

DINNER TO MARK FINAL DRIVE BY LOCAL CHAMBER

Each Member To Take A Guest Who Has Not Joined, But Should

Members of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, each accompanied by a specially invited guest, will gather at the banquet board at 7 o'clock tonight (Friday) in a final drive to enlist the business men of this section 100% strong in the civic army that is boosting Murphy, and vicinity.

Every guest will be someone who is not a member of the Chamber—but who ought to be. A list of these was mailed to every member by Secretary Fred Christopher, Wednesday. Mr. Christopher "followed up" by phone calls, in which he pointed out that failure to join the Chamber means either lack of confidence in the town—or an utterly selfish desire to sit back and profit by the efforts of others, who are contributing both time and money to putting this section over with a bang.

Both Mr. Christopher and Dr. E. L. Holt, who are leading in the drive to enlist all the business men, can afford to "talk straight from the shoulder"—and they are doing it. Dr. Holt has been turning down appointments, to work for the Chamber.

"If we're going to get tourists, and keep them, we've got to build the town up so that it has more to offer than just scenery and water", Dr. Holt said. "The Chamber is going to do that very thing. I'm putting in plenty of time working for it. Neither Christopher nor I are receiving a penny for our service. In fact it is costing up. Also I hope the merchants will remember that they'll get a whole lot more out of tourists than I will as a dentist—or Mr. Christopher will as a lawyer.

"We've all got to realize, however, that the whole town must prosper—or all of us must sink. A merchant who refuses to join the chamber and work for the town as a whole, comes pretty close to being a slacker, and ought to be boycotted."

At least one speech will be made at
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Waitress In Hospital, Alleged Poison Victim

Reported to have taken poison, Geneva Nations, 17 year old waitress whose home is in Whittier was rushed to Petrie Hospital from a Murphy Cafe Thursday, where a stomach pump was applied. It was announced by attending physicians that she probably would recover.

Dr. Hoover said the girl had refused an yinformation about herself; would not say whether or not she had taken poison; and refused to tell why she might have wished to die. He added that the stomach pump had failed to reveal traces of any poison whatsoever.

Farm Federation Selects 11-Tri-County Advisors

A local advisory committee of 11 members were elected and D. Witherspoon, Murphy attorney, was nominated to succeed himself for a two-year term as a director at the annual meeting Saturday afternoon of the stockholders of the Murphy unit of the Farmers Federation.

About 200 shareholders from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties attended the meeting, in the cooperative's local warehouse, and heard reports on the organization business submitted by James G. K. McClure, president.

The following were elected to the advisory committee:

D. Witherspoon, Murphy, chairman; B. P. Grant, Andrews; W. A. Adams, Murphy; Clyde McNabb, Murphy, Rt. 2; U. S. G. Phillips, Unaka; J. H. Hampton, Murphy, Rt. 2; John Tatham, Andrews; R. B. Slaughter, Rob-

TESTS ON TODAY FOR 7TH GRADES OF ALL COUNTY

Highschool students are all getting a holiday today (Friday) while county wide examinations are being given seventh grade students to determine who is worthy of promotion to highschool next September.

The services of the entire faculty of the Murphy Highschool are being employed in giving the tests. Some of the students taking the examinations brought lunches. Others planned to eat in the school lunchroom at a cost of five or ten cents. The examinations were expected to take up the greater part of the day.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Bueck of the Murphy School system, said work on the new buildings is "progressing nicely", but that the structure can hardly be completed before the latter part of April.

"But", he added, it will be all ready for use when school reopens next fall.

Mr. Bueck said Murphy schools would be just as crowded next term as they have been. "We lost many pupils by departure of families employed by the TVA", he said, "but we'll get just about the same number of new pupils. So we will be in the same old fix."

LAURENCE BEAL TAKEN BY DEATH, AGED 85 YEARS

Final Tributes are Paid On Sunday, Following Demise In Rome, Ga.

Murphy lost one of its oldest citizens and one of its best known and loved characters last Friday evening when Lawrence Francis Beal (Uncle Larry) died at the home of his son, William Beal, in Rome, Ga. He had been taken there about three weeks ago after being in ill health for several months. He was 85 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his brother, Ralph Beal, in Murphy Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. The Rev. W. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated in the absence of the Rev. J. C. Ammons, pastor of the Baptist church of which Mr. Beal was a member. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Surviving are four sons: William, of Rome; Ralph of Hayesville; Oliver, of Asheville, and Charlie, of Murphy; and three daughters: Mrs. Vesta Scroggs of Tomotla, Mrs. Lotie Stalcup and Mrs. Anna Cornwell of Murphy; and one brother, Ralph. He is also survived by twenty one grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. Beal was born November 6, 1854 in Loudon, Tennessee, but came with his parents to Murphy in early childhood. He was one of the most familiar figures on the streets of the town. He was in the U. S. postal service.
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\$5,000 RECEIVED IN FARM CHECKS; \$7,000 STILL DUE

April 15 "Deadline" for Signing Up For 1940, Says County Agent

Cherokee county farmers have received checks totaling nearly \$5,000 under the Soil Conservation program, County Agent, A. Q. Ketner announced this week. He added that nearly \$7,000 is still due, the checks probably arriving before the end of this month.

A series of meetings have been held throughout the county during the past ten days, instructing farmers as to the 1940 program. About 600 farmers were contacted but some 850 more failed to attend. Some of these have checks awaiting them.

Mr. Ketner says there will be no more meetings. He also stresses the fact that April 15 is the "dead-line" for signing up for the 1940 program. This date, he says, applies whether a farmer plans signing for another year or signing up for the first time. Applications can only be filed now at Mr. Ketner's office in the Court house, in Murphy. After April 15th the lists will be closed for the year.

Some 1450 farmers were signed up last year, leaving only about 150 outside the program. It is hoped that most of those will be listed this year. Mr. Ketner will be glad to advise in mapping out a plan so as to get the greatest possible cash return.

Meanwhile, a TVA program planning meeting held in Murphy, the following officers were elected:

County Committee—Chairman, J. C. Townson, Murphy; Vice Chairman, E. A. Wood, Andrews; Secretary, F. T. Hampton, Murphy; Treasurer, Lawson Lunsford, Murphy.

Valleytown Township—Mrs. J. E. Orr, Andrews, Bruce West, Marble; Lee Hughes, Marble.

Murphy Township—J. T. Hayes, Tomotla; W. J. Martin, Brasstown; Carl Stiles, Murphy; A. B. Stalcup, Murphy Rt. 2.

Notla Township—John Shields, Culberson; Lum Walker, Letitia; Ralph Shields, Culberson.

Hothouse Township—L. J. Postell, Culberson; J. C. Cook, Culberson; J. N. Bell, Copperhill, Tenn.

Beaverdam Township—A. W. Chambers, Unaka; Fred Martin, Unaka, U. S. G. Phillips, Unaka.

TOURNEY STAGED BY BASKETEERS IN ROBBINSVILLE

Murphy Chances Good For Taking Tri-State Conference Title

The Eastern Division of the tri-state conference began its annual basket ball tournament in Robbinsville last night, will continue tonight, and conclude Saturday night. Murphy leads in the final standings for the season and has high hopes of annexing the title. Robbinsville stood second in the league with Andrews third; and Hayesville, Almond and Bryson City trailing, none having won a game all season.

In the girls league, Murphy chances are considered just about even with those of Robbinsville. The latter led the league with six wins and three losses; while Murphy, although it also had but three losses, had only five wins. Hayesville and Andrews were tied for a third with percentages of .500 each; Almond was next with one win and five losses, and Bryson City was last with no victories and one defeat.

The Murphy cagers ended their season in the local gym last Friday by handing a double defeat to Almond. The girls won 37 to 16 and the boys were victorious 25 to 16.

Nellie Davis led the girls to their one-sided triumph, which was never
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OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR FAIR TO GET \$20,000 BUILDING

Prospects for a new \$20,000 County Fair building were reported to be bright this week. Formal requests for a WPA grant to erect the structure has been made by the Fair Committee, and is said to be well on its way to final Government approval.

The County Fair Association will be required to put up about \$1,500 cash and about \$2,000 more in materials and equipment. The balance will be supplied by the Government, and the work done by WPA labor. The Fair Association has sufficient funds on hand to meet all requirements.

The proposed building will be of stone. At first a concrete floor will be laid; but later this probably will be covered with a hardwood floor. The structure to be used for Fair exhibits, will also be loaned to the Murphy school system for use as a gymnasium, and may be available for use, on certain occasions, for dancing.

It is hoped that it may be complete in time for use during the County Fair, next fall.

VENIRES DRAWN FOR JURY DUTY AT APRIL TERM

66 Names Are Listed To Pass On Cases of Big Criminal Docket

Sixty two veniremen have been drawn for jury service during the April term of the Superior Court, which convenes in Murphy on Monday, April 1. Forty two have been drawn from service during the first week; 24 for the second week. Their names follow:

- FIRST WEEK**
- Stanley Hamby, Patrick; M. F. Farmer, Route 2; Charlie Wood, Suit; G. W. Candler, City; T. C. Mashburn, Vests; G. R. Mills, Route 3; Tom Palmer, City; Will Arrowood, Marble; J. W. Keenum, Suit J. W. Hyatt, Culberson; J. B. Johnson, Suit; J. M. Davis, Route 3; J. A. Mashburn, Andrews; A. E. Brown, Culberson; D. E. Buchanan, Andrews; Vincent Pullium, Andrews; T. A. Case, Murphy;
- W. M. Sneed, Andrews; Noah McDonald, Route 3; T. A. Lovingood, Grandview; C. E. White, Andrews; W. J. Martin, Route 2; J. W. Bailey, City; L. E. Chastain, Culberson; Gay Hawkins, Suit; J. Q. Allen, Postell; A. J. Jones, Postell; B. S. Sparks, Brasstown; W. E. Powell, Wehuty; D. Mosteller, Andrews; W. M. Hatchett, Route 2; C. R. Ledford, Route 2; J. W. Dockery, Marble;
- W. M. Rogers, Andrews; T. S. Evans, Murphy; Ross Hensley, Route 3; Earl Whitaker, Andrews; Walter Walker, Andrews; Kirb Ladd, Marble; John Garren, Andrews; U. H. Fox, Letitia; J. E. Wallace, Culberson.

- SECOND WEEK**
- J. M. Anderson, Culberson; Edgar Taylor, Suit; G. W. Lunsford, Andrews; Fred Davis, Grandview; Walter Chapman, Suit; J. H. Shields, Culberson; Lum McClure, Route 2; Andy Kephart, Route 3; F. P. Brendle,
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MAYOR ORDERS PIN BALL GAMES ALL CONFISCATED

Charges of Operating Gambling Devices To Be Aired at Hearing

Acting under orders from Mayor Gray, the police swooped down on the pin-ball machines Monday morning, confiscating every one in the city limits.

Two were taken from the Smoky Mountain Cafe, two more from Harold Hatchett's one from the City Cafe, one from "Ma's Place", one from the Standard Oil Filling Station, and one from the Lee Shield's "South End" service station.

In the presence of the agent who has charge of the machines in this section, the boxes were unlocked, all the money taken out, and turned over to Town Clerk Eph Christopher to be held until the matter is disposed of in court. A hearing probably will be held before Mayor Gray Saturday morning. It is understood that the charge will be "operating a gambling device."

Some of those in whose places the machines were seized can be counted on to put up a hard legal fight. Since the machines themselves are legal as evidenced by the fact that they are sanctioned under State, County and city taxes, it probably will be necessary to prove specific instances of gambling against each of the establishments involved.

As if specific charges had been filed, Mayor Gray refused to be quoted. "The matter is pending and I have nothing to say", he declared. "The whole thing will be thrashed out at the hearing. If the merchants can prove they have not violated the law, the machines and the money will of course be returned to them."

The seizures were made by Chief of Police Fred Johnson and Policeman Neil Sneed. Their first were made in the Smoky Mountain Cafe, "Ma's Place and the City Cafe. By the time they reached the other establishments, the machines had been removed.

The general agent was contacted however, and told where the other machines could be located. Because of lack of storage space, these other machines were left where they were. Their cash contents were removed, however, and the agent gave his pledge that they would not be operated until the matter is settled in court.

The machines are placed on a commission basis, the company and the establishment where they are located "split the take". Some of the machines had very little cash in them. Others according to the police "had plenty". Those from the Smoky Mountain Cafe had the most.

N. C. Pig Population Sets 16 Year Record

North Carolina farmers saved 1,431,000 pigs from spring and fall farrowings in 1939, the largest number in sixteen years, the Federal Agriculture Marketing Service and State Department of Agriculture reports.

More 'Superlatives' Named By High School Students

Following the lead set by the seniors, students in Section One of the Ninth grade of the Murphy Schools have chosen a list of superlatives. Here they are:

Prettiest Girl—Margaret Meroney
Best Looking Boy—Frank Ingram
Cutest Girl—Louise Ensley
Cutest Boy—J. C. Townson
Sweetest Girl—Jean Dickey
Sweetest Boy—Virgil Hembree
Neatest Girl—Jean Dickey
Neatest Boy—Jack Crawford
Most Athletic Girl—Nell Amos
Most Athletic Boy—Charles Sneed
Most Dependable Girl—Jean Dickey

Most Dependable Boy—Charlie Hughes
Most Studious Girl—Jean Dickey
Most Studious Boy—Grover Ashe
Most Popular Girl—Margaret Meroney
Most Popular Boy—Jack Crawford
Laziest Girls—Eva Nell Hatchett and Margaret Meroney
Laziest Boy—Charles Sneed
Best All-around Girl—Jean Dickey
Best All-around Boy—J. C. Townson
Most Bashful Girl—Juanita Raper
Most Bashful Boy—Clyde Grant
Class Flirt Girl—Billie Scarbrough
Class Flirt Boys—Virgil Hembree and Jack Crawford.