

WORK STARTED ON NEW PRISON CAMP NEAR HERE

Conover Firm Gets Contract; Completion Expected in August

Construction of a new 100-man prison camp to be located five miles from Murphy on the Hayesville highway has been started by the North Carolina highway department.

The Herman-Sipes firm, of Conover, has the general contract for the erection of the camp. Actual construction of the buildings under the general contract will cost about \$40,000.

The temporary prison camps that have been located at Andrews since 1933 will be moved to the new site on completion.

The contract specifies that the camp be completed with 156 days from April 4, but it is expected now to be finished sometime in August.

The new camp is one of several that are now in construction throughout North Carolina under a statewide project.

It was stated that all labor used on the camp will be hired by the contractors and that somewhere between 70 and 80 men will be used on the construction work when it gets in full swing. At present the workmen are arranging for the foundations and drilling for a water supply.

Among the structures that will be erected within the new camp are: prisoner's quarters, dining hall, laundry, guards quarters, two watch towers, equipment repair shop, a 5,000-gallon reservoir for water and various sanitary provisions. At present the well has been drilled to a depth of 130 feet. Contractors are allowed to go 225 feet.

A. R. Bell, supervising inspector from New Bern, is staying at the Regal hotel here in connection with the work.

The camps will be built on an 80-acre tract recently purchased by the state highway department from the M. L. Mauney heirs.

When announcement of the purchase of land was made several months ago, a group of citizens objected to the removal of the camps and sought an injunction in the Superior court.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, heard testimony charging, among other things, that the erection of the camps on the new site would pollute the Hiwassee river from which Murphy gets its water supply, and overruled the action in a session of court in Haywood county.

T. O. Slayton is superintendent of the camps.

The new camp will be similar to the one now located at Webster, except that the local camp will be built to provide for 100 men while the camp at Webster is a 75-man camp. The two will have a similar appearance, it is said.

Huge Gantry Crane Purchased By TVA

The Tennessee Valley Authority has announced the award of seven contracts for services and equipment valued at more than \$222,000.

The largest order was a 275-ton capacity gantry crane, valued at \$119,700 for installation at the Authority's Hiwassee Dam power plant, from the Morgan Engineering Co., of Alliance, Ohio.

Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for the past week compared with similar data for last year.

TEMPERATURES			
	1939	1938	
13	50	25	71
14	63	30	78
15	71	41	78
16	76	48	78
17	81	59	76
18	76	55	68
19	68	39	68
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RAINFALL INCHES			
	1939	1938	
Total since April 1	2.69	8.87	
Total since January 1	24.23	20.79	

Pruden Davidson Is Named Editor of Paper

Pruden Davidson of Murphy, was elected editor of the "Technician", weekly student publication at North Carolina State college, Raleigh, in campus elections held Monday, he advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson, here Monday night.

Pruden, a junior at the institution, was also elected president of Delta Sigma Psi Fraternity.

In receiving these two elections, Pruden becomes one of the outstanding students on the campus as either are conferred only on the most dependable and capable men.

Pruden, who graduated with honors from Murphy High School, three years ago, has spent some time reporting for the Scout, and served as managing editor of the "Technician" during the past year.

Baptist Men of District To Meet At Bryson City

A great men's rally of laymen and ministers of Baptist Churches of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, Macon, and Cherokee Counties will be held in the Bryson City Baptist Church on Sunday, April 30th, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Rev. E. F. Baker, pastor of the First Baptist church of Andrews will be the principal speaker. Rev. Fred Forester of Cullowhee, will conduct the devotionals. A specimen Brotherhood program will be put on by the Bryson City Baptist Brotherhood. The male quartet of the First Baptist Church, of Asheville, will be present and render several selections. Other singing groups will sing at the meeting. This meeting is sponsored by the Bryson City Baptist Brotherhood. Mr. McKinley Edwards president of the Brotherhood, will preside. A. L. Smiley, Superintendent of Sunday Schools of the Tennessee River Baptist Association, will be the Song Leader. Mr. Lawson Cooke, General Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, has been invited to attend, as well as several other State and Regional Baptist leaders. An attendance of from 500 to 1000 is expected.

Small Child Injured Near Athens Improves

The condition of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Black, of Murphy, who was badly injured when she fell from a moving automobile near Athens, Tenn., Easter Sunday is said to be improving.

The little girl and her mother and Mrs. Mae Brannon and two children were riding in a taxi driven by Cecil Roberts on the way to Athens to visit Mrs. Hardy Coker, a sister of Mrs. Black's when the accident occurred.

The child was riding in the back seat two miles out of Athens when the car door came open and she fell out. The child was rushed to the Foree hospital in Athens where she was unconscious until Tuesday. The child suffered a very badly fractured skull, and it was feared at first that she would not live. However, she has improved sufficiently to be moved to the home of Mrs. Coker, where she will remain for treatment from Dr. Edwin Foree for some time.

GAME PROTECTOR THINKS HE KNOWS WHO WAS FISHING SOME DAYS AGO

If you are the kind of a person—man, woman or child over 16, "woman" particularly—who likes to dig worms, put them on the ends of hooks and cast them into the river for any purpose whatever (with no intention of catching any fish, of course) then you are sincerely and wholeheartedly advised not to try to drown the worms or whatever it is until the fishing season comes in.

You don't have to take our word for it. You can have the word of Game and Fish Protector, D. M. Birchfield, that "mean", hard-working man who lives up at Tomolla.

The reason we are passing this warning on to the public is to save them a lot of embarrassment and some money to buy ice cream or whatever you like best with.

TEACHERS ARE SELECTED IN MURPHY UNIT

Two Resign From Local Faculty, Supt. Bueck States

The list of teachers to serve in the schools of the Murphy unit during the school year of 1939-1940, was announced by H. Bueck, superintendent, Monday as follows:

High school—K. C. Wright, principal; J. H. Pitzer, B. R. Carroll, Miss Meredith Whitaker, Miss Laura Overton, Mrs. Hall Cobb, Miss Martha Wiswall, Miss Virginia Benton, Miss Dorothy Lide, Miss Dot Higdon, C. E. Chambers, Miss Nell McLaughlin, Mrs. Anne Ward, Miss Elizabeth Strickland, Mrs. W. E. Studstill, Hall Cobb.

Elementary schools—Mrs. Miriam Stillwell Allen, Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Mrs. Lela Axley, Miss Addie Leatherwood, Miss Emily Sword, Miss Dan McCracken, Mrs. T. H. Patton, Miss Mary Nell Williamson, Miss Clara McComb, Frank Walsh, Miss Frances Dickson, Bertha Mayfield, Miss Lela Hayes, Miss Willie Lou Wells, Miss Bessie Leora Crain, Mrs. Martha Mayfield Adams, Mrs. Richard Meroney and J. William Wade (colored) and Helen Mae Lowery (colored).

Two teachers in the unit have resigned for the coming year. They are: Mrs. L. A. Lee, of Murphy high school faculty, who will move to Dalton, Ga., later in the spring, and Clarence Hendrix, of Peachtree.

In announcing the list of teachers Mr. Bueck said: "We regret very much losing Mrs. Lee as a member of our faculty. She has always cooperated with us to the fullest extent, and her absence next year will be keenly and widely felt. Since I have been connected with the Murphy schools she has been one of the outstanding members of the faculty."

Forestry Movies To Be Shown In Murphy Courthouse April 20

A forestry moving picture on Fire Prevention and related subjects will be shown in the Murphy Courthouse Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p. m. This picture is one of a series being shown throughout Cherokee and Graham Counties by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the North Carolina State Forest Service, cooperating.

Scenes taken in the forests of the United States show the value of the forests in the light of protecting our watersheds and streamflow and the enormous damage that results when we have forest fires. The program consists of five reels in sound.

There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

J. P. LEDFORD, 83, OF MURPHY, BURIED FRIDAY

Funeral services for John P. Ledford, 83-year-old resident of near Murphy, were conducted from the residence Friday with the Rev. Fred Stiles officiating. Interment was in the Old Mount Liberty cemetery. Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

Graduation Exercises To Be Held On Friday Night



MISS MARY FRANCES BELL
Valedictorian



MRS. VIOLET ANDERSON MULL
Salutatorian

Lime Available To Farmers In Cherokee County

Ground agricultural lime is available to Cherokee county farmers the soil conservation program as a grand aid, and County Agent A. Q. Ketner is asking that all farmers place their orders at once.

Lime will be delivered at the nearest railroad siding, and farmers interested in obtaining it are urged to get in touch with Mr. Ketner at his office in the court house at once to arrange for the details.

Only farmers who have filed their plan of work under the program are eligible for the lime, but any of the farmers who haven't filed will be eligible as soon as they do so.

Mr. Ketner states that about 600 out of the 1,000 farmers in the county have filed their plan of work and are eligible. He added that more than 3,000 tons of lime have been ordered to date.

"Most of the soils in this county need lime. This has been shown by the increase in crop yields where it has been used," Mr. Ketner said.

"The use of lime is a recommended and also an approved practice under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program. It can be used on any cropland or non crop pasture land regardless of what crop you expect to grow on it this year, and for each ton of ground limestone applied before October 31, 1939 you will receive one unit credit toward reaching your soil building goal."

of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Ledford, a life-long resident of Cherokee county died suddenly Thursday.

Surviving are: four daughters, Mrs. William Whittemore, of Tate, Ga., Mrs. Barney Norwood, of Easton, Pa., Mrs. D. Loudernilk, of Durham, and Mrs. Benny Hughes, of Murphy, and seven sons, C. R., W. E., J. A., J. C., J. E., J. M., and S. P. Ledford, all of Murphy.

Seventy-two Seniors To Be Given Diplomas At Final Meeting

Seventy-two capped-and-gowned seniors will say farewell to Murphy high this week-end.

On Friday night graduation exercises will be held. Guy L. Houk, of Franklin, will give the main address, the seniors will receive their diplomas and step out into a new world of endeavor. Some will go to college; some won't. Widely diversified occupations will be followed by a good many of the students.

Professor F. L. Elliott, head of the English department at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, was the main speaker at the Baccalaureate services held last Sunday.

Mr. Houk, a prominent Franklin attorney and former superintendent of schools in Macon county, will speak on the program Friday night. It will open with the processional by Miss Roberta Carringer. The salutatory address will be given by Mrs. Violet Anderson Mull, daughter of Mrs. Lydia Mull, of Kinsey. Several choral numbers will follow and then Mr. Houk will give his address.

Dr. J. N. Hill, chairman of the Murphy Board of Education, will present awards and medals to outstanding students. He will be assisted by H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit, H. G. Ellkins, member of the local education board, and Mr. Bueck will then present diplomas to the seventh grade students.

Miss Mary Frances Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, will give the valedictory address.

The seniors were given examinations this week, and the exercises Friday night will officially end their work in high school.

"The Lord gave Peter but one key. But to all Seniors he gives three keys for the benefit of the mind, the body and the soul," Professor Elliott told the seniors at the Baccalaureate exercises.

A capacity crowd packed the high school auditorium to attend the first of the series of graduation ceremonies held during the week.

"Each senior is given the key to opportunity for intellectual advancement and development of the mind," he said. The Cullowhee professor described the other two keys as designed for the development of the body and of the soul. He urged the seniors to take advantage of the opportunities given them.

The exercises opened with the prelude, Sonata Opus 23, Adagio-Mozart by Miss Roberta Carringer. Following a hymn by the congregation, the Rev. Van B. Harrison, pastor of the Methodist church here offered prayer. The school glee club rendered a song, announcements were read and the Rev. J. C. Ammons local Baptist pastor, read the scripture. Professor Elliott's sermon followed.

Two other musical numbers were

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THOMAS SPENCER IS ABLE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL IN OHIO

Mr. Thomas Spencer, well-known Murphy resident, who was severely injured in an automobile wreck near Defeware, Ohio, several months ago, has advised friends here that he has been able to leave the hospital where he was confined since the wreck and will reside for a while with relatives at 532 Cedarwood Terrace, Rochester, N. Y., until he is able to return here.

Mrs. Spencer was instantly killed in the same wreck which occurred when the car driven by Mr. Spencer collided with another on a snow-covered highway near the Ohio town. The couple was enroute to the bedside of a relative who also died several days after the wreck.

Mr. Spencer has been confined to the hospital with a severe head injury and an injured leg and arm.

His many friends here will be glad to learn of his improvement and will look forward to his early return here.