

## 1938 PROGRAM FOR CANNERY IS ANNOUNCED

Number of Changes Are Listed By Management; Sees Best Year

The 1938 program for the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association in Murphy has been announced by E. R. Thompson, manager.

This will mark the fourth year the cooperative, a unit of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association, of Waynesville, has operated here.

The program for the coming year is as follows:

All dealings at the cannery this year will be on a cash basis, produce being paid for the day it is delivered, thus obviating the necessity of keeping books.

In an effort to cut expense, soliciting acreage in the county will be dispensed. General meetings for the purpose of signing contracts will be held all over the county, however, and those that do not sign at that time may come to the manager's office in the cannery and sign up.

Payment of the management this year will be in proportion to the pack rather than a fixed salary.

Field expenses will be reduced. The manager states he will not make any more trips into the field than is absolutely necessary in order to cut traveling expense. He added, however, that anyone who had a serious problem facing him would warrant a visit.

The manager is asking spinach growers to have their soil tested either at his office or the county agent's office in Murphy to see if it needs lime.

The following prices will be paid for produce this year:

Beans—fancy grade, \$60 per ton or 90 cents per bushel; No. 1 grade, \$50 per ton or 75 cents per bushel; No. 2 grade, \$38 per ton or 45 cents per bushel.  
Spinach—No. 1 grade, \$18 per ton; No. 2 grade, \$12 per ton.  
Turnip Greens—No. 1 grade, \$18 per ton; No. 2 grade, \$12 per ton.  
Tomatoes—No. 1 grade, \$14 per ton. No. 2 grade, 10 per ton.  
Okra—\$30 per ton.  
Products will be sold on the fresh market if a better price can be obtained with the grower receiving the selling price less expenses and a 15 per cent commission.

## MASONIC MEET ON FEBRUARY 28 IS ANNOUNCED

An invitation has been extended to all master Masons, their wives and members of the Order of the Eastern Star to attend the public installation of officers of the Cherokee Lodge No. 146 A. F. & A. M. to be held in the Masonic hall in Murphy Monday night, February 28, at 7:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

The entertainment committee is composed of: P. C. Gentry, Fred Swain and J. Franklin Smith.

## Mrs. Bryson Goes To Funeral of Her Son

Mrs. Carolyn Harrison Bryson, of Murphy, has gone to Gurley, Ala., to attend the funeral of her son, Todd Martin, 52, who was buried Wednesday afternoon after death came Monday from heart failure.

Accompanying Mrs. Bryson on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Peyton G. Ivie and the Rev. Arthur Barber, Murphy Methodist minister.

Mr. Martin was a prominent oil well operator in Gurley. He was well-known here.

Surviving are: his wife, one daughter, his mother and a brother, Dr. Louis Martin, who is connected with Mayo Brothers hospital in Hot Springs, Ark.

About five years ago, Todd Martin, Jr., was killed in an accident at an oil well in Alabama prior to a contemplated visit with Mrs. Bryson.

## No Trace Is Found of Gray Missing 3 Weeks

Although Baltimore, Md., police are still conducting an intensive search for Thomas Burke Gray, 24 son of Mayor and Mrs. J. E. Gray, of Murphy, no new light has been shed on his strange and complete disappearance on the night of Jan. 22.

Mr. Gray, who was an honor medical student at the University of Maryland medical school in Baltimore, was last seen with a group of strangers. None of them have been located. He was to have taken important examinations several days later.

Mrs. Gray left Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Henn to visit Mayor Gray who is in a sanitarium in Black Mountain.

Fred Christopher, law partner of Mr. Gray, was active in trying to locate Mr. Gray shortly after his disappearance.

## Firemen Have Banquet Here Friday Night

A banquet was held by the members of the fire department of Murphy at the Dickey hotel on Friday evening.

Those attending were: Fire chief Fred Swain, assistant chief Fred Johnson, E. O. Christopher, H. G. Elkins, Elbert Malione, Homer Ricks, Tom Taylor, Tom Axley, E. O. Palmer, W. S. Dickey, Bill Brandon, Frank Ellis, George Townson and Hayner Rogers.

Four new members were elected at the meeting. They are: Allen W. Lovingood, Harry Sword, Neil Sneed and Tom Palmer.

After the meeting the group attended a show.

Another banquet will be held on Friday evening, March 4, it was decided.

## DR. BEDINGER TO PREACH MARCH 5 TO PRESBYTERIANS

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, of Asheville, will preach in the Murphy Presbyterian church Sunday morning, March 5, at 11 o'clock. Col. M. W. Bell, elder of the church, has announced.

Mr. Bell is urging all members of the local church and persons of Presbyterian affiliation to be present at this service, and states that at its conclusion a meeting will be held to appoint a committee to take steps to seek a permanent Presbyterian pastor here.

The Rev. Stuart H. Long, past minister of the church, transferred to Washington, Ga., last fall.

Dr. Bedinger is well-known here have preached locally on several previous occasions. He is considered one of the best preachers in Western North Carolina.

## Box Supper Will Be Held At No. 6 Church

A box supper will be held at the new No. 6 Baptist church Saturday evening, March 6, at 7 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Proceeds will be used to complete expenses of building the new church. According to the announcement, to date everything has been paid for except the windows and doors, and it is for this expense that the funds will be used.

## Charles Laney Loses Eye In Fall Recently

Charles, 11-year-old son of Fred Laney, Murphy, automobile mechanic, lost an eye recently when he fell down while playing near Cool Springs in Murphy.

He was playing with a group of boys when he tripped and fell striking his eye on a jutting root and injuring it so badly that it had to be replaced with a glass one.

## All Plans For Minstrel Show Are Completed

All preparations have been made for the Murphy Lions club minstrel show to be held in the Murphy high school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 25. Committees in charge have announced.

Production is under the direction of a committee headed by K. C. Wright; Miss Martha Nell Wells, and Hall Cobb. Park W. Fisher, Dutch Kindley, W. A. Sherrill and Sam Carr are assisting Mr. Wright. Miss Wells is in charge of the musical program while Mr. Cobb is directing the minstrel show. Both are teachers in the Murphy school.

According to present arrangements, the show will be divided into three sections—all of which when put together will bring a world of mirth, wit, dark-faced humor and a variety of song to the large audience that is expected to attend.

Proceeds from the show will go to local charity.

Costs and program will be announced by next week.

## Richard McIver Hurt In Automobile Wreck

Richard McIver, son of A. W. McIver, of Murphy, was injured and two other boys shaken up when a car in which they were riding overturned 10 miles south of here on the Copperhill highway Monday evening.

The two who escaped injury were William Townson and Edgar Darnell.

Petrie hospital attendants said Monday night young McIver was suffering face and head wounds and injuries to his side.

## GUNSHOT WOUND CAUSES LOSS OF ARM TO DOCKERY

A gunshot wound caused the loss of the right arm of Eli Dockery, of Murphy, in an affray at the home of Lee Morrow in the Factorytown section late Sunday evening.

The arm was amputated at the Petrie hospital Monday.

According to chief of police Fred Johnson, Dockery had gone to the home of Morrow when the shooting occurred.

No preliminary hearing had been held Monday pending the outcome of the condition of Dockery. Johnson said Dockery would be charged with forcible trespass and that Morrow would be charged with assault with a deadly weapon in his own home.

The policeman stated that Dockery has two similar charges of forcible trespass in the home of Morrow awaiting trial in the next session of superior court here. Dockery was out under \$500 bond on the charges.

Mr. Johnson, who was called to the scene of the shooting, and who took Dockery to the hospital, said that Dockery had entered Morrow's home causing words between the two on several occasions.

## GET READY FOR CHICK BREEDING AGENT ADVISES

This is chick breeding time—and A. Q. Ketner Cherokee county agent is passing out a number of suggestions to local poultry raisers.

In the first place he advises everyone interested in raising a flock of good chickens to make definite brooding plans at this time and be ready for the chicks when they arrive.

Among the preparations are the cleaning up and checking of the brooder stove to make sure it works satisfactorily; the checking of all brooding equipment such as feeders and fountains so the equipment will be ready for the chicks, and giving a thorough check-up to the brooder house itself.

Mr. Ketner advises all persons buying new chicks to get them now. He states he carries in his office a list of North Carolina certified dealers to insure good birds.

## Eight Men Barely Escape Suffocation In Mine As Fire Rages Over Shaft

### Deer, Turkey Season Closed In 3 Counties

Hunting seasons for deer and turkey in Cherokee, Clay and Macon counties have been closed for a period of five years in order that the stock in Fires Creek and Standing Indian game management areas might be restocked, it was announced this week by Bill Nothstein of Andrews.

In connection with this new law, three men were arrested and pled guilty to charges of aiding and abetting in disposing of and illegally killing a doe deer near Marble last December.

Arrest was made by county warden D. M. Birchfield, and trial was held before Justice of the Peace Fred O. Bates in Murphy on Saturday. Fines and costs totaling \$33.20 were levied.

The wild life and conservation and district forestry departments are requesting full cooperation on the part of citizens and sportsmen in observing the new game law which they say is designed to keep the stock of deer and turkey in this section plentiful.

## POULTRY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN MURPHY MARCH 7

The first poultry school ever held in the state west of Asheville will be conducted in the Cherokee county court house in Murphy on Monday, March 7, the North Carolina extension service has announced.

Poultry raisers from Clay, Macon, Swain and Graham counties will also be invited.

A tentative program has been arranged as follows: 10 a. m. to 10:40 a. m., C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman will discuss chick rearing problems; 10:30 a. m. to 11 a. m., T. T. Brown, of Raleigh, will talk on marketing problems in Western North Carolina. 11 a. m. to 11:30 a. m., R. S. Dearstyne, of the extension division will speak on "Poultry Diseases, Their Cause and Prevention", and from 11:30 a. m. to noon a suggested poultry breeding program will be the subject of C. J. Maupin, also of the extension department.

Following lunch a round table discussion of poultry problems will be held. County Agent A. Q. Ketner is asking all local poultrymen to have their questions and problems ready for discussion. He said a number of problems were brought to his office daily that can be fully and ably answered at this general discussion. Before the conclusion of the school a demonstration in autopsy and egg grading will be performed.

Mr. Ketner attaches great importance to the meeting here and said he expects nearly 100 persons to attend from these five counties.

## Improvements Are Made At Standard Oil Plant

Renovations and improvements amounting to approximately \$6000 are being added to the Standard Oil company plant here by W. S. Dickey, local distributor for the oil company.

One complete store room is being added the plant, which is located near the Southern Railroad line, and improvements including concrete drives are being added other parts of the plant.

Wade Massey is in charge of the work.

Jerry Davidson, Jr., arrived Tuesday from Guntersville, Ala., to spend a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson. Mr. Davidson is connected with the Public Safety Division of TVA.

## Building At Top of Carolina Talc Company Shaft Destroyed

### MEN FIGHT BLAZE

### Miners Fight Smoke 110 Feet Below For Hour and Half Saturday

Eight miners at the Carolina Talc company at Kinsey, five miles from here, narrowly escaped suffocation Saturday noon as they hovered near the bottom of a 110-foot shaft while flames swept the building at the mouth of the mine.

The men, who remained in the mine for an hour and a half, were: Joe Bailey, son of J. W. Bailey, president and manager of the talc company; Willie Forrester, Lon Guthrie, Falt Frankum, Leonard Sneed, Tom Wright, Earl Robinson and George Forrester.

Damage to the building had not been estimated Wednesday.

The fire occurred just a few minutes before noon. The men had gathered at the bottom of the shaft to come up for dinner. Joe Bailey had descended into the mine to get some tools he left there. When he got to the bottom sparks began falling all around him and a skip loaded with about 400 pounds of talc dropped and barely missed him.

Smoke Begins To Fill Mine  
The men were conscious that fire had started at the mouth of the mine and smoke began pouring down on them. The fire also caused the water pumps to shut off and thousands of gallons of water began pouring in around them. Officials stated, however, that it would have been several days before the huge mines would have filled with water at the bottom of the shaft to the drowning point.

When smoke began pouring around the men they soaked their handkerchiefs in the water at their feet and held them to their noses.

Griffith Ledford was one of several men working above ground at the time fire broke out. He said the blaze started from an oil switch. He attempted to get to the top of the shaft and extinguish the flames but they had spread before he could get to

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## HUBERT WELLS IS COUNTY 4-H CORN WINNER FOR 1937

Hubert Wells, 4-H Club Member of Cherokee County because of his outstanding accomplishments in corn club work has been declared the 4-H County Champion Corn Club Member for 1937, and as a result will be awarded a championship certificate by the North Carolina Extension Service and a Gold Medal furnished by the Educational Bureau of the Barrett Company.

Hubert's record shows that he produced 123 bushels of corn on a measured acre of land at a total cost of \$29.25 or a cost of 23.78 cents per bushel. In producing the county champion acre of corn, his record show that 107 hours of man labor and 42 hours of horse labor was required to produce the acre of corn. 200 pounds of 4-10-4 fertilizer, and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda were used. Five dollars was allowed for rent of land and 5c for seed; allowing 15c per hour for man labor and 10c per hour for horse labor. The total cost amounted to \$29.25. Valuing the corn at 75c per bushel, he made a profit of \$63.00 on the acre of corn. Hubert's record has been forwarded to the State College where it will be considered for District and State honors. His ranking in the state, among about 2000 contestants from 61 counties, was eleventh in production and tenth in profit per acre.