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A Finer County

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## The Week In Review

**STATE**  
Twenty CCC camps, and three enrollment centers at Raleigh, Wilmington, and Asheville will accept 1,357 new junior enrollees between July 5 and 8 in North Carolina's regular third quarter enrollment. This number is only half of those called in April. Asheville, the nearest enrollment center to Murphy will take 83 boys.

Almost 95 per cent of needy North Carolinians certified by welfare staffs as eligible were serviced with food supplied by the State and Federal Governments during May. Records show 108 carloads of farm and food surpluses were received during the month and a total of 2,843,347 pounds was distributed. Of these, 72 carloads contained grape fruit.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, speaking in New York City charged that "certain interests" appeared to be attempting to halt the progress of the South through a combination of oppressive tariffs, discriminatory freight rates and uniform wages and hours. The State, he declared was not asking favors of Washington, but would insist on receiving justice.

Blacks "Brown-Skins," and "High yellers" from all over North Carolina and the fringes of Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee are expected to flock to Asheville Saturday night June 24, when, for the first time, they will take an official part in the Rhododendron festival by holding a Gigantic negro Ball. The affair will be staged at Carolina pavilion and will be presided over by a dusky hued "king and queen".

Senator Bob Reynolds, addressing the United States Senate in Washington last Monday let loose a blast against France, England et al, for again ignoring June 15—the day on which they were supposed to pay a little something on the billions owed us. Commenting on the visit of the British King and Queen, Reynolds said His Majesty's "visit of friendship" would have seemed a lot more sincere if he had announced England would "pay up".

### NATIONAL

The Republic of Chile, in South America is seeking a loan of \$100,000,000 from the U. S. to help restore areas destroyed by her recent earthquake. Chile wants to pay in shipments of nitrate—but a hundred million will buy an awful lot of nitrate.

An organized fight has been started either to kill or greatly modify the bill introduced by U. S. Senator Hatch of New Mexico to curb the use of WPA money and influence in elections. Foes say the bill is like the prohibition law—it can't be enforced.

The tiny Republic of Paraguay has completed arrangements for a U. S. loan of \$500,000 provided she establishes her currency and trade exchange.

Hitler has just ordered built, for his own use, a giant Condor plane similar to the one which made a non-stop flight from Germany to New York last year. The plane will be equipped with bed room, bath and an office complete with desk, couch and comfortable chairs, so Der Fuehrer may hold conferences while flying.

Hearings will be started in Washington soon on a plan to fix railroad rates by zones, under a system similar to that used for parcel post. Public demand is said to be great, but Congress, despite the fact that it is supposed to represent the will of the people, is declared to be hostile.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that the average price of agricultural commodities has experienced a steady decline during the four months ending April 15, to the lowest level since July 1934. It also states that the condition of crops, pastures and range in the entire country appear to be below average.

Washington statisticians have figured out that 1,750,000 young men and women will quit high schools and colleges this month, and begin hunting jobs. No advice is given as to  
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## MURPHY GOUGED ON PRICE OF GAS; SOUTHERN BLAMED

### Motorists Here Forced To Pay Nearly 1 Cent More Than Andrews

Murphy motorists are being forced to pay nearly one cent a gallon more for gasoline than is charged in Andrews. Dealers, admitting the fact blame inconsistent freight rates. They quote figures allegedly obtained from the Southern railroad in an effort to explain why gasoline which sells for 22 cents and six-tenths cents per gallon in Andrews is retailing here for 23 and one-half cents. Murphy, as everyone knows, is less than 16 miles from Andrews, and also is the terminus of the Southern railway in this section. Nevertheless the road, which is forced to send its train here in any event chooses to penalize Murphy. The dealers, of course, are not to blame.

There is a difference of 14 cents per hundred pounds, penalizing Murphy, for the insignificant haul. In a letter to the Scout it was pointed out that most of the gasoline coming into Murphy is shipped from Charleston, S. C. Freight rates, obtained by the dealers, are as follows: Charleston to Sylva, 28 cents per hundred pounds. Charleston to Bryson City, 31 cents per hundred pounds. Charleston to Andrews, 33 cents per hundred pounds. Charleston to Murphy, 47 cents per hundred pounds.

The nine-tenths of a cent per gallon difference between the retail price in Andrews and Murphy is laid to this difference in freight rate between the two towns which are but little more than 15 miles apart. The oil dealers estimate gasoline weight 100 pounds per 16 gallons, which necessitates the nine-tenths of cent difference in price.

Three of the five companies serving the town are located on the Southern railway line. They are: Standard oil, Pure oil and Sinclair. The other two companies serving the town are Gulf and Texas. The Gulf concern maintains its bulk tanks on the L & N system and the Texas company product is delivered from Andrews. Under the unusual "gentleman's agreement," however, the same high rate is charged, in Murphy by all five companies.

## Cash And Watches Offered In County To 4-H Club Boys

For the tenth season 4-H boys enrolled in a meat animal project may capitalize on their records through the nationwide contest which offers County, State and national awards. In nine years 34 boys and one girl have won all expenses on long trips to the annual Chicago convention of 4-H delegates and leaders in conjunction with the International Live Stock Exposition and \$5,400 in cash college scholarships. Several hundred clubsters also have become proud owners of handsome gold engraved watches and several thousand of special embossed gold fobs, all gifts of Thomas E. Wilson of Chicago.

The same awards are offered for 1939: fobs in the county, watches in the State, and for national winners four trips to Chicago and three cash scholarships of \$200 each. Compliance is simple and assistance and full particulars may be had of County Agents. Participants will fill out the standard form from their records, as in all contests, and write an experience story. No fee or obligation is required.

## Fred Dickey To Return To Murphy On June 29

Fred Dickey who for several weeks has been seeking renewed health and strength in Hot Springs, Ark. has written to the new editor of the Scout congratulating him on his acquisition of the paper. Mr. Dickey adds the welcome news that his health has been entirely restored and that he will return to his home here next Thursday, June 29. The home adjoining the post office has been entirely remodeled, redecorated and made 100 per cent efficient with the latest electrical conveniences, during his illness.

## LOCAL MAN SHOWS INSURANCE "FIXERS" A NEW WRINKLE

C. W. Savage showed the high-powered accident insurance adjusters how things ought to be done, in Atlanta the other day.

In the Georgia capital on a business trip, Mr. Savage, co-owner and proprietor of the Regal Hotel in Murphy, found his car out of control near the Inman yards, just outside the city, and struck a negro.

The negro howled that he had been "killed daid" and Mr. Savage stepped to a nearby telephone and notified his insurance company.

Half an hour later an adjuster arrived at high speed, his wallet bulging with money, and wondering if he could "fix up" the case for as little as \$100.

He found Mr. Savage gone. The victim was there, though.

From him the adjuster learned that Mr. Savage already had settled the case in full—for \$1.

## PUBLIC IS SHOWN JUST WHAT MAKES TELEPHONES 'TICK'

### "Open House" Held Here By Bell Co. Folks Hear Own Voices

What makes the telephone "tick"? The local public was shown, in detail on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, when the Murphy office of the Southern Bell Telephone Company held "open house" in the Parker building, and also staged three demonstrations daily, in the basement of the public library building.

Visitors were personally conducted through the plant and shown just what goes on behind the scenes, after you lift the receiver in your home, and get central's "number please".

The inspection tour began at the Woman's club, in the Library, where a lecture, accompanied by demonstrations, was given by Mr. Norris, telling and showing just how, and why one is able to talk over the phone. Mr. Russell, contract supervisor for North and South Carolina, with offices in Charlotte, came here especially for the demonstration. He was ably assisted by Mr. A. E. Vestal, local plant manager, and Mrs. Pauline Brendle, Chief Supervisor of the phone company, for this section.

At the Woman's Club Mr. Russell displayed a model of the first telephone made by Dr. Alexander Gra-

## FOR LADIES ONLY

The Scout today inaugurates a new feature—a "Home Page". It will include recipes, home and garden hints, and articles of general interest to the House-wife. As soon as a humanly possible—perhaps next week—the page will be brightened by illustrations and more and more variety.

The Editors hope you will like it. They also hope you will send in any suggestions you may have which will make it better.

## Scout Gets New Editor, Plans To Widen Scope

### Grandson of Founder Takes Over Property And Hopes To Make Newspaper Real "Voice Of Murphy"

With this issue the Scout goes under new management, and celebrates a double "home-coming". The new Editor and Publisher, Victor C. Olmsted returns to the home of his maternal forebears, and the Scout returns to the family that founded it.

It was back in the last century that the old "Murphy Bulletin" was purchased by this writer's grandfather, the late and well loved Dr. John W. Patton, reorganized, and rechristened "The Cherokee Scout". Dr. Patton's brother-in-law, John Meroney, and the latter's son-in-law, Don Towns, edited and printed the paper as long as they lived.

After their deaths, The Scout was operated under several ownerships, until the writer purchased it, last

## Town Votes To Buy Power From T.V.A.

## 2 GIRLS SCALDED BY BATH STEAM; BOTH MAY DIE

### Mrs. Clifford McClure Miss "Bill", Sister-in-law, Are Joint Victims

Trapped in a shower bath of the Murphy Laundry, Mrs. Clifford McClure, and her sister-in-law, Miss "Bill" McClure, both 26, were so terribly scalded by steam Wednesday night that both may die. They are in Petrie hospital suffering from secondary and third degree burns which scalded practically all the skin, and much of the flesh from their bodies. Miss "Bill" is the more seriously burned of the two.

Fortunately the victims instinctively protected their faces with their arms, and so, if they survive, their features will be unscarred. Hospital authorities last night held out some hope for Mrs. Clifford McClure, but admitted that Miss Billy's case was "extremely grave."

The two were rescued, by Richard Johnson, night watchman at the laundry, who had heard their screams. They had locked themselves.

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## Kindergarten Head Here To Organize And Get Teachers

Kindergartens of this section are expected to be developed into a high state of efficiency through the efforts of Mrs. Russell, State Secretary for the National Kindergarten Association who was in Murphy and Andrews this week on a flying pre-organization trip. She came to contact possible kindergarten teachers. Applicants must have had two years experience in such work.

Mrs. Russell, a former teacher, and for four years, vice-chairman of the Asheville School Board returned to Asheville over the week-end, but plans returning in the near future to remain for a period of several weeks. Her Asheville address is No. 30 Majestic Avenue; and she will gladly furnish posters, leaflets, and her own services to any organization, civic or municipal that is interested.

## Mason Urges Payment Of 1938 Taxes Soon

Tax Collector L. L. Mason calls attention in an advertisement in this issue of the Scout to the fact that 1938 taxes will soon be advertised for non-payment.

To avoid penalty of this advertisement, Mr. Mason is urging all Cherokee countians who have not paid their 1938 taxes to settle up immediately. He maintains an office in the court house which is open at all times.

## Household Rate Under 5 Cents Likely, With Only One Meter To A Home

The friendly battle that has been raging as to whether TVA or the Nantahala Light and Power Company should supply Murphy with "juice" was settled once and for all, Monday night, when the Town Council met with Mayor J. B. Gray and decided to tie up with the TVA.

Just when final papers will be drawn is problematical. There remains a question of sale of feeder lines serving outlying districts, for a radius of more than 20 miles. These lines, taken over by the Town from the Southern States Power Company constitute a moot point. The TVA will buy them—but the town officials consider the price offered far too low.

So probably, there will be considerable dickering.

This much, however, is certain. The Town heads will get the highest price possible. Murphy will use Government Power. And, most important, the rate will be not more than half what it has been.

Just how low it will go no one can say. Harvey Elkins, who will be in charge of the local Power office, is now figuring the various ramifications which must be considered.

The basic rate of the TVA's is three cents per kilowatt hour, this price receding according to the amount of current used. To this, however, must be added interest and amortization charges and other considerations to ensure the financial stability of the Town.

According to a high authority, who preferred not to be quoted, the rate for Murphy householders probably will be under five cents per kilowatt hour. How much under, this authority was not prepared to state; but he called attention to the fact that the undeviating policy of the TVA is to make the private householder-consumer a preferred customer.

Whatever rate finally is decided on will apply only to the first 50 kilowatt hours. Additional power will be at a lower rate; the more used, the lower the charges.

Also, the former system of having one meter for lights, and another for electric stoves and other appliances will be abolished. Under the new system there will be only one meter for each household, and all current used, for whatever purpose, will be at the same rate.

## Come Here On Visit; Decide To Remain

The glorious climate, the business opportunities of an awakened town, and the charm of the people of Murphy have combined to convert two casual visitors into permanent residents.

Early in March Mr. J. P. Curtis, of Elkins, N. C. came to Murphy on a brief business trip. He was so delighted with the town that after his return home, he came back; this time with Mrs. Curtis. She too was delighted, and they made plans to extend their visit to a couple of weeks.

Now Mr. Curtis has purchased an interest in the Murphy Lumber Manufacturing Company, and he and Mrs. Curtis will dispose of their holdings in Elkins and make this their permanent home. At present they are guests at the Henry House; but plan, eventually to buy land and build a home of their own.

## Dog Vaccination Law Finds Few Stragglers

Although the law requiring that all dogs be vaccinated has been generally observed throughout Cherokee county, Mr. Bascum C. Walker, named by the County Health office to do the vaccinating says there are a few dog-owners who have not yet complied with the requirement.

The law allows Mr. Walker a fee of 75 cents for a visit to the home of a dog owner, but if dogs are brought to Mr. Walker's residence, at 321 Valley River avenue, vaccination will be made for 50 cents.

Mrs. Matilda Smiley, 35, of Chicago, recently won a divorce from her husband, James, 65, on the grounds that he was "too thrifty."

This, of course can be done only with YOUR cooperation. And the  
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