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## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BEGIN HERE TOMORROW

### Field Day, Drama, Music And Addresses Are On Program

Murphy High School Commencement will begin tomorrow, when the annual field day exercises will be held on the football field. In the evening the High School music pupils will appear in a recital under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Davidson. Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Rev. Wayne Williams pastor of the Baptist church at Oteen will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium. Special music will be furnished by the High School Glee club. Monday evening the Elementary School music pupils will have their music recital. Tuesday evening the Elementary school operetta "In the Land of Dreams Come True" will be given with over 100 children taking part.

Members of the Senior Class will present a three act comedy "For Pete's Sake" on Wednesday evening in the school auditorium.

People of Murphy and Cherokee County will have the privilege of hearing State Superintendent of Schools on Thursday evening, April 30, when he delivers the graduating address. This announcement is made with unusual interest since Mr. Erwin will be the first State Superintendent ever to speak in this county and the first to visit here since 1912 when Mr. J. Y. Joyner came to inspect some school sites.

Mr. Erwin is a native Western North Carolinian being from Rutherford County. He was appointed by Governor Eringhaus in 1934 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. T. Allen. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. Erwin during the recent session of the legislature that the present improved school conditions were brought about.

Mr. Erwin is crowding his schedule in order to be present in Murphy on this occasion. When accepting the invitation to speak here he had already made engagements to appear on an educational broadcast from W. N. C. and to speak before the Asheville Kiwanis club on the same day, and to deliver the commencement address at Sylva on the following day.

The graduating class is the largest in the history of the Murphy school and the High School here has the largest enrollment and serves the largest territory west of Asheville. There are 58 seniors graduating and 67 seventh graders being promoted to the High School.

## HOEY TO SPEAK IN COURT HOUSE NEXT THURSDAY

### Democratic Candidate for Governorship to Urge His Cause Here

Clyde R. Hoey, regarded by many as the next Governor of North Carolina comes to Murphy next Thursday April 30, and will speak at the Court House at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Democrats from all over Cherokee county will gather to hear him, with an especially large delegation coming from Andrews.

The latter not only is overwhelmingly Democratic in politics, but one of its residents, Attorney D. H. Tillitt is campaign manager for Mr. Hoey in this county. Mr. Tillitt will introduce the speaker.

Candidate Hoey, declared by his followers to be the leaders in a three cornered race for the nomination in the coming Democratic primaries, is easily the favorite of his party in this section, because he is a native Western North Carolinian. Born in Shelby county, he served in the Na-

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## Municipal Elections Face Probability Of A Brand New Ticket

A new list of tentative candidates for Mayor and the Board of Aldermen made its appearance in Murphy this week. Endorsements for the several candidacies were being sought by Messrs Toby Fain and Willard Cooper, but as the Scout goes to press it has not yet been definitely decided whether or not those on the proposed ticket will file.

The new ticket is headed by Mr Winslow McIver, as a suggested candidate for Mayor. To run with him seeking election as Aldermen, the sponsors suggested the names of Messrs. L. E. Bayless, Frank Dickey, H. A. Mattox, E. P. Hawkins, Allen Ramsey, and Grady Crawford. Of these Messrs. Hawkins and Ramsey are Republicans; the others are Democrats.

Information reaching the Scout was to the effect that both Col. Bayless and Mr. Crawford had stated that they did not wish office and that while they had no particular objection to their names being presented by their friends that if elected, they would immediately resign.

## STEPS MAPPED FOR SHARING IN NEW FARM AID

### Application to Be Ready for Distribution by Mr. Ketner On Monday

Details of the new Federal Program to replace the "Triple A" thrown out by the U. S. Supreme Court were explained at length to farmers of this section Thursday evening by Mr. L. B. Altman U. S. Agent for the Southwestern District, at a meeting held in the Court House in Murphy. The speaker declared that while few in Cherokee County benefited under the "Triple A", the new plan will make it possible for every farmer in the County to profit by it from \$10 yearly up.

The amount to be gained, he explained, will depend on the size of the farm, and the thoroughness with which the tiller follows Government requirements.

The first step necessary to obtain financial benefit involves the filling out of a work sheet, which shows the number of acres cultivated by the farmer, a listing of crops grown, and the yield of each. These work sheets will be ready for distribution this coming Monday, in the office of A. Q. Ketner, County Agent, in the Court-House in Murphy. Any and all other details of the plan which may prove puzzling also will be explained by Mr. Ketner. He urges that farmers get in touch with him, for the sake of their own pocket-books, at their first opportunity.

To participate to the fullest extent in the benefits of the new program, the Government requires that at least twenty percent of all cultivated acreage be planted in soil-building crops. In other words taking a five acre farm as a sample if four acres are planted in crops considered to be soil depleting, the fifth acre must be given over to soil builders.

This is necessary to meet the terms of the new act, which though actually a farm-aid program, is officially known as a soil conservation campaign. The latter classification was necessary to get around the Supreme Court decision nullifying the "Triple A."

A statement by the U. S. Department of Agriculture lists soil depleting crops as follows: Corn (including sweet corn) cotton, tobacco, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, all commercial canning and truck crops, including melons and strawberries, peanuts if harvested as nuts, sweet sorghums, wheat, oats, barley, rye and small grain mixtures if harvested as grain or hay, including soy beans, field, and cow peas.

Soil building crops are: annual winter legumes, including vetch, winter peas, bur and crimson clover when turned as a green manure crop, biennial legumes including sweet, red,

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## BOARD RESTORES ALL BUT THREE VOTE PRECINCTS

### General Discontent Over Action of Year Ago Brings Results

Anger which has flared all over Cherokee County for the past year following abolition of various voting precincts was largely assuaged Saturday when the County Board of Elections, under the chairmanship of Josh Johnson, of Murphy met in the Court House and restored all the old precincts except three.

Restoration were ordered in the South ward of Andrews, the North Ward of Murphy, and in Tomotla, Ebenezer, Ogrecta, and Topton. Abolition of the former precincts at Boiling Springs, Upper Beaverdam and Vest, still stand, although if voters in these sections can prove the need, restoration may be ordered there too.

The action of the Board of Elections is expected to end a discontent voiced by both parties. The abolitions, made in the theoretical interest of efficiency and economy, resulted in a back-fire which caused many voters to stay away from the polls. Jeff Hayes, venerable resident of Tomotla voiced the general feeling when he said:

"I've been here a long time. My father represented Cherokee county for years in the State Legislature. Man and boy, for more than half a century, I have taken an active interest in every election. Then, suddenly, I was told I could not vote the place where I had been born and reared—the place where I have voted ever since I became 21 years old. Instead, I was told I would have to travel some four miles to an entirely different locality, to cast my ballot.

"Now, I am old, and crippled. Even in good weather it would be a long painful trip for me. In bad weather I might not be able to make it at all. There was no sense in such a plan. People have a right to vote where they live, and the action of the Board in restoring the old precincts will be hailed with general satisfaction."

Official notice of the restorations was mailed by Chairman Johnson to leaders in the various precincts affected. The Board of Elections also made the following announcement:

"Notice—A new registration is ordered by the Board of Elections for Cherokee County, and in order to vote in the coming primary and General Elections, it will be necessary for every-one to register at his or her respective precinct, in order to participate in said elections.

"The law will be complied with in these registrations, as set forth by the election laws of the State of North Carolina."

## MURDER HINTED AS GIRL, 15, DIES IN BURNED HOME

### Willy Belle Wiggins Is Found Under Pile Of Potatoes

Found dead, lying huddled under a pile of burned potatoes in the charred ruins of a razed smoke house near Andrews, 15 year old Willy Belle Wiggins, granddaughter of Fidele Higgins of McClellan Creek, beyond Junaluska Inn is today believed to have been murdered, and the house set fire in an effort to hide the crime.

The murder theory, advanced by Deputy Sheriff H. H. Hyde, of Andrews, is based on the fact that the dead girl had a deep cut one inch long, over her right eye, and that before death she had been bleeding from both nose and mouth. Deputy Sheriff Hyde believes the wound, and the bleeding were the result of blows.

His belief is accentuated he said,

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## Democrats Nominate Ticket For County Elections After Dr. Hill Resigns Chairmanship

### No Candidate Offered for Clerk of Superior Court Mason Named for Sheriff After Two Refuse to Make Race

The Democrats of Cherokee County met in convention in the Court-house at Murphy Saturday, heard Dr. J. N. Hill announce that professional duties would make it necessary for him to retire as county chairman and finally, after a vast deal of argument about abolition of voting precincts and technicalities, nominated a county ticket. Their action will do away with the necessity for a primary.

## Supt. Bueck To Teach Teachers in Cullowhee

Mr. H. T. Hunter President of W. C. T. C., in announcing his summer faculty, listed H. Bueck supt. of Murphy schools. Mr. Bueck taught at Cullowhee for five summers and before coming to Murphy was principal of the training school there. Mr. Bueck will teach sociology and High School Administration.

## TALMADGE GIVES PLEDGE TO PAVE CULBERSON ROAD

### C. W. Savage also secures Promise of Georgia's Highway Chief

The nine mile stretch of road leading from Culbersen into Georgia, as part of the new route to Atlanta soon will be paved by the State of Georgia, according to Mr. C. W. Savage who has just returned from an interview with Governor Eugene Talmadge, and with W. E. Wilburn, Chairman of the Georgia State Highway Commission in Atlanta.

Mr. Savage, owner and proprietor of the Regal Hotel in Murphy made the trip to Atlanta especially to urge speedy action on paving the stretch. Such improvement, he pointed out, will be a boon to all Cherokee county, and will also prove of vast financial benefit to the Georgia capital.

"Governor Talmadge received me most courteously" Mr. Savage told The Scout, "and promised that he would see the members of his Highway Commission, and make a personal appeal for them to get busy on the project.

"From the Governor I went straight to the office of Chairman Wilburn, and he told me, promptly that Georgia intended to finish the work on that stretch at the earliest possible opportunity."

The road stretch in question was graded more than a year ago, and is all ready for paving. In its present condition it is entirely usable in good weather, but it becomes muddy and "skiddy" after heavy rains.

The nine mile stretch cuts nearly twenty miles off the old route to Atlanta via Neal's Gap, and saves an hour or more of motoring time by eliminating sharp and dangerous curves. When paved it will complete a perfect trunk line to Atlanta, through Murphy and Andrews, both from Florida and the North-west, and will doubtless attract thousands of tourists through this section.

## QUARRYMEN SET TO BAT LIFE OUT OF COPPERHILL

With blood in their eyes and murder in their bats the sharpshooting ball tossers of the Columbia Marble Company will try to gang up on the nine from Copperhill Saturday afternoon.

It will be more than a mere baseball game. It will be a grudge contest. The Columbia Quarrymen thus far are undefeated. Copperhill promises to change all that. To which Marble replies: What'll you bet?"

Copperhill will bring a crowd of rooters along, and hostilities will start at 3:30 o'clock.

The ticket named was complete. True, no candidate was named for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court, but that post is not in contest this year. John Donley, present incumbent, has two more years to serve.

During the last moments of the convention, when more than half those present were on their way out of the court-room, Attorney D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews was nominated as the party's candidate for the State Senate. The nomination was carried by acclamation, the convention dispersed, laughing and predicting victory at the polls. A moment later Mr. Tillitt hurried to Chairman Hill and declared he could not accept the honor, because making the race would require too much time, and cost too much money. It was too late however. The court-room by this time, was practically empty.

But Attorney Tillitt's worry was needless. He is not the party's nominee—at least not yet—for the very good reason that the local convention had no power to make such a nomination. That must be done by a special body. And so, although the Andrews barrister apparently was formally named, all that it means is that he is recommended as the "choice of his party" in this county.

Therefore he may be prevailed upon yet to make the race.

Charles Mayfield, of Murphy, also is said to be a receptive candidate for the honor.

The remainder of the ticket named follows:

- For State Representative—Col. Harry P. Cooper, of Murphy.
- For Sheriff—Loster Mason, of Brasstown.
- For Register of Deeds—Bascotte L. Padgett, of Murphy.
- For Corner—Dr. W. C. Morrow, of Andrews.
- For County Commissioners—S. W. Lovingood, of Murphy, E. Bruce King, of Topton, and W. J. Sneed, of Persimmon Creek.
- For Board of Education—F. A. Mauney, of Kinsey, Will Moore, of Peachtree, and Mrs. G. W. Cover, of Andrews.

Announcing his retirement from the County Chairmanship Dr. Hill explained that his professional duties made it impossible for him to give the necessary amount of time to the post.

"I am a good Democrat—a life long Democrat—and I will always go down the line with the whole ticket" he declared. "But I am a physician first. And no matter how grave a political matter might be before me, should a call come from some physical sufferer, I would drop everything else, and answer that call. A county chairman should not have such divided allegiance. To serve properly means just about a full time job—and so I must ask that when the precinct leaders meet next month to perfect party organization for the coming campaign they choose another head. I cannot, under any circumstances, retain the office."

To a majority of the several hundred Democrats present, Dr. Hill's announcement came as a complete surprise, and was followed by a buzz of whispering as heads were placed together in discussion of a possible successor. After the meeting had adjourned no one would even venture a suggestion as to whom the mantle of leadership might descend.

Dr. Hill's proposed retirement was announced by him as he concluded a stirring plea for Democrats to forget all personal differences, and

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