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## RED CROSS FUND OF \$600 RAISED IN THIS COUNTY

### Clothing, Food Are Sent To Flood Victims, 41 Volunteer

Nearly \$600 has been raised by two Cherokee county Red Cross Chapters for flood relief victims in the Mid-West. W. M. Fain, chairman of the Cherokee county chapter, of Murphy, said Tuesday night.

The Murphy chapter has exceeded its quota of \$300 by almost another \$100, Mr. Fain stated, and two shipments of food and clothing have been sent to the relief fronts from here.

The Andrews chapter has raised nearly \$250 and also sent two loads of food and clothing to the victims, according to Mrs. Luke Ellis, of Andrews, who was in charge of the drive there.

Forty-one Murphy volunteers offered their services to the Red Cross but were not called upon.

One check for \$300 has already been sent to Red Cross national headquarters from Murphy, Mr. Fain revealed, and another check for \$100 is expected to be sent "within a few days."

Rural communities of Cherokee county have contributed heavily to Murphy's quota, the local chairman said. Among outstanding contributors here were; the Brasstown community, \$124; the Murphy school, \$93, and the Murphy Lions club, \$2.

Members of several ladies organizations in Murphy were in charge of the direct canvass here. The Rev. E. F. Troutman, chairman of the Andrews chapter, placed several women in charge of the canvass there.

"I have never seen people respond to a needy call so generously in my life", Mr. Fain declared concerning the success of the drive here. "It was remarkable at the number of donations we got from the rural communities of the county where no canvass or direct appeal was made."

Although the floods had greatly subsided Wednesday and it appeared that those towns not already affected would be spared the ravages of the surging waters, the Red Cross is still asking for aid for flood victims.

## POSTAL RECEIPTS HERE REACH HIGH PEAK OF \$10,710.80

Receipts totaling \$10,710.80 for 1936 have been announced from the Murphy post office indicating the most prosperous year here since 1927 when receipts reached a high of \$10,968.11.

Howard Moody, postmaster, said that a large part of the 1936 business was transacted during the month of December.

The current figure represents a gradual increase from \$7,174.73 that was recorded in 1932.

### MARSHALL BELL RETURNS

Mr. Marshall Bell, member of the faculty of Clemson college, of Clemson, S. C., returned this week to resume his duties as a professor of mathematics at the institution after spending a week's vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bell.

## OLD MAN GROUNDHOG SEES SHADOW JUMPS BACK IN HOLE FOR 6 WEEKS

The weather cleared up here Tuesday long enough for Old Man Groundhog to come out of his hole, see a very large and very ominous shadow staring him in the face and scot back to his underground retreat for six more weeks—of very bad weather.

Those who believe in the lowly groundhog as a true prognosticator of weather conditions saw everything in favor of the chipmunk Tuesday. For after days and days of warm, wet weather which made January one of the darkest and dreariest months in years the sun shone brilliantly Tuesday morning just long enough for even the latest-rising groundhogs to get a good peek at their likeliness.

All the old-timers in this section

## Aldermen Will Meet Here Thursday Night

The town board of Murphy will meet here Thursday night with W. M. Fain acting as mayor in the place of J. B. Gray who has gone to Raleigh to attend a session of the Supreme court now being held there.

The naming of a successor to W. G. Owenby alderman who recently moved to Marietta, Ga., is slated to come before the group along with other matters.

## Eastern Star Is Organized Here Thursday Night

Mrs. Hattie Gray has been installed as the worthy matron of the newly-organized Murphy chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, according to an announcement by Mrs. Ann Phillips, secretary.

The local chapter was organized Thursday night with Harold R. Moag, worthy grand patron, of Greensboro, officiating. He was assisted by Mrs. Nellie Wynn Carroll, grand deputy, of Bryson City.

Other officers named were: W. A. Hembree, worthy patron; Mrs. Flo Mallonee, associate matron; Grady Crawford, associate patron; Mrs. Phillips, secretary; Mrs. Marcella Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Cora Carter, conductress; Miss Hattie Palmer, associate conductress; R. R. Beal, chaplain; Mrs. Myrtle Evans, marshal, and Mrs. Ida Savage, organist.

Star Points installed were: Mrs. Louise Rogers, Adah; Mrs. Kate Axley, Ruth; Mrs. Roberta Dickey, Esther; Mrs. Fleta Browning, Martha; Mrs. Dixie Palmer, Electa; Miss Ada Harshaw, Warder, and Franklin Smith, sentinel.

Representatives of Eastern Star chapters from Dillsboro, Waynesville, Bryson City, Franklin, Andrews and Hayesville were present.

The local chapter will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

## TWO LARGE STILLS FOUND IN COUNTY BY SHERIFF MASON

Two large stills were captured by Sheriff L. L. Mason and deputies in Cherokee county Tuesday.

One still was found in the McClellan Creek section of Valleytown township Tuesday evening. Six hundred gallons of beer was poured out and a small quantity of liquor was confiscated. Those making the raid were: Sheriff Mason and deputies Ezra Price, John Jones and G. P. Robinson.

The other still was found in the Shoal Creek community Tuesday morning by Sheriff Mason and deputies Price and Robinson. About 200 gallons of mash was found at the still.

No arrests were made.

### MISS MALLONEE IMPROVING

Miss Mary King Mallonee, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mallonee, of Murphy, who is a student at North Carolina State College for Women, at Greensboro and who has been suffering with a fractured ankle received in a sports contest several weeks ago is greatly improved, it has been learned here.

## SENATE FAVORS REPEAL OF BLUE LAWS IN MURPHY

### Cooper Measure To Regulate Train Crews Is Introduced

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The senate committee on counties, cities and towns Thursday approved Representative Harry P. Cooper's bills to legalize Sunday baseball, Sunday movies, prize fights and poolrooms in Cherokee county, but directed the sponsor and Senator Kelly E. Bennett to work out certain restriction to be incorporated in the measures before their passage.

Cooper and Bennett were conferring this week on the restriction, which will include provisions that prize fights cannot be held and pool rooms operated on Sundays or in any objectionable manner; and provision that Sunday movies and Sunday baseball must not interfere with religious services.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Representative Harry P. Cooper, of Cherokee, is the author of a bill designed to "promote the safety of the traveling public and employees of railroads." The measure is before the house committee on manufactures and labor headed by Uzzell, of Rowan.

The measure would require that only regularly examined firemen be permitted to assist the engineer in locomotives on main lines. His bill follows:

"Section 1. All locomotives, or other devices used to move a train in this State, which require the use of a locomotive engineer and locomotive

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## Daily News In Review

The news of the expulsion of sit-down strikers from the Fisher Body plants which hundreds of automobile workers have occupied in Flint, Mich., since Dec. 30, seems to be crowding the flood news from the front page of the daily press. Not that the strike situation appears more valuable than the flood situation but it is the reading public's demand—"we like our news like our eggs—fresh and cooked differently now and then".

The strike involves the livelihood of some 60,000 persons while flood concerns a million families left destitute and still running as the swollen waters crack against the levees of the Mississippi.

The strike that has crippled General Motors for over a month seemed no nearer a solution Wednesday night than it did when it started.

The story behind the strike is the old question of "can labor unions control labor". While William Greene, head of the Federation of Labor; John L. Lewis head of the committee for industrial organization and chief strategist in the strike, and secretary of labor, Francis L. Perkins, seek to iron out the difficulties of the automobile workers union, Alfred P. Sloan, head of the General Motors corporation, stands pat on his contention that there is no other

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### Weather Vane

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year:

Date	1937		1936	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Jan. 26	53	42	34	28
28	50	43	30	1
29	67	41	31	17
30	55	44	30	23
31	51	43	24	4
Feb. 1	53	46	40	4

  

Date	1937		1936	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Since Jan. 1—	9.52 in.		11.49 in.	

## TVA Sends Men And Equipment For Floods

Hiwassee dam equipment and workers made up part of the TVA's personnel and shelter units dispatcher in large quantities to flood victims last week.

As the Ohio and Mississippi rivers rose officials at the local dam site were called upon to send a crew of men and equipment consisting of 190 cots, 300 mattresses, 2000 blankets and other bed clothing to Memphis.

## Dynamite Blast Set Off At Home Of T. C. Gray

Hayesville, Feb. 4.—A charge of dynamite, believed to have been placed by someone seeking to intimidate T. C. Gray, Democratic political leader, was exploded in the front yard of the Gray home here at 8 o'clock Thursday night. No one was injured.

Mr. Gray, a brother of Mayor J. B. Gray, of Murphy, had entered the house a few minutes before, having just returned from Raleigh where he went in behalf of the Bennett bill which would increase the membership of the Clay county board of commissioners to seven by adding four Democrats. The board now consists of three Republicans.

### Threats Received

Mr. Gray, in commenting on the blast, said he could assign no reason for it other than that it was an attempt to intimidate him for political purposes. He also said he had received a number of threats recently, but did not say who made them.

Mr. Gray is a prominent Hayesville attorney and was a Democratic member of the Legislature from Clay county in the 1935 session. He is also a former county attorney and a former chairman of the Clay county Democratic executive committee. His home is on Gray street.

Following the explosion, Mr. Gray left his wife and child in the house

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## COMEDY-DRAMA TO BE OFFERED ON FEBRUARY 16

"Eyes of Love", a three-act comedy-drama will be presented by the ladies of the Methodist church Tuesday night, Feb. 16, in the high school auditorium.

Rehearsals began Monday night under the direction of Mrs. Mary Cobb, talented member of the Murphy high school school faculty, and will continue each night at 7 o'clock until the production is finished.

A partial list of the members of the cast include: Miss Martha Nell Wells, Elbert Mallonee, Jr., Mrs. J. H. McCall, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, Ira B. Jones, Miss Miriam Stillwell, John Jordan, Miss Laura Overton and Sam Carr.

### SHIPS CATTLE

Sheriff L. L. Mason of Cherokee county, erstwhile cattle dealer, reported this week having shipped 95 head of cattle to Plains, Va., last Wednesday.

The sheriff will ship three car loads of cattle which he is now buying to Kentucky Saturday, he announced.

## 9-YEAR-OLD TENNESSEE BRIDE GETS MIXED BLESSINGS ON HER MARRIAGE

Sneedville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Shy Eunice Johns, nine-year-old bride of two weeks, alternated between smiles and tears today as her scripture-reading mountaineer neighbors bestowed mixed blessings upon her marriage to a man 13 years her senior.

Rawboned Charlie Johns, the six-foot bridegroom, sat by in nervous silence. But not his 33-year-old mother-in-law, who had plenty to say in defense of the union.

"The Bible says not to disturb those peacefully getting along, and I don't believe in going against the Bible", firmly declared Mrs. Lewis Winstead.

"If they love one another, then getting married is the thing to do. If they have to live together and be

## SEEK WPA FUNDS FOR ENLARGING 2 COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Three Cherokee County Men In Conference With Breese Wednesday

Assurances were given three Cherokee county men Wednesday that any future available WPA funds for school building purposes would be put at the disposal of the Andrews and Murphy schools providing the county could meet their part of the obligation.

The information came from W. E. Breese, WPA director at Asheville, in a conference with I. B. Hudson, superintendent of the Andrews administrative unit; H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit, and D. H. Tillitt, county attorney, of Andrews.

Neither the Andrews nor the Murphy schools are adequate to care for all the pupils attending them, it is generally realized, and civic leaders have long sought a means of enlarging them.

On the trip to Asheville, Mr. Tillitt said, the group inspected the new Alarka school recently built of mountain rock with WPA aid. The cost of the eight-room school was about \$40,000 of which, Mr. Tillitt estimated, \$9000 was made up of local funds. Mr. C. F. Carroll, superintendent of the Swain county schools, of Bryson City, accompanied them on the inspection trip.

Due to the influx of TVA families into the county and general dilapidation of the schools, the need for improvements is a long felt want, Mr. Tillitt stated.

He added he believed the county was in sympathy with the movement and would go any reasonable part toward improving them.

The group also inspected the new 12-room Webster school which was built of creek bottom rocks with the aid of the WPA.

"Mr. Breese assured us that if another appropriation was given the WPA and the county could put up their part that we would be given aid providing the rules for dispensation of the funds are not changed", Mr. Tillitt added.

## County Votes To Give Funds For Fire Prevention

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Monday voted to cooperate with the state Forestry service in providing funds for the prevention of fires in the county.

L. B. Nichols, the chairman, was instructed to sign a contract with the forestry service appropriating them \$600 to defray the county's part to July 1, 1937. It was also voted to appropriate \$1000 for the 1937-38 period for the same purpose.

Other routine matters were taken up at the regular session.

### MAYOR GRAY IN RALEIGH

Mayor J. B. Gray, of Murphy, is in Raleigh this week attending a term of the Supreme court now in session there.

happy, then people should leave them alone".

Herself married at 16, Mrs. Winstead is a grandmother and has another daughter who married at 13.

"Charlie is a good boy", said Mrs. Winstead, beaming with pride as she talked of her new son-in-law.

"He's a hard worker. He bought 40 acres a few days ago so they could have a home. Of course, understand I haven't brought my children up to marry what men has got but to marry for love".

Mrs. Winstead heatedly denied Eunice, bright-faced blue-eyed little girl is interested in dolls.

"Charlie bought her a nice, big

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