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LEGION BEAUTY PAGEANT TO BE MONDAY NIGHT

Winner To Get Loving Cup and Free Trip To Wrightsville Beach

One of the really big events planned for the summer season in Murphy will be staged Monday night, July 31, at the school auditorium when the American Legion beauty pageant, sponsored by the Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96, will be presented to the public. The curtain is expected to rise at 8 o'clock.

The management has announced that the winner in the pageant will be designated "Miss Murphy," and will be presented with a loving cup, and be given a free trip to Wrightsville Beach to take part in the state-wide contest of a similar nature. There will be out of town judges.

Entries sponsored by business houses, manufacturers and clubs, are as follows:

Cherokee Motor Company, Lois Sneed; W. M. Fain Grocery Co., Inc., Mildred Akin; Wofford-Terrell Co., Frances Dixon; Cherokee Hardware Co., Inc., Woodfin Posey; Coca Cola Bottling Co., Kathleen Axley; The Maples, Katherine Abernathy; Regal Hotel, Margaret Savage; Walter Coleman, Mary Witherspoon; Candler's Department Store, Sara Ruth Posey; Murphy Beauty Shoppe, Polly Davis; Lahn's Department Store, Helen Moody; Davidson & Carringer, Elizabeth Franklin; Ideal Cleaners, Grace West; Murphy Service Station, Mae Cornwell; Murphy Cafe, Lucy Warner; A. & P. Tea Company; Leila Posey; Mauney Drug Company, Edna Patton; Whitaker's Bargain Store, Mary King Mallonee; Southern States Power Company, Margaret Witherspoon.

Murphy Theatre, Sara Padgett; Dickey Chevrolet Company, Cecil Mattox; Cherokee Manufacturing Company, Pearl Baker; Standard Oil Company, Laura Hamilton; Johnson's Market, Helen Warner; Marie's Cafe, Dorothy Heighway; Don Witherspoon Mary Weaver; Moody & Moody, Edith Crawford; B. I. Padgett, Grace Parker; The Cherokee Scout, Emogene Bates; The Lions Club Carrie Moody; The Woman's Club, Irene Monroy.

The Legion and the Junior Woman's Club sponsors the following: Louise Axley, Ruth Padgett, Ruth Akin, Pauline Allen, Mariam Moore, Gladys Palmer, Mary Katherine Hensley, Lucy Lloyd, Tommie Copenberger, Wilda Mason, Cleo Ramsey, Eva Nell Lauria, Marie Price, Mabel Lassey, Adella Meroney, Carolyn Overwood.

Following are boosters: Ezzo Service Station; R. S. Parker, Druggist; Gray & Christopher, Attorneys.

The program includes piano selections by Miss Mary Nell Williamson, the Grand March Ensemble, instrumental and vocal trios by Mary Katherine, Leon and Tom Axley Jr., and vocal solos by Mrs. Emogene Bates and Miss Dorothy Lahn.

Junior Shakespeare Club Has Picnic

The Junior Shakespeare Club enjoyed a picnic after their meeting at Cool Spring last Monday morning. Those present were:

King Lear Club: Mildred Hill, Nick Posey, Sarah Witherspoon, Elizabeth Gray, Hubert Wells, John Brittain, Charlotte Trotter, Dorothy Lahn, Wallace Riccamore, Mary Willard Cooper, Sarah Sword. Romeo Club: Mary Porter Fain, Ella Jean Wells, Jesamin Vestal, Margaret Meroney, Sue Wells, Katie Higgins, Juanita Healey.

JAMES-WINKLER

Miss Annie James and Rev. Oscar Winkler were married at Blairsville, Ga. July 23rd, 1933. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy married life.

Mr. R. F. Williamson and daughters, Misses Mary Nell and Robbie Williamson and son, George Tate, spent the week end with Mrs. M. J. Tate at Tellico Plains, Tenn. Mr. Williamson and daughter, Mary Nell and son George Tate, returned home Sunday and Miss Robbie Williamson remained with her grandmother, Mrs. M. J. Tate for a visit.

We are still taking produce, and though it is advancing on the market daily, the price of The Scout is still \$1.00 a year. How long we will be able to continue at that price we do not know. We would like to have some beans, potatoes and tomatoes. What have you?

Decrease of 41 per cent In Relief March to June

Raleigh, July 20—A decrease of 41 per cent in the number of North Carolina families aided in June as compared with the peak load in March was reported to day by the Governor's Office of Relief. The number aided during June was 92,272 as compared with 164,000 during March.

This total represents a decrease of nearly 13 percent below the 111,778 families aided during May.

Ronald B. Wilson, acting director of relief, attributed the decrease in aid needed to three causes: Improved business conditions, a logical seasonal decline, and the fact that many families are now dependent upon their sons who are enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Despite the improved conditions generally, there are six counties whose relief load during June was higher than at any time since Federal Relief funds became available. They are Cherokee, Columbus, Dare, Franklin, Hertford and Swain. Two of these counties, Cherokee and Swain are mountainous and located in the extreme Western section of the State; two others, Dare and Columbus, are coastal, and Franklin and Hertford are easterly inland counties. Thus every section except the Piedmont is represented among the six counties whose rate of destitution has not decreased.

For comparative purposes the number of families aided during each of the months since March, the high month, by counties in this immediate section is listed below:

County	March	April	May	June
Cherokee	1,116	1,106	1,135	1,160
Clay	691	783	515	407
Graham	454	425	410	353
Macon	546	1,100	1,100	400
Swain	505	494	422	529

The total relief expenditures for June for Cherokee and adjoining counties, follows:

County	Amount
Cherokee	\$6,100
Clay	2,030
Graham	3,054
Macon	1,842
Swain	2,678

Lions Enjoy Picnic Outing Tuesday Night Card Of Thanks

The Murphy Lions Club enjoyed a picnic outing Tuesday night at River side Park, the occasion being the regular meeting night, and was participated in by both the Lions and Lionesses and Cubs.

Supper was spread picnic fashion under the pavillion, and hearty appetites were appeased in beautiful fashion by the great variety of eats was cooked on the ground.

Following the supper, a short business session was held, in which the Lions voted to extend an invitation to the Andrews Rotary Club to bring their ladies and join the Lions in a picnic at Riverside Park on the second Tuesday in August.

The Lions also voted to sponsor a young lady in the American Legion's Beauty Pageant next Monday night, and George Ellis, W. W. Hyde and Virgil Johnson were named a committee to deal with this matter.

Harold Hatchett, proprietor of the Murphy Cafe and prominent young business man of Murphy, was elected to membership in the club.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins and little daughter, Elizabeth Anne, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fain and little daughter Mary Porter, The Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson, Mrs. C. W. Bailey and little daughters, Mary Helen and Carolyn, Mr. E. C. Moore, and Dr. Edw. E. Adams.

The Lions and their ladies are to be guests of the Blairsville Lions Club at a barbecue and picnic sometime in August.

Seek Completion Highway Projects In Cherokee County

Dr. J. N. Hill of Murphy and P. B. Ferree, of Andrews, attended the meeting of the new North Carolina Highway Commission at Raleigh Monday and asked that some of the federal funds allocated this state be spent on definite projects in this section.

Dr. Hill asked for the completion of the Culberson-Mineral Bluff link of the Georgia connection, and also for the completion of the unfinished portion of the Joe Brown Highway between Unaka and Tellico Plains, link of the Tennessee connection. Both projects have been called to the attention of the highway commission before, and are both old projects, as well as being inter-state connections which are highly desirable by the people not only of this section, but other sections of the state as well.

Mr. Ferree asked that dangerous curves on Route 10, between Wesser and Almond, in Swain county, be eliminated and this portion of the road be relocated. The stretch of road referred to is seven or eight miles in length, very narrow and is so crooked that it passes one man's house three times, and Mr. Ferree said motorists were nauseated while making the bends, and many of them drove miles out of their way in order to avoid this link.

Dr. Hill said that Frank W. Miller, of Waynesville, commissioner for this district and several other members of the State Highway commission indicated they would visit this western section of the state within the near future and inspect these projects. Both Dr. Hill and Mr. Ferree said they were hopeful of favorable reports on the projects after the highway commissioners make their inspection.

Besides Dr. Hill and Mr. Ferree, other members of the delegation from this section included State Senator Robert Patton, of Franklin, and State Senator W. R. Francis, of Waynesville.

This delegation was one of the hundreds which paraded before the State Highway-Public Works Commission Monday presenting arguments they are anxious to have included in for patricular road projects which the \$11,000,000 federal aid highway program for North Carolina which gets under way this summer. A ceaseless string of delegations paraded to 6:30 p. m. and represented rural before the commission from 11 a. m. for the repairing and rebuilding of this fund, Andrews receiving money districts.

Murphy and Andrews will share in its main street, while Murphy is expected to get a new and wider bridge over the Valley River on Route 10, and the street widened from Hiawassee river bridge to the intersection of Route 28 at the West End Filing Station. Just when these projects will get under way is not known, but reliable sources said they were assured.

Delphus F. Graham Died July 21st.

Mr. Dolphus F. Graham, of Wehuttly died at his home July 21st, after a brief illness.

Interment was in Zion Hill cemetery. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Sam Kolfe of Farners, Tenn. and Masonic order. The deceased being a member of Ducktown Lodge No. 241 F & A. M.

The wife and relatives wish to thank all friends friend for their kindness during sickness and death of Mr. Graham.

TAYLOR REUNION

The Taylor reunion was held last week at the home of Mrs. Mattie A. Taylor of Topton. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Grozier and five children of Bridgetown, Tex. Miss Pearl Taylor who returned home with them after having spent the past year and a half at her sister's home in Bridgetown, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson and five children of Topton; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Topton and Mr. Frank Taylor of Topton.

Mr. and Mrs. Grozier and family are on their vacation. After spending a few days at Topton they left Saturday morning for Florida where they will visit Mr. Grozier's parents, and brother and sister before returning to Bridge town, Texas where Mr. Grozier is holding a position in the oil fields.

The many friends of Mr. W. P. Brittain of Peachtree will regret to hear that he had a stroke of paralysis Tuesday.

Mallonee Appointed Attorney For Home Loan Corporation

J. D. Mallonee, county attorney and prominent Murphy lawyer, this week received his appointment as attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation under the federal recovery act for the relief of some owners from mortgages which are on the verge of being foreclosed and to aid and assist them in saving their homes.

Mr. Mallonee will serve for Cherokee County under the district office at Asheville, which district comprises the 17 western counties. He will assist home owners in filling and making applications, examine titles, and do such other necessary and similar work as an agent for the borrowers as may be granted relief from time to time.

Loans made by and through him must be on homes of the owners, either outside or inside corporate limits or towns and cities. However, loans cannot be made on rental property, vacant lots, farms, new construction, second mortgage, nor if dwelling is for more than four families, nor if the value is in excess of \$20,000.

The interest rate for the loans is 6 per cent for cash, and 5 per cent on bond exchange basis. Not more than 40 percent of the value of a home can be secured on a cash loan, and not more than 80 percent of the value can be secured on the bond exchange basis, and not over \$14,000.

Son Of Late Cherokee Chief Recovers Old Census List And Jeff Davis' Letters

After more than a year of effort, Rev. Sibbald Smith, son of the late Nimrod Jarrett Smith, chief of the Cherokees, has just recovered the original roll of the Cherokee nation used by the Confederate government in caring for the Indians during the War between the States. The roll, written with a quill pen, and containing 1,865 names together with a brief biography of each person listed had been loaned by the Rev. Smith to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, but the agent now dead to whom it was entrusted for delivery claimed he had bought it. Fortunately the Rev. Mr. Smith had saved all correspondence relating to the loan of the precious document, and thus, after a year, has been able to regain possession.

In addition to the roll, the minister has the correspondence between General William H. Thomas, commanding the western North Carolina Legion of the southern army, and President Jefferson Davis, relating to the taking of the census, probably the first ever listed in this country. General Thomas had formerly been federal Indian agent for the Cherokee nation, but cast his lot with the Confederacy. The Cherokees followed him, and the Federal Government thereupon declared the Indians treaty abrogated, and refused to extend further aid. General Thomas took the matter up with the Confederate Government, at Richmond, and the southern congress voted an appropriation, and instructed Thomas to have a census taken, for its distribution.

General Thomas delegated this work to Lieutenant John Smith, C. S. A. a half breed Cherokee, grandson of Chief Yonaguski, who ruled the Cherokee nation in 1800, and grandfather of Rev. Sibbald Smith. At the conclusion of the War between the States, the list was returned to General Thomas, who, in turn presented it to Lieutenant Smith. It has been in the latter family ever since, save for the time it was loaned to the Smithsonian Institution.

Rev. Sibbald Smith, a Methodist minister, is a half-breed Cherokee. His great-great-grandfather, a white man, was adopted by Chief Yonaguski when he was 20 years old, and later married the chief's daughter, Sallie (Indian for Sarah), who was 20 years his senior. Chief Yonaguski had no sons, and so a son, a grandson and a great-grandson of the white man's were elected to that office. The Rev. Mr. Smith believes that the white ancestor, who was adopted by the Cherokee, John Smith by name, was a descendant of Captain John Smith, of Virginia Colonial fame. The old minister says he plans to have the roll printed for distribution throughout the mountains, that Indian descendants may learn something of their forebears.—Atlanta Journal.

CHEROKEE AGENT DEFENDS USE OF RELIEF FUNDS

A petition was being circulated throughout Cherokee County, addressed to the governor and asking the removal from office of County Agent R. W. Gray, distributor of Red Cross relief. The petition sets forth that Mr. Gray wrongly used Red Cross funds to hire an attorney to aid a girl 17 in prosecuting her father, a Baptist minister, now held for the grand jury on a serious criminal charge. It also charges Mr. Gray has refused to extend aid except in return for work, whereas many of the recipients are physically unable to perform any labor.

According to the county agent, the entire matter is "a tempest in a teapot." He said:

"In the first place the governor hasn't anything to do with my job. I'm hired by the Red Cross in Washington, and am responsible to them only. It is quite true that I engaged an attorney to aid the girl. She is an ignorant country girl, who, I am convinced, was telling the truth. Without legal counsel, the defense would have gotten her hopelessly confused and a serious crime against decency might have gone unpunished. My job is to distribute food and funds for the aid of the needy, in my discretion and I have no apologies to offer.

"As to making people work for the help they receive, I intend to keep right on doing just exactly that. Of course I don't require work from any one physically unable to perform it. The trouble with too many on the charity list is not that they are unable to work, but that they are unwilling to do so. Two or three have flatly told me that some body has got to feed them and that they don't intend to lift their hands. And about these I can do nothing—for, of course, I can't sit and watch them starve.

"The basis of this whole complaint, I believe will be found in a recent shipment I received, of 1,670 dozen fruit jars. I've made everybody work in payment for them, and that made some of them mad. But what made them madder yet, was the fact that I have been keeping tabs on the folks who got them, seeing that they filled them with fruit or canned vegetables, instead of corn liquor."—Atlanta Journal.

Barber Catches 72 Pound Cat Fish

"Barber" Fox dove into Etowah Monday morning carrying what looked like a cross between a river fish and a whale. Examination showed it to be a yellow catfish, but much larger than the ordinary. It weighed 72 pounds. Fox caught it on a trotline in Hiawassee river, some two miles above Reliance, near the Hood place.

This is the biggest fish yet caught in Hiawassee river, according to old fishermen interviewed by our representatives. The first report was that it weighed over 94 pounds, but Dad Owenby said he would have to see it weighed before he would believe that. It was also reported by "sandhouse" lines that the fish had been washed into Etowah by last week's "flood" and was found in one of the drug stores.

Dick Owenby purchased the giant catfish, donned his apron and began deftly to cut up some fish meat for his patrons. Soon it was gone to that bourne from which no fish ever returns and satisfied fanciers "licked their chops."

Other fishermen in this and adjoining counties will have to set their stakes higher now.—Etowah Enterprise.

Legion Speakers at Shoal Creek Friday

Speakers of the American Legion will be at Shoal Creek Friday night, July 28th, continuing the campaign of the Joe Miller Elkins Post for explaining the economy cuts and regulations, as well as the purposes of the Legion, and its fight for the veterans.

They will appear at Walker School House Tuesday, August 1st, and the public is cordially invited, while the veterans are urged to come out.

Last Friday night, the meeting was held at Oregrea School House, with a large crowd present. The building was not large enough to hold the crowd, and many sat in the windows.

The meeting at Suit Tuesday night and stood on the outside. It was rained out, but a good number braved the storm to meet with the Legionnaires.