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MINSTREL SHOW IS DISCUSSED BY LIONS CLUB

Committees Report On Activities; Carmichael Is New Member

Final plans for their Big Apple Minstrel show to be given Friday night in the school auditorium were discussed by the members of the Murphy Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

A suggestion was made to offer the show in surrounding communities, but action was deferred until the next meeting.

W. C. Carmichael, of the removal section of the TVA here, was welcomed into the club as a new member.

Visitors were: Wayne Holland, Tom McLemore, Tom Jones and Ralph Day, all of the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown.

A communication was read by Secretary Dr. E. E. Adams from officials of the Champion Fibre Company, of Canton, discrediting local rumors that the company would build a new plant at Marble, 10 miles north of here.

Plans were made by a number of Lions to attend the state convention at Wrightsville Beach June 9 and 10 and the international convention at Oakland, Cal., July 18-22.

Lion H. Bueck, who was in charge of a committee which recently promoted a benefit bridge party here, reported that \$21.15 had been cleared from the venture which would be utilized by the club in lining the blind and near-blind of the community.

Lion Tom Case reported that he had contacted officials of the Midway Golf course here and that plans were going forward to enlarge and improve the course in the near future.

Reports by committees appearing before the town council recently regarding a beautification project in Sunset cemetery here and observance of local traffic regulations and ordinances were heard.

Lion Harve Elkins presided.

Edgar Taylor Named To Tax Commission

Edgar Taylor, of Letitia, Cherokee county, has received an appointment from Governor Clyde R. Hoey as a member of the Tax Commission of Cherokee county.

Mr. Taylor succeeds W. W. Barton, resigned, who recently moved to Tennessee.

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.
16	64	43	59	29
17	57	46	54	21
18	66	46	51	35
19	64	43	49	26
20	43	33	53	40
21	55	29	61	40
22	53	40	47	27

Rainfall—Inches	
1938	1937
Since February 1	1.02 4.12
Since January 1	4.70 13.64

Richard McIver Is Improving At Home

Richard McIver, who was painfully injured in an automobile accident nine miles below here Tuesday night a week ago, was sufficiently improved to be removed to his home at the hospital from the Petrie hospital this week.

He was suffering head wounds and internal injuries.

He is the son of A. W. McIver, Murphy merchant.

Mine Officials Thank Public For Its Help

For cooperation given the Carolina Talc company by local citizens and fire departments during the recent fire there, officials have given out the following public statement:

"An Expression of Appreciation. We, the Carolina Talc company and our employees, take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the TVA and Murphy fire departments and to all those who helped in our recent fire emergency in our mining plant. Signed, Carolina Talc Company, by J. W. Bailey, president and manager."

Region To Get Month's Service Of "Bookmobile"

The Murphy Public library in conjunction with the state library commission will maintain a "bookmobile" in the local library region during the month of March, Miss Ida Belle Entekin, regional librarian, announced Wednesday.

This novel type of travelling library will visit each community in the region four times during the month. Books may be borrowed for a period of one week. The books will be furnished by the local library and the state commission.

Miss Entekin said the regular weekly schedule would be announced within the next week. The "bookmobile" will arrange its trips so that it will be in each community on the same day of each week during its stay here.

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. & 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.

Band To Feature New Song By J. B. Moore

The Rice Brothers radio, stars of WSB, Atlanta, who are featuring one of J. B. (Bunny) Moore's songs will appear in person on the Strand Theater stage in Murphy at regular showings Friday.

The song they are featuring is "When It's Blossom Time in Old Carolina". Mr. Moore, Murphy jeweler, has written a number of songs and this one was recently arranged and introduced on the air lanes by the Atlanta band.

"The Rice Brothers carry a full show of music and comedy to add to the rendition of the local songs."

Citizens Are Reminded Of Chicken Ordinance

Officials of the Town of Murphy are impressing upon citizens this week a statute which prohibits them permitting chickens to run at large in the corporate limits.

The action followed complaints which were carried to councilmen.

The statute reads: "It shall be unlawful for any firm, person or corporation to allow his hers or its chickens or other fowls to run upon any of the streets, alleys, or other lots, or upon the premises of any person other than the owner of said fowls with the Town of Murphy."

"Any person, firm or corporation violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined \$10 for each offense."

Chattanooga Road Will Be Improved Soon

A four-mile paving project on Water Level highway, beginning at the North Carolina line and connecting with the Ducktown highway, will be included in the 1938 budget of the state highway department, Commissioner M. O. Allen, of the Tennessee state highway department, said Saturday, according to the Copper City Advance after inspecting the road.

The river road, which is too narrow in places for paving, will probably be widened and treated to settle the dust before the summer stated the commissioner. There are more than 20 miles of the unpaved road and the dust in the summer time is almost unbearable, it was pointed out to Commissioner Allen.

The road from Parksville to the new river bridge, near Ocoee, will also be paved this year, it is thought, which will give a paved road all the way from Parksville to Cleveland.

Increasing demands of road traffic Commissioner Allen declared, are requiring bigger, better, wider and stronger highways. There will be \$8,000,000 spent on Tennessee highways this year, the commissioner said.

Operations At Talc Mine To Be Resumed

The Carolina Talc company which was partially raised by flames at Kimsay near here two weeks ago imperiling the lives of eight mine workers, is being rebuilt and operations are expected to be resumed within the next "10 days or two weeks", according to J. W. Bailey, president and manager of the mine.

Part of one of the buildings and its huge machinery over the mouth of the 110-foot mine shaft, in which the eight workmen were trapped, were razed by the fire.

American Legion To Meet Saturday Night

A regular meeting of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion in Murphy will be held at the Smoky Mountain cafe Saturday night at 7 o'clock, J. W. Franklin announced Wednesday.

All members and ex-service men are urged to attend.

SPECIAL MUSIC, FUN WILL BE GIVEN IN LIONS BIG APPLE MINSTREL SHOW

A rollicking, musical treat is in store for lovers of black-face comedy and song when the huge cast struts its stuff in the Lions club's Big Apple Minstrel to be presented in the Murphy high school auditorium Friday night.

All your favorite end-men will be there to bring smiles with the latest jokes a la Hall Cobb. The pseudo-line-up consists of such old favorites as Harve Elkins, Mr. Cobb, K. C. Wright, the interlocutor, and some not-so-well-knowns such as Peyton G. Ivie, Frank Smith and ye ed.

This comedy sketch of the program is under the direction of Mr. Cobb, while Miss Martha Nell Well's has charge of one portion of the musical program, and Park W. Fisher has charge of another.

Unlike most old-fashioned minstrels, the directors are making an attempt to stream-line this one—that is, if dusky end-men can be streamlined. Instead of building the songs and jokes around the "Shade of the Old Apple Tree", the leaders are building its theme up around "The Big Apple", which incidentally is the theme song of the show.

From the end-men and rank and file of pulchritude which will grace the stage from start to finish there will come a large number of new voices—some voices you would never suspect were there, (and some which

Intangible Tax Must Be Filed By March 15

A full and comprehensive survey of the new intangible tax law as passed in the last session of the North Carolina General assembly is presented in this issue.

Persons who are affected by the law have until March 15 to properly file their returns, and if this is not done by that time they will be subject to penalization.

For this reason, and at the suggestion of a number of local public officials, much space is being taken in this issue to fully acquaint local citizens with the law.

Mad Dog Bites Persons, Cattle Near Culberson

At least five persons and a large number of cattle are said to have been bitten by a mad dog near the Culberson community in the extreme lower end of Cherokee county.

According to reports here Tuesday, the dog roamed at large over the week-end biting a number of persons and cows, horses and hogs.

The dog was said to have been shot Sunday and its head sent to Raleigh for examination. Tuesday the people of the Culberson community were informed the dog was found to have rabies, according to the report.

Bell Attends Installation Services Of Preacher

Col. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, took part in the installation services of the Rev. Paul Thrower, Presbyterian minister, at Andrews and Bryson City Sunday.

The Andrews service was conducted in the afternoon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. O. C. Landrum, of Hazelwood; the charge to the pastor was made by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, of Asheville, and Mr. Bell gave the charge to the members.

The ladies of the church served a supper following the meeting.

In Bryson City in the morning, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, of Franklin, offered the sermon; the charge to the pastor was given by J. A. Lancaster, of Franklin, while Mr. Bell charged the members.

On Sunday March 5, Mr. Bedinger will speak in the Murphy Presbyterian church, and a general meeting will be held following to discuss plans for the obtaining of a regular pastor here.

TESTIMONY IN STILES' DEATH IS HEARD HERE

Two Bound Over to Superior Court; Two Held As Material Witnesses

Grady Carringer, 19, and Dorothy Barnes, 16, both of Murphy, were bound over to Cherokee County Superior court on charges growing out of the death of Glen Stiles, 28, who was found dead two miles from Murphy on the Blairsville highway the night of January 23.

Lewis King, 19, and Frances Head, 17, are being held as material witnesses.

Action followed a preliminary hearing in the Murphy court house Tuesday before a capacity audience. Justice of the Peace George A. Hembree, of Cherokee county, presided over the hearing. He was assisted by Justice of the Peace Fred O. Bates, of Murphy.

The boys are being held under \$1000 bond each while the girls are under \$500 bond each. Warrants were sworn out on the four by Patton Stiles, father of the dead man, about three weeks ago.

Following presentation of state's evidence in the case, no evidence was offered by the defense at preliminary hearing, and judgment was passed.

The defense was represented by Don Witherspoon and J. D. Mallonee while J. N. Moody represented the prosecution.

Charges Made
Warrants were sworn on the contention that the four defendants, who were riding in a car the night of the fatal accident and who were the first to advise Stiles' family of the accident, were in the car that struck Stiles and dragged him approximately 75 feet.

Sheridan Stiles, a brother of the deceased was the first called to the stand. He told of first being called to his door by the defendants, and going from 500 to 600 feet up the highway where his brother lay at the point of death. He testified he helped to place him in the car driven by the defendants. Stiles died en route to the hospital.

He said the body had evidently been struck and dragged about 75 feet, and he designated officers who had come to the scene and made investigations. Stiles stated the car the defendants were driving was a maroon Ford V-8 and that the accident occurred between 7 and 7:30 o'clock on a Sunday evening. Miss Barnes, the witness declared, fainted twice after the body had left for the hospital and was quoted as saying she was the cause of him being killed. The girls, he added, stayed at the house while Stiles was taken to town.

Defense attorneys went into detail concerning the arrival of the defendants to notify the family of the accident, and showed the car was headed toward Murphy when it stopped at Stiles' home which is situated on the highway. The body, testimony showed, had been struck on the right hand side of the road going toward Blairsville and hurled to the left of the road with the head and body projecting off the macadam surface and the feet on it.

Girl Makes Statement
Stiles said Robbins Robinson, deputy sheriff, also heard Miss Barnes say, "I was the cause of him getting killed."

The witness added that as he left the house with Carringer, King, his father and his brother to go to the body of the victim, another car was seen to pass going toward Blairsville about 35 or 40 miles an hour, aptly brakes, come to a stop at the body, and quickly drive on again. The car and its occupants were not learned. Stiles said it did not hit the body of his brother.

Deputy Robinson described hearing Miss Barnes make the statement, "I was the cause of him getting killed," but that later she explained she had

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