

## ANNUAL DISTRICT SCOUTERS MEET IS HELD TUESDAY

### Adult Membership Drive Planned for Week of Feb. 17-22

Scouters of the Nantahal district and a number of men interested in scouting held their annual district meeting in the Terrace Hotel in Andrews Wednesday night to discuss plans for the annual adult membership drive.

The drive is usually conducted each year during the third week in February. The primary purpose of the adult membership drive is to create interest in scouting as an aid to the organization and continuation of the various troops throughout the district, of which there are now 81. Funds derived from the adult organization are used to maintain the Boy Scout camp of the Daniel Boone Council on Pigeon River in Haywood County.

Peyton G. Ivie, of Murphy, was selected to head the annual adult membership drive in this county. The drive will start Monday and continue through the entire week. There are now over 100 adult members in Murphy.

Chairmen of the various local troop organizations in this district, which includes Cla, Graham and Cherokee counties, are W. B. Wiggins, Robbinsville, C. A. Bales, Tapoco, James Osborne Andrews, and A. Q. Ketner, Murphy.

The scouters meeting also decided to reorganize the Andrews troop and to aid in the organization of a new troop in Murphy.

W. B. Wiggins, district chairman, conducted the meeting. Those attending from Murphy were K. C. Wright, district advancement chairman, H. Bueck, Peyton G. Ivie, C. B. Chambers, W. M. Palmer, W. A. Sherrill, Fred Johnson.

## Work Progresses On Fair Building Despite Obstacles

Work on the construction of the new exhibit hall on the local fair grounds progressed at a rapid rate all through this week, although several objects have arisen in the face of the project.

All foundations have been dug and steel and concrete bases are being placed. Several changes in plans have been made since the original building was conceived and these changes are being built in as construction moves along.

Due to the contrasting levels on the actual site of the building, plans now call for a 30 by 100 foot basement with a steam heating plant in one end. Floor plans have been changed so that the main floor will be hardwood instead of concrete due to the addition of a basement.

Due to the recent rise in cost of building materials, made effective since the original plans were made, a number of adjustments are being made to meet these new obstacles, and additional funds are being sought to complete the building.

W. M. Fain, president of the fair association, who is acting for the association and the county, stated that costs have exceeded first estimates by a large degree, but that various civic organizations who will make use of the building, will aid as the building as far as extra costs far as possible in the financing of are concerned.

The many friends of Eibert Mallonee will be glad to hear he is improved after an illness.

## Final Tribute Paid Mrs. Bert Shields in Services Saturday

Mrs. Bert Shields, age 39, passed away at her home near Murphy Thursday, February 6. Mrs. Shields died on her birthday.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday from the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church with the Rev. Fred Stiles, the Rev. Paul Lovingood, and the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

Pallbearers were T. J. Mauney, W. P. Odom, J. C. Townson, Prichard Smith, J. L. Hall, Everett Hall, Fred Johnson and J. C. Wells.

She is survived by her husband, 4 children, father, Alfred Hall of Tomotla; 8 brothers, Fred and Knox of Tomotla, Kimsey, James and Mark of Canton, Robert and B. of Murphy and Willard of Lenoir City; two sisters, Mrs. John Odell and Mrs. W. P. Odom.

## FINE RESPONSES GIVEN FORESTRY ESSAY CONTEST

### Over 1000 Papers Expected to Enter School Competition

A splendid response by students and excellent cooperation of faculties of all schools in Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties is being received in the Fire Prevention Essay contest being conducted currently by the three major forestry divisions, according to Ernest Nutting, TVA forester.

Well over 1000 papers are expected to be turned in for competition in the contest which lists a total of 86 prizes to be given the writers of the best essays. The contest closes February 20.

More than 800 pieces of literature, including books, pamphlets and periodicals have been placed in the schools and libraries of the three counties for use of students in preparing their papers. The calls for literature have indicated a much larger interest in the contest by the students than was expected.

H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy schools, has made the contest and English project in his unit, while Lloyd Hendrix, superintendent of county schools, although unable to make it a project, has stressed the importance of this work in connection with the teaching of English courses in all the schools.

J. D. Warrick, principal of the Robbinsville schools in Graham county, reports a large response to the contest and expects quite a number of entries to be turned in. Especially commendable work on the contest has been made Mr. Bailey of the Stecoah schools.

In the Hayesville schools, of which Allen J. Bell is superintendent, the teachers have been charged individually with the responsibility of carrying out the contest, choosing their own methods for the project. Ralph Smith is principal of the high school.

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## Public Singing Meet Planned at Friendship

There will be a public singing at the Friendship Baptist church next Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

A large group of singers from Copperhill and surrounding communities have arranged to take part and a real treat in singing is expected as some of the best quartets in the county are included in this band of singers.

# Ordinances Voted to Refund Town's Bonded Indebtedness

## PLANS FOR GOLF LINKS AND PARKS NEAR COMPLETION

### Town to Seek TVA Lease, WPA Project For 3 Developments

"Slow but sure" progress is being made toward the actual development of three recreation grounds for the town of Murphy through the cooperation of the TVA and various local organizations, according to Mayor J. B. Gray, who has been busily engaged in completing all plans for submission as a project.

A survey of the golf course and the two public parks has been made during the past several days by Mr. Denman, local engineer, and probable cost estimates submitted to the town. Actual figures are not available at this time but enough has been learned to incorporate it into a definite plan.

The property on which the proposed projects would be worked out belongs to the TVA, from whom the town is seeking a lease. All plans for development were taken from original plans drawn up by TVA representatives, blueprints have been furnished by them, and the town has received splendid cooperation from the TVA throughout the entire period of planning.

The mayor pointed out that, if and when the lease is given by the TVA, the project will be submitted to the WPA for approval and aid in development.

Joe Ray, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the local Lions club, and Mayor Gray will confer soon with an official of the TVA for final decisions on the project, which is expected to be the last step before the WPA receives the plans.

The project, which calls for picnicking facilities in the Valley River park and Hiwassee street parks, playing courts for various sports, and a golf course on another location, was originally suggested by the Lions club. The town and chamber immediately grasped the idea, and all three are working together in a final and decisive effort to put it across.

## Cherokee Singers Will Gather Here Sunday

Singers from all parts of Cherokee county will gather at the Murphy Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock for the regular Third Sunday Singing.

A large crowd of singers as well as a big audience is expected for the meet, according to Charlie Calhoun, who urged that all quartets, group singers, and choirs who could join the singing Sunday.

Charlie Crain is president of the third Sunday singers association and will conduct the program.

## Three More Calves Bought by 4-H Club Members for Feeding

Three more beef calves were placed with 4-H club members during the past week by the county agent's department for fattening for exhibition at the county, western Carolina, and state fairs this coming fall. This brings the total calves now in the hands of members to 15.

## MAYOR FORWARDS DATA ON COUNTY TO WASHINGTON

Complete data, including pictures, maps, and general description of resources of Cherokee county were forwarded to Washington this week by Mayor J. B. Gray, for use by the defense commission, in an effort to secure an industry for this section.

Mayor Gray has just returned from a trip to attend a conference of the defense commission and place this county at the disposal of the commission as a possible site for an industry. The meeting was postponed until March, however, and the mayor decided that the next best thing was to provide complete information for their study in considering this area.

The data sent to Washington includes a huge panoramic picture of the entire area of the Valley river valley lying between Andrews and Coalsville, the site proposed for the aluminum company's plant. Maps showing all waterways, highways and railroads throughout the county. A general description of mineral resources, power sources, general terrain, and labor, and elaboration on the maps in manuscript form was also provided. Of especial note was the fact that electric plants within 50 miles of Murphy are capable of generating 500,000 kilowatts of power, enough to supply any number of large industries.

## Lions to Sponsor New Troop of Boy Scouts in Murphy

The Murphy Lions club will sponsor the organization and operation of a new troop of Boy Scouts in Murphy, to be organized at a meeting Monday night in the high school science building under leadership of C. B. Chambers.

The proposed new troop will be composed of boys between the ages of 12 and 15 years, and will be an addition to the present existing troop.

Chambers, local school faculty member, has been selected as scoutmaster for the new troop. In the organization effort, Chambers entertained an eligible group with a weiner roast Monday night, and announced to the boys the proposed troop organization for this coming Monday.

Plans for the organization call for a troop of two patrols with 6 or 8 members each. Work will begin immediately on attaining first ranks in the scout organization.

Possible future plans are also being considered for a cub patrol for boys of 10 to 12 years of age, and still another troop, a sea scout troop, for boys 17 to 20 years of age. No definite plans have been made along these lines, however, due to the absence of J. D. Mallonee Jr., present scoutmaster, now attending the state assembly.

## Final Rites Held for Infant Mary Ann Fox

Mary Ann, nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox, passed away in a local hospital Wednesday, February 12. Funeral services were held at the Ranger Baptist church Thursday with the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her parents and grandparents.

## Commissioners Pass Two Acts at Meeting On Thursday Night

Two ordinances, authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund the principal and interest on \$197,000 outstanding bonds and to fund the principal and interest on a \$10,000 outstanding note of the Town of Murphy, were passed by the board of commissioners at its regular meeting Thursday night.

Issuance of the bonds is made permissible through the Municipal Finance Act of North Carolina, and is made necessary in that no part of the principal or interest of either the bonds or the note has been paid.

Interest owing on the bonded indebtedness of the town totals \$61,178, and interest on the one outstanding note amounts to \$5,600.

Bonds issued by the town of Murphy and included in the refunding ordinance are as follows:

- \$25,000 6% Street Improvement bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1927.
- \$11,000 6% Public Improvement bonds, dated Aug. 1, 1928.
- \$25,000 6% Water and Street bonds, dated Oct. 1, 1911.
- \$25,000 5 1/2% Water Works and Sewer bonds, dated May 1, 1910.
- \$32,000 6% Water and Sewer Refunding Gold bonds, dated April 1, 1930.
- \$6,000 6% Street bonds, dated May 1, 1925.
- \$19,000 5 1/2% Water Works and Sewer bonds, dated May 1, 1909.
- \$32,000 6% Street bonds, dated June 1, 1922.
- \$22,000 6% Water bonds, dated Dec. 1, 1925.

The ordinance states that no bonds shall be issued pursuant to this ordinance unless the debt to be refunded by the issuances of such bonds is cancelled simultaneously with the issuance of such bonds.

Complete verbatim copies of the two ordinances passed and a statement of the existing and proposed debt of the Town of Murphy are to be found elsewhere in this paper.

## Triple A Officials, Local Association Plan 1941 Program

State officials, officers and committeemen of the Cherokee County Agriculture Conservation association met at the county agent's office in the courthouse Tuesday morning for the purpose of planning the work of the AAA for 1941.

Jeff Enloe, district supervisor of the Triple A, and T. W. Cathey, state committeeman, explained the program of the association to the various community committeemen, and aims were set for progress over previous years in which the program has been operating.

Active leaders in the association are the secretary, A. Q. Ketner, county agent, and J. H. Hampton, U. S. G. Phillips, and Lawson Lunsford, county committee.

Ketner announced that another similar meeting of the association will be held within about a month for further study of the program. The purpose, he explained, is to acquaint the community committeemen with the operation of the program in order that they may explain it to the farmers in their respective communities.

Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Whitfield returned Monday night from a visit in Louisville, Kentucky.