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All Carolina

DR. POE PLANS RACE

Raleigh—Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer is the first of the numerous prospective candidates for Governor to present a platform to the people of the State. His ultimate decision about entering the race will depend upon the reaction to his views.

MURPHY ANNOUNCES

Raleigh—Walter "Pete" Murphy of Salisbury, veteran member of the State General Assembly, has formally announced his candidacy for Secretary of State in the Democratic primaries in 1940, in opposition to Thad Eure, the incumbent.

TOBACCO PRICES DROP

Raleigh—Tobacco sales in North Carolina last month represented a 43% increase in poundage over the 1938 season but a 31 percent drop in price average. Flue-cured leaf sales this season averaged \$15.98 per hundred pounds as against \$23.15 per hundred pounds last year.

FOREST FIRES

Blowing Rock—A forest fire of undetermined origin destroyed five summer homes, damaged seven others and destroyed approximately 3,000 acres of fine timber near the base of Blowing Rock at an estimated total damage of \$50,000.

HEAVY FINES

Greensboro—Pleading guilty to violations of the Federal Wage-Hour Act, Fred Von Canon, manager of the Sanford Furniture Company, was fined \$250 by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in U. S. District Court here and the company was fined \$1,250.

DOUBLE SLAYING

Whiteville—Gaston Norris, 25-year-old farmer, is being held in connection with the double slaying last week of Frank McPherson, 53, farmer and grist mill operator, and Garland Burroughs, 37, filling station operator. The double shooting occurred in front of Burroughs' station.

FALLS OFF ROOF

Elizabeth City—Arthur A. Gallop, well known bookkeeper of this city, was instantly killed when he lost his footing while inspecting new gutters on the roof of the four-story Carolina Building here and plunged to the pavement below.

START NEW P. O.

Wallace—Evacuation of ground for laying the foundation for the new \$70,000 postoffice building here has begun.

YOUNG HEROINE

Asheville—When her 20-months-old brother stuck a magazine in the fireplace and then threw the flaming paper on the bed on which her 3-months-old brother was sleeping, Carolyn Brown, 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hubert Brown, had the presence of mind to move the sleeping baby to another bed and then lead the other brother out of the house to safety. Neighbors extinguished the fire.

IMPORTANT DELEGATION

Raleigh—A strong delegation went to Washington Monday to urge a new airline from Norfolk to Knoxville, providing east-west air service for Asheville, Hickory, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE

Raleigh—The Hon. Joseph M. Broughton, commonly called "Mel" has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Governorship. In his 52nd year, Broughton has had a distinguished career, having held various political offices, and educational and religious posts of honor and is a former president of the North Carolina bar association.

TALC IN EASTERN N. C.

Wilson—W. P. A. workmen excavating for foundations for the new \$135,000 Rock Ridge high school building uncovered a 10 foot wide vein of talc. Specimens of the mineral have been sent to Raleigh for analysis and the find may result in a shifting of the site of the building. It is the first time talc has ever been found in Eastern Carolina.

NEW LIBRARY

Wilson—A new \$75,000 library building, constructed by the town and county with PWA aid, was formally opened here Friday.

RANSOME PACE, 84- IS DEAD, LEAVING 271 PROGENY

Ransom Taylor Pace, 84, life long resident of Saluda was buried at that place last Saturday.

Mr. Pace was thrice married, the father of 29 children, 160 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild.

If this is not a record there has never been one.

PRIZES DONATED IN CIVIC BEAUTY XMAS CONTEST

Six Business Men Give In Plan To Make Yule Loveliest In History

"A lighted window in every home". Such is the motto of the Womans Club for this Christmas and as a result of their efforts the fast approaching Yule day will be the most beautiful, from a civic standpoint, that Murphy has ever known. It is probable that every business place, and most of the private homes in the town will be decorated with lights, ribbons, tinsel and other time honored gay colors of the season.

Six prizes are to be awarded to winners and runners up in three divisions; the judging probably to be done on Saturday evening, Dec. 23. The judges have not yet been selected, but they all will be from out-of-town, to forestall any possibility of favoritism.

The six prizes have been donated by as many business houses. It is planned to make the decoration contest an annual affair, and next year a different set of merchants will be asked to donate. This year's prizes are:

For the most attractive store front: first prize, eight tickets to the Henu Theater, good any time. Second prize, an old fashioned bucket full of pine bath salts, donated by the Murphy Supply Company.

For the most beautiful out-of-doors Christmas tree, anywhere in the town limits; first prize \$2 in merchandise at Lay's store. Second prize, a cannon bath towel set, donated by Whitaker's.

For the best decorated home, as seen from the street; first prize a \$2.25 breakfast set, with tray, donated by Moore's Jewelry store. Second prize, \$1 worth of linen, donated by Candler's.

The committee explained that the award for the private home would be based on general appearance, consideration being given to windows, porches, doors, and lawns.

The committee in charge of the contest, all of whom have performed yeomen service, includes Mrs. J. W. Thompson, chairman, Mrs. J. P. Curtis, Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Mrs. W. M. Pa mer, Mrs. M. W. Bell, and Mrs. M. P. Whitchard. Mrs. T. A. Case is president of the club.

Notable Honor Is Won By Pruden Davidson

Edward Pruden Wavidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Davidson, and a senior at North Carolina State College has won the honor of being listed in the 1939-1940 issue of "Who's Who" Among Students in American University and Colleges.

Young Mr. Davidson is president of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at N. C. State College, and is editor of the campus newspaper, The Technician. He belongs to such honorary organizations as Golden Chain 30 and 3, and Theta Tau, and is a member of the Student Welfare Committee, Interfraternity Council, and College Publications Board.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

The annual "Candlelight Service of Christmas Carols" by the Junior and Senior choirs of the First Baptist church will be held Sunday afternoon 4:00 p. m. Dec. 24, 1939. For 20 minutes before the service proper begins a program of quiet music will be played by Mrs. J. W. Davidson.

2 OPPORTUNITIES TO BOOST TOWN BEFORE CHAMBER

Failure of Members To Attend Meeting Holds Back Action

The Chamber of Commerce tried to hold a meeting last Monday night, but so few attended that nothing could be accomplished. As a result matters of vital importance to the town had left "hanging in the air."

Mr. C. W. Savage, told of correspondence with the Editors of the magazine published by the State, and sent all over the nation advertising North Carolina towns. It is a magazine devoted largely to pictures, and the editors are willing to give Murphy two full pages, measuring eight by ten inches, absolutely free.

A letter to Mr. Savage requested a photograph of the Dam, and a "lovely scenic picture of the town of Murphy". The latter does not exist, and the few members present lacked authority to hire Murphy's new, and fine photographer, Mr. Charles Lamb, to make one. Mr. Lamb incidentally will make Murphy his home; expects soon to be married, and told The Scout that he plans to join the Chamber and "work hard to help boost Murphy."

The Scout respectfully suggests that pass up an offer of two free full pages photographs in a magazine that will reach hundreds of thousands, would be pretty close to a civic crime. Let's have a picture made showing some of the town, against its beautiful mountain background.

That one picture, costing an insignificant sum, may bring hundreds of visitors.

Another matter brought before the Chamber, but which could neither be accepted nor rejected because there weren't enough members present concerned a chance to advertise Murphy on a weekly radio broadcast from Chattanooga. Choice was offered of a two minute period every Saturday night, for \$5 per broadcast, or four minutes for \$8. This matter and other will be taken at the next meeting of the Chamber called for next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. PLEASE BE THERE.

GIFTS PROMISED TO EVERY CHILD IN ALL MURPHY

Santa Will Take Stand At Community Xmas Tree With Full Bag

Plans for a community Christmas tree—and a gift for every child in Murphy between the ages of one and 12 years were perfected Tuesday. The plan has the joint sponsorship of the American Legion, the Lions Club, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Eastern Star.

The big tree in the public square will be ablaze with lights and decorations, and Santa Claus will be there, resplendent in his red coat, and shiny boots. The actual identity of Santa is being kept a secret.

Beginning Tuesday evening, Chief of Police Fred Johnson, and Ralph Jacobs, owner of the Smoky Mountain Cafe have been soliciting funds as representatives of the American Legion. They asked the Scout to announce that in addition to money, donations of toys, or clothing also will be welcomed.

"We plan to have Santa give every little boy and girl in Murphy, between one and 12 years, a bag of candy and some fruit" Mr. Jacobs explained. "But that isn't enough. We hope also to be able to raise enough funds to give every child a toy."

"These gifts of Santa will be passed out to all who ask him. Donations of clothing and used toys will be taken privately to homes of the poor. And every donor can be sure that his gift will be truly appreciated."

Murphy Likely to be Given Links and Swimming Pool

SURVEY STARTED FOR LAYING NEW ROAD TO TOPTON

Highway Will Be Made Straighter, Shorter And Grade Lowered

State engineers on Monday began a survey on Highway 19 which is preliminary to the construction of a new highway between Andrews and Tipton.

The new road will be from 20 to 30 feet wide, and will do away with the tortuous curves now existing. It also will cut the distance by several miles between this section and Asheville and intermediate points.

The survey will require three months. The exact location of the new highway will, of course, not be known until that survey is completed. The fact that engineers have actually started work, however, makes it absolutely certain that the new road, long needed, will be built.

Construction is expected to start in July, shortly after the beginning of the new fiscal year, when funds will be available. It is understood that the cost will be divided; half being paid by the State and the remainder by the Federal Government.

Despite the fact that the work of road building will be in progress during the height or the tourist season, it is promised that there will be little or no interference with traffic. Where curves are to be eliminated a new course will be laid, where laborers may work without any effect on the present route.

The cost has not been yet estimated; but it is certain to be huge. The project will offer employment for many men.

OSCAR LONG'S CAR STOLEN, WRECKED BY DRUNK DRIVER

Gaines Martin, of Marble is in the County jail charged with automobile theft and driving while drunk. Later on he probably will face a suit by Oscar Long, for damages.

Martin climbed into Long's car, when the latter parked it near the square in Murphy, Saturday afternoon, and started for Georgia. A few minutes later Mr. Long discovered his loss and reported it to the police. Several persons had seen Martin set off on highway No. 10, and Sheriff Townson took up the trail.

That trail was short. Just across the Georgia line he found the car in a ditch, and Martin sitting on the roadside gazing at the wreckage.

Sheriff Townson said Martin was still under the influence of liquor. In his befuddled state he could not keep on the road and the car plunged down the embankment and turned over twice. The kind fairy who looks after drunken men was right on the job however, and Martin escaped without a scratch.

If You're Cold of Mornings Read this Tale of 1893

Despite the fact that Murphy has been experiencing about as mild a winter as could be asked there are those who grumble because it is "so cold in the early morning".

Such grumblers are requested to read the following excerpts from a letter written from Murphy to Mr. E. B. Norvell on Jan. 26th 1893. Col. Norvell, at this time was visiting relatives in Smithville, Va., and Mr. Marshall W. Bell, then the law partner of Col. Ben Posey, wrote him about a legal matter and added:

"There is absolutely nothing going on in a business point of view. The

30 Acres Recreation Project Is Considered For Town By TVA

Murphy probably soon will have a swimming pool and golf links, both to be constructed with Federal funds. The two projects are part of a huge recreational plan backed by the TVA. Much of the credit for the program rests with Col. Don Witherspoon.

The recreation project is expected to embrace approximately 300 acres of Government owned land in the Grape Creek section, about six miles from Murphy. The spot will lie along the splendid highway recently constructed to that section. The TVA is expected to build a dam which will cause the formation of a large lake which will be available for swimming, boating, and fishing. Land near this lake will be converted into a golf course of at least nine and perhaps eighteen holes.

Work on the project is expedited to start early in the spring, as soon as weather permits. This will mean more payroll money for labor.

With works on the Avenue of Trees scheduled to start either in late February or early in March, giving employment to shores of youths; there should be little unemployment hereabouts.

When the recreation project is completed, Murphy will be able to offer tourists just about everything in the line of either beauty or sport. The one complaint of visitors, in years past, was that, outside of the movies, the town offered no amusements.

Soon, with the great Hiwassee Dam completed, the 20 mile Avenue of Trees in bloom, and with golf and swimming within ten minutes drive, it will be a different story.

Add our scenery and climate—and you have a town that can't be stopped.

PETITION SEEKS BRANCH OF BANK FOR HAYESVILLE

Robbinsville Also Asks For It's Own Service; Action Undetermined

A petition is being circulated in Hayesville asking the Citizens Bank and Trust Company to establish a branch there. President Ferebee told The Scout, however, that the petition had not yet been received by the bank and that no immediate action is contemplated in any event.

"We have received personal requests from some of the leading citizens of the Hayesville section to put a bank there" Mr. Ferebee said. "Naturally we would like to grant that request; but only if enough citizens join in the demand to make it certain that such a branch would be profitable to the stockholders."

"There also is the matter of obtaining an advantageous site, and several other questions which must be iron-

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extremely bad weather prevents people from coming to town; and I'll make oath to my own disinclination to bestir myself with the thermometer as low as it has been.

"We had 22 degrees below zero one morning. Twelve inches of snow—8 inches of ice on the rivers—will convey some idea of what we have had to endure."

Col. Norvell says he returned to Murphy while the cold was still in progress and that the townsfolk cut great cakes of ice from the rivers, stored them in an ice house built for the purpose, and were able to keep them until summer.