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## 500 HEAR TALK BY LANDESS ON TVA AGRICULTURE

### Discusses What Congress Had In Mind When They Challenged Water

The relation of man to the land was the subject of an address given by William McKenzie Landess, of the agricultural division of the TVA, in the court house in Murphy Monday night.

Approximately 500 people assembled to hear the talk which was illustrated with many colored slides of scenes pertaining to the subject taken through the Tennessee valley area.

Stating that this area had the highest average rainfall in the country, the agricultural expert first talked on the subject, "What Congress Had in Mind When They Set Up a Challenge to Water." Scenes of disastrous floods and a comparison of the richness of soil taken by rainfall and plants constituted the first part of the address. He pointed out that rainfall was costlier to the farmer in the flood areas than was the normal raising of crops.

He then described the affect silt washed into the rivers by heavy rains can have on floods, and explained the building of dams by TVA as "only one of the primary aims" to help the people of the Tennessee valley area. "We must get at silt at its source in the foothills," he advised.

Mr. Landess contrasted the damage that is done by floods, to the power the heavy rains can produce for the welfare of the farms when a system of power dams is erected. "Then we are making the force of floods serve humanity," he said in this connection.

While dwelling on the picturesque setting of the Hiwassee dam, he stated that "this section suffers more from water than any other territory. In the final event we will have to replace all farm land in this territory to combat water".

Explaining that protection of the top soil was necessary to fighting erosion, he pointed out the three chief means as the erection of a system of dams, terracing and strip-cropping.

Mr. Landess, who has previously spoken here on a number of occasions was introduced to the audience by J. D. Blagg, chief of the engineering service division of TVA here. Arrangements for the talk were made by T. T. Lindsey, head of the training section of TVA here.

The address was the third in a series given by TVA officials. Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, chairman of the board of TVA, was the first speaker and he was followed by Dr. E. L. Bishop, of the health and safety division of TVA.

## TRY-OUTS TO BE HELD FOR NEWEST PLAY SATURDAY

Try-outs for the new play to be offered by the Murphy Community players will be held Saturday afternoon in the women's club room of the Murphy library, Kenneth E. Bartlett, director, announced Tuesday.

The newest vehicle will be a three-act comedy, "Skidding", by Auraria Rouverol. This play had a very successful run on Broadway about eight years ago.

Mr. Bartlett said that a copy of the play would be left in the Murphy library so those who wish to try-out for the five male and five female parts in the play may become acquainted with it. Those who intend to try-out are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bartlett.

The play is somewhat similar to the moving picture, "A Family Affair" which was shown in Murphy about a month ago. However, this play revolves around a young lady who has to choose between a political career or settled married life. The characters thus brought into the play furnishes a delightful theme for the stage.

Mr. Charley Hunter, who has been working in Murphy for the past month, spent the week-end at his home in Asheville.

## OUR FOREMOST DUTY

During the past two weeks Murphy has seen the largest number of tourists and motorists passing through here that has ever been noticed before.

At most any time you can walk down the street and see cars bearing tags of at least 20 foreign states.

Particularly beneficial has this travelling contingent been to the cafes, the hotels, the boarding houses and the filling stations. Drug stores and all lines of business feel the effects of their passing.

We can envision the future when a beautiful lake is formed up to Murphy's back door; a lake filled with fish, lined with comfortable summer cabins, various recreation provided.

If we could induce only a part of these tourists to stop here for a day or two! They are interested in our development. Murphy has a friendly air about it—and travellers like friendliness. They ask us how far it is to the dam. They are interested in activity, too.

Many sections of Western North Carolina—Asheville, Highlands, Waynesville, just to mention a few—are reaping a bountiful harvest from their tourist business trade. There is no reason in the world why Murphy should not do the same.

It behooves every citizen of Murphy to see to it that every advantage is placed before the tourist here; and that he is given every inducement to stay here awhile.

Many things must be done to bring this about—but foremost there stands the problem of ROADS.

Let us have our roads built first—to Atlanta and to Chattanooga. Then we shall have taken the first big jump.

It is our duty if we are to see Murphy as a thriving tourist center and vacation land.

## ANOTHER PURE-BRED BULL BOUGHT BY BANK—PLACED IN CLAY COUNTY

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company has just recently made the purchase of another pure-bred Angus bull which has been placed in Clay county to be at the disposal of all the farmers in that section.

A short time ago the bank purchased five bulls which they have scattered throughout Graham and Cherokee counties at convenient locations, in an effort to increase the grade and rating of beef cattle in these counties.

This sixth bull to be bought by the bank has been placed in Clay county, and there will be another bull for and they will be another bull for Clay county in the near future. The one in Clay county at the present has been placed under the care of Mr. Sam Bristol and purchased from the L. A. Caldwell farms at Maryville, Tenn. The bulls that have been located in Cherokee were placed with W. A. Franklin at Andrews, John Odell at Grandview and Clifton Radford at Beaverdam. The bank chose convenient locations for these animals in the hopes that the farmers would take advantage of this opportunity offered them to increase the standing of their cattle. The animals may be used by all the farmers in this county, for which a fee not exceeding \$1 may be charged.

All three of the animals located in this county are of pure-bred Hereford stock. Quay Ketner said that they would increase the stock of calves 100 percent over scrub bulls that some of the farmers have been using in the past.

Ketner said that up to the present time over 50 farmers had already taken advantage of the bank's offer, but that the bank was not fully satisfied with the cooperation that the farmers were giving. He said that P. B. Ferebee, president of the bank, does not feel that the farmers are taking full advantage of the opportunity given them by the bank to increase the grade of their cattle. The bank has already spent well over \$1,000 on these animals, and the only return that they expect from the farmers in their cooperation.

All of these bulls are of the best stock obtainable and have been selected by some of the foremost beef cattle specialist in North Carolina. Their purchase is only a part of the bank's program to assist the farmer in improving the grade and rating of the farm animals in this section.

## Champion Atlanta Team Will Play At Marble

The Marble Blues are scheduled to meet the winners of the Atlanta City league Sunday on the Marble field.

The game, which is to be played with the Miller Tire Station team, will begin at 3 p. m. It is expected to be one of the fastest seen on the Marble diamond this year.

Fresh from their 5-3 victory over the Knoxville team last week, the Blues will make a strong bid Sunday to keep their winning streak in line.

## Chattanooga All-Stars Will Play In Murphy

The Murphy Bombers will meet the Chattanooga All-Stars in a ball game on the local diamond Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Manager Jack Blagg has announced.

The All-Stars constitute one of the best semi-pro baseball aggregations to come out of East Tennessee and should set the Murphy fans up to some royal entertainment when they clash with the Boomers. The team has appeared at Marble and on the local diamond several times this year.

## COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS WILL ADDRESS GROUP

The August meeting of the Cherokee County Council of Social agencies will meet in the woman's club room of the Murphy library building on Friday, August 27, at 2 p. m.

The program will be under the direction of the county health department. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, and Miss Ola Hamilton, nurse, will discuss the county health program.

Representatives of the civic, social and religious organizations of Murphy, Andrews and the county at large are urged to attend the meeting. Teachers from all Cherokee county schools are specially invited as the information to be gained should be particularly valuable to them.

In the absence of a quorum, the regular meeting in July was adjourned. It is hoped that a large delegation will attend the August meeting.

## BOX SUPPER

It has been announced that there will be a box supper at the Hampton Memorial church Saturday night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Student Bus Drivers Are Sought By Bueck

Students who are planning to attend the Murphy high school this year and are capable of driving school buses are requested by H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit, to apply to him at once as applicants for bus drivers.

Not only must the student be capable of driving a school bus but it is also important that he live somewhere near the point of origination of the bus line, Mr. Bueck stated. A salary will be paid the bus drivers.

Eight buses, owned by the county but state-operated, will be used this year. The schools open, and the buses must be running by Monday, Aug. 30.

## Freddie Mintz Found In Greenville, Tenn.

W. J. Mintz, of the Grandview section of Cherokee county, announced Monday that his son, Freddie, 15, who had been missing since July 22 had been heard from in Greenville, Tenn., where the boy is traveling with a carnival.

Evidently the lad, after leaving his grandfather's home in the wild Tellico mountains, went to Chattanooga where he joined up with the traveling show, according to Mr. Mintz who said the details of his son's letter were meagre.

Knowledge of his safety ended an intensive 25-day search through the fastness of the Tellico mountain section and a wide spread appeal to police by the boy's father.

Freddie is very popular here having attended the Murphy school.

## Sisson Given 5 To 6 Years In Nix Death

Clifford Sisson, 20 of the lower end of the county was given from five to six years in state's prison, Raleigh, Friday on charges growing out of the death of Charles Nix, also 20, of Culberson, who was injured at his home October 18, 1936, and died in a Murphy hospital October 23.

The sentence came upon compromise action as the regular session of August criminal superior court ended. Sisson was defended by Moody and Moody. One year of the sentence was given Sisson for allegedly having "knocked all the lights out of the jail" during his confinement there. Judge H. Hoyle Sink was on the bench.

Nix died of a head injury in the hospital five days after he had suffered a blow over the head with a stick which Poley Bell, who was deputy sheriff at that time, said he learned from witnesses was held in the hand of Sisson during an affray.

With murder warrants in their pockets, Zack Ramsey, who was sheriff at that time, and deputies sought Sisson in vain. On June 28 he was apprehended near Jasper, Ga., where he had been living and farming for some time.

## Redecoration On Local Library To Begin Soon

Plans for redecorating the Murphy Carnegie library inside and out were announced by Miss Josephine Heighway, librarian, Tuesday. She said extensive work, ordered by the library board at its last meeting, would begin immediately.

At present the local library is working in conjunction with the TVA training section in distributing books to Hiwassee dam employees and families.

Miss Marjorie Beall, state librarian, was present at the last meeting of the board of directors when a general discussion of the library's progress was made. Col. M. W. Bell is chairman of the group. Others serving on the board are: C. M. Wofford, Mrs. John H. Dillard, Mrs. E. B. Norvell, Mrs. H. Bueck and Miss Heighway.

T. T. Lindsey, head of the TVA training section here and Kenneth C. Hayes TVA librarian, were also present at the meeting.

## Dr. F. V. Taylor Joins Petrie Hospital Staff

Dr. F. V. Taylor a native North Carolinian, arrived Sunday August 15, to be associated with Petrie hospital.

Dr. Taylor is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va., 1915, and after having done general practice for 12 years, completed post graduate work at Polyclinic medical school and hospital, New York, 1923-24, and in 1936 did post graduate work in bronchocopy at Jackson clinic, Philadelphia.

Dr. Taylor is well qualified to do eye, ear, nose and throat work, and will assist in the general work of the hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Presbyterian church, and have permanently located in Murphy.

## DEFINES SCHOOL BUS ROUTES TO MURPHY UNITS

### Eight State - Maintained Buses to Bring Students To High School

With the opening of the Murphy schools only a little more than a week off, complete school bus schedules have been announced by H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit.

Eight buses, each serving a different route, will be maintained, and Mr. Bueck is asking students who are capable of driving the buses and who live near the end of the various routes to apply to him. A small salary is paid all bus drivers.

Through a recent arrangement with the state school commission, all school buses to be operated here this year are county-owned and will be operated at state expense.

Mr. Bueck has defined the routes as follows:

Route No. 5—Begins at Wolf Creek school and follows highway No. 64 to Murphy a distance of 21 miles.

Route No. 6—Begins near Postell and follows highway No. 264 to Liberty church, turns right on TVA access road and follows it to lower Shoal Creek bridge. Turns right over maintained road 2.3 miles to highway No. 264 and over that road and highway No. 64 to Murphy a distance of 51 miles.

Route No. 11—Begins at Culberson and continues to Murphy and Tomotla where it returns to Murphy a distance of 57 miles.

Route No. 10—Begins at Unaka and comes to Murphy a distance of 30 miles.

Route No. 12—Begins at Martins Creek and comes to Murphy by way of Byasstown a distance of 35 miles.

Route No. 8—Begins near home of Dillard McCombs, goes to Peachtree school and near headwaters of Slow Creek. Returns to Peachtree, picks up high school pupils and delivers them to the Murphy school a distance of 35 miles.

Route No. 13—Begins near Sudderth home and makes trip to Peachtree school. Then makes trip up Peachtree Creek to the old school and returns to Peachtree school. Picks up high school pupils at Peachtree and brings them to Murphy a distance of 33 miles.

Route No. 7—Begins at Boiling Springs and delivers high school pupils to the Murphy school. Makes a trip to Harshaw community for elementary pupils and delivers them to the Murphy school a distance of 31 miles.

## Unusual Offer Brings Many Replies To Scout

"Why Is A Woman Like a Newspaper?" Proving that the Scout editorials are read:

Several weeks ago the Scout ran an editorial in a humorous vein on the topic above and offered a year's subscription to anyone who had a better answer, in our opinion, than any of the reasons listed in the editorial.

The response was immediate. A large number of replies came into the office. So many in fact that the management regrets not having space to print them all.

A large number of readers have either had their name added on the Scout list for a year's subscription or had their time extended one year.

## Wine And Watermelon Mix, Wreck Proves

It is commonly believed that wine and watermelons don't mix. But they do.

Proof was asserted last week when a truck load of legal wine and truck load of watermelons collided on the Andrews highway near the Tomotla postoffice.

A great deal of damage was done to both vehicles—especially their cargo—but no occupants of the cars were seriously injured.

The wreck brings to a total of eight the number of cars that have run into E. B. Birefield's corn patch at that particular place.