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SCHOOL HEAD IS HEARD IN PLEA FOR BUILDINGS

Lions Agree To Seek Funds For School Enlargement Program

Lion H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit, appealed to the Murphy Lions club Tuesday night to cooperate in providing better building facilities for pupils of the Murphy and Andrews schools.

He was one of three men from Cherokee county who went to Asheville recently in the interest of securing a WPA loan to be applied to building school houses in the two towns.

Following his report of the trip, he asked that a committee be appointed to further investigate the securing of necessary school building funds. President G. W. Ellis appointed J. B. Gray, chairman; E. C. Moore and C. D. Mayfield on the committee.

Preparations for the Cherokee county dinner to be held here Tuesday, Feb. 23, were discussed by committees placed in charge of arrangements.

Two new members, Mr. Mayfield and E. R. Thompson, manager of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association here, were welcomed into the club.

W. G. Crawford reported that practically all retail merchants in Murphy had signed a petition to close their stores each week-day night, except Saturday, at 6 o'clock. The move was sponsored by the Lions club.

Lion H. G. Elkins reported that the Lions Workshop for the blind would be opened soon in Murphy under the direction of James Penland of Hayesville. A \$50 loan was recently subscribed by the Lions club to establish the mattress-working factory here.

SCHOOLMASTERS HOLD MEETING ON THURSDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Schoolmasters club of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties was held in the Murphy school house Thursday evening. I. B. Hudson, superintendent of the Andrews schools and president of the club, presided.

Speakers on the program were: D. H. Tillitt, Andrews attorney; D. C. Butler, principal of the Robbinsville school; C. S. Churchwell, principal of the Hayesville school; Misses Laura Overton and Bruce Speight, Murphy high school teachers, and Miss Catherine S. Morton, teacher of the fifth grade of the Andrews school.

Rites Conducted For Jean Duckworth, 3

Funeral rites for Jean Duckworth, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arb Duckworth, of Marble, who died of double pneumonia on Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, were held on Sunday afternoon at the Marble Springs Baptist church with the Rev. Algia West officiating. Surviving are his parents; two brothers, and one sister. Interment was in the Mose cemetery.

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.
2	50	22	37	28
3	54	26	43	33
4	49	35	51	32
5	44	22	42	20
6	39	20	43	23
7	65	37	49	26
8	70	58	41	21

RAINFALL	
1937	1936
Since Feb. 1.... 0.77 in.	4.77 in.
Since Jan. 1.... 10.29 in.	16.26 in.

EVERYTHING FROM BLACK CATS TO ANGELS HAVE PART IN PLAY HERE

An ominous, stopped clock, monkeys and hand organs, escaped convicts and lovers walking on air all have a part in the show to be given at the school auditorium Tuesday night.

Amateur playmakers agree that "Eyes of Love" is one of the best amateur comedy-dramas to ever come "across the boards", and a splendid local cast under the able direction of Mrs. Virginia S. Cobb, should make it all the more delightful.

Rehearsals have been going on regularly for the past three weeks and the cast should give one of the most polished and finished performances that has ever been seen in Murphy.

The play is being given by Circle No. 2 of the Methodist church and proceeds will be used toward putting electric light fixtures in the auditorium of the church.

The curtain will rise promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents. Tickets are now being sold by the members of the seventh grade of the Murphy school.

Old favorites and new faces alike appear in the cast of characters of the three-act play. The leading role, that of a rich girl unaware that she is living with adopted parents, and who seeks a life of love and happiness, is portrayed by Miss Martha

Neil Wells. Her father, the stern judge, and her mother (who turn out to be foster parents) are played by Mr. Ralph Smith and Mrs. J. H. McCall.

Then there is the escaped convict and the Wop organ grinder both ably presented in the person of Elbert Mallonee Jr.

The play is chock full of fun as can be seen by the rollicking banter that passes between Clarke, the detective-butler, (John Jordan), and Lora, the flighty maid, (Miss Laura Overton).

The hero of the play is Johnny Farron, while Sam Carr takes the part of the villain. Miss Miriam Stillwell is the designing sister of Mr. Carr.

The black mammy (and was there ever a play without one) is played by Mrs. Elbert Mallonee, and she has an exceptionally good part in this show.

It is the honest opinion of a number of persons who have watched the rehearsal of this play that it is one of the best ever presented here.

Certainly what any of the players, many of them veterans of high-class amateur shows, lack in ability is made up with training under the tutelage of Mrs. Cobb, one of the outstanding former members of the Carolina Playmakers club.

Entertainment will be furnished between acts of the play.

COUNTY WELFARE UNIT REORGANIZED HERE ON SATURDAY

The County Board of Welfare and the members of Rural Welfare committees held a joint meeting in the court house Saturday, to make plans for the reorganization of the County Council of Social Work and to lay plans for the general welfare of the county.

In spite of the bad weather about 35 persons were present. Almost every community in the county was represented.

It was agreed that a joint meeting of the Board of Welfare and the rural welfare committees would be held the first Monday of every month at 9:30 a. m. at the county court house.

The purpose of these meetings is for a discussion of community and family problems with the hope of finding means of meeting them.

Work Is Progressing On New Marble Church

Work on the Marble Springs Baptist church is progressing rapidly.

The excavating is finished and the foundation and walls are almost complete. The foundations and walls are built of native marble taken from Columbia Marble Company's quarry. The annex has not been started yet. There is a skilled workman doing the mason work and the other labor is being donated.

The Health Club met at the home of Miss Clara Lovingood, on Thursday, February 4 at 2:15 P. M. There were ten members present. Miss Mabel Millins of the Folk School, presided over the business part of the meeting.

Plans were made to make a quilt on which chances will be sold at a Duck supper to be given for the benefit of the church. The hostess served cookies hot chocolate and candy.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 2:00 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Arthur Palmer, with Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Grady Smith as hostesses. All the ladies are invited.

Hunting Season Will End On February 15

The hunting season in Cherokee county will end on Monday according to an announcement by county game warden D. A. Birchfield, and he advised those who wish to kill "just a few more" to get busy.

Fishing licenses are now on sale, the game warden reports, and may be secured in Murphy from Elbert Mallonee at W. B. Dickey and Sons store and the Murphy Hardware company; in Marble from Arthur Palmer, and in Andrews from P. M. Reagan.

Daily News In Review

Termed one of the most drastic and far-reaching proposals ever made to Congress, President Roosevelt's move this week to either have all Supreme court justices over 70 replaced by men of his choice, or to have the number of men on the board increased to 15, met with mangled acclamation and opposition.

Unlike many other proposals on the part of the Chief Executive to carry out his New Deal policies, the proposition to change the Supreme court met opposition among many of his most stalwart followers and approval in many of his enemy camps.

Six weeks after the struggle of supremacy between some 100,000 General Motors company strikers and the company itself labor and strike officials had reached no agreement Wednesday although reports from Michigan were encouraging and hinted at a near patching up of differences.

Conferences are continuing this week between principals of both factions in an endeavor to bring an early solution to the question.

The general assembly at Raleigh, which according to reports from those here who have been in attendance at sessions there, will for the first time in years, apparently close on scheduled time, stood face to face with its most important piece of legislation Wednesday.

After five weeks of deliberation, Continued on back page this section

Mattress Shop For Blind Will Open Monday

A new mattress making and re-building factory, The Murphy Lions Club Workshop for the Blind, will open for business here Monday, James Penland, of Hayesville, state placement for the blind in Western North Carolina, said Wednesday.

The shop, patterned after the one successfully operated for the benefit of the blind by the Asheville Lions club, will be under the supervision of Charlie Pendley, of Murphy, and Sam McClure, who has had training in the Asheville shop.

The opening of the factory was made possible through a loan of \$50 from the Murphy Lions. The money, when returned, will be used as a revolving fund for blind work in this section.

The shop which is located on Sycamore lane, will begin soliciting orders to remake mattresses as well as manufacture new ones.

"G"-Men To Expose Counterfeit Secrets

Mysterious silence has shrouded the activities of the United States Secret Service for more than a half century. The country has marveled over the breaking up of counterfeiting rings and capture of the men involved in this nefarious business. How the Secret Service succeeded the methods used, the dangers faced, the thrill-packed battles always heretofore have been buried in the terse report: "Cause closed."

But now these secrets are divulged to John J. Daly, a star newspaper feature reporter in Washington, and are available to Scout readers with the full approval of the head of the United States secret service.

Read the entire series in twelve issues of our Feature Magazines starting March 4. Don't miss a single expose, as they are the most unusual disclosures of the century. We give you the most sensational, accurate and authorized secrets of the secret service.

Murphy High To Play In Young Harris Tourney

While the boys high school basketball team was prepping for the Young Harris tournament this week, the girls faced an idle schedule after both teams had won a total of six victories in three twin starts during the past week.

The Young Harris tournament begins tonight (Thursday) and lasts through Saturday night. Murphy, however, does not get into the play until 8 o'clock Friday night when they meet the winner of the Hiwassee Blairsville game in the semi-finals.

Elf, Young Harris and Merryville are the other three teams in the tourney.

A large crowd is expected to attend the tournament from here.

The Murphy team defeated Almond in a double-header on the Almond court Friday night. The boys score was 43 to 18, and the girls score was 33 to 24.

Monday night at Andrews the local team also won out against the Robbinsville high school quint. The boys score was 22 to 18.

Another double-header was won at Blairsville Tuesday night when the Murphy boys conquered the home team 41 to 21 and the girls won 32 to 13.

Mr. And Mrs. Travis Come Back To Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Travis have returned to Murphy after an absence of eight years. Mr. Travis plans to open up a tale mine near here soon.

Before leaving here for Philadelphia, Pa., in 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Travis lived here for 10 years during which time Mr. Travis was prominently connected with the tale mining industry.

Mr. Travis' mine is near Royal where he owns a 38-acre tract containing a foundry facing tale mine.

He said he expects to have a crew of men working there in a short while.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRI. 12

All the people of Murphy are invited to take part in the World Day of Prayer service, which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon, February 12, at 2:30. Rev. J. C. Ammons will be the leader, and all the ministers of Murphy will take part on the program. This service is inter-denominational, and is observed annually by Protestant churches throughout the Nation. Please make every effort to be present.

MR. WITHERSPOON BETTER

Mr. Don Witherspoon, local attorney, who was confined to his home the latter part of last week with illness, was able to return to his duties this week.

WATER RATES IN MURPHY RAISED BY TOWN BOARD

Councilmanic Action Shifts Bonded Burden From Property Taxpayer

Water rates in the town of Murphy were increased about 25 per cent at a meeting of the board of aldermen Thursday night. The new rates will become effective March 1.

Reasons for the increase in rate was attributed to a need for revenue to take care of Murphy's increasing water supply. Officials said they deemed it best to put the increase on the prevailing rate to the consumer rather than add to Murphy's property tax rate. At present 60 cents of the \$1.75 rate is used to retire water bonds.

It was brought out that Murphy's total outstanding indebtedness was \$229,000 of which \$155,000 is on outstanding water bonds.

W. M. Fain member of the council, Tuesday estimated that \$6000 was required annually to run Murphy's water supply and that the prevailing water rates to the consumer, provided they were all collected, would amount to only \$7200.

Eighty cents of the tax rate is applied to general expense and 35 cents on street bonds, he said.

The new rate to consumers is as follows: 2000 gallons, \$1; 3000 gallons, \$1.25; 4000 gallons, \$1.45; 5000 gallons, \$1.63; 6000 gallons, \$1.79; 7000 gallons, \$1.92; 8000 gallons, \$2.04; 9000 gallons, \$2.15; and 10,000 gallons \$2.25.

All over 10,000 gallons will be 10 cents per 1000 gallons.

At the same time it was agreed to sell the town's equity in real estate recently taken over. Legal advertising describing the property appears elsewhere in this issue of the Scout.

The town board elected Mrs. H. Bueck as a member of the Murphy Carnegie library board of trustees in the place of Mrs. Willard Axley who recently resigned from the board.

STOCKHOLDERS OF MURPHY CANNERY TO MEET SATURDAY

The annual meeting of the common stockholders of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association of Murphy will be held in the court house at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, E. R. Thompson, cannery manager has announced.

He urges attendance of all members as three members will be elected in the place of retiring directors, and any members who have made any payment at all on stock are eligible to vote or hold office.

J. Ed Campbell, director of the TVAC, of Knoxville; John E. Barr, head of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association, of Waynesville, and other officials will be present to review the work of the local cannery during the past year, Thompson said.

Clinic To Be Held At Petrie Hospital

A tonsil and adenoids clinic will be held at the Petrie hospital in Murphy, Feb. 14, through the 16.

Dr. A. C. Duncan, of Forest City a well known eye specialist will arrive Sunday to be associated with the Hospital during this Clinic.

Those desiring to take advantage of the Clinic will please call the hospital for an appointment before February 14th.

TO ATTEND MEETING

W. M. Fain, a member of the board of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association here, is planning to go to Waynesville Monday as the local cannery's representative at a meeting of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association. The local cannery is a member of the Waynesville cooperative unit.