

ABOUT \$100 IS CLEARED HERE AT 2 DANCES

Presidential Balls Bring Paralysis Funds Into County

Approximately \$100 will be cleared from the two Roosevelt dances held in Cherokee county Friday night. P. J. Henn, general chairman, reported Tuesday.

He said that around 300 tickets had been sold for both dances at Murphy and at Hiwassee dam.

Seventy per cent of the clear profit will be used for local paralysis victims, and the remaining 30 per cent will be sent to national headquarters for the war against paralysis, Henn stated.

About 150 couples attended the dance in Murphy which was held in the gymnasium. Bill Stringfellow and his Buccaneers from Asheville furnished the music.

Members of local clubs decorated the gymnasium appropriately for the Presidential celebration. A Grand March, which was participated in by all clubs in Murphy, Andrews and surrounding towns, was held just before intermission.

The dance at the Hiwassee village was held at the community building and was sponsored by the Hiwassee Dam Woman's club and other organizations.

Nearly 150 couples danced there to the music of the Southern Aristocrats from Copperhill. There, too, the building was appropriately decorated and a grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blee, construction superintendent of the Hiwassee dam, was held.

Medical Group Meets Here On January 26th

The monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Medical Society was held in the parlors of the Regal Hotel Wednesday evening, Jan. 26. All the members enjoyed dinner together previous to the meeting.

The program, in charge of Dr. B. W. Whitfield, was a presentation by Mr. Johnson, of the Park-Davis and Company Drug Manufacturers, of the newest method of typing the germs that cause pneumonia and subsequent treatment by hypodermic injections with anti-pneumonia syringes. Mr. Johnson's remarks were both timely and interesting and elicited many questions and remarks by the members present.

Dr. J. N. Hill reported that the movement started by the Society three months ago to secure improved telephone equipment has been successful and that the committee had been assured by the Chairman of the State Utilities Commission that the installation would be effected as soon as possible. The committee consisting of Drs. Miller, Whitfield and Mitchell was appointed to draw up appropriate resolutions relative to the death of Dr. N. B. Adams, a member of the Society for thirty years and President for the last eight years.

Members present were: Doctors J. N. Hill, J. G. Faulk, F. V. Taylor, S. C. Highway Harry Miller, B. W. Whitfield, Z. P. Mitchell and Edw. E. Adams. Dr. E. B. Glenn of Hiwassee Dam was elected to membership. Dr. Mose Howard of Hiwassee Dam was given the courtesy of associate membership. Dr. J. N. Hill was elected president for the ensuing year, Dr. B. G. Webb of Andrews was elected vice president and Dr. Edw. E. Adams was re-elected treasurer. A paper on "The Ambulant Treatment of Fractures" will be read by Dr. B. W. Whitfield at the next meeting of the society to be held on February 23, 1938.

DISAPPEARED



THOMAS BURKE GRAY

Benefit Bridge Party Will Be Given Tonight

All preparations for the Murphy Lions benefit bridge party have been completed and a large crowd of citizens are expected to attend the entertainment in the Woman's club room of the Murphy-Carnegie library tonight (Thursday).

Arrangements are in charge of Chairman H. Bueck, W. M. Fain, and T. A. Case with their Lionesses. Mrs. Peyton Ivie and Mrs. Kenneth Wright have collected a number of prizes to be donated at the party.

Members of the Charity League of Murphy, young women's social organization, are selling tickets. They reported to Dr. E. E. Adams, secretary of the Lions club, Tuesday that practically all the tickets had been sold.

Proceeds from the party will be used for Lions club charity work for the blind and near-blind in this area.

DR. E. L. HOLT'S GOLD-TOOTHED CAT HAS MOTHERED EIGHTY-TWO KITTENS

By Harry R. Ward

Desdemonia wore the latest swag-gar style fur ensemble when she celebrated her eighth birthday anniversary last week. The exact date of her celebration is unknown as the time of her birth was never officially recorded, but one day last week she reached the ripe old age of eight years.

With feline simplicity, she gathered the last quintuplet crop of her children about her and probably indulged in a birthday cake of canned dog and cat food. Her remaining 77 children did not attend the annual affair.

Desdemonia is a large composite cat of four species, and is owned by Dr. E. L. Holt, prominent Cherokee county dentist, now practicing in Murphy.

About this time two years ago a newspaper account recorded Desdemonia's celebration of her sixth birthday. At that time she had mothered 54 kittens. Since then, the stork of the feline world has let the cat out of the bag 28 times and Desdemonia has brought them all home. She is now the mother of 82 kittens.

In addition to being garbed in a prize coat of gray and white fur, she still modestly displays her sparkling dental jewelry that has been a source of much popularity for the past five years.

When Desdemonia was three years old, Dr. Holt crowned her two upper canine, or eye teeth, with gold crowns about a quarter of an inch long. Today they still remain intact, glistening brilliantly as they extend below her lower lip resembling small tusks. When she smiles, masculine feline "goldiggers" and gigolos rush to her as though they were spellbound, while curious canine snoopers drop their tails and flee for other vicinities.

In her smile lies her personality, and Dr. Holt said that accounts for her spectacular rise to fame. She has given birth to numerous all white and all black kittens, and three times she filled her baby cribs with half Persian beauties.

Desdemonia has not been a dullard. "She has fully paid her dental bill," Dr. Holt said. Local citizens are eager to purchase her offspring and some of the long-haired Persian children have been sold for \$5 each. All of this is little worry to the taciturn mother.

Survey Shows Cherokee Has 1,439 Jobless

Figures of the federal unemployment census released recently in Washington list 1439 jobless persons in Cherokee county.

Based on the November registration and the 1930 census, the unemployment in North Carolina was 2.9 per cent of the total population, as compared to 4.5 per cent for the nation as a whole. On the same basis the unemployment in Buncombe county is 5.1 per cent as compared to 3.3 per cent in Forsyth, 3.2 per cent in Guilford, 3.7 per cent in Mecklenburg, and 2.6 per cent in Wake.

A breakdown of the 94,711 "totally unemployed and wanted work" in North Carolina, as reported by the national unemployment census, shows the following distribution by counties in the Asheville area:

Cherokee, 1,439; Avery, 659; Buncombe 5,053, of which 2,500 are in Asheville; Burke, 904; Clay, 457; Graham, 387; Haywood 1,167; Henderson, 978; Jackson, 986; McDowell, 1,064; Macon, 1,154; Madison, 324; Mitchell, 551; Polk, 293; Rutherford, 1,241; Swain, 1088; Transylvania, 562; Watauga, 639; Yancey, 695.

Episcopal Services To Be Held Sunday

The Rev. Arthur Farnum, of Asheville, will hold services at the Episcopal church in Murphy Sunday evening, Feb. 6, at 7 o'clock, it was announced Wednesday.

The public is invited to attend.

TWO MORE RARE DOCUMENTS ARE DISCOVERED HERE

Two more unusual old documents were unearthed in the Cherokee County files in the register of deeds office this week by Walter Dockery who is refiling all the old deeds there.

One is a report from the state auditors office in Raleigh addressed to the clerk of the county commissioners in which he gives the amount of appropriations given to Cherokee county schools from the year 1861 to 1864. The amounts specified were: 1861, \$402.18; 1862, \$941.64; 1863, \$2,082.72; and 1864, \$1,301.69.

The other was a contract signed in 1867 wherein specifications are given for the building of a cage in the Murphy jail. It was signed by Commissioners Samuel W. Davidson, R. O. McCombs, D. Hennesa and W. T. Taylor. Contractors were: Thomas C. Iatham and J. H. Hennesa.

FORUM AND BOOK REVIEW MEETING HELD AT LIBRARY

An informal book review and forum was held in the Murphy Carnegie library in Murphy Tuesday night. It was the initial meeting of a series to be held here on regular dates and a number of local citizens attended.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday night, Feb. 15, at which time it will be decided on what dates to hold regular meetings. The topic, "This Changed America", will be discussed from sociological and economical viewpoints by the group, according to Miss Ida Belle Entekin, regional librarian, who arranged the meeting. A book review of Josephine Lawrence's "Sound of Running Feet" will also be given. A subsequent date Mrs. W. B. Richardson will discuss "The South Grips Reality".

The meetings are open to everyone, Miss Entekin stated. They are limited to one hour in length and will be held from 7 until 8.

Once the children are old enough to walk and obtain their own food, she ignores them as if realizing there'll be more to come.

Search for Burke Gray In Baltimore Fruitless; Missing Nearly 2 Weeks

NEW STORE TO OPEN SATURDAY WITH PROGRAM

Sixteenth Unit Of Farmers Federation To Be Located In Murphy

The Farmers Federation will open its sixteenth warehouse Saturday February 5, in Murphy.

Starting at 10 o'clock in the morning, there will be a short program in the new warehouse with music by the Federation string band, and brief addresses by James G. K. McClure, Federation president; Guy M. Saies, general manager; Vance Browning, educational director, and others.

J. K. Bagwell, who has been appointed manager of the Murphy warehouse, has been on the round since the early part of January, preparing for the opening. The Federation has leased the W. M. Mauney building on Hiwassee Street near the public square. Fixtures and a large stock of goods already have been installed and Mr. Bagwell is putting on the finishing touches for the opening.

To Serve Large Area

This warehouse will serve the largest area in the Federation's territory, as it will draw trade from and handle farm produce for farmers in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, North Carolina, and Towns, Union and Fannin counties, Georgia.

Mr. Bagwell was selected as manager of this unit because of his long experience and successful record as a Federation employee. For several years prior to going to Murphy he was manager of the Federation's warehouse at Morganton, Burke county.

Many Subscribe To Stock

Organization of the Farmers Federation unit at Murphy has met with an unusually hearty welcome from the farmers of Cherokee and surrounding counties. At last report more than 500 persons had subscribed to stock shares, and payments were coming in as well as could be expected. Those who have not paid their stock subscriptions may do so at the meeting to be held in connection with the opening of the Murphy warehouse. Mr. Sales will be prepared at that time to issue stock certificates.

R. C. Crowell, Federation vice-president who launched the organization work at Murphy so successfully last fall, is planning to attend the opening if his health permits. Mr. Crowell, who suffered an attack of appendicitis shortly before Christmas, is now out of the hospital and is steadily recuperating, but he doesn't know whether his doctor will permit him to make the trip to Murphy.

LIONS GROUPS TO HANDLE AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED HERE

Committees to be in charge of the Murphy Lions club's annual Cherokee county dinner, to be held Thursday night, March 8, have been announced by Dr. E. E. Adams, secretary of the club.

They are: arrangements, the Rev. W. A. Barber, chairman, Walter Coleman and Virgil Johnson; entertainment, Peyton G. Ivie, chairman, and W. A. Sherrill; favors and decorations, Park W. Fisher, chairman, Mr. Barber, Sam Carr and Quay Ketner, and reception, H. G. Elkins, chairman, W. Hyde, W. M. Fain, Tom Case and their Lionesses.

The committee to be in charge of the Lions colored minstrel to be held in the Murphy high school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 25, consists of: K. C. Wright, chairman, T. W. Kindley, W. A. Sherrill and A. V. McIver.

Is Well-Known 24-Year- Old Son of Mayor and Mrs. J. B. Gray

DISAPPEARS JAN. 21

Is Attending U. of Md. Medical School; Last Seen In Cab

Mystery continues this week to shroud the strange disappearance of Thomas Burke Gray, son of Mayor and Mrs. J. B. Gray, of Murphy, from his rooming house in Baltimore, Md., last week. The popular 24-year-old student is enrolled in the University of Maryland medical school at Baltimore.

He disappeared Friday night, Jan. 21. From that time an intensive fruitless search has been promoted to seek his whereabouts. Fred Christopher, law partner of Mayor Gray, is in Baltimore, where he is conducting the search with Harry P. Cooper, of the department of commerce, Washington, D. C., a former Murphyrite; Loftin Mason, a brother of Sheriff L. L. Mason formerly of Cherokee county, and Baltimore and Washington police and detectives.

Mr. Christopher was back in Baltimore Wednesday afternoon after having attended law business in Raleigh the day before indicating that the search is still being carried on.

Salesman Not Gray

Reports in Murphy Tuesday that a young magazine salesman in Andrews was believed to have been Gray were discredited Wednesday when it was learned that the same youth, unkempt, apparently in a daze, with no samples or salesmanship ability and bearing a strong resemblance to Gray, was found to have previously canvassed several families in Murphy who positively state it was not him.

Mrs. Gray had been informed Tuesday that a magazine salesman in Andrews bore a strong resemblance to her son, and she sent Chief of Police Fred Johnson to Andrews to investigate. Mr. Johnson upon his return said that several citizens of Andrews had positively identified the salesman as Gray from pictures carried in daily papers.

Gray, a brilliant medical student, who got his B. S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and finished his first two

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Cherokee-Clay County Ministers Will Meet

The Cherokee-Clay County Ministerial conference will meet in regular monthly session Monday, February 7, at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist church at Murphy.

The devotional service will be led by the Rev. C. J. Rogers, of Andrews. The subject of stewardship and how it affects the church work will be the general theme for discussion. The Rev. Robert Barker, of Peachtree, will lead the discussion. Other Ministers will follow in a round table discussion. A business session will be held just before adjournment at noon.

Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

Date	1938		1937	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
26	26	16	53	42
27	26	10	58	39
28	35	7	50	43
29	61	15	61	41
30	59	28	55	44
31	56	32	51	43
Feb. 1	58	23	53	46

Rainfall—Inches	
1938	1937