

## Woman Here 100; Man 103; Both Strong And Active

### Mrs. Margaret Lance And Mr. John Scott Observe Birthdays

So the age of man is three score years and Ten? Oh yeah!  
Well, you just ask Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Lance about that.

And then go ask Mr. John J. Scott. The former has just celebrated her 100th birthday. The latter, today became a bask young 103.

Mrs. Peggy lives out on the Blairsville Highway, with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bob Lance. The latter threw a grand birthday party for the little old lady, with an even 100 guests present—one for each year.

Three of her daughters were there; Mrs. Bill Collins, of Blairsville, who is 80; Mrs. King Cook, who, aged 75 drove all the way here from Locust Grove, Oklahoma for the festivities, and Mrs. Ben Dalrymple, a mere baby aged 67.

Other daughters who were unable to attend, but who sent gifts and wired messages of love, included Mrs. E. W. Wilson, of Nucla, Colorado, aged 72, and Mrs. Robert Young, of Goshali, Texas, aged 61.

Mrs. Peggy had more pep than most of her guests. Before sitting down to the feast she entertained them with several selections of the piano. She sat at the piano straight as a little ramrod, and her fingers were almost as supple as those of her great grandchildren who sat watching and listening admiringly.

The old lady is an omnivorous reader, and does NOT need glasses. She also can step a brisk two miles, and think nothing of it.

Her appetite is splendid, and she eats whatever she likes, laughing at diet as nonsense.

Five grandchildren from Murphy attended the party; Miss Marie, Ezra, and Edgar Price, Arnold Dalrymple and Paul Lance. Looking over the big crowd, "Peggy" declared, it reminded her of a camp meeting.

The centennarian is the widow of R. W. Lance, who died in 1902, and who was one of the prominent residents of Union County, Ga. Her son, Bob, served as County Ordinary, and also in the State Legislature.

Mr. John J. Scott, who is 103 today, is a native son of Greta, Virginia, but is in Murphy as the guest of Austin Hardaway. He attributes his age to the fact that he drinks lots of tea. Of coffee he will have none.

He has two favorite diversions: one is to buy a peck of peaches and eat them all at one sitting. The other is to lay plans for celebrating his 120th birthday. He insists he is going to live that long.

"A damn Yankee shot me when I was fighting under General Robert E. Lee," he explained. "When the army surgeon finally got around to me a long time had passed, and I was getting a little worried. But the surgeon just laughed. "Shucks", he told me. "You're not bad hurt. I wouldn't be surprised if you lived to be 120."

"Well sir, I was only 26 years old then—but I made up my mind I really would live just that long. And I haven't changed my mind since, either. I'm going to do it."

From his present physical condition, Mr. Scott may do even better than that. Hale and hearty, able to

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## Vol Grid Stars To Feature Double Header On Sunday

They're going to play baseball again at Marble next Sunday—a double header with lads from Knoxville—and a gilt edged article is assured.

Rivalling the game itself as a lure, however, will be the fact that the Tennesseans will be featured by a flock of grid stars from the University of Tennessee.

All-American half-back, George Cafego will be in there doing his stuff with bat and glove for the visitors, whose official name is "The Canton Grocery Team". With Cafego will be his varsity team mates Bob Foxx, Bob Broome, and Ray Cannon.

Manager Kindley says he intends to specify that it won't be fair for these boys to make any flying tackles on the Cherokee base runners.

The first game of the double header will start promptly at one o'clock Central time. Between the first and

## SECTION FACING SHUT OFF FROM TOURIST SOURCE

### Plan To Straighten (and block) Topton Highway Is Revived

The Scout has learned, from an unquestioned source, that highway plans are on foot which will shut both Murphy and Andrews off from Asheville and Knoxville except by a long detour through Franklin—or both by a tortuous "one-car lane".

The isolation will be brought about through a revival of the plan—once killed by local protests—to straighten the highway from Topton to the straightway leading into Andrews. Also, it is reported, the work will be started in the Spring—thus crippling this section during the months when normally its tourist traffic is heaviest.

E. L. McKee, whom Gov. Hoey saw fit to reappoint to look after highway work in this district, but who thus far has set an outstanding record doing just about nothing for this immediate section, is the person who will give the final yes or no on the plan. According to the Scout's informant, there was a recent meeting of the Highway heads, at which Mr. McKee stated definitely that the plan would be put through.

Also, Mr. McKee is reported as being convinced that this work cannot be done either in the fall or winter, but must be put through in spring and summer.

The result will be a loss of many thousands of dollars to every store, hotel, and tourist home in this valley which takes in just about everybody.

News of the project is expected to fan a growing resentment against Mr. McKee, who lives in Sylva, and who is said to own a considerable interest in a hotel at High Hampton. It is claimed that he has been more than diligent in looking after the welfare of the immediate section where he resides, and a lovely road has been built to High Hampton, which certainly does NOT detract from the value of Mr. McKee's personal holdings.

On the other hand, it is pointed out, the people of Cherokee county have gotten nothing much but promises and explanations.

Steps are expected to be taken locally to send a delegation to Raleigh and make formal protest to the Governor against the reported proposed isolation.

## Presbyterians Here Will Hear "Home Boy"

Local Presbyterians will have the opportunity of hearing the gospel expounded by an old time friend next Sunday, when services will be conducted at the church here by the Rev. Charles Voyles.

The Rev. Voyles, now assigned at Cameron, N. C. was born and reared in Cherokee County, Sunday morning services will begin at 11 o'clock and he has asked the Scout to extend an invitation to the general public to attend.

## MAUNEYS CERTAIN A JINX IS TRAILING THEIR SON HARRY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mauney are convinced that their small son, Harry, is under the spell of some sort of a jinx.

Less than a month ago the boy was stricken with an attack of Colitis so serious that, for a time, his life was despaired of.

Fighting this bravely off, Harry went back to play only to plunge a rusty nail into his foot. Boy-like he said nothing about what had happened until his mother noticed him limping. Investigation then showed the foot to be badly swollen and discolored, and Harry was rushed back to bed with an attack of insipid blood poisoning.

He recovered from that too—but the old adage that misfortunes come in threes evidently still held good for a few days ago. Harry fell from a tree which he had climbed in play and broke his left arm.

So Harry is back in bed again. He probably will be out in a few days—but his parents are wondering: "What next?"

## FREE T. B. CLINIC WILL OPEN HERE MONDAY, AUG. 28

### Tests And Treatment To Be Offered To All In Three Counties

Scores of lives probably will be saved and untold suffering forestalled in this section, it was learned today when announcement was made by Officer M. P. Whichard that a free tuberculosis clinic shortly will be held for Cherokee, Graham and Clay Counties.

The clinics will begin in Murphy on Monday, August 28, and will continue through the three counties until noon on Saturday, September 9.

A letter to Dr. Whichard from Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium for treatment of Tuberculosis, arranging for the clinic's fellows, in part:

"As you doubtless recall, our clinic physician can examine about 35 to 40 cases per day and we like for arrangements to be made for six or seven patients to be on hand at the beginning of each working hour. The doctor will fluoroscope them and he will make a physical examination only on those that are suspicious or positive.

"The physicians work from 9:00 until 4:00 with an hour off for lunch.

"We depend upon the Health Officers to arrange the appointments for the clinic. We like especially to get the contacts of open cases and those who have suspicious symptoms.

"If it is desired, too, arrangements can be made to give the tuberculin test to special groups, such as school teachers, and the clinic physician can fluoroscope the positive reactors.

Similar clinics were held here last year, with splendid results. Dr. Whichard asks that all who have the slightest indication of lung trouble, come and submit to the free examinations offered.

## Mrs. Julia Ellis Deed After Long Illness

After six months of illness, Mrs. Julia Ellis, widow of the late G. W. Ellis was claimed by death at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services, directed by the Ivie Funeral Home, were conducted from the Methodist church, of which she had been a member for 40 years, Wednesday afternoon.

The Revs. W. Arthur Barber and Van B. Harrison shared in officiating at the services, and interment was made in Sunset cemetery. Messrs. Herbert McCall, Earle Elkins, W. C. Kinney, Dale Lee, Henry Hyatt, and Fred Johnson were active pall bearers. There also were some 40 honorary pall bearers, the list including leaders in all fields of activity in this section, where the deceased was widely known, and loved.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by a son Frank, and one daughter, Mrs. Wade Massey.

## TAX RATE UNCHANGED

The County Commissioners, at their regular monthly meeting on Monday decided to continue the tax rate unchanged for the year 1939. Complete details will be found in the next issue of the scout.

## Land Green Offers Rich With Iron Ore

## TOUR OF FARMS OF COUNTY SET FOR WEDNESDAY

### State Experts To Go With Party On Visits To "Champ" Produce

The big day that the better farmers of the county have all been waiting for comes next Wednesday, August 16. Promptly at 8:30 o'clock central time, that morning County Agent A. Q. Ketter, State officials, and a big party of farm enthusiasts from all over Cherokee will start out from Murphy Court House on the annual County-wide farm tour.

The party will visit the outstanding farms and demonstrations from one end of the county to the other.

The first stop will be at Martins Creek, Braustown, about 10:30 o'clock. From there the "tourists" will go through Peachtree to Marble, thence to Andrews and then back to Marble, where from 12:30 until 1 o'clock, a bountiful luncheon will be served by the Marble Home Demonstration Club.

The food will be served picnic style, and a charge of 25 cents per person will be made. Luckily all the food will be donated—otherwise the club would lose plenty of money on the deal.

After luncheon, the party will go to the farm of Mr. H. B. McNabb, at Suit to see poultry and pasture demonstrations. Next they will visit the farm of John Shields for another demonstration of how to get the most out of pastures, and also to inspect Mr. Shields' pure bred dairy cattle. The tour will end there.

A large crowd is expected to make the trip, which will be headed by Mr. Ketter assisted by Miss Aline Richardson, and Mr. T. J. Gibson, Assistant County Agent.

State agricultural experts also will accompany the group, the list including Mr. F. R. Farnum, dairy specialist, Anna Rowe, District Home Agent, and Mr. J. H. Criswell, specialist in land use and planning.

## Another Name Hidden In The Ads, This Week

Ask "Bad Walter" Mauney, or "The Happy Constable" alias Sheridan Stiles how they enjoyed the show at the lovely air cooled Henn theater this week? They saw it "Free-For-Nothing" finding their names hidden in Scout ads.

Maybe your name will be there this week. If so, bring the paper to the Scout office before 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, and get two free tickets, good any time until next Thursday. No red tape. No charge whatever.

The first name will be hidden in one ad; the surname in another. Look now, and see if you win.

## Mason In Lexington With Cattle Shipment

Loster Mason, former sheriff and probably the largest cattle dealer in this section made a large shipment of beef to Lexington, Ky. Saturday, and followed his stock by motor. He plans to buy all cattle offered here on Saturday. Read his ad in this issue, for details.

## Swinging Boy Kicks Horse; Horse Kicks Back-To Jaw!

The unusual combination of a swing and a horse nearly cost the life of little Bobby Elliott, of the Snow Hill section Saturday.

Bobby was swinging happily in his yard, increasing his momentum until he was soaring over the sidewalk. As he swung he stuck his feet in front of him—just as you used to do when you were a kid—to increase both his speed and his pleasure.

A horse happened to be passing just as Bobby swung out and the lit-

## Sample Of Huge Vein Is Found To Assay 46 P. C. Pure Metal

The public spirited offer of Mr. Gay Green, of Asheville to donate a 392 acre tract of land near Maltby to any new industries that will come to this section grew in importance today when it was learned that the acreage is rich in mineral deposits—talc and iron. And the iron ore is particularly rich.

The land borders both sides of the highway, and extends from the mountains to the river. It is level, almost, as the well known billiard table, and includes a considerable length of spur track which once led to a big plant, long since burned to the ground.

It has long been known there were rich deposits of talc on the land. It was profitably mined for years before the World War, by two Germans. They sold out to Mr. Green at a sacrifice, when America got into the mess, and fled the country. They feared that, if they remained, they would be interned, and their land confiscated by the Government.

Mr. Gay leased out both property and mining machinery for years until fire ended the operations. Since then the land has lain idle.

Today it was learned, however, that the tale on the property is of secondary consideration. It contains iron deposits of a richness which, it is believed, would make an iron foundry highly profitable.

News of the iron deposits came from Mr. David S. Russell, retired railroad man, who "discovered" the site of the present town of Andrews more than half a century ago. He also discovered the iron deposits on the land Mr. Green now offers to give away, to bring new industries to Cherokee County.

Mr. Russell told the Scout that he made his find shortly after the War between the States, when the present lush valley was a tangled forest of huge oak and pine trees.

"I got a number of samples of ore," Mr. Russell said, "and sent them off to be tested. There weren't any railroads here then, of course, and the samples—they made a big bag-full—had to be taken on horseback."

"Well sir, the report came back that those samples assayed 46 percent pure iron—and a fine quality of iron, at that. For many years I planned to do something about it—but I kept putting it off, and never did. I never said anything about it, either—and the ore still remains, untouched."

"How big the deposit is, I of course do not know. But I believe them to be enormous."

## Creamery Celebration Is Set For Saturday

Music, stock judging and prizes, speech-making by State notables, and a general good time—all absolutely free—await all at the Mountain Valley Creamery, Braustown, Saturday morning and afternoon, Aug. 12. Picnic lunches will be eaten on the grounds.

Everybody is welcome at this annual affair, staged by the cooperative dairy that has brought so many dollars to the pockets of Cherokee farmers. Outside the general celebration, the day will be marked by speeches by Mr. John W. Goodman, of the State Department of Agriculture, Mr. John E. Barr, of the TVA Cooperatives, Dean W. Colvard, Director of Swannanoa Test farm, and others with vital messages.

tle fellow's feet slammed into the animals side. Startled and terrified the horse backed around and loosed a healthy kick, and an iron shod hoof struck the boy on the jaw and cut through it, knocking him out of the swing and to the ground.

Picked up unconscious the lad was rushed to Murphy where he was treated by Dr. J. N. Hill. The latter said that though the wound was painful the child would recover, and that, due to his youth he may even out grow any scars.