

## CROOKED GAMING TO BE BARRED AT FAIRS, IN FUTURE

### Manager of Hartzberg Show Comes to Ask Renewal of Contract

Although it may seem a far cry from the icy snow covered fields, with most of the people staying as close as possible to the fire, to the balmy days of September and the County Fair, Mr. James Cook, General Manager for the Hartzberg Shows who had the Fair concessions in Murphy last year, came to town this week to see about getting the concessions once more.

Mr. Cook saw several members of the Fair committee and is reported to have promised that if his concern is given the contract again there will be new "rides" and entertainment features, every show will be "clean" and the "sure thing" gamblers, who were chased away last year before the Fair ended, will not be allowed to return.

Mr. Cook explained that there will be any number of booths where visitors may risk their nickels and dimes in the hope of winning hams, dolls, blankets, love birds, etc., but that these will all be conducted fairly and squarely so that the patrons may have a chance for their money.

The gambling wheels, where the unsuspecting patron is coaxed to bet a nickel and then lured on to increase his wagers until he has bet all he has—with loss made absolutely certain by a wheel that is magnetically controlled—will be definitely banned.

Whether the Hartzberg Company will be signed up again is problematical. Some of the members of the Fair committee are said to feel that such a bad impression was created last year by the crooked gambling, and the decidedly off color dancing exhibitions, that a return of the concern might be resented by the residents of the County with a consequent serious falling off in attendance.

It has been suggested that, instead of importing attractions, more attention be paid to developing shows and exhibits that would be purely local in character and personnel.

Along this line it was suggested that a series of wrestling matches be held daily throughout the Fair, with the champion wrestlers of each community throughout the County meeting in elimination matches. Perhaps three bouts would be staged daily, with the winners of each of these series meeting in finals on the closing day of the Fair. It was suggested that three prizes be offered.

A mule race, between animals owned and ridden by Cherokee residents, also was suggested, and there are numerous other attractions which could be devised without going out.

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## "SHORTY" HOLDER TAKES A BATH IN SNOWY STREETS

The weather may seem cold to some; but not to "Shorty" Holder, Tuesday morning, when most of Murphy was shivering, Shorty donned a bathing suit and took a bath in the snow in front of his plumbing shop near the Southern Depot.

Fred Brendle, Jimmie McCombs, Elmer Slagle and W. J. Waldron watched Shorty imitate a polar bear. They rolled his half nude form about in the snow, and finally buried him—all but his head. And Shorty insisted that he liked it.

He says he would like to organize a "polar bear club" to break the ice, and go swimming in the Hiwassee river. Thus far he has not been able to find anyone willing to join him.

## YEAR'S PROGRAM IS OUTLINED FOR HOME BUILDERS

### Emphasis to be Placed On Meal Planning by Club Units of County

With foods chosen as the major project for the year Miss Aline Richardson has mapped out the outline of work for the several Home Demonstration Clubs in Cherokee County during 1940.

Miss Richardson said emphasis will be placed on meal planning, with a view to economy. At each meeting a demonstration will be given on preparing a dish that an entire meal can be planned around. Following is the outline for each month.

February:—Nutritional needs, health problems and meals made with left overs.

March:—Quick breads.

April:—Meat substitutes and poultry.

May:—Vegetable cookery and dairying.

June:—Canning.

July:—Salads.

August:—Picnic lunches.

September:—Simple deserts.

October:—Proper dress for the kitchen.

November:—Meat cookery and canning.

December:—Social and holiday menus.

As a spur to attendance during the year prizes will be offered by each club to be awarded to individuals. A prize also will be offered to the club as a whole, which has the best average attendance during 1940.

Miss Aline Richardson has also announced the program for the free meat canning demonstration to be held at Marble on Friday February 2nd. The demonstration which will

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## GROWN-UPS PLAY LIKE KIDS AS ICE GRIPS CHEROKEE

### Stage Snow-ball fights In Streets—Bus Lines Halt; Schools Closed

Snow shoes would have been in demand throughout Cherokee County this week, if any could have been secured. As it was there was a rush to buy overshoes and boots, while the countryside was covered with a snow fall that varied in depth from ten inches to more than one foot.

There also was a big demand for tire chains; but cars were used only by those persons whose business absolutely compelled them to travel. The majority stayed indoors. Undeniably, the snow covered landscape presented a gorgeous picture; but most people admired it from the shelter of their homes.

Some, however, played about in the snow like kids. There were half a dozen snow-ball fights between grown men on the main streets of Murphy. The youngsters, of course, were in their hey day, pelting all who passed and everybody was good natured about it.

Traffic generally, was disrupted. But schedules were cancelled for three days, from Sunday until Wednesday. School buses were unable to make their trips, and the few pupils who braved the elements to report at their class rooms on Monday morning, were sent home, and a holiday was declared until further notice.

Whether the schools will reopen before next week depends on conditions.

## BUSINESS DATA GATHERED HERE BY CENSUS MAN

### A. B. Chandler Reports Fine Cooperation As He Visits Merchants

For the past week Mr. A. B. Chandler has been in Murphy gathering data for the 1940 Business Census. He has already completed his enumeration in Andrews, and will go next to Graham County.

Exhaustive data is being gathered. Filling out the many forms requires much time which many merchants can ill afford to spare. However the questions must be answered. The law requires it, and Mr. Chandler says that, despite the thankless task imposed on the business men, he is meeting with splendid cooperation in every instance.

It is necessary for Mr. Chandler to pry into the innermost business secrets of those he interviews. It should be remembered, however, that all information given is in strictest confidence. The data will be sent to Washington, and there filed as in the Census Bureau. None of it will be made public, now, or at any other time.

The census covers all business operations during the year 1939. Information is being gathered on volume of business, number of employes, payroll, and a breakdown of sales by commodities by both retailers and wholesalers.

Data also is being collected on how much business is being done on credit, with a breakdown to show open account and installment sales. Merchants must report on stocks held at the beginning and the end of the year 1939.

Proprietor-owners and unpaid family members who work in the business will be classified separately to show the extent of self-employment.

### MRS. BRYSON BETTER

Mrs. Carolyn Harrison Bryson, who has been in Petrie hospital since December 10th, is almost entirely recovered. She is able to be about. Her son, Dr. Louis Martin, will be here within the next few days to take her to Hot Springs, to make her recovery complete.

## FORTY FARMERS TO HOLD ALL DAY GATHERING HERE

Invitations have been sent to 40 members of the County conservation committee, and other agricultural leaders throughout Cherokee urging them to be present at an all-day meeting to be held at the Court House Saturday. Addressed by officials of the N. C. extension work, who will come here from Raleigh for the meeting, those who attend will receive detailed instruction regarding the 1940 conservation program and its relation to other extension work.

Distinguished visitors who will address the meeting will include Messrs G. W. Graver, F. R. Farnham, H. R. Niswonger, E. C. Blair, Jeff Erloe and W. T. Cathey.

## OFFICERS NAMED BY HOME CLUBS OF COMMITTEES

### New Heads Will Serve Throughout Year—Fine Personnel Is Named

Nine of the ten Home Demonstration Clubs throughout the County have elected officers to serve for the coming year. The Wolf Creek Club has not held its election but probably will do so before the end of the month. Newly elected officers for the other clubs are as follows:

Pearlree:—President, Miss Rebecca Mauney; Vice-president, Mrs. Robert Barker; sec. treas., Miss Nina Wilkerson.

Andrews:—President, Mrs. Jake Abernathy; vice-president, Mrs. Jess Collett; sec. treas., Mrs. C. S. Freel.

Beaverdam:—President, Mrs. Mande Radford; vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Radford; sec. treas., Mrs. Marjorie Wilson.

Marble:—President, Mrs. P. A. Arrowood; vice-president, Mrs. Frank Littlejohn; sec. treas., Miss Frankie Moss.

Martins Creek:—President, Mrs. Henry Ellis; vice-president, Mrs. R. W. Chapman; sec. treas., Mrs. Ben Mann.

Tomotla:—President, Mrs. Gilbert Stiles; vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Shields; sec. treas., Mrs. Bob Lowe.

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## Mrs. Glenn Hembree Victim of Pneumonia

Mrs. Glenn Hembree, aged 22, and a bride of less than a year, died at Petrie hospital Saturday, where she had been taken from her home after being stricken with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted in Hendersonville, where the body was taken by the Townson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hembree, who before her marriage was Miss Grace Davis, came to Murphy from Hendersonville to work in Candler's Beauty shop. Her husband, widely known as "Broadway" is connected with a Murphy Market.

Besides her husband Mrs. Hembree is survived by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis of Hendersonville, and one brother, James Davis, of New York City.

## MAYFIELD SEES HOPE OF SUCCESS IN PLEA FOR DAM

### Head of TVA Promises He Will Investigate Situation Personally

First word from Charles Mayfield, President of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, and one man delegation sent to Washington to try and persuade the TVA authorities to give Murphy an auxiliary dam came Tuesday in a telegram to the editor of the Scout.

Mr. Myfield left for Washington last week, with the hope of interesting Senators Bailey and Reynolds, and Representative Weaver in behalf of the town's place. His wire indicates that he at least has been promised cooperation and indicates that there is at least a chance of the mission being crowned with success. Mr. Mayfield's wire follows:

"Victor C. Olmsted, Cherokee Scout:—Congressman Weaver and myself had a pleasant and satisfactory conference with Director Lillenthal (head of the TVA) regarding auxiliary dam and loss of tax valuation. Mr. Lillenthal will make personal investigation and act accordingly. Have assurance of complete cooperation from our Senators.

"Feel sure our wants will be taken care of. A tax bill is being worked out this week. The sympathy and consideration our wants receive in our national capital bring a glow of pride and confidence as I lay them upon the shoulders of the statesmen who represent us here".

## Mrs. Leatherwood, 81, Is Dead, Rites Friday

Mrs. Margaret Leatherwood, 81 years old, wife of the late John Leatherwood, died early Wednesday morning at the home of her son. Funeral services were set for Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the Methodist Church with the Rev. Jenkins and the Rev. Bumgarner officiating. Interment was to be made in Sunset cemetery with Ivie Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Leatherwood who was widely known throughout all Cherokee county is survived by the following children: Hayes and Addie, of Murphy, George H. and Hamilton, of Arlington, Va., and John, of Washington, D. C. One sister, Mrs. Admonia Keener, and one brother, Jeff T. "uncle Jeff" Hayes, of Tomotla and 13 grandchildren also survive.

Active pallbearers were: Ed Barnett, Fred Moore, Jerry Davidson, Neil Davidson, Paul Hyatt and Elbert Mallonee.

The honorary pallbearers, all females, were: Mrs. P. H. Sword, Mattie Taylor, Joe Bates, Norvell, Mrs. Hattie Akin, Mrs. John Axley, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Wells, Maddox, J. N. Moody, Mrs. Jennie Howell, R. H. Hyatt, Candler, Vestal, Neil Davidson, Fred Moore, Eva Griffith, C. I. Calhoun, J. W. McMillan, Will Savage, R. S. Parker, W. D. Townson, L. E. Mauney, J. B. Gray, Melbie Miller, Arthur Akin and Miss Parrie Vaughn.

## Murphy Beats Robbinsville; Plays Almond Here Friday

Almond's High School basketballers invade Murphy Friday night at 7:30 for a brace of game with the Murphy aggregations. The visitors will be out to revenge two defeats suffered on their home court two weeks ago.

Miss Higdon will probably start the following line-up: Pipes, White, and Davis at the forward posts and Zimmerman, Amos, and Kephart at the guard positions.

For the boys Captain Mallonee will team up with Tate at forward. Scroggs will open at center with Beavers and Barnett at the guards.

Last week at Robbinsville the Murphy teams rang up a double win over the Graham Countians. Nellie Davis led the scoring assault for the girls with 15 points for a 19 to 9 conquest. Captain Zimmerman was outstanding on defense in a game that was close until the final moments when Miss Davis went on her scoring spree.

The Robbinsville boys suffered their first conference defeat of the year when they failed to fathom the zone defence set up by the Bulldogs. Mallonee, Beavers and Barnett divided honors both on offense and de-

fense in the 29 to 24 victory. Two long goals by Barnett featured at opportune moments. Scroggs' work in regaining the ball off the backboards also was outstanding.

These two victories placed the Murphy crews on top of the conference standings in the Eastern Division, the boys with three wins and no defeats, the girls with two victories against no losses.

The conference standings, including games of January 19 are as follows:

BOYS			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Murphy	3	0	1.000
Andrews	2	1	.667
Bryson City	0	1	.000
Almond	0	2	.000

GIRLS			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Murphy	2	0	1.000
Robbinsville	1	1	.500
Almond	0	2	.000
Andrews	0	2	.000
Bryson City	0	0	.000

Andrews has failed to report any games, thus the standings are incomplete.

## Franklin Smith Wins Three Of Four Prizes at Egg Show

The annual one day poultry school held in Waynesville last week for the twelve Counties of Western North Carolina resulted in a signal victory for Murphy when J. Franklin Smith walked off with three of the four prizes offered for the best exhibits of eggs.

The poultry show is given each year by the N. C. extension service as a means of improving poultry farms throughout the State. Experts from the State College lecture on feeding, breeding and ways of increasing egg production. Each year also, an egg exhibit is held in connection with the school in which prizes are offered for the best product; judges

decision being based on color, size, texture of shell and quality of content.

Forty six poultry raisers from Western North Carolina exhibited eggs this year. Franklin Smith, who runs the Smithmont Poultry Farm, just outside the City limits was making his first appearance at the show as an exhibitor. He entered three dozen eggs, one dozen white shell, and two dozen brown shell.

He won first prize for whites, first prize for brown and his third dozen was awarded second prize for brown. The prizes consisted of 2 bags of feed, a water fountain and a metal