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NOTED PASTOR TALKS TO CLUB TUESDAY NIGHT

Lions Discuss Number Of Civic Projects at Meeting Here

The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Concord, was the principal speaker at the Murphy Lions Club meeting in the Methodist church on Tuesday night. The minister was formerly pastor of the Methodist church in Andrews, and at present is making a tour of churches in Western North Carolina. Later in the evening he spoke to the Methodist congregation on the "Aldersgate Services". Mr. Hutchins has travelled widely in the Holy Land. Fred O. Scroggs, Brasstown merchant announced his resignation from the club stating that his business would interfere with regular attendance at the meetings in the future. Mr. Scroggs has been a member of the club for the past four years. Lion H. G. Elkins, who presided, named a committee to seek improvements on the local golf course. Those named were: Tom Case, chairman; Sam Carr and Peyton G. Ivie. Committees reported having made arrangements for the annual Cherokee County Dinner to be held by the club on March 8, and the minstrel show to be given on February 25. A report on the benefit bridge party held last Thursday night was deferred until the next meeting by the committee in charge, but the club went on record extending appreciation to all who attended and took part in the arrangements.

At the suggestion of Lion Ivie, a committee was appointed to appear before the town aldermen at their next meeting to seek a beautification program in Sunset cemetery here. Appointed on the committee were: W. M. Fain, chairman; Mr. Ivie, Walter Coleman and A. Q. Ketner. Traffic violations in the town of Murphy were also discussed by the club.

CROP OF TURNIP GREENS IS WORTH \$241 TO FARMER

John Deal, prominent Brasstown farmer, has set a record in growing turnip greens, figures filed at the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association here indicate.

Mr. Deal planted slightly less than two acres of the crop in April, 1937, and gathered 19,696 pounds for the cannery.

This was turned into 1000 cases of turnip greens, E. R. Thompson, manager of the cannery, has estimated.

For this crop Mr. Deal received \$240.94.

Mr. Thompson said that the cannery was planning to contract for about 20 acres of turnip greens this season, and that about 12 acres had already been signed up. Farmers who are interested in growing the crop are requested to get in touch with Mr. Thompson at the cannery.

Health Of 4-H Club Members Is Checked

Physical examinations are being given to the 4-H club members of the county. Results of the boys and girls in Andrews and the girls in Murphy have been revealed, but results of the tests on boys in Murphy have not been announced.

Scores were: Murphy girls, Marcella Hall 91, E. Clark 89, Mary Frances 89 and Agnes Stalcup 88 and one-half; Andrews boys, Edgar Wood, Jr., 92, Burke Wood 90, Joe Brown 90 and Leroy Baldwin 90, and Andrews girls, Willa Be' Chambers 88, Betty Wyke 86 and Marie Taylor 86.

Next spring another physical examination will be given club members to note improvement.

The tests were conducted by the county health department.

LOCAL CANNERY STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET HERE

The annual stockholders meeting of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association of Murphy will be held in the Murphy court house Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m.

John E. Barr, Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives administrator and head of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association of Waynesville, of which the local cannery is a unit, is expected to be present to direct the meeting.

Scheduled for the meeting is the election of officers, annual report by E. R. Thompson, manager, and a general discussion of operations for the coming year.

Mr. Thompson stated the cannery realized the best year financially and productively in its history during the 1937 season.

DEMONSTRATION ON CANNING WILL BE HELD FEB. 16

A demonstration on canning will be given in the Murphy school house Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 1 p. m. to homemakers from Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties, according to Miss Aline Richardson, home demonstration agent.

The demonstration will be conducted by Mrs. Rosina K. Maxwell, of Indianapolis, Ind., the announcement stated.

The regular meeting of the Grandview demonstration club on that date will be suspended, and Miss Richardson is urging all members to come to the canning meeting in Murphy.

Moody Attends Meeting Of District Postmasters

Mr. Howard Moody, Murphy postmaster, attended the meeting of the postmasters of the eleventh congressional district in Bryson City Monday night. He was the only postmaster of 20 in Cherokee county attending.

On the program were: V. T. Davis, chairman of the association, of Forest City; Wythe M. Peyton, state chairman, of Asheville, who discussed the activities of the association; Major Howell, of Waynesville; Postmaster Martin, of Bryson City, who presided; Mayor T. D. Bryson, Jr., of Bryson City, who gave the welcoming address and other town and Swain county officials; Postmaster Eubanks, of Hendersonville, who gave the response, and the Tryon postmaster who gave an account of his trip to the national convention in San Francisco, Cal., last summer.

There was a total of 76 in attendance.

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.
Feb. 2	59	21	50	22
3	57	43	54	26
4	69	42	49	35
5	65	35	44	22
6	71	44	39	20
7	66	38	65	37
8	60	26	70	58
Rainfall—Inches				
Since February 1			0.10	0.77
Since January 1			3.78	10.29

Miss Dair McCracken and Mrs. Evelyn Patton are spending this week observing the schools at Andrews, Cullowhee, Canton, Waynesville and Asheville. Both Miss McCracken and Mrs. Patton are teachers in the Murphy Graded school.

P. M. Johnson, sanitary engineer of Cherokee County, returned Monday from a ten days' vacation.

WORKING AT COURT HOUSE

Walter Dockery has been hired by the county commissioners to index all marriage licenses and vital statistics in the office of Register of Deeds B. L. Padgett. A number of interesting old documents have been found.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. HALL, 99, OF KINSEY

Aged Woman Buried At Beach Creek Baptist Cemetery On Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Elmira Hall, 99, wife of the late Bob Hall, of Kinsey community, were conducted from the Beach Creek Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Fred Stiles officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Hall, who was almost as old as Cherokee county itself, died at her home Friday morning at 8 o'clock. She had been ill a few days. Mrs. Hall was active until the Wednesday before her death. Although she is believed to be the oldest woman in the county, her health was never impaired, her faculties never dimmed and she walked three miles to church meetings prior to her death.

Born Miss Elmira McTiggert, she lived her entire century of life within three miles of the homeplace where she died. She was married to Bob Hall, Confederate veteran.

Although she had no children of her own, Mrs. Hall is survived by a large number of nieces and nephews. She reared a large number of the residents of the Kinsey section which is located three miles from Murphy on the Nolichucky river.

New Store Is Opened Here On Saturday

Approximately 300 persons from this tri-state area attended the opening of the Farmers Federation's new warehouse in Murphy Saturday morning.

A program of music and short talks was heard. The Rev. Dumont Clarke explained the Lord's Acre movement as sponsored by the Federation; and Guy M. Sales, general manager of the organization, and Paul Raper, of the poultry department of the Federation, gave short talks.

Officials introduced were: Sam Nave, of the implement department; Frank Colvard, Claude Fisher, and Johnny Bagwell, manager of the local store.

A committee of five men were elected to represent stockholders. They were: Dillard Orr, Graham county, F. Waldroup, Clay county, and W. A. Adams, Clyde McNabb and J. H. Hampton, all of Cherokee. They planned to meet for a general discussion and to lay future plans on Saturday afternoon.

Previously another committee of five had been elected to serve with the latter group. They are R. Bruce Slaughter, Robbinsville, W. B. Bumgarner, Clay county, and B. P. Grant, D. Witherspoon and U. S. G. Phillips, all of Cherokee county.

The meeting was in charge of Vance Browning, former state senator and educational director of the Federation, of Bryson City. James G. K. McClure, president of the Federation, and R. Church Crowell, vice-president who organized the local unit, were unable to attend due to illness.

LEGAL PHASES OF LAND ACQUISITION

At the Tuesday, February 1, 1938, meeting of the group on Legal Phases of Land Acquisition, it was decided to change the meeting date from Tuesday to Wednesday of each week. Accordingly, this week's meeting will be held in Mr. H. L. Mynatt's office at held in p.7ul HbtO. nuilodarthesshrd the Knitting Mill at 7:00 P. M. Bring last year's notes. All who are interested are invited to attend. Please be on time.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

A schedule of home demonstration club meetings throughout Cherokee county have been arranged by Miss Aline Richardson, demonstration agent.

It is as follows: Friday, Feb. 11, Andrews at home of Mrs. R. C. Andrews, at 1 p. m.; Monday, Feb. 14, Bellview, at 1 p. m.; Tuesday, Feb. 15, Suit, at 1 p. m.; Wednesday, Feb. 16, Grandview at home of Mrs. Fred Davis, at 1 p. m.; Thursday Feb. 17, Tomotla at school building, at 2 p. m. (EST); Friday Feb. 18, Martin's Creek in school building, at 1 p. m.; Thursday, Feb. 24, Bellview at home of Margaret King, 1 p. m., and Friday, Feb. 25, Peachtree in school building, at 2 p. m. (EST).

Four-H club meetings were held in Murphy Tuesday and in Andrews on Monday.

ROLLER SKATING IN POPULARITY SPOTLIGHT HERE

These changing fads: Once it was bicycles—and now it's roller skates.

Everybody from the "young'un" to Aunt Kate is usin' 'em. Here they come and there they go, flitting by with all the ease and acrobatic ability of a professional performer.

Although skating is not new locally it has become extremely popular in the past few weeks.

No clubs have been formed yet (as was the case with the bicycle-riding group) but snake dances arranged almost nightly to entertain those who aren't wiley enough to partake of the popular pastime.

Teachers Given More Time On Certificates

Cherokee county teachers who wish to raise their certificates to class "A" have had the time limit extended until September 1, 1939, A. L. Martin, superintendent of public instruction in Cherokee county, has announced.

The date had previously been set for September 1, 1938.

"This action will give teachers who wish to raise their certificates an extra year in which to complete the necessary work and will be of great benefit to them. A good many teachers can not find time under present conditions to complete work for class "A" certificates by September 1 of this year. The added period will give them time to complete correspondence and summer courses necessary to work", Mr. Martin said.

75-Gallon Still Is Captured In County

A 75-gallon still, believed to be the largest ever captured in Cherokee county, was confiscated by the sheriff's department at the Hamby Bend section of the Hiwassee river, one-half mile below the TVA's Hiwassee dam project, Friday.

Officers reported finding about 2000 gallons of beer and two gallons of liquor at the site of the still. Although officers kept vigilance over the place all day, no arrests have been made.

Those participating in the capture were: Sheriff's deputies Cliff Radford, Cliff Rose, Ezra Price and John Crowe.

Representative To Aid In Filing Tax Returns

A representative of the state treasury department will be at the Regal hotel in Murphy Friday, March 11, according to an announcement from the internal revenue service at Greensboro.

The duties of the representative will be to assist taxpayers in filing their income tax returns, it was explained.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County met in the court house in Murphy Monday in regular session. Only routine matters were attended to.

BURKE GRAY IS STILL MISSING IN BALTIMORE

Fred Christopher, Law Partner of Mayor Gray, Returns Here

The third week after his strange disappearance in Baltimore, Md., the whereabouts of Thomas Burke Gray, 24, son of Mayor and Mrs. J. B. Gray, of Murphy, remains as much of a mystery as it did the night he was last seen.

Fred Christopher, a law partner of Mayor Gray in Murphy, has returned from Baltimore where he conducted a wide-spread search in conjunction with Maryland and District of Columbia police and detectives. He said a telephone call to the Baltimore police department Tuesday revealed that "there are no new developments in the case."

Mr. Gray, a popular student in the medical school of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, was last seen on the night of Jan. 21 in the company of several strangers. He had spent the early part of the evening with friends, and was preparing to return to his room and resume his studies for coming examinations when he was last seen.

All efforts of police and friends to trace him after he was seen in the company of the strangers has failed, and hopes for his recovery have been practically abandoned.

Young Mr. Gray was always friendly and well-dressed. His pleasing appearance, it is theorized, may have led to foul play, or he may have suffered an attack of amnesia from overstudy.

Mayor Gray, prominent Western North Carolina lawyer, is confined to the sanitarium in Black Mountain. He will be joined next week by Mrs. Gray who will spend some time with him there.

All details in the case have been attended to by Mr. Christopher who has spent several weeks in Baltimore and vicinity conducting the fruitless search.

LARGE MAT IS CONSTRUCTED IN LOCAL FACTORY

A huge wrestling mat, measuring 16 square feet and two inches thick, was recently constructed in the Murphy Lions Workshop for the Blind here. Frank Taylor, who is in charge of the work, said he believed it to be the largest mat or mattress to ever be made in this section.

The mat was built for the Andrews gymnasium to be used for wrestling and tumbling.

Mr. Taylor said he has inquired of similar shops in Asheville and Georgia towns but none of them report having made a larger piece of goods.

Mr. Taylor and Sam McClure, both of whom are partially blind and who manufacture and rebuild mattresses in their little shop on Sycamore street here, spent a week making it.

Chicago Family Are Visitors In Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Weeks and son, Billie, of Chicago, Ill., are visiting relatives in Murphy this week.

Mr. Weeks, who is connected with the sports department of the Associated Press, left Sunday while his wife and son will remain here for some time.

Mrs. Weeks was the former Miss Helen Dickey, of Murphy, and is a sister to Mrs. Fred Christopher and Mrs. Neil Sneed.

ALDERMEN TO MEET

The town of board of Murphy will hold a regular meeting in the town hall tonight (Thursday). Charles D. Mayfield is serving as mayor in the place of Mayor J. B. Gray who is confined to a sanitarium in Black Mountain.