

\$4,000 In Premium Be Given At County Fair Sep. 14-19

Health Engineer Refuses Fluoridation; Recommends New Plant

Junior Dairy Show Set At Local Fair

Officials of the Cherokee County Mutual Fair Association this week are deep in plans for what one officer said was expected to be a "better than ever" Cherokee County Fair slated for September 14-19 in Murphy.

Some \$4,000 will be given in premiums and an added feature will be the Western Carolina Junior Dairy Show, open to youths of Cherokee, Clay, Macon and Graham counties. The junior show until this year was a part of a show regularly held in Asheville.

The premiums have been raised in a number of exhibits, accounting for the larger total in premiums, C. R. Freed, secretary-treasurer of the association said.

Other officers of the association are Luther Dockery, president; H. E. Bishop, vice-president; W. D. Townson, Mrs. J. Franklin Smith, W. S. Dickey, Lewis King and Glenn Patton, directors.

Department superintendent are: Field Crops, Luther Dockery; horticulture, J. H. Hampton; dairy cattle, A. B. Stalcup; beef cattle, W. D. Townson; hogs, Bill Stiles; poultry, Wayne Abernathy; flowers, Mrs. B. W. Whitfield; home products, Mrs. J. H. Hampton. Also pantry supplies, Mrs. Oran Witt; house furnishings, Mrs. R. M. Adkins; clothing, Mrs. W. E. Graham; handicrafts, Mrs. B. E. Warner; and Girls and Boys 4-H Clubs, Clara Hughes.

The new fair catalogues are now available at the County Farm Agent's office in the courthouse, and may be obtained by any interested persons.

Competition at the fair is open to counties of Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Graham, N. C., and Union, Towns and Fannin, Ga.

The calendar for fair week begins Monday morning, Sept. 14 at 9 a. m. with the placing of exhibits. Exhibits must be placed by 8:30 p. m. Monday. The midway opens at 1 p. m. Monday, with the Shan Willcox show, rides and concessions.

Judging will take place Tuesday in the exhibit halls and the exhibit halls open to the public Tuesday at 3 p. m.

The Nantahala District Dairy Show will be Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. The dairy cattle show will be Wednesday, beginning at 1 p. m.

Thursday is school day at the fair and the schedule begins with the beef cattle show and judging of swine and poultry at 9:30 a. m. The 4-H Club pig show will be at 1 p. m. and the 4-H poultry show and sale at 3 p. m.

The exhibits will be on display all day Friday, and on Saturday, exhibits are to be removed by noon.

Wesleyan Guild In Meeting Here

Miss Emily Sword, president, presided at the meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild Monday, August 24, with Mrs. Asmond Maxwell giving the devotional and was in charge of the program, "To Other Cities Also".

Mrs. Willard Axley was presented a Life Membership pin from the guild.

During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Beryl Witt and Miss Mattie Fisher.

Correspondent



MRS. BAKER

Mrs. L. H. Baker (Evelyn) this week begins her duties as the Scout's Andrews correspondent. Mrs. Baker, wife of Patrolman Baker, is leader of the active Andrews Teen Age Club. She is the mother of one son, Charles, 5, and is originally from Rocky Mount. Mrs. Baker will be glad to take news items phoned to her at her home. This week Mrs. Baker has written the first of a weekly column "Valley Views", especially for and about people in and around Andrews.

"Off To School" Program Planned By Baptists Here

A special "Off To College" program will be given Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist Church here, it was announced today.

The program will honor young people of the church, Sunday School, Training Union and YWA who are going to college for the first time, or who are returning this year.

Persons taking part on the program are Shirley Bates, Woman's College of UNC; Sally Morris, Furman University; Jo Ann Adams, Mars Hill; Lorraine Sawyer, Berea College; Anne Shields, Woman's College of UNC, and possibly others.

A reception in honor of the students will take place after the sacred music program to be given by Walter Carringer at 8:30 o'clock.

New Murphy Teachers



TEACHERS AND CHILDREN this week returned to local schools for another term of learning. Early in the week the faculty of Murphy School got together for discussions and planning when the above photo of new teachers in the Murphy Schools made. Seated, front row, left to right are Miss Jean Harris, Mrs. Maude Gullede, Mrs. Ralph McConnell and Mrs. Royna Mae Cobb. Middle row, Mrs. Charles H. Pearson, Texana School; Miss Polly Hicks, treasurer; Mrs. Kate Shields; and Ralph McConnell of the Physical Education Dept. Back row, left to right, Charles H. Pearson, Texana School; Edward Reynolds, music director; and Albert Wallace. Alvin Russell, also a new teacher, who will teach eighth grade, was not present for the picture. (Scout Photo).

Lightning Hits Boy House, Aerial, Dog

A Walker foxhound was killed instantly and Virgil Dockery, Jr., about 10, was knocked unconscious for 30 minutes last week when a bolt of lightning struck a radio aerial and entered the Dockery home in the Pine Log Community of Clay County.

The aerial, which attracted the bolt was erected on a high pole in the rear of the home. The lightning ran in the house and knocked two holes in the wall of the house, then went

out the back of the house. Virgil Dockery, Jr. was sitting near the bed and was knocked unconscious. He revived when his father, Virgil Dockery, took the boy out in the rain.

A valuable Walker foxhound, just outside the house was immediately killed when the lightning struck.

Mr. Dockery reported the house was filled with smoke for some 30 minutes after the strike and splinters from the pole to which the aerial was attached are still scattered about the scene.

McConnell Takes Head Football Post

Ralph "Chuck" McConnell this week took over duties as Head Football Coach at Murphy High School when he and Athletic Director C. K. "Ike" Olson, put some 30 grid candidates through the paces.

Coach McConnell will assist Director Olson during the basketball season when Olson slips into the role of Head Basketball Coach. Director Olson steered the Murphy Basketball

team to the semi-finals at Bryson City last season.

The new coach comes to Murphy after two successful seasons at Franklin High School.

A graduate of Western Carolina College, Coach McConnell racked up an impressive record on the football field while in school.

Athletic Director Olson and Coach McConnell will open their season Sept. 4 against Andrews.

Minnow Farm Set For Co.

The large amount of fishing in Cherokee County has attracted installation of a minnow farm in Valleytown, being put up by H. L. Case of Canton.

Case, who has a minnow farm in Haywood County, purchased 22 acres in Valleytown for the Cherokee County farm.

Murphy Filter Plant Said "Overloaded"

Win Trip To 4-H Wildlife Week

Eugene Palmer and Joyce Johnson of Tomolia are attending Four-H Wildlife week, Camp Millstone near Rockingham. The county youth won the trip to the camp by outstanding work in the 4-H Wildlife program.

A surprised Murphy Town Council—bent on adding fluoridation to the water system—heard a state health engineer recommend a new filter plant after refusing to okay fluoridation of the "overloaded" water system.

F. R. Blaisdell, State Board of Health district engineer, told Council that his department required a filter plant to be in A-1 condition and a technical operator to be employed before fluoridation is sanctioned.

In the case of Murphy, he said, neither was found.

He pointed out that at the Murphy filter plant the water is potentially dangerous to Murphy's health. He asserted the town should have both chemical and bacteriological check on the water. Murphy has neither, he said.

Launching into a grim description of Murphy's filter plant, Mr. Blaisdell gave Council these findings of his inspection:

FINDINGS

1. Filters at the plant accumulated in seven hours as much mud as should be caught by the same filters in 90 hours.

2. The plant was designed to process a half million gallons of water per day. Fifty per cent more water is going into the plant than the plant should handle.

3. No improvements and no adequate maintenance have been given the plant since 1926.

4. Water flowing into the mixing basin stayed only three minutes when it should have stayed 20 to 30 minutes.

5. Water in the settling basin stayed only 30 minutes when it should have stayed four to six hours.

6. It is surprising that Murphy, because of its inadequate filter plant, has not suffered pathogenic difficulties.

NEED NEW PLANT

In conclusion the engineer asserted Murphy is in dire need of a new filter plant.

Town Council discussed with Mr. Blaisdell the possibilities of contacting consulting engineering firms to study Murphy's water situation.

The cost of a new filter plant here earlier was estimated to run between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

The initial plant mentioned for raising the money was to float a bond.

It was brought out during a former discussion of Murphy's water system that the town has suffered an industrial block because of the inadequate filter plant.

One effort to re-vamp the water system was affected when Council recently placed a rate increase on all meters.

After Mr. Blaisdell's report Council voted as a temporary stop-gap to put new sand in the filter bed and ordered more chlorine added.

Mike Mooney Be Heard Here Sunday

Mike Mooney, who has been assisting the Episcopal minister at Andrews and Murphy for the past 7 weeks will wind up his summer training Sunday, August 30. Mr. Mooney will be the preacher at the 9 a. m. service at Andrews Chapel of the Holy Comforter and the 11 a. m. service at the Murphy Church of the Messiah.

State Health Advice Concerning School Opening And Polio

Dr. J. M. R. Norton, North Carolina State Health Officer calmed fears of local parents, and reassured the Cherokee County school and medical authorities in his advice concerning school opening in spite of the 10 cases of polio reported in the county.

Following is a copy of the letter Dr. Norton wrote, Dr. E. W. Whitfield of the Murphy School Board:

"Dear Dr. Whitfield: Reference is made to our telephone conversation on this date relative to the opening of schools in Cherokee County.

"The decision regarding opening schools when there is a high poliomyelitis incidence in a county is a difficult one to reach and must be individual-

ized in each case. The following facts should be kept in mind:

"1. While there has been some increase in poliomyelitis incidence in your county to date, it would not be considered to have reached epidemic proportions.

"2. One would not be surprised if one or two more cases were reported from the county regardless of the status of the schools, since we know that some few cases will continue to occur into the early fall and winter.

"3. It has been difficult to show that the delay in the opening of the schools or closing of schools has had very much influence on poliomyelitis. (Continued on Page 4)

Soapbox Winner



FRED VAN HORN

Winner of both the Murphy Soap Box Derby race, and the best built car in the race last week was smiling Fred Van Horn, above. Van Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Horn, was sponsored by Dickey and Davis. Runner up in the race was the Citizens Bank and Trust-sponsored racer, built by Bobby Weaver and Bobby Easley, and driven by the latter. (Scout Photo).

Murphy Bulldogs May Be Threat To Conference

10 Lettermen Return To Murphy Team

By ADIR ARONSON

The Murphy Hi Bulldogs have returned to football activity for the 1953 season.

Coaches Ike Olson and Chuck McConnell greeted 30 candidates last week and of these only 10 were returning lettermen. They were Halfback Eddie Elliott, Quarterback Sammy White, Fullbacks Fred Van Horn and Holt Palmer, Center Walter Hall, Guard Jimmy Mulkey, Halfback Tommy Gentry, End Eugene Dockery, Guard James Carroll, and Tackle Ralph Swanson.

Murphy will be short of reserve strength since many of the 30 who turned out have little or no experience.

Therefore, Coach Olson may have a hard task in replacements for any backfield member that may be hurt; also several of the line positions aren't very deep in good reserve material.

The Bulldog coaches plan to use the T-formation this year and Sammy White, a quick thinking quarterback, could make the offense click for another victorious season.

Key man in the running attack probably will be Eddie Elliott, a 185 pound backfield that is led by 145 pound Fred Van Horn and

triple threat. Elliott probably will also be the man who does the kicking.

The line is very solid and barring injuries should work very well.

Walter "Stormy" Hall seems to have the center position secured unless he re-injures his weak ankles. He stands 6 feet tall and weighs 190 pounds.

Jimmy Mulkey, James Carroll, Ralph Swanson, and Eugene Dockery are other linemen of top caliber. Mulkey, Swanson, and Carroll are stout, "rough-and-ready" football players; and Dockery is a dependable, range end that doesn't believe in losing ground.

At the fullback position there is keen competition between

180 pound Holt Palmer.

Tommy Gentry, the backfield's speed merchant, is Elliott's partner at halfback. Gentry weighs 132 pounds and is one of the fastest men on the team. Besides running Gentry is an adept pass catcher.

Last year Murphy had a 6-4 record which they hope to better, and are striving for an undefeated season.

New Prospect Homecoming Set

Home Coming will be held at New Prospect Baptist Church Sunday, August 30. The church is located two miles south of

Joins Dickey Freight Lines

Troy Goldsmith has been added to the staff of Dickey Freight Line, Inc., here as traffic manager, it was announced this week.

Mr. Goldsmith came to Murphy from Atlanta where he was associated with the Mason and Dixon Lines.

Goldsmith is a native of Asheville and was educated in Oakland High School and Blantons Business College. He was employed by Mason and Dixon for four years. He is a veteran of World II, a member of the Baptist Church, Legion of Honor, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.