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## FUND OF \$225 RAISED HERE BY RED CROSS

### Roll Call Ends this Week As Murphy Exceeds Annual Quota

One of the most successful money-raising programs ever conducted in Cherokee county was completed here Tuesday when the local Red Cross chapter announced the subscription of \$225 in its annual winter drive.

Mrs. C. W. Savage, roll call chairman, said that \$153 had been raised in Murphy, and that \$72 had been subscribed at the Hiwassee Dam Village.

The quota for the Cherokee county chapter this year was set at \$159. This marks the third consecutive year that Murphy's quota has been raised.

It was reported two weeks ago by L. B. Nichols, roll call chairman of the Andrews Red Cross chapter, that that organization had also exceeded their quota of \$150.

It is estimated by county-wide Red Cross officials that nearly \$300 has been raised in the county this year. This sum was almost doubled last year when a special Red Cross call was made for flood victims.

The complete list of canvassers of the Cherokee County Red Cross chapter is as follows: Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. Reginald W. Whitfield, Mrs. John Hanks, Mrs. H. Turpley, Mrs. H. M. Erskine, Mrs. E. R. Thompson.

Mrs. E. F. McElfrish, Mrs. Laura McElfrish, Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Mrs. T. S. Evans, Mrs. K. C. Wright, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. L. Hodges, Mrs. W. S. Pigott, Mrs. E. C. Grant, Mrs. C. E. Blee and Mrs. W. R. Carpenter.

Mrs. Savage said that there would be still more money coming into the Murphy organization from the Brass-town community as subscribers there had not yet reported. Otherwise the campaign here for 1937 is officially closed.

The campaign here is sponsored annually by the Murphy Womens club. Fifty per cent of the proceeds are retained locally to be used by the club for worthy causes, and the remainder is forwarded to national headquarters.

W. M. Fain is general chairman of the local chapter.

Officials here were high in their praise of the cooperative spirit in this vicinity during the campaign. "We have had almost 100 per cent cooperation from the community during this drive", Mrs. Savage said. "We want to thank each and every one who has given so generously to the Red Cross cause this year, and especially do we thank those ladies who have given their time in raising the quota".

## DISTINGUISHED ANDREWS ARTIST HAS POEM ACCEPTED BY VERSE ANTHOLOGY

Mrs. E. F. Carpenter, of the Little Rock studio, at Andrews, has had a poem entitled, "The River Road", accepted for publication in the Crown Anthology of verse.

The inclusion of the poetry is a result of the author's participation in a \$250.00 prize poetry contest sponsored by CROWN PUBLICATIONS. This volume will contain the representative work of this country's eminent contemporary poets. The inclusion of the author's work is a distinct sign of literary recognition.

The Crown Anthology of Verse will be on the market early in 1938 at which time the prize winners will be announced.

The author's literary efforts have already achieved publication in the following periodicals: "Southern Life Magazine", "Cosmic World", "Battle Creek Enquirer", "Nature and Life", "Gems of Poesy", "Blue River Anthology" and "American Author".

Born in Ellsworth, Ohio, Mrs. Carpenter studied at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, the Art Students' League

## MARRIED, SINGLE MENS, WOMENS TEAMS TO PLAY

As an added highlight to the current basketball season, the married women of the town will engage the single women, and the married men will play the single men in two feature games at the gymnasium tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, it was arranged this week.

The line-ups have been announced as follows: married women, Mrs. L. A. Lee, Mrs. P. J. Henn, Mrs. Evelyn Ledford, Mrs. J. H. Pitzer, Mrs. M. Allen and Mrs. Lyle Martin. Single women, Misses Virginia Benton, Willie Godfrey, Ruth Dennis, Dot Higdon, Laura Overton, Meredith Whitaker, Martha Nell Wells and Darr McCracken.

Married men, Hail Cobb, H. Bueck, Bass Carroll, Coach J. H. Pitzer, Dutch Kinley, Epper Hensley, Joe Ray, P. J. Henn and K. C. Wright. Single men, C. B. Chambers, Phil Matthews, Slim Hensley, Buel Adams, Harry Carringer, Claude Gross, Bill Stanberry and Henry Luckett.

Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

## School Vacation To Be Dec. 17—Jan. 3

The school children of Murphy will get their Christmas vacation beginning Friday, Dec. 17, it was announced Wednesday by H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit.

Classes will be resumed again on Monday, Jan. 3, he stated.

## Mr. W. H. Travis Dies In Philadelphia

W. H. Travis, formerly of Murphy, died at his home in Philadelphia last Sunday, it was learned here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis spent several years in Murphy where the deceased was engaged in tale mining. In 1928 they returned to Philadelphia. Last February they came back to Murphy to stay at the Regal hotel, and had intended to make their home here permanently. Owing to Mr. Travis' failing health however, they returned again to Philadelphia last June.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis have a host of friends in Murphy who will be grieved of his passing.

## SCHOOL BOYS PRESENT MAYOR GRAY WITH GIFT

A meal tray made by several students in Mr. Cobbs woodworking shop was presented to Mayor J. P. Gray who is confined to his bed. The tray was designed by Mr. Cobb but cut out and put together by various students. Mr. Gray expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Bueck for this most useful article.

## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE CONDUCTED BY GIRL SCOUTS

Members of the Murphy Girl Scout club are busy selling Christmas seals here this week. The stamps, which cost a penny each, are used annually at Christmas time to raise funds for the prevention of tuberculosis.

Officers of the girls club are Misses Meredith Whitaker and Virginia Benton, Murphy school teachers.

Mrs. C. W. Savage, who is in charge of the roll call here, said that half the proceeds will be kept here and fifty per cent forwarded to national headquarters. Local funds, she added, would be used this year primarily for providing hot school lunches.

of New York, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Later she held a position as instructor at The School of Applied Art at Battle Creek, Mich.

At her studio near Andrews, N. C., she now devotes much of her time to art in its various forms.

## CHARITY BALL WILL BE GIVEN AT TVA VILLAGE

### Is Being Promoted by Hiwassee Square Club for Poor Families

A Christmas Charity Ball will be given in the auditorium of the Community building at Hiwassee dam Friday night from 8:30 until 1 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Concerning the dance, O. Lagergard, president of the Hiwassee Square club, which organization is promoting the ball, has stated the following:

The purpose of this dance is to provide funds for Christmas baskets to some of the poor or destitute families who live in the vicinity of Hiwassee Dam. This does not mean families of employees of TVA, but other families who do not have a regular income or an established source of supply.

This dance is sponsored by the TVA Hiwassee Square Club, so that all who participate may rest assured that proceeds will be put to beneficial use. We have solicited and been assured support of some of the local organizations in providing a list of these families who may be in need of help.

Good music from a local orchestra will be provided, the members of the Hiwassee Dam Woman's Club have assured us of their cooperation in decorating the Auditorium, and arrangements have been made to assure everyone a good time. The price of tickets will be \$1 per couple.

Another feature for obtaining funds for distribution of Christmas cheer to the poor and needy sponsored by the Square Club is the placing of large barrels at the commissary, and the store in the cafeteria building. Any groceries, toys, or materials of whatsoever nature placed in these barrels will be distributed by the Christmas committee of the Square Club to those in need. As will be noted, Christmas charity bottles have also been placed in several locations for the depositing of coins by those who feel they would like to help out on this Christmas charity work.

The Christmas committee of the Square Club in charge of this work is headed by Mr. H. D. Irvin; the other members who are assisting him are: Messrs. Ben Clark, Paul Day, C. F. Hesse, G. L. Horner, W. H. Mitchell, G. R. Davis, O. A. Nystrom, and C. F. Sharp. The committee in charge of the dance is Messrs. Ben Clark, C. F. Hesse, G. L. Horner, W. H. Mitchell, and C. F. Sharp.

## Property Near Murphy Being Drilled For Talc

The William H. Bower property near Murphy is being drilled for talc at present. Operations are being conducted under the supervision of the Clinchfield Sand and Feldspar company, of Baltimore, Md.

The work began Monday on the tract adjoining the property of the Cherokee Iron and Marble company near the Southern Railroad line three miles southwest of here.

It is generally believed that this section is rich in talc as it is known that one of the best veins of talc in the country runs across the property. It is on the same vein as the Carolina Talc company.

It was said Wednesday that there was "considerable acreage" in the tract.

Miss Corian Stambaugh, who teaches Home Economics at Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., was the guest of Miss Virginia Benton during the week-end.

## PARTY FROM HERE ESCAPES INJURY IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. S. M. Benton and son, Bobby, and Miss Corian Stambaugh, all of Cornelia, Ga., narrowly escaped serious injury Monday morning when their automobile turned over a steep embankment three miles east of Blairsville, Ga.

The party had spent the week-end in Murphy as guests of Mrs. Benton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Savage, co-owners of the Regal hotel here, and were returning to Cornelia when the mishap occurred.

It was reported that Mrs. Benton felt something in the front end of the car snap as she was driving along and suddenly she lost control of it. The car rolled about 50 feet down over an embankment and lodged between two trees.

Miss Stambaugh was treated for minor head cuts at a Gainesville, Ga., hospital. Neither Mrs. Benton nor Bobby were injured.

## FEDERATION TO HOLD MEET IN MURPHY, Dec. 11

Farmers of Cherokee and surrounding counties who have subscribed to stock in the Farmers Federation, which plans soon to establish a warehouse in Murphy, have been called to meet at the courthouse at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Dec. 11.

Plans for the Federation's new unit will be discussed at this meeting, which will be attended by James G. K. McClure, president of the farm cooperative; Guy M. Sales, Church Crowell, Vance Browning and other Federation executives.

Mr. Crowell, who has been in charge of organizing this unit, has reported that more than 200 farmers and business men in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, North Carolina, and Towns, Union and Fannin counties, Georgia, have subscribed to stock.

"I believe", Mr. Crowell remarked, "that this will be the biggest unit operated by the Federation, which now maintains 15 warehouses in nine counties."

Those who have subscribed to stock in the new unit are requested to be prepared to make payments on their subscriptions at the meeting called for Saturday.

## EXPECTED THAT MORE VETERANS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CCC CAMPS JAN. 2ND

### WEATHER HERE IS LIKE A WOMAN— EXPECT ANYTHING

The weather in Murphy these days is like a woman. You never know one minute what to expect the next.

Where some of the local stouter men were waking up and down the streets the other day in their shirt sleeves, they got out their mufflers and ear bobs this week as the mercury dropped down to one degree below zero for a record so far this winter.

Sunday night the first real cold wave of the season struck Murphy. Accompanied by continual snow flurries the thermometer went down to an official one degree below zero early Tuesday morning.

It is also noticed from records compiled by James Smallshaw that although the weather was more favorable to crops this year than it has been in a long time, about 10 inches, or 20 per cent less rain has fallen this year than in 1936.

TEMPERATURES					
Date	1937		1936		Min
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min	
30	61	19	57	21	
1	60	21	50	35	
2	52	23	45	39	
3	57	14	51	40	
4	49	27	56	35	
5	44	30	55	25	
6	31	10	59	44	
7	32	-1	61	43	

## PHONE RATES IN MURPHY NEARLY HIGH AS OTHERS

### Waynesville, Sylva Have Only Slightly Higher Rate Than Here

A comparison of telephone rates reveals that Murphy citizens pay nearly as much as residents of Sylva and Waynesville for their telephone service, although the latter two Western North Carolina towns maintain more modern systems owned by the same company.

In Murphy business phones cost \$3.25 per month and residence phones cost \$2.25 per month. The rate in Sylva is \$3.50 for business phones and \$2.50 for residence phones. In Waynesville, where a dial system is maintained, the rate is \$3.50 for a business phone and \$2.25 for a residence phone.

The rate in Murphy is only 25 cents per month lower than either of these two towns with improved systems for business phones, while the local residence rate is the same as that of Waynesville and 25 cents less than that of Sylva.

Over a month ago a concerted drive was started in Murphy for a more up-to-date phone system that would facilitate residence and business subscribers here. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph officials were requested to improve the system here which was termed as "antiquated and outmoded".

Two local organizations—the Cherokee County Medical society and the Murphy Lions club—went officially on record as seeking an improved system here, and a petition was signed by approximately 95 per cent of the local telephone subscribers requesting a system "in keeping with that of other towns in this section."

Up until this time no response has been given to the plea by telephone officials.

It was pointed out in the petitions drawn up by the two organizations and the one circulated in town that local telephone employees were not being held responsible for any inefficient service here as "they are doing the best they can with the equipment they have".

It is contemplated that, beginning on or about Sunday, Jan. 2, the Veterans administration with offices at 212 South Tryon street in Charlotte, N. C., will be authorized to consider the selection of additional veterans for enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The announcement was made this week by J. S. Pittman, manager of the office, through the Cherokee county welfare department.

Under existing regulations favorable consideration cannot be given the application of veterans for enrollment in the CCC camp until after the expiration of six months from the date of their last previous discharge; furthermore, it is provided that favorable consideration for reenrollment cannot be given the applications of any veterans who were discharged from the CCC camp under dishonorable conditions administratively; as not being considered worthy of reenrollment or, by reason of unsatisfactory services.

In order to enable us to be in a position to analyze each individual case for final determination, it will be appreciated if you will encourage eligible (white and colored) veterans in your community to complete and forward their applications to this office at the earliest possible date, rather than defer such action "until the last moment," for, as previously stated it is absolutely necessary for completed applications to be on file in this office in advance of enrollment periods.

Only 14 Shopping Days Until Xmas --- Buy In Murphy Now!