

## PLAN OF PENSION FOR OLD PEOPLE DISCUSSED HERE

### Mass Meeting To Be Held For General Discussion Of Townsend Bill.

A mass meeting for the purpose of building sentiment in favor of a proposed bill that would provide all persons over the age of 60 with \$200 per month to be spent in the month, will be held in the court house here Monday noon August 6th, at 12:30 p. m. it was decided at a meeting of citizens interested in having the national government enacting the proposed legislation.

The Townsend plan, so named for a practicing Long Beach, Cal., physician who has been working for the old, indigent sick, would have the national government enact legislation to the effect that all citizens of the United States—man or woman—over the age of 60 years retire on a pension of \$200 per month on the following conditions.

They must not engage in any further labor, business, or profession for gain. Their past life must have been free from habitual criminality. They must take oath to, and actually depend, within the confines of the United States, the entire amount of their pension within 30 days after receiving same.

The plan would have the national government create the revolving fund by levying a general sales tax just high enough to produce the necessary amount to keep the old age revolving pension fund adequate to pay the monthly pensions.

The plan was first originated on the west coast as a means of a permanent national cure for the depression. Of the 48 states, 33 have already made steps to have it brought up in the next session of congress.

The first meeting in North Carolina was held in the woman's club room of the Carnegie library Friday night. It was attended by a group of local citizens and was presided over by Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, a native of Cherokee county who has been for several years in California.

An outline of the Townsend plan (Continued on page 8)

## "CREETUR" PASSES ABOUT SAME TIME AS HUCKLEBERRIES

Interest in the "booger" that not long ago was reported roving the woods out about Cane Creek, seems to have died down as swiftly and as sadly as the huckleberries themselves.

Now even as the huckleberries are carried to the cannery, and the dead ones carried to the ground, reports persist that the "booger" still roams as wild—and as hairy as ever.

Several parties underwent the first steps of organization to go out and scare it out. But elaborate plans to carry 30-foot chains, steel shotgun shells, and long range rifles were forgotten over night.

Sometimes on clear nights the "booger" yells, we are told. We haven't heard it and what's more we don't want to.

We haven't seen Mr. Will Ledford, who first told us the story and gave us the real "McCoy", in a long time. Mr. Hall, who at the time was hauling lumber from his saw mill in that section, said he had people to tell him about it. That was all.

Yes sir, the "booger" might have crawled in her filthy hole until next year about the time berries come ripe again, but we're not going out to look for it.

### NOTICE

The Scout goes to press early Thursday morning. We are always glad to receive news items and contributions. We ask that all news be turned into this office by Wednesday afternoon, if possible, to avoid a last minute rush.

## TVA SURVEYORS CONTINUE WORK ON LOCAL SITE

### Drillers, Geologists Work In Conjunction With Basin Surveyors

Twenty men working on the survey alone, no including one group of geologists and a group in charge of the drilling, continue to survey the basin of the Coleman dam site.

Those working under, Mr. Price, handling the drills, are half way finished with the third hole which is being drilled out in the river. The shafts are being sunk to an approximate depth of 60 feet. The quality of the rock bed of the Coleman site could not be learned.

Under the direction of J. D. Blagg, unit chief in charge of the survey of the basin, four test pits just above the axis of the dam have been dug to a depth of eight feet to classify the overburden, or the depth and amount of soil in top of the rock bed.

The control traverses, or basic lines of survey have been half finished, as well as the survey of the other levels.

Indications are that the parties of surveyors have been stationed here for at least one year. George D. Whitmore, director of surveys for the TVA, comes here often on official business.

As to the beginning of the actual construction, definite information is being closely withheld by TVA officials in Knoxville. Publicity sheets coming from TVA advertising headquarters fail to give any information on the local site. However general sentiment, both from the Authority and local citizens who have eagerly followed the developments here, is optimistic toward the feasibility and possibility of building the dam on the local site.

## MR. PATTON BURIED HERE ON TUESDAY

### Died Sunday Night From Gun Wounds Inflicted By Atlanta Negroes.

Funeral services were held here Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock for Tom Patton, 47, a native of Cherokee county, who allegedly was shot by two negroes in Atlanta, Ga., Saturday night. He died Sunday night at 8:35 at the Grady hospital.

The body was brought here by C. B. Hill, local mortician, and funeral services were held at the Patton house with Rev. T. F. Higgins officiating. Burial was in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Patton was well known here where he had many relatives and friends. He was born here and had lived here up until about seven years ago.

Fallbearers were: Fred Dickey, Lorwy Gentry, Tom Mauney, Sheridan Heighway, H. E. Dickey, Hayes Leathewood, Ed Barnett and Ben Posey.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Patton; one daughter, Miss Edna Patton, of Murphy, and one sister, Mrs. J. J. Hastings, of Sylva. Atlanta officers are seeking the two negroes whose descriptions were given by Miss Norma Logan, of Atlanta, who was Patton's companion at the time.

According to information received here, Patton and Miss Logan were walking on the street when two negroes came up. One of them walked between Patton and Miss Logan and Patton reprimanded him. The negro then pulled out a revolver and fired five times, three of the shots taking effect in the body.

Hearing Miss Logan screams, Herman Logan, her brother, who lives nearby, rushed out and the negroes fled. Logan took the wounded man to the hospital.

## TWO MEN HELD CHARGED WITH ROBBING STORE

### Willie Strange And Herman Logan Apprehended By County Officers

Willie Strange, of Murphy, N. C. was lodged in jail last week on a charge of breaking and entering the store of Garland P. Messer, country merchant whose store is located in the western section of Towns county near Young Harris, about two weeks ago.

Strange was taken into custody by officers of North Carolina when they arrested John Queen, Cherokee county youth, at his home near Murphy on a warrant from another county, and found a quantity of the stolen goods identified by Mr. Messer and belonging to him.

Following his arrest, Queen is said to have told officers he purchased the goods from Strange and two other Cherokee county youths, whose names were withheld by officers pending arrest.

Clyde Messer, son of the merchant, was with the North Carolina deputy when Queen was arrested, and officers said he discovered Queen wearing a pair of shoes very much like those stolen from his father's store. He is said to have asked Queen where he found shoes of that kind, and Queen answered that he bought them from a group of men on a certain night some two weeks ago. The date coincided with the night his father's store was robbed.

Queen told officers he bought some other goods from them at the same time. He showed the goods and implicated Strange as one of the men from whom he had made the purchase. The goods were seized and carried to Murphy, where Mr. Messer later identified them. Queen was held under bond as a material witness pending the arrest of those he implicated.

Strange was apprehended by North Carolina officers and returned to Georgia by Sheriff Ingraham of Towns county Saturday. He did not fight extradition.

Herman Logan one of the several others who were implicated in the alleged robbing was taken into custody early this week when Cherokee county officers saw his name in Atlanta newspapers which carried a story to the effect that he had been called to the scene of the shooting of Tom Patton, former Murphy resident.

Henry Rose accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Messer, said they went to Atlanta and got Logan and brought him back. Logan, according to Rose, fought extradition and waived preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Rose also said he has received information on several robberies in the county that should lead to arrests soon.

## SCOUT DOUBLES CIRCULATION IN PAST 8 WEEKS

A public sworn statement was made this week by the publisher of the Scout, that the circulation of the Cherokee Scout has been doubled during the past eight weeks.

The management appreciates the enthusiasm with which the Scout has been received and the many people that have used the columns of the Scout for an advertising medium that brings results.

The Scout is carrying a large number of local advertisements this week end every week. We invite you to go through the pages of this paper and look at the ads closely. Their bargains and savings are genuine. They are messages written to the public inviting business and trade. They are not twisted, colored, or contorted that they might mislead an unsuspecting public. They are genuine bargains offered to the public in aiding the return of prosperity.

## CLOSE TO 9000 GALLON BERRIES CANNED SO FAR

### Approximately \$2,150 Paid Out For Berries Here During Past Week

Murphy cannery checks for berries will be cashed Saturday by Dale Lee, secretary and treasurer of the Murphy Canning Association, at Candler's store, Mr. Lee announced Thursday.

During the first seven days the new Murphy cannery was open this season 8,435 gallons of berries were canned, it was announced by I. H. Hampton, manager of the cannery Wednesday.

Through Monday night, the completion of the first week 6,773 gallons were canned. Last Monday 1,950 gallons were canned in one day, according to the official figures.

Only the choicest berries are being received, Mr. Hampton said, but there is a natural waste of 1 1/2 to possibly 2 percent. On this basis it was estimated that close to \$2,150 have been paid out for berries so far.

The cannery most of the time has been working near capacity output and has been employing 26 people of which number 16 are women.

Less than 10 percent of the berries canned, it was estimated, were huckleberries. Definite information as to when the canning of berries would give way to the canning of tomatoes has not been announced.

J. A. Barr, head of the TVAC in this section, left Murphy Wednesday afternoon to open another canny at Cranberry farther up in the western part of the state. He will return next week.

## CURRICULUM OF COMING SCHOOL YEAR DISCUSSED

### Conference Of All City And County School Heads Held Monday

A conference of city and county superintendents and elementary and high school principals was held in the office of county school superintendent A. L. Martin Monday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock with A. B. Combs, high school supervisor; Miss Hattie S. Parrott, elementary school supervisor, and Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, library supervisor, participating as officials of the executive council of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. Combs discussed the new course of study for grades one to eleven, and outlined the plan of appointment of committees for reviewing these courses, while Miss Parrott teachers meetings and the new course of study as applied to the elementary department. Mrs. Douglas outlined the library program and suggested methods for making the school library a really useful factor in the school curriculum.

Tracts and pamphlets were distributed to those attending covering the various phases of the curriculum for the coming year, and educational authorities feel that the meeting was a valuable aid in helping the principals and superintendents of the county to better understand the curriculum for the coming scholastic year. About fifteen attended the meeting. The state adopted textbooks for the year 1934-1935, which will be published in the Scout next week.

### Miss Harriet Berry Ill

In a letter from Miss Harriet M. Berry, "mother of the state highway commission," this week it was learned that she was taking sick just after she left here last Thursday and was advised by her doctor "to take a rest." Miss Berry is now in Little Switzerland, N. C.

## MURPHY SCHOOL OPENING DATE IS SET FOR SEPT. 3

### Preliminary Supplemental Budget Of \$2000 For Unit Is Approved

The Murphy schools will open on Monday, September 3. H. Bueck, superintending principal of the Murphy unit, announced today following a meeting of the board of education.

In addition to setting the date for the schools to open, the board approved a preliminary supplementary budget of \$2,000 for the unit. This budget is made up to take care of plant maintenance, insurance, repairs and janitor supplies, for the school year of 1934-1935. Mr. Bueck said, and is yet to be approved by the State authorities.

The faculty as announced by Mr. Bueck for the coming year includes, high school: B. R. Carroll, Murphy, N. C.; Miss Ruth Holshouser, Salsbury, N. C.; Miss Ruby Courtney, Williston, S. C.; Miss Fannie Hathcock, Concord, N. C.; O. W. Dorton, Robbinsville, N. C.; E. V. Evans, Chapel Hill, N. C.; and K. C. Wright, Murphy.

Elementary department: Miss Clara McCombs, Miss Martha Mayfield, Miss Emily Sword, Miss Addie Leatherwood, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Mrs. Fannie Witt Case, Mrs. Leila Axley, all of Murphy; and Miss Margaret Hall, Newport, N. C.; Miss Estelle Mauney, Kinsey, N. C., and Miss Daij McCracken, Hayesville, N. C.

Rural schools of the unit; Grape Creek, Frank Walsh, Miss Marnel Williamson and Miss Bessie Crain, Murphy; Tomotla, Mrs. McFalls, of Andrews; Miss Leila Hayes, Tomotla, N. C., and Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Murphy; Bates Creek, Mrs. Franklin Smith and Miss Loucine Wells, Murphy; Texana (colored), George L. Henry and Laura Ella Jones, Murphy.

## STATE OFFICIAL IS HERE WITH KETNER TO INSPECT CROPS

H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist from the State College of agriculture at Raleigh, was here this week, on an inspection tour of potato and tomato crops in this section. He was accompanied by A. Q. Ketner, Cherokee county agent.

In the potato crop, Mr. Ketner said, they found leaf blight prevalent. This disease causes them to rot and kills the vine. Mr. Niswonger recommended that in cases where it was serious to dig the potatoes now and store them in cellars and in the ground.

In every tomato patch, the county agent said, plenty of blight and wilt was found. For the wilt the only thing to do is pull up all plants so diseased and carry them out of the field. For the blight the tomatoes should be sprayed, it was advised by Mr. Niswonger, with a Bordeaux mixture 3-4-50.

"In the meantime", Mr. Ketner added, "if we expect to grow tomatoes in Cherokee county, we'll have to grow our own plants and buy a better grade of seed which will help to resist these diseases. It will be necessary to spray them from the time they are in the seed bed until they are on market."

Mr. Ketner said he would be glad to give any further advice at any time.

All tomato crops were reported affected by these diseases, and in some instances complete crops are destroyed.

### CORRECTION

Last week the Scout carried a news story to the effect that power rates under the TVA were reduced as much as 790 percent. This unavoidable, typographical error should have read, of course, 70 per cent.