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ANNUAL FAIR WILL BE HELD SEPT. 27-OCT. 1

Preparations For Exposition Going Steadily Forward

Cherokee county's "Big Show"—the annual Cherokee county Fair which which delights big and small, old and young alike—like that west-bound train, a "drawing nigh," and lavish preparations are being made for its conclusion here this year.

The Fair will open Tuesday, Sept. 27, and will last five days and nights through Oct. 1.

The Fair booklet has been published and has been distributed all over the county and adjacent territory which the local exposition serves, and A. Q. Ketner, county agent who is promoting the Fair again this year, states that arrangements are being made to provide the largest and best exhibit ever held here in the past 13 years.

The giant Hartzberg Midway, a leading exponent of showdown, will provide the amusement attractions for the second successive year. Last year the Hartzberg show and their concessions proved very popular here, and officials state they are glad to be able to obtain them again this year.

Many Exhibits

Last year hundreds of exhibits prepared from farm and field supplies, home and gardens, agricultural enterprises, school work, handiwork and natural resources were placed on exhibition and carried away neatly \$2000 in premiums.

This year the premium list of cash prizes is even larger and naturally officials are expecting a larger and wider variety of exhibits.

Few changes have been made in the personnel of judges and supervisors in the various classifications of exhibits. All are listed in the catalog which may be obtained free either from the county agent's office in the Murphy court house or by calling at the Cherokee Scout office.

This is the fourteenth annual Fair to be held in Cherokee county and local citizens agree that each one has been truly "bigger and better" than its predecessor. Continued innovation and efforts to bring an improved show to the people of the county have met with unusual success here, and this year's exposition is expected to clinch them all.

Last year thousands of people attended from Cherokee and surrounding counties in three states. The array of exhibits—agricultural and otherwise—was the largest that had ever been known. Hundreds of people in all walks of life come to town "Fair Week" to rub shoulders and swap yarns with their neighbor.

Midway To Be Larger

The Midway, too, is expected to be larger than last year. In addition to the regular concessions and merry rides, free acts will be supplied at all showings, according to a contract recently signed by W. M. Fain, chairman of the fair association.

"You can say what you want to about the Fair and Midway this year," Mr. Fain said, "and you can be sure we'll back it up. As far as I know everything seems perfect now—and that goes for the weather too for we've tried to dodge the equinoctial storm again."

Mr. Ketner shared Mr. Fain's enthusiasm over the prospects of a "bummer" of a Fair this year.

"There is more interest manifest in the Fair this year than I have ever seen before. We truly expect larger and better exhibits and greater crowds than we had last year—and everybody knows what the Fair has been in years past. I think that's as much of a recommendation as we need."

Persons who have visited the Cherokee County Fair in past years declare it is the best that is held outside of the big cities which surround Murphy.

The reputation of the "Cherokee County Fair" has spread far and wide, and it is seen as the most important and most significant event of the year held here.

MEN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT AT EXTORTION

Boyd Sneed, 18 and Glenn Mann, about 30, both of near Murphy, are in jail here on charges of attempted extortion and "injury to the person and property" of Lammie A. McClure, son of J. H. McClure, of Cherokee county.

Both are being held in lieu of \$1,000 bond. A preliminary hearing will be held before F. O. Bates, U. S. commissioner.

A warrant for the pair was sworn out here by H. W. Kage, of the federal bureau of investigation, Charlotte, who has been for a week investigating the case.

The arrests were made by Deputy Sheriffs J. H. McClure, Ezra Price, and G. P. Robinson.

The arrests followed a letter received by McClure allegedly demanding "that \$25 be placed under a rock at the head of a grave in Liberty cemetery."

AUTO INJURIES PROVE FATAL TO WARNE MAN

Nathan Messer, 60 farmer of Warne, Clay county, died in Petrie hospital here Friday night of injuries received when struck by a car near his home Wednesday night as he was returning from a church service.

The funeral services were held at the Pine Log Baptist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Zeb Stephens officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson, of Murphy, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Officers who investigated, said death was accidental and that no charges had been preferred against Grady Brown, also of Warne, who was driving the car that struck Messer.

Surviving are two sons, Loyd and Fred; one daughter, Mrs. Gus Williams; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Messer, all of Warne, and two brothers, C. P., of Hiwassee, and Ivin, of Oklahoma.

MURPHY TO PLAY TWO CONTESTS WITH HAYESVILLE

Murphy will meet the Hayesville baseball in two contests over the coming week-end. One game is scheduled for Saturday afternoon and the other for Sunday afternoon.

Murphy remained in the winning bracket last week by eking out a 7 to 6 11th-inning victory over the Riggs Lumber company team, of Athens, Ten. The Hayesville aggregation has played several interesting games on the local field this year.

Funeral Conducted For Palmer Child Friday Morning

Funeral services for Joanne Palmer, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Palmer, of Murphy, who died here Thursday morning from injuries received when a tombstone toppled over on her in the Old Methodist cemetery Monday, were held at the home Friday morning with the Rev. J. C. Ammons officiating. Interment was in the old Methodist cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Flower girls were: Nelma Simons, Maxine Davidson, Dorothy Carroll, Janell Divadson, Maybell Hall, Edith Crawford, Neva Hall and Helen and Lois Carringer.

Honorary pallbearers were: L. D. Hunt, Fred Swaim, Ernest Stiles and Tom Taylor.

Active pallbearers were: Ben Palmer, Jack Hunt, Wilson Palmer and Henry Seabolt.

Seymour Calhoun, Bob and Lloyd Laney, of Proctor, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kindley.

W. B. NELSON, OF ASHEVILLE, DROWNS SUNDAY

Young Man Was Well-Known, Widely Related Here

William Butler Nelson, Jr., 22, of Asheville who is widely known and related in Murphy, slipped while wading in the water above Linville falls Sunday and was carried over the three falls by the mountain torrent, swelled by recent rains.

All efforts to recover his body have failed. According to news dispatches catching here Wednesday night, a group of Asheville firemen are planning to blast the rocks at the bottoms of the falls in an effort to locate his body. The three deep pools at the bottom of each of the falls have been dragged by expert rescuers all week in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the body.

Young Nelson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nelson. His father is a freight conductor. He was an only child. He was a nephew of Mrs. E. O. Christopher and Mrs. Vesta Hensley, of Murphy.

The accident occurred shortly after noon. Nelson and a dozen or more young Asheville persons had gone to Blowing Rock Saturday to attend the horse show and a dance. They were returning to Asheville and stopped at Linville falls, one of Western North Carolina's greatest scenic attractions, for a picnic.

Apparently only two or three members of the party saw Nelson slip into the water, but many more saw him as he clutched frantically for a hold as he was carried over each of the three falls into a deep pool which is the beginning of the famous Nantahala gorge.

Accounts of the accident varied. One said Nelson was leaning over to wash his hands when he slipped. Another said he was sitting on a slippery rock and slid into the water.

Gene Pope, of Asheville, one of Nelson's friends, was said to have been standing near by. He clutched at Nelson witnesses said, but failed to hold him. A moment later, Nelson was swept over the first fall which is only 16 feet high, then the second, 38 feet high, and finally the high fall, which begins 80 feet above the pool.

Nelson attended Asheville high school. He was employed by the American Enka company. He is survived by his parents.

MURPHY ENJOYS COOL SUMMER

While the rest of the country sweaters with summer heat, Murphy takes it coolly and casually with the highest temperature reported here this summer being 91 degrees.

Last Sunday was the second hottest day Murphy has had this year when a temperature of 90 degrees was recorded. Several weeks ago the temperature went to 91 degrees one day.

Night time temperatures have been constantly below 70 all summer.

According to the figures, which are released by the engineering data division of the TVA, of which James Smallshaw is the head here, Murphy is enjoying one of its coolest summers, although it is a little over average in amount of rainfall. More than 11 inches of rain has fallen over the total at this time last year.

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

TEMPERATURES			
	1938		1937
4	82	67	92
5	88	67	88
6	85	66	88
7	90	66	89
8	87	67	88
9	87	70	88
10	86	68	82

RAINFALL INCHES		1938	1937
Since August 1	3.97	2.07
Since January 1	48.78	36.53

Cooper Ineligible To Attend Special Legislature Meet

Cherokee county has no house representative in the present special session of the state legislature which was called last week by Gov. Clyde R. Hoey, as Harry P. Cooper, county representative, is now with the federal government and is ineligible.

In order to have a representative at the session which was called primarily to supplement and distribute WPA funds, it would have been necessary for Cherokee county to hold a special election, according to the opinion of local lawyers.

Mr. Cooper, a former Murphy attorney, accepted a position with the inter-state Commerce commission last year.

COMBS HEARD BY SCHOOL GROUP HERE

Presided Over Educational Meeting Here on Thursday

A. B. Combs, associate director of the division of public instruction, Raleigh, was in charge of a meeting of school superintendents, principals and teachers representing the Murphy, Andrews and Cherokee county school units held in the Murphy school Thursday morning. About 35 were present.

He was assisted by Miss Julia Wetherington, also a director of public instruction.

In the introductory remarks, Mr. Combs noted the distinction between the work of the State School commission and the Department of Public Instruction. Emphasis was placed on the responsibility of counties and cities in furnishing the capital outlay including buildings, desks and other items. This is not the state's responsibility, he stated, as the state assures an eight-months term and finances it.

Following Mr. Combs' talk, all teachers introduced themselves stating which school they represented and which position they held in the school. This information was used as a basis in the discussion of the New Elementary and Secondary School Handbook.

Various phases of school work were discussed including the value of children's magazines and the importance of art.

Mr. Hall Cobb, of Murphy high school faculty, spoke on his work as teacher of advanced woodworking explaining its advantages to the pupils.

Mr. K. C. Wright, principal, of the Murphy high school reviewed the work of the business department which includes courses in introduction to business, business English, bookkeeping, short hand and typing.

Miss Wetherington concluded the discussion period with suggestions on elementary program making.

Heavy Docket Aired In Court During Week

A total of 18 cases were dispensed with in Cherokee county Superior court the first three days of this week when one of the heaviest but unimportant criminal dockets in Cherokee county went before the jury.

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, is presiding.

It is expected that the criminal docket will be completed this week and that trial of civil cases will be heard for several days next week.

Regular Services Held At Methodist Church On Sunday

The Rev. W. Arthur Barber, pastor of the Murphy Methodist church, announces he will leave Lake Junaluska conference and return to Murphy Saturday.

He reports that regular Sunday services are scheduled and that the team captains for the Children's Home fund will make final reports at the Sunday morning service.

FARM TOUR TO BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY

Outstanding Cherokee County Farms Are Included

The first farm tour ever held in Cherokee county will be conducted Wednesday, according to an announcement made by the county agent's office.

The itinerary will cover practically all sections of Cherokee county, and has been made to include outstanding demonstrations in various phases of Cherokee county agriculture.

All farmers and citizens interested in making the tour are requested to meet at the county agent's office in the Murphy courthouse Wednesday morning where the tour will begin at 8 A. M.

The county agent's office expects a large crowd to join the tour and requesting all persons who can bring automobiles or trucks to do so.

The following schedule (based on Central Standard Time) has been arranged: J. C. Townson farm (beef cattle) 8:25; Ed Wood farm (machinery and dairy farming) 9:10; W. A. Franklin farm (beef cattle) 9:50; Will Lusher farm (acre of 4-H corn project) 10:25; W. A. Puett farm (forestry and home beautification) 10:55; Charles Millsaps farm (tobacco) 11:20; Oscar Mauney farm (swine) 11:40; John C. Campbell Folk School (crop rotation) 12:20; Lunch at Martins Creek school house at 12:30; W. A. Kisselburg farm (forestry) 2:40; John Shields farm (dairy and crop rotation) 3 o'clock; Disband.

The county agent's staff hopes to make the Farm Tour an annual affair.

4 New Teachers Are Elected To Murphy Unit

When school opens Monday, Aug. 29, four new teachers will be seen in the High school faculty. All of these teachers are well-trained in their respective fields and come highly recommended.

Mrs. Ann Candler Ward, of Murphy, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has been a regular substitute in the local school the past two years.

Miss Elizabeth Strickland, of Old Fort, is a graduate of the Womens College of the University and has completed work for her Masters degree at the University at Chapel Hill. Miss Strickland has taught at Asheville Normal and Swain County High School.

Miss Nell McLaughlin, of Whittier, will succeed Miss Ruth Dennis in the Commercial Department. Miss McLaughlin is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College and was an honor student while there.

Miss Martha Wiswall, of Asheville, is a graduate of the Womens College of the University and in June received her Masters degree from Columbia University, New York. Miss Wiswall was laboratory assistant at W. C. U. N. C. and was assistant in the educational department of the Charleston Museum for a year.

The Elementary faculty of the entire unit remains the same except for the fact that one teacher was lost due to decrease in last years attendance in that department.

William Wade replaces George Lewis Henry at Texana. Wade is a graduate of Bluefield State College, with a major in Commercial Education and Mathematics.

During his last year in school he was assistant in the Registrars office and comes here highly recommended by Loyd G. Smith, Registrar at Bluefield.

Mrs. T. J. Mauney spent the week-end in Hayesville with her mother, Mrs. H. B. Haighler.