

## LOCAL CANNERY OPENS SEASON'S WORK WEDNESDAY

### Operations Begin In Spinach Canning; Wage Law in Effect

Beginning at noon Wednesday the local canning factory of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning Association turned out 125 cases of canned spinach to open this season's operations.

The cannery also received 2831 pounds of spinach during the first open day, and will continue to receive and can spinach for the next two weeks, according to J. B. Shields manager.

John E. Barr, general manager of the Land O' the Sky Mutual Canning association, of which the local plant is a subsidiary, was present for opening day operations and expressed himself as being "highly pleased with the quality of the spinach."

At present the cannery is employing 23 persons, all working under the new provisions of the Wage and Hour law. This is the first year the cannery has operated on this wage basis, and all employes now receive a minimum of 30c per hour.

Mr. Shields stated that the spinach crop had been cut almost in half by the dry weather this season and that he feared, if the dryness continues, that other crops and berries would likewise be affected.

Immediately following the spinach canning, the plant will begin canning blackberries, with a few huckleberries later on. The largest amount of canning will be beans which also follow the spinach. This year's contracts call for a higher price to the grower for beans if the demand and retail price take a rise.

Following the beans, tomatoes and okra will be canned and a large number of employes will be needed for this work, Mr. Shields said.

The local cannery has been operating in Murphy for a number of years successfully and the quality of the foods preserved has brought a great demand from all over the country. Only two years ago the factory was moved into a new building, made necessary by the flooding of the Hiwassee basin, and many modern improvements have been made in the way of equipment, etc.

## Dickey Hotel Changes Management; Two New Lodges are now Open

The Dickey Hotel, pioneer lodging establishment of Murphy, went into the hands of new managers Thursday morning and Mrs. Thelma Dickey, lessee of the hotel for the past four years, opened two new lodging houses on the adjoining block.

The new lessees are Mrs. Nina Hubbell and Miss Hattie Axley.

Mrs. Hubbell and Miss Axley took charge of the complete hotel proper and two annexes, one over the city electric department, and one over the postoffice.

Mrs. Thelma Dickey, retiring manager, has completely remodeled and repaired her two large houses, one of which is the old Konnaheeta club house, and will continue to entertain guests and serve meals.

The Dickey hotel has been operated in Murphy for almost sixty years, having been established by the late Mrs. Nettie Dickey.

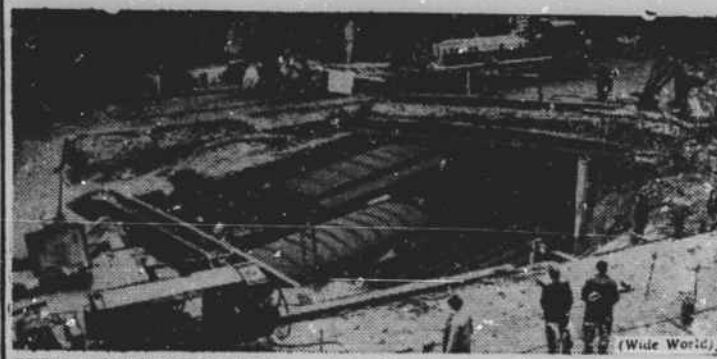
## Dr. E. E. Smith Returns To Murphy to Practice

Dr. E. E. Smith, chiropractor, well known to many people of Murphy and this section for his practice here several years ago, has returned to resume his practice with offices in the Mauney building.

## People, Spots In The News



**KNOX AT DIX**... Scene as 165th Field Artillery passed in review as 44th Division's 17,000 men and 1,500 vehicles paraded at Fort Dix, N. J., in honor of Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, guest of veterans' association annual meeting.



**SEMI-'UNDERGROUND'**... Despite bomb craters, subways continue to operate in London. Here's a place where bomb has provided an excess amount of "ventilation" for what Britons call "the underground."

## Wells Purchases Four Registered Guernseys

The American Guernsey Cattle Club Peterborough, N. H. reports the sale of four registered Guernsey cows by Lucius B. Compton to H. N. Wells of Murphy, North Carolina. These animals are Myralea of Eliada Farm 315118, Miss Holderness of Eliada Farm 323250, Topsy's Irene of Eliada Farm 333750, and Holderness' Melba of Eliada 512646.

## Officers are Elected At American Legion Meeting Wednesday

Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96, American Legion, met in Barney's Cafe Wednesday night, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business. In the absence of the post commander, Adjutant Winslow McIver conducted the meeting.

Officers elected to serve for the next year, were:

J. L. Hall, commander; Harvey Elkins, first vice-commander; Jake Jordan, second vice-commander; Winslow McIver, Adjutant; Jim Franklin, finance officer; John O'Dell, service officer; J. B. Hall, guardianship officer; Fred Johnson, sergeant-at-arms; Fred Stiles, Chaplain; I. J. Moon, publicity officer; Fred Christopher, historian; Harvey Elkins, Americanism; Dr. Hill, child welfare; A. M. Simmonds, graves registration; Jim Franklin, membership; H. H. Davidson, chairman, sons of the Legion.

Delegates and alternates to the State convention to be held in Durham June 24-25; T. J. Mauney, Jim Franklin and A. W. McIver. Alternates, J. L. Hall, I. B. Moon and John O'Dell.

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## Clay Convention Set Sunday at Hayesville

The Clay County singing convention will be held in the Court House at Hayesville, Sunday, May 18. Several out of the county quartets are expected to be present and singing leaders from every section of the county and some from adjoining counties will participate in the activities of the day.

## Final Tribute Paid Mrs. Fannie Calhoun Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Fannie L. Calhoun, age 71, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Florence Mabe, in Gastonia Sunday, May 11.

Funeral services were held here at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Thomas Truett and the Rev. C. B. Newton officiating. Interment was in the Peachtree cemetery. Townson Funeral home was in charge.

Mrs. Calhoun had been a member of the Baptist church over 50 years.

She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. J. E. McIntosh, Mrs. Amos Kelso, Mrs. Frank Mabe, all of Gastonia, Mrs. H. C. Wood of Asheville, Miss Frankie Calhoun of Knoxville and Mrs. L. H. Owenby of Murphy; three sisters, Mrs. Will Duckett of Swannanoa, Mrs. Joe Brooks of Jasper, Georgia and Mrs. Fide Sawyer of Hayesville; two brothers, Phil and Charlie Lovin of Wayside.

During the services a special program was given with John Donley, C. I. Calhoun, Melvin Pyrox and Mrs. Blanche B. Davis singing "Never Grow Old." There was also a song "Where the Sweet Bye and Bye is Ended" by the three children of Ed Owenby and "Good Night, Good Morning" by Mrs. Hadly Dickey. The choir sang "On Jordans Stormy Banks."

Active pallbearers were Fred Kelso, Carl Kelso, Frank McIntosh, Frank Couse, all grandsons, and Clyde and Homer Gladson.

Honorary pallbearers were Noah  
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## The Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation for the past week compared with similar data for last year:

Temperatures	1940	1941
May 8	92 50	79 47
9	91 50	81 52
10	84 55	71 35
11	69 41	71 33
12	72 33	69 36
13	77 36	68 32
14	84 40	70 30
Precipitation	1940	1941
Total for week	0.10	0.10
Total this month	0.93	0.13
Total for this year	18.42	12.61

# Murphy, Andrews, Prepare For Tourists

## Work Progresses Slowly on New WPA Fair Exhibits Hall

Construction of the new exhibit hall for the Cherokee county fair association is continuing slowly due to difficulty in securing materials but will be easily completed in time for the next annual fair, W. M. Fain, president of the association, said this week.

Demand for construction materials on defense projects and an unforeseen upturn in prices has been a drawback to the work, Fain explained.

At present the building has been raised above first floor levels and stone layers are building the walls, framing windows and doors, and laying floor foundations.

A completely closed-in stone room to contain the heating plant has been finished and walls and excavations for the basement space, with entrances, have been completed. The building will have four main entrances with a great deal of window space. The floor will be of hardwood rather than concrete as was originally planned.

A crew of more than forty WPA workmen are doing the actual construction under supervision of L. E. Barnett, head of the local division.

When completed the new building will not only be used as an exhibit hall but will be a gymnasium for all indoor athletics, a public meeting place for social, civic and all types of public gatherings.

## Lions Visit Canton Club and Recapture Attendance Trophy

Almost the entire membership of the Murphy Lions club chartered a bus and several cars and visited the Canton club at Canton Tuesday night, bringing home the bacon in the form of the mileage basis attendance trophy.

In all, 26 members made the trip and were entertained by an even larger number of the Canton members, being joint guests with seven members of the Black Mountain club.

At the last meeting of the local club 29 members of the Canton club were visitors here, and several members of other nearby organizations. All clubs are making an extra drive during these few weeks in order to carry the attendance trophy to the state convention to be held in Asheville in June.

Dr. Reeves, head of the Canton organization for relief to Britain, made the principal address at the Canton meeting, urging all-out aid for the war-stricken civilian peoples of that country and asking the aid of the Lions clubs of this district.

Following the meeting the visitors from Murphy and Black Mountain were taken on a tour of the new medical center recently opened in Canton.

## Miniature Golf Links Will Open Here Soon

Miniature golf will return to Murphy after a lapse of several years within a few days. The new Hol-Hi Links will have its formal opening across from the Regal hotel soon.

This miniature course is being built by George Phillips and V. M. Johnson and will be operated in the same manner as former such courses were.

## Two Towns Expect Greatest Season in History this Summer

Behind the general business activity of Murphy a beehive of industry has sprung up in the form of preparation to entertain tourists this summer. New and improved lodges, food serving businesses, and recreation projects are springing up on all sides or have already been completed.

Activity of the same nature is spreading over Andrews also, and if the tourists come as expected, these two towns will enjoy their greatest year.

A recent survey of western North Carolina tourist accommodations failed to show that several new tourist homes, hotels, and lodges have been opened this year and an even greater number of people can be entertained than has been in past seasons.

According to the survey Murphy has accommodations for approximately 400 tourists while Andrews can accommodate about two-third this number. Actually, however, with the new hotels, tourist cabins and homes an estimated 300 more people can be accommodated at one time.

Several homes in both Murphy and Andrews have been renovated to house tourists in addition to the existing tourist homes, and several modern tourist courts have sprung up. Although only a rumor it is reported that Andrews' Riverside hotel may be opened for the season, and various other accommodations provided. In Murphy two new tourist courts have been opened this year, Mooreland Heights and Hiwassee Motor court, and extensive additions and improvements have been made in the Shields courts, one on either side of town. The new Cherokee hotel has been open and operating for more than a month.

More and more preparations are being made for recreational entertainment for the tourists in this section. The Andrews Golf club is now conducting a membership drive and planning various improvements to the course, with the idea of making it equal to any course in its class in this entire section.

Andrews now has two billiard halls, bowling alleys, tennis courts, and has organized the first baseball team in several years. Murphy also has two billiard halls, four bowling alleys are under construction and should be completed soon, tennis courts are being improved, and a miniature golf course is being built in the center of town.

Construction is progressing rapidly on the Cherokee lake, new recreation area being built by the forest service. Picnic grounds, a bathing beach, hiking trails, boathouse, dancing pavilion, and other provisions are being made for the entertainment of visitors at the Persimmon creek project.

Projects have also been approved by the TVA for the town to build two recreation areas, one on either side of the town, for picnicking, tennis shuffleboard, and other popular sports.  
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## H. D. Federation Meet Scheduled for May 30

The District Federation meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in Hayesville May 30. Members from clubs of six western North Carolina counties will be present at this meeting.

Mrs. Alline R. King, home Demonstration agent, urges all women in this county to attend. Means of transportation will be provided for those wishing to go to this meeting.