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BOOMERS AND WILDCATS TO MEET THURS.

Teams Appear On Equal Footing for Turkey Day Classic

With both teams primed for victory, the Murphy Boomers and the Andrews Wildcats will meet for their annual Thanksgiving day classic on the Murphy field Thursday.

The game is officially called for 2 p. m. Central Standard time.

One of the largest crowds that has ever witnessed a football game in Cherokee county is expected to turn out for the Turkey day battle.

Both teams have played up and down football all during the season and a close contest is in sight. It is expected that the breaks of the game will largely determine the winner.

In view of past performances this season the "Tuckermen" and the "Pitzermen" seem on about an equal footing.

With the team largely composed of new men, the Boomers got off to a rather slow start the early part of the season suffering several losses against stronger teams. The Murphy eleven climaxed their playing however several weeks ago when they conquered the fast Cornelia (Ga.) High school team on the Murphy field. No Boomer player appears to have suffered any injuries during the year that will keep him from playing his best game.

The Wildcats started off the season with a bang, either winning their first games or holding much stronger opponents to a surprisingly low score.

The Andrews team was beset with several slight misfortunes, however, and have taken part in several mediocre contests during the latter part of the season.

The Thanksgiving day game, nevertheless, is expected to see both teams at the height of their offensive and defensive strength. Andrews appears to have an edge on experience, while both appear about even on weight.

As far as comparative scores are concerned, nothing definite can be ascertained. The Wildcats held Canton to a two touchdown victory margin, and won from Franklin by a 25-point margin.

Murphy lost by a huge score to Canton, and only defeated Franklin by one touchdown.

Then Murphy won from Cherokee and held the Western North Carolina champions, Sylva, to a scoreless tie. Andrews lost to Cherokee and Sylva.

Murphy lost to Copperhill by one touchdown in the Basin, and the following week Andrews won from them by one touchdown at Andrews.

Thus the seasons went; and whoever wins Thursday will have some sort of unique record to paste up in the administration hall along with the pictures of their squads of other years.

Sill Burrell, 28, Of Peachtree, Is Buried

Funeral services for Sill Burrell, 28-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burrell, of Peachtree, who died November 5, were conducted at the Peachtree cemetery November 6. The popular young man died of an attack of pneumonia he had suffered for only four days.

Surviving besides the parents are several sisters and brothers.

Teachers Subscribe 100 Per Cent To Drive

Members of the Murphy High school and Graded school faculties have joined the Red Cross 100 per cent.

The announcement was made here Monday by Mr. H. Bueck, who is in charge of the 1937 Red Cross canvass in the schools. The local drive is being sponsored this year by the Woman Club and the quota is set at \$150.

Box Supper To Be Held At Number 6

A box supper, the proceeds of which will go to the benefit of the new Baptist church now being built in the Number Six community, will be held Friday evening, Dec. 3, it was announced this week by Oscar Hensley and Leonard McClure.

Construction of the new church, which will greatly facilitate the residents of Number Six in attending services regularly especially in the winter months, was begun about six months ago. All that remains to be done is putting in the floor and a roof.

Those in charge of the work said that they had been able to keep out of debt so far and hope a large crowd will attend the supper so enough money can be raised to apply to the expenses of the church.

HOEY SELECTS TILLITT HEAD OF COMMITTEE

Every County In State Now Included in N. C. Hospitality Program

The Governor's Hospitality Committee has been expanded to include every county in North Carolina as a result of the appointment by Governor Clyde R. Hoey of 109 county chairmen, who in turn will appoint the members of the county hospitality committees. Mr. D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, was appointed chairman of the Cherokee county committee.

Each county hospitality committee will cooperate with the Governor's (Continued on Back Page)

LIONS IN FAVOR OF IMPROVED PHONE SYSTEM

W. M. Fain Is Elected Murphy's Most Out- standing Citizen

The Murphy Lions club voted unanimously Tuesday night to back up the Cherokee County Medical society in its recent appeal for improved and more modern telephone equipment in the town of Murphy.

This makes the second organization in Murphy to add their names to the list petitioning the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company to replace "out-moded" equipment here with a more up-to-date system.

The medical society went on record three weeks ago to launch the move, and later a petition was signed by more than 200 telephone subscribers in Murphy.

W. M. Fain, local wholesale merchant, was chosen "Murphy's Most Outstanding Citizen" at the meeting. Mr. Fain was selected on the basis of his activities in (1) the civic life of the town, (2) church work, (3) educational work, (4) Home life and (5) business. A similar award will be made annually by the club.

It was announced at the meeting by Lion Peyton G. Irie that the quota set by the club at its last meeting for the benefit of the local library had been raised.

James Penland, blind telephone system owner and prominent citizen of Clay county, was welcomed into the club as its newest member. Mr. Penland is a member of the state commission for the blind, and is active all over the state in this work.

About 750 Present At Scout's Cooking School

Approximately 750 ladies and young women from this trade territory attended the Cherokee Scout's motion picture cooking school, "The Bride Wakes Up", which was shown at the Henn theater last week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

About 300 women, including members of the Murphy High school home economics classes, attended Wednesday; approximately 250 were present on Thursday, and about 200 were in evidence the last day.

The Scout is deeply indebted to Mr. F. J. Henn, Mr. H. Bueck and others who especially cooperated in helping to make the film a success.

The Scout hopes to conduct an even better school here in the future.

FARMERS IN DAM AREA MOVED TO BETTER HOMES

McCaslan Seeks To Find Homesteads for 250 Cherokee Families

Rural families who must abandon their homes in the Hiwassee Dam area near here are moving onto better farms elsewhere, it was reported by C. L. McCaslan.

Mr. McCaslan is employed by the N. C. State college extension service and the TVA to help find new homes for the 250 families who have been living in the area.

Around 200 of the families are living on land to be covered by water (Continued on Back Page)

OHIO MAN HERE CONFESSES AUTO THEFT, ROBBERY

Wilbert Riggs Arrested At Marble by Sheriff Mason, Deputies

Wilbert Riggs, about 20, of North Bend, Ohio, who has confessed to stealing an automobile in Cincinnati, Ohio, and robbing a Georgia filling station operator, is being held in the Cherokee county jail.

Sheriff L. E. Mason has notified Ohio officers of Riggs' arrest and will await word from them before preferring any charges.

Riggs was captured at Palmer's filling station at Marble, 10 miles north of here on the Asheville highway, Saturday morning at 8 o'clock by Sheriff Mason, F. M. Hill, of Union county, Ga., and deputies Robbins Robinson, D. M. Birchfield, and S. S. Birchfield.

Enroute to the county jail in Murphy, Riggs said he stole the now Ford V-8 in Cincinnati. A report from Ohio officers to Sheriff Mason has verified the theft.

Deputy D. M. Birchfield said that Riggs was captured at Marble Saturday morning an hour after he had held up a filling station operator in Union county, Ga., 45 miles east of here and had taken "about \$11 and eight gallons of gas."

Hill, a Union county tax collector, who was present at the time of the robbery, followed Riggs to Murphy. After picking up the sheriff and the three deputies, he followed Riggs to Marble where they arrested him when he stopped at Palmer's station.

Deputy Birchfield and they surrounded Riggs before he could get out of the car, and that he found "an old, cheap .22 calibre pistol" in Riggs' pocket.

Part of the money which Riggs is alleged to have taken from the filling station operator was also found, Mr. Birchfield said. Riggs told officers that he stopped at Palmers to get something to eat.

At Tuesday noon no additional information had been received from the Ohio police other than that the car had been stolen.

TVA Clarifies Hunting Rules On Their Land

"Since the notice governing regulations for hunting on TVA lands was issued several days ago, many questions have been asked concerning it. The following statements are intended to clarify the regulations, it was announced by TVA officials this week."

"Notice is hereby given that hunting is permitted on TVA lands, except where specifically posted against hunting, subject to all Federal laws and laws of the State. No shooting is allowed within 100 yards of an inhabited house or within 100 yards of laboring or working crews. No hunting is permitted in the vicinity of the reservations at Wilson Dam, the nitrate plants 1 and 2, the Waco Quarry, Wheeler Dam, Pickwick Landing Dam and Guntersville Dam.

"Attention is called to Federal laws prohibiting the damage or destruction of property of the U. S. Government, including trees and shrubs. All hunters are urged to cooperate in preventing such damage. Extreme caution should be used to extinguish all camp fires to prevent spread to nearby woods or fields."

Mrs. Ellis Improves After Operation Here

The many friends of Mrs. Frank Ellis will be glad to learn that she is resting comfortably at the Petrie Hospital after successfully undergoing an operation there on Tuesday morning.

The Grace of Gratitude

(The accompanying editorial was written by James U. Snyder, who is connected with the TVA. Mr. Snyder's article first appeared in the Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar in 1933, and is reprinted here with Mr. Snyder's kind permission).

Thoughtless ingratitude is our prevailing national sin. The modern tendency is to accept all good things as a matter of course and to regard them as ours by divine right. It is even considered somewhat effeminate to offer thanks for anything we have secured by our own efforts of muscle or of mind.

Oh, I know, once a year we take a day off to be grateful, but it takes a presidential proclamation to make us do that. On that day, most of us whose bounty justifies humble gratitude, celebrate the occasion with a gastronomic jag is just about as intemperate as an alcoholic spree.

At the time of the first Thanksgiving, there was not a bath tub in all America. Yet those hardy first citizens found occasion to give thanks. There was not a cook stove nor a coffee pot; not a telephone nor an electric light; not a railroad nor an automobile; not a phonograph nor a radio; not a bedspring nor a rocking chair—in short, there was not a single comfort nor convenience which we today regard as necessities. Yet they set apart a three-day period to express their thanks for what they had.

During the past two or three years we have been passing thru a period that has had some of the characteristics of that first hard winter of the Pilgrims. Old, well established foundations have been swept from under our feet and we have been forced to seek standing room in new, strange places. Dependable precedents have lost their dependability and economic chaos has held the land with an icy grip.

Yet out of the welter of this new experience arises ample reason for gratitude. The depression has demonstrated that Americans are still possessed of soul fiber tough enough to take adversity standing up. We have learned that we can be ennobled by the things we do without.

There is a surgeon in one of the

large cities of Tennessee who has a reputation for the use of picturesque, if not elegant, language. There are few occasions when his speech is not embellished by sizzling profanity. Yet he will not begin a meal in his own home until he has personally returned thanks.

A close friend once chided him about the apparent inconsistency of his two well-known practices.

"How can you dishonor God with profanity in one breath and thank Him for his mercies in the next?"

Prefacing his reply with words that fairly smoked, the doctor said, "Gratitude has nothing to do with personal goodness nor personal badness. Why, even the Devil ought to return thanks. Hell could be a whole lot hotter than it is."

I remember a sentence in the prayers of a good old saint of other days whose life was such that his prayers always caused a holy hush to come over the congregation in that little country church.

Whatever other petitions he carried to a throne of Grace, he never omitted his paean of praise and thanksgiving expressed in the words, "Lord, we thank Thee that things are as well with us as what they are."

The constant reiteration of that sentence in the old gentleman's prayers used to sound like needless repetition. In my youthful folly, I amused myself by listening for the inevitable expression.

Uncle Matt has long since passed on to the reward of the faithful. I suspect as he surveys the wonders of that fair and happy land, and as he discovers new delights in his Father's house, that his earthly prayer of thanksgiving is still constantly on his lips, but uttered with a new fervor of understanding—"Lord, we thank Thee that things are as well with us as what they are."

If I were making an inventory of things meriting gratitude, I would omit all the visible tangible things because they are common enough to be apparent to everybody, and of thankfulness for them may be taken for granted. Instead, I would list a few soul qualities which are not always so apparent. My personal list would

contain four items.

I am grateful for life itself—my life. A beneficent Providence has complimented each individual by granting him a life unlike any other since the first created thing breathed and moved and thought. In its distinctiveness and individuality, it is an image of God. It is mine to use, to enjoy and to fashion until it shall be recalled by the Giver.

I am grateful for the power to adapt myself to whatever surrounding fate or fortune may thrust upon me; to say from my heart, "This is not the situation I would have chosen, but this is my task. Lord, help me to make the most of what has been given me, with all good grace and gratitude. Help me to remember that I am responsible only for the use I make of my opportunities—not for results. God alone can give the increase."

I am grateful for the possibilities and the power of happiness; for the unexpected delights encountered at every turn of the road, and for the deep conviction that heaven is a possible possession of the living and we do not have to wait till death to claim it.

Finally, I am grateful for the privilege of unselfishness. In an age wherein the spirit of getting has been exalted, I would not forget that our most cherished possessions are increased by giving them away. Silver and gold may perish; houses and lands have a way of slipping out of our possession; but when we give ourselves to a cause, to our friends, to our God, it is the gift imperishable.

Stalcup Transferred To North Carolina

Roy Stalcup, who has been transferred from the National Forest service to the North Carolina State Forest service, arrived Saturday with Mrs. Stalcup, and little daughter, Rosalind, to spend several days before going to Washington, N. C., where he will be stationed. Mrs. Stalcup and the baby will remain in Murphy for the time being. Mrs. Stalcup was formerly Miss Pauline Martin.