

LOCAL CANNERY WILL OPERATE HERE IN 1939

Decision Is Made At Board Meeting On Wednesday

The Mountain Valley Mutual cannery, located in Murphy, will definitely operate here during the coming year it was announced Thursday evening following a meeting of the board of directors.

It was also stated that the cannery would "operate on a more cooperative basis."

W. M. Fain chairman of the board of directors, presided over the group. He appointed a committee to seek a new site for the cannery as the present building will be inundated this winter by water backed up from TVA's Hiwassee Dam which is under construction 22 miles below here.

Named on the committee were: J. B. Shields, manager of the cannery; Frank C. Gheringhelli, of Brasstown; and W. H. Price, of Hayesville.

"A number of nice sites have been offered us," John E. Barr, head of the Land O' The Sky Mutual canning association of Waynesville said following the meeting. The local cannery is a unit of the Land O' The Sky organization. Frank Davis, manager of the Waynesville cannery, accompanied Mr. Barr here.

"There is a possibility of other agencies taking an interest in the cannery," the officials stated.

Others attending the meeting were: R. R. Beal and J. W. Ellis.

TVA Award 5 Contracts In Dam Construction

The Tennessee Valley Authority has announced the award of five contracts for equipment and services totalling \$107,134 in value.

In continuing its work on the topographic mapping of the Tennessee Valley, the Authority has awarded a contract to the Aero Service Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., for aerial photography in the upper Tennessee River and tributary river basins. The cost of this work will be \$33,320.

Guides and frames for the intake gates at the Authority's Hiwassee Dam will be supplied by Lloyd E. Jones Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., at a cost of \$6,938.

Thieves Enter 2 Cars In Murphy At Night

Two cars were broken into in Murphy late Tuesday night by unknown culprits, it was reported. Both cars belonged to residents of the Henry House in Murphy.

An evercoat was taken from the car of Dr. Harry Miller after one of the glasses had been smashed. The car of Bob Motz was also entered but nothing of value was reported stolen.

WINTER ARRIVES OFFICIALLY THIS MORNING AT 7:15

It may surprise most of you who figured from the weather that winter had been with us all the time, but officially it didn't come in until today (Thursday).

Thursday is also the shortest day of the year, and according to the chimney-corner almanac it officially began at 7:15 this morning.

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.
14	54	25	59	39
15	54	15	60	37
16	56	16	64	44
17	52	30	62	48
18	53	35	62	45
19	51	16	52	33
20	57	18	54	22
RAINFALL INCHES				
Since December 1	0.95		1.08	
Since January 1	54.12		50.62	

Public Invited To Join In Singing Carols

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 old and young are invited to meet on the square at the lighted Christmas tree to sing the Christmas carols.

Mrs. Hadley Dickey will direct with Marinelle Williamson at the piano. Two large trucks will be on hand to take the carol singers to various parts of town.

Everyone who likes to sing is invited to join the group.

Many Local Homes Are Entered In Contest

Those entering the Christmas Tree Contest sponsored by the Woman's Club are: Mesdames Allen Lovingood, Tom Mauney, T. A. Case, Ed Stud still, Pete Hyde, George Ellis, R. H. Foard, Slaughter, H. G. Elkins, B. W. Whitfield, Edne Hastings, Thelma Dickey, Fred Dickey, Ben Warner, Paul Hyatt, Henry Hyatt, W. G. Darnell, James Parker, Arthur Akin, Joe Ray, Miss Addie Leatherwood and Miss Emily Sward.

If any name has been omitted from this list, they are asked to notify the committee which is composed of Mrs. A. E. Vestal, Mrs. J. C. Ammons, and Mrs. E. G. Darnell.

FINE RECORD IS MADE LOCALLY BY POULTRYMEN

Cherokee County Flocks Pay Better Than State Average

Cherokee county poultry raisers made an exceptional record during the past year, according to statistics recently released by A. Q. Ketner, county agent.

The figures, maintained by an average of 14 of the county's best poultry raisers during the past 12-month period, indicate averages above state and national records in practically all divisions.

While the records show there is an average of less birds on each poultry farm in the county, the average return of each bird above feed costs in the county was \$1.58, as compared with a state-wide average of \$1.17 per bird.

There was practically no difference in the production of eggs per bird in the county and the state, but the feed costs of local birds over the year period was only \$1.62 as compared with the state average of \$1.82.

Some of the outstanding individual records were made by: J. Franklin Smith, of Murphy, who averaged \$2.42 per bird over feed costs; Mrs. T. D. Hickey, of Suit, who averaged \$2.07 per bird over feed costs, and Mrs. C. B. Wood, of Andrews, who averaged \$3.05 per bird over feed costs.

Mr. Ketner pointed out that one reason for the high return of poultry for Mrs. Wood was due to the fact that she sold most of the eggs for hatching. Mr. Smith sold his eggs as graded on local and other markets. Mrs. Hickey's high average resulted from the sale of eggs alone which indicates an exceptionally high production.

Poultry raising has become one of the county's chief farm objectives, and is paying unusual dividends to those farmers who are taking interest in the care and breeding of their flocks, Mr. Ketner stated.

The local county agent's office has been stressing the good financial investment in poultry in this section, and a great deal of work has been done along this line recently.

Other outstanding poultrymen in the county are: H. L. Robinson, Murphy; Mrs. H. B. McNabb, Letitia; Nancy Lunsford, Murphy; Lawson Lunsford, Murphy; Annie Carringer, Brasstown; J. H. Hampton, Murphy; F. C. Gheringhelli, Brasstown; W. L. Fenland, Murphy, and Mary Carringer, Brasstown.

H. B. West Dies Of Auto Injuries; Is Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Harley B. West, 41, were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Valleytown chapel. The Rev. C. Brown, of Warne, officiated. Interment was in the Andrews cemetery.

A huge throng attended the services at the Andrews cemetery attending to Mr. West's wide popularity throughout this entire section. W. D. Townson, of Murphy, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. West died Saturday evening at the C. J. Harris hospital at Sylva after an illness of two weeks caused by injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Wesser Creek on Sunday afternoon December 4 at which time the car in which Mr. West was riding plunged over a 60-foot embankment.

Mr. West was employed at Hiley Authority prior to his death. He was a member of the Tennessee Valley Active pall-bearers were: Clarence West, Carol West, Clyde West, Clyde Colvard, Paul Colvard, Elmer Trantham.

Flower-bearers were: Mattie Lou West, Icie West and Hazel Trantham.

Surviving are: his widow, who was the former Miss Mary Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Phillips, of Robbinsville; five children; Vivent, Rozelle, Leone, Mildred and Lois; his mother, Mrs. J. D. West, of Warne; five brothers, the Rev. Weldon West of Andrews, Walter West and Odie West, both of Robbinsville, Wayne West and Kenneth West, both of Warne, and the following sisters: Mrs. E. F. Trantham, of Andrews, Mrs. W. W. Lovingood, of Marble, and Miss Edith West, of Warne.

Independent Basketball Team Loses 2 Games

The new independent basketball team in Murphy—known as the Woe-Peppers—lost two games this week by two-point margins.

Tuesday night they dropped a 24-22 contest to Robbinsville in the Graham county gymnasium, and Monday night they were defeated 23 to 21 by Hayesville.

Members playing on the team are: J. H. Pitzer, Red Schuyler, Red Raper, Charlie Henderson, Doug Tate and Buel Adams.

An appeal has been made for games with "all comers", and several interesting contests are being lined up.

Organ Circle Extends Thanks To Donators

Members of the Organ circle of the Murphy Methodist church, of which Mrs. A. J. Martin is chairman, extended their sincere thanks this week to "everyone who contributed to putting on the finishing drive for the Methodist church organ."

Particularly did they express thanks to Mr. V. M. Johnson, local merchant, who worked tirelessly toward raising the complete funds for the electric organ that was installed recently.

Injured Girl Carried To Asheville Hospital

Miss Mildred Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hampton of Murphy, was carried to the crippled children's clinic in Bryson City Saturday and from there was sent to St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville by officials at the clinic.

Miss Hampton has just recently returned from an Atlanta, Ga., infirmary where she was treated for a broken back which injury she received when thrown from a speeding automobile. Physicians claim that the paralysis resulting from the injury will prevent her ever walking again but further efforts are being made at the Asheville hospital to improve her condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaye spent a few days in Atlanta last week.

Skeleton Found Near Here Identified As Zimmerman

Burley Control Bill Defeated

Cherokee county Burley tobacco raisers voted 25 to 11 in favor of crop control of the weed in 1939 in Saturday's election, but the plan was nationally defeated in 14 states participating in the referendum.

It was necessary for two-thirds majority before a limit could be set on next year's crop. Less than 50 per cent of the Burley raisers in the 14 states voted for the control plan. North Carolina farmers were only 32.7 per cent in favor of the plan.

The voting in Cherokee county was extremely light with only 36 votes being cast out of a registration of 114 local farmers who were eligible to vote.

Voting in Andrews was held at the store of P. M. Reagan and in the Murphy court house.

FEDERATION TO PAY 3 PER CENT DIVIDEND JAN. 1

More Than 3,500 Stockholders To Share In Outlay

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 22.—More than 3,500 stockholders of the Farmers Federation will share in a three per cent semi-annual dividend to be distributed January 1, according to an announcement by James G. K. McClure, president of the farm cooperative 17 warehouses in 11 Western North Carolina Counties.

The dividend, voted at a recent meeting of Federation directors in Asheville, applies to both common and preferred shares of record December 20. Dividends on common stock will be paid in cash through the various warehouses while payments on preferred shares will be made by check.

This is the tenth semi-annual payment declared since dividend payments were resumed on Federation stock in 1934.

Besides voting a semi-annual dividend the directors adopted a resolution of respect on the death of Vance A. Browning, who directed the Federation's educational activities, and heard a report from R. Church Crowell, Vice President, on progress in the organization of a new unit in Caldwell County. Mr. Crowell said more than 350 shares of stock had been subscribed by Caldwell farmers and business men and that a warehouse, the Federation's 18th, would be opened at Lenoir early in January.

The resolution on the death of Mr. Browning told of the high esteem in which he was held and extended sympathy to his widow.

"His influence was always and everywhere a force that made those who came in contact with him better men and women" the resolution read in part "His life encouraged boys and girls to strive for character and goodness. He was a blessing wherever he went."

Mr. Browning, who had served the Federation as Educational Director for nearly three years, died of an attack of heart disease while attending the Baptist State convention in Raleigh, November 16.

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED

Miss Josephine Heighway, local librarian, announced Wednesday that the Murphy-Carnegie library would be closed on December 24, 25 and 26 during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Woods and son, Carl, and Clyde Sneed were visitors in Knoxville on last Saturday.

Brasstown Farmer Had Been Missing From Home Since July 2

A partially-clad male skeleton, identified by a coroner's jury as the remains of Wayne Zimmerman, 34-year-old Brasstown farmer who has been missing since July 2, was found on the Old Hitchcock property Saturday afternoon by Allen James, a squirrel hunter.

An inquest was held at the place where the body was found Sunday morning. Members of the Zimmerman family positively identified the clothing and stature of the skeleton, and the body was claimed by Jim Zimmerman, father of the deceased man.

James discovered the gruesome spectacle about 3 o'clock in the afternoon while hunting squirrels. He ran to Murphy where he informed officers of the discovery. Sheriff Carl Townson was in another part of the county and could not be reached immediately. Sheridan Stiles, Murphy township constable, led the first group of men to the site of the remains.

Several men were deputized to keep watch over the body until the inquest was held. Constable Stiles found three pint wine bottles, containing a white sediment, about 75 feet away from the body close together at the foot of a tree. The tree had been struck by lightning.

Dr. Harry Miller, county coroner, led an investigation Saturday night. Members of the family, including Zimmerman's father and his cousin, Jim Evans, of Bellevue, viewed the remains and identified the clothing.

Then on Sunday members of the family appeared before the coroner's jury and officially identified the body. It was taken to the Townson funeral home.

Funeral services were conducted from the Green Cove Baptist church near his home in Clay county at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with the pastor, the Rev. Ham Coffey, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving Zimmerman are: his widow, of Brasstown; his father, Jim Zimmerman, of Brasstown; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Scroggs and Mrs. Hedden Logan, both of Brasstown, and Mrs. Frank Wimpey, of Blainesville, Ga., and a brother, Carl Zimmerman, who resides in Virginia.

Those serving on the jury were: Fred Gentry, Z. C. Ramsey, Ed King, Felix Palmer, Fred O. Scroggs and John Deal.

The jury then decided that Zimmerman came to his death through unknown causes.

Dr. Miller said the contents of the bottles would be analyzed only at the request of a grand jury.

The discovery and identification of the body ended one of the strangest disappearance cases in the annals of Cherokee county.

Zimmerman, a young married man and prosperous farmer who had only the best of habits and was looked to by his acquaintances with high regard, mysteriously disappeared from his home on July 2.

L. L. Mason, who was then sheriff, organized a searching party which tramped the woods in the Brasstown section for several days in search of the body, but, hampered by heavy rains, no progress was made.

It was believed then that Zimmerman, who was said to be despondent over private affairs the last days he was seen, had gone off, and it was once reported that he had gone to see his brother who resides in Virginia.

The matter, however, was dropped when no trace of Zimmerman was found.

When James made his discovery "Zimmerman" was the first name that ran through the minds of the persons who went to view the remains, for he was the only person in this locality known to be missing.

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