

## CRIPPLE CLINIC TO BE HELD AT SYLVA MONTHLY

Is Sponsored By Rotary Club For All Counties West of Buncombe

A clinic for cripples by reason of deformity, disease or injury has been established at Sylva sponsored by the Rotary Club under the auspices of the North Carolina Rehabilitation Department, according to announcement this week by C. M. Andrews, assistant supervisor of the Rehabilitation Department with headquarters at Raleigh, who spent some time in town this week.

The clinic will be free to all cases, and all cases needing orthopaedic treatment, such as cases where one has been crippled by reason of deformity, disease or injury, will be treated in the clinic as far as possible, and hospital treatment provided for those in need of such treatment.

The first clinic was held Friday, Sept. 21st, and it will be held one day each month thereafter. After the patient has been treated, either at the clinic or in a hospital, this is followed by a course in vocational training so that a person who otherwise is a dependant will be trained for a place whereby he can be self supporting.

The clinic is open to all counties west of Buncombe, including Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay and Cherokee. Mr. Andrews stated that the clinic was asking for the co-operation of all civic clubs and anyone interested in such work. This clinic, he said, was for all ages and races.

## MURPHY 'JAY' WALKING LAW IS OPERATIVE

Walkways Across Streets at Public Square Marked and Roundabouts On Sidewalks

The "J" walking law of Murphy, passed at a recent meeting of city council, is now operative, and enforcement officers have been instructed to see that it is complied with, stated Mayor Harry P. Cooper this week.

The law with reference to jay walking was passed some time ago, but was held from going into effect on account of the fact that the fountains were in the park in the public square and the ordinance was made so as not to become operative until the fountains were placed on the sidewalks. This has been done and the walkways marked from one side of the street to the other on the four corners. Pedestrians are warned to keep within these walkways, and any one sitting or lounging around on the curbing surrounding the park will be guilty of violating the jay walking law.

Mayor Cooper stated that the people are all being warned this week but that the officers would take more drastic steps to enforce the law next week, and it is hoped that the people will co-operate and comply with the purpose of the ordinance and that no one would have to answer for its violation.

The law as passed is as follows:  
1. It shall be unlawful for any person to "J" walk across the public square in the Town of Murphy, as hereinafter prescribed:

2. All pedestrians or persons on foot are hereby required, in walking from one point in the Public Square to any other point in the same, which requires crossing the public square, to walk between the marked lines which are now drawn from one corner of the sidewalk to

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## P. T. A. HAS A GOOD MEETING SEPTEMBER 10

Meeting Date Changed From Friday To Monday—Other Matters Attended To

The first meeting of the Murphy Parent-Teacher Association for the year 1923-29 was held in the school auditorium Monday afternoon, Sept. 10, 1923.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. H. Hampton.

Prayer by Mr. Sipe.  
Minutes of May 4, read and approved.

Roll call omitted.  
Report of Treasurer as follows:  
Amounts paid out \$2.50  
Balance on hand \$2.50

The president appointed the chairmen of the following committees, the chairmen to select the additional members of their committees.

Program, Miss Triplett.  
Child Welfare, Miss Bailey.  
Publicity, Mrs. W. M. Axley.  
Hospitality, Mrs. E. B. Norvell.  
Ways and Means, Mr. J. D. Warwick.

Membership, Mrs. John E. Posey.  
The names of Mrs. P. H. Sword and Prof. McKinney were added to the Ways and Means Committee to take the place of Mrs. J. H. Hampton and Prof. Caler.

The appointing of the School Attendance Committee was deferred and the president also asked for time for consideration before appointing a committee who will have charge of the art exhibit, October 24-27th, which exhibit is to be sponsored by the association.

After discussion it was voted to change the meetings of the association from the first Friday afternoon in each month to the first Thursday afternoon in each month, the hour of meeting to remain the same, 3:15.

The matter of dues was discussed and it was decided to allow the treasurer time, during the meetings, for the collecting of dues from those who desire to pay monthly.

A number of the teachers, who have been added to the faculty this year, told of the activities and accomplishments of which they had been members.

Mr. Sipe told of the very pressing need of the different grades for supplementary readers, and Mrs. Mattox spoke of the need of a definite parking space for cars in order to protect the school grounds.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to see to the matter of securing supplementary readers for the grades but after discussion, it was decided to leave this matter open until grade mothers for the different grades have been elected. At this time, the method of electing grade mothers was explained by Mr. Sipe.

It was moved and seconded that a count be made of the number of mothers present in order to determine the awarding of the picture to the grade having the most mothers present.

Motion for adjournment.

## DR. J. A. SHARP SERIOUSLY ILL

Dr. J. A. Sharp, president of Young Harris College, and noted educator, was taken to a Gainesville hospital last week where he is seriously ill with cancer of the stomach. His recovery, according to physicians, is very doubtful. His many friends in this section will be deeply grieved to learn of the serious condition of their beloved friend.

Dr. and Mrs. York, of St. Petersburg, Fla., spent several days here last week with Miss Hattie Axley.

## STUDY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN CHEROKEE

This County One of Five In State Picked By State Organization For This Work

Cherokee County has been selected as one of the five counties in which a study of school attendance will be made during the fall school term. Miss Elizabeth Smith, director of the division of school attendance of the state board of charities and public welfare, who is in charge of the survey, will visit Cherokee County October 1 to meet with Parent-Teacher organizations, community groups, and city and county teachers. A survey will be launched in an effort to obtain accurate information as to why children are absent from school, and a school attendance drive will be started. Mrs. Cathleen Warren, superintendent of public welfare, will begin the study in the meantime in preparation for Miss Smith's visit. Miss Smith was formerly superintendent of public welfare in Cherokee County.

Other counties that have been selected for this study are Halifax, Moore, Lenoir, and Union. The five counties were selected because as a group they include practically all the school attendance problems, including the rural county, the mill county, the mountain county, and the farm tenant county.

The results of the survey, which is to determine the percentage of absences that may be attributed to sickness, indifference of the parents, farm work, other types of work, or non-enrollment, will be tabulated by the division of school attendance through the assistance of the teachers and parents. These results will be returned to the county to be used as a basis for future efforts to increase school attendance.

The survey is to be undertaken as a result of the recent investigation by Miss Smith which showed that teachers in North Carolina schools marked "Absent" by the names of 212,254 children during the school year of 1926-27.

North Carolina's rank in relation to the percentage of children seven to thirteen years old, attending school daily, is ninth from the bottom of the list, and those states falling below are all of the South, Miss Smith pointed out.

The county unit of the organization to increase school attendance includes the superintendent of public welfare and truant officers as the administrative force, and the superintendent of schools and the rural supervisors as advisors. The co-operation of the people of the communities and the principals and teachers will be enlisted in the drive to be held this fall. They will be reached through Parent-Teacher groups or through committees of local people.

The aims will be: to create community interest in school attendance; to help the teachers get the correct reasons for absences; to help make the adjustments in the home necessary for the child's return to school; and to make the parents realize the value of an education.

## REPUBLICANS TO HEAR SPEAKER

Hon. W. H. Fisher, Republican candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, will speak at the court house in Murphy on Sept. 24th, which is next Monday, at 8 o'clock in the evening, according to announcement this week by leading Republicans of the county.

The public is cordially invited and requested to be present.

## CHEROKEE CO. FAIR THIS YEAR OCTOBER 3-6

Preparations Made For Housing Livestock Expected To Increase Entries

Final and last minute preparations are being made this week for the annual Cherokee County Fair, which is to be held from the 3rd to the 6th of October. The premium lists, which have recently been distributed, show a larger variety of prizes and awards than recent fair catalogues in this section. On the whole, crops have been rather good and the county and this section is expected to make a good showing at this fair.

Not only Cherokee County, but the entire surrounding community is expected to participate in the fair. Adjoining counties are invited to place county exhibits at the fair.

Preparations for taking care of live stock are now under way by the construction of a stock barn. It will be possible, this year, therefore, for those who exhibit live stock to bring their entries and leave during the entire live stock period of the fair. This has not been possible in the past. Consequently, it is expected that more interest will be shown in the live stock section of the fair.

Provision has been made for the most extensive mid-way attractions yet shown at a local fair—it is believed by fair officials. The Amusement Company has contracted for the exclusive privileges on the grounds this year. This is a large carnival company carrying the better type of concessions and travelling by train. It will come to Murphy from Jonesville, Va.

Weather conditions permitting, it is expected that this will be the best attended fair ever held in his section.

## MURPHY HAS FINE CHANCE FOR CANNERY

Plant Will Locate Here On Proposition of Four Hundred Acres of Beans and Tomatoes

Cherokee County has the opportunity now of securing a large commercial canning plant if the farmers and gardeners show enough interest in it to raise the products to be canned. The canning company has signified its intention of moving a large outfit to Murphy and has made temporary arrangements to house the plant. During the next sixty days the county agent and a corps of workers will canvass the farming population to ascertain if they are willing to grow a crop to be sold to the cannery. If the farmers will agree to do this, the plant will be brought here during the winter months and installed and be ready for operation early next spring.

The first season the plant, if located here, will confine its efforts largely to canning beans and tomatoes. The canning company will furnish the seed to the growers and in turn will buy their products, paying cash at the end of each month for all products bought during the month. After the cannery is going well, it proposes to extend its operations to other crops, the only requirements being that they shall not be harvested while another crop is as the plant would be unable to handle the crops at the same time.

The farmers in Cherokee and adjoining counties in North Carolina and Georgia are asked to agree to plant 400 acres of tomatoes and beans before the plant will locate here. It is recommended that one farmer plant on the average of from 3 to 5 acres. This means that from

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## MERCHANTS FORM CREDIT ORGANIZATION

Next Meeting To Be Held Next Thursday Night At Court House

The merchants and business men of Murphy met in the court house last Monday night and formed a temporary organization looking to the permanent establishment of a Merchant's Credit Association. After some discussion, the meeting elected temporary officers as follows: W. M. Fain, President; Wm. P. Payne, vice president; D. V. Carringer, secretary; and J. B. Storey, treasurer.

The primary object of the meeting was to organize a credit association, but, after discussion of the many activities a merchant's association could participate in, it was decided to postpone permanent organization and hold another meeting, which was set for Thursday night, Sept. 27th, at which time it is hoped to have a speaker from the Asheville Merchant's association to address the merchants, business and professional men of the town. The committee appointed to arrange for a speaker and program next Thursday night is composed of the following: D. V. Carringer, George W. Candler, George W. Ellis, and Bill Adams. A membership committee was appointed as follows: Wm. P. Payne, C. W. Bailey, G. D. Ledford and W. M. Fain.

The meeting was largely attended and from reports of those who called the meeting the organization of a credit association for Murphy was unanimously favored by the merchants and business men of the town. It is the plans of the association to establish a centrally located office in which will be listed all bad and past due accounts for collection and also keep such information and data as relates to a credit association or merchant's association. After the next meeting, a charter of incorporation will be applied for and then permanent organization effected.

## First Federal Court Bryson City Nov. 26

All cases pending on the Asheville Criminal Docket of the United States District Court, which arose in the Counties composing the Bryson City Division have been transferred to the Bryson City Court and will be tried at the Term of United States Court beginning at Bryson City, November 26, 1923.

All defendants whose cases arose in a County embraced in the Bryson City Division are bound by law to appear at the Bryson City Court for trial. The Counties composing the Bryson City Division are as follows: Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Jackson, Macon, Clay.

