

THIS YEAR'S FAIR TO SMASH FOUR COUNTY RECORDS

Attendance, Premiums, Exhibits and Midway To Be Largest Ever

The Cherokee County Fair which opens the last day of this month, and continues for five days, through October 4th is practically certain to break four County records.

First, the exhibits will be more numerous, and cover a wider range than ever before. Second there will be more and larger cash premiums than ever before. Third, the Carnival company, that will operate the booths, games, shows and what-have-you along the midway is really "Big Time." It has never come to a place of less than 10,000 population; and the Fair Association Committee was only able to get it because a larger city, which had planned a carnival, was forced to cancel.

The foregoing three set of facts form a natural build up to the fourth record to be broken—attendance.

Given good weather—practically every resident of Cherokee County will be there, as well as a goodly portion of the people from Clay and Graham. Add to these the tourists. Add the thousands of temporary residents here working for the TVA and on the Nantahala project, and you have a crowd that is going to pack those fair grounds so tight that the proverbial sardine will feel luxurious.

"If it wasn't for the fact that National Defense is needing so many tires," said County Agent Quay Ketner, "the Fair Committee might try toicker for some rubber fences. We are liable to need 'em."

Unusual interest is expected to be displayed in the livestock exhibit. In addition to the dairymen a number of farmers have taken steps to improve their herds during the past year, and real competition is ahead. Poultry, too is expected to be a

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Cherokee County Goes Over Quota In Funds Campaign

The Old North State funds drive in Cherokee county has been concluded. Mrs. J. N. Moody, chairman, has announced, with a total amount of \$204.15 raised. This amount exceeds by \$54.15 the quota of \$150 set for this county.

This money has been sent in to the state chairman at Chapel Hill to be applied on the purchase price of an Ambulance Airplane for Britain. North Carolina plans to buy one at a cost of \$75,000.

In concluding the drive Mrs. Moody who personally led activities in every section of the county, said: "I am more than pleased with the splendid response to this campaign, and I am

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TVA Developments Begin To Assume Permanent Aspect In This Section

Union of working and living accommodations for TVA forces centered in Murphy is rapidly taking shape and the majority of facilities will be in the shape of permanent fixtures for the duration of the four projects now under way.

Especially in offices and warehouses, where large numbers of TVA employees have been laboring under difficulties in the huge speedup program are these changes noticeable.

With an estimated number between 800 and 1000 employees now working in and from Murphy and considering this town's inadequacy in providing living quarters for these and future

Rev. Smith Stricken; Cancels Circuit Dates For Indefinite Time

The Rev. Alfred Smith, pastor of the Murphy Circuit of the Methodist Church, was suddenly stricken with a serious illness last Monday, and his engagements at his ten churches have been cancelled for an indefinite period.

The illness also will delay continuation of his post-graduate studies at Emory University, in Atlanta. The Rev. Smith has been studying Theology, and coming back to the County to preach over the week ends.

Technicolor Movies Of Local Scene to Be Shown in County

Moving pictures of rural scenes in six western counties will be shown in four communities of Cherokee county during September under sponsorship of the county agent's office and the TVA forestry division.

In addition the movies will be in beautiful technicolor, and will depict progress in forest plantation and erosion control in this area. In many instances local people will be shown in the scenes around their homes and farms.

Showings will be made at the following places and schedule: Marble school, September 15; Peachtree school, September 16; Martins Creek school, September 17; Shady Grove church, September 18. All showings will be at 7:30 in the evening.

The movies will be shown in four schools of each county represented in the pictures, and by the time this county is reached it is expected that there will also be sound accompaniment. The counties from which the scenes were taken are Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Yancey and Buncombe.

City Schools Open Officially Thursday With 1000 Students

Murphy city schools officially opened for the 1941-42 session Thursday with an enrollment of 1010 students. According to Superintendent H. Bueck, average enrollments in the other schools of the unit will bring the number up to about 1200.

In the Murphy schools, 450 were enrolled in the elementary grades while 560 are in high school. The high school enrollment is larger than expected due to the opening of a new high school at Hiwassee Dam this year.

Supt. Bueck said that, although several extra teachers are needed to handle the enlarged classes, none are available at this time. Miss Lord, newly appointed teacher who resigned last week, has been replaced by Mrs. Annie Ruby Barnett of Peachtree.

The teacher of the Kinsey school, Mrs. Mary Emma Meroney, has been

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NEW JOBS OPEN AS WORK BEGINS A FONTANA DAM

Thousands Being Hired And Many Will Seek Homes In Andrews

The force of workmen employed on the big Nantahala project is getting steadily smaller, and the trade volume in nearby territory is diminishing in exact ratio, as the men who are laid off take their families to other sections.

But the lessening of spending power will be only temporary. Soon there should be more money flowing in the trade channels here than ever before.

For the great fifty million dollar project at Fontana has finally gotten under way, and workmen are being hired daily. Some 2,000 men are to be given jobs at once, and within a few weeks, according to TVA official, there will be around 9,000 men employed on the various projects of this section.

Allowing even the low average of only three persons to a family, this will mean an increase of 27,000 in the population. About one fourth of the workers probably will be at Fontana—which means a population increase of about 12,000.

Since there is a pronounced lack of housing facilities in Robbinsville, many of these workers will have to take up residence in Andrews or Bryson City—and Andrews is by far the closer.

Undoubtedly, temporary housing facilities will be constructed by the Government, and many families may live in trailers. There will be plenty of workers left, however, who will want regular homes for themselves and their families;—especially those employed who have small children.

Incidentally, men working for the TVA on the Fontana project will receive, on an average, considerably higher pay than those working at Nantahala.

But, as always, what is one man's meat may be another man's poison. Jobs are so plentiful that hiring help for temporary work is all but impossible—except at a wage rate that few ordinary householders can afford.

WPA Plans To Operate Lunchroom At School

The lunchroom on the Murphy school campus will be operated this year by the WPA under direction of Mrs. Walter C. Witt.

The lunchroom will not be located in the Home Economics building, as heretofore, but a special room has been prepared for it in the manual training building.

Henn Will Build New Theatre Immediately On Site of "Strand"

Following declaration by P. J. Henn, local theatre owner, to build a new theatre on the site now occupied by the old Strand stand, workmen began the task of tearing down the old building Wednesday.

Wrecking the building should require approximately a week to complete, construction of the new building to begin immediately.

Contract for construction of the new building has been let, construction to follow soon.

The site for construction has a frontage on Tennessee street of 27 feet with a depth of 180 feet. The theatre building will probably occupy the entire space.

The building will be constructed of brick and steel, all innovations to modern theatres to be included in the plans. Exact seating capacity was not given out but it is expected that it will seat approximately 750 persons.

Fewer Whites Born; Negroes Increase, Census Survey Shows

An official study of the figures gathered in the recent national census shows the reproduction rate of the population of native born Americans is on the decrease. The rate of reproduction from 1935 through 1939 was only 96.

The decrease was in cities where the rate fell to 74. In rural areas there was an increase.

The rate of reproduction among negroes and non-white races was well above normal, being shown as 107.

Plan Country Club For Entire County Located At Marble

Committees from Andrews and Murphy will meet jointly, within the next few days, to discuss ways and means to promote a Cherokee County Country Club.

The club would be located halfway between Andrews and Murphy, and membership would be county-wide. Four hundred acres are available, and it is hoped to build a clubhouse, lay out links, and tennis courts, have croquet grounds, shuffle-board courts, and a swimming pool.

It will be necessary to raise about \$5,000. The rest, it is believed, can be secured through the WPA. Also NYA help may be gotten.

It is hoped to raise money through sale of memberships, at \$15 or \$20 each, per year. This charge is not high in view of the fact that one membership will be good for an entire family.

The plan was described in detail to members of the Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting in the Terrace Hotel, last Thursday. Mr. Joe

Scarcity Foreseen In Seed Supply For Winter Legumes

Because weather conditions have barred a plentiful supply of winter legume seed this year, it is necessary to make available supplies go as far as possible, says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist of N. C. State College.

This may be accomplished by reducing the rate of seeding per acre, but to do this the best possible methods of seed bed preparation and planting must be followed.

Seeding legumes in September has two advantages. First, they do a better job of covering the land during the winter; and second, they are ready to turn under at least 30 days earlier next spring than if planted later.

Blair pointed out that a good seed bed should be prepared by shallow plowing or adequate discing, followed by harrowing and discing until the soil is thoroughly pulverized. Soils that

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HIGHWAY PLANS HAMSTRUNG BY DEFENSE WORK

Man-Power Shortage, Scarcity of Supplies Balking Work Here

Highway improvement plans, not only for this section, but everywhere are facing a serious set-back, according to Highway Commissioner Ferebee because the defense program has created a shortage of both men and materials.

"Contractors are afraid to bid on a job" the Banker-Commissioner said. "Even after they have boosted their estimates to take care of steadily increasing demands for higher wages, they still are afraid to guarantee to finish a job within a specified time. For instance, some part of a steam shovel may get broken. Unless the contractor happens to be working on a road necessary to the defense program—which is unlikely—he may be months getting a replacement. The result might be that penalties would not only eat up his profit, but would cause him a heavy loss.

"As to the road forces employed by the State, they are wasting away to mere skeletons. Take a steam shovel operator, for instance. Working for the State he can make around \$140 per month—maybe \$150. But he can go to a defense project and get ten or twelve dollars a day, with time and half for overtime.

"Of course, a State job is just about permanent. But if a man is good, he feels that he can get a job anyhow—so he goes where he can get the most money. And you can't blame him, either!"

Mr. Ferebee added that defense work also had just about wrecked WPA road projects in this section. Most of the good workers have all quit and gone where they can get more pay," he explained. "Only a few are left—not enough to get anywhere with."

Two WPA road projects in Graham County are now at a standstill, Mr. Ferebee said, because of labor shortage.

N. C. Survey Urged As Farm Implement Shortage Is Seen

Owing to a present shortage of materials and labor for the manufacture of farm machinery, North Carolina farmers are urged by G. T. Scott, Johnston County farmer and chairman of the State AAA committee, to plan carefully before placing their orders for 1942 requirements.

"It is becoming increasingly apparent," he said, "that shortages of labor and supplies will occur in many lines of production as the defense program increases its scope. Plans are underway to increase the production of iron steel, and other raw

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Poor Jerry Davidson Loses His Pants; Not Off His Legs, But From His Shop

What follows was held out last week in the hope that the police might collar the culprits. They did not—and so now, it must be told.

It is a sad, sad story, having to do with the trust of Jerry Davidson in his fellow man. That trust is all gone now. Two men are to blame.

The two came into Davidson's Haberdashery, pleasantly tight, and apparently prosperous. One wanted to see merchandise. His friend along to give advice. At least so he said.

The would-be purchaser looked over the offerings in the front of the store; then meandered to the back. Then his friend placed an el-

bow on a big pile of \$5 trousers, leaned on it and seemed to doze.

Jerry Davidson went to the back of the store, and put out a real sales talk, but it was no use. The customer hesitated, several times, but always decided "no," and finally turned to leave.

Then Davidson discovered that the chap who had been leaning on the \$5 trousers was gone.

So, also, were five pairs of trousers. "Brownie" Browning says he believes the same couple tried to play the same trick on him, but he didn't like their looks, and kept an eye on them.