

TVAC CANNERY CONTRACTS ARE EXPLAINED HERE

Farmers To Share On Cooperative Plan Official States At Meeting

J. A. Barr and L. D. Staples, canning experts with the TVA, were in Murphy Saturday to explain the contracts that will be made between the local cannery and the farmers of this section.

Describing the elements of the contract to a local group of cannery managers, Mr. Barr said arrangements would be made to hold meetings all over this community for the purpose of putting the plan directly before the farmer.

The contracts, Mr. Barr explained, would primarily deal with tomato and bean crops which must be raised according to TVAC stipulations.

Plants and seed will be furnished by the Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives at an extremely low price, and R. E. Robinson, cannery manager, and Mr. Staples will superintend the raising of the crops all of which must be sold at the local cannery.

Walker, Present

Wayne Walker, of the rehabilitation department of the FERA which is serving Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties was present at the meeting and was concerned with having the TVAC plan incorporated with his program.

Up to this time, Mr. Barr said, local farmers have been hampered with an inferior grade of tomato plants or seeds, which ever was used and that tomatoes have not been successfully grown here.

To correct this fault he will furnish first grade plants, raised under the observance of TVAC experts, at \$1.25 per thousand to signers of the contracts.

"If local farmers use these plants and raise them according to TVAC standards and use the fertilizer we tell them to, there is no doubt that a fine crop of tomatoes can be raised here. If they are not successful then this part of the country might as well give up any hopes of ever having a good tomato crop", Mr. Barr said.

Schedules To Be Made

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LAST RITES HELD FOR MR. RAXTER A MARBLE HOME

Marble—Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Marble cemetery for Mr. Wesley Raxter. The Rev. R. W. Prevost officiating, assisted by Rev. Clay Whitaker and Rev. R. P. Lovingood.

Mr. Raxter died Saturday March 2nd, after a two weeks illness at the home of his son, Victor Raxter.

He was born at Brevard, Transylvania County, October 9, 1845. He was the last of a family of eight. He entered the Civil War in 1862, at the age of seventeen years and remained until captured April 3, 1865.

He came to Cherokee County in 1867, and settled near Marble, where he remained until his death. He was later married to Miss Addie Arrowood. To them were born nine children, five of whom are still living.

He had been in failing health for several years.

He was a member of Marble Springs Baptist church for forty years. And a member of Marble Springs Masonic Lodge for forty two years.

He is survived by five children four sons, David, Eddie, James and Victor all of Marble and one daughter, Bertha. And forty-four grandchildren, 90 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

The burial service was conducted by the Marble Springs Masonic Lodge No. 439.

Eight of his grand-daughters served as flowers girls they were: Mrs. John Orr, Mrs. Ralph Woody, Mrs. A. L. Fincher, Mrs. Sherlie Battle, Mrs. Otis Mann, Mrs. Luther Anderson, and Misses Lowe and Lucille Raxter.

Rattlers Are Found In Lower End Of County

Reports have come in from several of our correspondents that rattle snakes are being found in the lower end of the county.

This situation is looked on as being very peculiar as snakes are seldom found during this time of the year.

The last report said that a number had been found in a rock pile where men are working on the Wehuty road near Postell.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED

Track Meet For Schools of 3 Counties Is Also Planned by Coaches.

The athletic coaches of Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties met in Andrews last Thursday night and discussed several matters of interest. Those present were: Coaches Deaton, Kitchens, Anderson and Morgan.

Coach Morgan proposed a basketball tournament to be held in Andrews to determine the champion boys and girls teams of the three counties on March 16 and 17.

The pairings are as follows: Friday afternoon, Murphy and Andrews girls and Hayesville and Elf girls. Friday night, Murphy and Andrews boys and Elf and Hayesville boys.

Winners of the groups will meet in the finals on Saturday night. Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams.

All high schools in the three counties were invited to participate in the following track program to be held in Murphy March 27 at 12:30 (CST):

Boys 100-yard dash, girls 60-yard dash, boys baseball throw, girls baseball throw, boys 220-yard run, girls standing broad jump, boys standing broad jump, boys 440-yard run, girls running broad jump, boys running broad jump, boys 880-yard relay, girls high jump, boys high jump and boys one mile run.

It was explained that the idea in arranging a program of this type was to give a larger number of students a chance to participate in some form of athletic contest without extra expense to the individual.

Each team will be permitted to enter three contestants for each event. The winning team is to be determined by the 5, 3, 1-point system. Boys and girls points will be counted separate.

VARIED PROGRAM OFFERED AT FOLK SCHOOL ON FRIDAY

The John C. Campbell Folk School had a varied program on Friday, March 1, the closing day of its eighth winter term. Parents of the students are invited for dinner, and about 50, including the school family, sat down to a delicious meal prepared by the girls, under the direction of Nina Bryan. An exhibit of handwork, done by the students, sewing, weaving, carving, and woodworking, was shown, and received much favorable comment.

At two o'clock the program commenced with singing of "Alleluia" by the school. This was followed by a talk by Mrs. Campbell, explaining the main central quality of the Folk School. This explanation was based on the following quotation:

"Briefly, a folk school is a large family circle (the ties being spiritual rather than physical) where all are keenly interested in the world about them, in their origin and in their destiny; a group where all work for the common good by developing the best powers they possess, and giving the circle the full benefit of their efforts".

The school then sang a favorite song, "That Cause Can Neither be Lost nor Stayed". A composition, read by Ruth Umbarger, gave combined expressions of the students about the Folk School. This came (Continued on back page, front sec.)

FHA PLAN WILL BE STARTED AT MASS MEETING

Mayor J. B. Gray, Chairman, Names Board To Launch Plan In Cherokee

A mass meeting for the purpose of explaining the Federal Housing Administration plans will be held in the courthouse in Murphy at 2 o'clock (CST) Monday, Mayor J. B. Gray, chairman of the Cherokee county FHA announced Wednesday.

The following committees have been named on the program: Murphy, M. W. Bell, J. D. Mallonee, Noah Lovingood and Fred Moore; Andrews, Mayor W. W. Ashe, C. A. Brown and Mrs. G. W. Cover.

The services of the chairman and his advisory committee are without compensation, Mr. Gray said. The chief objects of the acts are twofold—first, the stimulation of employment, and second, improvements of the homes and properties of the people, he added.

The FHA applies to all classes of buildings whether private homes, apartments, hotels, mercantile or manufacturing plants, and whether situated in the city or in the country.

Mr. Gray also said that some employees of the Administration was expected here in the immediate future to go into the details of the plan.

WARM SUN BRINGS FARAWAY LOOKS IN SPORTSMENS EYES

The sun shown hot the first part of the week.

The frogs frogged and the crickets cricked and the fisher men said, with a faraway look in their eye and a fake cast, that it was a sign that the fish had come into the shore.

Baseball players, newly shed of their heavy "undies," rolled their arms from elbow to shoulder, and said they would start practice in a day or two.

But in the face of warnings of a blizzard, the rain came and the wind blew Wednesday carrying some of the boys' hopes with it. However, Henry Hickman practically had his grandstand fee of \$150 subscribed for and expected to start collecting it soon.

So it appears that no sooner will basketball leave us than there will be plenty of interest to the sporting element of Cherokee county.

W. D. TOWNSON ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLIC SERVICES

Mr. W. D. Townson, local furniture builder, announced Wednesday that he had obtained an ambulance and a hearse and that he was fully equipped to do any kind of work in either line.

First class ambulance service is available at any hour by calling him, he said.

The services of a funeral director have been obtained and Mr. Townson, who has been conducting funerals in this section for years, is prepared to supply caskets to meet any demand and has purchased accessories which will allow him to handle funeral arrangements in the finest style and most modern methods.

A number of other improvements are being contemplated by the local merchant.

Mr. Owenby To Build Bulk Oil Station Here

Mr. W. G. Owenby announced this week that he had purchased the corner lot where the old furniture company used to stand in East Murphy and that he will soon build a bulk oil station there.

He contemplates locating two 15,000-gallon oil tanks on the property, he said.

County Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting

The Cherokee county board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in the court house Monday. A large crowd was in town to attend to regular affairs that come up before the body.

The regular routine of business was attended to and conferences were held in line with their duties as directors of the affairs of the county.

CHEROKEE FAIR OFFICERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

Catalog Arranged, Committees Named, Revisions Are Made By Group

The Cherokee County Fair association held its first meeting of the year in the courthouse here Tuesday night and plans were launched for the biggest county fair to be held in Cherokee in years.

Preliminary arrangements for the publishing of the fair catalog and the naming of committees to be in charge of the different departments and events were named.

A. Q. Ketner, Cherokee county agent, will assume the task this week of revising the list of premiums and plans to enlarge the sum to approximately \$1000.

Those attending the meeting were W. M. Fain, E. P. Hawkins, T. W. Axley, A. Q. Ketner, L. A. Lee and Sam Carr.

Committees Named

The following committees were named: officers of the association; W. M. Fain, president; E. P. Hawkins and T. J. Bristol, vice-president; John Davidson, treasurer, and T. W. Axley, secretary.

Executive committee; J. L. Fain, E. A. Sudderth, P. A. Mauney, T. H. Cole, J. F. Palmer, J. F. Wood, J. T. Dockery. Manager of grounds, gate and police, E. P. Hawkins.

Committees: county exhibit, Supt. R. R. Beal, John Shields and Tom Johnson; horticulture, Supt. Gerald Martin, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, Mrs. Balew and J. H. Ellis; livestock, dairy, beef and dual purpose cattle, Supt. Wayne Walker, W. S. Dickey, and S. C. Gentry; horses, mules, sheep and hogs, Supt. Wm. P. Payne, Will Johnson and Hayden Hickey; natural resources, Supt. D. Witherspoon, C. W. Savage and Noah Abernathy.

School Exhibit.

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BOOMERS TEAMS TO CULLOWHEE FOR TOURNAMENT

Murphy's basketball teams went to the Cullowhee tournament Thursday full of hope with a fine record behind them and a keen desire to come out on top in both events.

The Murphy boys won two games during the past week and the girls dropped one to Andrews, 26 to 22. Friday night in the boys game the Boomers toppled the Wildcats for the third straight time 25 to 17. Monday night the boys won from Hayesville 41 to 18 and the girls took over their part of the game 34 to 8.

The Cullowhee tournament began Wednesday but the boys drew a by on the first go round, and the girls are scheduled to play Bethel, one of the strongest teams in the unit, for their first game Thursday. Their outlook is apprehensive.

The boys meet the winner of the game between Fletcher and Webster who play Wednesday. Experts give Webster the edge as being the strongest team, and the Webster-Murphy game will be any body's, if the boys have it figured right.

Mr. Ralph Moody

Ralph Moody, popular local lawyer, was reported to be improved this week after having been confined to his bed for a week or so with the influenza.

LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING LOCAL BILLS

Number of Important Matters Pass State Body Others Being Heard

Much of the state legislature's time is being taken up with bills directly or indirectly affecting Murphy and Cherokee county.

The following is the more important legislation having a bearing in this section:

Party Election For Murphy Is Proposed

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Senator Vance Browning of Swain Thursday introduced a bill in the senate to provide partisan municipal elections for the town of Murphy, in Cherokee county and to bring the town elections under the general election laws.

The measure, referred to the committee on election laws, charges the governing body has "heretofore disregarded the general election laws. . . and has proceeded under a plan of its own invention" which has "resulted in much confusion to the qualified electors."

The Browning measure provides "that the governing body of the town of Murphy . . . is hereby directed to call an election for the election of a mayor and six members of a board of aldermen to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1935, and annually thereafter."

It further directs that the board "shall strictly conform to the election laws now in effect, or hereafter may be enacted . . . by calling a primary convention, or mass meeting in advance of said election as prescribed in the general election laws and at such primary, convention or mass meeting one person shall be selected as candidate for mayor and six persons shall be selected as members of the board of aldermen, and such names as may be selected shall be placed on a ballot to be voted for in such election."

"That each of the two leading political parties now predominating in North Carolina shall be required to select their candidates as here- (Continued on back page, front sec.)

MRS. CLARK, 76, DIES AT MARBLE FROM PNEUMONIA

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Clark, 76, of Marble, were conducted from the White Baptist church at Grandview Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock with the Rev. Paul Lovingood officiating.

Mrs. Clark died Friday afternoon at 11 o'clock of pneumonia following a three week's illness, at the home of Mrs. James Raxter, her daughter, having lived in Cherokee county all her life, she had been a member of the Baptist church for more than 60 years.

Surviving are three sons—Monta, of Florida; George, of Grandview, and Arthur, of Etowah, Tenn., and five daughters: Mrs. James Raxter, of Marble; Mrs. Vina Stewart, of Etowah, Tenn.; Mrs. Emma Clark, of Bainsville, Ga.; Anna Clark, of Murphy; and Mrs. Woody Duckworth, of Robbinsville.

Fire Discovered In Gasoline Tank

Fire was discovered in one of the gasoline tanks of the Murphy Service Station early Tuesday morning by Clyde Birchfield but quick action on the part of A. J. Hembree, the proprietor and others soon put it out without any damage.

A short circuit in the wires inside the tank was attributed as the cause of the trouble that might have been serious had it not been discovered in time.

The fire whistle blew steadily for about 15 minutes and a large crowd had gathered to ride the engine out but the fire was quenched before the engine was started up.