

## BUECK TO HEAD FUNDS DRIVE FOR PARALYSIS FIGHT

### Extensive Campaign Planned; Committee To Meet on Monday

H. Bueck was appointed chairman of the 1941 Infantile Paralysis campaign in Cherokee county Tuesday by Thos. S. Howard, state director of the organization.

Bueck promptly appointed a county-wide executive committee to aid him in the formulating of plans for this year's drive and called the first meeting of this group for Monday, January 13, at 3 o'clock at the Murphy school.

Members of the executive committee are H. Bueck, chairman, Mrs. A. T. Gschwind of Hiwassee Dam, I. B. Hudson and Mrs. Dick Pulliam of Andrews, W. R. Dockery of Marble, B. B. Wright of Topton, Frank Forsyth of Murphy, and Sara Ruth Posey, of Murphy, treasurer.

Although no definite plans have been drawn by the local organization Bueck said that "every civic, social and religious organization in the county would be given an opportunity to aid in this campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis."

Bueck also stated that special programs would probably be staged in each of the communities of the county represented in the executive committee. A Ball will be held as the major event of the drive, but the date, place and arrangements for music will not be completed until the Monday meeting. Negotiations are underway, however, for a good orchestra to play the dance.

Various other drives connected with the campaign will be carried out in the schools of the county and other organizations, the nature of which has not yet been divulged.

## January N. C. E. A. Meet Held on Tuesday Night; Nutting Guest Speaker

The Murphy Unit of the N. C. E. A. held its January supper meeting on Tuesday evening at six o'clock. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. J. W. Davidson.

During the business session reports were heard from Miss Dot Higdon, chairman of the school-community committee, and Franklin Smith, chairman of the legislative committee.

The unit voted unanimously to support the legislative program of the state organization. Mr. Ernest Nutting, of the forestry division, told the members of the unit about an essay contest on the prevention of forest fires, which is to be sponsored by the forestry department.

The program consisted of a talk on guidance by Mrs. Harry Miller, two piano numbers by Maureen Lovingood, and a talk on music by Mr. E. B. Hauge.

## State Supervisor Will Conduct Special Meet Of District Teachers

All teachers in the Murphy and Andrews City Units and the Cherokee county unit will gather in joint session at a special called meeting at the Murphy school auditorium Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called by Miss Julia Weatherington, state supervisor of the department of public instruction, who will direct the program of the meeting.

H. Bueck and Iaham B. Hudson are superintendents of the Murphy and Andrews units, respectively, and Lloyd Hendrix is superintendent of the county unit.

## Collins, Farm Official, Makes Inspection Tour

W. B. Collins, state farm management supervisor of Raleigh, will be in Cherokee county on January 13, 14, and 15 for the purpose of inspecting demonstration farms throughout this area. D. C. Snodgrass, assistant county agent, announced this week.

Exceptional progress has been made by demonstration farmers in this area during the past year, and Collins is expected to make particular note of these accomplishments.

## MOTHER, 2 SONS HELD IN SLAYING OF HUSBAND, DAD

### John Ledford Beaten To Death; Body Put In River, Police Say

Following more than a month of investigation, Mrs. John Ledford who gave her age as "about 52," and her two sons, Claude, aged 16 and Wayne aged 13 were arrested at their home in the Fanner section, just across the Tennessee line, charged with the murder of John Ledford, husband and father of the little family. The alleged murder victim, about 65 years old, was found lying dead on a big rock in the Hiwassee river, not far from his mountain home, on Monday, November 18. He had been missing since the previous Saturday night.

When found, the dead man's head was battered and one cheek bone had been crushed as if by a blow from a club. His nose also was battered in. The body was found by Carl Underwood, of Fanner.

Following the discovery of the body which lay on a rock as if it had been washed there, two youths told police that they had given Ledford a lift in their truck the previous Saturday evening. He had been walking home from Fanner, they said, adding that he left the truck at the bridge crossing the Hiwassee river between Fanner and Tellico Plains.

The youths said Ledford had been drinking, and members of his family said he had never come home. It was at first thought the victim might have fallen off the bridge and either been killed by the fall, or knocked senseless so that he drowned. It was thought that his body might have been washed down stream to the spot where it was found.

This theory was exploded when an examination by Dr. H. P. Hyde, Polk County physician showed that there was no water in the lungs. Since even a fatal fall would hardly have caused death instantly, this absence of water caused the physician to ex-

## Series of Educational Moving Pictures Being Shown in Local School

A series of educational moving pictures to be shown from twice to three times monthly was begun in the Murphy schools on Wednesday of this week. The films are being shown free of charge to all the students.

The films, which are being shown in the school auditorium, cover almost every part of civilized life around the world. The pictures shown Wednesday were "Salt of the Earth," depicting American farming and how it influences all walks of life; "The Truck Farmer," including methods and problems involved; "Yellowstone National Park," showing the scenic beauty of this national playground, and "Happy Polo."

The schedule of pictures to be shown during the remainder of the year will be published later.

## LOSS OF PLANT HERE HELD DUE TO PUNITIVE TAX

### State-wide Chamber Of Commerce Urged To Devise Remedy

Failure of Cherokee County to secure the big plant of the Aluminum Company of America may result in the foundation of a State Chamber of Commerce, that will seek to bring new industry to North Carolina, and also will suggest remedial and other action by the State Legislature that will make Carolina more attractive to business.

The plan for a State Chamber originated in Cherokee County, and has the tentative approval of prominent residents of both Andrews and Murphy. It is believed that the proposal will find equal favor all over the State.

Birth of the plan is due to the fact, only recently learned in this section, that locating its plant near Andrews as was at first desired, would have cost the Aluminum Company of America a State corporation tax of approximately \$650,000 a year, and this would have been in addition to any and all other taxes.

Tennessee has no such tax, and it is now believed that the huge levy is the reason the Aluminum Company abandoned the Andrews site in favor of Alcoa. Even though the Aluminum Company has untold resources and wealth, it was pointed out that a corporation tax of \$650,000 a year was too heavy to accept.

Heavy corporation taxes, it was pointed out, also probably have kept other industries out of the State, and will keep out still more.

"Not only that," one prominent business man told the Journal, "but that sort of taxation is likely to drive

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## HUNDREDS PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO FRED DICKEY

### Rites are Conducted In Methodist Church, Murphy, on Sunday

The largest crowd ever to attend funeral services in Murphy gathered to pay final tribute to Fred Thomas Dickey, 50, in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Rev. C. B. Newton, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. The ceremonies were opened with the singing of "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" by the choir. Mrs. Roy Stalcup, soloist, sang "Crossing the Bar". Burial was in Sunset cemetery. Rev. Newton was assisted by Rev. J. C. Ammons, Baptist pastor, at the graveside.

Mr. Dickey succumbed to a heart attack Thursday morning in an Atlanta Sanitarium following an illness of four or five weeks.

The son of Mrs. Nettie Dickey, founder and proprietress of the Dickey Hotel in Murphy for more than fifty years, Fred was one of the most prominent and well-known citizens of this section of North Carolina. At his mother's death in 1936, he assumed ownership of the hotel in addition to his many other and varied business interests. Through these and political activities, his acquaintances reached over the entire area of the state.

Mr. Dickey is survived by his widow, the former Maude Bates; one son, Fred T. Dickey, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and one sister, Mrs. Edith Clark of Asheville.

Flower girls were Mary Catherine

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## Civil Term of Superior Court to Open Jan. 20

The January term of Cherokee county Superior court will convene in the courthouse in Murphy on Monday, January 20, 1941 a two weeks session.

Hon. Zeb. V. Nettles will be the judge presiding at this term which will hear only civil cases.

A small docket of only fourteen cases is listed for the January session, with seven motions to be put before the court.

## MURPHY LEADS WESTERN TOWNS IN 1940 CENSUS

### Cherokee Is Second In Population of Six Counties of Section

Murphy failed to reach the high total expected and hoped for in the 1940 census but led all towns west of Waynesville, according to official census figures released this week.

Cherokee county fell short in the census totals, however, and ran a close second to Jackson county in the counties west Haywood.

Final figures released by the census bureau set Murphy's population at 1873, and the total population for Cherokee county is 18,813. These figures denote an increase in population in the town of 261, and in the county 2,662.

An increase in population was noted in all western counties of the state with Cherokee showing the largest increase but Jackson maintaining the lead in total. Census figures for these counties are Jackson 19,366, Cherokee 18,813, Macon 15,880, Swain 12,177, Graham 6,418, and Clay 6,405.

The western towns of the state showed large losses in population for the last ten years, Culberson showing the greatest loss. This town lost one half of its population, from 196 down to 98. Andrews led in number losing 228 residents, while Bryson City lost 194. Hazelwood showed the largest increase of any of these towns with 340 new citizens, but Murphy maintained the lead total.

Official census totals for the western towns are as follows; Murphy 1873, Bryson City 1612, Andrews 1,520, Hazelwood 1508, Sylva 1409, Franklin 1249, Robbinsville 399, Marble 356, Hayesville 336, Dillsboro 290, and Culberson 98.

The State of North Carolina showed a ten-year increase in population of 401,347, bringing the new total to 3,571,623.

## Co-Workers Council Will Hold Session On Monday Night, Jan. 13

The regular January meeting of the Co-Workers Council, cooperative group of representatives of all public organizations in the county, will be held in the county agent's office Monday night, January 13, beginning at 7 o'clock.

According to a plan laid out at the organization of this group in November, each representative of his particular organization will describe the purpose and activity of that organization in the county. In this manner it is expected to coordinate the activities of all groups to save effort and increase accomplishments. At the meeting Monday night, the county agent's department and the county welfare department will be described by A. Q. Ketner, D. C. Snodgrass and Miss Linetta Deans.

Wayne Bowles of Jefferson City spent last week end here.

## TOWN MAPS PLAN TO DEVELOP TWO PARKS, GOLF LINK

### Lions Club Pledges Aid to Project; To Ask for TVA Lease

A new drive for recreational improvements in Murphy was launched by the town and the Lions club at the club's regular meeting Tuesday night, with the aim of establishing a golf course and picnic and camping grounds.

Mayor J. B. Gray and C. L. McAslan, TVA farm specialist, met with the club Tuesday, and plans were drawn for establishing projects to create the desired recreation grounds.

The projects, if secured, would be carried out by the town of Murphy, but the Lions club pledged its aid to promote funds and other necessary means for completion of the projects when started.

The plan now under consideration is a partial conception of the large-scale program mapped some time ago by project management division of the TVA. Although the town is at present unable to undertake fulfillment of the entire program, it is believed that this part of the plan can be completed.

Actual parts of the plan call for the use of TVA property which, it is hoped, can be leased. A request for such a lease and other aid will be made of the TVA when an official of that organization visits the town next week.

The golf course, as planned, would be established on that section of cleared flat land lying along the Hiwassee river beginning at the river bridge and continuing up the west side of the river for distance necessary for installing the course. This area was suggested last fall as a suitable site for the course.

On the other side of Hiwassee street from the golf course site, just below the J. C. Townson home, a

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## County Farm Agents, Committeemen to Meet In Bryson January 16

A district meeting of the county agents, chairmen, committeemen, and others connected with AAA farm programs in the western counties will be held in Bryson City on Thursday, January 16.

A. Q. Ketner and Dale Snodgrass, local farm agents, and the various committeemen of this county are expected to attend this meeting at which a complete program for the new year will be mapped. All committeemen have been notified by the county agents of the meeting.

Howard Clapp, county agent for Swain county, and Phillip Brentnall, assistant county agent, will be hosts to the gathering in Bryson.

The district extension agent, the state committee, and field officer will be present at the meeting, and probably a representative of the Washington office.

## Funeral Services Held For Laura Colwell, 62

Mrs. Laura Colwell, age 62, passed away at her home in Culberson, Rt. 1, Friday, January 3. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, January 4 from the Antioch Baptist church with the Rev. Henry Brown officiating. Interment was in church cemetery. Townson Funeral Home had charge.

Mrs. Colwell was the former Miss Laura Patton and had lived in the Culberson community her lifetime.

She is survived by her husband, J. F. Colwell and several brothers and sisters.