

## GROUP PLANS BETTER FARM METHODS HERE

### Detailed Report Filed After General Discussion At Meets

Cherokee county agricultural interests will definitely be put on a higher and more profitable basis over a period of years if soil fertility is maintained and erosion is checked. A. Q. Ketner, county agent, announced this week following the completion of a report submitted to the North Carolina extension division.

Following invalidation of the AAA and steps to arrange for another method of Federal farm and crop control, two meetings have been held in the courthouse in Murphy by a representative group of farmers from all communities of the county to discuss farm program planning.

The report was taken from a detailed discussion of all farm products and conditions in this county. Due to insufficient records being maintained to date it is hard to tell what changes have been made in the agricultural interests of Cherokee county, Ketner said, but it is evident from the figures that very little improvement has been made since there has been no noticeable change in farming methods and planning.

Because of unsystematic crop rotation, erosion has been holding up profitable farming here and much of the soil is losing its fertility, and the progress agriculture has made in this county through educational methods has been offset by erosion and loss of fertility, in Ketner's opinion.

**Long Time Period Planning.**  
The group discussed the possibilities of farm crops over a long time period if methods of soil fertility and erosion were successfully met, weather conditions were good, the correct amount of the most appropriate crops were planted, live stock was correctly cared for, timberland was turned back to timber instead of poor pasture land, and all other farming problems that Cherokee county agriculturists meet.

The county program planning committee is as follows: F. T. Hampton, D. T. McNabb, H. N. Wells, J. (Continued on back page)

## LOCAL FARMERS WILL BE SHOWN FREE PICTURES

Free motion pictures will be shown in the court house in Murphy Wednesday morning at 10:30 when R. F. Landees, of the agricultural division of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and L. R. Farnham, dairy cattle specialist with the extension department of North Carolina, will hold a meeting for all demonstration farmers and cattlemen, R. B. Wooten, assistant county agent, announced Tuesday.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, Wooten said, and although demonstration farmers and dairymen are particularly urged to attend "there will be plenty of room for others."

The two authorities on cattle will give lectures to illustrate the pictures on better cattle raising and will spend some time with Cherokee county farmers.

## Drilling On Dam Site Completed This Week

Drilling at the Murphy dam site has been completed and the machinery will be hauled away this week. It was learned Tuesday.

John Nelson, Hobart Kivott, H. L. St. Ledger and other workmen connected with Mr. Price, who has been in charge of the work, will be transferred from Murphy it was stated. Mr. Price will remain here.

Drilling operations within the vicinity of the dam have been going on for the past 18 months.

## BURKE GRAY, JR., TO RETURN

Mayor J. B. Gray left Wednesday morning for Chapel Hill, where he has gone to bring back his son, Burke, Jr., who has been seriously ill for sometime with pneumonia. J. N. Hill, Jr., and James Mallonee will return with him.

## Furniture Is Dumped Into Hiwassee River

All the household possessions of Marion Cole, including two horses, three dogs and two hogs, were dumped into the Hiwassee river just outside of Murphy on the Unaka road Sunday morning.

Mr. Cole was moving his home furnishings and other possessions back from the Elf section of Clay county to his original home six miles below Tellico Plains.

Just outside of the driver of the truck leaned over to shut the right hand door of the car when the moving horses threw it off balance and tipped it over a steep embankment into the rusty creek.

The furniture's still in the river, but the animals were saved after much chasing and hollering. The truck was badly damaged.

## SEEKS TO HAVE MORE INTEREST IN VEGETABLES

### Letter and Instructions Sent Out To Farmers In County

With the season for preliminary canning operations at hand, A. Q. Ketner, county agent, and his assistant, R. B. Wooten, this week sent the following letter out to all farmers in Cherokee county:

To the Farmer of Cherokee County:

We are anxious to see every Farmer of Cherokee County develop a definite, well rounded program of agriculture for his particular farm which will, through out a period of years, provide him with an adequate, satisfactory income from his investment and labor. In this program should be included a wide variety of what we have termed "cash crops", that is, crops which can usually be counted on to bring in money which can be used to further farming operations and to better living conditions.

We believe that on many farms in this County the growing of vegetables should have a definite and prominent place in the program.

Many farmers are again planning the growing of cannerly tomatoes as a cash crop. This crop gives promise of being a dependable source of income provided yields can be brought to a satisfactory figure. Experience on farms of this county has proved that satisfactory yields can be produced with a correspondingly satisfactory money return. Test plots at the Georgia Mountain Experiment Station on the Nolichucky River near Blairsville, Georgia showed an average of (Continued on page five)

## Reese To Represent Credit Association

Mr. Dallas M. Reese has been recently appointed as representative of the Asheville Production Credit Association, according to W. H. Overall, Secretary-Treasurer.

Any farmer wishing to file application for a loan for production purposes is requested to get in touch with Mr. Reese at his office in the Grant Building in Murphy. Mr. Reese will take applications for farmers in Cherokee and Clay counties.

Mr. Overall urges that any farmers wishing to secure a loan through the Asheville Production Credit Association for production purposes file their applications as early as possible, in order that the loan will be closed and the applicant have use of his money when he needs same. Mr. Overall explained that the borrower pays 5% interest only for the number of days that he uses the money.

Mr. Overall was in Murphy Friday conferring with Mr. Reese and arranging details in regard to the set up for rendering this financial service to the farmers of this section.

## MRS. SAVAGE OUT AGAIN

Mrs. W. A. Savage, of the Regal hotel, was out again this week after having been confined to her room for several months suffering from a broken ankle.

## SAYS CANNERY NEEDS SUPPORT IN THIS SECTION

### All Farmers Urged To Attend Meeting In Murphy on Monday

All farmers in this section and practically those interested in a cannery in this county are strongly urged to attend a meeting in the court house in Murphy Monday morning at 10 o'clock at which time representatives of the Murphy cannery will be present to explain its purpose of operation and growers' contracts, according to an announcement by E. R. Thompson, cannery manager, Tuesday.

For the past two years the Murphy cannery has been operating as a unit of the Land Of The Sky Mutual association and has been aided by TVAC funds, Thompson said, but if more interest is not shown in the cannery he is afraid outside financial help will be denied it.

"Tomatoes can be a substantial crop in this section", he added. "That has been proven by several of our local farmers. Mr. R. R. Beall has raised five tons of tomatoes to the acre, and the Georgia Mountain Experiment Station has averaged 10 tons to the acre. Money is available, but help will be given only where help is deserved."

### Murphy Cannery Favored.

Thompson declared that last year the cannery at Cranberry was discontinued in favor of the Murphy cannery because more interest was shown here. If the farmers do not take more interest in the local cannery, he said, the financial help given here, which has proved a boon to many of the Cherokee county farmers may be abandoned.

Concerning the meeting Monday which will be attended by number of officials and stock-holders, this statement has been issued:

"In 1934 a small group of farmers, realizing that additional sources of income were necessary in this section, lent their efforts to the organizing of a cooperative cannery and marketing organization. Through the cooperation of the Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives, they were able to secure financial assistance to operate in 1934 and to a larger extent in 1935.

### Difficulties Presented.

"During this time, many difficulties were encountered and many discouraging situations presented themselves. However, much progress was made, and, in most instances, the farmers who were able to produce reasonably good yields are convinced that the organization fills a definite need.

"The groundwork has been laid; the physical equipment is here; the manufacturing and marketing facilities have been perfected to a large extent; the goods are going well with the trade and the organization is adequately financed, for this year at least. The future of the organization is now in the hands of the farmers." (Continued on back page)

## Tri-County Tournament Scheduled This Week

A two-day tri-county basketball tournament including boys and girls high school teams from Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville, Robbinsville and Elf will be played in the Murphy gymnasium Friday and Saturday afternoons and nights, the coaches of the teams announced Tuesday night.

The schedule is as follows: Boys Elf vs. Andrews Friday 4 p. m., Robbinsville vs. Hayesville Friday 7 p. m., Murphy which draws a bye in the first bracket will play the winner of this last contest Friday night at 9 o'clock. The finals will be played Saturday night at 8 p. m.

Girls—Andrews vs. Hayesville Friday 3 p. m., Elf vs. Murphy Friday night 8 p. m. The finals will be played Saturday night at 7 p. m.

Officials for the boys games will be Johnny Tatham, of Andrews, and for the girls, Ralph Smith, of Hayesville.

## County Road Damage Estimated At \$32,000

Cherokee roads maintained by county funds have been damaged to an extent of \$32,000 it has been estimated by J. C. Walker, of the Highway division of North Carolina at Asheville.

This information was learned in a letter to I. B. Hudson, superintendent of the Andrews unit schools, who had petitioned for better roads over which to carry students from and to the Andrews school.

The damage to the county roads was caused by an excessive winter with much freezing, snow and heavy rains.

## 115 PERSONS ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT LIONS FEAST

### Athens, Ga., Citizen Speaker At Cherokee County Dinner

One hundred and fifteen persons, including members of the Murphy Lions club and their guests, assembled at the Regal hotel here Friday night to partake of the Annual Cherokee county dinner sponsored by the local Lions club.

Topping a program replete with music and recitation, William T. Ray, chairman of the board of directors of Lions International addressed the gathering. He confined his speech to the progress Lionism was making in the Carolina and complimented the local club on their undertaking naming it as outstanding among the affairs sponsored by the many Lions clubs over the nation.

He congratulated Murphy and Cherokee county on their excellent scenery and hospitality.

The banquet, which brought nearly 100 guests to the tables on which were displayed 120 products raised and grown in Cherokee county, was presided over by H. Bueck, president of the club.

The guests were welcomed by the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, local Methodist minister. Walt Wiggins, Graham county agent, gave a short talk.

Several musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. O. E. Madden and Mrs. Tom Mauney with Mrs. Jerry Davidson as the accompanist. The Murphy high school orchestra furnished music during the banquet.

W. M. Fain, past president of the club, gave a short talk, and Frank Smith, a member of the John C. Campbell Folk school faculty, made several remarks.

The occasion marked the fourth (Continued on back page)

## Carringer Begins Big Removal Sale

Carringer's Department store in Murphy will begin a removal sale here Thursday morning which will last until all his merchandise is gone prior to moving into a new location with a fresh spring stock, it was announced this week.

Mr. Dave Carringer, popular owner of the store, says he is selling his goods at a sacrifice rather than go to the trouble of moving them into his new quarters and urge all his friends to come to his store in the Regal hotel building and take advantage of his many bargains, a few of which are listed on page three of this issue of the Scout.

At the conclusion of the sale, Mr. Carringer announces that \$25 worth of merchandise will be given away free.

## TVA EXAM SCHEDULED

Another set of TVA workers examinations for labor on three dams including the Hiwassee project will be held in the school house here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, F. O. Christopher, who is in charge of local TVA tests, announced this week.

## ASK FOR FUNDS TO START WORK ON ROAD TO DAM

### Plemmons Says Board In Favor Of Project; May Start Soon

Seeking an appropriation to begin paving and repairing ten miles of highway from Murphy into the Suit community as a lake contour route to the proposed Fowlers Bend dam, Roy Plemmons and J. C. Walker, state highway department employees in this section, applied for funds Tuesday to begin early construction.

Mr. Plemmons estimated that the job would require about \$2500 expenditure. He said that there was no doubt but that the highway group was in favor of the project despite the fact that the board's maintenance budget was hit harder this year than any other five-year period due to severe winter freezes which tore up many miles of main highway roadbeds.

The new paving job at Suit would join a highway which the TVA will construct from Turtletown, Tenn., in to the dam site and would give a complete paved and scenic route from Murphy into the location of the project.

This road, it was pointed out by a group of local citizens who were in Raleigh recently in interest of the road, would keep much of the business of the dam workers in this county and make Murphy accessible as their trading center.

The highway building project will be principally a machinery job, Mr. Plemmons said, although it would require a dozen or so laborers. He expects to use convict help on the project if possible.

Although he was unable to state when the work would begin, Mr. Plemmons believes it will start in the near future and that machinery will be transferred here to do the work at once.

If this road is completed and the TVA builds a road across the dam another road is constructed down the northern side of the river to the dam site, a road rich in scenic beauty will make a complete loop over the dam and up each side of the river.

## BLAIRSVILLE LIONS CLUB REORGANIZED ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Through the efforts of the Murphy Lions club, the Blairsville, Ga., Lions club was reorganized Tuesday night.

In lieu of a regular meeting at Murphy, five representatives of the local organization—G. W. Ellis, W. M. Fain, W. A. Barber, T. A. Case, and E. E. Adams—called a meeting of the Blairsville club and at a dinner at the Blairsville hotel, officers were elected.

Those named to office were: president, J. Pierce Baskin; first vice-president, Pat Akin; second vice-president, R. C. Christopher; third vice-president, J. E. Bailey; secretary, Sid G. Chandler; treasurer, J. M. Akin; tail twister, Bud Gentry; Lion tamer, Claude Hughes. Directors included all the officers and Dr. W. T. Weeks, Claude Butt and J. M. Nicholson.

Other members of the new club are: Ernest McCravy, Garnett Butt, Randall Rogers, J. C. Collier, B. O. Wilson, Randolph Nalley, Bonnell Akin, Hedden Miller, Will Colwell and Brian Jarrett.

## Mason Ships Several Car Loads Of Cattle

Mr. L. L. Mason announced this week that he shipped four car loads of Cherokee county cattle to Lexington, Ky., Tuesday and that he had sent 123 head there last week.

Mr. Mason had just returned from Lexington Tuesday when he made the announcement and said he was preparing to have another sale within a week or so.

## SUFFERS FROM FALL

Mrs. Nettie Dickey, suffered painful injuries Friday night when she fell down at her popular hotel injuring one of her legs and back her many friends will be sorry to learn.