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TWO DANCES TO BE OBSERVED IN COUNTY JAN. 29

Roosevelt Balls to be Held In Murphy, At Hiwassee Dam, Henn Announces

All arrangements for dances to be held in celebration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday in Cherokee county on the night of Jan. 28, were completed Tuesday, P. J. Henn, chairman, announced.

One dance will be held in the Murphy gymnasium to the music of Jimmy Stringfellow's "Buccaneers" from Asheville, and another ball will be held in the spacious community building at the Hiwassee dam to the tunes of the Copperhill Aristocrats.

Tickets for both dances went on sale Wednesday morning.

Both communities are cooperating in the arrangements this year through arrangements between Mr. Henn and club officials at the dam.

Following the usual practice, seventy per cent of the proceeds of the two balls will be retained for the benefit of paralysis sufferers, and 30 per cent will be forwarded to national headquarters for application to the general fund for research and actual work in the field of paralysis.

Miss Sara Ruth Posey is in charge of the committees that are making detailed arrangements for the dance in Murphy, while similar work at the dam will be done by organizations there.

In obtaining the Buccaneers for the Murphy dance, Mr. Henn is of the opinion that local dancers will have the privilege of dancing to the best music that has ever been brought here.

This marks the fifth time that President Roosevelt's birthday has been observed locally for the benefit of the war against paralysis. Large crowds have responded to the social events in this county in the past.

As it is believed that no similar dance is scheduled within 50 miles of Cherokee county, Mr. Henn anticipates an unusually large attendance at both balls.

FARM FEDERATION GROUP IS NAMED AT MURPHY MEET

Approximately 200 persons attended the meeting held by the Farmers Federation, Inc., of Asheville, in the Murphy court house Friday. A previous meeting of the Federation, which will soon open a new warehouse in Murphy was held in December. The warehouse will be opened on February 5.

A committee to represent the more than 300 farmers who have subscribed for stock in the Federation was selected. The members are: R. B. Slaughter, Graham county; W. J. Bumgarner, Clay county; B. P. Grant, D. Witherspoon, and U. S. G. Phillips, all of Cherokee county. Five more members will be named on the committee when the warehouse is opened.

The list of speakers included James G. K. McClure, Jr., of Asheville, president of the Federation. Others introduced at the meeting included: Harry Rotha, head of the forest products department; Sam Nave, assistant manager of the implement department and John Bagwell, who will be the manager of the new warehouse.

Series Of Grocery Ads Will Be Carried

Designed to bring the best grocery values and prices to Murphy and Cherokee county Mr. Noah Lovin-good, manager of the Murphy Supply company, is beginning a series of advertisements in this paper.

The first of the series will be found on the back page of this issue of the Scout.

Mr. Lovin-good reports an unusually successful year during 1937 in the grocery department store business, and is seeking to make his grocery department even more popular during the coming seasons.

Postal Receipts Show Increase During 1937

Local postal receipts showed a gain of \$975.95 during the calendar year of 1937 over the corresponding period in 1936, postmaster Howard Moody revealed Wednesday.

Postal sales in the Murphy post office amounted to \$11686.75 in 1937, and \$10710.80 in 1936, according to the figures.

Mr. Moody has served as postmaster here for the past 20 months. Other regular employees in the local post office are: Hadley Dick-ey, Edythe Dobbs and Clyde Patton.

Dates For 3 Lions Social Functions Set

Final dates for three social events to be sponsored by the Murphy Lions club within the next two months were set at a meeting of the club in the Methodist church Tuesday night.

A benefit card party will be held in the club room of the Murphy Carnegie library Tuesday night Feb. 3, a minstrel show will be given in the Murphy high school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 25, and the annual Cherokee County Dinner will be held Tuesday night, March 8.

Kenneth Wright will be in charge of the minstrel, and President H. G. Elkins said committees to be in charge of the other functions will be appointed at a later date. Proceeds from the card party and minstrel will be used for local charity.

Lion G. W. Ellis told the club that a meeting for the development of this section of Western North Carolina would be held in the Murphy court house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and urged wide attendance. A group of prominent citizens from Asheville to Atlanta, Ga., will attend he said, and Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club and chairman of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, will be the main speaker.

A discussion of proposed local developments was held and Secretary Dr. Edd Adams read communications to the club.

Enloe, Patton Named Heads Of New Office

Harlan H. Enloe, of Andrews, and state senator R. B. (Bob) Patton, of Franklin, have been appointed to be in charge of work out of the employment compensation commission office in Murphy.

According to the appointments by State Chairman Charles G. Powell, of Raleigh, Mr. Enloe will serve as a claim interviewer and Mr. Patton will be a field investigator. Both will work out of Murphy and serve in this district.

Mark Edwards, of Asheville, was named district deputy in charge of the work west of Asheville.

Offers Prizes For Basketball Scorers

Mr. Abe Hembree, deputy sheriff and local filling station employee, is again becoming Murphy's public benefactor No. 1.

This time Mr. Hembree, an avid sports fan, is offering two prizes of \$2 each to the boy and girl on the Murphy basketball teams that make the highest total number of points in regular games during the 1938 basketball season.

Stunt Night Changed

At the last minute before going to press it was learned that High School Stunt Night, scheduled for next Wednesday night, January 19 has been changed to Thursday night, January 20, instead.

Development Of This Area To Be Subject Of Notables In Murphy This Afternoon

WORK BEGUN ON MURPHY MILLS NEW LOCATION

K. V. Weaver, Owner, Expects Plant To Be Fin- ished By March

Excavation work on the new site of the Murphy Mills, popular local grainery which burned down several months ago has begun in Murphy.

K. V. Weaver, owner of the flour and corn meal manufacturing establishment, said Wednesday that he expected the new mill to be finished "about the middle of March although the condition of the weather would have a lot to do with it."

The new building will be located approximately across Walnut street from the old mills. The structure, he said, would be 32 feet by 40 feet and would be four stories high.

The first floor will be used mostly for storage bins; the second floor will be the grinding room and sales room; the third floor will contain the wheat sifter, cleaning apparatus, and similar machinery, and the top floor will be used for elevator equipment and storage purposes.

Mr. Weaver plans to install about \$3000 worth of new machinery. Old equipment salvaged from the fire amounts to about \$2000, he stated. The new plant will be more modern in every respect according to the owner, and as it is being built on a hill a complete driveway serving the first three floors will be built around it making all parts of the building accessible for hauling.

Mr. Weaver said he could not estimate at present what the value of the new building would be.

The old plant burned down about three months ago in one of Murphy's greatest blazes. The building was uninsured and a total loss except for the several thousand dollars worth of equipment which he expects to put in the new plant.

Mr. Weaver stated his new equipment would allow him to add a line of feed to his wheat and corn meal products.

He added that Jack Hall will construct the building while W. J. Savage company of Knoxville, Tenn., will install the machinery.

Many requests have been made by farmers throughout this tri-state area to rebuild the plant and continue its operation, the owner stated. "I have found out that the mill means a better livelihood to hundreds of farmers in this section, and it is largely through their request that it is being rebuilt. It is taking a lot of money but it will be worth it in the end."

While the new mill is being built, Mr. Weaver is maintaining a medium of exchange in an auxiliary building for the benefit of the farmers who patronize the mill.

The old site was purchased from Mr. Weaver by the TVA as part of the Hiwassee dam basin shortly before the fire.

Minor Injuries Are Suffered In Accident

Mr. Harve Whitaker and Miss Edna Patterson both of Andrews, were improving Wednesday of minor injuries they suffered in an automobile accident near Matlby on the Murphy-Asheville highway early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Whitaker was coming to Murphy where he operates a department store when his car overturned on a curve due to a wet pavement.

Miss Patterson was coming to work in Candler's Beauty shop where she has been employed for some time.

Meeting To Be One of Most Important Community Events Ever Held In Cherokee County—Dis- tinguished List Of Speakers Is Announced.

CAROLINA MOTOR CLUB HEAD TO SPEAK

Representatives of Towns Between Asheville and Atlanta Will Be Present At Meet at 2 p. m.

A meeting "to discuss the development of this section of Western North Carolina" will be held in the Cherokee county court house in Murphy Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock G. W. Ellis, town alderman and former president of the Lions club, announced Tuesday.

An array of prominent citizens in North Carolina and Georgia, including Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor club and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, who will make the main address, is expected to be present.

An open invitation is extended to all communities between Asheville and Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Ellis declared. Plans are being made to bring representatives from all surrounding communities here, and word was received Tuesday night that a number of prominent Georgians would be present.

Notables To Attend

Included in the list will be John C. Lusk, Atlanta real estate man; a member of the highway commission of North Carolina; a member of the governor's staff of Georgia, representatives of the Asheville Citizen and Times company; a representative of the Atlanta Journal; Col. Tom Butt, of Blue Ridge, Ga., and officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Mr. Ellis said an invitation had been extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, and that they were expected to attend. Mr. McKee is highway commissioner of this district and Mrs. McKee was a state senator in the last session of the general assembly.

The meeting was described as being "designed to outline to us the many advantages of this picturesque section of the Great Smokys and the possibilities that lie before us. The speakers—all men who have had a wealth of experience in community development—will tell us something we'll really be interested to hear."

No formalities will be observed when the meeting is held, Mr. Ellis said, and no definite program has been arranged. A number of those present will make short talks and Mr. Roberts will make the principal address.

Is Interested In W. N. C.

The meeting is the outgrowth of a visit by Mr. Lusk here several years ago. At that time he was struck by the beauty of Western North Carolina and immediately became interested in its further development, Mr. Ellis stated.

On several subsequent occasions Mr. Lusk visited here, and it is largely through his interest in this section that the meeting will become a reality. He and Mr. Roberts have been life-long friends, Mr. Ellis explained, and Mr. Lusk is largely responsible for bringing him here.

"Mr. Roberts as president of the Carolina Motor club keeps in close touch with every section of the Carolinas and North Georgia and probably knows more about its possibilities for development than any other man", Mr. Ellis stated. "We are indeed fortunate in being able to hear him and I am sure he will bring a message that everyone and every community in this entire section will profit by."

Georgia To Be Represented

It was learned here Tuesday night that a number of towns between Murphy and Atlanta had organized representatives to attend the meeting. A large party is expected to arrive from Georgia about noon, and groups from sections of North Carolina are expected by the time the meeting begins.

The meeting is looked upon as the outgrowth of the completion of the Asheville-to-Atlanta main trunk highway through Murphy several years ago. While this road makes Murphy accessible to both cities, it is becoming more renowned every day for its scenic attractions.

The convention here Thursday is seen as the beginning of a concerted drive on the part of towns and com-

munities all along the route to promote its attractions.

Local officials are planning for an attendance of more than 300 persons from this and surrounding communities.

"North Carolina and Georgia will join hands Thursday in one of the most important movements ever to materialize for the development of this mountain section", Mr. Ellis stated in making the announcement. This will be a great hitting for all communities between Asheville and Atlanta, and we are glad to know that a large and important delegation from both states is going to attend."

FUNDS ALLOTTED FOR MAINTAINING 12 LUNCH ROOMS

Federal and county funds totaling \$17,027.26 have been appropriated for maintaining lunch rooms in Cherokee county, Mrs. Walter Witt who is in charge of the work, announced Wednesday.

On January 6 the WPA appropriated \$15,228.16, and this sum was supplemented by \$1799.10 in county funds. The money will be used to buy food, equipment and other necessities of the lunch room.

At present 12 lunch rooms are being maintained in Cherokee county. They employ 16 women. Between 500 and 600 persons are fed daily in the lunch rooms, and they provide their meals by paying with vegetables and produce in exchange.

PETITION SIGNED REQUESTING NEW PHONE SERVICE

Mr. W. B. Lambkin of the Waynesville office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, was in Murphy last Thursday, Friday and Saturday obtaining signatures requesting the installation here of an improved equipment in the central office. He said there was "very little" dissent in arranging for the transformation.

Various organizations—including the Womens club, the Junior Womens club, the Charity League, the Cherokee County Medical society and the Lions club—joined with subscribers in requesting the change.

Egg Bearing Likeness Of Rat Put On Display

One of the most unusual natural formations ever seen here is the likeness of a rat on an egg which was produced recently on the farm of Mr. W. S. Donaldson at Brasstown.

The egg, which is a perfect specimen otherwise than it is a bit small, was brought into the Scout office to be put on display by Mr. Donaldson.

Those who have seen have remarked of the unusualness of the formation.