

## TALMADGE WILL SPEAK HERE MONDAY

### ROLLINS WILL ADDRESS FIFTY SENIORS HERE

Commencement Services To Be Held Easter Sunday In School Auditorium.

Fifty seniors will graduate from the Murphy High School when commencement exercises are held in the school auditorium Easter Sunday at 3 o'clock. The Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the South, will deliver the baccalaureate address.

Class day exercises will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the school auditorium and the graduation exercises will be held at the school house Tuesday night at 7:30 at which time C. F. Carroll, Jr., superintendent of Swain county schools, will speak to the Seniors.

Pruden Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson was elected valedictorian of the class and Miss Ruth Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Hampton, will deliver the salutatory address. They will speak at the graduation exercises Tuesday night.

The honors came to these two students when Mr. Davidson was found to have an average of 92.5 for the school year, and Miss Davidson's average was 92.05.

Two music recitals under Mrs. Jerry Davidson's direction will be given in the school auditorium. The high school will perform on Thursday night and the grammar school on Friday night. Both recitals will begin at 7:30 in the evening.

An operetta, "The Stolen Flower Queen," will be presented by the grammar grade department Monday night at 7:30.

A number of gay and pleasant events lately have led up to the commencement exercises.

**Junior Class Entertains.**  
The Junior class of the high school entertained the seniors at a banquet in the gymnasium Saturday night. A field meet for the high schools of (Continued on back page)

### Folk Song Collector To Be Heard Friday

Jack Niles, of New York, a frequent visitor of the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown, will sing at the Hampton Memorial Methodist church two miles from here Friday evening at 7 o'clock (CST).

For years Mr. Niles has been interested in collecting folk music, ballads and spirituals from the local mountain sections and spends much of his time here pursuing the hobby. His impressive interpretations of these types of music have delighted audiences both in person or over the radio for some time.

The public is cordially invited to hear the program.

### Water Spout Revived But Stream Is Weak

Parched throats this summer need no longer be so and the timid soul that has not the nerve to stride up to the soda fountains and blandly demand a "hobo phosphate" when he really thinks he ought to buy something, is spared the guilty feeling because some kind benefactor has again drawn forth water from the water spout down by the Davidson building.

It's a weak stream but weak or strong, it's water.

Miss Margaret Witherspoon who is attending Cecil Business College at Asheville spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Witherspoon.

### Court Is Attracting Crowds To Murphy

What with one capital offense case being disposed of, one being tried now and one more coming up before the present term of Superior court before Judge J. A. Rousseau, and Humby whizzing around through the streets of Murphy in a car blindfolded, large crowds have been in town this week.

An extremely heavy criminal docket has kept the jurors, lawyers and witnesses busy and it is doubtful if the court will get around to any civil docket before the very last of the week.

The town seemed much more lively this week than it has in a long time. Country roads are reported in a little better condition than they were some time ago and the many attractions in Murphy recently are giving the folks in the country something to come to town about.

### MURPHY LIONS COMMITTEE TO AID RECEPTION

### Niles Sings Before Club At Regular Meeting Here Tuesday Night

The Lions club at its regular meeting in the Murphy Cafe here Tuesday night was primarily interested in its plans for the reception and entertainment of Gov. Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, who will speak here Monday, and his party.

The Lions club committee which is to cooperate with the general committee in the reception plans is composed of Chairman W. M. Fain, T. A. Case, G. W. Ellis, Dr. R. W. Petrie, and R. W. Gray.

As the highlight of the evening's program, John Jacob Niles of New York, renowned folk song specialist who is particularly interested in the original ballads of this mountain section, rendered a number of solos accompanying himself on several rare fiddles that he acquired in this vicinity. Having offered the same music in the White House for President Roosevelt and his friends several times Mr. Niles talked of his performances before those groups and gave several anecdotes in connection with songs that he "discovered" in Murphy.

Dale Lee who is preparing at the club's suggestion, a pamphlet advertising Murphy and Cherokee county, gave a report on his work, and Park W. Fisher, of the John C. Campbell Folk School faculty, announced that he had done extensive work on the Murphy-Lions sign at the North Carolina-Georgia line.

### Mrs. Burt Shields Is Struck By Lightning

Mrs. Burt Shields, of Tomotla, who was struck by lightning at her home during a severe electrical storm last Friday evening, is reported much improved.

Mrs. Shields suffered severe burns and shock when the lightning in some manner contacted the electrical wires running into the house.

### Warren Sneed Accepts Position In Andrews

Warren Sneed popular young Murphy man, has accepted a position with the Reece Motor company at Andrews and began work selling cars for them Monday.

His place at the Mauney Drug company will be filled by John Brittain, former Murphy boy, who has lately been working in Atlanta.

### CITY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MAY 7 BOARD AGREES

### No Candidates Yet Announce; Partisan Ticket Pending In Raleigh.

Murphy will go to the polls May 7 to vote for the mayor and board of aldermen for the coming year.

As yet no candidates have announced their intention of running, and if a bill now pending the house's action in the legislature becomes law Murphy will resort to the partisan election instead of the citizen tickets they have been running heretofore. The bill was presented about four weeks ago by Senator Vance Browning, of Swain, and it was passed in the senate but there has been no evident action on it in the house.

The court house was named as the polling place.

Henry Hyatt was elected registrar for the election and W. O. Adams and John Davidson were appointed judges.

The registration books opened Saturday and anyone eligible must register before April 4, which date has been named by the present board as challenge day.

### TAX RELIEF BILL INTRODUCED AND UP BEFORE BODY

A bill "for the relief of taxpayers of Cherokee County" was introduced into the legislature Friday and sent to the committee on finance.

It would permit the penalties and interest but not the foreclosure costs, on all 1927-32 taxes. It would also permit the commissioners to allow such taxes to be paid by giving installment notes which would mature in not more than two years and bearing interest at a rate of six per cent from April 1, 1935.

It would prescribe the procedure for giving the notes and enforcing payment of these. The form of notes would be specified and the county would be permitted to withhold or bring suit where the amount is too small to justify it.

### MURPHY BUILDING PROGRAM IS BEING PUSHED STEADILY

Murphy's building program was still being pushed steadily ahead this week.

E. C. Moore's new garage is practically finished on the outside. Although the last work is being done on the interior, he has moved most of his cars into the building.

Work on the new theater is progressing rapidly. The floor of the building, formerly occupied by the Murphy Supply company, has been dropped to a slight angle, the under-joists built in and construction on the front has begun.

Brick walls are being laid around the enlarged Dickey Chevrolet company building and construction on the remodelled building is going forward.

The Hill house has been moved back to an adjoining lot and construction on the new Pure Oil station will start soon.

Work is also being done on several residences.

### Mrs. Walter Mauney

Mrs. Walter Mauney, who has been very ill for the past several weeks, is again able to be up this week, her many friends will be glad to learn. Mrs. Mauney has been suffering with intestinal influenza.

WILL SPEAK HERE



GOV. EUGENE TALMADGE

### PRESIDENT RAPS THOSE OPPOSED TO TVA SET-UP

### Utilities War Resounds On Half A Dozen Fronts In Nations Capitol.

Washington, March 28.—The utilities war resounded on half a dozen capital fronts today with President Roosevelt, himself, joining in the give and take.

The tense feeling between the administration and private utility interests was plainly shown by developments which included:

A letter by the President in which he emphatically denied what he termed unfounded reports that the Tennessee Valley Authority was attempting to "lure" industries from Ohio to the South and charged that "special interests are constantly attempting to thwart the TVA program."

Testimony by S. R. Inch, president of the Electric Bond and Share company, before the house interstate commerce committee that the electric and gas industries could be leaders in the drive for business recovery if "given fair regulation instead of the proposed destructive public utilities (holding company) bill."

An assertion by David E. Lilienthal, TVA director, that a "change" in the situation might bring a "desperate condition" of power shortage. Both Lilienthal and Arthur E. Morgan, chairman of TVA, urged the house military affairs committee to approve a bill which would make TVA's constitutionality certain.

**Propaganda Charge Hurdled**  
A charge on the senate floor by (Continued on back page)

### Man Shot In Clay County Improved

Mr. Jim Payne, of Pine Log, Clay county, was said by Petrie hospital attendants to be improving from a gun shot in the lung which he received at the hands of another man near his home Saturday night.

Payne was brought here to the hospital following the shooting in a serious condition.

### Thompson Family Is Back From Atlanta

E. R. Thompson, local cannery manager, motored to Atlanta Wednesday night and returned to Murphy with Mrs. Thompson and his young son, who has been confined to a hospital in Atlanta for several weeks.

Their numerous friends will be glad to learn that the child is very much improved.

### LAVISH PLANS ARE MADE FOR OFFICIAL VISIT

### Huge Crowds From Ga., North Carolina To Be Here For Occasion.

Plans were practically completed Tuesday for the reception of Gov. Eugene Talmadge, of Georgia, who will speak here Monday at 1 o'clock (C. S. T.).

The governor and his party will be greeted at the North Carolina-Georgia line on the new highway eight miles below here by committee of local citizens and a motorcade from Murphy.

After the official greeting the party will proceed to the court house here where the governor will deliver his address. The reception committee plans to meet him at the state line at 12:30 (C. S. T.).

A huge crowd is anticipated to be on hand when the governor arrives and Monday will virtually be proclaimed a holiday for the event. Rep. R. T. Hampton of Fannin county, Ga., who has been instrumental in arranging for the governor's appearance here, announced Tuesday that hundreds of people from North Georgia would accompany the governor and his party on the trip.

**Official Party.**  
Included in the official party from Georgia will be John A. Heck, and W. E. Wilburn, members of the highway board of Georgia, who have accepted their invitations from Mayor J. B. Gray, of Murphy. McRae, the other member of the board, would not be able to attend, it was said. Invitations have been extended by the reception committee to North Carolina officials, but due to the fact that the legislature is now in session at Raleigh, it is doubted if any will be able to attend.

The local committee in charge of arrangements, which met in the Regal hotel here Tuesday night is composed of: Mayor J. B. Gray, Don Witherspoon, Dr. R. W. Petrie, W. M. Fain, C. W. Savage, G. W. Ellis, T. A. Case, B. G. Brumby and H. Wood. Fain was elected chairman (Continued on back page)

### MARBLE BASEBALL CLUB TO SPONSOR CONTESTS FRIDAY

An old fashioned fiddlers convention, sponsored by the Marble baseball team, will be held in the Bradley theater in Andrews Friday night at 8 o'clock, Tom Coggins, of Marble, manager of the team, announced Wednesday night.

There will also be all kinds of dancing events, Coggins said, and everyone is invited to enter the contests. Prizes will be awarded the winners, he added.

The admission will be 10 and 15 cents. Proceeds will go to the baseball team.

### Slight Fire Reported At Murphy Theatre

Fire Tuesday night destroyed one reel of a comedy film at the Murphy theatre when the celluloid came in contact with one of the carbon burners and Lawrence Ledford, operator, received painful burns to his right hand in extinguishing the flame.

The fire company was summoned but the flames were put out before the firemen had a chance to answer the call.

Only slight damage was done to the ticket booth as a result of the fire.

Mrs. Howard Moody and Mrs. J. N. Moody carried Jo Jo the daughter of Mrs. Howard Moody to Warm Spring, Ga. Tuesday for treatment.