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## HUNTSMEN PLAN **3DAY MEETING** HERE ON OCT. 10

#### Bench Show And Fox **Races Are Slated** For Healey Field

Fox hunters from three States, will bring their dogs to a three day gathering at Healey Field, two miles outh of Andrews beginning Tuesday, Oct. 10, for a bench show and three fox taces.

Details for the gathering were aranged at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tri-State Fox Hunters Convention, held in Murphy last week, John Donley, Clerk of the Superior Court, and President of the Hunters' group presided.

It was decided to limit entries in the bench show to two dogs per cwner. Only two dogs also may be entered by any one owner of the fox races; but in the second and third nces owners may enter as many dogs as they with.

Entry fees were fixed at \$1 for the first dog, and 25c for each additional animal.

The meet will open with the bench show, set for Tuesday afternoon, Oc tober 10, at 2 o'clock, EST. This event will be for dogs over six months dd. The canines will be paraded before three judges yet to be named, and there will be three prizes.

Following this, there will be a showerve throughout the meet.

ogs more than six months old, on be given winners of the first two naces, but there will be no prize for The tragedy occurred the third day's race.

The meet is not limited to members leted, and a number of special events may be added to the program.

W.C. Witt, of Peachtree and Walter story to his brothers and cousin. Higgins, of re Vice President, Wayne Battles, about nine o'clock; Loran finishing Stiles, of Ducktown, Tenn.

Healey field was chosen as the cene of the meet because of its conare convenient, as they do not r State festivities in this section.

A lunch stand will be erected on

## **TWO BACK IN JAIL** ONE RECAPTURED. **OTHER "GIVES UP"**

John Dailey and Lester White are in the County jail today following brief liberty won by breaking out of the Andrews calaboose, where they had been locked up charged with theft of an automobile wheel and tire.

Dailey was recaptured near Mc-Caysville, Ga., within 24 hours after the escape. Lester White gave himself up later; admitted participating in the toppon possequer sem put 'Aroquer's \$300 bond. He charges Dailey did the stealing.

Otis White and Wid Dailey, brothers of the two, were also arrested charged with aiding in their jail break. Otis White is now out on bond

"Wid" is being held with his brother, in the county jail in Murphy. John Dailey insists that Lester White stole the wheel and tire, and that he merely "went along" when the latter went to get them from his cache.

# YOUTH, 20, ENDS LIFE TO ESCAPE "A BALL OF FIRE"

### Loran Simonds Fires Shot In Brain, While Mentally Unballanced

#### By W. L. Garren

His mind unbalanced, and believing himself led on by a "ball of fire of puppies, under six months old, floating through the air". Loran Sisub only one prize given. It also is monds, 20 year old son of Mr. and planned to stage a race for these pup- Mrs. Martin Simonds, of Wolf Creek ses, with a "planted" fox. Judges shot himself through the head with named for the first bench show will a 22 calibre rifle last Sunday night, just outside his home.

There will be one fox race, for months after serving an enlistment in He had been home only a few each of the three days. Prizes will ternoon, in the cemetery of the Ma-

The tragedy occurred about ten o'clock at night. Loran's parents, and two of sisters, Misses Dorothy and of the Tri-State group, but is open Loretta, were visiting in Copperhill to all sportsmen. Plans for special at the time. Two older brothers, Arentertainment have not yet been com- lington and Maxie, and a cousin, Walter Hawkins, were in the house.

Loran had spent the afternoon vising relatives about three miles distant, The meeting called to map pre- and on his way home told persons he sinary details was attended by met that he had "seen a ball of fire Fresident John Donley; Secretary and floating through te air", and "someth-Directors, C. I. Calhoun, George Mau- ing was due to follow the sign". When ney, A. M. McAfee, of Blairsville, Ga. he reached home, he repeated this

of Bryson City, and Director J. E. before the others, and leaving the table declaring he was going to "lis-ten to the radio."

A moment later the others heard a shot, and, rushing out to investigate. remient location to all those who are found Loran lying about 30 feet expected to participate. The dates from the porch, blood spurting from a wound in his forehead, and the rifle interfeare with any dates of County still clutched in his right hand. The barrel of the gun had been sawed off te a length of not more than eight cnes, and Loran had t i it as if it were a revolver. The bullet entered near the center of his forehead, and came out the top of his head. Dr. Harry Miller, County Coroner and Sheriff Carl Townson were called, arriving at the scene of the tragedy about 2 o'clock in the morning.

## **ONLY TEN DAYS** Hayes Seeks Gifts LEFT FOR YOUR EXHIBITS IN FAIR Of Land to Tourists

**Final Details Mapped** And Keen Competition POLL SHOWS N. C. In Displays Assured

Definite steps to make the coming Cherokee County Fair the biggest A THIRD TERM and best in history were taken at a meeting of the Fair Committee held Friday night.

Workmen will begin at once to erect a metal fence, eight feet high, around the Fair grounds, thus spiking the hopes of many would-be chiselers to get in without paying the admission without which the fair could not exist.

Locust posts will be placed at frequent intervals, and the fence will be built to stay. Local labor will be employed-thus giving jobs to not a few idle.

In addition to the metal fence the seven foot board fence along one side of the grounds will also be rebuilt. and during the fair, ticket takers will be stationed at the new bridge leading across the river to the School grounds, as well as at the main entrance gates.

The big exhibition building will be completely reconditioned, and made spotless. New tables and booths will be built, and the entire place gotten in readiness for the exhibits. The Fair Committee had hoped to secure PWA and TVA aid in constructing an entirely new exhibition hall; but while the Fair committee did it's part in arranging for material, there

as too much delay elsewhere. It is hoped, however, that by putting a large force of men to work immediately, it will be possible to construct a big stock shed, 20 feet wide and about 140 feet long, with a metal roof, to guard the fine livestock exhibits from the sun.

The Committee has asked the Scout to call attention to all Cherokee county farmers and their wives that only ten days remain in which to arrange for their exhibits. It is hoped that an unusually large display will be offered this year. Extra awards-and in many cases increases in the former cash awards, make the winning of ribbons well worth while from a financial standpoint-but the big glow will come from having the products of your own farm, or your own handiwork declared the best in all the county.

It is this friendly spirit of competition that keeps the fair alive. In addition to the educational value, however, there will be an abundance of fun to be found in the biggest midway the County has ever seen. nnnnnnnn

School children "got a break" Satorday mourning when County Superintendent Hendrix told agent Ketner that all public school children are to be given a holiday on Wedneslabeled "Children's Day".

On that day all public

## **Offers Plan To Make Idle Tracts An Asset To Entire County**

Mr. Jeff Hayes, now retired after long years of activity as a successful business man, successful farmer, and outstanding public spirited citizen. has sent the Scout a plan for boosting Cherokee County which seems just about fool proof-if Mr. Hayes can get cooperation at home.

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Mr. Hayes wants county residents with land lying along highways, or good roads, to give from one quarter acre to one acre to tourists who will agree to build a summer home thereon.

He offers to set an example by giving up to an acre of his own land, along the highway leading to Andrews.

I thonk we have been following the wrong trail" Mr. Hayes told the "Tourists have come here, writer. been charmed by our scenery, climate and other advantages, and often have tried to buy small sites to bring their families here regularly each year.

"Usually, the price has been prohibitive

Of course there are many tourists who stay at hotels-but they dont. stay long enough. Those who stop at Tourist homes spend still less time here. Neither class helps the county at large very much.

"Now there are many people in this county who have land, valuable sites for summer homes, but barely worth their taxes in their present condition. Instead of an asset, such land is actually a liability to the owner. I believe my plan will make that land pay-indirectly it is true-but over a long period of years.

"Under my plan, the man gets the land must agree to build, at once. That will create a market for timber. hardware, plumbing and labor-and later furniture. Thus the workingman and the merchant both will benefit.

"After the home is built, the owner will be a tax-payer- and the improved tract will of course pay a much larger return into the County Treasury.

"Finally we will have this man and his family with us every year, buying our milk, butter, eggs and vegetables-for such a man would be here solely for rest and recreation-he would never think of raising his own stuff.

"Incidentally some of these men Episcopal churche here, vacant for might have means to develp our vast over fourteen years, will be in use resources-or they might have friends again next week. It will house a sew- whom they could and would interest. day afternoon, Sept. 27-officially ing room for the local WPA project. Living here every summer, they According to P. C. Hyatt, county would become thoroughly familiar

# IS 72<sup>-</sup> AGAINST

'Home' Questionaire Shows Most Of U.S. Is Opposed To Plan

Results of a questionnaire recently ent out by the National Industries News Service, of Washington, D. C. to learn the viewpoint of "home folks" of the Nation on National questins has just been received by the Scout. We print the report without comment. You can draw your own conclusions as to whether or not it is accurate.

Report number one showed that approximately 74% of the voters in home communities and counties across the country favored "letting private husiness alone."

Report number two showed that less than 35% of the voters "ap prove Roosevelt's Domestic, policies."

Report number three was on the question:

What per cent of the voters of your county favor a third term for Presi-dent Roosevelt?

The answer from 42 States is approximately 71 per cent against a third term. North Carolina was 72% against. The percentage of other states against a third term follow:

NORTHEAST-Maine, 75; New Hampshire, 98; Massachusetts, 56; New York, 78; Pennsylvania, 65; New Jersey, 60; Ohio, 67; Michigan, 80; Wisconsin, 79; Illinois, 78; Delaware, 75; Indiana, 63.

SOUTHEAST-Maryland, 78; Virginia, 79; West Virginia, 59; Georgia, 99; Florida, 82; Kentucky, 55; Ten-85.

NORTHWEST-Washington, 78; Oregon, 75; Idaho, 70; Montana, 47; North Dakota, 94; South Dakota, 75; Minnesota, 85; Iowa, 70 ; Nebraska, 60; Kansas, 78; Wyoming, 53; Missouri, 67; Nevada, 80.

SOUTHWEST-California, 99; Arizona, 90; New Mexico, 85; Utah, 55; Colorado, 78; Oklahamo, 35; Texas, 68; Arkansas, 90.

## Old M. E. Church Used As WPA Sewing Room

The old building of the Methodist

and shelter will be provided for use in case of bad weather.

## SLAYER UNCAUGHT SENDS THREAT TO KILL ANOTHER MAN

Reported to have sent word back that there is one more man he intends to kill, and that he will not be taken live, Sam Ellis, 21, wanted for the laying of his 16 year old cousin, Melin Ellis, was still at large in the mountains today.

The man he is said to have threatvarning he goes constantly armed, and has stated that he intends, in turn, to kill the fugitive "on sight". He explains that he will consider his att a matter of self defense.

Both agreed that it had been a case of suicide.

#### Farm Foreclosures **Eased By Government**

F. F. Hill, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, has announced thed to kill lives several miles out- fined to cases of an emergency nature that, foreclosure on farms will be conside of Andrews. Since receiving the such as those involving abandonment, bad faith or actions to quiet title. Also, it was announced that pending foreclosure proceedings would be stayed pending national survey wherever circumstances permit.

clerk, repairs have been made on the with our possibilities-and naturally dren will be admitted free, and Mr. roof and floors, and toilets and elec- they would be far more interested Ketner hopes to arrange it so that all tric lights have been installed. The than any casual tourist.

attractions on the midway will be oftotal cost is about \$400, he said. Arfered them at half price. rangements for water supply and

Mr. Ketner called attention to the fact that confusion had arisen about ed this week.

cpening dates, as a result of auto-

mobile bumper cards which were attached to cars without official sanction.

These cards said the Fair would open Sept. 25. This is NOT true. Later cards put out by the Fair Committee give the correct date. The Fair will not open until Tuesday, September 26, and on that day, only the midway will be open. The exhibition hall will NOT be open to the public until Wednesday, one o'clock in the afternoon. Exhibits must be placed in their respective departments by 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, Sept. 26.

Only ten days left. Get busy!

#### Gov. Rivers In Murphy; **Repeats Old Promise**

Governor Rivers, of Georgia paid a brief visit to Murphy today (Thursday), stopping for luncheon with his old friend C. W. Savage, on his way to Chattanooga in his efforts to equalize freight rates.

Once again-just as always-he | want them.

promised to "look after" the terrible stretch of unpaved highway just across the line in Georgia, on the road to Atlanta, via Marietta, You can believe that promise if you want to.

"I am sure this plan will help the whole county, if it is put into effect; sewage disposal are being complet- and I believe there are enough public spirited men in the county to put it over. My letter explains in detail." Mr. Hayes' letter follows. in full:

TO THE FARMERS AND LAND OWNERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY We would all like to see our county grow and develop; and to do that we must let the outside world know what we have as to our climate and all of our resources. And we must offer some inducement for people to come and to show them we really

I want to know how many land owners in Cherokee County will donate say 14-14 to 1 acre of land to any tourist that will come and hiuld a part-time home on land donated. Continued on back page