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# Cooper Withdraws As Gray, Board Formally File

## Graduation Exercises For 61 Seniors In Murphy High School Are Held This Week

### Mrs. E. L. McKee Talks At Commencement Exercises Here

### HONORS AWARDED

### Gainesville Vicar Is Baccalureate Speaker On Sunday

Education begins at birth and ends at death, Mrs. E. L. McKee, state senator of Sylva, told 61 seniors in the Murphy high school auditorium here Tuesday night which marked impressive final exercises for the graduating students.

"It is a mistaken idea that some parents have that education begins at the age of six in the class room and lasts for 11 years. Education begins at home at birth," she declared to the largest senior class west of Asheville and more than 600 visitors who packed the auditorium capacity.

The speaker dwelled at length on the training a student should get in the home and said that "too many parents are prone to put the job off on teachers."

Mrs. McKee opened her address with a tribute to Mr. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit, and Mrs. Bueck. She told the students they were experiencing "a culminating event in their lives", and advised them at this time to take a periodic check-up of themselves by asking these questions, "Am I selfish? Am I obedient? And Am I lazy?"

Mrs. McKee paid tribute to the character of the students by stating they were a product of the community from which they came and said all the students of Western North Carolina have an advantage in that "they come from the same, fine Anglo-Saxson background."

**Education Begins at Home**

"We hear the distressing cry these days that our jails are filled with youths—that the age of criminals has shifted from middle age to youth. Why is that? With $27,000,000 being spent on our schools annually the answer is that some parents think they can train a child morally and spiritually and fully educate him by sending him to school at the age of six and keeping him there for 11 years", Mrs. McKee said.

"The real education does not come from facts but from the fundamental training of self-control", she added speaking to the parents, and declared that "you must teach them truth—the only dependable thing in the world. Parents must respect the rights of others. Too many put the job off on the teachers. Education is something that must be practiced in the home every day to bring out all

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### Tennis Courts Are Being Built Here

Several tennis courts are being built on the vacant lot between the TVA offices and the Elkins home due to the enterprise of O. D. Johnson, Member of the TVA recreational division here, and a number of volunteers.

Mr. Johnson said he is planning to erect more there in the future.

### County Education Board Will Meet On Saturday

The Board of Education of Cherokee county will meet in Murphy Saturday for the purpose of naming the superintendent of the county education and electing committees from all the county school districts.

One such meeting was held two weeks ago but due to absence of members of the seven-member board, it was postponed until this Saturday.

## CATTLE SALE WILL BE HELD AT BRASSTOWN

### Pure Bred Jersey Calves To Be Offered In Cherokee and Clay

Nine purebred Jersey calves will be offered Clay and Cherokee county 4-H club members next Saturday to help them develop their calf club work, John A. Arey, of State college, has announced.

In these two counties, Arey said, club members are a considerable distance from good breeding animals and for this reason they have been handicapped in their endeavors to raise high quality animals.

The nine purebreds, one yearling bull and eight heifers with high milk and butterfat production records, are all bred from lines of stock that have nade outstanding records, Arey continued.

"Club members will offer their own bids," Arey stated, "and will thus be able to purchase the calves at a lower price than they could get the animals by going to the farms where

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## Rivers Is Not Available For Address Here

Although Gov. E. D. Rivers of Georgia is expected to visit Murphy and Cherokee county within the next month or so, it was definitely learned this week that he would not be available for a public address for some time.

Answering an invitation from Dr. Edd Adams on behalf of the Murphy Lions club to "speak here some time in May", Mr. Rivers advised that he would visit North Carolina within a month or so, being in Murphy on Sunday, May 23.

As it would be impossible for him to speak in public on that day the committee in charge of arrangements will attempt to get him here at another date, possibly in the summer.

G. W. Ellis president of the club, has appointed the following committee to be in charge of the affair: J. B. Gray, chairman; Sam Carr, A. W. McIver and Tom Case.

### Trout Season Opens; License Sales Are Up

While the trout season in the western counties of North Carolina opened Thursday, Wednesday saw the close of the season on all other species. The season on small mouth bass has been closed since September 28.

D. M. Birchfield, game warden, said a record number of fishing license have been sold in Cherokee county this year.

### 600 Visit Hiwassee Dam On Last Sunday

**There were 600 visitors from five states and the District of Columbia at the Hiwassee dam Sunday.**

**That was the first date on which officials at the project 22 miles below here had kept figures. This was the largest crowd that has attended on a single day, Dave Mulligan, head of the police force there, reported.**

**Miss Ruby Rogers, of Murphy, was the first name entered.**

## HEALTH UNIT TO BE SET UP BY JUNE 30TH

### Milk Sanitation Program To Be First Work Undertaken Here

Cherokee county's new health unit will be set up and established by June 30, according to a letter received Tuesday by B. L. Padget, clerk of the Cherokee county commissioners, from Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer.

Under the plan passed several weeks ago by the county board, the county, the TVA, the state and the Federal government will cooperate in providing funds for the maintenanca of a health unit here. It is expected Cherokee will join with Clay and Graham where health units have already been established.

Dr. Reynolds stated in the letter that work "pertaining to milk sanitation" which he termed as "the most urgent need" would be started within a few days.

The state boards plan is to place Cherokee at present under a Dr. Sisk, district health officer in charge of the counties of this state, until full-time district health officers can be sent here.

Copies of the letter were sent to Dr. E. L. Bishop, director of health of the TVA at Knoxville, and L. B. Nichols, chairman of the board of county commissioners at Andrews.

Dr. Reynolds' letter is as follows:

April 14, 1937.

Mr. B. L. Padget, Clerk,
Board of County Commissioners,
Murphy, N. C.

Dear Mr. Padget:

"We appreciate your telegram of April 7th, advising us that the Cherokee Board of Commissioners accepted our proposal for a health unit and milk ordinance, and requesting that the work be begun at once"

"We appreciate very much the cooperation of Cherokee county in this undertaking, and wish to assure you and your Board that we will exert every effort to establish the work immediately."

"In view of the fact that the most urgent need is that pertaining to milk sanitation, it is our suggestion that this be the first service inaugurated. We are working out a plan whereby we hope that this can get under way within a few days. There may be some slight delay in starting the entire program with the health officer and nurse, but it will be possible for us to work out arrangements whereby the milk work can be done between now and June 30th, and we will attempt to give you the entire program before that time if we can find the qualified personnel."

"It may be necessary for us to place the direction of the service under Dr. Sisk, the district health officer in the other counties embracing the western part of the State, until we can work out the details of the arrangement for providing you with the services in full-time district health officer for Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. We hope to be able to advise you definitely in regard to these arrangements early next week".

"I regret the delay in answering your telegram and writing you in regard to plans, but I was out of the office all of last week and until yesterday. It will be necessary for us to draw up a special contract with your Board of County Commissioners for such period of time as the service is in actual operation. When we find the definite date when we can place the personnel at work, we will prepare this contract and forward it for the signing of the Chairman of your Board".

**NOTICE**

I am informed that many taxpayers are not listing their property. I advise that everybody should list and avoid the penalty for non-listing.

S. W. Lovingood,

### Bueck Reelected For Two-Year Term Here

**H. Bueck, who has been superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit for the past five years, wase reelected to that position for another two-year term at a meeting of the Murphy Board of Education Wednesday afternoon.**

**The board will name additional teachers in the Murphy unit at an early date, it was announced.**

## 7 RESIDENCES BEING BUILT AT COST OF $13,500

### Is First Marked Building Program Since TVA Came To Murphy

A building program, including the construction of seven residences at an approximate cost of $13,500, is underway in Murphy at present.

E. C. Moore, local automobile dealer, is having four frame houses constructed on the property known as Moore Heights on Boulevard avenue. The cost of each is estimated at about $1,000.

Ed Studstill, L&N railway empleye here, recently purchased a lot at Five Points in East Murphy and is having a frame house erected there at a cost of about $2500.

Work is going along well on the new house of Harry Bishop on Moore Heights adjoining the home of Wade Massey. Mr. Bishop's home, when completed, will cost approximately $3500.

T. W. Kindley, local soft drink distributor, has purchased the former Butt lot in East Murphy and has begun construction on a brick veneer bungalow to cost approximately $3,500.

Although housing facilities in Murphy have been crowded the past two years due to an influx of TVA employes, this is the first marked construction program that has been undertaken here.

A number of other homes have been remodelled and repaired recently. Many have been enlarged to utilize more space for the newcomers.

## Third Mad Dog Epidemic Hits Murphy Lately

**Three children in Cherokee county were found to have been bitten by a mad dog Wednesday.**

**Upon a report from the state health department it was found that a dog belonging to Gay Johnson, of near Brasstown, was mad. Earlier the dog had bitten three of his children and some of the animals on his farm.**

The third mad dog epidemic in Murphy in the past six months occurred last week when local police reported shooting several dogs which upon examination at Raleigh were found to be affected with rabbies.

Saturday Mayor J. B. Gray, on the recommendation of Dr. J. N. Hill, county health officer, ordered all dogs to be tied up for a period of 60 days.

One dog was shot Sunday, April 11, by Chief of Police Fred Johnson. Its head was later examined and the dog was found to have been mad. The dog was known to have bitten other dogs in town.

**GOLFERS TO MEET**

All golf enthusiasts and those who are interested in playing golf are requested to meet in the Murphy library tonight (Thursday) at 7:30

**STATION AND BRIDGE PAINTED**

The L & N station and the trestle spanning the Hiwassee have recently been painted.

## ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 4

### Attorney General Rules Two-Year Term To Begin With Election

What yesterday appeared to be a very complex and heated municipal political campaign, today had absolved itself into the tamest and most peaceful of elections affairs.

The following events during the past three days have made vast and clasified changes in the Murphy elections situation:

1. Harry P. Cooper withdraws from the race as a candidate as mayor.

2. Incumbent mayor J. B. Gray files with the members of his board composed of C. D. Mayfield, Noah Lovingood, E. C. Moore, George W. Ellis, W. H. Murray and T. W. Axley.

3. Mr. Cooper reports upon return from a trip to Raleigh that the attorney general has decided definitely that an election is to be held in Murphy this year.

Mr. Cooper's announcement of withdrawal from the race Wednesday is as follows: "Owing to unforseen circumstances over which I have no control and the pressure of business affairs I hereby announce my withdrawal from the race of mayor of the town of Murphy.

"I wish to express appreciation to my many friends and supporters and the many assurances given me of friendship and support, but I feel at this time that it would not be fair to me and my many friends and citizens to make the race."

Mayor Gray and the six candidates for aldermen formally filed with E. O. Christopher, town clerk, Monday. Messers Mayfield, Lovingood and Ellis are incumbent members of the board. The new candidates are: E. C. Moore, local automobile dealer; W. H. Murray who is connected with the Southern Railway here, and T. W. Axley, who is connected with the Cherokee Hardware company. All of the men are well known and are prominent in business affairs here.

Mr. Cooper, who as Cherokee county representative in the legislature introduced the bill extending the term of the mayor and board of aldermen of Murphy to two years, said he talked to A. A. F. Seawell the attorney general, in Raleigh last Wednesday and that he was advised that it was Mr. Seawell's opinion that the bill implied the two-year term would begin with the next election which will be held on May 4, rather than with passage of the bill.

No time was specified in the bill as to when the new term would begin.

Registration books will close Saturday for the election, and Saturday, May 1, will be challenge day.

## Rides Will Be Opened On Fair Ground Saturday

The Mechanic Amusement company, owned and operated by Sam J. Mechanic, will open up its rides to the public on the Murphy Fair grounds Saturday morning. It will last one week. The amusements are being spnsored by the Murphy Lions club.

Rides to featured by the company are those that were at the Cherokee County Fair last fall—Merry-go-round, ferris wheel, Whip, Chair-o-Plane and Hey Dey.

Edward K. Johnson, advertising and booking agent for the company, said the company would go to Sylva when they ended their stand here and would proceed on up through the state.

Popular prices will prevail and concessions of refreshments will be operated by the club. Proceeds will go toward charity work.