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SEEK FUNDS TO KEEP CANNERY LOCATED HERE

Lions Entertain 75, Offi- cials At Dinner Tues- day Night

Seeking local financial aid for the Murphy cooperative cannery, the Murphy Lions club sponsored a community feast at the fair grounds here Tuesday night.

About 75 persons were present to hear TVAC and Land O' The Sky officials and local farmers speak and enjoy a Brunswick stew dinner prepared by the club.

J. Ed Campbell, administrator of the Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives, of Knoxville, and John E. Barr, general manager of the Land O' The Sky association, of Waynesville, were the principal speakers. Mayor J. B. Gray, president of the Lions club presided, and following the meeting appointed a committee of citizens to encourage investment in the cannery.

Mr. Campbell stated in his address that the TVAC had provided the greater part of the finances of the Mountain Valley Mutual Cooperative Canning association here during its past three years of existence, and that the organization felt that future investment should come "from those who are receiving its benefits."

Relates TVAC Benefits

He briefly sketched the history and organization of the cooperative movement and illustrated the benefits the TVAC had given to cooperative canneries in this area, nine of which are located in Western North Carolina.

"The TVAC has borne most of the cost," he stated, and at this time would seek local cooperation.

He touched upon the many various crops that could either be grown profitably in this area or were going to waste which would provide revenue for the farmers and stated that "processing adds value to farming". The average family expenditure in Cherokee county amounts to only 30 per cent.

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County Budget To Be Drawn Next Tuesday

The annual budget for Cherokee county will be drawn by county commissioners at a special meeting next Tuesday, they decided in regular session here Tuesday.

A discussion of bids submitted on county and joint county and town property which was auctioned off for taxes on Monday, June 27, was held by the board with practically all the bids being left open for further discussion.

Ministerial Conference Will Be Held On July 12

The Cherokee-Clay county ministerial conference, scheduled to meet on July 5, was postponed until Monday, July 12, on account of the holiday activities of July 5, members of the program committee have announced.

All pastors and church workers are urged to attend the conference on July 12 at 10:00 o'clock at the Baptist Church in Murphy, at which time the program published in the last week's issue of the Scout will be discussed.

Murphy To Meet Mt. Vernon Here Sunday

Manager Jack Blagg announced Wednesday morning that the Murphy ball team will meet the strong Mt. Vernon team from East Tennessee here Sunday.

He promised that an excellent game will be assured the local fans.

With Murphy's new combination, and the addition of another pitcher, they should be hard to beat.

Wright Wins Contest, Wins Trip To Beach

K. C. Wright, local insurance man and a prominent member of the Murphy High School faculty, has just returned from a five-day trip to Myrtle Beach and Murrel's Inlet.

Mr. Wright won this trip in a sales contest sponsored by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company, for the business he had written during the month of June.

He was joined in Asheville by several members of the Asheville agency, and they made the trip together.

Lions Blind Workshop Is Progressing

In spite of their affliction, several of the blind people in this section are now being employed in a mattress factory sponsored by the Lions Club, and have been turning out some fine products which they are placing upon the local markets.

The Lions Club, in an effort to help the blind, began this mattress factory, and since its beginning it has developed into quite an industry. Although the Lions supplied the necessary capital with which the factory was begun, it is now operating on an independent basis.

According to the workers, they handle all kinds and sizes of mattresses, turning out both new and renovated products. They are capable of producing six new inner-spring mattresses a week, and turn out as many as eighteen renovated mattresses each week. All of these finished products have been sold locally so far, and they expressed the belief that they would constantly have a demand from the local people.

The workers have been doing excellent work in their factory, and in spite of their handicap, they have turned out only first grade mattresses.

MANY ATTEND BIG BARBECUE DINNER AT MARBLE PLANT

About 250 people, including employees of the Columbia Marble company, their families and their guests, were treated to a barbecue by company officials on the plant grounds Saturday.

The all-day celebration took the place of an annual outing which has been held in past years at Elberton, Ga., where the Blues have always played a ball game on the Fourth of July.

However, as no game was played there this year, the Marble company officials decided to stage the barbecue at home.

No formal program was arranged although many people mingled in friendly fashion while partaking of the generous portions of barbecue done to a "T", Brunswick stew and other refreshments.

Dr. J. G. Faulk Is With Petrie Hospital

Dr. J. G. Faulk, a native North Carolinian, arrived Thursday, July 1, to be associated with the Petrie Hospital. Dr. Faulk is a graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va. After serving his internship he spent five years in general practice and surgery in Robeson County, and recently finished a post graduate clinic Medical School and Hospital, of surgery and gynecology in Poly-clinic Medical School and Hospital, New York. He is well qualified to do surgery as well as obstetrics and general medicine, and is chief of Staff of Petrie Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Faulk are members of the Baptist church, and are well known in Eastern Carolina, Dr. Faulk being vice-president of the Medical Society of Robeson County.

Dr. and Mrs. Faulk are at present residing with Mrs. R. W. Petrie.

MARBLE PLANT IS UNDERGOING ENLARGEMENT

Added Space Will Take Care of Increased Granite Business

An enlargement program is under way at the Columbia Marble company, and they are now steadily working in increasing the size of the plant.

The main shed is being extended about 50 feet on one end and about 200 feet on the other end. The south end will be extended over the railroad tracks leading into the plant, and arrangements will be made so the main derrick can be run the entire increase length of the shed.

Workmen have been busy all this week building eight huge concrete forms on the south side to support the steel beams, and they will begin on the other work as soon as this is completed.

The workmen are taking the work slow so that they will not interfere with the capacity output of the plant, and Tom Coggins, who is overseeing the work, said that he could not estimate when the work would be finished or how much the enlargement would cost.

He added that the granite work was already increasing at the plant, and that the extension of facilities was necessary to take care of the output. With the extension of the main derrick, it will also be possible to aid the workmen in loading and unloading the cars.

At the present time there are about 80 men employed in the many branches of work in the plant.

"Five Points" Is Raided; 6 Cases of Liquor Found

Following an early morning raid on the Five Points cafe in Murphy Tuesday which revealed possession of six cases and a pint and a half of bottled in bond whiskey, two men and a woman were placed under \$300 bond each in Mayor's court and bound over to Superior court.

Those arrested were: Ben Trotter, of Murphy, operator of the cafe, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long, of Tate, Ga.

Policeman Neil Sneed and Fred Johnson made the arrests after finding six cases of whiskey in a parked car which Long said belonged to his brother-in-law, of Knoxville, Tenn., and a pint and a half in the cafe.

Mr. Johnson said after the arrest that Mr. Sneed had been watching the cafe most of the night and that the whiskey was driven in in the car shortly after daylight.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL MEET ON MONDAY

The Cherokee County Board of Education is scheduled to meet in the court house at 9 o'clock Monday morning for a general discussion of the county school year, it was announced by officials Tuesday.

Chief among the business expected to come up before the group is the endorsement of budget for the coming year, entertaining of a contract with teachers for the 1937-1938 term, and arrangement for transportation on the various county school bus lines.

Officials state that all who are interested are invited to attend the meeting.

Marble Has 'A Tough Schedule This Week

The Marble Blues will take on two good teams this week end when they tangle with the "Dixie Spinners" from Chattanooga, Tenn., on Saturday at 3:30 o'clock, and meet the Riggs Lumber Company from Athens, Tenn., on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Clinic To Be Held At Petrie Hospital

A tonsil and adenoids clinic will be held at Petrie Hospital, in Murphy, July 18 and 19.

Dr. A. C. Duncan, of Forest City, a well-known eye specialist will arrive Sunday, July 18, to be associated with the hospital during this clinic. Dr. Duncan has held clinics in Murphy on several occasions during the past eight months.

Those desiring to take advantage of the clinic will please call the hospital, or write for an appointment before July 18th.

Cannery Pays Record Price For Berries

The Murphy cannery is now paying the highest price for blackberries that has been paid in many years, and E. R. Thompson, manager, is urging the people to bring their berries to the cannery.

In the past, two and one-half cents a pound was the highest price that had been paid for berries, but Mr. Thompson said that they were paying three cents a pound for the berries at the cannery this season.

With the addition of much new machinery, the cannery began the canning of beans this week, and so far they have been busy handling the beans that they have received. A new machine that automatically grades the beans has been the latest addition, and Mr. Thompson said that it would speed up operation considerably.

The cannery is employing approximately 30 or 40 people during their present operations, but at times they work as many as 60 people. This cannery is under the Mountain Valley Mutual Canneries, with main offices in Waynesville, and is working in a cooperative program with the farmers, through which mean both the farmer and the cannery may profit.

OLD FOLK DAY BRINGS CROWD TO FOLK SCHOOL

July 4th is Old Folks Day at Brass-town, only this year it was celebrated on the third. For many years Woman's Club has invited all those 50 years and over, to come to the museum at the John C. Campbell Folk School for dinner, meeting of old friends, speeches, singing, and whatever happens to come in the way of interest and amusement.

By 8 o'clock on the third, the old people had begun to arrive, and all along the road one could meet the club women and their families bringing in their baskets of dinner. Some fifty of the older generation were present in addition to younger members of the family who came with them, and there was general rejoicing as old friends met old friends whom they had not seen for a year or perhaps many years.

After dinner, Colonel Norvell of Murphy gave a most interesting talk on the history of Cherokee county. Among the names of early settlers which he mentioned, were many borne by those in the group that day, especially those from Peachtree, Mar.

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BICYCLING BECOMES POPULAR WITH LOCAL FEMININE SOCIAL CONTINGENT

"Helen on Wheels"—such could easily be the slogan of Murphy's new but unorganized, very much unorganized, bicycle club.

The East may have its hikers; the Middle West their winter sports enthusiasts, and the West Coast their fan dancers—but Murphy, lord give thee good feminine bicycle riders.

About half a dozen of the local feminine social contingent, evenly divided between married and unmarried ladies, have taken to the main thoroughfares and back streets pedaling along with the grace and ease of a trapeze artist.

WPA WATER AND SEWER PROJECT TO BE STARTED

Government Agency will Spend \$2729.48 On \$3695.78 Project

Murphy officials Wednesday morning were momentarily expecting confirmation of a \$3695.78 WPA water-sewer line project in the town.

E. O. Christopher, town clerk, said that the town board had signed copies of the contract, much of the material to be used on the project had been purchased and that only official word from Asheville was awaited before work would begin.

The appropriation was made last week upon the completion of a WPA street paving project which saw more than a mile and a half of sidewalks laid in the town of Murphy during the past winter.

Mr. Christopher said that about 40 men would be used on the new project and that they would be under the supervision of W. H. Brandon, assistant superintendent of water and streets, and Homer Ricks.

The total cost of the project when completed will be divided with the WPA giving \$2729.48 and the town expending \$966.30. The government agency will give \$2256.48 in wages, the contract reveals. Already 3650 feet of galvanized pipe of two and one-half inch sizes and 1600 feet of six-inch sewer pipe are stored behind the town office.

Town officials generally looked on this as one of the most important and greatly needed town projects to be undertaken in years. "It gives us an unusual advantage to obtain good water line and sewerage in the town which is badly needed", Mr. Christopher said in making plans public.

C. N. Bryan, Well- Known Here, Is Dead

News was received here this week of the death of Mr. C. N. Bryan, former stove mill operator at Andrews, who was well-known here, at Nashville, Tenn.

Said to be depressed by financial affairs, Mr. Bryan took his life four blocks from his home early on the morning of June 26 by inhaling gas from the exhaust pipe of his car.

The night before his death he wrote a touching farewell note to close friends in Andrews.

Details of his death and funeral have not been learned. He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

Escapes Injury When Oil Truck Overtakes

Howard Martin, of Murphy, narrowly escaped serious injury or possible death Thursday night when a Sinclair oil truck he was driving overturned near Murphy on the Copperhill road.

Mr. Martin, who was treated at a local hospital and later dismissed, said that he was coming toward Murphy about two miles out of town when another car crowded him off the road.

The truck, especially the cab, was badly damaged.