of the work—the basin survey, the hydrological survey and the geological survey—has spread out widely into the surrounding counties but the results are being centered on the sites near the Fowler bend of the Hiwassee.

It has been impossible to get any definite information from the TVA authorities or headquarters as to the local situation but their surveys in this vicinity are known to be more thorough than in any of the other sections where dam sites are being considered on the Hiwassee.

HICKMAN NAMED BALL CLUB HEAD FOR 1935 SEASON

Money To Be Raised For Grandstand; Other Officers Are Named

H. H. Hickman, of Murphy, was named manager of the Murphy ball club for the coming season at a meeting held in the Cherokee Scout office Wednesday night, and plans were outlined for the club for the coming year.

Other officers elected were: Josh Johnson and Sam Carr, joint secretary and treasurer; Frank Hensley, captain, and Hayes Leatherwood, playing manager and coach. The Murphy umpire will be named at a later date.

At the meeting plans were discussed for the building of a grandstand in the local park, and the price of admission was set at 25 cents for a seat in the grandstand, and 15 cents general admission.

The local team, playing a fast grade of ball, drew out large crowds last summer and much interest was manifest in the games. Arrangements are being made to have the club entered in the Blue Ridge league with seven other teams this year.

Hickman plans to start raising funds for the grandstand within a day or two, and as soon as the weather permits the boys will start practicing.

OLD RESIDENT OF UPPER PEACHTREE SECTION IS DEAD

Aunt Sophronia Johnson, 89, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Barker, of Upper Peachtree last Monday, January 28. Infirmities of old age caused her death.

She was born July 13, 1845, in Buncombe County and came to this county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Griffith wren a young girl.

She is survived by one living child, Mrs. J. W. Barker of Upper Peachtree; three grandchildren Mrs. Lawrence Anderson of Andrews, Mrs. R. M. Moore and Mrs. John Curtis of Upper Peachtree, and a host of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 1:30 by Rev. James Truett, pastor of the Upper Peachtree Baptist Church and Rev. Crowell Searin. Aunt Sophronia had been a faithful member of the Peachtree Baptist Church for seventy-five years. Her interment was in the Peachtree cemetery.

the community for the business they have given him in the past.

TVA FARM PLAN EXPLAINED HERE TO 325 FARMERS

Official Speaks To Meeting In Court House: Program Arranged

Cherokee County was the first in Western North Carolina to organize under the Tennessee Valley Authority farm program following an address Saturday afternoon by W. W. Landress, administrative assistant of the agricultural division of the TVA, before 300 farmers in the court house here.

Naming this section as the experimental point of the TVA farm program, he said Cherokee county was "literally on the spot" and if the program were seriously followed locally it would either make or break the plan.

Mr. Landress called for cooperation on the part of every farmer to help put the plan over. He mentioned the various ways in which the TVA was attempting to aid the farmer.

He called for extreme care in checking soil erosion which re credit.
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LARGE CROWD ATTENDS BALL FOR PRESIDENT

Decorations, Floor Show, Prizes Are Feature of The Evening.

Nearly 200 couples from Murphy and surrounding towns attended the Roosevelt ball held in the Andrews gymnasium Wednesday night and the square dance in the local gym.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Tennesseans, a nine-piece orchestra from the University of Tennessee and a number of novel effects were used throughout the dance to add to the vividness of the affair.

The committee sponsoring the dance here and the round dance at Andrews was composed of Sam Carr, of Murphy, chairman; Miss Josephine Bradley, of Andrews; Mrs. H. Bueck, of Murphy; Mayor W. W. Ashe, of Andrews; Mayor J. B. Gray, of Murphy and Harry P. Cooper, of Murphy.

Decorated in red, white and blue crepe paper, the gymnasium presented an air in keeping with the purpose of the dance—the honoring of the President's birthday to the welfare of the unfortunate subjects of infantile paralysis.

\$100 Raised
At press time the amount of money that was cleared on the dances could not be learned but it is estimated to be around \$100. Seventy per cent of this amount will be added to the Mary Jo Davis fund, in charge of the Young Woman's club of Murphy and the other 30 per cent will be forwarded to national headquarters in New York to be used in research of the disease.

A floor show was arranged by John Davidson, of Murphy, and a committee of the Kanawha club of Andrews. Mr. Davidson acted as
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Murphy Supply Co. Has Fifth Birthday

The Murphy Supply Company this week is celebrating its fifth birthday with an unusual line of bargains in their new store.

Mr. Noah Lovingsood, manager of the company, is taking this opportunity to

FHA OFFICIAL IS IN CHEROKEE TO ORGANIZE PLAN

Ralph E. Hallock, of Asheville, was here Wednesday conferring with local civic leaders in connection with the plans to fully organize the National Housing administration locally.

After a conference with Mayor J. B. Gray, decision was made to have a mass meeting at a date to be mentioned later for the purpose of explaining the FHA program more to the people of Cherokee county.

Mr. Hallock has been placed in charge of similar work in Clay and Graham counties and will return here in a few days to go forward with the plan.

COUNTY DINNER IS TO BE HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Local Lions Club Sponsoring Annual Affair; Program Arranged

The annual Cherokee supper, sponsored every year by the local Lions club, will be held at 6:30 Tuesday night at the Dickey hotel. A large number of visitors from all over this section are expected to attend the affair.

Guy O. Bagwell, district governor of the Lions club, will be present to make the main address of the evening. A large program of speaking, singing and novelty numbers have been prepared by the committee.

Mrs. Nettie Dickey, proprietress of the Dickey hotel, announced this week that nearly 100 different varieties of foods raised in Cherokee county had been obtained for the supper and that more is expected to be had by Tuesday evening. If the foods are not in such quantities to be served as a part of the course of the regular meals, they will be prepared by her cooks and put on display.

The Cherokee county dinner has become one of the most important events of the year among the people of Cherokee and surrounding counties, and from all indications this year it will eclipse the favor it has won in any of the past years.

Basketball Schedule

Murphy high school's boys and girls teams will play the Andrews basketball teams in the local gymnasium Friday night.

This is the second contest between the Murphy and Andrews teams, the Boomers having taken over the first set at Andrews when the new gymnasium there was dedicated.

A local all-star team, composed of boys who played on the Murphy high team several years ago will play Mineral Bluff here Wednesday night. They have been practicing regularly. An all-star girls team is being formed and expect to schedule a game soon.

JAMES AXLEY IS AWARDED RADIO AS FIRST PRIZE

\$50 Premium To Be Given With Each New Subscription At \$1.

James Axley, of Murphy, was announced as winner of the first prize in the Cherokee Scout subscription campaign Saturday afternoon and at the same time decision was made by popular request to hold the subscription rate at \$1 per year for a limited time instead of raising it to \$1.50 per year as was first announced.

Also decision was made that during the extension period of the campaign, a thrift book, worth \$50 to the holder will be given with each paid subscription.

The prizes, amounts, and winners as announced by the committee of Rev. T. F. Higgins, Dale Lee and Harry P. Cooper are as follows:

- 1st prize—Philco cabinet radio—James Axley.
- 2nd prize—\$15 in cash—274.
- 3rd prize—\$10 in cash—669.
- 4th prize—\$5 in cash—267.
- 5th prize—\$3 in cash—591.
- 6th prize—\$2 in cash—Jessamine Vestal, of Murphy.

Only two of the awards were claimed during the week and the others must be called for by 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday Feb. 13, 1935, or the second list of winners now being held by and known only to the committee will be published in next week's paper. If they are not claimed during the following week, the third list will be published.

A large crowd was present as the committee awarded the prizes in front of the Scout office Saturday afternoon. Nearly one thousand subscriptions were taken in during the campaign which was successful from every angle.

Practically every subscription that came in during the campaign was from a subscriber in Cherokee county and it is estimated that the Scout is going thoroughly into every community of the county and into practically every home.

Brasstown Field Agent Residing at Folk School

Samuel Willard Mendenhall arrived at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown this week to take up his residence in connection with his duties as field agent for the Mountain Valley Cooperative.

Mr. Mendenhall will take part in the dairy and poultry development program and has been assured full cooperation of the state.

He was accompanied here by his wife.

CORRECTION

An advertisement in the Cherokee Scout last week read to the effect that croquignole waxes at Candler's Beauty Shoppe were \$3. This should have read \$2 and Mr. Candler is carrying the advertisement this week to that effect. The Scout is sorry to have made the error.

Your Local Merchant

This issue of the Scout goes into every home in Cherokee county. And to those folks who do not have the advantages of looking through the stores and business houses every day, the catalog of the Murphy merchants is laid at their door. The Murphy market, the backbone of the tax support of Cherokee county, is opened to the public. The merchants represented in these pages have always treated their customers fairly, have deeply appreciated their patronage, and have thought of their welfare first.

Read the advertisements, study them carefully, and when you buy the next time, come to YOUR merchants to do it. They can save you money and worry. Their pleasant service will please you, and