

Active
And
Attractive
That's—
MURPHY

The Cherokee Scout

16 PAGES
TODAY
And 4 Pages
of COMICS
—4 Colors

The Leading Weekly Newspaper in Western North Carolina, Covering a Large and Potentially Rich Territory in This State

Vol. III.—No. 15.

Murphy, N. C. Thursday, Nov. 12, 1936

\$1.50 YEAR—5c COPY

8 LUNCH ROOMS ARE OPENED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Citizens, Organizations Have Contributed To Their Welfare

Lunch rooms are being operated in eight Cherokee county schools at present. Mrs. Walter Witt, head of the WPA project in this county, has announced.

Approximately 1600 meals are being served each week to the children in these schools and their weights are being checked monthly.

The students themselves furnish produce for the meals and the lunch room operator is furnished by the WPA. Many donations have been given the lunch rooms by individuals and organizations. The following have been given:

Peachtree school—Complete cooking utensils, dishes, spoons and oil cloth by the Peachtree P.-T. A.; a four-burner oil stove by Mrs. John Shanks and a two-burner oil stove by Mrs. Tom McCombs.

Tomotla school—The lunch room has been completely furnished including a wood-burning range by the P.-T. A. and Mr. John Keener has donated one acre of peas to its use.

Marble school—At Marble the P.-T. A. has furnished the lunch room complete with five serving tables, one china closet and one wood range.

At Martin's Creek complete equipment has been loaned by individuals in the community and one four-burner oil stove was donated by Mrs. Lillian Fitzsteven, of Miami, Fla.

At Suit the lunhes are being prepared in the home of Mrs. Jim Wood who has not only donated the use of her new kitchen for this purpose but is also supplying the fuel.

At Bates Creek Mrs. Bertha Kephart also donates the use of her kitchen and cooking fuel.

Equipment for the lunch room at Wolf Creek has been furnished by the school and a stove has been donated by Mrs. Abe Cole.

One room in the Hill school has been completely furnished by the citizens of the community.

Other schools are expected to have lunch rooms as soon as the arrangements can be made for their opening.

All lunch rooms are furnished with curtains in harmonizing colors; plants are being grown in boxes and many flowers are placed in each lunch room making them very attractive in appearance, Mrs. Witt added.

MINE EXPLOSION PUTS CHEROKEE MAN IN HOSPITAL

As the result of an explosion in the Ducktown mines, Mr. George Reid, of the Patrick community of Cherokee county, is in the Copperhill hospital in a serious condition, Mrs. Ora Lee Horton, Scout correspondent, reported this week.

It was necessary to remove one of his eyes, it was said.

Mr. Reid has been working in the mines for about 12 years.

To Give 2 Original Plays Tuesday Night

Two plays produced by the famous Carolina Playmakers will be reenacted at the Murphy school auditorium Tuesday night under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Cobb, local teacher.

Several of the faculty who have seen these original plays presented by the University of Carolina dramatic club, say that the parts are handled superbly by the students here.

No admission will be charged.

DR. MASON GOES HOME

Dr. W. C. Mason, prominent Culberson citizen, was conveyed to his home Monday after having been confined in the Petrie hospital about two months with a fractured hip which he received in an automobile wreck near Ronger.

Work On Transmission Line Is Completed Here

Construction work on the transmission line from Rhymers Ferry in Graham county to the Hiwassee dam site was completed this week, it has been learned here.

About 150 employees, most of them from Graham county, have been working on the project for the last eight weeks erecting the line to supply power at the TVA dam site from Rhymers Ferry.

Fannin County Policeman Shot Fatally Sunday

Copperhill, Nov. 12.—Resentment felt by a 15-year-old youth over the arrest of his cousin, led to the slaying several miles south of here over the Georgia line early Sunday of J. T. Frye, Sr., special policeman of Fannin county, Georgia.

Patrolman Frye, who had arrested Carl Balilef, 22, a few hours before and had jailed him at Blue Ridge, Ga., on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of his father, Harley Balilef, six weeks ago, had paused on the roadside about 12:30 a. m. to investigate an automobile accident.

While talking to the drivers, another automobile bearing Roy Balilef, 15, cousin of Carl Balilef, drew up. The youth stepped out and without warning fired twice, both shots entering the patrolman's chest. Frye died within a few minutes.

John Howard, one of the drivers involved in the automobile accident, seized the youth and took him to the Blue Ridge jail, where he was placed under a charge of murder, in a cell next to that occupied by his cousin.

Patrolman Frye's appointment would have expired next January. He was favorably thought of in his county where he served as a peace officer for four years.

He is survived by his widow; a son, J. T. Frye, Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Otis King and Mrs. Cliff Panter, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church of Copperhill at 2 p. m. Monday. The Rev. L. C. Cutts was in charge. Burial was in Barnes chapel cemetery.

Lookout—For Friday Will Fall On The 13th

Superstitious people should have a care this Friday—for it's Friday the Thirteenth again.

The only other month in this year in which a Friday as fallen on the thirteenth was March.

Although all events happening between the midnights on that date are predicted as being ominous, nothing of public importance locally seems to be happening on Friday outside of a regular criminal court session and Murphy High's football game with Knoxville Central. And both teams have been undefeated in the past three years.

Record Death List Is Recorded Here

Fourteen deaths were officially recorded in Murphy by Funeral Director W. D. Townson since the first of this month. This figures exceeds any number of deaths taking place in any one 10-day period here since 13 were recorded in one week last winter during an epidemic of pneumonia.

Less than the average number of deaths have been recorded here during the spring and summer months, Mr. Townson declared.

BOOK WEEK NOV. 15-21

Have your Library contribution ready when you are called on. If no one should solicit your help and you want to give a donation for Childrens Library books please call Miss Sara Ruth Posey or Miss Josephine Heighway.

RED CROSS DRIVE WILL BEGIN HERE ON NOVEMBER 23

Quota of 225 Members is
Set For Annual Campaign In Murphy



The annual Cherokee County Red Cross drive will be conducted in Murphy during the week November 23, W. M. Fain general chairman of the local organization announced Tuesday.

This year's quota is set at the regular figure of 225 members. Mrs. C. W. Savage is the roll call chairman and will be in charge of solicitation of funds. Plans are being mapped now for the campaign which probably will be taken by members of local women's organizations.

Fifty percent of the regular quota for Murphy will be used toward providing lunches for undernourished school children here, Mr. Fain stated. The regular subscription price is \$1.00. All contributions over the regular quota will be used locally also, he added. The chairman estimated that \$500 would be needed to properly take care of the local fund which would provide hot lunches for 46 needy school children.

Last year the quota here was not quite reached, but both Mr. Fain and Mrs. Savage are planning more extensive drives this year and it is believed that through services rendered by the Red Cross to Southern cities and towns during disastrous tornadoes and storms last winter will enable them to surpass their goal.

All the country looks upon the Red Cross as an organization that provides aid to millions of destitute annually.

The drive in Andrews opened this week. The Rev. C. F. Troutman is general chairman of the organization there and Mr. L. B. Nichols is chairman of the general campaign.

To Pay Elections Bet With "Burial"

An election bet will be paid here Saturday afternoon—and in plenty of style.

Instead of the regular wheelbarrow ride, a "funeral" will be held in the Bull Moose pen.

According to an agreement Fred O. Scroggs (Democrat) will bring Doc Teems (Republican) into town on a plank from Brasstown, where both reside, for the losers "burial".

Mr. Teems will be lowered to the ground and buried under a shower of sunflowers.

Officiating pallbearers and officers will be announced at the "graveside". Peyton G. Ivie will be the undertaker.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ELECTED AND AMENDMENTS PASS RETURNS REVEAL

Official elections returns filed with the Cherokee County Board of Election last week reveal the election of the following township officers:

Valleytown township—Constable, Charlie Frazier (D) 560, Herman West (R) 638.

Beaverdam township—Constable, H. L. McDonald (unopposed) 103.

Murphy township—Constable, Henry Hickman (D) 1135, Ed Davis, (R), 1045. Justice of the Peace, T. J. Gilbert, 1002, F. O. Bates, 29, George Hembree, 4.

Hothouse township—Constable, R. T. Bell (unopposed) 200.

Shoal Creek township—Constable, Guy Eller (D) 178, O. J. West (R) 267. Justice of the Peace, Stanley Wood (D) 249, K. W. Shearer (R) 334.

Notla township—Constable, Will Sneed (unopposed) 89.

Official returns also revealed that all constitutional amendments passed in Cherokee county by handsome majorities. The returns were as follows:

Murphy Will Meet Knoxville Central High

A large number of Murphy people are expected to accompany the Boomers to Knoxville Friday where they will meet the Knoxville Central High eleven.

Originally Murphy was dated to meet Cherokee here but Coach O. W. Deaton has decided to pit his Murphites against the almost invulnerable Tennessee huskies. Both teams have been undefeated in three years.

Scroggs Death Case Up Before Court Session

The Waldo Scroggs death case was reopened in Superior court here Wednesday as the highlights of the criminal calendar of the two-weeks session which appeared to be nearing a close.

A civil session will follow. Judge W. F. Harding is presiding.

Witness were heard Wednesday as the death of Scroggs, prominent Brasstown farmer, was probed.

Scroggs died in the Petrie hospital June 13 of injuries which a coroners jury decided were sustained in a fight near the home of Gay Johnson six miles out on the Brasstown highway, May 30.

After the preliminary hearing on June 14, the jury decided Scroggs "came to his death by blows on the head at the hands of parties unknown," and Opie Clayton, of Brasstown, who, with several other boys, were accompanying Scroggs at the alleged fight, was ordered held under \$1000 bail in connection with his death.

The case was continued from the last term of court and the jury is expected to receive the case late Thursday.

DOG QUARANTINE PASSED AT MEET ON LAST FRIDAY

A 90-day quarantine against all dogs running at large in Cherokee county was ordered by the Board of Health of Cherokee County at a special meeting in Murphy last Friday.

Upon the report of Dr. J. N. Hill, county physician and county quarantine officer, that a mad dog had been running at large in the Shoal Creek community and had been known to bite other dogs, his recommendation that all dogs be confined for 90 days was passed by the board.

Other stipulations in the ordinance were: that all dogs known to have been bitten by the mad dog be killed and that any officer in the county or its towns enforce the ordinance. Violations are subject to state laws.

Members of the board are: W. A. Adams, chairman; A. L. Martin, J. B. Gray and E. L. Holt.

ANDREWS SCENE OF CELEBRATION ARMISTICE DAY

Large Attendance From
3 Counties Marks All-
Day Program

A number of Murphy veterans, including members of their families, were among the large crowd that attended the Armistice Day celebration at Andrews Wednesday.

The entire town cooperated with the Leslie Stillman Post of the American Legion there in presenting an all-day program that drew some 2500 veterans from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties to the city.

The Andrews post fairly outdid themselves in arranging a program that would appeal to all veterans.

The celebration began with a parade that carried them to the Andrews cemetery where memorial services were held. Back at the Andrews gymnasium at noon a picnic luncheon was held and Col. W. A. Fair, of Lumberton, addressed the gathering.

A football game between the Andrews Wildcats and Maryville (Tenn.) high school followed, and that night a dance was held at the Andrews gymnasium.

Kimsey Wyke was the general chairman in charge of the day's program. Other committee heads were F. S. Wilhide and John Christy, luncheon committee; Isham B. Hudson, football schedule; Vic Wood and Joe R. Klingsmith, refreshments; Wayne Walker, flag committee; Horace Rector, table arrangements committee, and Frank Mehaffey, contact committee.

Bill Whitaker was the publicity committee chairman for the affair.

Much praise was heard in behalf of the Andrews post for their interest in providing the program.

CANNERY HEAD MEETS TUESDAY WITH DIRECTORS

Mr. John E. Barr, head of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association, of Waynesville, of which the Valley River Mutual Cooperative Canning association here is a member, was in Murphy Tuesday to attend a meeting of the local board of directors at which time the program for next year was discussed.

Among new possible developments planned was the extension of operations next year to include the packaging of walnut kernels and the canning of syrup.

Mr. Barr said, following the meeting, that a questionnaire sent out by E. R. Thompson, local cannery manager, had indicated more interest over continued operation of the cannery next year than ever before.

A successful season was noted here this summer by the directors in spite of the fact that the weather hampered and lowered production to some extent.

"But the people have indicated that they are satisfied with our operations, and that is the main thing. You can be assured of our interest and cooperation", Mr. Barr said.

Raises Daddy Of All "Taters" On Suit Farm

The daddy of all sweet potatoes seems to have been produced.

According to the report given by Scout correspondent Guy McNabb, of Suit, Miss Cora McNabb, of that community, has grown a potato that weights eight and one-quarter pounds measures 24 inches in diameter and just about brings all this excitement over who grew the biggest "tater" to an end.

He adds the Irish potato crop is not so good in that community.

RAISES LARGE YAM

Another claimant for that big potato race was announced this week when a Nancy Hale yam weighing 4 1/2 pounds was brought into the Scout office. It was raised by Mrs. Effie Roberts, of Tomotla.