

A Right Step

The petition that will be circulated in Cherokee County this week asking for a repeal of the absentee ballot law has the complete support of this newspaper.

The law, we feel, should be repealed so that only members of the armed services or those persons service connected can make use of the absentee ballot. Such a law would be a tremendous step toward knocking out vote buying in this county.

Even though the petition does not touch on the evils of markers in the general elections, we believe it is a wonderful starter. If the people of this county respond to the petition the way we believe they will, the General Assembly will soon learn that Western North Carolina is interested in clean elections.

The success of this petition could help strengthen the recommendations submitted to the State Board of Elections, the first part of this year. Those recommendations would be away with absentee ballots for civilians and only absentee ballots for military.

If the law is repealed, our elections would be more open and more honest. The petition will be circulated to the people of Cherokee County.

A Last Warning

The law that the Cherokee County Board of Education is now considering, and which is being offered to the people of this county, is a last warning.

Apparently the voters of this county are having a hard time to bear down to the General Assembly for passage of a law which would allow the special permits for visiting fishermen are still not in effect and time is getting scarce.

It would not be a surprise if the voters of this county were to get together and set up an effective program of the residents in Raleigh. The names of persons to whom can be obtained a steady barrage of letters and telegrams would certainly in time and money.

But the law might mean a great deal when the next season comes around again. And the season will be opening soon.

Postman's Life

It seems to us that a postman's life is a hard one. He works odd split hours, he gets barked at by dogs and humans, bitten by dogs (we don't believe there's any record of a human biting a postman), and he has to be out in any kind of weather.

But he does get off on Washington's Birthday. And wouldn't you know it—it rained all day in Cherokee County February 22.

TVA Gives 17 Million Tree Seedlings For Reforestation

TVA said today that more than 17 million tree seedlings, mostly pine, have been taken from the ground and graded at its Clinton, Tennessee, tree nursery.

Most of the seedlings are being distributed throughout the Tennessee Valley by state forestry and extension agencies; the balance were produced on contract for forestry agencies.

It is estimated that the Clinton nursery will yield nearly 22 million seedlings this season, of which about 15 million will be planted by Valley farmers and timber tract owners.

TVA has more requests for the seedlings than it can fill, it said.

Reports from field staff members indicate that an additional five million seedlings could have been used by farmers and other timber owners. North Alabama counties could have used about a million more seedlings than the 2.2 million they have been allotted, TVA said.

Requests from Valley counties in western North Carolina indicate they could have used 3½ million, instead of the 2½ million they will get. TVA's forestry representative in the Chattanooga area reported that at least a half million additional seedlings could have been planted there.

Early Morn Prayers Planned In Andrews

On Friday morning, Feb. 25 at 6 o'clock the Andrews Free Methodist church will sponsor special prayer services which will continue through until 2:30 p. m.

The church will be open from 6 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. for those who wish to come and offer prayers, according to announcement by the pastor, the Rev. M. Kimberlin.

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Letters To Editor

Marble, N. C.
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The Cherokee Scout
Murphy, N. C.
Dear Sir:
For the past two weeks I have noticed an article in your paper called "Catholic Seed Corn" written by Reverend Joseph Dean. In this section of the country, where there is so much misinformation about Catholicism, it is certainly a pleasure and most encouraging to see such an article in a local newspaper. I do hope that this is to appear each week henceforth.
Sincerely,
Miss Jan King

School For Dairy Farmers Be Mar. 3

A dairy school is scheduled for Cherokee County Thursday morning, March 3, from 9:30 until noon to help dairy farmers with some of their problems.

A team of extension dairy specialists will help with discussions on both marketing and production. With supplies all last year and the prospect for even more this spring, it will be necessary for dairymen to take steps to produce more economically and to understand the market, as was announced.

The program includes the topics on the agenda of the State Milk Marketing Council. A. G. Sisk, Extension Dairy Specialist, will be in charge. The program is being held at the Extension Dairy Specialist, F. B. Farnham, Extension Dairy Specialist. All farmers and businessmen interested in dairying are invited to attend the meeting.

Andrews Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Dillham of Knoxville spent the week end here with Mrs. Dillham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grant.

Among those attending the L. O. Day dinner of North Carolina Congressional District Republican in the George Vanderbilt Hotel Saturday evening were: R. A. Dewar, Zala Adams and Kellis Redford.

Mrs. Donald Wilson of Valley View is spending a while at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dewar.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kind expressions of love and sympathy at the death of our loved one.

Charles Cooper
Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Bell
Miss Elizabeth H. Bell
22-21c

Mrs. Case Is Andrews Speaker

Mrs. T. A. Case, of Murphy was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Kappa Alpha club Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Shell Dining Room, Andrews. She was introduced by Mrs. Olen Stratton, chairman of the Americanism committee. Mrs. Ruth Starr Pulliam, president, presided.

Mrs. Case gave the high lights—with added intimate and personal touches—of a 21 days tour of Europe which she made with a party of six last summer. She illustrated her talk with colored slides made in the various countries in which the party travelled.

Mrs. Ruth Starr Pulliam will head the club again next year with the following officers also re-elected: Mrs. Edgar Wood, vice president; Mrs. Vernon McGuire, secretary; Mrs. Harlan Enloe, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Delaney, elected corresponding secretary. Mrs. Luke Ellis served as chairman of the nominating committee.

The club voted to sponsor jointly with the Rotary club again this year the annual banquet to honor the boys and girls basketball teams. The banquet will be held March 19th in the school cafeteria. The menu committee will be Mrs. F. E. Bialock, Mrs. Olen Stratton and Mrs. Luke Ellis. The nominating committee: Mrs. Arthur Watkins, Mrs. H. E. Davis, Mrs. John Rodde, Mrs. James Riser, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Jr., Mrs. Gerald Almond and Mrs. Richard Conley.

Mrs. R. A. Dewar, chairman of the Andrews Carnegie Library board expressed appreciation to the club for making it possible to purchase a card index and catalog with funds from a donation made by the club.

The club voted to furnish 10 cars to convey students of the Andrews Club to Cullowhee March 11. Guests were Mrs. Case, Mrs. Ellen Tjerstrand of Fontana Village, Mrs. Herbert Sheldy, Mrs. John Pulliam, Mrs. Tom Mammarella and Mrs. Elmer Bickla.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Olen Stratton, Mrs. H. A. Van Gorder, Mrs. Jimmy Ferebee, Mrs. L. B. Womack, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Ann Watry and Mrs. John Slagle.

Andrews Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell Caldwell of Olean, N. Y. have announced the birth of a daughter, Martha Sue, on Thursday, Feb. 17. Mr. Caldwell is the son of Mrs. L. O. Caldwell of Andrews.

Lay Speakers Visit In Churches Sunday

VIOLET

Mrs. Mary Beaver, who has been visiting her son and daughter in Jefferson City, Tenn., has returned to her home here.
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Garland and family visited Mrs. Garland's mother, Mrs. Vesta Beaver Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Payne and children of Maryville, Tenn., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor.

Miss Elsie Rose spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham last week.

The Rev. and Mrs. Luther Swanson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor.

Mrs. Jewel Mckens and children, Dan and Joey, Mrs. Bessie Hamby and son, Thurman, visited Mrs. Swendwyn Beaver Friday of last week.

Miss Wilma Graham spent Friday night with Marcella Beaver. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robinson were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morrow and Mrs. Manerva Crowe were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morrow.

Rosemary Allen spent Saturday with Marlene and Margaret Ann Beaver.

Delores Graham has returned to Winston-Salem, where she underwent another operation at the Baptist Hospital on Tuesday of last week.

Grady and J. D. Murphy were honored with a birthday supper given by their mother, Mrs. Otis Murphy Saturday night. Those present in addition to the family were Mrs. Mary Beaver, Mrs. Rea Smith, Misses Ruth and Reenie Allen, Marcella Beaver, Junior Taylor, Ralph and Ray Davis.

Mrs. Mae Linderman visited her father, Harry Hamby Sunday afternoon.

LOST IN ANDREWS:

A red leather billfold containing drivers license, social security card, insurance card. Finder may keep money, but please return billfold to:

Mrs. Christine Mintz Breedlove
32-11p Box 244, Marble, N. C.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindness shown our beloved Sonny and us during his sickness and passing. Also for the food and beautiful floral offerings.
Cliff, Leona, Junior and Barbara Bishop
32-11c

Church Attendance is already on the increase here since the beginning of the current church attendance crusade according to several local ministers.

Five Murphy churches—First Methodist, First Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Free Methodist—are cooperating in their second pre-Easter crusade.

The campaign began last Sunday with some 50 workers from five churches making a religious census.

Next Sunday, Feb. 27, visiting laymen will speak in each church. The Baptists will send Peyton Ivis to speak to the Episcopalians; the Presbyterians will send W. A. Singleton to the Methodist Church; Methodist sends Don Ellis to the Free Methodist; the Free Methodist sends Clyde Patton to the Baptist Church; and the Episcopal Church will send R. M. Hale to the Presbyterian Church.

Women of the churches are cooperating this week in the World Day of Prayer observance tomorrow afternoon at the Episcopal Church.

Father Joseph Deak of the Catholic Church spoke at the school yesterday—Ash Wednesday. Ministers of Murphy are speaking at the weekly Wednesday assemblies at the school during the crusade.

Decrease Seen In Cattle Inventories

The inventory number of all cattle on farms in North Carolina on January 1, 1955 has been placed at 852,000 head, according to an estimate recently released by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The number fell 2 percent from the all-time record high inventory of 869,000 (revised) reached on January 1, 1954 but remained about 28 percent above the 1949-50 average of 731,000 head.

This year marks the first time since 1945 that inventory numbers have failed to reflect a gain over the previous year.

Practically all of the decline during the year was in milk stock as the combined number of milk cows and heifers 2 years plus, milk heifers 1-2 years, and heifer calves for milk dropped from 593,000 to 575,000 head.

All other cattle, or those kept primarily for beef purposes, at 338,000 on January 1, 1955 were practically unchanged from the 339,000 on farms a year earlier.

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