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## PROGRAM OF RELIEF IS DISCUSSED

Community Club Committees and County Directors of Relief in Meeting Tuesday

The committees and agencies of relief from the different communities of the county met at the court house Tuesday afternoon and named a central welfare council or committee to co-operate in a program formulated by the Governor's office of relief and the agricultural extension division of the North Carolina State College.

Thirteen communities were represented at the meeting. Six hundred and fifty families are now on the pay roll. Garden seeds will be distributed to families in exchange for work done. Responsible men in each community will supervise the work of planting garden plots. One-half acre will be allotted to a family of five.

More gardens were planted in Cherokee county last year than ever before and these will have to be increased this year, Mr. Gray said. Miss Annie B. Bailey, home economics teacher in the Murphy high school, suggested appointing competent women in each community to supervise the canning of surplus fruits and vegetables for winter use.

C. F. Parrish, of Raleigh, State poultry specialist, spoke of the value of poultry raising in the relief program and urged the raising of turkied poultry. R. A. Dewar, chairman of relief work in the Andrews area, spoke of the work in his territory. A number of talks were made by representatives from different communities over the county.

The committee named follows: R. W. Gray, chairman of the county relief work; A. L. Martin, superintendent of Public Instruction and county welfare officer; R. A. Dewar, chairman of the relief work in the Andrews area; R. H. King, Mrs. W. B. Johnson, of Murphy, and Mrs. R. A. Dewar, and the Rev. Troutman of Andrews, members of the county Welfare Board; E. C. Moore, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners; P. A. Mauney, chairman of the County Board of Education; Mrs. D. W. Swan, president of the Andrews Woman's Club; Mrs. C. W. Savage, president of the Murphy Woman's Club; Mrs. G. W. Ellis, chairman Murphy Associated Charities; W. M. Fain, Murphy Lions Club; and W. D. (Bill) Whitaker, Andrews Rotary Club. This committee got together following the meeting organized and discussed the work before it.

The organization of this council is a part of the comprehensive statewide farming program being instituted by the Governor's office of relief and the agricultural extension division of the State College, and is designed to correlate the work of the relief and agricultural agencies now at work within the county toward the end that a sufficient amount of food and feed stuffs might be produced to supply the needs of the destitute families of Cherokee county.

Four definite objectives are proposed:

1. To aid every relief family living on a farm, whether owner or tenant, to produce food, including gardens and farm crops, and feed crops of sufficient variety and quantity for home consumption and to conserve fruits and vegetables for winter use.
2. To transfer from the cities and towns to farms as many as possible of those families now living in town but who have had farm experience.
3. To promote subsistence gardens in towns and cities.
4. To establish, under competent supervision in the vicinity of towns and cities, community farms on which relief workers living in the towns would produce food.

The central administration of the program will be in charge of the Governor's Office of Relief and the Agricultural Extension Division of State College. The details of putting the plan into practice in each county will be the responsibility of the person who is now serving as relief director, aided by a local advisory council composed of the present relief committee, the board of agriculture and representatives of the public. The county farm agents, home demonstration agents, and teachers of agricultural and home economics, in counties where such exist, will actively assist the county relief director in carrying out the program.

## Murphy School News

(Some of the school news had to be omitted two weeks ago. Then we had a breakdown of our type setting machine, followed by a delay in securing repairs. As a consequence, a number of school news items have become old and out of date. We have gleaned, the most, up to date items and they are carried this week. And school news heretofore submitted and not carried this week will not be carried.—Ed.)

We are glad that we can have our school news again. The editors have missed this phase of their work the past two weeks.

### SENIOR CLASS

Members of the senior class entertained with a party last Saturday night in the Home Economics room. Games and contests were enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Laura Hamilton, Margaret Mauney, Mary Witherspoon, Irene Branlett, Grace Bell, "Sis" Parker, Buei Adams Frank Ferguson, Frank Mayfield, Jerry Davidson, Jr., Douglas Smith, "Budgie" Brendle, Bobby Rector, Robert Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Bueck, Misses Bailey, Shull, Iby and Le May. "Budgie" Brendle

### HIGH SCHOOL TO ENTER TRIANGULAR DEBATE

At an early date the debating team will be chosen who will represent Murphy in the triangle composed of Stecoah, Highlands and Murphy. The preliminary takes place next month and the finals at Chapel Hill in April.

Mary Witherspoon

### JUNIOR CLASS

Concert to be given in High School Auditorium

On Tuesday evening, February 28, at 7:30 o'clock the Junior class will sponsor an entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Graisa. The entertainment features will consist of singing, piano numbers, violin, tenor, banjo, and cello.

Mrs. Graisa is a graduate of Wesley College, at Macon, Ga., and is well known in Murphy and Blairsville, Ga.

Mr. Graisa has given concerts in Murphy on previous occasions. The admission will be 10c cents for all school children, and 15c for all outsiders.

Plan to attend and enjoy the entertainment. Help Junior class by your presence.

At the class meeting of the tenth grade on last Tuesday, we decided to give the Junior-Senior banquet on March 18, 1933. The banquet will be given in the Murphy Library. All members of the Junior and Senior classes are invited and members of the high school faculty.

For the past week the tenth grade English class has been studying the story "Launcelot and Elaine", by Tennyson. This story is one of the Idyls of the King.

Raone Hampton

### FIFTH GRADE

The class regrets very much that Rhea Rice is absent on account of illness.

The entire elementary school enjoyed the Washington program rendered on Tuesday morning of this week by the third grade.

Each day the class discusses articles of interest from newspapers, as a result some of the students are getting to be newspaper "Fans."

Miss Leatherwood

### FOURTH GRADE

The fourth grade is very glad to have Virginia Mulkey, Hubert Mulkey and Evelyn Hall back in school after absence due to illness. Pluma Hughes is still out, but we hope she will be back soon.

The fourth grade is celebrating Washington's Birthday by learning more about his life. Several pupils

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Already steps have been taken to put the program into action. Letters of instruction to agricultural extension workers and county relief directors have already been written by Dean I. O. Schaub of State College and Dr. Fred W. Morrison, State Director of Relief.

The leaders in the movement feel that if properly put into effect it will virtually eliminate the need for public expenditures for food and feed during the coming summer and next winter. As an added incentive to promote the movement it is planned to deny financial assistance unless they agree to produce their feed during the coming summer and own food.

## BILL SEEKS TO PROTECT CO. FUNDS

Cover Introduces Measure Designed To Get An Accounting of Tax Receipts

To protect the revenues and public funds of Cherokee county, Representative G. W. Cover, Jr., of Cherokee, has introduced a bill that places drastic restrictions about the expenditure and outlay of all public moneys.

The bill has passed the house under a suspension of rules and is now before the senate committee on finance. It will probably be considered late this week.

The bill provides:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for the County Accountant or Register of Deeds of Cherokee County to issue any checks, voucher, claim or order for the payment of money out of the public funds of Cherokee County, or for the Treasurer of the County to pay any such check, voucher, claim or order, unless an order or resolution directing such issuance and payment has first been passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County and until such order has been entered upon the Minute Book of the Board in detail, specifying the person to whom issued, the amount of the allowance and the purpose for which made.

Section 2. That within five days after the adjournment of each regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the Register of Deeds and Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board shall prepare a brief statement of all orders for the payment of money passed for the preceding month (specifying therein to whom paid or allowed, the amount and the purpose for which payment or allowance is made) and shall post a copy of such statement at the courthouse door, furnish one copy to each newspaper published in Cherokee County to be published as news should it desire, and file one copy in his office which shall at all times be opened to inspection by the public.

Section 3. The County Superintendent of Public Instruction shall within five days after the adjournment of each regular monthly meeting of the County Board of Education prepare a statement of all revenues received by the County Treasurer for the preceding month for the use of the school fund from whatsoever source derived, and for all warrants, claims or vouchers issued, to whom issued, for what purpose and in what amounts, and shall file one copy in his office for inspection of the public, post one copy at the courthouse door of the County and furnish a copy to each newspaper published in Cherokee County.

Section 4. That on or before the 10th day of each month it shall be the duty of the County Accountant of Cherokee County to prepare a Statement of the revenues received by the County for the preceding month from whatsoever source, naming the source, together with the sums paid out by the Treasurer for the preceding month specifying the Department of County Government for which paid, and shall file one copy in his office for inspection of the public, shall post a copy at the courthouse door and shall furnish a copy to each newspaper published in Cherokee County.

Section 5. That it shall be the duty of the governing Board of each municipality of Cherokee County to monthly cause to be prepared by its clerk a statement of the revenues received by such municipality, from every source whatsoever, naming source, specifying the person to whom and for what purpose paid, and it shall be the duty of the clerk to such board on or after the 10th day of each month to prepare such statement, file the original in his office and post a copy at the door of such board or office and a copy at least at three other public places within the municipality.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the School Board or school Committee of each special charter school district within the County of Cherokee handling and expending public funds, at the close of each school year and on or about the 15th day of June of each such year, to prepare a statement showing in detail the funds and revenues paid over to such special charter district, or its treasurer, from tax collections or any source whatsoever, together with a statement showing all sums expended, to whom paid and for what pur-

## J. D. RECTOR, AGED MURPHY MAN, PASSES

John D. Rector, 85, one of the oldest residents of Murphy and Cherokee county, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, February 14, following a week's illness at the home of his niece Mrs. P. H. Sword, with whom he had made his home for the past nine years.

Mr. Rector was born in Murphy on the site of Old Fort Butler December 15, 1847. He was the son of Noah and Christina Dyche Rector, who were among the first settlers of Murphy and Cherokee county, and the last of a family of five girls and three boys. Mr. Rector was never married. He was a carpenter by trade. He joined the Methodist church in 1896 and for 30 years had not missed Sunday School and church more than twice. He was sexton of the church for a number of years while the Methodist congregation worshipped in the old Harshaw Chapel on the hill overlooking Murphy.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, February 15 at the Methodist church with the Rev. J. H. Carper officiating. He is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were: E. C. Maloney, P. C. Hyatt, E. O. Palmer, Hayes Leatherwood, Fred Swaim, and Ed Barnett. Honorary pallbearers were: L. E. Mauney, George Abbott, Ralph Beal, James Barnett, R. A. Fain, John Axley, Jasper Fain, J. A. Richardson, Arthur Akin, S. D. Akin, A. W. Melver and Neil Davidson. Burial was in the old cemetery.

## BANK OF MURPHY CLOSED ITS DOORS

The Bank of Murphy, Cherokee county's oldest banking institution, closed its doors Tuesday, February 14th and is now in the hands of Gurney P. Hood, State commissioner of banks, for liquidation.

J. L. Whately, and A. W. Lasher, of Asheville, representing W. Bowen Henderson, of Asheville, certified public accountant, are auditing the bank's books. When the audit is completed, which will take perhaps a week, S. G. Owens, assistant liquidating agent of the State, will take charge and liquidate the bank's assets. Mr. Owens is liquidating the Cherokee Bank, the Merchants and Manufacturer's Bank, of Andrews, and the Graham County Bank at Robbinsville.

The Bank of Murphy was organized in 1898 and started business in 1899. For a long time it was the strongest banking institution in this part of the State. It closed on November 21, 1929, and reopened on March 2, 1930, under a depositors' agreement to leave deposits in the bank for two years. The two years expired February 14. No deposits have been received since January 10. The bank has about 150 notes in judgments but was unable to collect.

The closed bank has paid its depositors 30 percent in dividends since it reopened March 21, 1930.

Officers of the bank are: J. W. Lovingood, president; T. N. Bates and E. C. Moore, vice presidents; L. E. Bayless, cashier; W. W. Hyde assistant cashier; J. W. Lovingood, T. N. Bates, E. C. Moore, L. E. Bayless, W. W. Hyde, M. W. Bell, Noah Lovingood, E. P. Hawkins, R. L. Anderson and Mrs. E. G. White, directors.

## Carolina Tar Heels At The Murphy School Auditorium Tonight

The Carolina Tar Heels, an organization comprising six people and favorites of WSB, the Atlanta Journal Radio Station, will make their appearance at the school auditorium tonight under the auspices of the local post of The American Legion. The program begins at 7:30 and will last about one and a half hours.

The program consists of the following:

Claude Davis, guitar wizard and singer of his own songs. Roodle, the Smoky Mountains Yodler. Slim, Dixie's hokum king, in a Laugh a Minute. Sam, Black face and Harmonica. Carolina Clyde and his guitar. Yodling Rogers, the boy with the clarinet voice.

pose, for the preceding year; and it shall be the duty of the secretary to such board to prepare and publish such statement by filing a copy in his office and posting copies thereof at least four public places within such district.

Section 7. Any officer violating and of the provisions of this act punishable by fine or imprisonment shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and or both in the discretion of the

## PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON NO. 28

Highway 28, Between Murphy And Clay County Line, Is Being Improved

Work is progressing rapidly on Highway No. 28, between Murphy and the Clay county line at Brass-town, and, despite the unusual amount of rain, snow and cold weather, very little time has been lost.

This link is 7.06 miles in length, and is the last piece of road in the State, between county seats, to be graded. The road was relocated last summer, and work of grading was begun December 5. Two large gasoline operated shovels are in use, one at each end of the project, removing dirt and rock. The road is being widened, all dangerous curves eliminated, and the mileage is considerably reduced.

### Residence Being Moved

A residence in the edge of town, belonging to R. S. Parker and occupied by A. E. Vestal, plant manager of the local Southern Bell Telephone company, and family, adjacent to the road, is being moved to make room for the new route.

On the new road, a five-span reinforced deck girder bridge, 235 feet in length, is being erected across Hiwassee river, near Brasstown, to take place of the existing bridge. The new bridge is located approximately 200 feet up stream from the small bridge, which eliminates the small bridge over Brasstown Creek, this location being east of the mouth of Brasstown Creek.

The Hobbs-Peabody company, of Charlotte, has the contract for the bridges and culverts. There are 10 reinforced concrete box culverts on the road, the contract for which has been sub-let to the C. W. Buchanan company of Marion. Twenty-five percent of this work has been completed. The Hobbs-Peabody company is crushing its own stone at a quarry here, the crushing outfit having been purchased for this purpose.

The shovel located at the Brass-town end of the project is owned and operated by the J. P. Dieus company, of Waynesville.

### Wood Firm Has Contract

The A. E. Wood Construction company, of Andrews, has the contract for this 7.6 miles link of road. C. Jamison of Nashville, Tenn. is general manager of the company. C. B. Pullen, of Nashville, is superintendent in charge, and S. H. Williams, of Raleigh, is resident engineer.

The contractor's forces include 77 men, 14 executives and supervisory, 19 skilled men, and 44 laborers. The engineering forces include one resident engineer, one instrument man, one inspector, and three rodmen.

The equipment includes two gasoline operated shovels, six motor trucks, three concrete mixers, one rock crusher, one bulldozer, and one roller.

## HENRY PALMER DIES AT HOME AT HANGINGDOG

Henry Palmer, 64, well-known farmer of the Hangingdog section, died at his home Tuesday night, January 31, at 10:30 o'clock, following an illness of two weeks with diabetes.

Mr. Palmer was born and reared in Cherokee county, and married Miss Katie Arrowood, also of this county. He was a prominent farmer and leader in his community. At one time he was a member of the Cherokee County Road Commission. He had a great many friends as was attested by the large crowd which gathered to pay their last respects to the departed.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, February 2nd, at 11 o'clock, from the Hangingdog church, with the Rev. W. R. Lunsford officiating. Interment was in the churchyard.

Surviving are his wife and five children: Mrs. M. C. Lovin and Mrs. W. T. Stevens, of Hangingdog; Mrs. N. F. Harper, of Regal; two sons, Lawson and Oscar Palmer, of Hangingdog; two brothers, J. F. and B. B. Palmer of Marble; three sisters, Mrs. Ray Kephart, of Grandview; and Mrs. Monroe Lovingood, of Madisonville, Tenn., and a host of other relatives.

Section 8. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.