

TOWN CHAMBER GETS UNDER WAY; MAYFIELD HEAD

Folks Reminded That Roads Into Town Run Out of Murphy, Too!

Some forty odd business men of Murphy met in the Court house Monday evening and formally organized the Murphy Chamber of Commerce. Active canvassing of the town for members will begin at once, with dues at \$1 per month, and no initiation fee.

The initiation fee was waived, and the dues made low in order to gain numerical rather than purely financial strength. It is hoped, and believed that the majority of the townsfolk will join. The organization will work for the good of all, and it can only get results by united support. Women will be welcomed as members.

Charles Mayfield was elected president of the new Chamber. Dr. E. L. Holt, vice president, and Frank Forsyth, secretary. A board of directors also was chosen, who will meet in the near future, and draft by-laws.

The present set-up of officers is temporary. They will serve only until Jan. 1. By that time by-laws will have been approved, and—it is hoped—a large membership secured. These members then will hold another election.

Need for a chamber, and the things it may accomplish were pointed out strongly by Mr. L. P. Dickey, manager of the Southeastern division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who came here from Atlanta.

Mr. Dickey stated frankly that the bringing in of industry would take years, and require an outlay of funds running into the thousands.

On the other hand, however, he pointed out, that the tourist business is itself an industry, and a highly profitable one.

He said, can be secured at once—if every one cooperates.

He stressed the need of new paint on homes and stores, the planting of flowers or shrubbery in the Square, and the need of pamphlets to advertise the town elsewhere, and to tell the motorists who come here what we have to offer.

"I went to the Lions information booth and asked for a folder" he said. "There weren't any to give out. I went all over town. There is too much indifference. God has given this place wonderful gifts—but the people have done very little to improve them."

"Murphy should remember that while it has many fine highways leading into it, those same roads lead OUT OF IT, TOO."

"It doesn't do much good to get a tourist for just one night—but you can't keep him unless you have something for him to do. As things are—you have absolutely nothing to offer but scenery—and he can get that

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BULLDOGS, LIONS FEAST TOGETHER; OUTLOOK BRIGHT

The Murphy Bulldogs were feted at a supper given by the Lions Club, Monday night. The feast, spread in the basement of the Methodist church was attended by the Mayor and many of the town's leading business men, all of whom made a brief address.

The Bulldogs, although a light, "green" team, give every evidence of class, and Coach Pitzer has high hopes of a splendid showing. Each player rose and introduced himself at the supper, but not one admitted that he was of "varsity" material. Each modestly described himself as a "scrub".

This week the team goes to Ducktown to battle the eleven there. They expect to pluck those Tennessee ducks like nobody's business.

TOWNSON NABS MAN IN SHOOTING OF JOE M'CLURE

J. C. Lee Captured In Chase After Search Lasting Three Months

"The camera eye" and trained memory of Sheriff Carl Townson resulted in the capture of J. C. Lee itinerant stove repair man in Robbinsville Saturday night after a three months search by officers in three States had proved fruitless.

Lee is now held in the County jail at Murphy under \$2,500 bond charged with the robbery of a sailor and the shooting of Joe McClure on the night of July 27th. He also faces a charge of drunken driving.

Lee had persuaded a sailor, recently discharged from the service, to be his passenger on a trip to the sailor's home in Alabama. They stopped at a road house in East Murphy to get beer and McClure, seeing that the sailor was under the influence of liquor tried to persuade him not to continue the trip.

Enraged at the interference, Lee shot McClure with a 22 rifle sped away in his car carrying with him the sailor's luggage containing clothes and money.

Months ago according to Sheriff Townson, Lee made three or four trips to the Sheriff's ice plant, and although Townson saw him only casually, Lee's face became graven on his memory.

Saturday night the Sheriff was in Robbinsville on business. It was nearly midnight when he saw a truck with a man and woman drive by. Although the light was dim Sheriff Townson immediately recognized Lee and ordered him to stop. Lee put on speed instead and a chase of several miles followed. The Sheriff finally overtook his man, forced him to the side of the road and placed him under arrest.

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FLORIDIAN BUYS 332 ACRE TRACT TO GROW SEED

J. T. Gaunt To Supply Huge Tomato Farm From This County

Mr. T. J. Gaunt, millionaire owner of a tomato farm in Florida has purchased two tracts of land totaling 332 acres in Cherokee County to be devoted to raising seed tomatoes.

He also is expected to build an elaborate part-time home in this section for himself and family who summer months in a rented house, in heretofore have been spending the Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. Gaunt's investment here is the result of a casual motor-trip made to Cherokee County more than three years ago. Every summer since he has come back and quietly investigated the possibilities, until now he has invested. Success of his venture—of which he is confident—should bring other investigators.

Of the two land purchases made, one tract, of 150 acres, lies just above the veneer plant at Regal, the second tract, of 182 acres is located back of Calhoun's store, also at Regal.

Both tracts will have to be cleared. Then they will be planted with tomatoes, which, when ripe, will be squeezed, packed in huge casks and allowed to ferment.

As they ferment, the pulp will rise to the top, and the seed will fall to the bottom. Then the mass will be strained, and the seeds segregated and shipped to Florida. Experiments have proved to Mr. Gaunt that seed grown here produces the finest results he can get.

For three years, seeds have been grown for Mr. Gaunt by Mr. Nate Harper, on the latter's own farm, under contract. It is understood that this arrangement will be continued, regardless of the new acreage to be planted.

Two Cars In Plunges Off "Deadend" In Tenn

Two crashes, one of them fatal happened within 24 hours Friday and Saturday at the same dead end curve at the interstetion of highways halfway between Ducktown and Copperhill.

William Grider, of Huntersville, Ala. a TVA worker with a wife and three children is dead, and Jim Barton of Deep Cut, also with a wife and children is believed dying.

There were no signs on the road to warn of the danger, and both men were driving through a dense fog which made it impossible to see the bank into which they plunged.

2 More Names Hidden In The Ads This Week

Oliver Dockery, of Hangingdog, had two free tickets to the Henn theater waiting for him at the Scout office last week—but he didn't know it—and it's too late now.

As a result, two names will be hidden in the ads this week. If your name is one of them, come and get your tickets. But we warn you—they'll be tougher than ever to find.

Home Coming Sunday At Vengeance Creek

Annual Home Coming Day will be observed at the Vengeance Creek Church, Sunday, Oct. 1st. This church is located 2 1/2 miles East of Marble on good gravel road.

All ministers, quartets, singers and the general public cordially invited. All singers are especially urged to bring plenty of song books of different types. Please come out and help us have a good all-day old fashioned singing.

A. J. BURNS DEAD; ILL FOR 12 YEARS, BURIAL THURSDAY

After an illness of 12 years, death ended the suffering of Andrew Johnson Burns, retired merchant, at the Regal Hotel shortly before 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Church, with the Rev. H. L. Paisley and the Rev. Van B. Harrison officiating.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Savage Burns, a sister of C. W. Savage, and one brother, W. M. Burns, of Lenoir City, Tenn. Interment was in Sunset cemetery, with the Ivie Funeral Home in charge.

Born in Loudon, Tenn. Mr. Burns was in business in Murphy for a number of years, but for the past three and one-half years he has been confined to his bed.

Mr. Burns was a prominent Mason, and had been a member of the Methodist church for 35 years.

Active palibearers were: Walter Mauney, J. W. Franklin, Fred Dickey, Dave Carringer, Dale Lee, Hadley Dickey and Sheridan Dickey.

NEW RESIDENTS COMING, DRAWN BY LAND GIFTS

Quick Results Follow Plan of Jeff Hayes. —More Sites Offered

The plan of Jeff Hayes, of Tomola, to boost Cherokee County by giving land sites free to non-residents who will agree to build summer homes on them already has borne fruit.

He has just received a letter from Mr. J. H. Swaim, of Miami, Fla. declaring he intends to take advantage of the free land offer, and build here for himself and family.

Also Mr. Swaim says there are many other persons Miami who will be interested.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hayes is travelling up and down the highway between Murphy and Andrews—and also in the Peachtree section—persuading more landholders to offer free sites from one fourth to one acre, for new home builders.

To date he has five definite offers, including his own gift of up to one acre; and he says seven other large land-holders have promised to come in on the plan, but have not yet decided just what sites they will give.

The letter from Mr. Swaim, of Miami follows:

"Dear Mr. Hayes:—We take the Scout and have just read the offer to give a free land site to those who will build homes. We sure would like a house up there, and as soon as school is out we would spend the summer, every year.

WOMAN WINNER OF CHIEF PRIZE AT COUNTY FAIR

Mrs. McNabb of Suit Best in Farm Display, —Boy Outstrips Men

The skies wept all day Tuesday—and the skies had nothing on the officials of the County Fair Association—for Tuesday was the day that exhibits were to be entered—and it looked like the Fair was going to be a flop.

But the Fair Committee was joyously disappointed. Exhibitors came wearing raincoats. Many of them also wore boots to battle the mud. But they came—and how. A total of 51 exhibits were received.

That number is very close to the peak set in the best of weather, and it sets an all time mark for the entries made in the rain.

Nature turned kind on Wednesday, the judging day, and after a cloudy morning, a warm sun came out which quickly dried up the mud, and put the fair grounds in splendid condition. Attendance boomed as a result and is expected to increase steadily on Friday and Saturday, the closing days.

Outstanding among the exhibits this year were booths of the 4-H, and the Home Demonstration Clubs. Both attracted crowds. There also was a wonderful array of vegetables, fruits, preserves, cakes, pies and just about everything under the sun that is edible.

More than 500 cash prizes were awarded, and the most coveted of all—the award offered for a general farm display was won by a woman—Mrs. H. B. McNabb of Suit. Another matron, Mrs. C. S. Freed, of Andrews, was second, and mere man, in the person of Mr. Ernest Ashe, of Murphy Route 2, had to be content with third place.

There was rejoicing among the younger generation when a mere boy—Robert Anderson, a 4-H clubber, against grown men, took the sweepstakes for corn. Robert hails from Hayesville, in Clay County.

The sweepstakes for Irish potatoes was won by Mr. B. L. Coffey, of Marble, Route No. 1.

Other notable first prizes won were: For Burley Tobacco—Mr. J. H. Stratton, of Murphy, Route 1. Mr. Stratton also is the grower of the 10 foot tobacco plant recently described in the Scout and now occupying a place of honor on the wall of County Agent Ketner's office in the Court House.

Best Watermelon—Harley Crisp, Murphy, Route 1.

Best Pumpkin—Ruth Crawford, of Hayesville.

Best Holcomb Prolific Corn (open class) W. M. Clayton, of Brasstown.

Best Garden Display—Mrs. J. W. Dyer, Murphy, Route 2.

Best Garden Seed Display—Mrs.
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Locals, Cooperhill Battle For Championship Sunday

The battle of the century will be fought Sunday afternoon, but they will use baseball bats instead of bayonets.

The Cherokee All Stars, and the boys from Cooperhill will fight it out on the No Man's Land, at Marble, starting at two o'clock, Central time.

The championship of Western North Carolina, plus a cash prize of \$100 is at stake.

The two teams have battled their way to the finals in a series of post season games, the last of which was played Sept. 24 when the local's made monkeys out of the Robbinsville team, with the final count 9 to 2.

Sowder, on the mound for Cherokee, allowed the Graham lads only five scattered hits. Meanwhile, our

side was garnering 17 bingles off the combined offerings of pitchers Maxwell and Rose.

In addition to pitching a sterling game, Sowder was a star at bat, hammering three out of four. Pitzer did even better, getting four out of five.

The feature of the game, however, was the sensational catch made by Epper Hensley in the fifth inning. Two men were on, when a long fly was slammed into left field. Anybody in the stands would have bet five to one that it was a home run—but Hensley was off the crack of the bat.

He was still running, his back to the home plate, when the ball sailed over his shoulders. Leaped high in the air, he made a stab—and caught it. Even the Graham county rooters cheered.

Sam Ellis Gives Self Up; Declares Slaying Accident

Half starved and his feet blistered from many days and nights of tramping roads and mountains, Sam Ellis sought more than two weeks for the slaying of his cousin, Melvin Ellis, surrendered to Sheriff Carl Townson, in Andrews Tuesday morning, and is held in the County jail. He will be given a hearing in Andrews, Saturday. He claims the slaying was accidental. The accused sent word to his father that he intended to give himself up, and the father passed the word on to Sheriff Townson. Sam reached his home in Andrews last night, walking there all the way from Copperhill. He is said to have skirted through the woods around Murphy, determined to surrender of his own volition, rather than be captured.

The slaying of Melvin Ellis occurred in the road near the homes of both boys, and following a quarrel on the night before. Melvin Ellis is said to have struck Sam in the face with an empty fruit jar, inflicting a wound which necessitated several stitches.

Later that night, Sam Ellis is alleged to have gone to the home of Melvin with a rifle, and fired through a ceiling into Melvin's bed room. Relatives calmed him, and finally Melvin came downstairs, and the two shook hands.

Next morning, they met on the road Sam carrying a rifle. Sam asked Melvin for a cigarette. After receiving it, he lighted it, and the next instant Melvin fell, shot through the heart.

Sam declares the gun was discharged accidentally when he tried to light his cigarette.