

REGISTER AGAIN, BOARD DECIDES; DATE—APRIL 27

Decision Due To Large Number Of Residents Recently "Of Age"

A new registration of all voters in Cherokee County will be necessary this year, it was decided by the County Board of Elections at a meeting held in the court house in Murphy last Saturday. Registration books will be opened at places yet to be specified at 9 o'clock on the morning of April 27.

The books will be reopened, from time to time, until May 11. After that, unless you have registered, you will not be allowed to vote.

Decision to order a new registration was due to the fact that since the last lists were made, a considerable number of residents of the county have become eligible to cast ballots; and with important elections coming, it is desired to have as many go to the polls as is legally possible.

The new Elections Board made the decision at their first meeting all three of the members having been sworn in Saturday morning. Pearl V. Arrowood, of Marble is Chairman, the other posts being filled by Clarence Hendrix, of Peachtree, and Don Witherspoon, of Murphy. The first named two are Democrats; Col. Witherspoon is a Republican; this appointment being made because the county, laid into districts is regarded as normally Democratic.

Honor is all the three members of the Board will get for their services. The posts carry no salary.

The next meeting of the Board, unless unforeseen circumstances arrive, will be held April 6, at the County Court house. At that meeting, registrars and judges of election will be named, and other arrangements made for the conducting of the primaries set for May 25.

March 16 marked the last day for filing by candidates for State and Congressional offices. As stated elsewhere in this newspaper, where their names are listed, there are at least two candidates for every office, and ten are out for the Governorship.

May 18 will be the "challenge day". On that date all registrars are required to be at the polling places with registration books, from 9 A. M. until 3 P. M. The books, during that period, will be open for public inspection, and any and all who wish may challenge any and all who have registered.

POULTRYMEN TO MEET

Dr. O. B. Kent, poultry expert, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of poultrymen of Cherokee and nearby counties to be held at 7 o'clock Monday night, April 1, in the court house in Murphy.

The meeting will be under the auspices of the Farmers Federation.

4-LEGGED CHICK BORN AT SMITH'S; LIVES 4½ DAYS

If J. Franklin Smith ever gets bored with supplying the regular market from his big poultry farm near Murphy, he might go in business raising freaks for side-shows.

Last fall one of Smith's hens laid two large, perfectly formed eggs, within five minutes.

Saturday he came to the Scout office with a new freak in the form of a baby chick with four legs.

The chick was a New Hampshire, one of the three breeds in which he specializes. Its two extra legs were growing just below its "vent".

Mr. Smith said he noticed the freak a few moments after it was hatched in his 9,000 egg incubator, and took it to his house where it was given special care.

For four days it seemed to thrive. Then it suddenly sickened, and within a few hours was dead.

FEW BIG CASES AWAITING TRIAL AS COURT OPENS

Several Theft Charges To Get Airing—Docket Is Free Of Murders

For the first time in many moons, when the April term of the Circuit Court of Cherokee County convenes in Murphy, on Monday there will not be a single murder case on the docket.

Three cases of rape are listed, and two of seduction. There are a number of cases of assault; a sprinkling of drunken driving charges and the usual large number of liquor cases.

Also, there is one section of the docket that looks not unlike a section of the County's business census. These are the cases resulting from the county-wide crusade against slot-machines.

Some of the leading business men of Murphy, Andrews and other towns and settlements have been indicted. In Murphy, one of the indicted merchants told the Scout that he and the other townsmen involved had gone to Mayor Gray declaring their violation of the law, if any, had not been one of intent. They were willing to agree not to resume operation of the machines, ever. They asked to be allowed to pay fines—return to their regular businesses instead of being forced to go to court.

Mayor Gray is said to have told them that the matter was "out of his hands."

Several robbery cases are on the docket, with Andrews residents playing prominent parts. Carl Wheeler, J. V. Palmer, Otis White, J. L. Whalen and Ralph Barber face trial in connection with the theft of a case of cigarettes from the Southern Railway Depot. After fine detective work, the loot was recovered by Chief

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Henn 'Jinxed;' Auto Stolen, 34 Seats In Theatre Slashed

Preston Henn, owner of Murphy's fine movie theater is having plenty of woe these days. Last Sunday night, a thief stole his big new Oldsmobile. The night before, vandals slashed and ruined two of the padded spring seats in his theater. The slashing was the latest in a series of outrages which began a month ago, and during which 34 seats have been ruined.

Mr. Henn says that repairs have costs \$4 per seat, and that unless the vandals are caught he will be forced, in self protection, to replace the cushions with hard-bottom seats.

Henn's auto was stolen despite the fact that both the door and the ignition were locked. It was taken from a nearby service station.

The theft discovered within half an hour State Patrolman Smith remembered having seen the car being driven toward Blairsville, set off

about 80 per hour in pursuit. Meanwhile Mr. Henn had phoned Sheriff Jones, at Blairsville, and been informed that the car had passed through that town only a few minutes before, headed toward Young Harris.

Sheriff Jones also set out in pursuit, overtook and passed the thief, and tried to block his passage. Instead of stopping, the thief "stepped on it," and knocked the sheriff's car off the road.

State Patrolman Smith was in sight by this time, and continued the chase, gaining steadily. Finally the thief abandoned the car, and took to the woods.

Bloodhounds were secured, and trailed him to Hiwassee, Ga. There he trail ended—because in that town the fugitive stole another car.

As the Scout goes to press his whereabouts are a mystery.

ENTIRE COUNTY URGED TO ENTER "HOME" CONTEST

Over \$100 In Prizes To Reward Winners For Beautification Work

With probable prizes of more than \$100 waiting, applications are being mailed all over the county this week, inviting householders to enter a four-way home beautification contest.

There will be four different sets of prizes; all of them substantial. They will be awarded for: County homes and grounds; Town homes and grounds; Schools and Churches; and Businesses houses, including stores, filling stations, restaurants, hotels, tourist homes, etc.

Sponsored originally by the Women's Club, of Murphy, the project is now under the direct supervision of a Home Beautification Committee working in conjunction with County Agent A. Q. Ketner, Mrs. B. Warner, of Murphy is chairman of the committee.

Prizes definitely will not go to so-called "show place" homes. Mrs. Warner said. The judges will make awards according to the most improvement made, regardless of size or elaborateness.

The contest is to last one year, ending June 1, 1941. This period was agreed on because lasting improvements are sought, and it was felt that permanency could not be assured in less time.

There is no charge for entering the contest, but it is absolutely necessary that a formal application blank be filed with Mrs. Warner not later than the coming May 1. Blanks can be had free, at the Court house.

County Agent Ketner stressed the fact that the contest would not only result in more pleasant living conditions, but would also be of vast aid in the drive to bring tourists to this county.

"We hope every householder will enter" said Ketner. "The greater the number, the more beautiful the County will be—also, the more entries, the bigger and better the prizes.

Printed rules for the contest, include the following:

A written description of the accomplishment of each contestant must be sent to the Home Demonstration Agent before June 1, 1941 and must be accompanied by photographs showing the project before and after beautification work was done. Write on one side of paper only and mark all photographs plainly with your name and what they represent.

Projects to be eligible for the contest must be on, or adjacent to, a public highway, or plainly visible from the public way.

Judges will be selected from persons out of the county.

Fisher Offers Buyers A Suite For A Penny

Enlarged, repainted, and restocked, the Cherokee Furniture Co. today begins a special sale during which every customer will be given an opportunity to get eight valuable prizes. The awards range all the way from bed room suite to an end table. They will be sold for one penny each.

The Company also is offering remarkably low prices. The store is one of a chain, the links of which form the largest furniture establishment this side of Asheville. Everyone is cordially invited to visit and tour the new "greater Cherokee Furniture Co." without obligation. Mr. F. L. Fisher is manager.

Meeting Of Chamber Called Tomorrow Night

A special meeting of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce has been called for tomorrow (Friday) evening, in the court house at seven o'clock. Several important matters having to do with finances, will be taken up. Action also will be taken on a proposed far flung drive for both tourists and industry.

Unaka-Dam Road Is Promised By Fall

CROWDS ATTEND ELECTRIC SHOW; GET FREE FEAST

Prizes Also Given Out; Cooking School To Be Held Here In April

More than 500 persons attended the electrical show given at the Murphy Public Library last Thursday afternoon and night. Sponsored by the Town of Murphy Electrical Department, the TVA, by Walter Coleman, Frigidaire and Philco agent, and by Wofford-Terrell's George Mauney, who sells General Electric Co. products, the exhibit was designed to show housewives how to take the "work" out of house-work.

It was all demonstrations, feasting and music. Nobody was asked to buy a thing. Instead, prizes were given away.

All told, the exhibit was such a success that it probably will be followed, within the next few weeks, by a free electrical cooking school. "Pupils" who attend will watch entire meals prepared, watch bread, pies, cakes and doughnuts made; with every step explained in detail.

Verily, it will be a school that no husband can afford to let his wife miss. Again, too, there probably will be a number of valuable prizes to be awarded by free drawings.

The "chef" at the proposed cooking school will be Mrs. Beula Harris, TVA Home Economics Expert with headquarters in Chattanooga. She also played a leading part in the recent electrical exhibit, for it was she who cooked the dainty beaten biscuits, baked the sweet tender ham that was served with them, and made the light corn-bread that was there in plenty for those who preferred it. She also made the delicious fruit punch—and saw to it that all got their fill.

The ham, beaten biscuits, corn bread and pickles were served from a buffet table, where there not only were "seconds", but thirds, fourths, and fifths if you wished. Two pretty girls were there passing 'em out.

Punch was served ice cold from big electrical ice-boxes from the shops of Messrs. Coleman and Mauney—and also presided over by pretty girls: two to each box. The pitchers were never allowed to get empty. Home made cookies went with the punch.

Mrs. Harris will return to Murphy on April 3, to address the home economics class of the Murphy high school. Plans for the proposed free cooking school probably will be mapped during her stay.

Easy Route To Murphy Near For 400 Families; Work Begins At Once

Construction of a new road from Unaka to Hiwassee Dam, through Violet will be started at once, according to a definite promise made to the County School Board by District Superintendent of Roads McKee. The present road between Unaka and Violet is to be widened and given a crushed rock surface.

The entire project, McKee has promised, will be completed before next September. The new road will give quick, easy access to Murphy to more than 400 families. Many of these, heretofore, have been able to reach town via a long stretch of road, always in terrible shape; and some of the families have been virtually cut off from Murphy.

The improvement also will open up a new well paved loop from Murphy to the Dam and back, via Friendship and other communities.

The securing of McKee's definite promise to start work on the project at once is a signal victory for County Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Hendrix, and the County School Board headed by Mrs. G. W. Cover, who have worked for months for the road. Making a trip to Raleigh, they won the backing of the State Board of Education, and finally McKee consented.

People who get anything out of McKee for this county really are good!

The County School Board has been especially interested in the new road, because its construction probably will result in the establishment of a consolidated school at the dam. Negotiations are nearing completion with the TVA for the taking over of four buildings, at the Dam. These four, including the community building will be improved and converted into a school unit.

The proposed unit, Superintendent Hendrix says, will embrace at least eight small schools, "and probably more." He added, however, that there would be no decrease in the number of teachers.

'Hobby Lobby' To Stay Open Another Week

Widespread interest has caused the Hobby Exhibit being held in the Library to remain here one more week.

Two new hobbyists are represented, in exhibits by Mrs. D. H. Tillitz and Miss Catherine Morton, both of Andrews. The former is showing dolls from various countries.

Miss Morton is exhibiting insects and animals, bird nests, wood carving, and stamps. The stamp collection was started by Miss Morton's mother, who began it in 1904, when she was a missionary, in India.

Vets To Seek Champ Liar As Camp Has Open House

"Who is the biggest liar among the vets over in the CCC camp just across the river from Murphy?"

The matter will be decided at a prize contest on Saturday, April 6 when the officers and men will hold "open house" all day. The occasion is the birthday of the camp, and the seventh anniversary of the National CCC establishment.

It's going to be a great day. There will be music of all sorts from string to brass, including vocal. There will be brief speeches by representatives of the leading organizations of this section. There will be athletic contests. Finally there will be food, more food, and still more food, with plenty to wash it down—and all absolutely free.

Everybody in the county is invited to come.

The day also will be featured by a "christening". The camp now is

known by a number. That isn't so good. A real name is sought and residents of the county are invited to send in suggestions.

To make it worth while, J. W. Lovingood has donated a 15 pound "Tenderized" ham as a prize. The winner will be chosen by majority vote of the speakers on the program.

There is no charge for entering, and the rules are simple. The name you suggest must be that of some person now dead, or of some landmark of this section. Each contestant must accompany his suggestion with a written explanation of why the name is offered.

The open house will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning. During the forenoon visitors will inspect the camp and get acquainted with the officers and the vets. A giant buffet luncheon will be served at noon, and the regular program will follow.