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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

COUNTY FAIR IS ALL NEXT WEEK

State Board To Study Lakes And Forests In Area

Governor Cherry To Accompany Board To Area

The State Board of Conservation and Development will meet in Andrews on September 24, 25, 26, for the purpose of making a study of the lakes, forests and other resources and possibilities in this southwestern part of the state. Governor R. Gregg Cherry will accompany members of the board and other state officials here for the meeting.

The board has never met west of Waynesville before, and it is coming to Cherokee county this time at the invitation of Percy B. Ferebee, Andrews, member of the board.

Headquarters will be Terrace Hotel, and business session of the board will be held at the town hall in Andrews on Monday, 24th, Tuesday and Wednesday will be used for sight-seeing.

Among those expected for the meeting are: Director R. Bruce Etheridge, Josh L. Horne, Jr., vice-chairman, Charles S. Allen, J. Wilbur Bunn, Oscar P. Breece, K. Clyde Council, R. Floyd Crouse, W. J. Damtoft, A. H. Gulos, W. Roy Hampton, Miles J. Smith, D. M. Stafford, J. R. Wollett, Percy B. Ferebee, members of the board, and Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, state geologist; W. K. Bechler, state forester; W. H. Riley, chief engineer; J. D. Findlay, commissioner of game and inland fisheries, and R. J. Perse, superintendent of parks. Wives of several of the above are expected to attend.

Special entertainment of the visitors is being planned by towns in this area. In Murphy Frank Forsyth, chairman, Dr. W. A. Hoover, J. B. Gray and C. E. Woody are on a committee from the Lions club to plan entertainment. Mrs. G. W. Cover is planning entertainment for the ladies.

Lovinggood Is New Committeeman

Dr. B. W. Whitfield has resigned as chairman of the Cherokee county aeronautics committee, and Mayor W. M. Fain has appointed Noah Lovinggood on the committee to succeed him. J. D. Burch has been named chairman of the committee. C. L. Alverson is the third member of the committee.

Overseas Gifts Should Be Mailed Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

It's time to be thinking of mailing Christmas packages overseas, says Postmaster Howard Moody of Murphy.

Army postal officers at Headquarters Fourth Service Command reminded the public that even though hostilities have ceased on all fronts, there are still many thousands of American troops who will spend their Christmas in foreign lands and these troops will be looking forward to packages from home.

The regulations governing the mailing of overseas Christmas gifts to Army personnel remain the same as last year. They must be posted between September 15 and October 15. One package a week may be sent (without a request) by any one person to the same serviceman. The usual restrictions as to size and weight of Christmas parcels applies — not more than fifteen inches long or more than 36 inches in length and girth combined and maximum weight five pounds. Most stores have a stock of boxes approved by the War Department for overseas gift shipments.

Local postmasters can furnish any clarifying details relative to overseas Christmas mailing.

McCamrick To Preach Sunday

ANDREWS — It has been announced by H. M. Whitaker, chairman of the Speakers' Committee of the Andrews Baptist church, that the Rev. Lewis McCamrick will speak at the eleven o'clock service at the Baptist church Sunday, September 16.

Mrs. Rich Taken By Death At 85

Mrs. Leulla P. Rich, age 85, wife of Coleman Rich of Ranger, passed away at her home September 12.

Funeral services will be conducted at Shady Grove Baptist church September 13 at 11 a. m. with the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Rich was born and reared in Cherokee county. She was a first cousin of the late Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Carrie Christopher, Copperhill, Tenn.; Mrs. Foley Waller, Ducktown, Tenn.; Mrs. Bell Hyde, Culberson, and Mrs. Frankie Smith, Cumming, Ga.; two sons, Garlee of Culberson and Worth, Canton, Ga.; and one sister, Mrs. Susanna Satterfield, Cumming, Ga.

Mrs. Rich had been a faithful member of the Baptist church for more than 70 years.

CONVENTION TO MEET
The West Liberty Singing Convention will be held at Ranger Baptist church on Sunday, September 16. All singers are invited to come.



CAPTAIN EDWARD PRUDEN DAVIDSON

Captain E. Pruden Davidson Is Engineering Officer With 9th Fighter Squadron, First In Tokyo

Fifth Air Force, Tokyo — Captain Edward Pruden Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Davidson, 109 Campbell St., Murphy, N. Carolina, is the Engineering Officer of the famed 9th Fighter Squadron, first fighter outfit to land at Tokyo during General of the Army MacArthur's formal occupation of the Japanese capital.

Honor of being the first to fly into the capital was given the 9th's "Flying Knights" for their unparalleled feat of blasting 276 enemy planes out of the skies in 44 months of combat during its long march from Darwin, Australia, to Tokyo. This top scoring fighter squadron in the Pacific boasts such famous former members as Major Richard I. Bong, Major Thomas B. McGuire and Colonel Gerald R. Johnson.

Captain Davidson is a graduate of North Carolina State College and was employed as an industrial engineer by the Armstrong Cork Co., Millville, New Jersey, prior to his entry into the Army in April, 1942. He joined the P-38 "Lightning" squadron on Biak in October, 1944, and was responsible for keeping the outfit's planes in the air during the vigorous fighting on Leyte, where they were the first land based fighters to be stationed in the Philippines since the fall of Bataan. It was on Leyte that he had his closest shave when a burning plane crashed out of control in his engineering area. "If I hadn't tripped and fallen, I might have

had it."

While enroute to Mindoro from Leyte aboard an LST, a Japanese suicide plane narrowly missed destroying the ship when anti-aircraft fire caused it to veer off course at the last moment so that only the wing hit the superstructure, furnishing Captain Davidson his most exciting incident of the war.

From Mindoro the Flying Knights moved on to Luzon, Okinawa and now, Japan. Asked how he felt about being a member of the first fighter squadron to land at Tokyo, Captain Davidson replied: "Naturally I feel proud of the squadron and think it's the best fighting outfit in the Air Forces."

Presbyterians To Call Pastor

The Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, will preach at First Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At the close of the service a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of calling a pastor for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mulkey and Mrs. Virginia Craig were in Charlotte Sunday to see Mrs. Craig's baby, Winston, who is in the hospital there, a victim of polio. He is reported to be improved.



THREE BROTHERS SERVING COUNTRY
The above three sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wilcox of Farmer, Tenn., are in the armed forces. They are, left to right: Pvt. Ralph R. Wilcox of Ft. George Meade, Md.; Pfc. Lloyd J. Wilcox, who is now serving with an infantry division in the Philippines; and Pvt. Calvin Gwinn Wilcox, of Camp Robinson, Ark.



Pvt. Ralph Wilcox recently spent a furlough with his wife, Ruby Wells Wilcox, and two small daughters, Edith Faye and Margaret Anne of Marble, Route 1. He received his training at Fort Bragg and Camp Blanding, Fla., where he was awarded the expert infantryman's badge. Pfc. Lloyd Wilcox has been in the army since December, 1942, receiving his training at Camp Croft, S. C., and has been overseas since the spring of 1943. He has been action in numerous battles in the Southwest Pacific. Pvt. Calvin Wilcox has been in the army since May of this year and is with a heavy artillery unit at Camp Robinson.

\$2,600 Is Quota For This County In War Fund Drive

The Cherokee county United War Fund quota for this fall is \$2,600, according to announcement by the county chairman, Frank Forsyth. The drive will be put on here October 8-15.

Mrs. John Christy is chairman for Andrews; Harry Bishop for Murphy, and Miss Addie Mae Cooke, publicity.

Rev. J. A. Morris Elected Moderator Ministers' Group

Ministers of the Western North Carolina association met at the First Baptist church Monday at 10 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Minister's Conference.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Algie West. Officers elected were: the Rev. J. Alton Morris, moderator; the Rev. Blaine Ledford, secretary and treasurer; and program committee: the Rev. Robert Barker, chairman; the Rev. Fred Stiles, and the Rev. Algie West.

The conference consisted of general discussion and adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Scroggs Dies At Age Of 76

Mrs. John O. Scroggs, 76, died Friday morning at her home in Hayesville following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hayesville Methodist church, the Rev. Clark Benson officiating. Burial followed in Hayesville cemetery, with Ivie funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Scroggs was the former Miss Laura Matheson of Andrews. Surviving are two brothers, Melvin Matheson of Andrews and Bascom Matheson of Wilk Cherry, Ark.; and the following step-children: P. C. Scroggs, Mrs. John Swanson Mrs. Jarrett Thompson, and Mrs. Ralph Beal, all of Hayesville.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN
The Rev. Arthur Sumners will begin a revival at Peachtree Methodist church Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Sponsored By Lions Benefit Of City Park



REV. L. P. SMITH

Smith Pastor Two Churches With Building Programs

ANDREWS — In a final sermon of his second pastorate in the Andrews Baptist church, and on the twenty-ninth anniversary of his first sermon as a minister, the Rev. L. P. Smith was heard here Sunday at the eleven o'clock service. After last Sunday's services Mr. Smith becomes pastor of the Hayesville and Peachtree churches, both of which contemplate ambitious building programs. The Hayesville church expect to build the Geo. W. Truett Memorial church, while Peachtree church plans to building the Richard Moore Memorial.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," words from Romans first chapter, verse 16, were Mr. Smith's text here Sunday. He would not call his message a "farewell sermon", although in the beginning of his talk he reminisced considerably on his two pastorates here. It was during his first pastorate that the splendid Andrews Baptist church was built. The corner stone with L. P. Smith's name on it bears eloquent testimony to that fact. In speaking of this retiring minister declared, "No one living has more in this church than we". The "we" referred to Mrs. Smith whom the husband warmly eulogized.

In discussing his text the minister argued that the gospel must be carried into the economic, social, and political life of the nation, and all nations. "The power of the gospel is powerful because it adorns," he concluded.

The evening service at the Baptist church was attended also by the Methodist congregation.

At the conclusion of the morning service I. B. Hudson, chairman of the board of deacons appointed a church program committee whose duty it will be to arrange for the eleven o'clock service each Sunday until a regular pastor is secured. This committee consists of the six persons named herewith: H. M. Whitaker, Chm., H. L. Mulkey, Gwen Anderson, Mrs. C. T. Almond, Mrs. Frank Wilhide, Mrs. H. E. Davis.

Previously appointed as a pulpit committee was the entire board of deacons and Meadames Frank Wilhide, Bn Grant, Violet S. Walker, Isabell Trantham, Dillie Lunsford, C. T. Almond.

Mr. Smith will reside in Andrews for the next few weeks pending the completion and renovation of a pastor's home in Hayesville.

For the first time since 1942 the Cherokee county agricultural fair is being held this year, September 18-22. Murphy Lions Club, Inc., is the sponsor, and H. G. Elkins is chairman. In addition to agricultural exhibits, J. J. Page shows and carnival will be special features of the week's fair.

The committee from the Lions club, working with Chairman Elkins, is composed of: Harry Bishop, Dr. W. A. Hoover, J. B. Gray, R. S. Bault, R. W. Easley, Doyle Burch, W. M. Fain, A. Q. Ketner, and Frank Forsyth.

Captains for the six days of the fair will be: Frank Forsyth, Tuesday; Loren Davis, Wednesday; R. W. Easley, Thursday; H. G. Elkins, Friday; and Harry Bishop, Saturday. These men will have charge of operations on the dates named.

Friday will be "School Day", when school children will be admitted free during the day.

Members of the Lions club, assisted by Lionesses and other citizens of Murphy, will be gate keepers and do most of the work involved in the operation of the fair. Proceeds will go toward building a swimming pool at the city park.

Prizes are being offered on various agricultural and household products, following the same plan that has been used in previous years.

The executive committee is composed of E. C. Moore, P. A. Mauney, T. H. Cole, J. F. Palmer, J. F. Wood, and J. T. Dockery.

The grounds will be open from Tuesday morning, September 18, through Saturday evening, September 22. Exhibits must be in not later than 8 p. m. Tuesday. Gates will open at 7 a. m. daily and beginning Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m., the exhibit hall will be open to the public. Exhibits will be removed Saturday morning.

A. Q. Ketner, Don Allison and Miss Mary Cornwell, county agents, are cooperating with the club in getting farmers to bring their exhibits to the fair.

Competition is open to residents of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Union and Towns counties.

Those in charge of the various exhibit departments are as follows:

Field crops and farm exhibits: J. Franklin Smith, superintendent, J. B. Shields, Carl Stiles, John Robert Martin, and Victor Ellis.

Horticulture products: J. H. Hampton, superintendent, A. R. Stalcup, Mrs. J. H. Ellis, W. M. Hatchett, Mrs. Burton McNabb.

Flowers: Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Puett, Mrs. W. P. Odom, Mrs. John Davidson, Mrs. H. E. Dickey and Mrs. T. A. Case.

Beef Cattle: Carl Tomson, superintendent, S. C. Gentry, Charlie McDonald, and W. S. Dickey.

Dairy cattle: H. N. Wells, superintendent, Randolph Shields, C. S. Day, J. B. Hall, and A. B. Stalcup.

Poultry: Mrs. Clarence Hendrix, superintendent, Mrs. A. J. Barton, Lawson Lunsford, and Ernest Hughes.

Home economics: Mrs. J. H. Hampton, superintendent, Mrs. R. H. Foard, Mrs. Harry Bishop, Mrs. Paul Sudderth, Mrs. W. A. Hoover, and Miss Susan Beck.

Pantry supplies: Mrs. J. W. Dyer, superintendent, Mrs. John Donley, Mrs. Giles Cover, Mrs. J. L. Hall, Mrs. C. C. King and Mrs. James Gibbs.

House furnishing and clothing: Mrs. R. W. Easley, superintendent.

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PHARMACIST — Miss Thomas Slayton, formerly of Murphy, who will return here October 1 to become a pharmacist at Mauney Drug company, assisting W. M. Mauney. She was graduated at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy this summer and passed the State board examination on August 1.

Miss Slayton, who is a graduate of Murphy high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Slayton of Knoxville, Tenn.

QUARTERLY MEETING
The Rev. Fred R. Horton, district superintendent, will hold a quarterly meeting at the Free Methodist church this week-end. Services will be Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

TRUETT TO PREACH
The Rev. Thomas Truett will preach Sunday night at 8 o'clock at Shady Grove Baptist church.